

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK

England & Wales - Charity number 1183688

Details

Other names ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK

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Activities

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Classification

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

Geography

- Hampshire

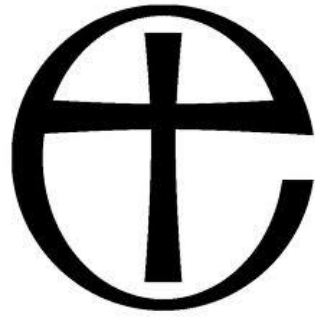
Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £132,247 | £119,742 | - | - |
| 2024-12-31 | £132,212 | £124,912 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £127,401 | £111,343 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £98,338 | £97,415 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £82,835 | £84,595 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------|------|------------|
| Caroline Sarah Frolander | | 2018-05-01 |
| Caroline Susan Bushman | | 2016-05-01 |
| Elizabeth Sarah Wilson | | 2022-04-03 |
| Gillian Margaret Morley | | 2026-04-26 |
| Janine Elizabeth Dunbar | | 2024-04-28 |
| Kim Geraldine Foster | | 2015-05-01 |
| Martin Lawrence Rudd | | 2019-10-03 |
| Nicola Kim Clague | | 2019-04-28 |
| RICHARD PAGANUZZI | | 2017-04-23 |
| Robert Murrell | | 2025-04-27 |
| Russell Phillips | | 2024-12-15 |
| Ruth Elizabeth Malone | | 2026-04-26 |
| Samantha Jane Frolich | | 2023-08-09 |
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Accounts



St John the Evangelist Church, Hook

Annual Report

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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2025

[Registered Charity number: 1183688]

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CHURCHWARDENS ANNUAL REPORT

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Reflecting on 2025, at St John's we have shared a year of celebration and joyous worship. In June we sadly said goodbye to Rev'd Marion de Quidt and her husband Simon as she retired from full time parish ministry. It was a gift to be able to come together as a Benefice and share the love we all hold for both Marion and Simon. The BBQ was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate alongside HMR. We would like to personally thank everyone who worked hard to make it possible and to John and Barbara Platt for organising the HMR team.

It has been a pleasure and a joy to welcome visiting priests into St John's and it has been a blessing to build relationships with our neighbouring Benefices. With the support of our LLMs and BCMs we have been able to continue to offer a variety of services, supporting all styles of worship in the form of our All Age Service, Morning Worship and our 6pm reflective service, as well as mid-week services and ministering to Old Raven and Berry Court.

We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers at St John's and their individual dedication and commitment has ensured that we could continue to offer outreach into the community by visiting schools in the way of our Open the Book team and the team who support assemblies. Our Youth and Families team have been able to welcome young people into the church via Messy Church and attending the school fetes. Holiday club was also a huge success.

Food and feasting has been a big focus last year, our monthly cake sales have been a huge success providing a hub of coffee and chat over cakes. Our bring and share events at Easter and September were also well supported and a joy to be a part of. Let's not forget November's Stir Up Sunday. It was such fun to see the finished cakes baked and iced ready for Christmas, and a few even made a showing in the new year.

It has been a privilege as a church to be able continue to support our Ukrainian guests with the use of our church for their English lessons and also to offer the church as a venue for them to celebrate Ukraine Independence Day in August.

Hook were proud to be able to commemorate the 80 year anniversary of the end of World War II in the way of music & sketches. Our "We'll Meet Again" production shared local stories of heroism, and it was a honour to be able to remember those who had supported the country at such a difficult and dark time in British history. It was a wonderful display of community as so many came together to use their talents to put on the show, and the audience for supporting the event.

Remembrance Sunday is an important event for the Hook community and it was a pleasure to welcome the Archdeacon of Winchester, the Venerable Richard Brand, to preside over the service. It is always important as a church to commemorate this day with the Hook

community and alongside current and former service personnel, as well as members of the uniformed organisations.

Welcoming the Lord Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev'd Philip Mounstephen to St John's for our confirmation service in December stands out as a highlight of the year. The 9 candidates included 7 of our young people. The service was filled with worship, love and a sense of overwhelming joy as we shared the journey of our candidates, celebrating with scripture, music and puzzles, and of course, food and cake.

Our Christmas events are always an exciting time for us to welcome the Hook community into the church and celebrate that magical time of year. Carols Round the Tree kick-started the celebrations and this year it was a pleasure to welcome back the Rainbows and Brownies to entertain us with their Christmas songs. The Carol Service is always well attended, and our ever-popular Crib Service encourages the children to dress up and take part in telling the Christmas story.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us through the last 6 months of vacancy. It is only with everyone's hard work and commitment that we have been able to keep our church functioning and offering services, community events and outreach into the community. It would have been impossible to keep the ship afloat without us all pulling together as a team. Whether sage advice or flasks of coffee, singing or baking, preparing tables for food or crafts or through the fellowship of small groups, we have all come together as a church family.

We are thankful to offer such a variety of services, clubs, activities and music for both church and the wider community. We continue to encourage all faithful people to share their gifts as part of a flourishing church community. As we move into 2026 we are looking forward to a new era and are excited about the future of St. John's.

Samantha Frolich & Russell Phillips, Churchwardens

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St John the Evangelist Church is situated on London Road, Hook and is part of the Whitewater Benefice of Hook and HMR (Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick). It is in the Deanery of Odiham under the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

The Church Office
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The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the legal name “THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK” with the registration number 1183688. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll records the names and addresses of all those who consider their spiritual home to be St John the Evangelist, Hook. It is used for a variety of purposes including parish and diocesan communications, and it also determines the number of representatives the church has on the Deanery Synod. Having your name on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

During March/April 2025, a new Electoral Roll was required, as happens every 6 years. As of 31st December 2025, the number of people enrolled for St John’s was 128, of which 25 live out of the parish. This represents a net decrease of 12 people since 31st December 2024.

The PCC appreciates the help and support that roll members give to St John’s through their prayers, offerings, and participation in church life.

Susan Purchase, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

The PCC met seven times in 2025.

Aside from the regular agenda items, PCC meetings focus on nominated subjects. This year these were: safely recruiting volunteers (January); annual report and financial statements and planning for upcoming vacancy (March); appointment of key officers (April); Code of Conduct and Social Media policy (May); vacancy (July); bells (September); budget (November).

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held on 26th April 2025.

Full copies of PCC documents are available on request from the Church Office.

Caroline Bushman, Acting PCC Secretary

Odiham Deanery Synod

During 2025, Odiham Deanery Synod met twice. Both meetings were open and held at St John's, Hartley Wintney. In March, the Chair of the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance gave a presentation on the Diocesan Financial Briefing paper. This was part of the communication cascade of the 2024-2027 financial plan for Winchester Diocese. In November, the Bishop of Basingstoke, the Rt Rev'd Kelly Betteridge, received presentations from churchwardens across the deanery, and took part in a Q&A led by Rev'd Angie Smith, Assistant Area Dean, with questions from those present.

The Deanery Synod Representatives for St John's are Bob Murrell and Kim Foster.

Kim Foster, Deanery Synod Representative

Communications & IT

The Comms Team is a small group of volunteers working with the Ministry Team and administration staff, and includes members of both Hook and HMR parishes.

The aim is to have a common strategy for communications and publicity across the Whitewater Benefice to ensure we have correct details and consistent visual identity/branding across all the platforms to which we publish our information, e.g the Website, A Church Near You, Hook Focus Magazine, Facebook and any posters, banners, fliers or cards such as the Hook village Christmas card, which was delivered to around 3,500 homes. We also produce publicity material and ticketing for concerts and events.

A small team of volunteers provides IT support across the Benefice. We also assist the Clergy and the administration staff with iKnow Church, our church management system.

The main changes this year are:

- increase in use for Microsoft 365
- changes to the team & training in use of iKnow
- 2025 Electoral Roll involved many new people being added to iKnow Church
- ongoing data cleansing in iKnow Church

Anna Shergold, Comms Team & Whitewater Benefice Website Manager

BUILDING AND FABRIC REPORT

2025 saw the continuation of a battle against the elements. The west windows continue to leak despite major works to re-seat many of the panes. The materials and the design are not suitable for a west facing window so the leaks are likely to continue unless the window is replaced or covered with Perspex again. In addition, a few panes were broken due to vandalism and we are still waiting for suitable new panes to be obtained.

The leaks from the cast iron guttering along the front of the church have stopped following a complete service of the guttering. The hall roof was repaired by replacing much of the mortar whose poor condition was highlighted following the flooding in 2024. The leak which caused the damp patch above the organ was fixed after it had become serious enough to cause drips into the quire. The cellar sump pump failed but was replaced after a few weeks of using a temporary pump.

It should be noted that excess rainwater still causes a problem but the situation has improved slightly since the church drainage was separated from the A30 drainage thus preventing A30 water from flowing into the church grounds which exacerbated the problem.

Electrical work was completed to add several new sockets to avoid trailing cables. At the same time, external PIR lights were replaced and added. Timers were added to the Narthex blowers in an attempt to stop them being left on overnight after an event. All fire exit signage was replaced to comply with current regulations.

Much of the hall was redecorated in 2024 but the remaining areas were freshened up during this year to match.

Richard Paganuzzi, Chair of the Fabric Committee

MINISTRY REPORTS

Parish Safeguarding Team

Hook PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The role of Safeguarding Officer is jointly held by two members of the Hook PCC. Hook PCC has considered and approved the Hook Parish Safeguarding Policy and received a report on current safeguarding concerns from a Safeguarding officer at each PCC meeting.

PCC members and relevant leaders and members of groups have been asked to undertake relevant safeguarding training as advised in the diocese safeguarding training matrix and uptake of this training continues to improve. DBS checks are undertaken as current certificates expire or new volunteers take up roles.

The requirement to record relevant risk assessments for various church groups has been noted and progress is logged on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard.

Janine Dunbar completed the Safeguarding Officer training in November 2025. Subject to PCC approval of the terms and conditions, the plan is to make use of the hub provided by Winchester Diocese to record training and DBS requirements for our church members who undertake voluntary roles.

A small number of safeguarding concerns have arisen which have been managed and/or escalated appropriately following the approved Diocesan Safeguarding procedures.

Caroline Frolander and Janine Dunbar, Parish Safeguarding Officers

Whitewater Benefice Ministry Team

The Benefice Ministry Team serves all four churches across the Benefice in both parishes. For the first half of the year, Rev'd Marion de Quidt ministered through all types of work in both parishes – not only services but also in Preschools, Schools, and as Foundation Governor of Whitewater Church of England School, Bramshill Scout Chaplain, Area Dean of Odiham, Winchester Preaching course, Licensed Ministry Training and Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral. Rev'd Helen Sherlock joined the Benefice in January 2025 as Associate Priest although her ministry has, to date, been focused on the parish of HMR.

The licensed lay ministry team consists of Jonathan Bushman LLM leading our youth and families team and preaching mostly in Hook; Tim Maynes LLM who preached across the Benefice in 2025, leading Matins and Evensong in HMR, and serving Berry Court; Jennifer Martin LLM leading Open the Book in Hook Infants and Whitewater School, Morning Worship in Rotherwick and Heckfield, preaching and taking a number of funerals, supporting Berry Court ministry, plus the monthly communion at Old Raven House.

During the vacancy, the churchwardens at St John's have worked hard to ensure that Eucharistic Ministry can continue in at least one service each Sunday by sourcing visiting priests either from other local churches or the diocesan registry. We were also able to

welcome the Lord Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev. Philip Mounstephen in December 2025 to confirm 9 members of our church family into full church membership.

We also have a number of people with a Bishop's Commission for Mission; Brigitte Maynes, Denise White and Nikki Wild. We were delighted to see Russell Phillips licensed as a Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) for Beyond Church Walls in Winchester Cathedral in 2025. The BCMs are involved in a wide range of activities including ministry in our schools, Sunday evening and non Eucharistic worship services and fellowship groups.

Jonathan Bushman LLM

Youth and Families Ministry

Youth and Families Ministry had another active and enjoyable year in 2025. The regular activities continued with the School Ministry, including Junior School assembly and the Open the Book team at Hook Infants.

The weekly Junior Church ran two groups split by age most Sundays. All Age Worship was run by the team every month, and included drama, puppet ministry and active prayer, working well with the music group.

Each Wednesday, Bumps and Babes at church offers fellowship and teaching for parents with babies and the youngest children. Messy Church has continued to offer ministry to between 10 and 20 people each month with active worship, craft and Messy Tea. The Youth Group met twice monthly and has encouraged young people in their faith journey, with many of the teenagers contributing to church life. We were delighted that 7 of our young people were amongst those confirmed in December 2025.

On top of the regular activities, we have been active in supporting the school fetes in the summer and at Christmas. We also ran a successful Easter Activity Morning and a two-day Summer Holiday Club in August based on the book of Jonah. At Christmas we offered craft at the Carols Round the Tree event and put on the Crib Service to a packed church. A huge thank you to the Youth and Families Team for all their hard work and dedication. It has been great fun working with the team and the young people.

Jonathan Bushman, Team Leader and LLM

Ministry with Hook Junior School

A three-strong team has had the privilege of leading Assembly in Hook Junior School monthly. We have covered various school values, tying them to different stories from the Bible, including explaining Empathy using the story of the Prodigal Son; Change and Moving On at the end of the summer term using the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den; and Responsibility using the story of Jonah. We also led Assemblies covering Easter and Advent. In December we welcomed Year 3 into St John's Church to explain Advent through the medium of light. The Junior School also used St John's for their Easter service.

Denise White, Team Leader and BCM

Ministry with Hook Infant School

Children of Year 2 from Hook Infant School came to the Church for their Christmas Production. They gave three brilliant performances, one to the rest of the school and two to their parents and carers. It was a joy to listen to the clear speaking, lovely singing and acting.

Denise White, BCM

Open the Book - Bringing Stories to Life

The Open the Book Team, known as “The Storytellers”, continue to visit Hook Infants every Monday afternoon in term time. This is a valuable way of bringing the Bible and God’s word into the school. The team is ecumenical, comprising members from Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and St John’s and follows a set programme of telling Bible stories and enacting them.

Two separate sessions are run: one for Year R, followed by another for Years 1 and 2. We encourage active participation, with children from each class invited to dress up and join in the storytelling. Over time we have built up a good range of props and resources to aid the storytelling. All team members are safely recruited, DBS checked and are part of the National Open the Book initiative, which is regulated and run by The Bible Society. They also attend regular training.

Jennifer Martin, Team Leader and LLM

Ministry to Old Raven House Care Home & Berry Court Sheltered Housing

Both Old Raven and Berry Court are wonderful ways to take church into the community and share God’s Word.

The carers at Old Raven House say to the residents: “The Church has come to us today!” - this ministry has been ongoing every month for over 25 years. Our small team visit Old Raven every fourth Friday. We take communion to the residents which has been consecrated by a priest and officially known as “Communion to the Sick in Homes, Hospitals and Care Homes.” We visit residents in their own rooms as well as in the library. Their eyes and faces light up as we sing well known hymns and they remember the words of the prayers.

Communion is taken to residents of Berry Court every first Friday of the month, using the same format as Old Raven House. There is a short talk and we share this act of worship with a group of residents. Berry Court residents help co-ordinate and very kindly arrange coffee and biscuits afterwards which are always welcome as we chat and socialise.

Jennifer Martin, Team Leader and LLM

MUSICAL WORSHIP

Choir

The choir at St John's rehearses each week in order to be able to support the 2nd and 4th Sunday morning services as well as singing at festivals, in particular the Advent and Christmas Carol Services. The choir has around 30 members, including a number of under 18s.

The choir learn the hymns for services as well as preparing anthems to offer as part of the worship. For the first time in many years, Choral Evensong was offered twice at St John's during 2025, on Candlemas and All Saints Day. This was a new experience for some of the singers, and we intend to continue with these during 2026. In addition to singing, choristers (both juniors and adults) work on the "Voice for Life" programme, learning more about church music and gaining medals when levels are completed.

I am thankful for the support of Stephen Davies and David Bridgman in playing for practices during the year as well as the dedication and enthusiasm of the choir members.

Caroline Bushman, Choir Director

Music Group

The Music Group is our pool of musicians for services at St John's. We support worship for the 10 am All Age and Morning Worship services at St John's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. In addition in 2025, we led some of the music on Easter Sunday and for the Confirmation in December. In January, we again joined with friends from the Life Church to lead worship at the Unity Service.

A variety of songs and hymns are selected, including well known favourites and we also introduce new music to the congregation. The combination of singers and instruments varies with availability and we welcome both regular and occasional musicians.

Looking ahead to 2026 we would love to welcome more musicians – with any instrument - as well as anyone who would like to be involved on the technical side to expand the sound desk rota.

Nikki Wild, Music Group Leader and BCM

Organists and organ recitals

At St John's, we are fortunate to be able to call upon the services of two dedicated organists who support the music required for the various types of services. There are two further organists plus a pianist who support smaller intimate services.

Three fundraising lunchtime organ recitals took place between January and March. There was delicious soup followed by visiting organists (as well as our own Stephen Davies) providing 35 minutes of enjoyable organ music.

Caroline Bushman, Music Team

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Beta Group

The Beta fellowship group continued to meet most Thursday evenings to study the Gospel according to Luke. After the retirement of Rev'd Marion de Quidt, we moved from the rectory to become a house group. We gathered to share food, conversation, study and prayer, to learn from the scriptures how to better live out our Christian lives. The group continues to grow and evolve as the 8/9 committed members contribute to the life of the St John's community.

Ruth Malone, Group Leader and Russell Phillips, Group Leader and BCM

Living Flame

Living Flame is one of the St John's small groups which give us the opportunity to explore God's Word in more depth and consider how we apply it in our daily lives. We meet for fellowship and Bible study on the first and third Wednesday of the month in St John's Church Centre. Our meetings are relaxed, friendly and sociable, beginning with a time to share news before we study. We conclude by sharing prayer requests to take into the week ahead. Topics explored in 2025 included the Lord's Prayer, the Advent Antiphons and the book of Revelation. Going into 2026, we continue to explore a variety of resources on which to base our discussions.

Nikki Wild, Group Leader and BCM

Thursday Fellowship Group

Thursday Fellowship has continued in 2025, meeting most Thursday evenings on Zoom to explore the Bible and God's message for us today. We also enjoyed some occasional face to face social events including a joint summer BBQ with the Beta Group. Our studies in 2025 included finishing the Women of the Nativity during Epiphany, Praying By Heart by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, The Lent Study Wild Bright Hope, Jesus the Game Changer (To the Ends of the Earth), a series on Saint Paul and the Church of England Joy of Advent Course. There are between 7 and 13 people coming each week and we always welcome new members.

Jonathan Bushman, Group Leader and LLM

Sunday Fellowship Group

The Sunday Fellowship Group meets around once per month in various houses around the village for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. Various topics have been studied during the year, deepening our understanding of God, of the Bible, of life as Christian parents and of each other.

Caroline Bushman, Group Leader

Wednesday Ecumenical Bible Group

This group continues to thrive. We meet on Zoom on Wednesday mornings and are joined by people from Torch Trust (a charity for people with failing sight or none) from across the country. We have studied the psalms, looked at interpretations from other writers, studied and worked through the Lent course, and explored the Nicene Creed. We ensure that we read and study the biblical texts linked to the theme, as well as other relevant biblical passages. Some of the materials have been translated into Braille and large print for participants. We have a wonderful rapport with each other from both near and far and great discussions. With God's help we will continue in 2026 and beyond.

Jennifer Martin, Group Leader and LLM

Wednesday Coffee and Bible Study Group

The Wednesday Coffee and Bible Study Group is a small group which meets every other Wednesday lunchtime in the Narthex of the Church for Bible study and refreshments and the occasional social lunch trip to a Farm Shop Café. Topics covered have included The Lord's Prayer and the Antiphon Advent Series.

Denise White, Group Leader and BCM

Monday Prayers

Monday Prayers continued in 2025 as we prayed for anything and everything that was relevant. We would love to have more people join us at 10.30 am each Monday for roughly an hour.

Carol-Anne Morris, Group Leader

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY SUPPORT

Friendship Café

Friendship Café has been a great success and we enjoy cake, coffee and tea and a chat. We also celebrate each person's birthday as well as Christmas. We meet on Thursday mornings at 10am until 11.30am. All are welcome.

Carol-Anne Morris, Team Leader

Lunch Club

The purpose of St John's Lunch Club is to reach out to the elderly and lonely in the village by giving them the opportunity to get out of the house and meet up with friends over a convivial meal. We gather on the second Tuesday of the month in the Narthex and although we do not have an "official" Lunch Club in August, we do something simple along the lines of a ploughman's. The regular menus are varied, featuring old favourites as well introducing new recipes to expand our repertoire. We offer three meat main courses and a vegetarian option followed by a choice of three desserts which are served with cream, ice cream or custard. Or indeed all three!

Numbers attending remain steady at between 30-40 each month. Those who come thoroughly enjoy it and are always very appreciative of the efforts made by the volunteers. Whilst there are a goodly number of volunteers which is wonderful, especially when folk are ill or away, we do desperately need more cooks as the burden of cooking is falling on to fewer, and indeed ageing, shoulders.

Catriona Terrell, Team Leader

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter meet on the first and third Monday of the month, in the church centre from 2pm till 4pm. This year we have knitted hats for premature babies, flower brooches for the World Day of Prayer, poppies for the Catholic Church, Sunflowers for Outpatients' reception and Christmas themed covers for Terry's Chocolate Oranges. We have also continued with our own projects, and two of the group have learnt a new skill, pin craft, which is fantastic for making your own cards. The group is open to all, no skill required other than drinking tea and chatting.

Gill Morley, Team Leader

Cake Sale

The cake sale is held on the first Saturday of each month in the Narthex and serves as a fundraising activity for St John's. It is also a fellowship morning, affording the opportunity for those who attend to chat over coffee and biscuits, with many people attending who are not church members. We take orders in advance for cakes.

We have a team of volunteers who regularly make cakes, scones, and savoury items, and a small team who come to man the stall and make coffee. Occasionally the craft group also sell items. Do come along to enjoy a great atmosphere, good conversation and tasty treats!

Janine Dunbar, Team Leader

Gardening Team

The gardening team comprises half a dozen or so members who meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 1 pm. Its purpose is to cultivate additional shrubs for the Flower Team, maintain and improve the appearance of the church grounds and create more areas to host a wider diversity of wildlife. We encourage the congregation to explore the grounds and have engaged with Junior Church, the Holiday Club and Brownies for outdoor activities.

New initiatives in 2025 comprised the building of a dead hedge (ideal for recycling materials collected from other parts of the garden, i.e. fallen branches, leaves etc.), developing the sensory area with potted plants, enhancing the approach to the main entrance with larger planted pots, providing a potting-on table, compost and plants for use by graveyard visitors. We have also established a wormery, installed metal and wooden obelisks to support existing roses. New plants this year: Achillea, Allium, Berberis, Coleus, Daffodils, Daphne, Grasses, Lavender, Myrtle, Snowdrops, Thyme Valerian and Viburnum.

Future plans include the installation of a small shed to store garden equipment, widening the bed immediately in front of the church, building a prayer garden/stations in the grounds, managing the trees and a new front fence to make the church more visible and welcoming from the roadside.

Amanda Whittaker, Team Leader

Flower Team

The church flower arranging team continue to enjoy being responsible for the flower decorations in church each week and for the major festivals, helping to make the church look beautiful. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated team of six volunteers. Each arranger brings their own creativity, and we all learn by taking part and supporting each other. In May we held our third church fundraising plant sale which again was very successful. Members of the team worked tirelessly from September to May to produce a good variety of plants for the sale. We look forward to another year as members of this group and sharing in this rewarding ministry.

Felicity Rudd, Team Leader

Ecumenical Activity

Local churches in Hook serve the wider community together. We are Roman Catholic, Church of England and Life Churches (Commission Church). We offer an Annual Unity Service in Hook in January; Bible studies on Zoom led by Jennifer Martin (LLM); Open the Book storytelling in Hook Infant school all year, led by Jennifer Martin (LLM); a Walk of Witness on Good Friday in Hook; and an Annual World Day of Prayer service. In 2025 this was held in St John the Evangelist, Hook.

Russell Phillips, Churchwarden

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2025 has been a strong year for St John's financially. We are blessed with a committed congregation who are prepared to support the work of the church with their time, talents and finances, especially during our current time of vacancy. Additional members of the congregation have signed up to regularly donate to the church and we are most grateful for everyone who contributes to the life of the church. To donate either a one off or regular amount to the PCC, go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hook-hook/>.



Income

During 2025, new people have felt called to support the work of St John's by committing to donating to the parish regularly. Total donations increased by just over £2,000 but the increase in regular giving was nearly £7,000 (with a corresponding reduction in one off donations).

The fundraising efforts during the year raised just under £6,000, with cake sales, organ recitals, a plant sale and the two nights of the World War II remembrance "We'll Meet Again" all playing their part.

The total income for 2025 of £132,247 was almost identical to 2024's income, which is a fantastic result when we have been in vacancy for half of the year.

