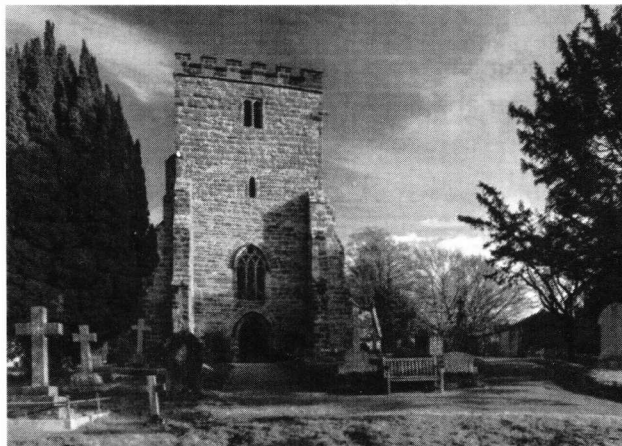


Annual Report and Financial Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Withyham



with All Saints Church, Blackham



For the year ended 31 December 2022

St. Michael & All Angels Church, Withyham, Hartfield, East Sussex TN7 4BA
All Saints Church, Oak Lane, Blackham, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9UD

Incumbent:

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Annual Report 2022

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon James Campbell, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make him better known;
- Practical support and care for people in the parish and the wider church community, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of the level of need;
- Providing financial support for those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

Structure and Governance and Management

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission and is governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Power) Measure 1956.

During the year 2022/2023, the following were PCC members:

Ex Officio members

Rector	Revd Canon James Campbell	Chairman
Churchwarden	Richard Halcrow	
Churchwarden	Jill Pardey	
Reader	Donald Yonge	Parish Safeguarding Officer (from November 2022)
Deanery Synod reps	(Donald Yonge)	(resigned September 2022)
	Janice Yonge	(resigned September 2022)

Elected Members

Anne Barker	Hon. Treasurer
Alison Hunnam	Hon. Secretary
Miriam Boobier	Parish Safeguarding Officer (resigned November 2022)
Robert Clark	
Sue Cooper	
Janet Funnell	
Gillian Halcrow	
Paul Radford	
Sue Schooling	
Meg Stafford	
Jackie Watson	
Piers Wilson	

Membership of the PCC is determined under Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members - the Incumbent, Reader, the Churchwardens and members of the Deanery Synod - together with members of the Church elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Achievements during the Year

James Campbell was inducted as the Rector by the Bishop of Chichester on 6th July 2016.

Sunday Worship

2022 finally saw parish life slowly return to a degree of normality after the significant disruptions to Church life during 2020/2021 caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Particularly during the first part of the year, a number of Churchgoers continued to use hand sanitiser, maintain social distancing and a few wore a face covering.

The pattern was largely unchanged with the principal service at 11.00am (weekly Matins, apart from Holy Communion on the first Sunday) preceded by a service on Zoom or a Half Hour Service (renamed from 'Family Services') in Church alternating at 9.45am, together with Evensong on first and third Sunday evenings. On the fifth Sunday's services of Matins were held at Blackham.

There was the familiar pattern of special services held throughout the year: Plough Sunday; Mothering Sunday; Passover Meal (held in the Kings Hall) on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day; Rogation Sunday (outside); a Pet Service; Harvest Festival followed by a lunch; Remembrance Sunday Service; and the Christmas services including Carol Services in Church and at Buckhurst Park, an Outdoor Nativity at the Rectory, Crib Service and Midnight on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service.

Almost all those who were devotees of the main 11 o'clock before the pandemic have returned. In contrast, a number of families who came periodically to the earlier services no longer attend regularly. However, a faithful group of up to 12 households continue to meet for the regular Zoom services.

We remain indebted to our Organist Sue Stone, Assistant Organist Peter Ellefsen who also plays at Evensong and Bob Messey who plays at the Half Hour Service; and for the Choir leading the worship at 11.00am, with many returning at 6.30pm.

Donald Yonge and his wife Janice continue to have to isolate for health reasons, but Donald was able to resume his role as a Reader and lead two services in the summer. Adrian Leak, Rector 2006-2013, returned to lead a service.

The Rector's Sunday sermons continue to be emailed to those on the Parish list (almost 90 names), together with a Midweek Bulletin normally issued every Wednesday.

