

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS, WEST COKER.

England & Wales - Charity number 1185493

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-09-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Activities: St Martin of Tours is a parish church, serving a community of approximately 3000 residents. Weekly services are held, collective worship with the children from West Coker Primary School are held in the church once a month, Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals take place throughout the year. Fundraising events such as musical concerts and festivals, brass band rehearsals take place.

Classification

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

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,508	£48,414	-	-
2023-12-31	£43,730	£31,012	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,683	£32,913	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,845	£31,226	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,457	£23,321	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Gormer		2025-04-29
Barbara Hampshire		2019-04-11
Caroline Mary Collins		2019-04-11
JACQUELINE MARY GORMER		2019-04-11
Michael Collins		2019-04-11
Rita Mary Coward		2019-04-19
SUSAN Bonning		2023-04-19
Valerie Barker		2023-04-19

Accounts

St Martin of Tours Parish Church, West Coker

Registered Charity Number: 1185493

Annual Report

Year ending 31st December 2024

Administrative Information

St Martin of Tours Parish Church is situated in Church St, West Coker. It is part of the Benefice of Coker Ridge, the Diocese of Bath & Wells, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 82 High St, West Coker, BA22 9AT

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members who have served since 17th April 2024 until the date this report was approved are:-

Incumbent & Chairperson Rev Philip Macaulay (since October 2024)

Vice Chair Mrs Valerie Barker

Wardens Mrs Susan Bonning
Mr Michael Collins

Representatives on the Yeovil Deanery Synod

Mrs Valerie Barker – Deanery Lay Chair
Mrs Jacqueline Gormer

Elected Members

Mrs Judy Beattie
Mrs Lotty Boersma (Foundation Governor)
Mrs Caroline Collins (Electoral Roll Officer)
Mrs Barbara Hampshire (Treasurer)
Mrs Rita Coward
Mrs Sylvia Bruce

Mr Chris Varley (Reader-in-Training at the time of the APCM, but licensed ^{October} ~~June~~ 2024) is invited to attend PCC meetings.

Secretary

Mrs Stella Davis

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Rector's Report

Thank you all again for the kind welcome I've received since beginning this role. I've enjoyed so much of the responsibilities especially leading worship with you in the beautiful church buildings and building friendships with so many of you - sorry that I still struggle with names!

I will add to this report in person with highlights. Challenges for me revolve around adapting to the governance element of this role; Finance and Safeguarding will remain my focus for the coming months. Later I will develop vision with the PCCs for each of the Churches for future life-giving ministry.

Thank to so much to all who serve in so many ways (especially Barbs and Chris), all who help with worship both by setting up Communion tables and those setting up coffee tables, and all of you who show God's love to one another in big or small ways, and especially for all those who pray.
God bless you all,
Reverend Phil Macaulay

Report on Fabric of the Parish Church and Review of the Year .

- January: Chris Barker put together a detailed faculty application for the proposed Church heating system. Concern was raised about two trees in the lower church yard overlapping neighbours' gardens. Advert inserted in The Church Times seeking a new Rector for the Coker Ridge Benefice (CRB).
- February A relocation of one of the two trial nave heaters installed in December 2023 proved successful and provided useful evidence for the final system.
The church organ was tuned / checked.
No applications had been received by the closing date of Feb 14th for the post of Rector for the CRB.
Neil Lovell, from Audiovisual Direct visited the church to check the PA system. A new lapel microphone and amplifier for the audio/hearing system were purchased and installed.
- March The first of the visiting teams of Bell Ringers arrived - their skills and interest keep our bells in good working order throughout the year, under the effective management of David Neal.
Brynley Andrews (tree surgeon) presented a signed, detailed report outlining the condition of the trees in the churchyard.
- April A second advert for a Rector of the CRB appeared in The Church Times.
Light bulbs in the church porch area were replaced and two lights over the organ keyboard were installed.
- May The Church Heating System Project was approved by the PCC as part of the faculty process, and public notices outlining the system were on display in the church porch and notice board for a calendar month.
May 17th, The Phoenix Brass Band [Crewkerne] performed in the church - a super, well attended event.
Wednesday May 22nd, one candidate, Rev Phil Macaulay, had applied for the post of Rector for the CRB.
- June On Wed. June 12th and Thur. June 13th, Phil Macaulay, having visited the benefice, was interviewed and appointed.
By June 14th, the closing date, there had been no appeals against the proposed church heating system.
The Diocese issued the Faculty allowing us to proceed to install the new heating system Ref: 2024 - 093310.
- July Work and decorating was undertaken at The Rectory in Cedarfields, ready for Phil to move in.
- September 11th – 17th Church Heating System completely installed by Spectrum Electrical Services, taking notice of wiring routing guidance from Daniel Cantrell, architect.

28th, The Sherborne Singers presented a very pleasant evening of music in the church.

- October After two years of dedicated hard work of study, essays and regular group discussions, Chris Varley was licensed as a Lay Reader in Wells Cathedral. Chris now regularly leads services and supports Rev. Phil.
Monday 7th, Phil's Licensing Service at St Martin's Church, led by Rt. Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells, with newly-licensed Reader Chris Varley acting as Bishop's Chaplain.
Safeguarding regulations changing - see Safeguarding Yearly report.
4 new LED lights were installed in the chancel, and the entry heater was wired into the main electric box.
- December People joining us for Christmas services welcomed the new heating system.
New cushion seats for 10 pews were in the process of being measured and ordered.
Sadly, organist, Rita Coward was ill, and unable to play for Christmas services. She was much missed. (She resumed her seat at the organ in February 2025.)

A growing team of volunteer grass cutters, strimmers and gardeners keeps the churchyard and outside areas in good order.

The Church log reflects 4 funerals, 5 burials of ashes, no baptisms and 2 weddings conducted in St. Martin's Church during 2024.

Rev. Phil has settled into church and village life - he is very positive, caring and understanding.

Here's to 2025!

Sue Bonning and Mick Collins - Churchwardens.

Report on the Proceedings of the Church Council

The PCC met for routine meetings in February, May, July, and November. The atmosphere is relaxed but purposeful, and we discuss and make decisions on topics as varied as fundraising, trees, re-ordering and safeguarding. There were two extra, brief meetings in May and October to ratify decisions relating to the Heating Project.

We would like to thank Sue Bonning for offering us Teal House for our meetings. And thank you too to Stella Davis who has rapidly become a very efficient and reliable PCC Secretary.

Finance Report

2024 ticked over financially without any great surprises for St Martin of Tours.

Our Parish Share was £18,502, which is a 15 % increase from 2023- this was paid in full to the diocese.

The final repayment of £12,000 of the £60,000 loan made to us by East Coker PCC for the Roof was made at the end of 2023, but the cheque was not cashed until Spring 2024.

The Roof Fund turned into the Wall Fund – for funds raised to pay off the loan on works carried out to reinstate part of the churchyard boundary wall that collapsed in 2023. During the course of 2024 we paid off the outstanding balance to Mrs Hampshire of £7,332.36. This was achieved by some fundraising and donations.

This year we raised £1,853 from holding events such as Winter Warmer and Summer Lunches, Quiz Night and Brass Band and Sherborne Singers Concerts; donations to the church totalled £2,491.39.

