

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

The Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Charity Registration No: 1185209

St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington
Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Structure, Governance and management of the charity.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission, as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1956. Charity registration No. 1185209.

When planning our activities for the year, our Incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, particularly, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

Members/Trustees of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC and Trustees of the charity:

The Incumbent: Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, The Chairman.

The Churchwardens: William Rendell, and Sylvia Daw.

The elected Members/ Trustees from the APCM 2022 were Paul Duenas, Kenneth Edwards, Jane Ellis, Kelly Ellis, Pauline Kennard, Jonathan Porter, David Withers, Paul Wright and Rod Young from 17/11/22. During the year Kenneth Edwards and David Withers resigned.

Committees

The Restoration and Fabric Sub Committee, responsible to the PCC, raises funds for the restoration of the church and oversees the maintenance and development of the building along with the churchwardens.

The Standing Committee is the Rector, Churchwardens and Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Church attendance.

At the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26th March 2022, it was reported that there were 120 parishioners on the church electoral roll. An overall increase of nine from that reported at the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

In last year's report it was stated that it appeared that some sort of equilibrium had been reached following the lifting of Covid restrictions with a normal Sunday congregation of some 50 to 60. During 2022 that equilibrium was maintained with the average Sunday attendance continuing to be between 50 and 60.

There remains a small number of generally older parishioners who would appear to feel safer at, or for whatever reason prefer to attend, the Wednesday morning Eucharist, but the number of communicants is now reduced to between four and six.

Numbers of attendees at Christmas and Easter Day services were again much higher than at normal services and there was a welcome return of a more normal Christingle service (following the previous year's outdoor version) with an attendance of 139.

There were a number of special services and worthy of mention are the special sung evensong for All Souls and the service of lessons and carols prior to Christmas which were both well attended.

The monthly summer services held at the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington continued to be popular and well-attended, blessed by good weather during 2022 and the Easter morning and Advent Lantern services attracted an attendance of 51 and 40 respectively.

2022 also saw a near record number of weddings taking place in St Andrew's as part of the catching-up process following the Covid restrictions. As mentioned in the Rector's report, it is gratifying that a number of couples married at St Andrew's continue to worship at the church.

Review of the year.

The PCC met four times during the year at quarterly intervals and benefited from a nearly full attendance at each meeting. It is sad to report that one of the most stalwart members of the PCC, Mr David Withers, who was also a lay reader, choir member and enthusiastic fund raiser for the church, suffered a severe illness and had to retire from the PCC when he moved with his wife to live near his step-daughter in Northumberland.

The PCC is very conscious of its role in reaching out to the less fortunate and continues to actively support Christian Aid.

St Andrew's has for a long time been a supporter of our local Families Support group run by Chichester Diocese for the benefit of families in need of support as the name implies. During the last year under the leadership of Maria Armstrong, the parish has continued to be supportive with regular donations of groceries and other supplies including Christmas gifts and Easter eggs. Also, our Churchwarden, Sylvia Daw, has arranged additional fund-raising events for this charity outside the church environs.

St. Andrews holds a unique place in the village. Its raised position near the river and the charm of the approach through a twitten revealing the church surrounded with the grass of the Tye, is a huge tourist attraction which many people visiting the village greatly appreciate. The village recognises this and the value that this brings to the village as a whole. It should be noticed that a team of volunteers arrange to keep the church open roughly from dawn to sunset throughout the year so that visitors may appreciate it.

Mission and Evangelism

The Rector Stephen Stuckes has continued to develop the mission of the Parish in a number of ways.

The now well-established Ministry Team including Mrs Kelly Ellis as Lay Pastoral Minister and Revd. Christyan James as Associate priest expanded during 2022 with the appointment of a Curate to the Benefice. Damien Brennan was ordained as Deacon on July

2nd, 2022, and commenced his ministry here in September. Damien is part-time and self-supporting. Significantly, apart from necessary expenses, none of the Ministry Team apart from the Rector cost the parish anything since both the Pastoral Minister and Associate Priest are funded by a generous gift and the Curate, as a training post, will be funded by the Diocese. This makes it imperative that we continue our effort to fully fund the main ministry post here (we are now at 80%) and this will place increasing financial demands on both the Parish and the wider Benefice for the next four years and beyond as we seek to become self-supporting.

More regular givers using facilities such as Standing Order or Parish Giving are needed, and a letter is to go to parishioners during 2023 to encourage this.

Morning prayer is offered on weekdays by the Ministry Team and a service of Holy Communion is offered on Wednesday mornings.