Expense

The way in which the Church of England is funded in the Diocese of Winchester is via the Common Mission Fund (CMF) – each parish is asked to contribute to this fund an amount based on the size of the parish's congregation and the relative affluence of the parish. The fund is then used to provide resources to parishes to carry out their work. The main resource provided to parishes is clergy and their housing, but it also provides training for clergy, lay ministers and church officers as well as the necessary central functions needed for the Diocese to operate such as HR.

As the regular congregation in a parish increases, so does the amount that it is requested to contribute to the Common Mission Fund, in Hook's case, a £2k increase over 2024's request. The amount requested by the Diocese for each person who forms part of the parish's worshipping community also increased – a £5k increase in the request. These two increases meant that, in 2025, Hook contributed £60,268 to the CMF, almost 50% of our outgoings. The contribution requested for 2026 is higher again.

Additionally, St John's continued to work with partner charities – now St Michael's Hospice (Basingstoke) and Ocean Stars Trust – as well as continue to support local Ukrainian residents with English lessons – in total using £5,361 for this work.

The rest of the 2025 expenses (£54,112) covers everything from the utility bills, salaries for the church administrator, cleaning services, building maintenance, cost of consumables such as coffee, paper, cleaning materials, music and necessary administration expenses such as licenses required for streaming services. Total expenditure was £119,741.

Outcome for 2025

A surplus of £12,505 was generated during 2025.

Reserves

The PCC holds unrestricted reserves of £93,727 plus restricted reserves of £3,867. The majority of these funds are held within the PCC's account in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund managed by CCLA. Further information can be found in the financial statements contained within this report.

Outlook

In terms of finances in 2026, the PCC is fully focused on the recruitment of a new Rector for the Whitewater Benefice and ensuring that it is in a good financial position to be able to support the new Rector's work with our parish.

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

PCC Approval of Annual Report

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by

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Samantha Frolich

PCC Chair (during vacancy)

**The Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St John the Evangelist, Hook
Charity registration number 1183688
[Financial Statements](#)
For the year ended 31 December 2025**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

I report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook (hereafter PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an internal examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DEBORAH GIBBS

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Statement of Financial Activities

| All figures in GBP for year ending 31.12.2025 | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Prior year total funds |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | | |
| Voluntary income | 85,706 | 3,657 | | 89,363 | 89,709 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | 34,569 | | | 34,569 | 33,125 |
| Other incoming resources | 8,315 | | | 8,315 | 9,377 |
| Total income | 128,590 | 3,657 | | 132,247 | 132,212 |
| Resources used | | | | | |
| Cost of generating funds | | | | | |
| Cost of generating voluntary income | 455 | | | 455 | 803 |
| Charitable activities | 109,396 | 7,308 | | 116,704 | 121,723 |
| Governance costs | 2,447 | | | 2,447 | 2,238 |
| Other resources used | 136 | | | 136 | 147 |
| Total expenditure | 112,433 | 7,308 | | 119,742 | 124,912 |
| Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer | 16,157 | (3,651) | | 12,505 | 7,299 |
| Transfers | | | | | |
| Gross transfers between funds - in | 31,124 | 1,171 | | 32,296 | 13,775 |
| Gross transfers between funds - out | (32,296) | | | (32,296) | (13,775) |
| Other recognised gains / losses | | | | | |
| Gains/losses on investment assets | | | | | |
| Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | 14,985 | (2,480) | | 12,505 | 7,299 |
| Total funds brought forward | 78,742 | 6,347 | | 85,089 | 77,790 |
| Total funds carried forward | 93,727 | 3,867 | | 97,594 | 85,089 |

Balance Sheet

| All figures in GBP | As at 31/12/2025 | As at 31/12/2024 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fixed assets | | |
| Tangible Assets | 2,630 | 5,260 |
| | 2,630 | 5,260 |
| Current assets | | |
| Debtors | 4,170 | 3,819 |
| Cash At Bank And In Hand | 94,509 | 80,446 |
| | 98,679 | 84,265 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year | 3,715 | 4,436 |
| | 3,715 | 4,436 |
| Net current assets less current liabilities | 94,964 | 79,829 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 97,594 | 85,089 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Total net assets less liabilities | 97,594 | 85,089 |
| Represented by | | |
| Unrestricted | | |
| Unrestricted - General Funds | 55,782 | 71,456 |
| Designated | | |
| Designated - Fabric Fund | 10,786 | 5,786 |
| Designated - Music | 18 | |
| Designated - Organ Fund | 2,141 | 1,500 |
| Designated - Youth Worker | 25,000 | |
| Restricted | | |
| Restricted - Audio Visual Fund | 2,630 | 5,260 |
| Restricted - Music | 737 | |
| Restricted - Shed | 500 | |
| Restricted - Ukraine | | 1,087 |
| Fund Totals | 97,594 | 85,089 |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by
Samantha Frolich

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with accounting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) on the accruals basis and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) 2nd edition October 2019. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist Hook (hereafter “PCC”) is registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1183688. The PCC is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 8.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised through fundraising events are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants & Donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when due. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet [2025 – Nil]

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £3,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Basis of preparation

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue operating, consequently these accounts are presented on the basis that the PCC continues as a going concern.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | 2025 | 2024 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2(a) | Voluntary Income | | | | |
| | Planned Giving | 58,735 | - | 58,735 | 51,854 |
| | Collections at Services | 13,072 | - | 13,072 | 18,490 |
| | Tax Recoverable | 11,670 | - | 11,670 | 12,627 |
| | Tax - GASDS | 2,330 | - | 2,330 | 1,984 |
| | Grants received | - | 3,557 | 3,557 | 4,755 |
| | Donations, appeals | - | - | - | - |
| | Sub Totals | 85,706 | 3,657 | 89,363 | 89,710 |
| 2(b) | Incoming resources from charitable activities | | | | |
| | Fundraising | 5,972 | - | 5,972 | 5,481 |
| | Lunch Club | 2,287 | - | 2,287 | 1,724 |
| | Coffee Shop | 1,015 | - | 1,015 | 945 |
| | Bookstall and printing | 107 | - | 107 | 135 |
| | Church Lettings | 22,827 | - | 22,827 | 22,253 |
| | Fees | 2,163 | - | 2,163 | 2,441 |
| | Other events | 198 | - | 198 | 147 |
| | Sub Totals | 34,569 | - | 34,569 | 33,125 |
| 2(c) | Other Incoming Resources | | | | |
| | Insurance claim | - | - | - | 556 |
| | Reimbursement of employment costs | 5,139 | - | 5,139 | 5,589 |
| | Interest income | 3,176 | - | 3,176 | 3,233 |
| | Sub Totals | 8,315 | - | 8,315 | 9,377 |
| | Total Income | 128,590 | 3,657 | 132,247 | 132,212 |

The total amount of donations received without attached conditions from Trustees during 2025 was £32,677 (2024: £36,068).

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | 2025 | 2024 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 3(a) | Charitable Activities | | | | |
| | Common Mission Fund | 60,268 | - | 60,268 | 56,618 |
| | Other ministry costs | 3,451 | - | 3,451 | 5,434 |
| | Music costs | 419 | 534 | 953 | 1,023 |
| | Church running & maintenance | 28,303 | 3,974 | 32,277 | 35,000 |
| | Youth Children & Families | 392 | - | 392 | 391 |
| | Administration | 12,006 | - | 12,006 | 14,274 |
| | Lunch Club & Coffee Shop | 1,796 | 200 | 1,996 | 2,061 |
| | Others | 135 | - | 135 | 147 |
| | Mission Grants | | | | |
| | Overseas | 903 | 2,600 | 3,503 | 4,682 |
| | Home | 746 | - | 746 | 618 |
| | Collections | 1,112 | - | 1,112 | 1,623 |
| | Sub Totals | 109,531 | 7,308 | 116,839 | 121,871 |
| 3(b) | Fund Raising costs | 455 | - | 455 | 803 |
| | Sub Totals | 455 | - | 455 | 803 |
| 3(c) | Governance Costs | | | | |
| | Ind. Examination | 350 | - | 350 | 350 |
| | Other governance | 11 | - | 11 | - |
| | Licences | 2,086 | - | 2,086 | 1,888 |
| | Sub Totals | 2,447 | - | 2,447 | 2,238 |
| | Total Expenditure | 112,433 | 7,308 | 119,741 | 124,912 |

4. EMPLOYEES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2025 | Total Funds 2024 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Wages and Salaries | 9,747 | - | 9,747 | 10,973 |
| Social Security costs | (23) | - | (23) | 7 |
| Employer's contribution to pensions | 216 | - | 216 | 206 |
| Total | 9,940 | - | 9,940 | 11,179 |

The average number of employees during the year was one. No employee received employee benefits greater than £60,000.

The Benefice Administrator was employed by the PCC of Hook Parish but 50% of the cost was reimbursed by Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC (HMR). This role ceased to exist on 5 December 2025.

No PCC Members were remunerated as employees during 2025 or 2024.

During 2025, £54 [2024: £348] was paid under a contract for administration services with Thomas Maynes, who is a trustee of the PCC. This contract was completed in March 2025.

One PCC member had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £132 [2024: one member - £442].

No Related Party had travel expenses reimbursed in 2025 [2024: one member - £1].

PENSIONS

The PCC of Hook Parish participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. The Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
 - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014, in which the PCC of Hook Parish participates.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2025: £216, 2024: £206)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2026, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 10% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 1997 service so that the pension increase was also 10% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to an annual cap of 5% for pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 2006 and 2.5% for pensions in payment in respect of service post April 2006). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2025. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is being carried out as at 31 December 2025.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, The PCC of Hook Parish could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

5. FIXED ASSETS

| | | Screen and projector £ | Total £ |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Actual Cost | At 1/1/2025 | 10,522 | 10,522 |
| | Additions | - | - |
| | Disposals | - | - |
| | At 31/12/2025 | 10,522 | 10,522 |
| Depreciation | At 1/1/2025 | 5,262 | 5,262 |
| | Charge for year | 2,630 | 2,630 |
| | At 31/12/2025 | 7,892 | 7,892 |
| Net Value | At 1/1/2025 | 5,260 | 5,260 |
| | At 31/12/2025 | 2,630 | 2,630 |

6. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Debtors | 4,170 | 3,750 |
| Prepayments | - | 69 |
| Total | 4,170 | 3,819 |

Debtors are the reimbursement by HMR Parish in respect of a share of the cost of ministry and administration, an amount of Gift Aid claimed from HMRC not yet received and an amount of PAYE due to be reimbursed by HMRC.

7. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Creditors | 2,866 | 3,161 |
| Accruals | 849 | 1,275 |
| Total | 3,715 | 4,436 |

Creditors are payments for expenditure incurred in 2025 but not paid until 2026. These represent amounts due but unpaid for utilities, various expenses, fees collected on behalf of Winchester Diocese, the independent examiner's fee and sundry other small invoices. The independent examiner's fee in 2025 was £350 [2024: £350].

8. FUNDS

| | 2025 | | | Restricted |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Unrestricted | Non | Total | Total |
| | Designated | Designated | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 January 2025 | 7,286 | 71,456 | 78,742 | 6,347 |
| Income | 1,683 | 126,907 | 128,590 | 3,657 |
| Expenditure | (1,172) | (111,261) | (112,433) | (7,308) |
| Transfers | 30,148 | (31,319) | (1,171) | 1,171 |
| 31 December 2025 | <u>37,945</u> | <u>55,782</u> | <u>93,727</u> | <u>3,867</u> |

| Details | £ | £ |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fabric | 10,786 | - |
| Audio Visual | - | 2,630 |
| Music | 18 | 737 |
| Organ | 2,141 | - |
| Shed | - | 500 |
| Youth Worker | 25,000 | - |
| | <u>37,945</u> | <u>3,867</u> |

| Represented by | Unrestricted | Restricted |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | - | 2,630 |
| Current assets | 97,442 | 1,237 |
| Current liabilities | (3,715) | - |
| | <u>93,727</u> | <u>3,867</u> |

9. RESERVES

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months expenditure, including the PCC's contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund, to cover the running costs – this equates to £30k based on the 2025 expenditure levels.

In addition, designated reserves are held relating to future repair requirements of the church.

Restricted donations are discouraged by the PCC, but amounts were received during the year specifically for the PCC's work with the local Ukrainian population, where we are grateful to the Odiham Consolidated Charities for their support for English lessons for local Ukrainian residents. A further amount was received from Hook Fun Run to fund the construction of a shed which is due for completion in Spring 2026 and funds were also received towards the work of music in the parish.

Accounts



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For the year ended 31st December 2024

[Registered Charity number: 1183688]

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Rector's Annual Report

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us' – Ephesians 1:3

The Lord has richly blessed us in 2024, with established relationships as well as new spiritual life amongst us. We are delighted in many ways, with joyful Sunday worship, gatherings for study, and excellent music of all kinds; children and family opportunities throughout the week, social and pastoral care for our senior members, lovely buildings and grounds, underpinned by sound technology, administration and governance.

We had a large group engaging deeply with questions of faith using the Alpha course followed by the Bible Course. Water brought us joy in June with two adult baptisms outdoors by full immersion and seven adult confirmations, all with Bishop David; but also anxiety in August with flooding. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to problem solve where needed. We hosted the Preschool in the Narthex in the autumn term, while the hall was repaired, and our regular groups adjusted and supported so that local families could be helped. We have continued to care for our senior members with monthly visits to Berry Court retirement community and Old Raven care home with communion, plus the Lunch Club and Friendship Café. Our Youth and families team continue faithfully to run Messy Church, Open the Book, School assemblies and RE lessons, Junior Church, Youth Group and Bumps and Babes; much of this love and service goes unseen and is carefully and generously given.

We are so grateful for the financial generosity of church family members and contributions from local organisations. We have financed our planned activities, and have resources now to pay for building repairs and a new future. Will we be able to appoint a Children and Families' worker, and work towards Solar panels on the roof? It was wonderful to be able to give an extra month's contribution to the Common Mission Fund in 2024.

Our brilliant ministry team and musicians have continued to work collaboratively to continue to offer the full pattern of weekly worship across our four churches in the Whitewater Benefice, with each one taking leadership and responsibility for a church or service.

Our communication team reaches far and wide in a variety of ways to connect with our communities and share good news and information. In addition to regular events, our buildings are well cared for, our gardens and grounds growing healthily, and special events such as the summer music concert, and Christmas specials, bring a lot of fun. Thank you to those who keep us warm and welcoming for visitors and regular members: our sidespeople and welcomers, flower team, and coffee team, bakers as well as all who help with our rotas.

My special thanks go to Samantha Frolich who continued as Church Warden and has supported me throughout the year; with tireless hard work too from Caroline Bushman as Treasurer, Caroline Frolander, Sophie Fulpesi and Janine Dunbar as Safeguarding Officers, and Tom Maynes as PCC secretary. We are grateful for our PCC, and to Russell Phillips for joining as Church Warden in December. In addition huge thanks to Eliza Burrige who has supported us all from the Benefice Office; and Laura Preston who began in March as my PA and as HMR PCC secretary. Thank you to Richard Paganuzzi coordinating the fabric team and Martin Rudd with the extra help needed to deal with flooding; to Caroline Bushman for leading our growing choir; to Stephen Davies our organist and Nikki Wild leading the music group; Jonathan Bushman LLM whose energy makes all the difference as he leads our young people ministry, Tim Maynes LLM and Jennifer Martin LLM for preaching and supporting our Ministry team across the Benefice. As I prepare to leave Whitewater in June 2025, I am also indebted to our prayer support, who intercede regularly, and listen to the Lord carefully, that we discern his will and follow in his ways. Finally, thank you to my husband Simon, and wonderful family, without whom these lovely ten years would not have been possible.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector of the Whitewater Benefice

Church Warden's Annual Report

Statement of Aims

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to co-operate with the Rector and Ministry Team in promoting within Hook parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC met seven times in 2024. There were additional Standing and Finance Committee meetings.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2024 the membership comprised:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Rector | Rev'd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt (Chair) |
| Church Warden | Samantha Frolich (Vice Chair) |
| Church Warden-elect | Russell Phillips [from December 2024] |
| Deanery Synod Representative | Kim Foster |
| Elected Members | Caroline Bushman (Treasurer) |
| | Nicola Clague |
| | Stephen Davies [to April 2024] |
| | Janine Dunbar [from April 2024] |
| | Caroline Frolander |
| | Sophie Fulpesi |
| | Tom Maynes (Secretary) |
| | Richard Paganuzzi |
| | Susan Purchase |
| | Martin Rudd |
| | Liz Wilson |

Committees and Teams

The PCC operates through committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. Their deliberations are received by the full PCC and discussed accordingly.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Finance Committee

This oversees the general financial work of St John's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting, maintaining appropriate financial controls and co-ordinating a review of Christian stewardship of money, including planned giving.

Whitewater Benefice Ministry Team

Our team includes ordained and Lay members who are listed in the Ministry Team Report.

Review of the Year

2024 has been a year of celebration for St. John's. It has been a joy to watch our service attendance grow and to welcome new parishioners to our congregation alongside our regular attendees.

It is wonderful that as a church we are able to offer a variety of different services supporting all styles of worship. Our All Age service, which takes part on the first Sunday, is tailored for families and encourages children to participate in the service and experience story telling of the gospel through acting, puppetry and music. The second and fourth Sundays offer a traditional service, which is supported by the choir, whereas the third Sunday is supported by the music group. For those who prefer a more reflective style of worship, we offer the 6pm service.

2024 was a busy year for reaching out into our community. The Open the Book team has continued to visit our local schools, acting out stories from the Old and New Testaments. Our Youth Team has represented the church with crafts at both the Summer and Christmas fairs at the Hook schools. The church has been a hub of fun and activity, welcoming Youth Group, Messy Church, and our Olympic themed holiday club which took place in summer.

Our fundraising events for the church this year included our Musical Medley concert in June, celebrating music from all genres. The Gardening Team held its first plant sale, which was a huge success. The Craft Group worked hard to make seasonal decorations and our ever popular monthly cake sale continued to welcome the community to the Narthex for coffee, cake and conversation. A fund raising quiz night was held in September and was a night of fun and friendly competitiveness.

In August we experienced an unprecedented rainfall which flooded our hall, basement and carpark, causing disruption to the church. However, with the support of the Fabric Team we were able to keep our doors open with temporary electrics allowing us to continue with our Sunday services. The pre-school was temporarily re-homed to the Narthex and other groups found ways to work around this. It was a huge effort by all those involved, and I would like to thank everyone for coping with the disruption.

In October we held our Songs of Praise service. It was a heart-warming service with a selection of hymns and songs that had been nominated by the congregation. It was such a gift to hear the personal sentiment behind the individual hymns.

Remembrance Sunday is an important event for the Hook community and it is always an honour as a church to commemorate this day at the Hook War Memorial, alongside current and former service personnel, as well as the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Squirrels, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

It has been a privilege as a church to be able continue to support our Ukrainian guests with the use of our church for their English lessons and to also offer the church as a venue for them to celebrate Ukraine Independence Day on the 24th of August.

Our Christmas events are always an exciting time for us to welcome the Hook community into the church and celebrate that magical time of year. Carols Round the Tree kick-started our Christmas celebrations and this year it was a pleasure to include a song performed by the Rainbows. The Advent Service and Carol Service are always well attended, and our ever-popular Crib Service encourages the children to dress up and take part in telling the Christmas story.

On December the 15th the church elected and welcomed Russell Phillips as our second Church Warden. Russell has been a regular worshipper at St. John's, and I am personally looking forward to working alongside him as we move forward into 2025.

Samantha Frolich, Church Warden

Administrative Information

St John the Evangelist Church is situated on London Road, Hook and is part of the Whitewater Benefice of Hook and HMR (Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick). It is in the Deanery of Odiham under the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

The Church Office
St John the Evangelist Church
London Road
Hook
RG27 9EG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the legal name 'THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK' with the registration number 1183688. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll records the names and addresses of all those who consider their spiritual home to be St John the Evangelist, Hook. It is used for a variety of purposes including parish and diocesan communications, and it also determines the number of representatives the church has on the Deanery Synod. Having your name on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

As of 31st December 2024, the number of people enrolled for St John's was 140. This represents a net increase of 10 since 31st December 2023. Of these, 81% live in the parish and 19% live outside the parish.

The PCC appreciates the help and support that roll members give to St John's through their prayers, offerings, and participation in church life.

Susan Purchase, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

The PCC met seven times in 2024.

Aside from the regular agenda items, PCC meetings focussed on nominated subjects. These were: new PCC policies (January); annual report and financial statements (March); appointment of key officers (April); role descriptions and safer recruitment (May); health and safety, youth and families worker (July); safeguarding policies (September); budget, charity selection (November).

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held on 28th April 2024. An Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners was held on 15th December 2024 to elect a second Church Warden.

Full copies of PCC documents are available on request from the Church Office.

Tom Maynes, PCC Secretary

Communications Team

The Comms Team meets most months at St John's to co-ordinate communications and publicity.

We continue to maintain a website for the benefice <https://whitewaterchurches.co.uk>, a presence on A Church Near You and social media through Facebook (for both Hook and for HMR).

The Comms Team has also produced fliers delivered to houses in Hook for Christmas and Easter. We produce a variety of banners & posters, which you may have seen at St John's or at some of the community events held during the year. We also produce other images, which advertise some of the many events held in the benefice.

By having one team manage publicity, we are ensuring that all publicity is correct, consistent and timely.

We are always looking for people to share images with us that are suitable, for example, to use when promoting future events.

Anna Shergold, Comms Team

IT

A small team provides our IT support across the Benefice. This includes supporting the office with its computers, and software we use across the benefice, e.g. iKnow Church, Mailchimp, Zoho Mail, or Church Edit.

Whilst you may not know what this means, this is used for:

- emails from the Rector (sent from iKnow Church)
- the weekly notices email which can arrive in your mailbox
- if you are on a rota, you may get a rota reminder email from iKnow Church
- you and/or your children may have attended one of our ticketed events
- our website

A new office PC has been purchased and is being used from January 2025. This coincided with a switchover to using cloud-based Microsoft 365. This is a major change which will provide more flexibility and support collaborative working between office staff, ministers and church officers with a single cloud-based document store. A lot of effort has been put into configuring the new PC and configuring Microsoft 365 to meet our needs. Thank you to Dave Wilson for all his hard work.

Anna Shergold, Whitewater Benefice Website Manager

Building and Fabric Report

2024 started off well with the delivery of comfortable, stackable chairs and extra go-pak tables for use in the Narthex. Towards the end of the year, the office received a new PC which was configured to use Microsoft 365 and cloud storage.

The remaining significant fabric activity related to rainwater ingress. The West Window, which had been leaking around many of the small panes, was repaired. Certain panes were reset and the external wood was treated with appropriate protective oils. Unfortunately in heavy south-westerly rainfall, there is still rainwater ingress. The original design is flawed and further options need to be considered.

In August, a major storm brought flooding which caused damage to the roof and flooring of the church hall and the electrics in the cellar of the church. Most of the remedial work was carried out by our insurers, but additional work was carried out by the Fabric Team to reduce the risk of recurrence. In certain places, the new decorating highlighted the shabbiness of the remainder. Other areas were redecorated as a result.

It should be noticed that excess rainwater continues to cause problems all around the site.

The Gardening Team continued to keep the grounds tidy and beautiful. Several areas have been identified for reduced or no mowing in order to encourage wild plants and wildlife.

During 2024, a quinquennial report was commissioned. There were no significant new issues raised but it was noted that some raised in previous reports relating to rainwater were still to be addressed and were becoming more serious and more urgent.

Richard Paganuzzi, Chair of the Fabric Committee

Ministry Reports

Benefice Safeguarding Team Report

Both Hook and HMR's PCCs have complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The role of Safeguarding Officer is jointly held by two members of the Hook PCC. Both Hook and HMR PCCs have considered and approved both (Hook and HMR) Parish Safeguarding Policies and received a report on current safeguarding concerns from a Safeguarding officer or the Rector at each PCC meeting.

PCC members and relevant leaders and members of groups have been asked to undertake relevant safeguarding training as advised in the diocese safeguarding training matrix and uptake of this training continues to improve. DBS checks are being undertaken as current certificates expire or new volunteers take up roles.

The requirement to record relevant risk assessments for various church groups has been noted and progress is logged on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard.

A small number of safeguarding concerns have arisen which have been managed and/or escalated appropriately following the approved Diocesan Safeguarding procedures.

In 2025 it is hoped that a Safeguarding Officer will be appointed for HMR.