We put a new heating system in the church, 6 new infrared heaters, at a cost of £8,760.14; the cost of this was paid as a loan from a parishioner/PCC member. At an extraordinary meeting in the autumn the PCC agreed to pay off this loan by drawing down accrued interest (and some capital) from the OSR restricted

fund, totalling £9,542.00. Part of this interest £5,500.00 was received and then paid to the parishioner/PCC member in December 2024, with the balance of £3,260.14 to be paid once received from the Diocese in January 2025.

Our total received income, through tax efficient and plate giving and donations fundraising, interest and statutory fees our income was £32,630. Our total spend (Parish Share, altar supplies, utilities, giving, repairs) for the year was £46,781.00 so a shortfall of around £13,000. On a monthly basis we are short of an average of £1000 regarding receipts and expenses.

At the end of the year (2024) the balance in our general bank account was £5,011.77 and in our Wall Fund bank account £6,403.76 (£5,500 (paid by cheque as mentioned above) cashed in 2025.

I would like to record huge thanks to PCC members for their support over the last year.

Barbs Hampshire

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod met three times in the course of the year, with the Rev David Keen bringing much vision and energy to his new role as Area Dean. With the introduction of the new methodology for the calculation of Parish Share, there has been much engagement with parish treasurers and others in explaining and supporting. In November a half-day Deanery Development Day was held, when colleagues from the Diocesan Parish Support Team led workshops on Finance, Mission, Communication and Discipleship. This was well-received and will be repeated in some form in the future.

Val Barker

Report on the list of Church Members

There are currently 42 on the Electoral Roll. A new roll will be prepared for the APCM in 2025, and we wait to see what the new number will be.

Caroline Collins – Electoral Roll Officer

Report on Safeguarding

High profile Safeguarding related stories are regularly dominating our media, highlighted this year when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby resigned. The Church of England is currently in the process of requiring each diocese, benefice and parish to restructure safeguarding procedures.

Each of the seven parishes in the Coker Ridge Benefice is now required to have its own safeguarding officer. Sue Phillips and I have stood down as benefice safeguarding officers, but I will continue to represent West Coker

The Rev. Phil Macaulay was appointed Rector of the Coker Ridge Benefice in October 2024. He will operate and manage safeguarding in the benefice using DASHBOARD technology, which is an integral part of current monitoring and communication technology across the Diocese. Each step of the change will have to be managed carefully. Two posters will now be displayed outside each church, one displaying safeguarding contacts, and one bullet-pointing the policy

West Coker C. of E. V.C. Primary School continues to use St. Martin's Church for a monthly assembly, during term time. The school has undertaken safeguarding and risk assessment measures to visit the church. The Acorns group for babies, toddlers and grown-ups meets in the school on a weekly, term time basis. All leaders hold up to date Safeguarding Foundation Certificates. The school is a safe environment under the leadership and governance of the school. [Ofsted 2024 – A 'GOOD' School]

Sue Phillips and I have received no phone calls / emails / messages related to any safeguarding issues or concerns during 2024. Mick Collins

Zambia Companion Link

We celebrated Zambia Sunday on 7th July 2024 with Zambia themed intercessions and a talk about David Livingstone and his activities in Zambia.

In September, Jacqueline Clough, Alan Gormer and Jacky Gormer attended a lunchtime gathering of Zambia Link representatives, to share news and views and also to hear from Bishop Michael. We heard from several people who had recently visited Zambia about the current conditions there, particularly about the poor state of the economy and unemployment. We also learned about Bishop Michael's past experience of working in Zambia on the link between improving nutrition for children and the positive result on their educational achievements.

Before attending this meeting, the PCC had been asked how they viewed our link with St Peter and what comments or questions they might wish to be communicated to the Zambia Link Co-ordinator. Generally the feeling was that we wished to continue with our link, even if all we could do would be to pray for the church at Twapia during times when there might be little news.

The most recent news from St Peter is that they are planning to build a bigger church because the current one is too small and dilapidated. They have involved all the families and the community at large in this venture by giving out building support forms. There are frequent power cuts in Zambia due to low water in the hydro dam. This is affecting many aspects of daily life. We have been asked to pray for good timely rain to bring renewal and hope.

Jacky Gormer

West Coker Church of England VC Primary School

The year 2024 was an important year for our village school. It started with the Ofsted inspection in May 2024. We previously had an inspection in 2023 with a provisional 'Good', but the inspectors planned to come back within a year for a definite inspection. The result was, again, GOOD. This was a delight for everyone involved.

At the same time, we have been focusing on the preparation for a SIAMS inspection. During the year, we agreed to change the school's vision, which was a bit difficult for the children to understand. So, we replaced "All life's threads entwined" by: "Working together to grow and flourish". Our old vision was based on the bible story of the four friends lowering their friend on a bed held with four ropes through the roof of a building to Jesus, to be cured of his affliction. We still use this bible story, but also other bible stories to support our new vision. Our Christian values continue to be the same: Community, Wisdom, Hope, Respect and Kindness.

In preparing for SIAMS we formed an Ethos Committee in May 2024. In addition to the Foundation Governor, our Churchwarden Mick Collins, is a member of this Committee. The Ethos Committee makes recommendations regarding the Christian character of the school to the Board of Governors.

After a three-year vacancy period for an incumbent on the Board of Governors, we were very fortunate when Rev. Philip Macaulay was appointed Rector of the Coker Ridge Benefice. Rev. Phil has joined the Board of Governors as well as the Ethos Committee.

Further to that, Rev. Phil leads a monthly Collective Worship within the school. And we celebrate Collective Worship in our church once per month. This Collective Worship is usually led by Simon Ellis, who started to help during our vacancy period.

The number of pupils in school has stayed stable in the range of 28 – 30 children.

Old School Room

CAN WE CLOSE THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM CHARITY?

In the course of 2024, we investigated whether we could close the Old School Room charity and, as a result, get immediate access to the funds available.

This Charity was formed in December 1992; it owned the Old School Room. Originally, the Old School Room was built as a CofE primary school in 1858 but when it appeared too small, a new school was built in 1874. From then on, the Old School Room was used as a Church Hall. The building was sold in May 2009. The net proceeds of the sale amounted to £53,348.08. This money is in a special CCLA investment account.

According to the Rules of the Charity Scheme, the income from this CCLA account can only be used "in furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Martin of Tours, West Coker." The annual interest income from this account has been spent on the general purposes of the church.

According to the same rules, the capital resulting from the sale of the Old School Room cannot be expended but must be invested; this is called a permanent endowment. This can only be used to "recreate facilities".

Before closing the Old School Room Charity, the permanent endowment should either be spent according to its purpose, the recreation of facilities, or should be transferred to another charity.

Closing The Old School Room Charity by means of transferring the permanent endowment to another charity, for example St. Martin of Tours PCC, would only create legal and administrative hurdles. The permanent endowment would still have to be separately accounted for and still could only be spent by recreating facilities. Transferring to another charity is therefore not the preferred way.


The conclusion of this investigation was that the best way to close the OSR Charity is by spending the permanent endowment to recreate facilities.

This subject was discussed and agreed upon in our PCC meeting of 19 November 2024.

Lotty Boersma

The West Coker Acorns Stay and Play is a group for babies, toddlers and their carers. It has been operating weekly since March 2022 and is a joint collaboration between the school and the benefice. Volunteers are members of the benefice and village communities. It has been a joy to see babies grow into children, and supportive friendships grow between mothers. 'I could not have coped without it,' one mother said recently.