The Rector works closely with Miss Pauline Kennard in the administration of these churches and other churches within the benefice. Pauline took on the book-keeping role in early 2022 following the retirement as Treasurer of Mrs Carol Hodson. Mr Rod Young is now Acting Treasurer and has done sterling work in becoming fully familiar with the technicalities of the Treasurer's role.

Further work needs to be done to develop the recently instituted Cuckmere Pilgrim Trail. It is intended that a scratch dial marking the trail will be installed in the Churchyard but it is pleasing to report that the Trail is being used by pilgrims.

The Church remains compliant with all necessary safeguarding measures.

The South Downs Music Festival was held in St Andrew's church (including a "micro-concert" at Lullington) in July 2022 and was again a great success. Already booked for this coming summer, the Festival is important in demonstrating that we are making available the church building for community use, especially as we apply for grants for internal works. We need to actively look for opportunities to engage the wider community in the use of the church building.

There are 11 weddings (7 at Alfriston and 4 at Lullington) booked for 2023 and we continue to be a desirable destination for this purpose for couples from far and wide. We are encouraged by the presence of those preparing for marriage in our Sunday congregations. Pauline Kennard takes the lead in the administration of weddings and liaison with wedding couples.

The appointment of a new highly-qualified architect gives further impetus to the care and development of the church building for mission. The Bells are now fully restored at a cost of £60,048. A great celebration was held to mark this achievement led by the Bishop of Chichester. Plans are in hand for developing the Lady Chapel/South Transept and for further works to restore the North Transept. Special mention should be given to Paul Duenas who takes a lead in liaising with the architect. Anthony Davy has taken responsibility for leading the 'Friends of St Andrew's', a body set up to cater for those who are not regular churchgoers but who wish to provide support for the church as a centre of the community. A new Trust has been established but the 'Friends' have not yet been called upon to resource a specific need.

Our services and liturgy are welcoming, accessible and importantly, capable of attracting new members.

2023's Lent meditations, on the theme of the spirituality of the senses are attracting good numbers as did 2022's meditations shared with the neighbouring benefice of Berwick et al.

Pastoral Ministry

The Pastoral Ministry continues to thrive with Kelly Ellis holding lead responsibility for this important part of the overall ministry. A trained and commissioned Lay Worship Leader Kelly also leads worship as part of the ministry team.

Advent Calendars were delivered to all families with young children within the Benefice. The pupils and staff of Alfriston Primary School were prepared for and held their Christmas Service in Church and Easter and Nativity Trails attracted a good number of local families to explore the Easter and Christmas Stories.

Visiting the sick and those in need continues to be carried out as necessary.

Music

Together with our two very fine Organists, David Ollosson and Alex Mason, the choir continue to resource the music ministry in worship under the respected leadership of Kathryn Maulkin, Director of Music. The service for All Souls was again a real highlight as well as a recent Sung Evensong where we were joined by the choir of Holy Trinity Church Southend. We are fortunate to have music and singing to such a good standard.

Bellringing

The bells are rung regularly for most services although it is not always possible to ring all six bells due to lack of ringers. Recruitment for new members of the band is ongoing but sadly there has been little interest. The recently hung service bell is used for all Eucharist services and tolling before some other services.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Lullington.

There are a number of minor works identified in the current Quinquennial Survey still needing to be carried out. Summer services took place and again there was a significant service for Advent attended by many people despite poor weather. Important work continues to maintain the grounds around the church and trees have been planted to replace those removed to prevent the spread of disease.

The church itself has been cared for by a part-time caretaker who occupies Lullington Cottage, tied to this role. The task of updating aspects of the cottage and the arrangements under which it is occupied are progressing. The waste facility needs repair and updating following which a review of the tenancy is to take place.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. Important matters such as church finance are discussed

and it remains a forum in which parishes in the Deanery can take matters of concern to further levels of Church Government.

Church cleaning and decoration.

Members of the Flower Guild provide their skills to ensure that the church is beautifully decorated for all occasions. Monthly in-house cleaning sessions by volunteers keep the church of St Andrew in very good order.

Conclusion

St Andrew's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes is Rector for the Benefice of Alfriston with Lullington, Litlington, West Dean and Folkington. St Andrew's PCC supports the Rector's work in developing the unity of the Benefice churches.

Financial Review

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £97,592 (2021: £107,082) and are detailed in the Financial Report. The overall unrestricted donations and grants received, including legacies, amounted to £62,816 (2021: £79,327) a 20.81% decrease on 2021, largely due to a reduction in planned giving and several significant donations resulting from the Rector's appeal in the previous year.