Caroline Frolander and Janine Dunbar, Safeguarding Officers

Whitewater Benefice Ministry Team

Across the benefice we serve four churches, two parishes (St John's Hook; Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick [HMR]), and every variety of style of worship. This is only possible because of the excellent team that love and care for each other and for our churches. The licensed ministry team consists of me as Rector, with Jonathan Bushman LLM leading our youth and families team and preaching mostly in Hook; Tim Maynes LLM preaching across the Benefice, leading Matins and Evensong in HMR, and serving Berry Court; Jennifer Martin LLM leading Open the Book in Hook Infants and Whitewater School, Morning Worship in Rotherwick and Heckfield, preaching and taking a number of funerals, plus the monthly communion at Old Raven House for people with dementia. My own ministry is broad, with all types of parish work in Hook and HMR, and also in Preschools, Schools, and as Foundation Governor of Whitewater Church of England School, Bramshill Scout Chaplain, Area Dean of Odiham, Winchester Preaching course, Licensed Ministry Training and Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

We were delighted to see Denise White licensed as a Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) worship leader in Winchester Cathedral in 2024, to serve in schools and contemporary worship as well as the choir, joining Nikki Wild who leads our Music Group. In addition, Russell Phillips began training with Winchester School of Mission as a BCM (Beyond Church Walls). We coordinate closely with our musical leads: Caroline Bushman, Stephen Davies and Nikki Wild in Hook; and Richard Joyce, Michael Steen, Martin Barnes and Jason Drury in HMR, to provide opportunities for all to worship in different ways. We also support our wedding couples, funerals and baptism families.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Pastoral Ministry

Small group ministry provides a sound basis for caring for our church family: in Bible groups and teams that serve for particular needs, such as flower team and coffee and cake team. Shirley Clancy and Carol-Anne Morris (both Bishop's Commission for Mission pastoral workers) run the Friendship Café on Thursdays, always well attended; and Catriona Terrell organises the Lunch Club with a large volunteer team and 40 guests every month. We pray with a WhatsApp group, and keep in touch with individuals in need. Much goes unsung and unseen, and is beautiful, kind and attentive.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Youth and Families Ministry

Youth and Families Ministry had another active and enjoyable year in 2024. The regular activities continued with the School Ministry, including Junior School assembly and the Open the Book team at Hook Infants.

The weekly Junior Church ran two groups split by age most Sundays. All Age Worship was run by the team every month, and included drama, puppet ministry and active prayer, working well with the music group.

Each Wednesday Bumps and Babes at church continued to offer fellowship and teaching through craft and games. Messy Church has continued to offer ministry to between 20 and 30 people each month with active worship, craft and Messy Tea. The Youth Group met twice monthly and has encouraged young people in their faith journey, with many of the teenagers contributing to church life.

On top of the regular activities, we have been active in supporting the school fetes in the summer and at Christmas. We also ran a successful Easter Activity Morning and a two day Summer Holiday Club. At Christmas we offered craft at the Carols Round the Tree event and put on the Crib Service to a packed church. A huge thank you to the Youth and Families Team for all their hard work and dedication. It has been great fun working with the team and the young people.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Ministry in Schools

Alongside our care for children and families in our church, we have a large outreach to our local schools and preschool. We offer 'Open the Book' to two schools, Hook Infant School on a weekly basis, and Whitewater Church of England Primary in Rotherwick fortnightly; covered in a separate report. Another team leads collective worship in Hook Junior School monthly, with the whole school of 400 children present. I lead special themed assemblies in Hook Infants such as 'Advent', 'Lent' and 'Water'. For Religious Education, different year groups need different topics, which we teach in school and, more recently, in the church in smaller groups. We host large special services in church for all our schools: Infant Nativities, Preschool Nativities, smaller Easter and Harvest services, and Hook Junior's Year 3 Easter service. Ten years ago we hastily offered a table at Hook Schools summer fair. This is now a regular fixture, in summer and at Christmas. It is a huge privilege to be entrusted with support for our teachers and families, while teaching the good news of the gospel and living out God's love in generous service. Thank you to the whole team.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Open the Book

Open the Book sessions have gone well during the year. We said goodbye to Brigitte Maynes, who decided to stand down after leading the team for a very long time. The team consists of people from both St. John's and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. We continue to visit Hook Infant School every week in term time and the children enjoy listening and taking part in the stories. The name Friends has been dropped by the Bible Society, which runs the programme, and we are now known as the Story Tellers. We run two sessions each Monday for the whole school. It is a wonderful way for children to have a glimpse of God and to learn about the teachings of Jesus in a very creative but meaningful way. We work through themes from the Bible, and link to the school values.

Jennifer Martin LLM, Open the Book Team Leader

Ministry to the Elderly

Over the year we gather for social events, food and friendship with the older members of our church family and wider community. We regularly offer the monthly lunch, and weekly café, as reported elsewhere. There has been a faithful ministry to Old Raven House for over 25 years. This is a monthly service in our Lady Chapel, for Communion, and from there the bread and wine are taken to the residents in this care home for those with dementia. The manager of the home, the staff, residents and families are deeply appreciative of this hidden love and caring. At special seasons there may be additional services, such as Christingle or Christmas carols. Thank you to Jennifer Martin, Brigitte Maynes and Joyce Baldock, who have served in this for the last 10 years. Joyce will be missed. For Berry Court, our local Anchor home, we also take communion every month, led by Tim Maynes and me. In 2016 we began with services in the lounge. However we now meet monthly in a flat. We have precious times of fellowship. We lead larger gatherings for special services in the lounge. Since Geffery's House closed, we keep in touch through our Tuesday Lunch Club. A really big thank you for the love that is represented by this faithful service, and for all we receive in fellowship as we share God's word and sacrament.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Musical Worship

Choir

In 2024, the choir has continued to support two Sunday morning services a month (2nd and 4th Sundays), services at major festivals and Carol Services for Advent and Christmas. The choir has 30 singers who attend regularly including our 5 young people, with around 20 singers at each service. Visiting singers joined us at Christmas to give a 40 strong choir. Small groups of singers also support singing at weddings and funerals in the Whitewater Benefice.

In June, the choir, along with the Music Group and other musical friends, offered a 'Musical Medley' evening as a fundraiser for the recently purchased piano. Items by Bach and Handel through to Dave Brubeck and Howard Goodall were performed, solo and small group items from voice and instruments and four choir pieces. There was a good audience and over £1,000 was raised.

In addition to singing, choristers (both juniors and adults) work on their 'Voice for Life' programme, learning music theory and more about church music, gaining singing medals when levels are completed.

Our organist, Stephen Davies, plays for choir practices and gives freely of his time in support of the choir's endeavours, including a significant amount of time to ensuring the success of the Musical Medley, which we were all grateful for. David Bridgman's support was also invaluable during the year.

Caroline Bushman, Choir Director

Music Group

The Music Group is our pool of musicians and singers (some of whom also sing in the Choir) for services at St John's. We have supported worship for the 10am All Age and Morning Worship services at St John's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. In addition, we led some of the music on Easter Sunday, also joining with the Musical Medley in June and Songs of Praise in October. In January, we joined with friends from the Life Church to lead worship at the Unity Service.

A variety of songs and hymns have been selected, introducing new music to the congregation whilst still including beloved favourites. The combination of singers and instruments varies with availability and we enjoy playing with occasional as well as regular musicians.

Looking ahead to 2025 we would love to welcome more musicians and anyone who would like to be involved on the technical side to grow the sound desk rota.

Nikki Wild, Music Group Coordinator

Fellowship Groups

Alpha/Beta Group

A great team led the Alpha course in St John's Church sanctuary for 12 weeks, with a buffet supper, a song or hymn, videos of the talks, and discussion. There were regularly 20 of us, deeply committed to listening and learning. In June, Bishop David Williams led our first ever outdoor adult baptisms with full immersion in St John's Hook, and 7 were confirmed, many of whom shared their stories of discovering a living faith. We continued with the Bible course, and now meet weekly with 14 members reading Luke's Gospel. Thank you so much to Laura Preston who coordinates the group, and every member who helps in different ways, leading studies, preparing food, offering pastoral support. Thank you to the team who shared leading Alpha and our Awayday: Simon de Quidt, David and Eleanor Bridgman and Denise White.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Living Flame

Living Flame meets for fellowship and Bible study on the first and third Wednesday of the month in St John's Church Centre. Small groups give us the opportunity to explore God's word in more depth and consider how we apply it in our daily lives. Our meetings are relaxed, friendly and sociable, beginning with a time to share news before we study the word of God. We conclude by sharing prayer requests to take into the week ahead. Topics we have covered in 2024 have included the Psalms, Ecclesiastes, the timeline from Resurrection to Pentecost and the season of Advent. Going into 2025, we continue to explore a variety of resources on which to base our discussions.

Nikki Wild, Group Leader

Thursday Fellowship Group

Thursday Fellowship has continued in 2024, meeting most Thursday evenings on Zoom to explore the Bible and God's message for us today. We also enjoyed some occasional face to face social events. There are between 7 and 13 people coming each week and we always welcome new members.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Sunday Fellowship Group

The Sunday Fellowship Group meets around once per month in various houses around the village for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. Various topics have been studied during the year, deepening our understanding of God, of the Bible, of life as Christian parents and of each other.

Caroline Bushman, Group Leader

Wednesday Ecumenical Bible Group

The Ecumenical Bible Group meets via Zoom on Wednesdays from 11am to 12:15pm, and we have people from across the country joining us. Some of the participants are blind and through Torch Trust we are able to access additional books in braille which they appreciate and enables them to fully participate. We have studied some books of the Bible as well as using material for Lent and Holy Week, including Stephen Cottrell's book, *The Things He Did*. We focus on the scriptural message too. We spent several weeks learning and rediscovering some of the women in the Bible, a study that was well received. We looked at many of the psalms, and had some very full and meaningful discussions. During Advent we used Paula Gooder's Book, *Women of the Nativity*.

Jennifer Martin, LLM

Wednesday Coffee and Bible Study Group

The Wednesday Coffee and Bible Study Group meets every other Wednesday, usually at the church, for Bible study and refreshments.

Denise White, Group Leader

Monday Prayers

We meet every Monday at 10.30am in the Lady Chapel for an hour of prayer. We pray for anyone we are aware of who needs it plus the church, local community and the world. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Carol-Anne Morris, Group Leader

Community Activity Support

Friendship Café

Friendship Café runs every Thursday morning in the Narthex from 10 am until 11.30am. We aim to provide a warm and safe environment for social interaction.

Friendship Café continues to thrive and along with our regular attendees we have welcomed some new people this year. We enjoy cakes, biscuits and hot drinks with plenty of conversation and laughter. Everyone is welcome.

Carol-Anne Morris, Group Leader

Lunch Club

The purpose of St John's Lunch Club is to reach out to the elderly and lonely in the village by giving them the opportunity to get out of the house and meet up with friends over a convivial meal. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Narthex and, although we do not have an 'official' Lunch Club in August, we do something simple along the lines of a ploughman's. It was just as well we'd done this because due to damage caused by flooding to the Church Hall, the preschool had to move into the Narthex and Lunch Club didn't take place for a couple of months.

The menu that we offer is varied & features old favourites as well introducing new recipes to increase our repertoire. Along with a choice of three meat main courses, we also offer a vegetarian option for 6 people which is proving to be increasingly popular. There is a choice of three desserts which are served with cream, ice cream or custard. Or indeed all three!

One of our volunteers, Ann Taylor, decided to hang up her apron/wooden spoon and we are very grateful to Ann for all the years she so willingly and unstintingly helped. Whilst there are plenty of volunteers which is wonderful especially when folk are ill or away, we do desperately need more cooks as the 'burden' of cooking is falling on to fewer, and aging, shoulders.

It's not just the volunteers who are getting older, so too are the Lunch Clubbers and the past year was marked with a few more sadly passing away. But new faces are joining the more familiar ones and the numbers coming remain steady between 30-40 each month. Those who come to Lunch Club thoroughly enjoy it and are always very appreciative of the efforts made by the volunteers.

Catriona Terrell, Group Leader

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter takes place on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, from 2pm to 4pm. We also run a cake sale on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10pm until noon.

Again we have had a busy year. The cake sale grew in popularity and raised over £1,500. At the craft group, we have continued to knit Bobby Buddies for Hampshire Constabulary, and sunflowers and bed socks for Basingstoke Hospital outpatients department. We also knitted Christmas trees and cross stitch cards. The group is a great opportunity to socialise.

Gill Morley, Group Leader

Gardening Team

The purpose of the Gardening Team is to: cultivate more shrubs for the Flower Team, improve the appearance of the church grounds for the benefit of everyone who walks through them, and create more areas to host a wider diversity of wildlife. The team works on the grounds every Wednesday from 10am to 1pm.

New activities in 2024 included: extended St Augustines bed, hibernacula x2, hard weed of beech, woven edging, and on-site composting. Ongoing activities include: no-mow front lawn, Maintenance Day, using own compost, monthly record of plants in flower, updated website, SLiC, Wild Corner, veg and herbs, flora/fauna survey, and tidied curb edges on carpark

We have introduced a number of new plants: Sedum matrona, Olive tree, Leucanthemum maximum, Verbascum chaixi 'Milkshake', Hyssop, Primula, Allium neapolitanum, Iris versicolor, Sisyrinchium striatum, Symphyotrichum x salignumstriatum, Symphyotrichum x salignum, Clematis cirhosa 'Wisley Cream', Shrub Roses x 12.

We have also pruned shrubs in the graveyard, presented a plan to the Fabric Team for a new front hedge, put up hibernacula signs, contributed to the children's Holiday Club and spoken to the Odiham Deanery Synod about our work.

Amanda Whittaker, Group Leader

Flower Arranging Team

We are fortunate to have a very dedicated team of volunteers. During the last year the flower arrangers have taken it in turns to take responsibility for the flower arrangements in church each week, usually a pedestal and smaller arrangement at the west window. A fortnightly rota is drawn up annually to ensure the smooth running of this. Many of the flowers and greenery were generously donated by the volunteers.

At the major festivals we worked together to decorate the whole church and there is always a friendly atmosphere on these occasions.

We are all pleased to share in this very rewarding ministry. Flowers in Church celebrate God's goodness and gifts to us all.

Felicity Rudd, Group Leader

Ecumenical Activity

Local churches in Hook serve the wider community together. We are Roman Catholic, Church of England and Life Churches (Commission church). We offer an Annual Unity Service in Hook in January; Bible studies on Zoom led by Jennifer Martin (LLM); Open the Book storytelling in Hook Infant school all year, led by Jennifer Martin (LLM); a Walk of Witness on Good Friday in Hook; and an Annual World Day of Prayer service. In 2024 this was held in Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Hook. In 2025 this will be in St John the Evangelist, Hook.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Odiham Deanery Synod

We met two times in 2024: on 29th April at St John's Hartley Wintney, an open meeting with Bishop Philip speaking about 'Religious Freedom and the Persecuted Church'; and on 25th November at St John's Hook, also an open meeting on the topic 'Creation Care', with presentations from the parishes of the Deanery, sharing local ideas, followed by information from the Diocesan Environment Officer, Rev'd Sam Scott.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Area Dean of Odiham Deanery

Winchester Diocesan Synod

Winchester was delighted to receive the Rt Reverend Bishop Philip Mounstephen as our Diocesan Bishop at a special welcome service in the Cathedral in January 2024. Diocesan Synod met 3 times in 2024. In January 2024 the agenda included Creation Care, and General Synod updates: Code of Conduct for PCCs; Racial Justice; Bullying by Lay Officers; Church Commissioners' Response to Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery; Estates Evangelism; Clergy Pensions; Living in Love and Faith. In June Bishop Philip gave his presentational address on the theme of community, how much it mattered both in the church and in the world. June Synod noted the 2023 Annual Report and Accounts DS24/03 which had been approved by the Winchester Diocese Board of Finance. Following Common Mission Fund (CMF) review, June Synod authorised the Directors of the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance to request a total of £8.862m in CMF contributions for 2025 inclusive from our parishes to support the costs of mission and ministry of our diocese, increased only in line with clergy stipends. In November 2024, beginning the new triennium, Winchester Diocese Racial Justice strategy was discussed. I stood down as an Odiham Deanery Clergy representative after the June meeting, having served for 9 years.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Winchester Diocese Odiham Deanery Clergy Representative 2015-2024

Financial Review

As you have read elsewhere in this report, 2024 was a busy year at St John's. We are blessed with a committed congregation who are prepared to support the work of the church with their time, talents and finances. Additional members of the congregation have signed up to regularly donate to the church and we are most grateful for everyone who contributes to the life of the church. To donate either a one off or regular amount to the PCC, go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hook-hook/>.

Income

Our regular donations through the Planned Giving Schemes have increased during 2024 to £51,854 as new people have felt called to support St John's. A number of fundraising events were held which raised a total of £5,481. We continue to rent out the facilities to a number of local organisations and were grateful for everyone's flexibility following the summer flooding so that we could continue to welcome all who wished to meet. Total income is slightly reduced from 2023 at £132,212 – but you will remember that, in 2023, we had an appeal which raised £10,880 for the screen and projector in the church. Regular income is higher than 2023.

Expense

The cost of living continues to rise and so does the cost of running a building such as St John's and funding the activities that go on within and without the building.

The way in which the Church of England is funded in the Diocese of Winchester is via the Common Mission Fund – each parish is asked to contribute to this fund an amount based on the size of the parish's congregation and the relative affluence of the parish. The fund is then used to provide resources to parishes to carry out their work. The main resource provided to parishes is clergy and their housing, but it also provides training for clergy, lay ministers and church officers as well as the necessary central functions needed for the Diocese to operate such as HR.

St John's is in a more fortunate position than some other parishes. When challenged by the Bishop of Winchester to think prayerfully about our support the Diocese of Winchester Common Mission Fund, the PCC decided to contribute more than was requested of it - giving 13 months' worth of contributions totalling £56,618. In previous years, the parish has been a grateful recipient of support from the Diocese and now we are able to share our current good finances with those who are struggling. In addition to this, £6,923 was given to various other charities, either from PCC funds or raised specifically for one of our partner charities. These together make up more than half of the expenditure during 2024.

The rest of the 2024 expenses (£61,371) covers everything from the utility bills, salaries for the church administrator, cleaning services, building maintenance (including a significant repair on the West Window of the church), cost of consumables such as coffee, paper, cleaning materials, music and necessary administration expenses such as licenses required for streaming services. Total expenditure was £124,912.

Outcome for 2024

A surplus of £7,300 was generated during 2024.

Reserves

The PCC holds unrestricted reserves of £78,742 plus restricted reserves of £6,347. The majority of these funds are held within the PCC's account in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund managed by CCLA. Further information can be found in the financial statements contained within this report.

Outlook

In terms of finances in 2025, a challenge for the PCC is to discern how to use our reserves wisely to fulfil our purpose – “promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook, Hampshire, the whole mission of the Church.” We would love to hear your thoughts on this!

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

PCC Approval of Annual Report

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

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Canon Marion de Quidt
PCC Chair

**The Parochial Church Council
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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

I report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook (hereafter PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an internal examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 2(a) | 84,955 | 4,755 | 89,710 | 95,494 |
| Activities for generating Funds | 2(b) | 8,431 | - | 8,431 | 6,291 |
| Other Income | 2(c) | 9,377 | - | 9,377 | *7,403 |
| Church activities | 2(d) | 24,694 | - | 24,694 | 23,724 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 127,457 | 4,755 | 132,212 | *132,912 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | |
| Church activities | 3(a) | 114,903 | 6,968 | 121,871 | *114,593 |
| Cost of generation of voluntary income | 3(b) | 803 | - | 803 | 212 |
| Governance costs | 3(c) | 2,238 | - | 2,238 | 2,049 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 117,944 | 6,968 | 124,912 | *116,854 |
| NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES | | 9,513 | (2,213) | 7,300 | 16,058 |
| TRANSFERS | | (400) | 400 | - | - |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | 9,113 | (1,813) | 7,300 | 16,058 |
| BAL B/F 1 JANUARY | | 69,629 | 8,160 | 77,789 | 61,731 |
| BAL C/F 31 DECEMBER | | 78,742 | 6,347 | 85,089 | 77,789 |

* The 2023 figures have been restated, see note 4 for more information.

The notes on pages F5 to F12 form part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

| | Notes | As at 31/12/2024 £ | As at 31/12/2023 £ |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Screen and projector | 5 | 5,260 | 7,890 |
| Total Fixed Assets | | 5,260 | 7,890 |

CURRENT ASSETS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Bank & Cash | | 8,921 | 9,599 |
| CBF Deposit Account | | 71,525 | 63,525 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 6 | 3,819 | 3,472 |
| Total Current Assets | | 84,265 | 76,596 |

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| Creditors and accruals | 7 | 4,436 | 6,697 |
| Total Liabilities | | 4,436 | 6,697 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net Asset Surplus | 85,089 | 77,789 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|

| Represented by Funds | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| | Note | | |
| Unrestricted | 8 | 78,742 | 69,629 |
| Restricted | 8 | 6,347 | 8,160 |
| Total | | 85,089 | 77,789 |

The notes on pages F5 to F12 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Canon Marion de Quidt.

...M E DE QUIDT..... (PCC Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with accounting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) on the accruals basis and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) 2nd edition October 2019. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist Hook (hereafter "PCC") is registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1183688. The PCC is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. **Funds designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 8.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised through fundraising events are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants & Donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when due. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet [2024 – Nil]

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £3,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Basis of preparation

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue operating, consequently these accounts are presented on the basis that the PCC continues as a going concern.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | | |
|------|----------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | | 2024 | 2023 | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| 2(a) | Voluntary Income | | | | |
| | Planned Giving | 51,854 | - | 51,854 | 47,987 |
| | Collections at Services | 18,490 | - | 18,490 | 17,297 |
| | Tax Recoverable | 12,627 | - | 12,627 | 12,427 |
| | Tax - GASDS | 1,984 | - | 1,984 | 1,694 |
| | Grants received | - | 4,755 | 4,755 | 5,209 |
| | Donations, appeals | - | - | - | 10,880 |
| | Sub Totals | 84,955 | 4,755 | 89,710 | 95,494 |
| 2(b) | Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| | Fundraising | 5,481 | - | 5,481 | 2,949 |
| | Lunch Club | 1,724 | - | 1,724 | 2,284 |
| | Coffee Shop | 945 | - | 945 | 941 |
| | Bookstall and printing | 135 | - | 135 | 59 |
| | Other events | 147 | - | 147 | 58 |
| | Sub Totals | 8,431 | - | 8,431 | 6,291 |
| 2(c) | Other Income | | | | |
| | Insurance claim | 556 | - | 556 | - |
| | Reimbursement of employment costs | 5,589 | - | 5,589 | *5,511 |
| | Interest income | 3,233 | - | 3,233 | 1,892 |
| | Sub Totals | 9,377 | - | 9,377 | 7,403 |
| 2(d) | | | | | |
| | Church Lettings | 22,253 | - | 22,253 | 21,723 |
| | Fees | 2,441 | - | 2,441 | 2,001 |
| | Sub Totals | 24,694 | - | 24,694 | 23,724 |
| | Total Income | 127,457 | 4,755 | 132,212 | *132,912 |

* The 2023 figures have been restated, see note 4 for more information.

The total amount of donations received without attached conditions from Trustees during 2024 was £36,068 (2023: £42,900).

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 3(a) Church Activities | | | | |
| Common Mission Fund | 56,618 | - | 56,618 | 54,196 |
| Other ministry costs | 5,434 | - | 5,434 | 3,497 |
| Music costs | 1,023 | - | 1,023 | 3,809 |
| Church running & maintenance | 32,286 | 2,714 | 35,000 | 28,796 |
| Youth Children & Families | 391 | - | 391 | 346 |
| Administration | 14,274 | - | 14,274 | *13,011 |
| Lunch Club & Coffee Shop | 1,821 | 240 | 2,061 | 2,053 |
| Others | 147 | - | 147 | 139 |
| Mission Grants | | | | |
| Overseas | 668 | 4,014 | 4,682 | 5,311 |
| Home | 618 | - | 618 | 764 |
| Collections | 1,623 | - | 1,623 | 2,671 |
| Sub Totals | 114,903 | 6,968 | 121,871 | *114,593 |
| 3(b) Fund Raising costs | 803 | - | 803 | 212 |
| Sub Totals | 803 | - | 803 | 212 |
| 3(c) Governance Costs | | | | |
| Ind. Examination | 350 | - | 350 | 300 |
| Licences | 1,888 | - | 1,888 | 1,749 |
| Sub Totals | 2,238 | - | 2,238 | 2,049 |
| Total Expenditure | 117,944 | 6,968 | 124,912 | *116,854 |

* The 2023 figures have been restated, see note 4 for more information.

4. EMPLOYEES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Wages and Salaries | 10,973 | - | 10,973 | 10,844 |
| Social Security costs | - | - | - | - |
| Employer's contribution to pensions | 206 | - | 206 | 178 |
| Totals | 11,179 | - | 11,179 | 11,022 |

The average number of employees during the year was one. No employee received employee benefits greater than £60,000.

The Benefice Administrator is employed by the PCC of Hook Parish but 50% of the cost is recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC (HMR). From 1 January 2024, the PCC of Hook Parish has recognised the full cost of employing the Benefice Administrator (2023: 50%) reflecting the legal status of the PCC as employer. The reimbursement of half of the cost by HMR is now included in the income from Church Activities. The 2023 numbers have consequently been restated on the same basis.

No PCC Members were remunerated as employees during 2024 or 2023.

During 2024, £348 [2023: £nil] was paid under a contract for administration services with Thomas Maynes, who is a trustee of the PCC. At 31 December 2024, no amounts were outstanding under this contract.

One PCC member had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £442 [2023: one member - £448]. One Related Party had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £1 [2023: no members - £nil].

PENSIONS

The PCC of Hook Parish participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. The Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
 - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014, in which the PCC of Hook Parish participates.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme’s assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2024: £206, 2023: £178*restated)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2025, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 2.7% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2024. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2025.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, The PCC of Hook Parish could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer’s pension liabilities.