Approved by the PCC^{18th March 2025}..... and signed on their behalf by Rev Phil Macaulay, Rector

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The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted us <http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>



of Parish Finance January to December

2024

#REF!

Parish code: (6 digits)	510191	If the form
Parish name:	West Coker	

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	
Voluntary income/ receipts				
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 8,105	£ 1,200	17
2	Other planned giving	£ 2,443	£ -	
3	Collections at services	£ 4,432		18
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 1,887	£ 1,050	19
6	Gift Aid recovered		£ -	20
7	Legacies received (capital value)		£ -	21
8	Grants [Include recurring and one-off]	£ -	£ -	
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	£ 16,867	£ 2,250	22
Activities for generating funds				23
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 462	£ 1,710	24
Income from investments				25
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 917	£ 3,096	
Church activities				27
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 5,206		28
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ -	£ -	29
Other incoming resources				
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£ -	£ -	26
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)				99
A	Unrestricted	£ 23,452		
B	Restricted	£ 7,056		D
C	TOTAL	£ 30,508		E
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES				F
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	16		
15	Number of other planned givers	5		31
16	Number of new legacies received	0		32

This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook

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Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.	Date
	Name
	Position
	Telephone or email

ing their webportal at:

is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery:	Yeovil
	Diocese:	Bath&Wells

RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Costs of generating income		
Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£ -	£ -
Church activities		
Mission giving and donations	£ 795	£ -
Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 18,502	£ -
Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ 480	£ -
Clergy and staff expenses	£ 1,304	£ -
Church expenses		
Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	£ 280	£ -
Church running expenses	£ 4,174	£ 190
Church utility bills	£ 3,357	£ -
Cost of trading	£ -	£ -
Major capital expenditure		
Major repairs to the church building	£ -	£ -
Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ -	£ -
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ -	£ -
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	£ 28,892	£ 190
Governance costs		£ -
Other outgoing resources/ payments	£ 3,000	£ 16,332
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
Unrestricted	£ 31,892	
Restricted	£ 16,522	
TOTAL	£ 48,414	
Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
#REF!	£ 5,012	£ 68,794
#REF!	£ -	£ -

Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)	
Receipts and payments [X]	Accruals []

*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

21st July 2025
Barbs Hampshire
Treasurer - West Coker PCC
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1185493

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF
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(Registered Charity No.1185493)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned giving – General Fund				
Planned giving	8,362		7,807	
Tax Efficient Planned giving	8,105		8,200	
Planned Giving – Restricted Fund				
Planned giving	-		-	
Tax Efficient Planned giving	1,200		1,440	
Collections, donations and other giving				
Donations – General Fund	400		2,440	
Donations – Restricted Fund	1,050		-	
Income tax recovered	-		4,838	
Annual fete and events				
General Fund	462		1,084	
Restricted Fund	1,710		2,206	
Parochial fees	5,206		5,065	
Other receipts	-		455	
Investment income				
Bank interest and dividends received				
General Fund	917		491	
Restricted Fund	3,096		2,372	
Loan from parishioner (re church wall repairs) – now repaid	(7,332)		7,332	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		23,176		43,730
PAYMENTS				
Donations and grants to charities and mission giving	795		1,155	
Children/Youth work costs – school leavers books	80		-	
Local Mission & Evangelism projects – outside play area (school)	200		-	
Parish share	18,502		16,041	
Church running expenses				
Light and heat – incl test pew heaters	3,357		1,367	
Organ tuning and music costs	1,055		-	
Other church expenses	178		145	
Repairs and maintenance	418		215	
Churchyard maintenance	695		1,198	
Support costs – fees to visiting ministers	1,254		-	
Administration (incl staff costs)				
Bank charges – restricted fund	22		24	
Coker Ridge Benefice – administration costs	-		1,242	
Salaries and wages	480		580	
Accountancy (2 years)	450		-	

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Other;				
Insurance	1,596		1,633	
Church wall repairs	-		7,332	
Other expenses	-		80	
Loan repayments	12,000		-	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>41,082</u>		<u>31,012</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(17,906)		12,718
CASH FUNDS AS AT 1 JANUARY 2024		91,712		78,994
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		<u>73,806</u>		<u>91,712</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

CASH FUNDS

	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Bank Current Account	5,012	10,488
CBF Deposit Account	10,500	10,500
Bank Current Account – roof fund	6,404	13,334
OSR Trust Fund CBF Deposit Account	51,890	57,390
	_____	_____
At 31 DECEMBER 2024	73,806	91,712
	_____	_____

CBF INCOME SHARES DODGE CHURCHYARD

Balance brought forward	2024 6,804
Investment growth	156
Balance carried forward	6,960

LOAN FROM EAST COKER PCC

	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Balance carried forward	-	12,000
	_____	_____

LOAN FROM PARISHIONER (RE CHURCH WALL REPAIRS)

	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Balance carried forward	-	7,332
	_____	_____

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
MARTIN OF TOURS, WEST COKER.
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities Act 2011 and SORP'S 2008 Regulations.

Certificate of Approval

I approve these accounts and confirm that they include a complete record of all relevant income and associated expenses and that I have made available all records and information for their compilation.

Signed: B Hampshire

Date: 5/6/25

B Hampshire (Mrs)
Treasurer

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF
TOURS, WEST COKER.**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of the The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martin of Tours, West Coker, for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

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5 June 2025

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Wardens Mrs Susan Bonning

Mrs Patricia Ricketts (retired February 2023)

Mr Michael Collins (from 19th April 2023)

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Mrs Lotty Boersma (Foundation Governor)

Mrs Caroline Collins

Mr David Atkin

Mrs Rita Coward

Mrs Sylvia Bruce

Co-opted Members

Mrs Barbara Hampshire was co-opted to be PCC Treasurer.

Revd Stephen Turrell (PTO), and Mr Chris Varley, Reader-in-Training, invited to attend PCC meetings.

Co-opted Member: Secretary

Mrs Sandie Simpson (until September 2023)

Mrs Stella Davis (from October 2023)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Report on Fabric of the Parish Church and Review of the Year - 2023 - Church Wardens

In September 2023 Revd Colin Simpson left the Benefice of Coker Ridge to take charge of St John's Church Wellington with St Mary the Virgin, West Buckland. Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Charlie Peer initiated the process for finding a new incumbent shortly afterwards. (This process has proceeded apace, but to date - March 2024 - with no success.)

In February 2023, after 13 years' service as Churchwarden, Pat Ricketts retired. A moving service was held at which tribute was paid to everything she had done during that time, and a number of gifts were presented. She is much missed. Mick Collins took over as Churchwarden and was formally elected at the APCM on 19th April.

In September 2023 Revd Stephen Turrell relinquished his Permission to Officiate, due to a house-move and a period of ill-health. He had previously taken regular services both in St Martin's and across the benefice. We are pleased that he has, nevertheless, maintained his links with the church. Since the Revd Simpson left, Holy Communion and other occasional services have been taken by a group of very supportive retired priests who now live in the benefice. We are very grateful to them.

Other weekly services are taken by a lay team comprising Lay Worship Assistants Alan and Jacky Gormer, Sue Bonning, Val Barker, and Reader-in-Training Chris Varley. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and gifted team. People seem to enjoy a variety of worship leaders. Music for our worship is regularly provided by Rita Coward at the organ, and we thank her for her dedication.