The PCC received one legacy payment in the year of £3,500 and one legacy payment is pending.

However, income from other sources increased to £23,437 compared to £17,687 in 2021. This increase arose due to an increase in weddings, stall income and, significantly, an increase in flower income from weddings, a fundraising event and a generous donation towards new containers for arrangements.

The PCC was grateful for the donations and grants for the benefit of the Restoration Fund and the Bell Restoration project, which amounted to £23,827 including Gift Aid. The fund balance stands at £14,932 at 31 December 2022

The Rectors Mission Fund continues to be supported by an anonymous donor. The fund balance stands at £19,599 as at 31 December 2022.

There were no contributions from the Friends of St Andrew's Church in 2022.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £37,132 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. The cost of church insurance,

£2,896, is now paid directly to Ecclesiastical Insurance whereas in previous years it formed part of the PMC payment to the Diocese.

In 2022, the church of St Andrew met close to 75% of the costs.

Staff costs

The PCC employs a Parish Administrator, Director of Music and Pastoral Minister. In addition during the year the costs of the Associate Priest have been paid to the Diocese along with payments to various organists. The costs of the Associate Priest and Pastoral Minister are covered by donations made to the restricted Rectors Mission Fund. Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying Council Tax, Water rates and some minor rectory expenses amounting to £2,438 (2021: 3,500).

No PCC members received payments in connection with the church in the year to 31.12.22. In the year to 31.12.22 the Rector claimed expenses of £1,604, in accordance with his duties, for telephone, benefice travel and other miscellaneous expenses.

There were no payments to persons related to or connected with the trustees.

The fabric of the church building

The condition of the church remains a concern. The detailed Quinquennial report prepared by the architect in 2021 highlighted the aspects most in need of addressing.

During 2022 the external walls of the South Transept were re-pointed to prevent further damp penetration. Following this work, it is intended that the internal walls will be stripped of internal plaster and allowed to dry out prior to being replastered in similar material to that used on the south wall of the chancel. It is also intended to repeat the process on the walls of the north transept as soon as possible. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that the need for major structural renewal will become increasingly urgent and the PCC and the wider community continues to actively fundraise for the restoration appeal. The current balance in the restoration fund is £14,932 but there are certain funds still to be collected from grant making bodies that will increase this balance.

During 2022 a major project was undertaken to retune, refurbish and rehang the church bells. This included the re-hanging of the bell that had stood on the church floor since 1928, to be used as a service bell. The work was entirely funded by a combination of grants and individual contributions. To the end of 2022 this project has cost £60,048.

During 2022, general funds amounting to £1,500 were set aside in a designated fund to accumulate sufficient money to pay for the future cost of replacing the boilers installed in 2016. At the end of 2022 the total in this fund amounted to £12,000.

In addition to this reserve, the restricted fabric fund amounting to £27,577 is retained towards works other than those covered by the restoration work plan.

It has been PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus funds in a Barclays deposit fund, returning necessary funds to our current account as they are needed to pay day-to-day bills or future commitments. In 2021 the PCC also established a CAF platform which gives access to a range of interest bearing accounts. At 31 December 2022 the sum of £34,000 was held in the Barclays deposit account, and £122,000 in the CAF platform accounts.

Why we hold some money in reserve

It is PCC policy to maintain a minimum balance on the general unrestricted funds which equates to approximately three months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. This amount equates to approximately £25,000

Risk Management

The PCC consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund unexpected costs associated with the church's listed buildings.
- An unexpected fall in income, particularly given the dependence of the church on a limited number of major regular donors.
- The requirement to find volunteers and staff with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support the ministry of the congregation.

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its Mission Action Plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings. The Rector is also developing a long term plan for the parish which in due course will be presented to the PCC for discussion.

The church maintains its properties to a high standard and carries out the priority items of a Quinquennial review in a timely manner.

There is a continuing programme which emphasises God's generosity to the congregation and the need for the congregation to respond to that generosity in their own giving through time, talents and money. The PCC also proactively seeks grants to support its activities.