5. FIXED ASSETS

| | | Screen and projector £ | Total £ |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Actual Cost | At 1/1/2024 | 10,522 | 10,522 |
| | Additions | - | - |
| | Disposals | - | - |
| | At 31/12/2024 | 10,522 | 10,522 |
| Depreciation | At 1/1/2024 | 2,632 | 2,632 |
| | Charge for year | 2,630 | 2,630 |
| | At 31/12/2024 | 5,262 | 5,262 |
| Net Value | At 1/1/2024 | - | - |
| At 31/12/2024 | | 5,260 | 5,260 |

6. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | 3,750 | 3,472 |
| Prepayments | 69 | - |
| Total | 3,819 | 3,472 |

Debtors are the reimbursement by HMR Parish in respect of a share of the cost of ministry and administration, an amount of Gift Aid claimed from HMRC not yet received and a reimbursement from the Diocese of Winchester. All were received during January/February 2025.

7. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <i>Amounts falling due within one year</i> | | |
| Creditors | 3,161 | 6,406 |
| Accruals | 1,275 | 291 |
| Total | 4,436 | 6,697 |

Creditors are payments for expenditure incurred in 2024 but not paid until 2025. These represent amounts due but unpaid for utilities, various expenses, fees collected on behalf of Winchester Diocese, the independent examiner's fee and sundry other small invoices. The independent examiner's fee in 2024 was £350 [2023: £300].

8. FUNDS

| | 2024 | | | |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Unrestricted | | Restricted | |
| | Designated | Non Designated | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 January 2024 | 6,201 | 63,428 | 69,269 | 8,160 |
| Income | 3,158 | 124,299 | 127,457 | 4,754 |
| Expenditure | (9,502) | (108,443) | (117,945) | (6,968) |
| Transfers | 7,428 | (7,828) | (400) | 400 |
| 31 December 2024 | 7,286 | 71,456 | 78,742 | 6,346 |

| Details | £ | £ |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fabric | 5,786 | - |
| Audio Visual | - | 5,260 |
| Organ | 1,500 | - |
| Coffee Shop | - | - |
| Ukraine Support | - | 1,086 |
| | 7,286 | 6,346 |

| Represented by | Unrestricted | Restricted |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | - | 5,260 |
| Current assets | 83,178 | 1,086 |
| Current liabilities | (4,436) | - |
| | 78,742 | 6,346 |

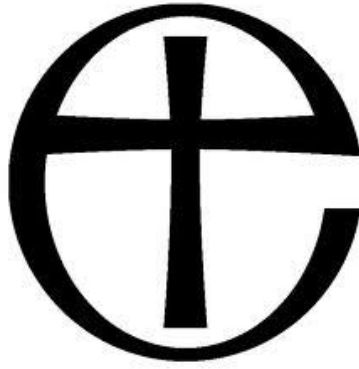
9. RESERVES

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months expenditure, including the PCC's contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund, to cover the running costs – this equates to £29k based on the 2024 expenditure levels.

In addition, designated reserves are held relating to future repair requirements of the church. Restricted donations are discouraged by the PCC, but amounts were received during the year specifically for the PCC's work with the local Ukrainian population, where we are grateful to the Odiham Consolidated Charities for their support for English lessons for local Ukrainian residents. It is anticipated that these restricted funds will be spent in full in 2025.

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Accounts



St John the Evangelist Church, Hook

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

[Registered Charity number: 1183688]

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Rector's Annual Report

Being in the Church Family

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." St Paul to the Ephesians Chapter 3 v 4-6.

We have had a really good year, with enjoyable growth in our worshipping community, new and deepening friendships, plus continuing our breadth of community activity. As a church team with many different individuals offering their gifts, we can celebrate, be grateful to God and to one another for the impact of hard work and faithful service. This report covers so many areas of our church life. We also give thanks for the financial generosity of our church family members and contributions from local organisations. We have financed our planned activities, church screen and projector, plus the purchase of a new piano, bought lovely new chairs and tables for the Narthex, and funded the unexpected need to restore the West Window, which will happen in 2024.

It was a challenge to say goodbye to Shona and Martin Hoad on the 1st of January. We miss them and continue to wish them well in Cornwall. Our brilliant ministry team and musicians have pulled together for complete continuity, as we offer the full pattern of weekly worship across our four churches in the Whitewater Benefice, with each one taking leadership and responsibility for a church or service. In St John's our musical worship has attracted new members to the choir and music group. Our worship has been aided by our new screen and projector in the church, awaited since before 2013. We use this monthly for All Age worship and for special events. We welcome children and families to many different worship and activities, as well as our ministry in schools. I want to thank each member of the Youth and Families Team, often serving behind the scenes to make it possible. We have continued to care for our senior members with monthly visits to Berry Court retirement community and Old Raven care home with communion, plus the Lunch Club and Friendship Café. We have read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as a church this year, with significant focus on the Beatitudes. It was so rewarding and inspiring as well as challenging us all to follow closely in Jesus' footsteps.

Our communication team has continued to enable us to stay in touch in a wide variety of different ways appropriate to age groups and activities. Our social activities have been well-supported, and the newcomers tea for those who have joined us since the pandemic was a joy. Our buildings are well-cared for, beautifully decorated with flowers, and we have great cakes, sausage rolls, cheese scones at the monthly cake sale, and more food after services, on Tuesday Lunch club once a month, on Thursday Friendship Café weekly, and much in between. The re-formed Gardening team have invested a lot in our grounds this year, with creative plans and visible impact, continuing the work of previous members. The May plant sale was well supported.

My special thanks go to Samantha Frolich who became Church Warden in April, and has supported me throughout the year; to our finance team with Caroline Bushman as Treasurer; to Eliza Burrige who has supported us all from the Benefice Office; to Richard Morley for 8 years of service as Church Warden; to Richard Paganuzzi coordinating the fabric team; to Caroline Bushman for leading the choir; to Stephen Davies our organist and Nikki Wild leading the music group; Jonathan Bushman LLM for leading our young people ministry, our Ministry team adapting always, and our prayerful friends who underpin our spiritual life. Thank you so much. Also to so many who give their kind and encouraging friendship, prayer support, and vision for God's kingdom.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector of the Whitewater Benefice

Church Warden's Annual Report

Statement of Aims

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] is to co-operate with the Rector and Ministry Team in promoting within Hook parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC met eight times in 2023, with an average attendance of 84%. There were additional Standing and Finance Committees.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2023 the membership comprised:

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rector | Revd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt [Chair] |
| Church Wardens | Richard Morley [Vice Chair] [to August 2023] Samantha Frolich [Vice Chair] [from April 2023] |
| Secretary | Tom Maynes [from April 2023] |
| Deanery Synod Representatives | Kim Foster Caroline Bushman [Treasurer] [to April 2023] Martin Rudd [to April 2023] |
| Elected Members | Caroline Bushman [Treasurer] [from April 2023] Nicola Clague Stephen Davies Caroline Frolander Sophie Fulpesi Tom Maynes [also secretary – see above] Richard Paganuzzi Susan Purchase Martin Rudd [from April 2023] Liz Wilson |

Committees and Teams

The PCC operates through committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. Their deliberations are received by the full PCC and discussed accordingly.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Finance Committee

This oversees the general financial work of St John's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting, maintaining appropriate financial controls and co-ordinating a review of Christian stewardship of money, including planned giving.

Whitewater Benefice Ministry Team

Our team includes ordained and Lay members who are listed in the Ministry Team Report.

Review of the Year

As a church, 2023 has been a year of celebration. Our service attendance and congregation have grown and flourished. We have been delighted to offer a variety of services supporting all styles of worship. The music groups and choir have enhanced the worship ensuring that the music appeals to all types of worship. It has been a joy to watch our church family grow this past year.

2023 has been a busy year for reaching out into our community and we have been grateful to attend both summer and Christmas fetes at Hook schools and the village fair organised by the Lions and Rotary Club. The Open the Book team attend Hook Infant school on a weekly basis, and it has been shared by parents that the children look forward to the team visiting. Reaching out and supporting the community as a church is an opportunity we not only value but enjoy immensely. Activities such as the Friendship Café and Monday Walkers group have returned to normal after the covid pandemic.

It was an honour to welcome Bishop David to St. John's in September for the confirmation service. Confirmation is a special time, and it was amazing to be able to share this with extended friends and families.

The church has been a hub of fun and activity with Youth Club, Messy Church, and the Restoration Station holiday club. All the children who attended had so much fun which the team worked incredibly hard to ensure that there was a variety of activities to cater for all ages and preferences. Bumps and Babes has welcomed the younger infants and is also a way for mums to gain support from each other. Brownies and Rainbows have moved from the Church Hall into the Narthex to make use of the larger space.

In November we hosted our 'Welcome tea' for our new members of our congregation which was well attended. It was a great opportunity to get to know everyone with a combination of great food and conversation. We also presented a quiz to help everyone learn some fun facts about St. John's and how it's been a familiar landmark of the Hook community since 1938.

The church has been a regular venue for concerts for Hook Choral Society. Their last concert, at Christmas, was performed to a full church. With our own Church Choir and the Wessex Chamber Choir practices, we now have three choirs regularly using the church.

Remembrance Sunday was an honour for us to support alongside the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Rainbows, Brownies, church family and the Hook community. To be able to parade up to our Hook memorial and honour and remember those who gave up their lives was such a humbling experience.

It has been a privilege to continue to support our Ukrainian family with the use of our church for their English lessons and are grateful to Hart Voluntary Action and Odiham Consolidated Charities for their financial help. We were also honoured that we were able to offer St. John's as a venue for the families to celebrate the Ukraine Independence Day. Again we are grateful for Hart Council for their help for this event, and for supporting the Ukrainian guests in Hart in general.

Our Christmas events are always an exciting time for us to open our doors and welcome the community to worship together at this magical time. We had an amazing turn out for Carols Around the Tree. The Crib Service held on Christmas Eve had the church bursting at the seams which was wonderful, and it was such a joy to see all the children dressed up as characters from the nativity.

Samantha Frolich, Church Warden

Administrative Information

St John the Evangelist Church is situated on London Road, Hook and is part of the Whitewater Benefice of Hook and HMR (Heckfield and Mattingley with Rotherwick). It is in the Deanery of Odiham under the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

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Hook
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The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in the legal name which is "THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK" with the registration number 1183688. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll records the names and addresses of all those who consider their spiritual home to be St John the Evangelist, Hook. It is used for a variety of purposes including parish and diocesan communications, and it also determines the number of representatives the church has on the Deanery Synod. Having your name on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

As of 31st December 2023, the number of people enrolled for St John's was 130. This represents a net increase of 8 since 31st December 2022. Of these, 82% live in the parish and 18% live outside the parish. The composition of St John's Electoral Roll is 65% women and 35% men.

The PCC appreciates the help and support that roll members give to St John's through their prayers, offerings, and participation in church life.

Susan Purchase, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

PCC met eight times in 2023.

As in previous years, meetings continued to focus on nominated subjects: worship and discipleship, iKnow (February); annual reports and financial statements, screen and projector (March 1); diocesan three year financial plan consultation (March 2); update on HMR post, church and centre cleaning (May); SIAMS, Eco Church (July); safeguarding (September); budget, west window repair, Narthex furniture, wellbeing of rector and ministers (November).

The APCM was held on 23rd April 2023. Full copies of PCC documents are available on request from the Church Office.

The churchwarden would like to thank the sub-committees and individuals for their support in the administration of the Church.

Samantha Frolich, Church Warden

Comms Team

The Comms Team meets most months at St John's to co-ordinate communications and publicity.

As a team we manage much of the benefice communications.

- 1) Website – this year we have continued to work with various updates from our service provider, most recently adding better functionality into the calendar.
- 2) Facebook – we continue to manage Facebook for both Hook and HMR.
- 3) ACNY – we update A Church Near You publishing details of services and events here. ACNY has had an update, which lets us manage a benefice, publishing events to all or specific churches, which is a big improvement.
- 4) Banners, posters and fliers – we have produced a number of banners that go outside St John's, posters for events, and even fliers for Hook Churches. We are trying to ensure consistency so that our branding is obvious, and ensuring that we use the similar images across a range of social media/media – to give a visual cohesion so for example what is on Facebook matches the banners we have outside church.
- 5) iKnow Church. We also manage iKnow Church which is used for management of Life Events such as Weddings across the Benefice, and in Hook it is now used to manage our church members, groups, teams, rotas, contacts, ticketed events, room bookings and the electoral roll etc.

A considerable amount of effort was put into rationalising, following up getting the appropriate (GDPR) boxes ticked so we can contact you, and generally improving the quality of the data that is held in iKnow Church and this activity will continue into next year. As a team we worry about GDPR, we ensure that we have the appropriate consent, so will often be chasing you for consent to email you or to use photos of you.

It has become clear that improvements are required to the IT infrastructure to support collaborative working between office staff, ministers and church officers with a single cloud-based document store. This will be investigated further in the new year.

Canon Marion de Quidt (Rector), Anna Shergold (Whitewater Website manager), Dave Wilson (IT manager)

Building and Fabric Report

This report was made to the Parochial Church Council [PCC] under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 by Samantha Frolich as Church Warden in March 2024; and is also made by her to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on behalf of the PCC.

The highlight of 2023 was the installation, after over a decade of deliberations, of a permanently installed projector and retractable screen with associated computer, audio and visual hardware and software.

At the same time, while the scaffolding tower was on hire, the uplighter LED bulbs were all replaced and re-aligned so that they were all of the same brightness, hue and direction. All fluorescent strip lighting in the parlour, servery, kitchen and office was replaced with new LED units. There remain a few fluorescent units in hallways, stairwells and other places where lighting is very rarely switched on. These will be considered for replacement with LEDs when they need to be repaired.

Funds and faculty approval have been obtained to repair the west window, which has been suffering from significant rainwater ingress for several years. Work will start in April 2024. Rainwater continues to be a concern in general, with several sporadic leaks to the Narthex roof and several cast iron gutters that need overhauling. Addressing these will be prioritised in 2024. New raised paving slabs were installed between the rectory and the flower vestry door to create a safer passage when the path was otherwise flooded.

The gardening team has increased in size. Work continues to make the church grounds suitable for wildlife as well as being aesthetically pleasing. Mowing of both the front lawns by the gardening team itself and that of the rear lawn by Hook Parish Council's contactors has been reduced to increase the number of wildflowers.

While they were not delivered by the end of 2023, comfortable, stackable chairs and new go-pak tables have been ordered for the Narthex. These will replace the black plastic chairs and the non-foldable tables.

A vermin control company was engaged in the autumn after reports of several rats. While they can be tolerated in the bushes between the church and the garage, since they were found within the garden of the pre-school, they were eradicated.

The largest pothole in the car park was repaired but several more smaller ones have appeared at the vehicle exit during the autumn and will be addressed in 2024.

Samantha Frolich, Church Warden

Gardening Team

Purpose: To improve the grounds in a three-fold way:

1. Cultivate more shrubs for the Flower Team
2. Improve the appearance of the church grounds for the benefit of everyone who walks through the church grounds
3. Create more areas to host a wider diversity of wildlife.

When and where: Wednesday from 10am until approx. 1pm

The team has looked at the following areas during 2023:

- Created a Wild Corner at the front (opposite the pre-school) to support the movement of invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians
- Became involved in Slow Worms in Churchyards (SLiC) and set up 10 reptile shelters around the grounds
- Improved the entrance to the church by planting geraniums to the left of the path and maintaining the rose bed behind the bench
- We have also begun to work on other areas, which are part of our current year's aims (our year runs from October to October):
- Planted more spring bulbs
- Prepared a mowing plan which allows the Gardening Team, Richard Paganuzzi, and the Goslings to be responsible for specific areas, which has allowed us to have different areas of short, meadow and long grass to encourage biodiversity
- Prepared a plan to remove the old compost area so that we can build a three leaf bays - this will enable us to generate our own compost
- Started work on creating a Wild Corridor (running along the garage side of the front of the church) to provide a natural habitat for a wide range of fauna
- Prepared a list of plants for the Flower Team, applied for funds from the PCC, bought and planted them
- Started to record cultivated flowering plants each month (to can see where the gaps are when we apply for more funding for plants)
- Surveyed the long and meadow grass areas for flora and fauna to provide the basis of records which can be used to show change in biodiversity
- Made wooden signs for different areas of the garden and linked them to the website via a QR code to allow the public to read what we are doing and why
- Updated the website on a regular basis to show what we are doing

Amanda Whittaker

Flower Arranging Team

We continue to have a team of eight volunteers who are pleased to share in this dedicated ministry.

This year we changed from using biodegradable Oasis to chicken wire for the majority of our floral displays, in line with working towards sustainable church flower arranging. Although this has been a challenge, we are all proud of our achievements.

During May the Flower Team held a successful church fundraising Plant Sale. The majority of the plants were produced/grown by the team. This was a happy social event and well supported by the local community.

Felicity Rudd

Ministry Reports

Benefice Safeguarding Team Report

Both Hook and HMR's PCC have complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The role of Safeguarding Officer is now jointly held by two members of Hook PCC who have benefited from a good handover from Martin Rudd who resigned from this position in 2023. Both Hook and HMR PCC's have considered and approved both (Hook and HMR) Parish Safeguarding Policies and received a report on current safeguarding concerns from a Safeguarding officer or the rector at each PCC meeting.

PCC members and relevant leaders and members of groups have been asked to undertake relevant Safeguarding training as advised in the diocese safeguarding training matrix and uptake of this training continues to improve. DBS checks are being undertaken as current certificates expire or new volunteers take up roles. The requirement to record relevant risk assessments for various church groups has been noted and remains work in progress. A small number of safeguarding concerns have arisen which have been managed and/or escalated appropriately following the approved Diocesan Safeguarding procedures.

Caroline Frolander and Sophie Fulpesi, Safeguarding Officers

Whitewater Benefice Ministry Team

Our team of licensed ministers has continued to meet monthly on the first Saturday each month through the year. We read the Bible, pray together, and reflect on the focus for our shared ministry, not only planning with rotas. We continue to work well as a leadership team, taking in advice and comments from Hook and HMR PCCs. We share out roles and responsibilities, and to care for parishioners across the four churches: Hook, Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick, and ministry in schools, nursing homes and in the community.

In 2023 our clergy team has been just me. Our licenced ministry team (previously called 'Readers', now Licenced Lay Ministers (LLM)) has included Jonathan Bushman, Tim Maynes and Jennifer Martin (Permission to Officiate). In our wider authorised ministry team we have those with Bishops' Commission for Mission (BCM), Shirley Clancy (pastoral), Kim Foster (Creation Care), Rosie Mandry (worship), Brigitte Maynes (pastoral), Carol-Anne Morris (pastoral), and Nikki Wild (worship). Helen Holley joined the Benefice for two months on placement pre-ordination, and was enthusiastic about our ministry and Benefice life. In Hook parish in 2023 we conducted 8 funerals in church, 3 funerals at Crematoria, 3 interments of ashes, no weddings, 2 baptisms, and in the Whitewater Benefice confirmation service 6 teenagers were confirmed and 1 adult. Our ministry to schools and homes is reported elsewhere. Thank you to our congregations who support us, advise us, and join Benefice teams to make things happen.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Pastoral Ministry

As a parish we are invited to support people in the community, in nursing homes, and in hospital. Much of this goes on quietly and carefully without a fanfare, and is appreciated for home visits, shopping, lifts

to hospital or phone calls. Many of our church family have a particular care of a group or individuals. Each month Jennifer Martin LLM, Brigitte Maynes and Joyce Baldock take Holy Communion into Old Raven care home, and Tim Maynes LLM shares in Holy Communion at Berry Court Anchor home with me. Men's breakfast has been meeting alternate months in a variety of venues around Hook on Saturday mornings. Thank you to Richard Morley for co-ordinating. The Hook Church Lunch Club, Friendship café, Monday walkers, Craft and Flower teams, and support for Bluebell Café at Holdshott Farm are regular faithful occasions for fun and friendship, and are only possible because of the sensitivity and hard work of the teams who serve. Our fellowship groups are places of deep friendship and support and reported elsewhere.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Old Raven House

The purpose of the group is to bring Holy Communion to the residents, offer pastoral care to residents staff and families. We meet monthly on the fourth Friday of each month.

Ministered to residents, bringing the church to the home. Offering support and engaging with the residents, meeting them where they are at.

Jennifer Martin LLM, assisted by Brigitte Maynes and Joyce Baldock

Youth and Families Ministry

The Youth and Families team has been active in 2023 during which we saw growth in the number of children and families coming into the church. We ran Junior Church, Messy Church, Bumps and Babes, and Youth Group. The Youth and Families team has run stalls at school fetes and a well-supported children's Christmas craft at the church outdoor Carol event. We also ran a two-day holiday club at the end of summer. In addition to ministry in the church, members of St. John's have served in Whitewater School, Hook Infants and Hook Junior Schools leading collective worship as well as the Open the Book activities (see details below).

Many thanks to all those involved in running youth and family activities in 2023, the commitment and hard work of the team combined with their experience has been very much appreciated.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Junior Church

Junior Church continues to run each Sunday morning apart from the first Sunday when there is All Age Worship. The dedicated team are running two groups; one for infants and pre-school children, and the other for Junior and Secondary school aged children. The sessions are normally based on the lectionary theme for the day and are part of the Sunday morning service.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Messy Church

Messy Church meets monthly and has grown in 2023, now there are regularly over 20 children at each Messy Church service plus their parents or adult carers. The Messy Church team has also been supplemented with young leaders of secondary school age which really helps with larger numbers.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Restoration Station

At the end of the summer holidays we organised a two-day holiday club for primary school children with over 40 young people joining us over the two days on the theme of Restoration Station as we looked how Jesus restores people's lives.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Youth Group

Youth Group for young people in year 8 or above has continued to run and has grown in 2023. It was wonderful to see 5 members of the Youth Group being confirmed by Bishop David in September 2023 following the Youth Alpha Course. It has been good to see young people in the church getting involved in the life of the church, for example, with the sound desk, Bible readings and prayers and helping to lead younger children activities.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Bumps and Babes

Bumps and Babes was started after COVID to give babies and toddlers a chance to socialise, and give new mums people to share things with. We meet in the Narthex every Wednesday during term time from 9 until 11.

It was a very special moment at our last meeting of the term, when our Coffee and Study group arrived at the perfect time to give our little ones battery candles – the light of Christ, it was beautiful. The toddlers loved picking the wild flowers, pressing them and the making pictures with the dried flowers. We try to bring some of the Bible into our play and craft which is not always easy! We have a board in the parlour, please look at what we have been up to.

Gill Morley and Gill Lohead

Open the Book

The purpose of Open the Book is to give children the opportunity to hear Bible stories on a regular basis as part of their collective worship. We go into Hook Infant School every Monday afternoon in term time.

New material has been introduced this year by the Open the Book organisers. We have had a new member joining the team.

Brigitte Maynes

Assemblies and RE Lessons

We are invited into three local schools to contribute the Christian perspective to Religious Education as well as leading whole school assemblies/ Collective worship. Denise White, Brigitte Maynes and I lead Assembly in Hook Juniors each month. In Hook Infants and Whitewater Church of England Primary school, I lead worship half-termly or fortnightly in addition to the two Open the Book teams. I also lead RE lessons as requested and we host Christmas Nativity for Year 2 in St John's. We attend the school presentations at Easter and Christmas in Hook Junior school and are invited for a celebration thank you tea at the end of the year.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Musical Worship

Choir

During 2023, the choir has been pleased to welcome a number of new singers. There are now around 25 regular members at our weekly practices (including juniors) and usually around 16-20 singing at any service.

We support hymn singing at the 2nd and 4th Sunday 10am services, on the 4th Sundays we sing a service setting and an anthem. We also support additional services, including Festivals (such as Ascension Day), the Confirmation service and the Christmas Carol service – with guests, this year 40 singers were involved. We were pleased again to have the opportunity to sing in Winchester Cathedral for the local Royal School of Church Music festival. Small groups of singers are also called upon to support singing at weddings and funerals in the Whitewater Benefice. In total, the choir sang at over 40 services in 2023.

As well as learning pieces to sing, a number of choristers (both juniors and adults) have been working on their “Voice for Life” programme, learning music theory and more about church music, consequently some gained singing medals during the year.

My thanks to Stephen Davies for his regular playing at choir practice and his support and to David Bridgman for his occasional playing.

Caroline Bushman, Choir Director

Music Group

The Music Group is our pool of musicians and singers (other than the Choir) for services at St John’s.

The Music Group has provided music through 2023 for the 10am All Age and Morning Worship services at St John’s on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

A variety of songs and hymns have been selected, introducing new music to the congregation whilst still including some favourites.

The group has grown in confidence and number, welcoming those who are occasionally available to sing or play an instrument.

In January, we joined with our friends from Life Church to lead worship at the Unity Service.

In addition, during the year we have led three Taizé reflective services on a Sunday evening.

Since December, we have enjoyed the new digital piano in church which has enhanced the quality of the music. The old piano is now a useful resource for rehearsal and preparation time in the Choir Room. Looking ahead to 2024 we would love to welcome more musicians who might like to dust off an instrument and join in (even just occasionally) and anyone who would like to be involved on the sound technical side.