In 2023 there were 42 members on the electoral roll. Average weekly attendance in October was 25, an increase on the previous year. During the year there were 2 baptisms, 0 weddings and 7 funerals and three burials of ashes. There was good attendance (45) at the Harvest Festival and Lunch (this year held in the Village Hall), as well as at the Service of Remembrance, and the Carol Service. The village school now comes to the church about once a month for collective worship. Their Carol Service in December was a joyous occasion, as was the Leavers' service in July when prayer books were presented to those pupils leaving. A growing number of adults - parents, grandparents, and members of the church family - now attend these services. The quality and enthusiasm of the children's singing is always commented on. The relationship between the school and the church continues to strengthen. Foundation Governor, Lottie Varley, is a passionate advocate for the school. A team comprising Revd Simon Ellis, Mick Collins and Val Barker support Collective Worship and other aspects of school life. Advent Calendars were given to every child in the school and we would like to thank Chris and Lottie for undertaking this again. The Acorns Stay-and-Play 'toddler' group continues to meet weekly in the school and is much appreciated by the families who attend.

We have held a number of fund-raising/fellowship events over the course of the year: Lent lunches, a plant sale, and a quiz night ably led by Stephen and Christine Turrell. Spring and Autumn Churchyard Days have been well-supported, both by members of the church family and others in the village. The appearance of the churchyard is now much enhanced. We are also grateful to George Sartin, John Frosdick, Sue Bonning, Mick Collins, and others who regularly mow and strim the grass. The fallen wall on the north side of the churchyard was rebuilt early in the year, and a diseased copper beech tree was reluctantly felled in the autumn.

In December a trial pair of wall heaters was installed in the nave in time for the cold weather and Christmas services. We have applied to the Diocese for permission to install a bigger and permanent system.

We would also like to mention David Neal who works hard to maintain the clock and look after the church bells. It is always a blessing when a team can be got together to ring.

We have been heartened by comments of new people visiting our church, who have said how warm and welcoming we all are.

The PCC wishes to express their thanks to all those who have helped in anyway with work in or around the church and also by supporting our fund raising causes.

Sue Bonning and Mick Collins 10th April 2023

Report on the Proceedings of the Church Council - 2022 – Secretary

The PCC met in January, March, May, July September and November and October. The atmosphere is relaxed but purposeful, and we discuss and make decisions on topics as varied as fundraising, trees, re-ordering and Safeguarding. We would like to thank Sue Bonning for offering us Teal House for our meetings. So much warmer than church! And thank you too to Stella Davis who has taken on secretarial duties for PCC meetings.

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod – Deanery Synod Member

April marked the beginning of a new triennial of the synod. It met three times in the course of the year. The February meeting was addressed by Farhad Chermahini, who told us about his Pioneer work in the Birchfield area of St Michael's parish, and of how he is building relationships there. The Synod and the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group was preoccupied for the first half of the year developing and finalising a Deanery Plan, and a Plan for the Deployment of clergy. Both of these were approved and passed to the Archdeacon at the synod meeting in June. In November Revd Ben Graham spoke about his work as chaplain of Yeovil College. In July, Revd Bruce Faulkner stood down as Interim Area Dean. His contribution to and support for the deanery has been much appreciated. In September, Revd David Keen was appointed Area Dean

Val Barker 6th April 2023

Report on the list of Church Members – Electoral Roll Officer - 2023

There are currently 42 on the Electoral Roll, having lost a couple this year. However, I think it likely that perhaps four will not renew their membership when that time comes, but I'm confident that we have four people now attending who would like to become members.

Caroline Collins 4th April 23

Report on Safeguarding – Safeguarding Officer – 2023

At times, Safeguarding reflects a high profile through the media when distressing stories are released for the first time or cases opened again from the past.

As a Benefice we must continue providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children and vulnerable adults within our Benefice church community.

West Coker C. of E. Primary School uses St. Martin's Church for Collective Worship on a monthly basis. All school staff accompanying and supervising the pupils have current Safeguarding certificates.

The Acorns stay and play fun group for babies, toddlers and grown ups takes place in West Coker School. This is a safe environment under the governance of the school. All Acorn Leaders, Val Barker, Doreen Frosdick, Claire Swarbrick and Katherine Thomas hold up to date Safeguarding Foundation Certificates. Julie Brigden has recently started to help and will need to undertake a Safeguarding course on line. She is a retired nurse, with good inter-personal skills - much needed for working with toddlers and adults alike.

The weekly CRB newsletter and Safeguarding Posters in each church state my role as Safeguarding Officer, with contact number / email, together with Sue Phillips [Pendomer PCC], and the Diocese of Bath and Wells contact person with their phone numbers and email addresses too.

As our Benefice is without a vicar, I messaged all Churchwardens of the seven Benefice Churches earlier this month to ask if they had any specific Safeguarding concerns, citing for example the condensation on the slab flooring inside St. Martin's Church making it slippery at times. A sign inside the church serves as a reminder. Also, the church loop system has just been checked and a new mobile microphone has been purchased for people to use when leading services / assemblies.

I appreciate these are small concerns, but as Churchwardens we are responsible for our congregations, church buildings, graveyards and landscape. Churchwardens from East Coker and East Chinnock replied to my message, informing me of things they have done to keep their churches safe. Our Coker Ridge Benefice Church wardens are currently spending much more time in their churches keeping them going!

I sincerely hope that as a new advertisement is shortly to go into The Church Times, our lovely Benefice in South Somerset attracts an applicant or two.

Mick Collins. [March 24th 2024]

Zambia Companion Link – 2022/3

Communication with our link parish, St Peter, Twapia has once again been sporadic. Emails have been exchanged with Mwazona Eunice Banda a couple of times in the early part of the year. I also sent some photos which she received. We learned that The Boy's Brigade are still using the musical instruments that were bought with the money raised by Jacqueline Clough in 2018. The development of the Church building and toilets had not progressed since that time because St Peter was experiencing poor income from their congregation due to unemployment in Twapia.

The collection from the Benefice service at the end of April 2023, amounting to £168.10, was sent to St Peter in July, to enable them to progress the work on the church extension and toilets. They received this money, less 10% deducted by our Diocese for administering the transfer, and we have learned that it has been used as we hoped.

Zambia Sunday in July was marked with special intercessions.

We did not hear from St Peter's over the autumn and winter and we learned that this was because Mwazona had premature twins and one of the babies did not survive. We have had contact through the Dean at the Cathedral in Ndola and we hope to have more news once Mwazona returns after maternity leave.

Jacky Gormer

Finance. There is no finance section within this report; Barbs Hampshire is dealing with an urgent matter with the Charity Commission. The **Finance Report** will be issued as an appendix in due course.

Approved by the PCCand signed on their behalf by Val Barker, Vice-Chair

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West Coker PCC 2023 Finance Report

2023 ticked over financially without any great surprises for St Martin of Tours.

Our Parish Share was £16,040.76, which is a 2 % increase from 2022- this was paid in full to the diocese.

We made our final payment of £12,000 to pay off the loan to East Coker PCC in the last quarter of 2023. Thank you to all those who helped raised funds to enable the PCC to pay off this loan within the given 5 years. A huge achievement.