Blackham

Regular worship continued to be held on the 5th Sunday of the month (excluding December). In addition, during 2022 there was an evening Harvest Festival service, the Act of Remembrance by the Lychgate, together with a Carol Service.

Church Electoral Roll

At the 2022 APCM, the number on the Electoral Roll was 117.

Nine names have been deleted, six of whom have died, one moved away and two left; four names have been added.

There are now 112 names on the ER of whom 33 (29%) are resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Withyham whilst the remainder live outside, mainly in neighbouring villages and in Crowborough.

Mission Action Plan

At each PCC Meeting, members discussed three actions from the 12 put together by the sub-group in 2021, as well as reviewing progress to date.

January: maintaining quality choral worship; wider use of the building; lay leadership.

March: preaching; use of social media; community events.

July: new initiatives; new members; DOE Scheme.

September: follow-up for baptisms, weddings and funerals; explanation of running costs.

November: a review of previous topics.

Parish Personnel

Richard Halcrow and Jill Pardey continued as **Churchwardens**, Anne Barker as Hon. Treasurer and Ali Hunnam as Hon. Secretary.

Bridget Clayton continued her role as Church Administrator, usually working three and a half hours per week at The Rectory on Tuesday mornings, as well as assisting with other matters including for the Treasurer.

Teaching & Nurture

The incumbent places an emphasis on preaching and teaching in his ministry. During Lent 2022 a group studied 'The Art of Lent' by Sister Wendy Beckett via Zoom.

The Church Buildings

St. Michael and All Angels Church, **Withyham** is a fine Grade One building. It has a long association for over 800 years with the Sackville family, owners of the surrounding Buckhurst Estate.

Following the restrictions of the past few years, the Church was open again from 9.00am daily until nightfall.

The Churchwardens ensured that the building remained in good condition.

No major work was carried out.

On-going improvements to the Church **Sound System** were carried out and mainly concluded during the current year.

The **cleaning** firm 'Busy Bees' from Hartfield continue to clean the Church and loos fortnightly; Anne Radford has co-ordinated this.

The **Flower** Guild continues to be co-ordinated by Jill Pardey. When requested, flowers for weddings and funerals are arranged by Mollie Packer and Kath Stillwell.

The **Bellringers** are drawn from Withyham, Crowborough, Speldhurst, Penshurst and Leigh; monthly practices take place on Wednesdays. Julie Richardson remains the Bell Tower Captain, assisted by Peter, her husband.

All Saints Church, Blackham remains locked when not in use.
No major work has been carried out recently.

Churchyards

Withyham

McNaughton's continue to mow and strim the **grass** each week.

In the storm in February, the large Cedar at the top of the Churchyard – the tallest **tree** in the Churchyard – lost its leading branch and the tree was felled by David Newcombe.

An oak was planted to the north of the Church by the Patron during the Rogation Service on 22nd May to mark the **Platinum Jubilee** of Queen Elizabeth 11.

The annual **Churchyard Clear-up** took place in November, with a simple lunch by the Church Porch (another took place in March this year).

In early February this year, 2023, the **hedge** at the top of the Churchyard was reduced in height to 3'/1m. Every year it had grown a little higher and the summer growth interfered with the graves nearest to it. In addition, the fine view to the north and east can now be enjoyed by all.

John Collins continued to assist James Campbell in the allocation of **graves** and related enquiries.

Blackham

The **grass mowing** was again done by a local Blackham contractor.

In the spring, the remaining half of a **tree** on the eastern boundary, together with nearby bushes, were removed to tidy up the general appearance.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

After living with the Covid-19 pandemic regulations, 2022 returned to normality.

There were four **Baptisms**; three held over from 2020 and 2021 weren't rearranged. Prior to the pandemic, there were nine in 2019 and eight in 2018.

Five **Weddings** were held at Withyham, together with two Blessing services, and one at Blackham – eight in all. Probably the best comparison is with 2019 when there were 13 – an exceptional year – and nine in 2018.

14 **Funerals** took place – including one at Blackham. This compares with 12 in 2021: for all but one, the principal service was in Church – an increase on past years; only one service was just at the Crematorium. Eight services were followed by a burial in the Churchyard, one was just a burial and the other four either preceded or were followed by cremation. Almost all the cremations took place at the Kent & Sussex Crematorium in Tunbridge Wells; There were also four interments of ashes.

During the year, the funerals took place of a number of long-time Church members, including Roger Funnell, Ann Haig McVitty, Pat Taylor, and Peter Walker. This year, 2023, has also seen the funerals of Colin Ruck and Peter Baker.