Nikki Wild

Fellowship Groups

Living Flame

Living Flame meets for fellowship and Bible study on the first and third Wednesday of the month in St John's Church Centre.

Small groups give us the opportunity to explore God's word in more depth and consider how we apply it in our daily lives. Our meetings are relaxed, friendly and sociable, beginning with a time to share news before we study of God's word. We conclude by sharing prayer requests to take into the week ahead. Topics we have covered in 2023 have included the Armour of God, "Rest is worship" and the Beatitudes. Going into 2024, we have begun a study exploring the Psalms.

Nikki Wild

Thursday Fellowship Group

Thursday Fellowship has continued in 2023, meeting most Thursday evenings on Zoom to explore the Bible and God's message for us today. We also enjoyed some occasional face to face social events. Studies in 2023 included the Archbishop's Lent study 'Failure', a study on Jesus the Game Changer and the Advent course Mary's Voice. There are between 7 and 13 people coming each week and we always welcome new members.

Jonathan Bushman, LLM

Sunday Fellowship Group

The Sunday Fellowship Group meets in people's homes one Sunday evening a month for Bible study.

We have met a number of times during 2023, often discussing topics relating to the Sunday morning sermon.

Caroline Bushman

Wednesday Ecumenical Bible Group

The purpose of the group is to develop a deeper understanding of the bible, to follow Jesus. We meet every Wednesday morning on zoom Within the group there are people from several Christian denominations.

We followed Sharing the Easter Story by Sally Welch. Studied some Women in the Bible The calling and ministry of 12 disciples, and the example they have set. Following from this we looked at the writings of St. John.

Jennifer Martin, LLM

Wednesday Coffee and Bible Study Group

The Wednesday Coffee and Bible Study Group meets every other Wednesday, usually at the church, for Bible study and refreshments.

Denise White

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter takes place on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 2 till 4 in the Narthex. We also run a cake sale on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10 until 12 in Narthex.

Again we have had a busy year: baking cakes for 1st Saturday which raises an average of £150 a month and at least double at Christmas.

- Knitting Bobby Buddies for Hampshire Constabulary.
- Knitting sunflowers for Basingstoke Hospital outpatients department (they are not allowed real flowers).
- Craft and beautiful handmade cards for Christmas.
- Making bunting to brighten the Narthex.

Gill Morley

Community Activity Support

As a local church we are privileged to be able to support the work of other organisations by providing an excellent venue and facilities, as well as pastoral care for some groups. Hook Choral Society continue to rehearse on Tuesdays as they have for many years, and offer wonderful Autumn and Christmas Concerts. The Wessex Chamber Choir also began weekly rehearsals in 2023. We have continued for another full year to support our Ukrainian friends with English language lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays, in partnership with Hart District Council and Odiham Consolidated Charities. We know that our part is small considering the massive disruption to their lives, and we gain as much from their friendship and positive attitude as they do from our support. Special thanks go to Simon de Quidt, who has been instrumental in the Ukrainian ministry, with help from Richard Paganuzzi and the team.

The Rainbows and Brownies, our local uniformed Guiding organisations use the Narthex weekly, and the Trefoil Guild come for termly meetings. Marion is the Bramshill Scout District Chaplain and welcomes the young people and leaders into St John's for St George's Day Parade in April and for their Faith Badges, in addition to our shared village Remembrance Day events. We were very sad when Sue Hedges died suddenly this year. She has had an incredible impact on local scouting, has been a good friend and long-term member of St John's Church. Her funeral service was packed.

The St John's Preschool continues to offer excellent provision for young children as recognised by OFSTED. Many nurseries have closed in recent years, and our team have needed to turn away 50 families in the last year, but they have navigated many challenges and will continue into 2024. We are delighted to host them in our church hall.

Every week the locally organised Hart walkers come into the church for coffee after their walk. It is hugely appreciated, well attended, and we thank Jenny Littlefield for her faithful supportive hospitality.

In December 2023 we were delighted to achieve Bronze status in the A Rocha Eco-Church award system after many years of preparation and teamwork action. Thank you to Samantha Frolich for pulling all the strands together. We shall be working for our Silver status in 2024.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Friendship Café

Friendship Cafe runs every Thursday morning in the narthex from 10 am until 11.30am. We aim to provide a warm and safe environment for social interaction.

Sadly we lost two of our much loved regulars recently but we have also welcomed several newcomers over the past year. We have about twenty regular attendees and enjoy good conversations and much laughter along with coffee, tea and cake.

Carol-Anne Morris

Lunch Club

The purpose of St John's Lunch Club is to reach out to the elderly and lonely in the village by giving them the opportunity to get out of the house and meet up with friends over a convivial meal. The menu that we offer is as varied as ever & features old favourites as well as continuing to introduce new recipes to increase our repertoire. We still offer a choice of three main courses as well as a choice of three desserts and after a trial run of having a vegetarian option for 6 people in the main course, we have

continued to offer it. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Narthex and although we do not have an 'official' Lunch Club in August, we try and do something simple along the lines of a ploughman's. We have a few new volunteers, which is good news as it is useful to have a goodly number of volunteers who are able to help out in case of illness or holidays. Sadly several of our 'Lunch Clubbers' have passed away in the past year but new faces are joining the more familiar ones and the numbers coming remain fairly steady between 30-40 each month. Those who come to Lunch Club are always very appreciative of the efforts made by the volunteers.

Catriona Terrell

Ecumenical Ministry

We continue to share a common purpose with churches in Hook with Life Church and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. We share in ecumenical bible study groups, 'Open the Book' in Hook Infant School, leaflets to advertise Christmas and Easter services, a Good Friday Walk of Witness in the heart of Hook village, an Annual Unity service in the Hook Elizabeth Hall, and the Annual World Day of Prayer Service.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Odiham Deanery Synod

We met three times in 2023. 27th Feb at St John's Hook, with a presentation on Cross Cultural Mission, by Paul Thaxter, and prayers for our Companion Link in Myanmar. 13th July at St John's Hartley Wintney with a presentation from Archdeacon Richard Brand (Winchester) on Clergy Wellbeing, and the Clergy Covenant of 2020 to be considered by PCCs. In 2022 Odiham Deanery delivered 96.3% of CMF request. We elected the Deanery officers. On 29th November at St Barnabas Darby Green, Marion presented from the Bishops' Learning day on Children and Youth Ministry, encouraging us to look at ways to double the number of children and young people in our churches by 2030; with an update from General Synod on the Church of England Prayers of love and faith.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Odiham Area Dean

Winchester Diocesan Synod

We met four times in 2023. On 16th March the Board of Education moved to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation; Synod also heard a report from the visit to Rwanda and approved a proposal to increase weekly clergy rest hours. Budget consultations began. Clergy stipends were increased in line with other dioceses. On 22nd June, Annual Report and Accounts for 2022 were considered, and Common Mission Fund requests were approved. A virtual meeting on 11th September approved the Diocesan 3-year financial plan. On 22nd November Synod adopted the net zero route map as approved by the Church of England, heard a report on the visit to Burundi, approved a change to the standing orders of Synod, received updates from Bishops Council and General Synod. We said thank you and farewell to Bishop Debbie Sellin as she moved on to Peterborough, and welcome to Bishop Philip Mounstephen to be installed in January 2024.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Diocesan Synod Clergy Representative of Odiham Deanery

Financial Review

Income

The PCC's income comes significantly from regular donations through Planned Giving schemes (such as the Parish Giving Scheme) and collections at church services, plus associated Gift Aid reclaimed from the UK Government. The PCC's voluntary income increased significantly in 2023 to £95,494, of this amount, £42,900 was donated by Trustees. The PCC successfully raised funds for a new screen and projector as well as receiving grants from the Odiham Consolidated Charities towards English lessons for our local Ukrainian residents

Renting out the church facilities to various local organisations also generates income, in 2023 this was £21,723. During the year a number of fundraising events were held which raised £2,949. The PCC also received significant interest income in 2023 for the first time in some years, being £1,892. Other small items contributed the remainder of the PCC's income, which totalled £127,401.

Expense

The PCC contributed the full amount requested of it to the Diocese of Winchester Common Mission Fund – this was £54,196. The PCC also donated £3,685 to various charities, either from its own funds or following collections or fundraising events held, as well as spending £5,061 on its work with local Ukrainian residents. The PCC also invested £10,522 in the new screen and projector.

The remainder of expenditure (£37,879) covered everything from the utility bills, salaries for the church staff, building maintenance, cost of consumables such as coffee, paper, cleaning materials, music and necessary administration expenses such as licenses required for streaming services. Total expenditure was £111,343.

Outcome for 2023

A surplus of £16,058 was generated during 2023.

Reserves

The PCC holds unrestricted reserves of £69,629 plus restricted reserves of £8,160. The majority of this is held within the PCC's account in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund managed by CCLA. Further information can be found in the financial statements contained within this report.

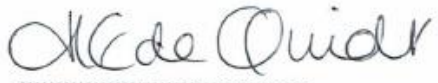
Outlook

In terms of finances in 2024, a significant building repair is due to be carried out in the Spring, but the PCC is grateful for the continued faithful giving of a large proportion of the congregation, which enables it to investigate ideas which might require a larger financial outlay, including ideas which help St John's on its journey towards the Eco Church Silver and Gold awards.

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

PCC Approval of Annual Report

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



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Canon Marion de Quidt
PCC Chair

**The Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St John the Evangelist, Hook**

Charity registration number 1183688

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

I report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook (hereafter PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

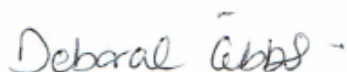
I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an internal examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 2(a) | 89,997 | 5,497 | 95,494 | 70,009 |
| Activities for generating Funds | 2(b) | 6,291 | - | 6,291 | 7,077 |
| Investment Income | 2(c) | 1,892 | - | 1,892 | 317 |
| Church activities | 2(d) | 23,724 | - | 23,724 | 20,935 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 121,904 | 5,497 | 127,401 | 98,338 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | |
| Church activities | 3(a) | 103,518 | 5,564 | 109,082 | 94,359 |
| Cost of generation of voluntary income | 3(b) | 212 | - | 212 | 943 |
| Governance costs | 3(c) | 2,049 | - | 2,049 | 2,113 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 105,779 | 5,564 | 111,343 | 97,415 |
| NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES | | 16,125 | (67) | 16,058 | 923 |
| TRANSFERS | | (7,827) | 7,827 | - | - |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | 8,298 | 7,760 | 16,058 | 923 |
| BAL B/F 1 JANUARY | | 61,331 | 400 | 61,731 | 60,808 |
| BAL C/F 31 DECEMBER | | 69,629 | 8,160 | 77,789 | 61,731 |

The notes on pages F5 to F12 form part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

| | Notes | As at 31/12/2023 | As at 31/12/2022 |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Screen and projector | 5 | 7,890 | 0 |
| Total Fixed Assets | | 7,890 | 0 |

CURRENT ASSETS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Bank & Cash | | 9,599 | 19,375 |
| CBF Deposit Account | | 63,525 | 47,525 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 6 | 3,472 | 1,803 |
| Total Current Assets | | 76,596 | 68,703 |

LIABILITIES

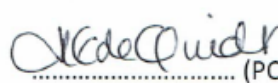
| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| Creditors and accruals | 7 | 6,697 | 6,971 |
| Total Liabilities | | 6,697 | 6,971 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net Asset Surplus | 77,789 | 61,732 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|

| Represented by Funds | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| | Note | | |
| Unrestricted | 8 | 69,629 | 61,332 |
| Restricted | 8 | 8,160 | 400 |
| Total | | 77,789 | 61,732 |

The notes on pages F5 to F12 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Canon Marion de Quidt.


..... (PCC Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with accounting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) on the accruals basis and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) 2nd edition October 2019. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist Hook (hereafter "PCC") is registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1183688. The PCC is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. **Funds designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 8.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised through fundraising events are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants & Donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when due. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet [2023 – Nil]

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £3,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Basis of preparation

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue operating, consequently these accounts are presented on the basis that the PCC continues as a going concern.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | | |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | | 2023 | 2022 | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| 2(a) | Voluntary Income | | | | |
| | Planned Giving | 47,987 | - | 47,987 | 42,845 |
| | Collections at Services | 17,009 | 288 | 17,297 | 10,787 |
| | Tax Recoverable | 12,427 | - | 12,427 | 9,566 |
| | Tax - GASDS | 1,694 | - | 1,694 | 1,273 |
| | Grants received | - | 5,209 | 5,209 | 2,514 |
| | Donations, appeals | 10,880 | - | 10,880 | 3,024 |
| | Sub Totals | 89,997 | 5,497 | 95,494 | 70,009 |
| 2(b) | Activities for generating funds | | | | |
| | Fundraising | 2,949 | - | 2,949 | 3,575 |
| | Lunch Club | 2,284 | - | 2,284 | 2,407 |
| | Coffee Shop | 941 | - | 941 | 763 |
| | Bookstall and printing | 59 | - | 59 | 307 |
| | Other events | 58 | - | 58 | 25 |
| | Sub Totals | 6,291 | - | 6,291 | 7,077 |
| 2(c) | Income from Investments | | | | |
| | Dividends and interest including tax recoverable | 1,892 | - | 1,892 | 317 |
| | Sub Totals | 1,892 | - | 1,892 | 317 |
| 2(d) | | | | | |
| | Church Lettings | 21,723 | - | 21,723 | 18,873 |
| | Fees | 2,001 | - | 2,001 | 2,062 |
| | Sub Totals | 23,724 | - | 23,724 | 20,935 |
| | Total Income | 121,904 | 5,497 | 127,401 | 98,338 |

The total amount of donations received without attached conditions from Trustees during 2023 was £42,900 (2022: £32,843).

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 3(a) Church Activities | | | | |
| Common Mission Fund | 54,196 | - | 54,196 | 55,628 |
| Other ministry costs | 3,497 | - | 3,497 | 2,746 |
| Music costs | 3,809 | - | 3,809 | 763 |
| Church running & maintenance | 28,637 | 159 | 28,796 | 20,019 |
| Youth Children & Families | 346 | - | 346 | 445 |
| Administration | 7,500 | - | 7,500 | 6,079 |
| Lunch Club & Coffee Shop | 1,709 | 344 | 2,053 | 2,211 |
| Others | 139 | - | 139 | 397 |
| Mission Grants | | | | |
| Overseas | 250 | 5,061 | 5,311 | 2,928 |
| Home | 764 | - | 764 | 619 |
| Collections | 2,671 | - | 2,671 | 2,524 |
| Sub Totals | 103,518 | 5,564 | 109,082 | 94,359 |
| 3(b) Fund Raising costs | 212 | - | 212 | 943 |
| Sub Totals | 212 | - | 212 | 943 |
| 3(c) Governance Costs | | | | |
| Ind. Examination | 300 | - | 300 | 300 |
| Licences | 1,749 | - | 1,749 | 1,813 |
| Sub Totals | 2,049 | - | 2,049 | 2,113 |
| Total Expenditure | 105,779 | 5,564 | 111,343 | 97,415 |

4. EMPLOYEES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Wages and Salaries | 5,422 | - | 5,422 | 6,870 |
| Social Security costs | - | - | - | - |
| Employer's contribution to pensions | 89 | - | 89 | 61 |
| Totals | 5,511 | - | 5,511 | 6,931 |

The average number of employees during the year was two. No employee received employee benefits greater than £60,000. The Benefice Administrator is employed by the PCC but 50% of the cost is recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC. The amounts shown above include the PCC of Hook Parish's share of the costs.

None of the PCC Members were remunerated as employees during 2023 or 2022.

One PCC member had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £448 [2022: two members - £582].

PENSIONS

The PCC of Hook Parish participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. The Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
 - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014, in which the PCC of Hook Parish participates.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2023: £89, 2022: £61)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2024, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 5% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2023. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022. Calculations for this are currently under way.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, The PCC of Hook Parish could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer’s pension liabilities.

5. FIXED ASSETS

| | | Screen and projector £ | Total £ |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Actual Cost | At 1/1/2023 | - | - |
| | Additions | 10,522 | 10,522 |
| | Disposals | - | - |
| | At 31/12/2023 | 10,522 | 10,522 |
| Depreciation | At 1/1/2023 | - | - |
| | Charge for year | 2,632 | 2,632 |
| | At 31/12/2023 | 2,632 | 2,632 |
| Net Value | At 1/1/2023 | - | - |
| At 31/12/2023 | | 7,890 | 7,890 |

6. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | 3,472 | 1,803 |
| Prepayments | - | - |
| Total | 3,472 | 1,803 |

Debtors are the reimbursement by HMR Parish in respect of a share of the cost of ministry and administration, reimbursement by the RC Diocese of Portsmouth in respect of a share of the cost of the village Christmas Card, an amount due in respect of room rental plus an amount of Gift Aid claimed from HMRC not yet received. All were received during January 2024.

7. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <i>Amounts falling due within one year</i> | | |
| Creditors | 6,406 | 6,615 |
| Accruals | 291 | 356 |
| Total | 6,697 | 6,971 |

Creditors are payments for expenditure incurred in 2023 but not paid until 2024. These represent amounts due but unpaid for utilities, various expenses, fees collected on behalf of Winchester Diocese, the independent examiner's fee and sundry other small invoices.

8. FUNDS

| | 2023 | | | |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Unrestricted | | Restricted | |
| | Designated | Non Designated | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 January 2023 | 10,490 | 50,841 | 61,331 | 400 |
| Income | 10,329 | 111,575 | 121,904 | 5,497 |
| Expenditure | (10,640) | (95,139) | (105,779) | (5,564) |
| Transfers | (3,978) | (3,849) | (7,827) | 7,827 |
| 31 December 2023 | 6,201 | 63,428 | 69,629 | 8,160 |

| Details | £ | £ |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Fabric | 5,201 | - |
| Audio Visual | - | 7,890 |
| Organ | 1,000 | - |
| Coffee Shop | - | 83 |
| Ukraine Support | - | 187 |
| | 10,490 | 8,160 |

| Represented by | Unrestricted | Restricted |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | - | 7,890 |
| Current assets | 76,326 | 270 |
| Current liabilities | (6,697) | - |
| | 69,629 | 8,160 |

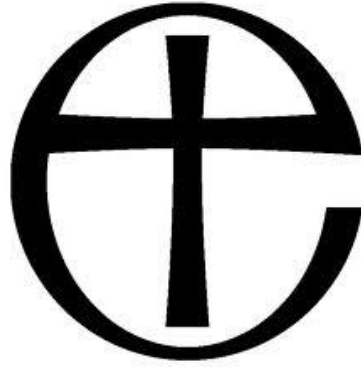
9. RESERVES

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months expenditure, including the PCC's contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund, to cover the running costs – this equates to £25k based on the 2023 expenditure levels.

In addition, designated reserves are held relating to future repair requirements of the church. Restricted donations are discouraged by the PCC, but amounts were received during the year specifically for new kitchen equipment and for the PCC's work with the local Ukrainian population, where we are grateful to the Odiham Consolidated Charities for their support for English lessons for local Ukrainian residents. It is anticipated that these restricted funds will be spent in full in 2024.

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Accounts



St John the Evangelist Church, Hook

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2022

[Registered Charity number: 1183688]

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What is our purpose? To love God and love our neighbours, near and far

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Our objective as a church family is to be faithful to God in our calling to be Jesus' disciples. As a small local church we can listen to His direction and be obedient, even though we cannot do and be everything. In 2022 we have grown as a church family in number and depth of love for God. Some growth guided by planned change, other growth in response to situations that have arisen. We have sought to love God first, and our neighbour as ourselves as we develop our church family vision.

What successes stand out in 2022? We responded to our PCC worship survey of 2021 by offering a full range of opportunities to come close to God and to sing his praise. There is something for everyone. We celebrate our large number of gifted and servant-hearted individuals that lead musical worship. We give thanks for a renewed desire to listen carefully to what God says in the written word by study and preaching. Our study of Old Testament temple rebuilding stories inspired us to consider the importance of vision and relationships. We are listening to how God is speaking to us through one another as we share in prayer and home groups, and take note of our villages. Our children and families team serves all ages, on Sundays and midweek, in church and in our three primary schools, for church families and for the community. We find trusted friendship and a listening ear within craft, fabric and flower teams, at fundraisers and during weekly coffee mornings. When the war began in Ukraine, we saw echoes of refugee crises described in the Bible, in the life of Jesus' family, and we heard local Hook stories and sought to respond as best we can. We celebrated with the Queen at her Jubilee and in the village and mourned her loss.

We stepped out in faith this year expecting a large financial challenge. At the end we are so grateful to God, for our prayers answered, for generous givers and hard-working fundraisers, for the team who managed carefully and for books more than balanced. I wonder what we learn from this, and what the Lord is asking us to do next?

Communication is key to invitation and inclusion. Thanks to our dedicated team we have worked through multiple media to care for one another more effectively and offer to a wider audience, by learning to use iKnow, make the most of our website, the Church of England website "A Church Near You", while continuing with notices sheets, Facebook, WhatsApp and word of mouth. Our church is beautiful. Come to see on a Sunday early morning, or in the afternoon setting sun. We are warm and welcoming. The Chapel is open during the day for prayer. Our building is well cared for. Flower arrangements and candles, provided by our talented and dedicated flower arranging team inspire us all year round and we now have a gardening team.

My special thanks go to Richard Morley who has led the fabric team and enabled the care of our buildings and community activities; to Eliza Burridge who has supported us all from the Benefice Office; to our finance team with Caroline Bushman as Treasurer; to our musicians with Stephen Davies as choir leader and Nikki Wild leading the music group; Jonathan Bushman for leading our young people ministry, our Ministry team who adapt to serve continually, and the prayer groups that underpin our spiritual life. Thank you so much. Also to so many who bring laughter and knitting, practical help and encouragement alongside throughout the year. You are wonderful.

We all thank Shona and Martin Hoad, who brought joy and love to our Hook and village churches for four years. We are really sad to see them leave, but rejoice in their new calling and wish them every blessing in Cornwall.

I am looking forward to the year 2023 as we continue to implement the culture changes we have agreed, and enjoying fellowship with one another and our village.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector of the Whitewater Benefice

Church Warden's Annual Report

Statement of Aims

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] is to co-operate with the Incumbent and Ministry Team in promoting within Hook parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

The PCC met seven times in 2022, with additional Standing and Finance Committees.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

During 2022 the membership comprised:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Incumbent (Rector from Feb 2019) | Revd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt [Chair] |
| Assistant Priest (to Dec 2022) | Revd Shona Hoad |
| Church Wardens | Richard Morley [Vice Chair] [from April 2022] Richard Paganuzzi [Vice Chair to April 2022] |
| Secretary | Charlotte Margetson, <i>non elected</i> [resigned December 2022] |
| Deanery Synod Representatives | Caroline Bushman [Treasurer] [from April 2022] Kim Foster Martin Rudd |
| Elected Members | Caroline Bushman [Treasurer] [to April 2022] Nicola Clague Stephen Davies Caroline Frolander Sophie Fulpesi Tom Maynes [from April 2022] Richard Paganuzzi [from April 2022] Susan Purchase Susan Steele [to April 2022] Liz Wilson [from April 2022] |

Committees and Teams

The PCC operates through committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC, their deliberations are received by the full PCC and discussed accordingly.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Finance Committee

This oversees the general financial work of St John's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting, maintaining appropriate financial controls and co-ordinating a review of Christian stewardship of money, including planned giving.

Whitewater Benefice Ministry Team

Our team includes ordained and Lay members who are listed in Ministry Team Report on page 8.

Our Review of the Year

As we continue to restart after the pandemic, we have been a very busy church.

Our main Sunday service at 10:00 am continues to offer a variety of styles, with an All Age service, Holy Communion with Hymns, a contemporary style Morning Worship and a Sung Eucharist with our choir all on offer monthly. An evening service, which started during the Covid-19 pandemic to provide an opportunity for a smaller congregation to meet together for communion, has proved popular and continues to be offered. A traditional BCP Holy Communion service takes place once a month at 8:30 a.m. in the cycle of one service per week which moves around and takes place in each of the four churches.

In May we opened our church for an information evening for the Ukrainian refugees. In collaboration with HVA and a generous donation from Odiham Consolidated Charities, we have hosted English lessons to help them gain confidence in speaking English within the community and to assist them in finding some employment. Every Friday we held a café for the refugees, so they could meet others, share information and enjoy being part of the community. The 24th August saw the Church centre decorated in blue and yellow as we joined our Ukrainian friends to share their Independence Day celebrations. We enjoyed a wide variety of their traditional dishes and listened to them sing traditional Ukrainian Folk songs.

We had a busy year out in the village. Marion and the choir led the singing at the Jubilee beacon event in the new country park, and we had a Platinum Jubilee morning service. The celebrations continued at the Elizabeth Hall and ended with a party in the Narthex. We set up a stand at both the Village Fete and the School Fair. In November we hosted the Hart Civic Service for Dr Jane Worlock, the Chair of the District Council, and open-air Carols around the Tree for Christmas.

In August we hosted a deanery supper for Bishop James Min Dean with Bishop Mark Saw Maung Doe and Joanna from Myanmar and heard about their difficulties in a war-torn country.