Instead of a Roof Fund we now have a Wall Fund – this is to raise funds to pay off the loan we have for works carried out to reinstate part of the churchyard boundary wall that collapsed in 2023. Total Bill for the wall repair was £7,332.36. At the end of 2023 outstanding loan was £7,332.36.

This year we raised £3,952.81 from holding events such as Lent lunches, jumble sale, Quiz Night and Guitar Festival; Donations to the church was £,521.32; sale of cards brought in £120.00; We took £350 over and above the cost of felling the Beech tree which cost £1,380.00 which meant we received a total of £1,730.00 in donations for wood more than covering the cost.

Our giving for this year was £700.47 which went DEC Turkey & Syria, our Zambia Link , Somerset Churches, Bell Ringers and RBL.

Alan Gormer kindly completed the forms to HMRC for gift aid Tax refund for 2020 ,2021 and 2022 and we received £4,837.68, which went into our current account.

Our Insurance annual cost is £1,508.84 with running costs at approx. £1,556.50 which includes electricity, church supplies, annual maintenance servicing of fire extinguishers, Organ, lightning conductor.

Our contribution to benefice budget was £1,241.66 of which £523.76 was for the last quarter of 2022.

Interest received from our two CBF Deposit accounts was £1,752.75 – paid into our current account.

At the end of the year (2023) the balance in our general bank account was £10,487.12 and in our Roof Fund bank account £13,333.96 (East Coker had not paid in the final cheque yet)

I would like to record huge thanks to Alan Gormer for guiding me, his help has been and is invaluable.

Barbs Hampshire 17th April 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
MARTIN OF TOURS, WEST COKER.**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2023

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1185493

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF
TOURS, WEST COKER.**

(Registered Charity No.1185493)

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned giving – General Fund				
Planned giving	7,807		8,366	
Tax Efficient Planned giving	8,200		6,325	
Planned Giving – Restricted Fund				
Planned giving	-		-	
Tax Efficient Planned giving	1,440		1,800	
 Collections, donations and other giving				
Bath & Wells Energy grant	-		400	
Donations – General Fund	2,440		997	
Donations – Restricted Fund	-		3,522	
 Income tax recovered	4,838		-	
Annual fete and events				
General Fund	1,084		-	
Restricted Fund	2,206		2,198	
 Parochial fees	5,065		3,315	
Other receipts	455		270	
Investment income				
Bank interest and dividends received				
General Fund	491		63	
Restricted Fund	2,372		427	
Loan from parishioner (re church wall repairs)	7,332		-	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	43,730		27,683	
PAYMENTS				
Donations and grants to charities and mission giving	1,155		1,295	
Parish share	16,041		14,416	
 Church running expenses				
Light and heat	1,367		767	
Organ tuning and music costs	-		265	
Other church expenses	145		309	
Repairs and maintenance	215		373	
Churchyard maintenance	1,198		399	
Support costs	-		-	
Administration (incl staff costs)				
Bank charges – restricted fund	24		27	
Coker Ridge Benefice – administration costs	1,242		1,214	
Salaries and wages	580		480	
Accountancy	-		150	

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF
TOURS, WEST COKER.

(Registered Charity No.1185493)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Other				
Insurance	1,633		1,131	
Church wall repairs	7,332		-	
Other expenses	80		87	
Loan repayments	-		12,000	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>31,012</u>		<u>32,913</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)		12,718		(5,230)
CASH FUNDS AS AT 1 JANUARY 2023		78,994		84,224
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		<u>91,712</u>		<u>78,994</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
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(Registered Charity No. 1185493)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

CASH FUNDS

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Bank Current Account	10,488	1,568
CBF Deposit Account	10,500	10,500
Bank Current Account – roof fund	13,334	9,536
OSR Trust Fund CBF Deposit Account	57,390	57,390
	_____	_____
At 31 DECEMBER 2023	91,712	78,994
	_____	_____

CBF INCOME SHARES DODGE CHURCHYARD

Balance brought forward	2023 6,242
Investment growth	562

Balance carried forward	6,804

LOAN FROM EAST COKER PCC

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Balance carried forward	12,000	12,000
	_____	_____

LOAN FROM PARISHIONER (RE CHURCH WALL REPAIRS)

	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Balance carried forward	7,332	-
	_____	_____

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
MARTIN OF TOURS, WEST COKER.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities Act 2011 and SORP'S 2008 Regulations.

Certificate of Approval

I approve these accounts and confirm that they include a complete record of all relevant income and associated expenses and that I have made available all records and information for their compilation.

Signed: B Hampshire

Date: 31/10/24

B Hampshire (Mrs)
Treasurer

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF
TOURS, WEST COKER.**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of the The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martin of Tours, West Coker. for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

HM Lamshead ICPA
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30 October 2024

Accounts

St Martin of Tours Parish Church, West Coker

Registered Charity Number: 1184593

Annual Report

Year ending 31st December 2022

Administrative Information

St Martin of Tours Parish Church is situated in Church St, West Coker. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 1 Manor Farmhouse, Gooseacre Lane, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9BA

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members who have served since 27th April 2022 until the date this report was approved are:-

Incumbent & Chairperson Rev. Colin Simpson

Vice Chair Mrs Valerie Barker

Wardens Mrs Susan Bonning
Mrs Patricia Ricketts

Representatives on the Yeovil Deanery Synod

Mrs Valerie Barker – Deanery Lay Chair
Mrs Jacqueline Gormer

Elected Members

Mrs Judy Beaty
Mrs Lotty Boersma (in the absence of Mrs Sylvia Bruce)
Mrs Caroline Collins
Mr Michael Collins
Mrs Rita Coward
Mrs Barbara Hampshire

Co-opted Member – Secretary

Mrs Sandie Simpson

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Report on Fabric of the Parish Church and Review of the Year - 2022 - Church Wardens

There were 44 members on the Electoral Roll. Sadly, we have lost a few but look as if we will gain a few new members this coming year. The average weekly attendance counted during October was 22, which is an increase. Numbers attending services are indeed slowly increasing which is pleasing. During the year we have had four baptisms, four funerals and one wedding. Holy Communion Services have been led by Revd. Simpson and Revd. Turrell. Other services were led by a lay team of Pat Ricketts, Sue Bonning, Val Barker, Alan Gormer, Jacky Gormer and Chris Varley. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team. People seem to enjoy a variety of service leaders.

Harvest Festival was well supported and catered for over 40 people. There was a Christingle Service on 13th December when our Village School attended, 32 children and 12 adults. It was particularly good to have our Remembrance Sunday Service supported this year by our local branches of Scouts and Guides and over 70 adults and 25 children attended. Our Carol Service on December 11th was also well attended with 71 adults and 3 children. Services were held to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee and everyone enjoyed the Songs of Praise and poetry evening, followed by refreshments and fellowship. There was also a Requiem Eucharist to honour the death of our late Queen.

School Collective Worship has been reinstated and they meet on a regular basis in our church where parents and parishioners are invited to join in. A School Leavers Service also took place and prayer books were presented to those Year 6 pupils leaving.