The trustees annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes



Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes

Date:

23rd April 2023

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington**

Registered Charity no.1185209

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	62,816	39,982	-	102,798	157,215	
Charitable activities	11,589	-	-	11,589	9,432	
Other trading activities	11,848	-	-	11,848	8,255	
Investments	7,175	-	1,163	8,338	6,900	
Other receipts	4,165	-	-	4,165	4,394	
Total Income	97,592	39,982	1,163	138,738	186,196	2
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	634	-	-	634	1,272	
Charitable activities	71,787	135,681	791	208,259	84,925	
Other trading activities	10,586	-	225	10,811	8,204	
Other expenditure	9,026	-	146	9,172	15,779	
Total expenditure	92,032	135,681	1,162	228,875	110,180	3
Net gains (or losses) on Investments	-	-	(5,708)	(5,708)	851	8
Net Income or (net expenditure)	5,560	(95,699)	(5,707)	(95,846)	76,867	
Transfers between funds (net effect)			-	-	-	7
	5,560	(95,699)	(5,707)	(95,846)	76,867	
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Other gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net movement in funds	5,560	(95,699)	(5,707)	(95,846)	76,867	
Total funds brought forward	91,225	160,739	45,553	297,517	220,650	
Total funds carried forward	£96,785	£65,040	£39,846	£201,671	£297,517	

Balance Sheet

	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	-	-	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed Investments	39,844	45,553	
Total fixed assets	39,844	45,553	8
Stocks	2,200	1,584	
Debtors	13,622	8,249	10
Investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	179,221	247,353	
Total current assets	195,043	257,186	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(14,466)	(5,222)	11
Net current assets or (liabilities)	180,577	251,964	
Total assets less current liabilities	220,421	297,517	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(18,750)	-	12
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	£201,671	£297,517	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	39,844	45,553	
Restricted income funds	69,712	160,739	
Unrestricted funds	92,113	91,225	
Total charity funds	£201,670	£297,517	13

Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 2

Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving	18,713	-	-	18,713	22,102
Donation Box	8,263	-	-	8,263	7,657
Service collections	7,268	-	-	7,268	5,671
General donations	16,796	287	-	17,083	30,167
Gift Aid recoverable	4,987	369	-	5,355	13,622
Restoration Income Incl Gift Aid	-	6,476	-	6,476	53,668
Rectors Mission Fund Incl Gift Aid	-	15,500	-	15,500	18,275
Legacies	3,500	-	-	3,500	1,000
Grants	3,289	17,351	-	20,640	5,053
Donations and legacies	£62,816	£39,982	-	£102,798	£157,215
Fees for weddings & funerals	11,589	-	-	11,589	9,432
Charitable activities	£11,589	-	-	£11,589	£9,432
Music events	1,378	-	-	1,378	1,200
Other fundraising income	-	-	-	-	1,223
Flowers	3,030	-	-	3,030	270
Cuckmere News adverts	4,820	-	-	4,820	4,403
Stall sales	2,619	-	-	2,619	1,159
Other trading activities	£11,848	-	-	£11,848	£8,255
Bank & CAF deposit interest	1,453	-	-	1,453	13
CBF investment fund dividend	-	-	1,163	1,163	1,226
Chancel Trust Fund income	322	-	-	322	261
Rent from letting of investment property	5,400	-	-	5,400	5,400
Investments	£7,175	-	£1,163	£8,338	£6,900
Other parish contributions to joint benefice costs	4,165	-	-	4,165	4,394
Total income on all funds	£97,592	£39,982	£1,163	£138,738	£186,196
Increase (Decrease) in investment values	-	-	(5,708)	(5,708)	851
Total income and endowments on all funds	£97,592	£39,982	£(4,545)	£133,030	£187,047

Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 3

Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fundraising Incl Restoration fund	634			634	1,272	
Cost of raising funds	£634			£634	£1,272	
Charitable grants and donations				-	-	4
Rectors Mission Fund		15,725		15,725	15,731	
Dioecesan parish share	37,132			37,132	33,271	
Clergy and rectory expenses	4,042			4,042	4,812	
Parish administration	6,431			6,431	6,270	
Service costs	356			356	402	
Insurance	2,896			2,896	2,790	
Utility costs	7,879			7,879	6,015	
Office and misc expenses	3,116			3,116	2,896	
Churchyard and memorial garden	3,360	840		4,200	4,290	
St Andrew's church maintenance and cleaning	2,930	530	544	4,004	3,799	
The Good Shepherd Maintenance	2,891		247	3,138	2,060	
Restoration project building costs		58,538		58,538	2,410	
Bell restoration project costs		60,048		60,048	-	
Governance	22			22	24	
Accountancy	500			500	-	
Bank charges and investment fees	232			232	-	
Youth Fund	-			-	155	
Cost of charitable activities	£71,787	£135,681	£791	£208,259	£84,925	
Cuckmere News and other printing	7,338	-	-	7,338	6,244	
Stall costs	1,161			1,161	592	
Flowers	2,087		225	2,312	1,368	
Cost of other trading activities	£10,586	-	£225	£10,811	£8,204	
Music costs	7,930		146	8,076	7,742	
Lullington cottage maintenance and Insurance	1,095			1,095	8,037	
Total expended on all funds	£92,032	£135,681	£1,162	£228,875	£110,180	