Lunch club has been a continued success with over forty diners most months. Many are from Geoffrey's House which will eventually close, and the residents will move to Basingstoke. Hopefully some of the regulars will make the trip back for good food and good company. A big thank you to Hook and Odiham Lions who paid for their Christmas Lunch.

The Thursday morning Friendship Café has flourished and provided a valuable social interaction to over a dozen regulars. As a result of the Friendship Café volunteers we opened a weekly warm space in December.

Children's activities have continued to be busy with Junior Church, Messy Church and a Holiday Club. Younger ones have been attending either Bumps and Babes or Fingerprints.

Our Choir and Music Group continue to grow in both numbers and abilities. The Music Group support the All Age and contemporary Morning Worship services, whilst the Choir lead the singing at the Holy Communion with Hymns and the Sung Eucharist services.

Many of our varied activities are funded by the talents of our volunteers. The monthly cake sale has continued to grow, not only as fundraiser and but also as a social event on the first Saturday morning each month. Flower arrangements at Christmas, along with seasonal crafts filled the gap from the Hook Cracker ending along with our outdoor carols. This Carols around the tree event gave the village an opportunity to come together to sing their carols whilst sipping mulled wine on a very cold evening. Other fundraising events included wine tasting, a concert and a desserts evening, all providing funds as well as enjoyable evenings.

Administrative Information

St John the Evangelist Church is situated on London Road, Hook and is part of the Whitewater Benefice of Hook and HMR (Heckfield and Mattingley with Rotherwick). It is in the Deanery of Odiham under the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

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The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in the legal name which is "THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK" with the registration number 1183688. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Electoral Roll report

The Electoral Roll records the names and addresses of all those who consider their spiritual home to be St John the Evangelist, Hook. It is used for a variety of purposes including parish and diocesan communications, and it also determines the number of representatives the church has on the Deanery Synod. Having your name on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

As of 31st December 2022, the number of people enrolled for St John's was 122. This represents a net increase of four since 31st December 2021. The composition of St John's Electoral Roll is 66% women and 34% men. The PCC appreciates the help and support that roll members give to St John's through their prayers, offerings, and participation in church life.

Richard Paganuzzi, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

PCC met 7 times in 2022 and Standing Committee met 4 times.

As in previous years, meetings continued to focus on nominated subjects: budget setting; selecting charities; pMAP/our vision.

The APCM was held on 3 April 2022. Full copies of PCC documents are available on request from the Church Office.

The churchwarden would like to thank the sub-committees and individuals for their support in the administration of the Church.

Richard Morley, Church Warden

Building and Fabric Report

Building & Fabric Report

This report was made to the Parochial Church Council [PCC] under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 by Richard Morley as churchwarden in March 2023; and is also made by him to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on behalf of the PCC.

Work on the buildings has been on electrical works, with the 5 yearly lighting check being completed. The old strip lights in the church hall have been replaced with LED strips. After averting a disaster on the first floor of the church centre, all the old sodium and halogen lights have been replaced by modern LEDs. This project will continue into 2023 with the replacement of old lights in the centre with new LEDs.

Water continues to be a concern and a blocked gutter caused problems in the church hall but assistance from an expert volunteer rectified this quickly. It continues to be a problem obtaining the services of a building maintenance company, post pandemic work has kept them very busy. Investigation work is ongoing as to the cause of the sporadic leaks from the narthex glass roof.

The gardening team worked on the area between the church and the garage to clear brambles and dead branches. A couple of small conifers that were overcrowding and dying back were removed. The edging on the driveways has been cut back after many years which has made the entrance more inviting. A new team has started to regenerate the outside spaces.

The old hot water boiler in the kitchen failed its PAT (portable appliance test) and has been replaced. This will make it easier for dispensing tea and coffee at Lunch Club and other big social functions.

The balcony on the first floor has been cleaned of many years of pigeon goanna and special spikes have been placed on the beams to deter the pigeons from roosting on them.

The Fabric Team is working towards a permanent screen and projector for the church. It is also investigating a long term solution to replacing the gas boiler in the church centre. It did explore the offer of housing a peel of bells in the tower. The cost of seeking an expert and the obstacles to include getting a peel up to the chamber was daunting and PCC declined the kind offer.

Richard Morley, Church Warden

MINISTRY REPORTS

Benefice Safeguarding Report

Both Hook & HMR PCC's have complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

In practice this means that the two PCCs have discussed and approved both (Hook & HMR) Parish Safeguarding Policies each year and received a report on current safeguarding concerns from the Benefice Safeguarding Officer or Incumbent at each PCC meeting.

PCC members have had DBS checks and regular training. The Incumbent and Safeguarding officer are confident that any safeguarding concerns raised have been dealt with in an appropriate way and PCCs have been informed and updated appropriately.

Martin Rudd, Benefice Safeguarding Officer

Benefice Ministry Team

Our team of licensed ministers has continued to meet monthly through the year, to listen to God together, to grasp the vision for Whitewater, share out roles and responsibilities, and to care for parishioners across the four churches: Hook, Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick, and ministry in schools, nursing homes and in the community.

Our clergy team has been myself as Incumbent, the Rev'd Shona Hoad, as Assistant Priest based in Mattingley, and the Rev'd Peter Hewlett-Smith Retired Priest with Permission to Officiate (PTO). Our licenced ministry team (previously called 'Readers' now Licenced Lay Ministers (LLM)) has included Jonathan Bushman, Martin Hoad, Jennifer Martin and Tim Maynes. Alan Mabey has continued within our Hook worshipping community as a retired LLM with 'Emeritus' status. In our wider authorised ministry team we have those with Bishops' Commission for Mission (BCM), Shirley Clancy (pastoral), Stephen Davies (worship), Kim Foster (Creation Care), Rosie Mandry (worship), Brigitte Maynes (pastoral), Carol-Anne Morris (pastoral), and Nikki Wild (worship).

This team has been wonderfully stable for seven years, but sadly as we ended 2022 we said goodbye to Shona and Martin to Cornwall, and we reduced the commitments for Peter Hewlett-Smith and Rosie Mandry. In 2023 we shall include our Bishops Commission for Mission authorised ministers in termly meetings.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Youth and Childrens' Ministry

The Youth and Families team have been active in 2022 it was the first full year of activities since the Covid pandemic. The Open the Book team was back in Hook Infants school and Junior Church was running each Sunday during morning worship. A second group for babies and toddlers and parents/carers began. Messy Church is growing again following the lockdown with numbers steadily increasing through 2022. On top of the regular activities we had a small but enjoyable pancake Party in February. At the end of the summer holidays we held a 2 day Holiday Club for primary school children with 26 young people where we learnt the story of Jesus. The team have run stalls at school and village fetes and a well supported children's Christmas craft at the church outdoor Carol event. In addition to ministry in the church, we have served in Whitewater School in Rotherwick, plus Hook Infants and Hook Junior Schools leading Collective Worship. Many thanks to all those involved in running youth and family activities in 2022.

Jonathan Bushman (LLM)

Pastoral Ministry

Many people within our church family continue to support people in the parish who need home visiting, phone calls, shopping and lifts. Each month Jennifer Martin LLM takes Holy Communion into Old Raven care home, and Tim Maynes LLM shares in Holy Communion at Berry Court Anchor home. The Hook Church Lunch Club, Friendship café, Monday walkers, Craft and Flower teams, and support for Bluebell Café at Holdshott Farm are regular faithful occasions for fun and friendship, and are only possible because of the sensitivity and hard work of the teams who serve.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Area Dean of Odiham Deanery

Musical Worship

During this year we have seen a significant growth in the number of individuals who offer to serve St John's with singing, playing different instruments and writing songs. I would like to pay tribute to Stephen Davies who has led us over the last five years and grown our choir, to Caroline Bushman who will lead choir in 2023, and to Nikki Wild leading the music group. Our steady progress in appreciating and welcoming different styles was helped by

the PCC survey of 2021, the input of Russ Parker, and the support of Rev'd Stephen Ball during 2022. I believe that we are incredibly privileged as a local church to have such an astonishing quality of music and commitment.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Worship Style

Across the Benefice we continue to offer the Book of Common Prayer Communion weekly at 8.30am and Evensong at Rotherwick once per month. In St John's we have added to our monthly first Sunday All-Age morning service a new third Sunday non-eucharistic opportunity for longer sermon, reflection and music group-led worship, plus a now established fourth Sunday Sung Eucharist with the choir. In St John's the evening service with communion and gentle music is also now an established weekly pattern.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Fellowship Groups

The number of groups and members partaking in those groups has expanded this year. We have studied Nehemiah in the Old Testament and his rebuilding of the Temple, alongside a preaching series. We have also responded to different needs and choices of the groups. Our groups are inspirational for spiritual learning and practical support, and are great fun too.

St John's Ecumenical Bible Study Group – led by Jennifer Martin (LLM)

Living Flame, Wednesday evening group – led by Nikki Wild, Bishop's Commission for Mission – Worship

Thursday Fellowship Group – led by Jonathan Bushman (LLM)

Monday Bible Study – led by Simon de Quidt

Wednesday Coffee and Study – led by Denise White

Sunday evening – led by Caroline Bushman

Ecumenical Ministry

We serve together in Hook with our brothers and sisters in Life Church and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, with Bible studies, litter picking, 'Open the Book', leaflet to advertise services, an Annual Unity service in the Elizabeth Hall, and prayers. The Annual World Day of Prayer service is prepared by women from one country each year and is attended by all our churches.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Deanery Synod

We met 3 times in 2022. We supported our Diocesan Companion link with Myanmar with a monthly prayer group, supper with Myanmar guests post Lambeth Conference, and support the local churches and Holy Cross Theological College with prayer and funds. We support Ukrainian Refugees. We discussed Safeguarding training for different roles and ministry to the elderly. We learned about Eco-Church, the Church Army, and a method of Conflict resolution. We included updates on the Vacancy in See process, Diocesan Synod and General Synod.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Area Dean of Odiham Deanery

Diocesan Synod

We met 3 times in 2022. We learned about the review of the role of the Chief Executive of the Diocese, Clergy wellbeing initiatives, supported the National Climate Emergency plan, were updated on the Diocesan Board of Education Measure, and the Diocesan one-year Financial Plan. In November we learned about Diocesan research on Stewardship and giving, the review of locations for the Diocesan Office, Governance structures for Bishop's Council and Diocese, and approved the renewed appointment of an Archdeacon to Bournemouth.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Odiham Clergy Representative on Winchester Diocesan Synod

Financial review

Income

The PCC's income comes significantly from regular donations through Planned Giving schemes (such as the Parish Giving Scheme) and collections at church services, plus associated Gift Aid reclaimed from the UK Government. Despite the difficult environment, the PCC's voluntary income increased by 11.7% over 2021 to £70,009. Of this amount, £32,843 was donated by Trustees.

Renting out the church facilities to various local organisations also generates income, in 2022 this was £18,753. During the year a number of fundraising events were held which raised £3,575. Other small items contributed the remainder of the PCC's income, which totalled £98,338.

Expense

Regarding expenditure, this was £97,415 in 2022.

The PCC contributed the full amount requested of it to the Diocese of Winchester Common Mission Fund – this was £55,628. The PCC also donated £6,071 to various charities, either from its own funds or following collections or fundraising events held.

The remainder of expenditure (£35,716) covered everything from the utility bills, salaries for the church staff, building maintenance, cost of consumables such as coffee, paper, cleaning materials, music and necessary administration expenses such as licenses required for streaming services.

Total income for the year was £98,338, total expenses £97,415 hence a small surplus of £923 was generated during 2023.

Reserves

The PCC holds unrestricted reserves of £61,331 plus restricted reserves of £400. The majority of this is held within the PCC's account in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund managed by CCLA. Further information can be found in the financial statements contained within this report.

Outlook

In terms of finances in 2023, the major issue for the PCC is the rising cost of utilities in particular, which are 5 times more expensive than in 2021. Other consumables are also all rising in prices faster than income is rising.

The PCC has begun to discuss holding a Gift Day during the year to enable all those in or attached to the congregation to reflect prayerfully on their offering, both financial and in terms of their time and talents.

Treasurer's Report

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

PCC Approval of Annual Report

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by

M E DE QUIDT

Canon Marion de Quidt

PCC Chair

**The Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St John the Evangelist, Hook**

Charity registration number 1183688

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

I report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook (hereafter PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an internal examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

D GIBBS

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DLM Accountancy Services Ltd
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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 2(a) | 69,114 | 895 | 70,009 | 62,674 |
| Activities for generating Funds | 2(b) | 7,077 | | 7,077 | 2,679 |
| Investment Income | 2(c) | 317 | | 317 | 47 |
| Church activities | 2(d) | 20,815 | 120 | 20,935 | 17,435 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 97,323 | 1,015 | 98,338 | 82,835 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | |
| Church activities | 3(a) | 93,681 | 678 | 94,359 | 82,284 |
| Cost of generation of voluntary income | 3(b) | 943 | | 943 | 453 |
| Governance costs | 3(c) | 2,113 | | 2,113 | 1,858 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 96,737 | 678 | 97,415 | 84,595 |
| NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) | | 586 | 337 | 923 | (1,760) |
| RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES | | | | | |
| TRANSFERS | | 109 | (109) | - | |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | 695 | 228 | 923 | (1,760) |
| BAL B/F 1 JANUARY 2022 | | 60,636 | 172 | 60,808 | 62,568 |
| BAL C/F 31 DECEMBER 2022 | | 61,331 | 400 | 61,731 | 60,808 |

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

| | Notes | As at 31/12/2022 | As at 31/12/2021 |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Bank & Cash | | 19,375 | 14,940 |
| CBF Deposit Account | | 47,525 | 47,525 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 5 | 1,803 | 960 |
| Total Current Assets | | 68,703 | 63,425 |

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| Creditors and accruals | 6 | 6,971 | 2,617 |
| Total Liabilities | | 6,971 | 2,617 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net Asset Surplus | 61,732 | 60,808 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|

| Represented by Funds | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| | Note | | |
| Unrestricted | 7 | 61,332 | 60,636 |
| Restricted | 7 | 400 | 172 |
| Total | | 61,732 | 60,808 |

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Canon Marion de Quidt.

...M E DE QUIDT... (PCC Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with accounting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) on the accruals basis and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) 2nd edition October 2019. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist Hook (hereafter "PCC") is registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1183688. The PCC is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. **Funds designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 7.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the fête, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants & Donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when due. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet [2022 – Nil]

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £3,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Basis of preparation

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue operating, consequently these accounts are presented on the basis that the PCC continues as a going concern.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2(a) Voluntary Income | | | | |
| Planned Giving | 42,845 | | 42,845 | 39,597 |
| Collections at Services | 10,787 | | 10,787 | 9,644 |
| Tax Recoverable | 9,566 | | 9,566 | 10,652 |
| Tax - GASDS | 1,273 | | 1,273 | 815 |
| Grants received | 2,119 | 395 | 2,514 | - |
| Donations, appeals | 2,524 | 500 | 3,024 | 1,966 |
| Sub Totals | 69,114 | 895 | 70,009 | 62,674 |
| 2(b) | | | | |
| Fundraising | 3,575 | | 3,575 | 1,476 |
| Lunch Club | 2,407 | | 2,407 | 757 |
| Coffee Shop | 763 | | 763 | 167 |
| Bookstall and printing | 307 | | 307 | 279 |
| Other events | 25 | | 25 | - |
| Sub Totals | 7,077 | - | 7,077 | 2,679 |
| 2(c) Income from Investments | | | | |
| Dividends and interest including tax recoverable | 317 | | 317 | 47 |
| Sub Totals | 317 | - | 317 | 47 |
| 2(d) | | | | |
| Church Lettings | 18,753 | 120 | 18,873 | 14,522 |
| Fees | 2,062 | | 2,062 | 2,913 |
| Sub Totals | 20,815 | 120 | 20,935 | 17,435 |
| Total Income | 97,323 | 1,015 | 98,338 | 82,835 |

The total amount of donations received without attached conditions from Trustees during 2022 was £32,843 (2021: £30,550).

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 3(a) Church Activities | | | | |
| Common Mission Fund | 55,628 | | 55,628 | 54,788 |
| Other ministry costs | 2,746 | | 2,746 | 2,956 |
| Music costs | 716 | 47 | 763 | 536 |
| Church running & maintenance | 20,005 | 14 | 20,019 | 13,271 |
| Youth Children & Families | 445 | | 445 | 394 |
| Administration | 6,052 | 27 | 6,079 | 6,733 |
| Lunch Club & Coffee Shop | 1,621 | 590 | 2,211 | 672 |
| Others | 397 | | 397 | 220 |
| Mission Grants | | | | |
| Overseas | 2,928 | | 2,928 | 584 |
| Home | 619 | | 619 | 665 |
| Collections | 2,524 | | 2,524 | 1,466 |
| Sub Totals | 93,681 | 678 | 94,359 | 82,284 |
| 3(b) Fund Raising costs | 943 | | 943 | 453 |
| Sub Totals | 943 | - | 943 | 453 |
| 3(c) Governance Costs | | | | |
| Ind. Examination | 300 | | 300 | 300 |
| Licences | 1,813 | | 1,813 | 1,558 |
| Sub Totals | 2,113 | - | 2,113 | 1,858 |
| Total Expenditure | 96,737 | 678 | 97,415 | 84,595 |

4. EMPLOYEES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Wages and Salaries | 6,870 | - | 6,870 | 8,220 |
| Social Security costs | - | - | - | - |
| Employer's contribution to pensions | 61 | - | 61 | 130 |
| Totals | 6,931 | - | 6,931 | 8,350 |

The average number of employees during the year was two. No employee received employee benefits greater than £60,000. The Benefice Administrator is employed by the PCC but 50% of the cost is recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC. The amounts shown above include the PCC of Hook Parish's share of the costs.

None of the PCC Members were remunerated as employees during 2022 or 2021.

Two PCC members had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £582 [2021: two members - £310].

PENSIONS

The PCC of Hook Parish participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. The Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
 - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014, in which the PCC of Hook Parish participates.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific

employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2022: £61, 2021: £130)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 10.1% following improvements in the funding position over 2022. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, The PCC of Hook Parish could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

5. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | 1,803 | 960 |
| Prepayments | - | - |
| Total | 1,803 | 960 |

Debtors are the reimbursement by HMR Parish in respect of a share of the cost of ministry and administration plus an amount of Gift Aid claimed from HMRC not yet received.

6. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <i>Amounts falling due within one year</i> | | |
| Creditors | 6,615 | 2,572 |
| Accruals | 356 | 45 |
| Total | 6,971 | 2,617 |

Creditors are payments for expenditure incurred in 2022 but not paid until 2023. These represent amounts due but unpaid for gas and electricity charges, clergy expenses, lighting repairs plus amounts of fees collected on behalf of Winchester Diocese for occasional offices during October – December 2022, the independent examiner's fee and sundry other small invoices.

7. FUNDS

| | 2022 | | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| | Unrestricted | | Restricted | |
| | Designated | Non Designated | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 January 2022 | 6,749 | 53,887 | 60,636 | 172 |
| Income | 4,249 | 93,074 | 97,323 | 1,015 |
| Expenditure | (508) | (96,229) | (96,737) | (678) |
| Transfers | - | 109 | 109 | (109) |
| 31 December 2022 | 10,490 | 50,841 | 61,331 | 400 |

| Details | £ | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| Fabric | 5,201 | - |
| Audio Visual | 2,318 | - |
| Organ | 1,000 | - |
| Music | 138 | - |
| Coffee Shop | 833 | - |
| Legacy | 1,000 | - |
| Gardening | - | 11 |
| Ukraine Support | - | 389 |
| | 10,490 | 400 |

| Represented by | Unrestricted | Restricted |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Current assets | 68,302 | 400 |
| Current liabilities | 6,971 | - |
| | 61,331 | 400 |

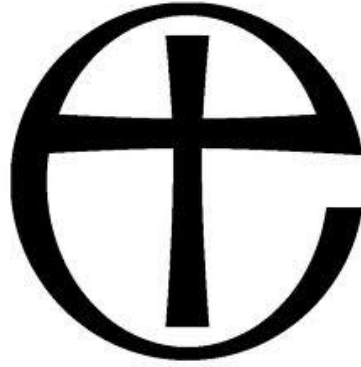
8. RESERVES

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months expenditure, including the PCC's contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund, to cover the running costs – this equates to £24,354 based on the 2022 expenditure levels.

In addition, designated reserves are held relating to future repair requirements of the church. Restricted donations are discouraged by the PCC, but two amounts were received during the year specifically for gardening work and for the PCC's work with the local Ukrainian population. It is anticipated that these restricted funds will be spent in full in 2023.

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Accounts



St John the Evangelist Church, Hook

Annual Report

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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2021

[Registered Charity number: 1183688]

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"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as you hast been, thou for ever wilt be."

This year has revealed the stamina and commitment of our church family, to one another and to God. We have shared his love in the community and sought to be his hands and feet. As we read the reports we are astonished to be recovering so well from a devastating time, are so grateful for the Lord's faithfulness and answers to our prayers, and for your generosity. We have opened and closed the churches, taken care over pandemic regulations, hand-washing, mask-wearing. We have supported each other through prayer and much unseen sacrificial service. We have continued with 'hybrid' church, adapting to the use of cameras and zoom, as well as socially-distanced worship in church. Our choir and music groups have returned to lead our music. Our lunch club and small groups are booming again.

During this year we moved steadily forward with Eco-church, embracing the Carbon Net Zero challenge of Winchester Diocese. There is much to do, but we shall be working towards a Bronze Eco-church award. Our Communications team have had an impact this year, with a revitalised website, roll-out of software from iKnow for multiple uses and more joined-up thinking.

The pandemic gave us a surprising and big opportunity to tell the story of Easter to hundreds of children this year through zoom and video technology. Ministry to children and families has continued faithfully thanks to the energy and vision of our team and parents and friends. It was wonderful to have the Confirmation service in church in June at last, for our teenagers and older members.

Hook PCC and Whitewater Ministry team took a courageous step in September to invite the Rev'd Russ Parker to lead us in a whole church '2Restore' listening programme, with Jesus' gospel of reconciliation at the core. By telling our own stories, by truly listening and accepting one another, by forgiving the past, and embracing a new future, we are becoming the church family that we want to be, and we believe God wants us to be. We have taken a big step forward to becoming a more loving, a kinder, gentler community. The PCC-led worship survey of the summer revealed a wide breadth of preference in worship styles. So we are now exploring how to glorify the Lord, and how to truly love one another as a church family when we offer excellence in different ways. This will continue as our shared church family journey in the year ahead.

Our Church Wardens have continued to take responsibility for the buildings and for our Risk Assessments and managing Covid safety. As with all charities, our financial situation has been very demanding, but we give thanks to God that we end the year with just a small deficit, having given our full Common Mission Fund contribution to the Diocese and maintained our commitment to our chosen charities.

This year St John's has become more of the village Church, as we hosted three weddings, some big village funerals and thanksgiving services, as well as co-ordinating the large outdoor Remembrance Day service in November and festive outdoor Carols in December.

We are grateful for all that Rebecca Ratnasamy introduced into the Benefice office during her time with us, as she navigated home and office-working from September 2020 to December 2021. Huge thanks too to Richard Paganuzzi who has single-handedly managed Church Warden duties from April and managed to progress our Zoom and camera work for streaming live worship services, as well as listening and caring for individual people and their concerns in the church family.

And just as I began this letter, thank you to the Lord for his unfailing compassion, guidance, enabling and inspiration. It is He who calls us to be here and equips those who he calls. What a deep joy we have as we see His transforming work in our individual lives and church family, for healing, renewal, for future hope, for His glory.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector of the Whitewater Benefice

Church Wardens' Annual Report

Statement of Aims

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] is to co-operate with the Ministry in promoting within Hook parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

The PCC meets most months, with additional Standing and Finance Committees.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

Following the APCM in April 2021 the membership comprised:

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| Incumbent (Rector from Feb 2019) | Revd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt [Chair] |
| Assistant Priest | Revd Shona Hoad |
| Church Wardens | Richard Morley [to April 2021] Richard Paganuzzi [Vice Chair] |
| Secretary | Charlotte Margetson, <i>non elected</i> |
| Deanery Synod Representatives | Kim Foster [re-elected April 2021] Martin Rudd [re-elected April 2021] |
| Elected Members | Angelo Arulchelvam [until May 2021] Caroline Bushman [Treasurer] Nicola Clague Stephen Davies [from April 2021] Caroline Frolander Sophie Fulpesi Susan Purchase [from April 2021] Susan Steele |

PCC Training & Induction

There is a short induction programme for new PCC members.

Committees and Teams

The PCC operates through committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC, their deliberations are received by the full PCC and discussed accordingly.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Finance Committee

This oversees the general financial work of St John's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting, maintaining appropriate financial controls and co-ordinating a review of Christian stewardship of money, including planned giving.