Looking back, we appear to have had a busy and active year! The PCC have met regularly. A new Church Notice board was finally installed on 8th February – this having been discussed and sanctioned before Covid struck! There were two Lent Lunches organised, the money raised going to the Alzheimer's charity, Brace, based at Southmead Hospital. The money raised from the successful Winter Warmers went to the Roof Fund. Both events were well supported and provided a lovely opportunity for friends to meet up. Sue Bonning and her helpers Pat and Ann put on a highly successful Plant Sale in May. Always popular within the village, it raised yet more funds for our roof appeal. The PCC decided to ask for help to keep our churchyard tidy. We had two 'Churchyard Mornings' in April and October, where people from the village turned up with equipment to mow, trim and tidy! We must also thank Sue, George, Mick and John Fosdick who keep the grass cut on a regular basis, thus saving the church purse much needed funds as Colin Vowels is no longer doing this. In November Stephen and Christine Turrell put on an excellent Quiz Night at The Hall. Always sold out, it was much enjoyed by all and we look forward in anticipation to the next!

Advent Calendars were given to every child in the school and we would like to thank Chris and Lottie for undertaking this again.

We would also like to mention David Neal who works hard to maintain the clock and look after the church bells. It is always a blessing when a team can be got together to ring.

Little has been done on the fabric of the church this year. However, the churchyard wall on the north side of the church collapsed during the awful weather of November/December and fell into an adjoining garden. Quotes have been collected and we hope this will soon be rectified. The paving slabs outside of the main door have been painted with non-slip paint to make them safer when it rains.

A new initiative has begun in our village school. A Parent and Toddler Group has started every Tuesday, under the auspices of the church, which meets in the school hall. This is called Acorns and aims to provide a network of friendship. It has had a good start and is well supported.

We have been heartened by comments of new people visiting our church, who have said how warm and welcoming we all are.

The PCC wishes to express their thanks to all those who have helped in anyway with work in or around the church and also by supporting our fund raising causes.

Sue Bonning and Mick Collins 10th April 2023

Report on the Proceedings of the Church Council - 2022 – Secretary

Fortunately, with the opening up of society after the Covid pandemic, we have been able to meet in person this year. The PCC met in January, March, May, July and October. Our September meeting was postponed until October due to the death of our Queen. Our meetings have been well attended and have a good supportive atmosphere. We have covered topics as varied as fundraising, trees, re-ordering and Safeguarding.

We would like to thank Sue Bonning for offering us Teal House for our meetings. So much warmer than church!

Sandie Simpson 15th April 2023

Report on Finances of the Parish Church –2022 – Treasurer

2022 was a quiet one financially for St Martin of Tours, but also a worrying one – we have two occasions where we have not met our financial commitments with regard to bank balance in our current account. One for our monthly insurance direct debit in December (this resulted in two payments coming out of our bank account in January 2023, and one for our Parish Share Direct Debit payment in August – this payment has not been paid.

Our Parish Share was £15,726.72, which is a 14.52 %increase from 2021; we actually paid £14,416.16 to the D.B.F. (we missed one month payment of £1,310.56 as there were not enough funds in the account).

We made our fourth payment of £12,000 to pay off the loan to East Coker PCC for the 2022 instalment. We continue to raise funds where we can through events such as the Winter Warmer Lunch in February (£349.00) and regular

donations throughout the year. We have approximately just under £600 to raise before the end of the year (2023) to completely pay off this loan to East Coker PCC in December 2023.

We have not made any request for gift aid Tax refund for 2020 ,2021 and 2022 to date, which went into our General Fund. Alan Gomer has made a claim for Gift Aid for the above mentioned years this year (2023), so not included in the 2022 accounts.

The running expenses for the church was £1,711.34, which includes electricity (£766.87), alter supplies (£308.46), annual servicing for fire extinguishers, Lightning conductor, organ tuning (£441.38). We received an Energy Grant from the Diocese of Bath & Wells of £400.

The proceeds from the sale of the Old School Room have been invested in a CCLA deposit account which is accessible. The balance remains £ 57,390. Interest received during 2022 amounted to £382.36. We further received £ 69.95 of interest on our "General Reserves Account" of £ 10,500 with CCLA.

Our fund-raising activities amounted to £3,084, which was raised with such events as Plant Sale, Lent Lunches, Snowdrop day and Church Quiz. Our Giving for 2022 totalled £1,274 – DEC Ukraine, Brace, RBL and Somerset Churches. With fundraising and donations we banked £5,669.00 into the Church Roof account.

Our plate receipts for 2022 are approximately £15k, which if we continue with the same plate receipts for 2023 will not be enough to cover our Parish Share, Annual Insurance, Annual running Costs etc. for 2023!

At the end of the year (2022) the balance in our General bank account was £1,567.96 and in our Roof Fund bank account £9,535.98 . The Roof Fund account is dedicated to the repayment of the East Coker loan. Our total monies in our various accounts amounts to £96,078.24.

I would like to record huge thanks to Alan Gormer for guiding me, his help has been and is invaluable.

Barbs Hampshire 4th April 2023

Appointment of the Independent Examiner

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod – Deanery Synod Member

This month marks the end of the 2020 -2023 Deanery Synod Triennial. New parish representatives are currently being elected, and the first meeting of the new triennial will take place in June.

Synod has met three times in the last year. In June 2022 the headteachers of Tintinhull VC Primary School and Chilthorne Domer VC Primary School spoke movingly about their experience of COVID 19, and how it was still affecting children. In October, parish representatives shared their mission plans with one another in a facilitated discussion, which continued for some considerable time. The February meeting was addressed by Farhad Chermahini, who told us about his Pioneer work in the Birchfield area of St Michael's parish, and of how he is building relationships there.

Val Barker 6th April 2023

Report on the list of Church Members – Electoral Roll Officer - 2022

There are currently 44 on the Electoral Roll, having lost a couple this year. However I think it likely that perhaps four will not renew their membership when that time comes, but I'm confident that we have four people now attending who would like to become members.

Caroline Collins 4th April 23

Report on Safeguarding – Safeguarding Officer – 2022

Safeguarding is part of everyone's responsibility associated with our Benefice of Churches. 'Safeguarding' should be on every PCC meeting's agenda. As a Benefice we must continue to do all we can to ensure we are providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children and vulnerable adults within our church communities.

It was agreed that a new, shorter policy should be written, entitled The Coker Ridge Benefice Safeguarding Policy. It is currently in the process of being approved and adopted by the Benefice

The Acorns stay and play fun and social group for babies, toddlers and grown-ups takes place in West Coker CEVC Primary School. This presents as a safe environment under the governance of the School. The Acorn Leaders, Val Barker, Doreen Frosdick, Claire Swarbrick and Katherine Thomas all hold up to date Safeguarding Foundation Certificates. I also hold the Disclosure and Barring Service certificate.

The weekly CRB Newsletter always states my role as Safeguarding Officer with my contact number should any issues occur that people feel they need to report or speak about. As an addition to this, I have asked Sue Phillips [Hardington Mandeville] as discussed at a recent West Coker PCC meeting, to have her name and telephone number included in the weekly CRB Newsletter too. Sue is a trained nurse, an excellent listener, knows a lot of local folk and can relate well to bereavement.

Each church in our Benefice has a new, laminated A4 'Promoting a Safer Church' poster, including Sue Phillips name and telephone number. These posters need to be clearly displayed. 4th April 2023

Zambia Companion Link – 2022

The Zambia Companion Link has once again been very quiet during the past year. The main reason has been the change of personnel at the cathedral in Ndola and at St Peter, Twapia. We had good contacts with Fr. Leonard Tembo during his time as priest and Dean but once he moved to a teaching post, contact was lost. Bishop Derek Kamukwamba retired so we could not contact him for news. We asked our Zambia Link Coordinator at Diocesan level if she could help. We eventually managed to get the name of a person to contact and now, I am able to exchange emails with Mwazi Banda, who is a member of the St. Veronica Guild and the Vice secretary at parish level. She tells me that St Peter are not having any elections this year and will maintain the old executive.