Parish Events

The annual **Church & Village Fete** took place on the Buckhurst Cricket Ground.

Pastoral Care

James Campbell visited a number of elderly members of the congregation at home and in care homes, as well as the residents of The Elizabeth, Countess De La Warr's Almshouses where he is one of the trustees.

St. Michael's Primary School, Withyham

James Campbell finally resumed taking assemblies in the autumn, usually visiting fortnightly, but weekly in the lead-up to major festivals.

Numbers at the School are c. 80; Mrs Katie O'Shea continues as the Headteacher.

Safeguarding

Donald Yonge took over from Miriam Boobier as our Parish Safeguarding Representative in the autumn; he had been her predecessor. There was little to report. Any training was done online.

Data Protection

The Parish has continued to seek to comply with the requirements of the legislation introduced in May 2018.

Health & Safety

During the pandemic, frequent Risk Assessments were carried out as first Government legislation and then C of E Guidance regarding churches kept changing. Risk Assessments are routinely carried out for other special services and events.

Support for the wider Church and Community

Family Support Work

The parish remains active in supporting this Diocesan-run work which is co-ordinated by Miriam Boobier.

Crowborough Foodbank

With the significant increases in the cost of living, requests for food from the local Foodbank have grown. Whilst there is a collection box at the back of the Church, most donors leave contributions at supermarkets or collection points in the town.

Charitable Donations

During the year, Withyham Church made a number of donations to local, national and international charities in line with previous years:

Christian Aid; Church Mission Society; the College of St. Barnabas, Lingfield; Chichester Association for Family Support Work; Friends of Chichester Cathedral; Friends of Crowborough Hospital; Hospice in the Weald; The Children's Society; Open Doors; 'Acts 435'; Mustard Seed Appeal; and the Royal British Legion.

In addition, donations are made locally to King's Hall, Withyham and St. Michael's School, Withyham.

Blackham Church made donations to Blackham Village Hall and the Royal British Legion.

Overall, a total of c. £2,500.

The Parish Magazine

Robert Veitch took over from Stephen Whittaker as **Editor** in the summer.

Janet Funnell continues to co-ordinate the **distribution** (with about 20 volunteers). Meg Stafford took over the **advertising** at the end of the year following Roger Funnell's death.

Hard copies continue to be distributed to over 300 homes for 11\12 months p.a.; a number are emailed it and others receive a copy by post.

Church Web Site

As part of her role as Parish Administrator, Bridget Clayton continues to maintain the website.

Withyham Parish Charity

The Charity was established with the Charity Commission in 1981, being the amalgamation of various older village charities. The Rector and Churchwardens are trustees together with two representatives from the Parish Council.

The Charity's remit covers Withyham Civil Parish which includes the Ecclesiastical parishes of New Groombridge (St. Thomas') and St. John's, Crowborough.

Grants are available to assist those under the age of 25 with training for a profession, trade or business, or to further their education in other ways, as well as those suffering hardship or distress.

Grants are made occasionally.

Village Hall lunches

The monthly lunches held at the Kings' Hall resumed during the year.

Deanery

Rev. Julie Sear, Vicar of Hartfield & Coleman's Hatch continued as the **Rural Dean**.

The Archdeacon of Hastings, Edward Dowler, remains Priest-in-Charge of **St. John's, Crowborough** where he lives.

A new Associate Vicar, Nick Ashton, was appointed at **All Saints, Crowborough**, together with a new Curate, Pete Winstone, working with the Vicar Steve Rees. Rob Dillingham is now also Priest-in-Charge of High Hurstwood.

Nicholas Henshall, the former Dean of Chelmsford, was appointed Vicar of St. Thomas', **Groombridge** in February this year.

The parish of **Jarvis Brook** remains vacant.

Rotherfield **Deanery Synod** met three times during 2022:

- 8th March at All Saints, Crowborough: the principal item was a discussion about individual parish Mission Action Plans.
- 29th July at Mayfield: the principal item was 'Renewing hope in rural mission' by Rev. Gary Cregeen.
- 9th November on Zoom: the annual Finance Meeting with a presentation of the Diocesan finances by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Diocese

The Bishop of Chichester, Rt. Rev. Martin Warner, and the Suffragan Bishop of Lewes, Rt. Rev. Will Hazlewood, continue in post.