Notes to the financial report (continued)

4. Missionary and charitable giving:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Family Support		-	-	630	-	
Childrens Society		-	-	416	229	
	-	-	-	1,046	229	

5. Staff costs

Three members of staff were employed throughout 2022

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration						
Wages and salaries	10,227	8,762	-	18,989	17,747	
Employer social security costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Employer pension costs	-	-	-	-	-	
	10,227	8,762	-	18,989	17,747	

6. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Independent examination	22	-	-	22	24	
	22	-	-	22	24	

7. Transfers between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Transfer from unrestricted funds to Boller designated funds	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500	
Transfer from Restoration Fund to Bell Restoration Fund (being donations to the Bell Restoration Fund in 2021)	-	41,270	-	41,270	-	

Notes to the financial report (continued)

8. Fixed Assets

Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Market value 1 January 2022	-	-	45,553	45,553
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-
Net gains and revaluation	-	-	(5,708)	(5,708)
Market value 31 December 2022	-	-	£39,844	£39,844

Notes to the financial report (continued)

9. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets			39,844	39,844	45,553	
Stock	2,200	-	-	2,200	1,584	
Current assets (except cash)	9,370	4,252	-	13,622	8,249	
Cash at bank and on deposit	114,177	65,045	-	179,221	247,353	
Current liabilities	(14,050)	(416)	-	(14,466)	(5,222)	
Long term liabilities	(18,750)	-	-	(18,750)	-	
	£92,947	£68,881	£39,844	£201,672	£297,517	

10. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accrued Income	2,200	-	-	2,200	4,052	
Gift Aid and VAT recoverable	6,585	-	-	6,585	-	
Prepayments	584	-	-	584	-	
Chancel trust funds	-	4,252	-	4,252	4,197	
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	
	£9,370	£4,252	-	£13,622	£8,249	

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	2,087	-	-	2,087	735	
Church collections for charities	-	416	-	416	1,472	
Fees paid in advance	155	-	-	155	15	
Income received in advance	8,523	-	-	8,523	-	
DBF re Fees	1,285	-	-	1,285	-	
Wedding deposits	2,000	-	-	2,000	3,000	
	£14,050	£416	-	£14,466	£5,222	

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

Deferred Income	£18,750	-	-	£18,750	-	
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Notes to the financial report (continued)

13. Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Parker - Property	20,721	544	(544)	(2,415)	18,306
Dr Thomas Beautification	5,784	144	(144)	(765)	5,019
Penfold Trust- Flowers	3,264	81	(81)	(442)	2,822
Penfold Trust- Music	5,863	146	(146)	(775)	5,088
Wimbush Foundation Lullington	9,921	247	(247)	(1,312)	8,609
Total of all endowed funds	45,553	1,162	(1,162)	(5,709)	39,844
Fabric fund	27,738	369	(530)	-	27,577
Memorial Garden	2,615		(840)	-	1,775
Bell Ringers fund	2,988				2,988
Bell Restoration fund	-	19,862	(60,048)	41,270	1,084
Restoration fund	109,691	3,965	(58,538)	(41,270)	13,848
Lullington fund	2,554	287		-	2,841
Rectors Mission fund	15,153	15,500	(15,725)	4,672	19,599
Total of all restricted funds	160,739	39,982	(135,681)	4,672	69,712
General fund	71,856	97,537	(92,032)	(1,500)	75,861
Designated Boiler fund	10,500			1,500	12,000
Youth fund	4,672			(4,672)	-
Chancel Trust funds	4,197	55			4,252
Total of all unrestricted funds	91,225	97,592	(92,032)	(4,672)	92,113
Total funds	£297,517	£138,737	£(228,875)	£(5,709)	£201,669

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington

For the year ended 31 December 2022

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Andrew's Alfriston with Lullington on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages 1 to 17

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name

MR PAUL STRICKLAND

Date:

22nd April 2023

Relevant professional qualification{s} or bodies if any:

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