Currently, at the Diocese of Bath and Wells, there is a vacancy for the post of Zambia Programme Coordinator. They are looking for a committed person to support and develop the link relationship with the Dioceses of Zambia. The successful applicant will be a key contact between Zambia and Bath and Wells and be an advocate of the link, encouraging new parish and school links.

Rector's Report to Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2023

From the 2022 registers:

Baptisms	6
Weddings	9
Funerals	24

Where did 2022 go?

I suppose it is a product of coming out of lockdown and trying to understand what the new normal is for our churches, that makes me feel as though the past year has simply flown by, as Joni Mitchell sings in the Circle Game:

"And the seasons they go round and round

And the painted ponies go up and down

We're captive on the carousel of time

We can't return we can only look

Behind from where we came

And go round and round and round

In the circle game"

But looking 'behind from where we came' the benefice has had another good year. We began it with Simon Keyes helping us to look at who we are and how we might engage with our communities and end it looking at all the interactions we have had and the plans we have for the future. Your Benefice Council continues to meet and guide us through the changes and chances of this present age, and we have rejuvenated the worship and evangelism groups with interesting effects.

Our outreach through our Christmas Card showed immediate results in increases of those attending our already successful ministry to our communities over Christmas, and the East Chinnock village questionnaire is being emulated across the parishes, helping us to understand what our communities want from us. We have the old parish rooms in East Chinnock as a benefice resource and at least one toilet approved by the DAC, two other parishes are developing their plans to make their churches brighter, more accessible, warm and with toilets – so watch this space.

Our Children’s ministry has suffered a blow with the retirement of our Children’s and Families Work Leader, Deborah Wootton, but some of her initiatives continue in others’ hands as Acorns Preschool goes from strength to strength and the children of both East and West Coker Schools gather for collective worship in church, marking the changing seasons and learning about Our Lord Jesus.

I am consistently amazed and grateful for the enormous amount of work which goes on ‘behind the scenes’ but enables us to be there when our communities need us. You may think that you only polish the brass, or arrange the flowers, cut the grass or fix the gate or give a listening ear to people’s problems. You may write the minutes, say some prayers, buy the Christmas tree, chair or attend some meetings, listen to or give talks and sermons, lead worship, pay in the cash from the collection or one of hundreds of other things that go on, unseen, but have enabled us to minister to those who celebrate and those who mourn.

Your ministries have enabled us to mark both the Platinum Jubilee and the death of our late, much missed, Queen Elizabeth II, you have stood alongside people from our villages as they have celebrated the birth of children, marriages and relationships, anniversaries and as they mourn their loved ones. Sometimes only a few of us gather to study or to pray, at other times many hundreds but the church of God is always there, in you, and I thank you all for it.

Our new Bishop, Michael, has warned us that the next few years will be tough for all, and many difficult decisions will have to be made. Your contributions both practical and financial have been amazing and the Yeovil Deanery remains the one with the highest proportion of parish share paid in the diocese, that is down to your efforts and generosity, but we cannot take our eye off the ball. 2023 will bring its own challenges, each of us will need to review what we do and see what may be left behind and what else may be done.

Being your rector remains the most challenging but also the most joyful thing I have had the opportunity to work at, and I thank you for another year of support, love and prayer. Here’s to the next.

Colin March 2023.

Election of Church Councillors (6)

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev. C.G. Simpson

Chairperson Rev. C. G. Simpson

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned giving – General Fund				
Planned giving	8,366		6,887	
Tax Efficient Planned giving	6,325		5,419	
Planned Giving – Restricted Fund				
Planned giving	-		400	
Tax Efficient Planned giving	1,800		2,680	
 Collections, donations and other giving				
Bath & Wells Energy grant	400		-	
Parish council grant – grass cutting	-		1,000	
Donations – General Fund	997		695	
Donations – Restricted Fund	3,522		130	
 Income tax recovered	-			
Annual fete and events				
General Fund	-		576	
Restricted Fund	2,198		5,258	
 Parochial fees	3,315		3,506	
Other receipts	270		191	
Investment income				
Bank interest and dividends received				
General Fund	63		12	
Restricted Fund	427		68	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,683	27,683	26,822	26,822
 PAYMENTS				
Donations and grants to charities and mission giving	1,295		423	
Parish share	14,416		13,732	
 Church running expenses				
Light and heat	767		598	
Organ tuning and music costs	265		198	
Other church expenses	309		222	
Repairs and maintenance	373		450	
Churchyard maintenance	399		(84)	
Support costs	-		116	
Administration (incl staff costs)				
Bank charges – restricted fund	27		31	
Coker Ridge Benefice – administration costs	1,214		800	
Salaries and wages	480		2,030	
Accountancy	150		-	
 Governance costs – Quinquennial Survey	-		725	

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)
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	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Other				
Insurance	1,131		1,201	
New notice board for churchyard	-		606	
Other expenses	87		94	
Loan repayments	12,000		12,000	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>32,913</u>		<u>33,142</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)		(5,230)		(6,320)
CASH FUNDS AS AT 1 JANUARY 2022		84,224		90,544
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		<u>78,994</u>		<u>84,224</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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	£	£
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CBF Deposit Account	10,500	10,500
Bank Current Account – roof fund	9,536	14,248
OSR Trust Fund CBF Deposit Account	57,390	57,390
Cash in Hand	-	-
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At 31 DECEMBER 2022	78,994	84,224
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CBF INCOME SHARES DODGE CHURCHYARD

Balance brought forward	2022 7,049
Investment loss	(807)
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Balance carried forward	6,242
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LOAN FROM EAST COKER PCC

	2022	2021
	Total	Total
	£	£
Balance carried forward	12,000	24,000
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Certificate of Approval

I approve these accounts and confirm that they include a complete record of all relevant income and associated expenses and that I have made available all records and information for their compilation.

Signed: B Hampshire

Date: 31/10/24

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts of the The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martin of Tours, West Coker. for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

**HM Lamshead ICPA
ACORN ACCOUNTING FOR BUSINESS LIMITED**

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28 October 2024

Accounts

St Martin of Tours Parish Church, West Coker

Registered Charity Number: 1184593

Annual Report

Year ending 31st December 2021

Administrative Information

St Martin of Tours Parish Church is situated in Church St, West Coker. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 1 Manor Farmhouse, Gooseacre Lane, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9BA

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members who have served since 25th May 2021 until the date this report was approved are:-

Incumbent & Chairperson Rev. Colin Simpson

Vice Chair Mrs Valerie Barker

Wardens Mrs Susan Bonning

Mrs Patricia Ricketts

Representatives on the Yeovil Deanery Synod

Mrs Valerie Barker – Deanery Lay Chair

Mrs Jacqueline Gormer

Elected Members

Mrs Judy Beaty

Mrs Sylvia Bruce

Mrs Caroline Collins

Mr Michael Collins

Mrs Rita Coward

Mrs Barbara Hampshire

Co-opted Member – Secretary

Mrs Sandie Simpson

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Rector's report

To be included separately at the AGM

Objectives and performance

Church Attendance - Secretary

There were 46 members on the Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance (including Collective Worship) counted during October was 26. During January we were only able to have one Holy Communion service before we

entered another lockdown. We were fortunate that we could resume our services on Easter Sunday with Holy Communion - 28 people attended. We hosted the Benefice Communion Services in May and on St. Stephen's Day.