Administrative Information

St John the Evangelist Church is situated on London Road, Hook and is part of the Whitewater Benefice of Hook and HMR (Heckfield and Mattingley with Rotherwick). It is in the Deanery of Odiham under the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

The Church Office
St John the Evangelist Church
London Road
Hook
RG27 9EG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in the legal name which is "THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK" with the registration number 1183688. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Electoral Roll report

The Electoral Roll records the names and addresses of all those who consider their spiritual home to be St John the Evangelist, Hook. It is used for a variety of purposes including parish and diocesan communications, and it also determines the number of representatives the church has on the Deanery Synod. Having your name on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

As of 31st December 2021, the number of people enrolled for St John's was 118. This represents a net decrease of four since 31st December 2020. Of the 118 persons currently enrolled, ninety-nine are resident in the parish and nineteen outside the parish. The composition of St John's Electoral Roll is 66% women and 34% men.

The PCC appreciates the help and support that roll members give to St John's through their prayers, offerings, and participation in church life.

Kim Foster, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

Nine PCC and 2 Standing Committee meetings were held on Zoom during 2021. In addition, a meeting was held socially distanced in the main church building, specifically for PCC to be addressed by Russ Parker.

As in previous years, meetings continued to focus on nominated subjects: budget setting; selecting charities; pMAP. However, during 2021, some topics were discussed several times.

Firstly, throughout 2021 there were legal restrictions or guidelines in force to manage Covid infections. Most needed interpretation by PCC specifically to cover the activities at St John's.

Secondly, following the first lockdown in 2020, discussions on the styles and patterns of services were postponed. The variety of styles of the Zoom services showed us that we had many options when we returned to in-church services. A worship style survey was commissioned. The results weren't conclusive but it has given the PCC an indication that a mixture of styles is still appropriate.

Finally, during 2021 it was decided to address many historical issues within the St John's community which re-surface regularly. The PCC invited Russ Parker to lead us through a process of resolution of conflict, reconciliation of relationships and a renewal of the life of the church. Several PCC meetings were devoted to this process.

The APCM was held on 18 April 2021. Full copies of PCC documents are available on request from the Church Office or Secretary.

The churchwarden would like to thank the sub-committees and individuals for their support in the administration of the Church.

Richard Paganuzzi, Church Warden

Building and Fabric Report

This report was made to the Parochial Church Council [PCC] under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 by Richard Paganuzzi and Richard Morley as Church Warden in March 2021; and is also made by them to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on behalf of the PCC.

Due to lockdown, during 2021 there was little wear and tear due to usage of the buildings and very few repairs were needed. None of the major items identified by the latest Quinquennial Inspection were addressed.

Over the summer holiday, the block flooring in the Church Hall was sanded and re-sealed.

Some flower and vegetable growing boxes were installed in front of the church and in the graveyard. An external tap, to which a hose can be connected, was installed to aid watering.

Flooding was addressed. It's uncertain what has changed in the past few decades but the water level on the A30 is now often higher than the church car park and lawns resulting in rain water coming from the A30 rather than flowing into the culvert. The serious flooding has been addressed by the disconnection of the church rainwater pipework from the culvert under the A30. Rainwater still flows into a soakaway in the cemetery. Further work is necessary to address the puddles that still appear during heavy rain, caused by soakaway not soaking away quickly enough.

Finally, work was carried out to provide a secure public Wi-fi in the church and Narthex.

Richard Paganuzzi, Church Warden

MINISTRY REPORTS

Whitewater Benefice Team

It is a joy to minister in our team with lay and ordained together. We met before the pandemic for a quiet day, with no idea of how important that time together would prove to be. Thanks to the Lord, we have been able to continue throughout the pandemic to meet on the first Saturday of each month, on Zoom or in person. We begin with prayers, then plan services, discuss theology and pastoral care. Our aim is to provide excellent worship and pastoral care for all ages, in all our churches, and appropriate socials and pastoral care across the Benefice. Since the lifting of restrictions we have returned to the pre-pandemic pattern of Worship services, but with midweek worship on Wednesday on Zoom, and the addition of the new 6pm Holy Communion in Hook.

Shona Hoad has taken primary responsibility for HMR and myself for Hook, but our team serves across the whole Benefice. Peter Hewlett-Smith has supported ministry across the Benefice, and been so much appreciated as the work of the True Living Centre in Heckfield has developed, offering faithful pastoral care and Holy Communion. Jennifer Martin has led the wonderful Hook Messy Church for so many years, and we said a big thank you in December. Jennifer continues to lead ecumenical bible groups, preaching, matins and evensongs, and ministry in nursing homes in Hook. Tim Maynes joined the team in November 2020 as a Licensed Lay Minister and helps lead in Berry Court, plus many matins and evensongs and preaching. Jonathan Bushman takes primary responsibility for youth and families ministry of all ages, leading the teams for all-age worship in Hook, Junior Church and holiday clubs, plus Thursday fellowship. Martin Hoad supports Shona's ministry in HMR, in all-age services, midweek groups and preaching. Our Church Wardens help us to listen carefully to our congregations and community so that we make wise decisions. Thank you to James Trumpeter who brings insights as Heckfield Church Warden.

We also give thanks for the ministry of our Bishop's Commission for Mission team, Brigitte Maynes, Shirley Clancy, Carol-Anne Morris as Pastoral workers, Stephen Davies, Nikki Wild and Rosie Mandry as worship leaders, and Kim Foster as Creation Care leader. Going forward we shall meet more often as a whole team.

We were delighted that the Rt Rev'd Geoff Annas was able to come to St John's in June, to lead the Confirmation service for two adults and seven youth who had been preparing throughout the pandemic and before!

Peter Hewlett-Smith has asked to reduce his ministerial commitments in 2022, but will continue to support the Bluebell Café and the True Living Centre. In Whitewater Benefice 2021 we conducted 11 baptisms and 22 funerals of all varieties, 3 weddings in Hook, HMR 10 Weddings and 1 Blessing service. The ministry team and pastoral care team consider it our privilege to be involved in serving people at special times in their lives. Thank

you to our congregations who support us, advise us, and join Benefice teams to make things happen. Our churches need you all! May the Lord continue to knit us together in deep love and with clear guidance into 2022.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Benefice Safeguarding Report

Both Hook & HMR PCC's have complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). In practice this means that the two PCCs have discussed and approved both (Hook & HMR) Parish Safeguarding Policies each year and received a report on current safeguarding concerns from the Benefice Safeguarding Officer or Incumbent at each PCC meeting. PCC members have had DBS checks and regular training. Both PCCs and the Incumbent are confident that any safeguarding concerns raised have been dealt with in an appropriate way.

Martin Rudd, Benefice Safeguarding Officer 2021

Music and Choir

2021 was a year of three parts for the Music Team. The first part, being lockdown, saw choir rehearsals on Zoom leading to recorded music from them and various instrumentalists which were used in the Zoom services. During the second part, when services were allowed to be held in church, members of the team provided instrumental music on organ and piano to support the spoken services. Finally, once singing was allowed, the choir started to rehearse in church and lead some hymn singing.

Outdoor services have been a feature of the year, including singing in the rain (at Pentecost) and the Carols round the tree prior to Christmas. The Choir started to sing, albeit socially distanced, from September onwards, thankfully, sufficient progress was made for some members to sing in the Cathedral at the RSCM Festival.

November saw our first sung Choral Eucharist for almost two years, swiftly followed by the Carol Service at which we welcomed Geoff Willis as organist. One further achievement for the choir was the issuing of a CD at Christmas, which charted their contributions to music over lockdown, some 26 tracks of remotely recorded hymns and anthems. Equally impressive is the growth of support for the First Sunday Service; the pool of musicians who are available to play has grown and they continue to gain confidence in playing for our worship. The team have also produced music videos for inclusion in the various services, demonstrating the wide range of talented individuals in our church family.

Caroline Bushman, Nikki Wild, and Stephen Davies

Pastoral Care

Members of the pastoral team lead and care for people in bible study groups, craft group, flower arrangers, 'holy dusters', St John's Choir, Men's Breakfast, Lunch Club, Friendship café, Hook and Whitewater 'Open the Book' teams, plus a wider community service with Hook Foodbank, Hook Junction 5 (debt relief), Hook community volunteering, at Basingstoke hospital and Basingstoke Job Club. We have kept up to date with Health and safety, and disability awareness, with DBS and safeguarding training. The WhatsApp groups formed to help during the pandemic have helped us keep in touch with needs and practical support.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Prayer and Prayer Mondays

The Monday Prayer Group moved to WhatsApp during lockdown. The original in-person group varied from 2 to 8 people when we met in the Lady Chapel, but online we are now 24. This format seems to suit a wider group as even those at work can join in. With the lifting of pandemic regulations, a group meets every Monday in the Lady Chapel at 10.30am and would welcome new team members.

Carol-Anne Morris, Pastoral Assistant

Throughout the whole year, on Mondays and Fridays, we have been meeting on zoom to pray at 8.30am for 30 minutes. We read a Psalm, a section from the Bible, pray together for any needs and give thanks to God. We say

thank you to the Lord for his presence, for speaking to us through his Word and one another, and for answering our prayers. Please receive this as an invitation to join us. The link is on the Calendar on the website.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Jennifer Martin, Gill Morley, Ethel Thomason, Rev'd Shona Hoad, Rev'd Karen West

Vocations and Ministry

The pandemic has enabled us to discover new gifts and skills within our church family, and encouraged more sharing to enable our worship and community service. All of us are called to serve the Lord, each of us with a unique situation and response to His love and in this report is much evidence of practical and spiritual vocations.

Kim Foster (Hook) prepared for a Diocesan lay commission as 'Bishop's Commission for Mission, Creation Care' with study and practical projects. She encouraged local Hook enthusiasts to join again with 'Plastic Free July', to work towards a Community Garden with a survey of local people, planting of vegetable and herb plots within St John's grounds and work for A Rocha Bronze award. She was commissioned in October in Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev'd Shona Hoad supported the curate Rev'd Karen West (Sherfield) as her Training Incumbent during 2021. The Rev'd Helen O'Sullivan came to Whitewater for the Spring term as a final year curate placement alongside myself. We all enjoyed their presence and wisdom. Helen has moved to a post in Whitchurch Deanery.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Ecumenical Ministry

We serve together in Hook with our brothers and sisters in Life Church and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church, bible studies, litter picking, 'Open the Book', leaflet to advertise services, and prayers. Sadly, we were unable to have our unity service in 2021 because of Covid restrictions.

Canon Marion de Quidt

St John's Church Flower Arranging Team

The church flower arranging team continue to enjoy being responsible for the flower decorations in church each week. Following the previous lockdowns, we especially enjoyed meeting up and being able to work together again creating floral displays for the three major church festivals. At the beginning of the year, we switched to using Biodegradable Oasis in line with our church Eco targets.

In December we all enjoyed making our famous Christmas candle table decorations to sell at the church Christmas craft coffee morning. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated team of volunteers and are always pleased to welcome new members.

Felicity Rudd, Team Leader

Holy Dusters

The Holy Dusters team of many years has not re-formed since the pandemic, and several members have now stood down. We would love to see a new team emerge to keep our church shiny and clean. This group has been a happy friendship and practical team.

Ann Taylor, Holy Dusters previous Team Leader

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

St John's Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The Group has continued to run through the last year where we have all met via Zoom. What a blessing this has been. The group has grown more than three-fold and we welcome people from other parts of the country. Some of the group have a sight impairment and we hear versions of the bible read in Braille.

We completed Matthew's Gospel and in Lent we commenced with Jesus being tempted in the Wilderness, ended with Stations of the Cross. We travelled in the footsteps of Jesus, looking at the Gospels and comparing them and the historical background. We followed an Advent Course adapted from John Cox's book 'A Light to the

Nations.' In addition to Zoom, two of us have a face to face visit and we go through the bible study and notes together. It is a joy to be part of this group to continue to study God's word.

Jennifer Martin, Bible Group Leader and Licensed Lay Minister

Living Flame, Wednesday evening group

House groups give us the opportunity to explore God's word, and how we apply it in our daily lives. Our meetings are relaxed, friendly and sociable, beginning with sharing news and life events. During the pandemic, the fellowship aspect of meetings has continued to be a valuable source of encouragement and support. Whilst the group was unable to meet in person, we used Zoom for our regular pattern of meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Since restrictions eased, to minimise risk, the group has met in the Church Centre. We hope to return to meeting in homes in 2022, once it feels comfortable to do so.

As well as the social aspect of our gatherings, we study God's word and share prayer requests within the group. Meetings are a safe space to ask questions and learn. Through discussions and sharing ideas we gain fresh insights and discern God's message to each of us. Topics we have covered in 2021 have included the "I Am" sayings of Jesus, the book of Jonah and Fruit of the Spirit as well as studies to tie into sermon series themes.

Nikki Wild, Leader

Thursday Fellowship Group

Thursday Fellowship aims to encourage one another in discipleship through open and caring Christian Fellowship.

The group has continued to meet on Zoom in 2021, initially this was due to the Coronavirus regulations but the group agreed to continue meeting on Zoom due to the flexibility it offers, allowing people to join from their own homes or even from other locations. To help build community and Fellowship, we did manage two in person social events; a summer Barbecue at church and a Harvest Supper in October also at church.

The group started the year studying Mark's Gospel in line with the church lectionary. Our Lent study was based on the Church of England Lent Book, 'Living His Story' with thought provoking videos and discussion. After Easter we looked at the letters 9f St. John the Evangelist and after Pentecost the Psalms of David, following his life story and the Psalms he wrote along the way. Just before the summer break we started a series by Jeff Lucas called 'Notorious' looking at the rogues, scoundrels and scallywags of the Bible and the warnings their lives hold for us. In September we followed the series on Creation, 'For such a time as this' as we explored our calling to care for God's creation. We then continued with the Jeff Lucas study 'Notorious' until the end of November. Our Advent study was an enjoyable look at the Gospel message behind the film, 'It's a Wonderful Life' and how we can learn to serve God and others.

The group meets each Thursday at 7.30pm with between 8 and 14 people and new members are always welcome. It has been a valuable source of fellowship and comfort especially during the pandemic and we pray that God will continue to bless our discussions going forward.

Jonathan Bushman, Licensed Lay Minister

Know Your Bible, 'KYB'

We have continued to meet once a fortnight on Wednesdays during 2021. We have met online, in each other's gardens, on the grass between the big Narthex door and Marion's study, and are now finally back meeting in church. This year we have continued with the second part of Matthew and Ephesians.

Gill Morley, current KYB co-ordinator; Rebecca Ratnasamy, co-ordinator to December 2021

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

Junior Church

The aim of Junior Church is to encourage the young people in our care to learn together about Christ, through fun and fellowship.

In 2021 we continued to deliver teaching and activities on a Sunday morning, during lockdown this was done with weekly Zoom meetings after the morning service. We use Roots on the web resources, which are well suited

to both virtual and face to face teaching and also follow the lectionary theme. We had our first post-pandemic face to face meeting on a wet Pentecost Sunday in the Rectory Garden, this was followed up by another outdoor meeting in the same place on June 20th, the church anniversary Sunday. The summer term finished on 18th July with a Junior Church picnic in Hartlett's Park as we celebrated being together again. In September, with Sunday morning re-starting at St. John's, in person Junior Church meetings re-started. We continued to run 2 groups; an infant group for pre-schoolers up to year 4 which teaches through the use of games and craft and a Junior group for children in year 5 and above which is more discussion based. The number of children attending each week were about 10 to 15 during lockdown going down to typically 5 to 10 post lockdown as other activities started up. Many members of the Junior Church have contributed to the monthly All Age worship throughout the year. The Junior Church has also supported, with other church youth and family groups, other one-off activities such as the Pancake Party which took place on Zoom in 2021, and the Light Party on October 30th at St. John's. Also, in 2021 we organised 2 half day activity mornings at the start of September shortly before the school term re-started. The theme was "Team builders" - looking at how we can all be part of God's Team, with some great adult support and a total of 25 children attending, a great time was had by all.

My thanks to the dedicated team of adult helpers and leaders who have made this possible and helped the online teaching during lock down work so well as well as adapting to face to face sessions again later in 2021. In 2022 the objective is to encourage a new generation of children in the pre-school and infant age range to come and join Junior Church and look at ways we can bring a sense of community and family for the Junior Church children.

Jonathan Bushman, Licensed Lay Minister

Messy Church

Messy Church is a way of 'doing' church that offers families coming together to be, to make, to eat and to celebrate God. For most of 2021 we held Messy Church through Zoom. We learned to be very creative and had a core group of children and parents attending from other areas in addition to Hook. Most sessions we had an attendance of 10-12 children. Packs were made up for families to collect from Marion's porch each month. In September we went back to St Johns Church. Themes included: Pentecost, Easter, The Lord's prayer, stories from both the New and Old Testament, and Christmas.

I stood down from coordinating the sessions and I cannot thank the team enough for their hard work, creativity, and commitment. My heartfelt thanks for the gifts I received, and to Nicky Clague for the delicious cake.

Thank you, Jonathan, for taking over.

Jennifer Martin, Messy Church Leader

Fingerprints

Our Thursday afternoon pre-schooler group for mums, dads and carers, has continued throughout the pandemic from 2-3.30pm in Term time. We built close friendships group before the pandemic, and have continued on zoom, via WhatsApp or in person. We read Bible stories, have snacks and toys, sometimes crafts for the season, and remember the festivals of the church in church or in the parlour.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Bumps and Babes

The first session of Bumps and Babes took place on 21st April 2021. The aim of the group was to give expectant and new Mums a chance to meet and chat. Covid had prevented live meetings before this. The group only runs during term time and we get between 2 and 6 Mums and Babes.

Gill Morley and Gill Lothead, leaders

Open the Book, Hook

Open the Book is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible on a weekly basis as part of their Collective Worship. In Hook we have an ecumenical group which goes into Hook Infant School every Monday afternoon in term time. The stories are narrated and acted out using simple props and costumes and there is a short time for reflection and a prayer at the end. The school is very welcoming and the children enjoy the stories. We are an enthusiastic and friendly team and new members are always welcome.

Brigitte Maynes, Hook Coordinator

Open the Book, HMR, Whitewater School

After a long absence due to the pandemic, in September we were very pleased to start visiting Whitewater School again as Storytellers. We were warmly welcomed and it was a joy to see the children and staff after such a long time. Unfortunately this was short lived as in mid-December, due to safety concerns, we had to abruptly withdraw due to the sharp rise in positive coronavirus cases in the school. We hope that Open the Book will return to Whitewater in the new year.

Sandra Pickworth, Coordinator of HMR Open The Book

Confirmation and Youth Group

We continued to teach the Christian faith and share reflections throughout the pandemic, and used the Zoom platform to watch the excellent Youth Alpha videos. In June, seven of our teenagers were finally able to be confirmed in a socially-distanced service in St John's with the Right Reverend Geoff Annas. One had to self-isolate for Covid reasons, and will return in 2022. We continue Youth Group in person, twice monthly in the Narthex.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Collective Worship and Religious Education in Schools

In 2021 we reached the largest number of children and their families ever before from the Whitewater Benefice, through Zoom gatherings and video recordings of the Lent and Easter Christian story, totalling around 900 children. One surprising positive impact of the pandemic, because of possibilities with Zoom and video recordings for Hook Infant and Hook Junior Schools, plus Whitewater Church of England School. In person worship has continued when possible. We have been creative outdoors with St John's Preschool at Easter and Harvest.

In the autumn we returned to in-person assemblies, and by Christmas 2021 we were able to host Nativities for Hook Infants and St John's Preschool in the church, bringing great happiness as a return to 'normal'. 'Open the Book' teams have returned to the schools. Thanks be to God for our village locations and our great relationships with staff and children.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Whitewater Church of England School, Rotherwick

Our wonderful village Church of England school has a great vision: "Developing values and skills of the Christian faith, Including everyone, Nurturing everyone's talents, Lifelong learning". We are proud to have this school in our Benefice. The pandemic has been a massive challenge to staff and families in every school. Whitewater School has come through with a huge amount of dedicated work from staff, parents, carers and governors. We support with three Foundation Governors: Marion, Shona and Stephen Davies (Hook). Our 'Open the Book' team are welcomed for their Bible story-telling. Marion led worship every Thursday, on zoom during the pandemic, and in person whenever possible, such as Harvest Festival in Rotherwick Church. Shona supports the 'Open the

Book' team and has begun to lead worship on Wednesdays. HMR churches give the children a Bible when they leave at the end of Year 6, and all children an Easter Egg at the end of the Spring term.

We joined a school collaboration in December, with Mr Glen Golding as Executive Head and Mr Steve Moore as Head of School, and retain our status as a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School. Thank you so much to Miss Lucy Edwards who led the school for the last 7 years as Head Teacher until she left in September 2021.

Canon Marion de Quidt

MINISTRY IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Winchester Diocese and Diocesan Synod

2021 was a year of significant change for the Diocese, with Diocesan Bishop Tim Dakin standing down from ministry in May, and then retiring in February 2022. Bishop Debbie Sellin of Southampton, was appointed as Acting Diocesan Bishop, with Bishop David Williams continuing as Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke. Winchester Diocesan Synod met in March. An informal synod was gathered in September, to facilitate conversation between Synod members who were ending their triennium in 2021, and those just beginning. A further Synod was convened in November where full membership was confirmed, and members of Bishops Council elected.

During 2021 there were changes in the Diocesan leadership team, ongoing restructuring of parish and benefice organisation, and a loss of 11 stipendiary clergy posts from each of the north and south archdeaconries, reducing the total number to 116. With the support of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, Winchester Diocese will be spending 18 months attending to the well-being and morale of its clergy, working on lasting reconciliation and good relationships across the Diocese, clarity on Diocesan finances, and a coherent vision for growth. I am an elected member of Diocesan Synod as well as Odiham Area Dean, in which capacity I attend the termly Northern Archdeaconry team meetings and a monthly meeting of northern Area Deans with Bishop David. I have also attended the Diocesan Mission Forum to share updates from our Myanmar link, which has been well received.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Odiham Deanery and Synod

Odiham Deanery comprises six Benefices in the north-eastern part of Winchester Diocese, with 28 churches. Clergy meet once per month for learning and friendship as the Deanery Chapter, share news and plan ministry on WhatsApp, and some clergy meet for bible study weekly on Friday mornings.

The new Twentieth gathering of Odiham Deanery Synod met three times in 2021. In February the Synod met in Hook in person, and elected our Lay Chair, Richard Elphick (Sherfield), Treasurer, Colin Cohen (North Hampshire Downs), and Secretary, Janet Young (Yateley). The Diocesan reorganisation was described. An update was given about our Deanery link with Holy Cross Theological college in Myanmar with the immediate impact of the military takeover. We said goodbye to the Rev'd John Lenton, and Rev'd Stephen Ball, retiring in 2021. Curate Rev'd Helen O'Sullivan explained the strategy and impact of the 'Benefice of the Future' rural churches project in North Hampshire Downs, one of the Deanery focal projects for the last 3 years.

In April, Synod met on Zoom. The recent 24-hour Deanery Prayer Vigil for Myanmar was described by Kim Foster (Hook), and photographs shared. A prayer WhatsApp group made this possible. Andy Pinnock (Bramley) presented a practical 'how to' use of technology for worship and hybrid church services. Finally, Rev'd Lerys Campbell (Assistant Area Dean, Darby Green) commended the Church of England 'Living in Love and Faith' course, which a group of Odiham clergy had studied together.

In October, we met in Hook in person, caught up on news from around the Deanery and heard good news about local churches. Our Treasurer explained that with a decrease in income across the parishes, he anticipated 92% collection of Common Mission Fund compared to the request from the Diocese. An open conversation followed my presentation of the challenges in the Diocese. Questions from Deanery representatives were summarised and passed on to Diocesan Senior staff.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Area Dean. Hook Deanery Representatives are Kim Foster and Martin Rudd

Ministry to Old Raven House and Geffery's House

It is a real joy to re-commence this ministry after many months of a regular phone call to maintain contact. Prior to our visit to Old Raven House, Marion holds a short Communion Service which Brigitte, Joyce and I attend. We take communion to the residents in the Conservatory of Old Raven House. The Manager Anne and her staff are always very welcoming. We commence with a well-known hymn sung beautifully which triggers memories for the residents. It is such a privilege to be with these wonderful people who are cared for. Specific words from the service brings back memories for them. Christmas was particularly special where we sang several Carols with one lady beautifully singing the last verse of Away in a manger. Thank you to Brigitte and Joyce for sharing in this ministry.

Ministry to Gefferys House, Hook, continued with two services, the first being Remembrance Day where over 20 residents gathered in the lounge. We held a Christmas Carol service and residents took a part through reading and selecting Carols, and were joined by some of St John's Choir. Regular visits are carried out at the weekly coffee mornings and there is a warm welcome. The Wardens are very supportive and welcome this ministry. Residents from Gefferys Fields Basingstoke temporarily moved to Gefferys House whilst some rebuilding and refurbishment takes place. The plan is still for Gefferys House to close, and all will move to Gefferys Fields in Basingstoke on completion of the work. Please hold the residents and wardens in your prayers.

Jennifer Martin, Licensed Lay Minister

Ministry to Berry Court

We have returned to monthly in-person communions in Berry Court, once Anchor Homes allowed us to gather in the lounge. During the pandemic we kept in touch with our church family who live in the flats, and other residents who appreciate the monthly communions. One was confirmed in June 2021 in St John's, which was a joy for us all. Tim Maynes and I take the services together.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Men's Breakfast

We started the year meeting via Zoom and had presentations on varied topics like the immune system, fake news and Sri Lanka. In June we ventured outside to the Rectory garden for bacon and sausage butties and conversation. By November we had agreed to meet regularly at Hook House Hotel for a generous English breakfast and topical discussion, firstly on renewable energy and Christmas.