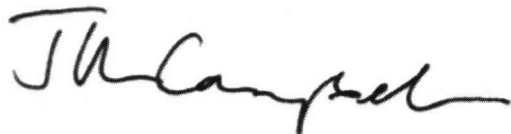
James Campbell remains the Companion Links Officer of the **Diocesan Overseas Committee** which has responsibility for Chichester Diocese's Overseas Links: six dioceses in nine countries in West Africa; and five dioceses in the Rift Valley in Kenya in East Africa. August saw the much-delayed Lambeth Conference for all the bishops in the Anglican Communion taking place at Kent University, Canterbury.

The Rectory

The Diocese has not carried out any major repairs. The latest Quinquennial Inspection has been carried out and the work is due to be done later this year.

The Parish continues to assist with some household expenditures including contributions toward the cost of electricity and oil.

Some visiting groups of Christians have returned since the pandemic.



James M. Campbell

Financial Statement for the Year 2022

The 2022 PCC Accounts are attached as appendices.

Report by Anne Barker (Hon. Treasurer)

Withyham

Now we are gradually getting back to normal, the income for this year has increased, largely due to the final instalment of the Tweed legacy in December which was £28000. Our deposit account interest has been good, but the value of the invested funds has decreased slightly in line with the current financial situation. However, most of our assets are in the Ottley Fund which is restricted to the fabric of this church. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in our costs. Oil, gas and electricity prices have all risen and the production costs of the magazine and upkeep of the Churchyard.

We are very grateful to the vast majority of the congregation who have joined the parish giving scheme, however, our income from Gift Aid and the plate is much lower than before the Pandemic. So, if anyone can increase the amount of their contribution, we would be very grateful, although we do appreciate that everyone is faced with increases in the cost of living and appreciate your generosity. I would like to thank Alison Hunnam for her continuing help with the banking of the collection.

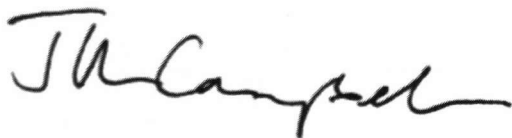
Blackham

All Saints has survived in the black due to the fees from weddings and funerals and the generosity of the grant from the Withyham Parish Council which covers the upkeep of the Churchyard.

Thank you to Sue and Chris Schooling for their hard work throughout the year. We now have a smart meter fitted, which should lighten their load – if it works!

Thank you to Charles Lamb for auditing the accounts.

The 2022 PCC Accounts were approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the PCC and signed by



2nd May 2023

Rev. Canon James Campbell (PCC Chairman)

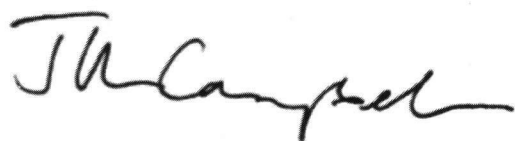
Appendix 1 - St. Michael & All Angels Church, Withyham
1A - Receipts and Payments - Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	funds	funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts:				
Parish Giving Scheme	18,051	0	18,051	17,854
Gift Aid Donations	3,605	0	3,605	2,710
Service Collections	4,793	0	4,793	3,403
Other Miscellaneous Donations	2,455	0	2,455	2,132
Legacies	31,476	0	31,476	15,000
Grants	60	0	60	60
Gift Aid recovered	6,202	0	6,202	6,388
	66,642	0	66,642	47,547
Activities for generating funds:				
Investment income:				
Bank & CCLA Deposit Interest	2,797	0	2,797	17
Dividends on CCLA Investment Funds	4,067	24,217	28,284	25,475
Dividends on Rathbone Investment Funds	0	18,026	18,026	15,550
Church activities:				
PCC Fees	6,012	0	6,012	4,846
Other receipts:				
Magazine/Literature	3,164	0	3,164	2,664
Fete	4,838	0	4,838	10,828
Other Fundraising	136	0	136	110
Total receipts	87,656	42,243	121,761	107,037
PAYMENTS				
Church activities:				
Diocesan Parish Share	31,800	0	31,800	31,200
Clergy Fees	1,066	0	1,066	1,576
Clergy Expenses	778	0	778	224
Rectory Costs	6,475	0	6,475	6,615
Churchyard Upkeep	6,718	0	6,718	4,190
Church Upkeep	5,950	0	5,950	662
Church Utilities	3,607	0	3,607	3,579
Choir & Music	2,906	0	2,906	2,134
Services Upkeep	445	0	445	613
Magazine/Literature	3,887	0	3,887	3,163
Insurance	2,935	0	2,935	2,856
Administration	2,839	0	2,839	4,242
DBF Fees	0	0	0	0
Fund Raising	311	0	311	5,062
Miscellaneous	698	0	698	583
Major church repairs & maintenance	0	0	0	0
Mission giving and donations	3,200	0	3,200	3,321
Total payments	73,615	0	73,615	70,020
Excess of receipts over payments	14,041	42,243	48,146	37,017
Transfer	9,000	-9,000	0	0
Sale of CCLA Accumulation Shares	0	0	0	139,953
Purchase of CCLA Income Shares	0	0	0	-139,953
(Management Trust Fund)				
Transfer to Blackham Church	563	0	563	486
	22,478	33,243	47,583	36,531
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January	48,953	163,521	212,474	175,943
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December	71,431	196,764	260,057	212,474

1B – Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

		Restricted		
	General	Ottley	Totals	
	Fund	Fund	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
CBF Deposit Fund	28,767	196,764	225,531	192,288
Bank current accounts	42,664	0	42,664	20,186
Cash in hand	0	0	0	0
	<u>71,431</u>	<u>196,764</u>	<u>268,195</u>	<u>212,474</u>
Investments at valuation				
CBF Investment Fund - Income shares	136,736	814,242	950,978	1,077,861
Investments with Rathbones	0	564,922	564,922	635,050
CBF Investment Fund - Accumulation shares	0	0	0	0
	<u>136,736</u>	<u>1,379,164</u>	<u>1,515,900</u>	<u>1,712,911</u>
Other Assets at cost				
Due from HMRC Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Total assets	<u>208,167</u>	<u>1,575,928</u>	<u>1,784,095</u>	<u>1,925,385</u>
Liabilities				
Due for payment in 2023	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the Parochial Church Council on 2nd May 2023 and signed on its behalf:



Chairman

The Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Michael and All Angels, Withyham

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are attached to this report.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and Section 145 of the Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions of the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matter. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

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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Appendix 2 – All Saints Church, Blackham

2A - Receipts and Payments – Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts and Payments Account					
		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned Giving		563		460	
Collections and other Giving		136		120	
Income Tax Recovered		165		113	
			864		693
Other Voluntary Receipts					
Donations		0		10	
Legacies		0		0	
			0		10
Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees (Gross)		1,589		378	
			1,589		378
Receipts from Investments					
Bank Interest & Dividends		132		5	
			132		5
Other Receipts					
Grant		500		500	
			500		500
TOTAL RECEIPTS			£3,085		£1,586
Payments					
Church Activities					
Charitable Giving			50		50
Diocesan Parish Contribution			0		0
Church Running Expenses			206		359
Insurance			809		786
Clergy Expenses			0		0
Rectory Expenses			0		0
Church Fabric			0		0
Churchyard Upkeep			762		456
Administration			0		0
Fees to Diocese			0		313
			£1,827		£1,964
Excess of Receipts over Payments			1,258		-378
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at 1 January			16,574		16,952
Bank Current and Deposit Accounts at 31 December			17,832		16,574

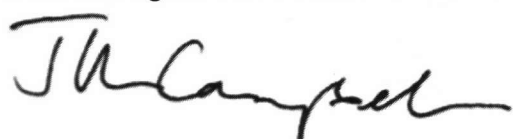
2B - Fabric Fund – Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Fabric Fund - Restricted Fund	2022	2021
Receipts	£	£
Deposit Interest	186	7
Legacy	0	0
	£186	£7
Payments		
Expenditure	0	0
	£0	£0
Excess of Receipts over Payments	186	7
Bank deposit account at 1 January	14,120	14,113
Bank deposit accounts at 31 December	14,306	14,120

2C – Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets				
CBF Deposit Fund	10,188	14,306	24,494	24,176
Bank Current Account	7,644	0	7,644	6,518
	17,832	14,306	32,138	30,694
Investments at Valuation				
Investments	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
Other Assets at Cost	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	17,832	14,306	32,138	30,694
Liabilities				
Due for payment in 2023	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Notes				
1	The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis			
2	No payments were made to PCC members or connected persons			

Approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the Parochial Church Council on 2nd May 2023 and signed on its behalf:



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