Richard Morley

Friendship Café

The Friendship Cafe in 2021 has continued each Thursday morning in line with pandemic rules. We have 14 people most weeks, enjoying cake, biscuits and a chat. Much laughter echoes around the Narthex, and the friendships are deeply appreciated.

Carol-Anne Morris, Pastoral Assistant

Coffee Shop

The St John's Coffee shop has re-opened every Monday morning for the Hook Walkers Group of up to 30 people, and is also used for social and fundraising events as needed. The pastoral care team have continued to care for people throughout the year by phone and socially-distanced visits.

Shirley Clancy, Pastoral Assistant

St John's Lunch Club

After an 18 month hiatus as a result of the pandemic, St John's Lunch Club re-started in September 2021. We were unsure how many of the Lunch Clubbers would come along but were pleasantly surprised when nearly 30 came and only a few months later numbers are between 30-40. Whilst it took us a few months to get used to doing it again, we are there now. We are very clearly filling a need within the village in reaching out to older people and the lonely, by giving them the opportunity to get out of the house and meet up with friends over a convivial meal. All the more important given the length of time we spent in lockdown! We have a few new

volunteers, which is good news as over the years others have hung up their wooden spoons. The menu that we offer is as varied as ever & features old favourites as well as continuing to introduce new recipes to increase our repertoire. There is still a choice of three main courses as well as a choice of three desserts. In addition, we are also trialling having a vegetarian option on the menu for a few months. Those who come to Lunch Club are always very appreciative of the efforts made by the volunteers.

Catriona Terrell, Team Leader

Hook Craft/Knit and Natter

It is very hard to run this group on Zoom! We kept in touch with each other by phone, WhatsApp and text. As soon as we could we started meeting outdoors in each other's gardens, where our cup of tea came with homemade cake. Finally we were able to meet in church again, and discussed restarting our Cake Sale on the first Saturday of the month, aiming to have one on Saturday 4th December. A frenzy of knitting Christmas Puddings with a Ferrero Rocher inside started. Oh, and wouldn't it be good to ask the Flower Team to make some table centres, and maybe we could have a PCC Hamper Raffle, we do a lot of nattering!! The day was a success, with free coffee and homemade mince pies the Church was full of people again!

This year we also joined the rest of the village knitting poppies to add to the significant display and also increasing our displays at church. Finally, many of you may have seen the moths we made hanging from the balcony before being sent to the "Moth to a Flame" display at the Glasgow Eco-focus conference COP26.

Gill Morley, Team Leader

Hook Christmas Cracker

For a second year, due to Covid we were not able to run this. We introduced a new outdoor carols on Sunday 12th December with the full support of St John's Choir, offering refreshments, which was well received.

Richard Paganuzzi, Church Warden

OTHER CHARITIES THE PCC SUPPORTS

Foodbank

People have struggled even more to make ends meet in the pandemic, and our local Foodbank supported by the Trussell Trust and Hart Foodbank, is essential for many local families. To get help from Foodbank requires the client to be referred with a voucher, which contains basic information about the person requiring a food parcel, and allows Foodbank to thus pack accordingly. Each Foodbank centre works with various frontline professionals, for example doctors, health visitors, social workers, churches, Junction 5 and citizens advice. These professionals are able to refer the client to a Foodbank centre and give out a Foodbank voucher if they think there is a requirement for emergency food. Once the client has been given a voucher, they can exchange this for a minimum of three days' emergency food at the nearest Foodbank centre.

Foodbank is, generally, supported by local organisations, including St John's and HMR churches. Most of our congregation members bring regular food to the collection points, and we have extra collections at Harvest.

Joyce Baldock, co-ordinator of Hook Foodbank

The Bluebell Café, at the True Living Centre, Heckfield

St Johns Hook supported the Bluebell café with some joint fundraising in October 2021. The Bluebell café is held at Rosie's tearoom every Friday, and below is a summary of their 2021 report.

After a very long delay, due to Covid, the Bluebell Café finally opened on Friday 6 August 2021. The cafe, for people with dementia and their carers plus anyone who is lonely, can be found next to Rosie's Tearoom every Friday from 2 - 4pm. Those present can indulge in suitable activities and most importantly, also indulge in endless supplies of tea, coffee and delicious cakes! The team were fortunate to have advice from the well-established 'Forget-Me-Not café' during the early weeks. From time to time there is entertainment from visitors such as Fleet U3A ukulele band and Richard Lodde's group-singing to his guitar. There is a small team of enthusiastic helpers.

Funding has been received from various sources, including a joint fundraising event at St John's Church in October and the team are particularly grateful for HMR's ongoing donation to cover cleaning costs. New guests, nice cakes and donations will always be welcome.

David Nodder, Secretary

Hook Junction 5, debt advice and counselling

We pray for this ministry every week. Junction 5 has been providing debt advice & counselling since September 2005. The charity is licensed and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the governing body in the UK for financial services and have five trained advisers, all volunteers, and a part time paid administrator. In the last seventeen years they have supported about 350 cases (individuals and couples). The reasons vary why people get into financial difficulties, from bereavement to critical illness, marriage breakdown, loss of employment or making poor decisions. During the past year or so, they have helped several clients from a Refuge Centre. This has been a very humbling experience, and a pleasure to be able to help these clients who have clearly experienced a very difficult time in their lives. The service is completely confidential and available to everyone; it is free, and the advice given is non-judgmental. A client recently commented "The support, friendship, hard work and attitude turned what I saw as a humiliating experience into a bright new start and future. I am really grateful to Junction 5 for all their help". Junction 5 is supported financially by local organisations, including St John's church.

Joyce Baldock, team member

Local Charity selection 2021

In 2021, the local charity we supported financially was Hart Foodbank and their work is described above.

International Charity selection 2021

International China Concern was chosen as our International charity for 2021. The charity cares for children with disabilities in two cities in China. Their work also aims to prevent abandonment by offering support to families raising children with disabilities and by changing public attitudes towards disability.

The charity holds "Intimacy with God" as one of their core values, their relationship with God being central to the work that they do. In February 2021, Judy Elliot, Director ICC (UK and Rep Ireland) joined a benefice Zoom service to introduce our church family to the work of the charity. Judy gave an inspiring talk and challenged us to live our lives like "Jesus in skin".

Caroline Frolander

COMMITTEES

Parish Mission Action Planning (pMAP) Team

In 2021 we progressed our living mission to Hook parish by re-establishing and returning to our church worship and community service. The accounts in this annual report describe the adaptations made during and post-pandemic, and the encouragements seen from the hard work and perseverance of so many people in our church family and wider teams, many of which comprise our 'Outward' aspect of mission. A subgroup of Hook PCC undertook a worship survey in the summer as part of our 'Upward' mission. The visit of Russ Parker and the 2Restore programme in November focussed on our 'Inward' dimension of mission, which has improved our listening and caring for one another. PCC has agreed to re-engage with our mission action planning in 2022, and to re-envision Hook St John's for the next 2-5 years. We need a new pMAP team and leader for 2022.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Information Technology and Communications Team

Information Technology: we started the year with a redesign of the website (whitewaterchurches.co.uk) including a new home page with more pictures and added a new resources section which includes teaching, a

new audio library, videos etc. Although many of the pages look similar, there was a lot of work under the covers. In November, a guest wi-fi network was installed in the main church building and Narthex, and the security of the office network was improved. During the year, our use of the i-Know Church administration system has continued to increase. This is used to manage contacts, room bookings and some of our teams and rotas. The associated Life Events Diary system is used by the clergy to manage baptisms, weddings, banns and funerals across the Benefice.

Website: we are pleased that during the year, as a church we were able to reach out to the community using the website as a place to advertise what we do and share our weekly notices, online calendar & Zoom codes! Services were a combination of in Church, via Zoom or online (with pages to read, videos to watch or audios to listen to). During the first half of the year, we would have around 100 users access the website on a Sunday, and once churches started to open nearer 30 users access the website on a Sunday.

A Church Near You (ACNY): if you have not seen A Church Near You, it's a Church of England resource, which will point you to a nearby church. Our ACNY page will link to our website, but also has information about weekly services and key events we may want to share. It is often the first port of call for information for anyone searching for our churches or services on the internet.

Facebook: across the Benefice we use Facebook for communication, both amongst ourselves and across the wider community. At St John's there is a private group, and both St John's and HMR have a page which is visible across the wider community. The Christmas Services post had the widest reach, being seen by over 700. The posts of puppet videos (from the All Age Services) are also very popular.

Images/advertising events: we use many of the same images to advertise events on website, Facebook and ACNY. For example, all the Christmas Events images from last year with the Heart of Christmas logo were common across all 3 places. If you would like us to advertise your event, please talk to Anna or Caroline and we can help (images need to be specific sizes, and care needs to be taken with images used due to privacy or copyright, but we can advise/help). Generally, we aim to advertise an event a couple of weeks beforehand.

WhatsApp: St John's has two WhatsApp groups – one for prayers and one for social and information sharing. They started being used when we could not meet in person, and were a nice way to keep as a community.

Weekly Notices email: our weekly notices are sent to around 130 people via email. The notices are also available as a download from the home page of the website. If you do not get the notices via email and would like to sign up to it, you can here: <https://whitewaterchurches.co.uk/about-us/emailnotices/>

We are always looking for people to join the team. You don't have to be a whizz with a computer!

Anna Shergold, Whitewater Website manager, Dave Wilson, IT manager, Caroline Bushman, Facebook lead

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees the financial affairs of the church, including the preparation of accounts, budgets and forecasts. The Treasurer presents financial reports to the Committee for discussion and the Committee makes recommendations to the PCC.

The terms of reference are:

- To manage the day-to-day financial affairs of the church, including the preparation of accounts and budgets.
- To ensure proper stewardship of finance.
- To review ways of promoting regular giving and Gift Aid.
- To consider longer term financial commitments, as directed by the PCC, and how to arrange financing of these projects if required.
- To ensure compliance with all applicable law and regulations relating to finance matters.

The committee works in conjunction with all other Committees and Teams at St John's and reports to PCC who review and approve recommendations as appropriate.

The Finance Committee met five times during 2021. Meetings were held to review the financial position, update financial procedures, make budget recommendations and discuss the financial matters relating to St John's church activities.

However, much of the PCC's income comes from regular, electronic donations – via the Parish Giving Scheme and Standing Orders - which continued, and the PCC are grateful to all who have supported the PCC in this way throughout 2021 and continue to do so. Others have discovered how simple it is to donate to the PCC via the website, and this has been gratefully received.

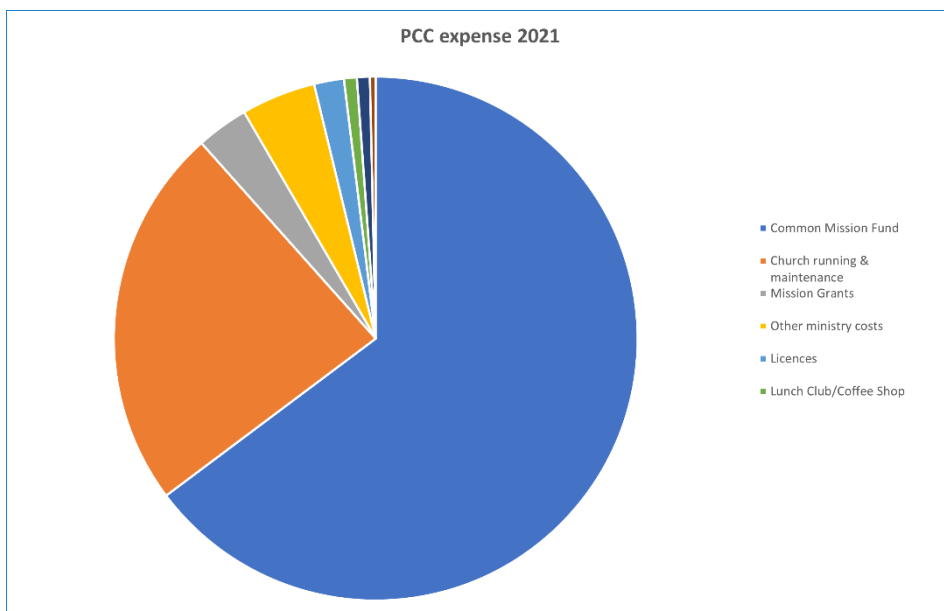
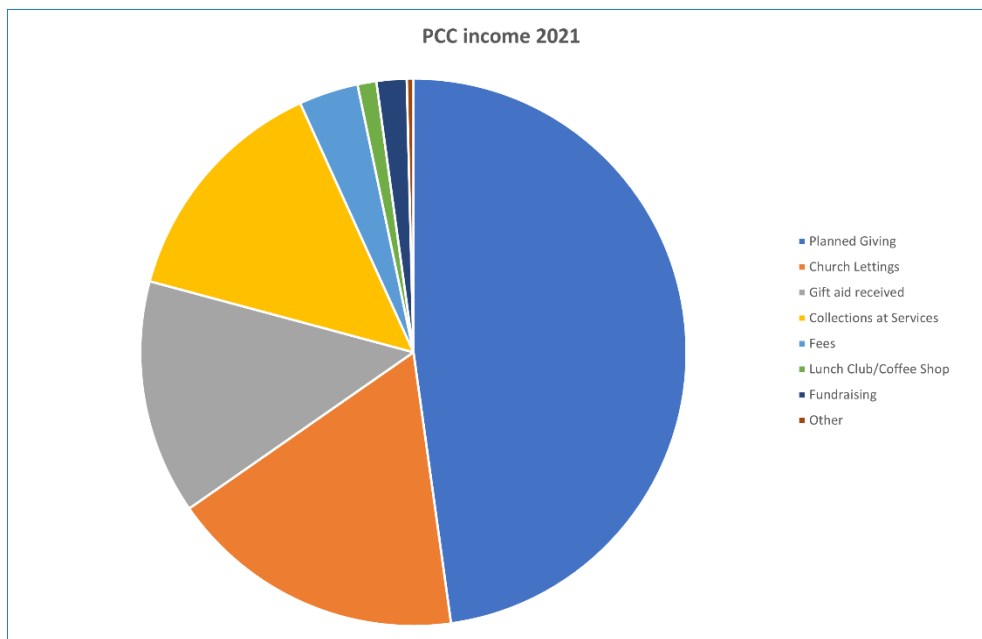
Nikki Wild, Chair

Treasurer's Report

2021 was a year in which the faithful giving of the congregation has sustained the PCC.

Many people continued to give regularly and faithfully throughout the pandemic, and the increased opening up of activities meant rental income was maintained and occasional gifts from the wider community resumed.

Three very successful fundraising events were also held – an evening with photos about going on safari, a cake sale and outdoor carol singing. In house designed Christmas Cards were also sold. These together raised £1,476.



In terms of what we spend money on, the largest item, as always, is the parish's contribution to the ministry of the Church of England throughout the Winchester Diocese. In 2021 this was £54,788. The PCC decided that, despite the Diocese requesting a reduced contribution, we should in fact contribute slightly more than we had done in 2020. Running the building cost £20,005 during the year. The total expenses for 2021 were £84,595.

Looking forward into 2022, the PCC has once again agreed a deficit budget – where the PCC plans to spend more money than it receives – covering the normal day to day operations of the charity. The PCC is currently fixed into a gas and electricity supply contract at favourable pricing compared to the rates currently available. This contract ends in September 2022 and it is anticipated that the cost of utilities will rise thereafter. The PCC holds money in reserves to cover this exceptional situation.

Increasing income will involve encouraging new church members to join one of the planned giving schemes and ensuring that it is clear and simple for those who wish to do so to donate to the church. Each group in the church will be challenged to carry out some sort of fundraising event, and a preaching series on generosity is scheduled for later in the year.

The expenses of the PCC are understood and well controlled, and it is difficult to reduce them further without making significant change to what the PCC does. It is therefore important to work to increase income from fundraising as well as from regular donations to ensure that there are funds available to support ministry in Hook as we continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in this place.

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

Special Charitable Collections

Several special collections were made during the year for the following charities: International China Concern, World Day of Prayer, Hart Foodbank, Children's Society and Tearfund. A collection was also held to purchase items of clothing required by refugees from Afghanistan who were being housed locally.

The PCC continues its practice of choosing to give away £900 each year as a PCC donation shared between a local and an international Charity. These choices are made in our November meeting. The choices for 2021 were Hart Foodbank (local) and International China Concern (International).

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

PCC Approval of Annual Report

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by

.....MARION DE QUIDT.....

Canon Marion de Quidt
PCC Chair

**The Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St John the Evangelist, Hook**

Charity registration number 1183688

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

I report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook (hereafter PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an internal examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DEBORAH GIBBS

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Voluntary Income | 2(a) | 62,549 | 125 | 62,674 | 62,117 |
| Activities for generating Funds | 2(b) | 2,679 | | 2,679 | 2,106 |
| Investment Income | 2(c) | 47 | | 47 | 315 |
| Church activities | 2(d) | 17,435 | | 17,435 | 12,948 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 82,710 | 125 | 82,835 | 77,486 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | |
| Church activities | 3(a) | 80,769 | 1,515 | 82,284 | 76,053 |
| Cost of generation of voluntary income | 3(b) | 453 | | 453 | 263 |
| Governance costs | 3(c) | 1,858 | | 1,858 | 1,737 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | | 83,080 | 1,515 | 84,595 | 78,075 |
| NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) | | (370) | (1,390) | (1,760) | (589) |
| RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES | | | | | |
| TRANSFERS | | - | - | - | |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | (370) | (1,390) | (1,760) | (589) |
| BAL B/F 1 JANUARY 2021 | | | | 62,568 | 63,157 |
| BAL C/F 31 DECEMBER 2021 | | | | 60,808 | 62,568 |

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

| | Notes | As at 31/12/2021 | As at 31/12/2020 |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Bank & Cash | | 14,940 | 16,456 |
| CBF Deposit Account | | 47,525 | 47,525 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 5 | 960 | 1,062 |
| Total Current Assets | | 63,425 | 65,043 |

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| Creditors and accruals | 6 | 2,617 | 2,475 |
| Total Liabilities | | 2,617 | 2,475 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net Asset Surplus | 60,808 | 62,568 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|

| Represented by Funds | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| | Note | | |
| Unrestricted | 7 | 60,636 | 61,005 |
| Restricted | 7 | 172 | 1,563 |
| Total | | 60,808 | 62,568 |

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Canon Marion de Quidt.

.....MARION DE QUIDT..... (PCC Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with accounting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) on the accruals basis and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) 2nd edition October 2019. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist Hook (hereafter "PCC") is registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1183688. The PCC is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. **Funds designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 7.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the fête, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants & Donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when due. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet [2021 – Nil]

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £3,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Basis of preparation

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue operating, consequently these accounts are presented on the basis that the PCC continues as a going concern.

1. INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2021 | 2020 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2(a) Voluntary Income | | | | |
| Planned Giving | 39,597 | | 39,597 | 40,692 |
| Collections at Services | 9,519 | 125 | 9,644 | 8,289 |
| Tax Recoverable | 10,652 | | 10,652 | 10,841 |
| Tax - GASDS | 815 | | 815 | 425 |
| Donations, appeals | 1,966 | | 1,966 | 1,870 |
| Sub Totals | 62,549 | 125 | 62,674 | 62,117 |
| 2(b) | | | | |
| Fundraising | 1,476 | | 1,476 | 719 |
| Lunch Club | 757 | | 757 | 451 |
| Coffee Shop | 167 | | 167 | 561 |
| Bookstall and printing | 279 | | 279 | 375 |
| Other events | | | | |
| Sub Totals | 2,679 | - | 2,679 | 2,106 |
| 2(c) Income from Investments | | | | |
| Dividends and interest including tax recoverable | 47 | | 47 | 315 |
| Sub Totals | 47 | - | 47 | 315 |
| 2(d) | | | | |
| Church Lettings | 14,522 | | 14,522 | 11,799 |
| Fees | 2,913 | | 2,913 | 1,149 |
| Sub Totals | 17,435 | - | 17,435 | 12,948 |
| Total Income | 82,710 | 125 | 82,835 | 77,486 |

The total amount of donations received without attached conditions from Trustees during 2021 was £30,550 (2020: £29,428).

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 2021 | 2020 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 3(a) Church Activities | | | | |
| Common Mission Fund | 53,538 | 1,250 | 54,788 | 54,288 |
| Other ministry costs | 2,956 | | 2,956 | 1,929 |
| Music costs | 336 | 200 | 536 | 113 |
| Church running & maintenance | 13,205 | 65 | 13,271 | 12,347 |
| Youth Children & Families | 394 | | 394 | 208 |
| Administration | 6,733 | | 6,733 | 3,340 |
| Lunch Club & Coffee Shop | 672 | | 672 | 1,039 |
| Others | 220 | | 220 | 297 |
| Mission Grants | | | | |
| Overseas | 584 | | 584 | 600 |
| Home | 665 | | 665 | 643 |
| Collections | 1,466 | | 1,466 | 1,270 |
| Sub Totals | 80,769 | 1,515 | 82,284 | 76,053 |
| 3(b) Fund Raising costs | 453 | | 453 | 263 |
| Sub Totals | 453 | - | 453 | 263 |
| 3(c) Governance Costs | | | | |
| Ind. Examination | 300 | | 300 | 300 |
| Licences | 1,558 | | 1,558 | 1,437 |
| Sub Totals | 1,858 | - | 1,858 | 1,737 |
| Total Expenditure | 83,080 | 1,515 | 84,595 | 78,053 |

4. EMPLOYEES

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total Funds | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | 2021 | 2020 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Wages and Salaries | 8,220 | - | 8,220 | 4,736 |
| Social Security costs | - | - | - | 20 |
| Employer's contribution to pensions | 130 | - | 130 | 50 |
| Totals | 8,350 | - | 4,806 | 4,806 |

The average number of employees during the year was two. No employee received employee benefits greater than £60,000. The Benefice Administrator is employed by the PCC but 50% of the cost is recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC. The amounts shown above include the PCC of Hook Parish's share of the costs.

None of the PCC Members were remunerated as employees during 2021 or 2020.

Throughout 2021, the Benefice Administrator was Rebecca Ratnasamy, who is a Related Party of a PCC member, Angelo Arulchelvam. Angelo ceased to be a PCC member on 14 May 2021. Rebecca had a standard contract of employment with the PCC and her remuneration paid from January to 14 May 2021 was £4,000 [2020: £3,831] plus pension contributions of £86 [2020: £100]. 50% of these amounts were recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC.

Two PCC members had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £310 [2020: three members - £530].

PENSIONS

The PCC of Hook Parish participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. The Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
 - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014, in which the PCC of Hook Parish participates.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary

bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme’s assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2021: £130, 2020: £50)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 3% following improvements in the funding position over 2021. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, The PCC of Hook Parish could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer’s pension liabilities.

5. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | 960 | 1,062 |
| Prepayments | - | - |
| Total | 960 | 1,062 |

Debtors are the reimbursement by HMR Parish in respect of a share of the cost of ministry and administration plus an amount of Gift Aid claimed from HMRC not yet received.

6. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <i>Amounts falling due within one year</i> | | |
| Creditors | 2,572 | 2,225 |
| Accruals | 45 | 250 |
| Total | 2,617 | 4,409 |

Creditors are payments for expenditure incurred in 2021 but not paid until 2022. These represent amounts due but unpaid for gas and electricity charges, clergy expenses, plus amounts of fees collected on behalf of Winchester Diocese for occasional offices during October – December 2021, the independent examiner’s fee and sundry other small invoices.

7. FUNDS

| | 2021 | | | |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| | Unrestricted | | Restricted | |
| | Designated | Non Designated | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 January 2021 | 5,701 | 55,304 | 61,005 | 1,563 |
| Income | 1,391 | 82,569 | 83,960 | 125 |
| Expenditure | 343 | 83,986 | 84,329 | 1,515 |
| 31 December 2021 | 6,749 | 53,887 | 60,636 | 172 |

| Details | £ | |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Fabric | 4,201 | |
| Audio Visual | 1,000 | |
| Organ | 500 | |
| Music | 48 | 172 |
| Legacy | 1,000 | |
| Common Mission Fund | | - |
| | 6,749 | 172 |

| Represented by | Unrestricted | Restricted |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Current assets | 63,253 | 172 |
| Current liabilities | 2,617 | - |
| | 60,636 | 172 |

8. RESERVES

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months expenditure, including the PCC's contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund, to cover the running costs – this equates to £21,150 based on the 2021 expenditure levels.

In addition, a designated reserve was created in 2013 which was originally established to cover the expected costs of redecoration over a 5 year period. In 2020, further designated reserves were created for the future refurbishment of the organ (£500), and work on the church audio visual system (£1,000). These reserves are all part of the Unrestricted Funds and there was no movement on them during 2021. Two new designated reserves were created during 2021, as an unrestricted legacy was received, and for provision of a choir at weddings and funerals where the fees received by the PCC differ from the total paid to singers, and surplus funds are held for future music requirements.

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