A special service was held for the Commendation of Prince Philip – attended by 14 people. There was a School Leavers Service in July and School Collective Worship resumed on the second Tuesday of the month. October saw a well-attended Harvest, 43 people, and we were able to hold our Remembrance Service, slightly scaled down due to Covid considerations. 90 people joined us for the Carol Service. Two Messy Church Services were held in the Commemoration Hall.

All Communion services were led by Rev Simpson or Rev Turrell. Other services were led by the lay team of leaders, the 2 wardens, Val Barker, Alan Gormer & Jacky Gormer.

There was only one wedding and two Baptisms during the year. There were five funeral services within the church and three at the crematorium. There was one committal of ashes.

Review of the Year:

The Parochial Church Council – Secretary

The PCC has again worked together during the year for the greater good of the Church and in their wish to spread the Gospel throughout the wider parish, putting Mission at the heart of everything we do.

The P.C.C. met in May, July, September and November. The early part of the year meetings being restricted by Covid Lockdown.

Fund raising resumed this year. We had a very successful plant sale, the contribution to the village fete of refreshments in the church was very well received and the Quiz Night was great fun. The Summer lunch was an enormous success.

October heralded our Churchyard Tidy up Day – 35 people came to help clear-up our churchyard for the winter. Everyone worked extremely hard and were rewarded with tea and cake.

A new initiative started in September – Whichcraft? @ The Rectory. This is a craft and chatter session held on the second Tuesday of each month. So far the group has been well attended.

The Parish Share was paid in full in 2021.

The PCC wishes to express their thanks to all those who have helped in anyway with work in or around the church in 2021. The church could not operate without all those people who work tirelessly behind the scenes. We thank Rita for her playing of the organ and very much hope that she wishes to continue and to David Neal for his care of the bells. Everyone's help is very much appreciated.

Churchwardens Report on the Fabric of the Church

Little has been done to the fabric of the church during 2021 due to Covid. The guttering was cleaned out as part of the first churchyard tidy up days.

We both have concerns about 3 areas of the church. Perhaps the easiest to deal with is the porch where the paint is falling off. Richard Griffin and his team assured Pat that it was not plaster just many layers of paint. If that is so we feel it is something we could deal with ourselves. The paint will probably fall off very easily and then the walls when clean would need covering with limewash.

The next area of concern is the drain pipe situated between the tower and the south aisle. The wall inside it does not get damp it gets very 'wet'. We think the down pipe situated there may be blocked but as it is concreted into the drain we cannot check it.

The last area of concern is the right wall of the Sanctuary where the paint has bubbled from the incursion of damp from the drain pipe outside.

We feel these problems need to be addressed as soon as possible.

FINACIAL REVIEW 2021 – Barbs Hampshire

This year was again an unusual year for the St Martin's Treasurer role in that I didn't take over the Treasurer role until later in the year, so that meant I took some time to come to grips with the complicated accounting spreadsheet and its various tabs, and catch up with recording of all transactions from January 2021. I feel I am mastering it, I would like to record huge thanks to Alan Gormer for guiding me, his help has been invaluable.

We have not made any request for gift aid Tax refund for 2020 and 2021 Income, Alan Gormer has kindly volunteered to complete the necessary paperwork to claim the tax back from these two years.

We again paid £12,000 off our loan to East Coker, we already have the 2022 payment in the bank, with approx. £2,000 already towards the final payment in 2023.

Our Parish Share was £13,732.44 (£12,558.00) which we paid in full – although the end of year accounts show we paid £12,558, which is a full month less than the total, because we have no bank statements from January to April, with only rough print outs from the bank, but with one or two weeks missing. I have no paper evidence that payments were made and received, so we have to assume the parish share for March 2021 was paid as it is a DD.

The running expenses for the church was just under £1000, which is another decrease from previous years. We did have a credit with the electricity suppliers, and this has helped keep the running costs down.

It is worth noting the electricity costs will go up – our current supplier is Total Gas & Power and their monthly bills are around £80 on average, I have online access to our account and will be submitted regular meter readings so our payments are accurate.

Our parochial fee income of £2572 which is slightly higher than last year this was mostly due to a number of funerals/burial of ashes that took place. We did have one wedding at St Martin's in the summer.

The proceeds from the sale of the Old School Room have been invested in a CCLA deposit account which is accessible. The balance remains £ 57,390. Interest received from the two CBF Deposit Funds during 2021 amounted to £66.96.

Our fund-raising activities amounted to £5833, which is £2181 more than 2020, this is not surprising really as we have been able to open our church, and hold fundraising events such as Lent Lunches and Winter Warmer, a quiz night, plant sale etc. We have been able to send donations to Tearfund and Royal British Legion.

Our net income is £25,765 and our net payments were £31,226, a deficit of (£5,461), a decrease in the deficit figure from 2020. We did agree a draw down from our reserve account at the last AGM, but we have not had to do this during 2021.

At the end of the year the balance in our General bank account was £ 2,085.92 and in our Roof Fund bank account £ 14,247.45. The Roof Fund account is dedicated to the repayment of the East Coker loan. Our total monies in our various accounts amounts to £82,486.01.

I have submitted mandates to allow me to be a signatory on our bank accounts and to allow me to have access to online banking. Both are yet to be actioned by Nat West.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2021 - Mick Collins

Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and it is on the agenda at St. Martin's PCC meetings. We must continue to do all we can to ensure we are providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children and vulnerable adults within our church community and Benefice. Our policy carefully outlines our procedures should any case arise.

The Acorns stay and play fun and social group for babies, toddlers and grown-ups takes place in West Coker School. This presents as a safe environment under the governance of the school. Any volunteer helpers will require DBS clearance. [Disclosure and Barring Service]

The weekly CRB Newsletter always states my role as Safeguarding Officer with my contact number should any issues occur that people feel they need to report. To-date, no body has contacted me.

DEANERY SYNOD 2021 - reps for WCPCC Jacky Gormer and Val Barker (Lay Dean)

Synod met for the first time after the COVID pandemic at the end of June. The meeting took place in St John's Church as an Act of Worship to welcome members of the new Synod who were meeting for the first time. We also said Goodbye to James Dudley-Smith who was retiring as Area Dean, having completed his six-year 'stint'.

In October we were pleased to hold our meeting at St Peter's and to hear about and view their new community hall. This was completed just before 'lockdown'. We were all impressed with the functionality, but also the beauty of the new building. It is proving to be a huge asset to the Westfield community.

Zambia Companion Link – Jacky Gormer

There is not really much to report at present because of covid here in the UK and there in Zambia and also change of personnel at St Peter and the cathedral at Ndola. Fr Leonard Tembo who was both Dean and priest at St Peter has transferred to a teaching post at the seminary in Kitwe. There is now Deacon Mangai in the priest's house at St Peter but that is all I know at present. Jacqueline Clough used to keep me updated with news from Beauty who led the music group at St Peter but Beauty had to move away to find work. I have no email or FB contacts at St Peter at present.

We were going with Jacqueline Clough to Wells on Saturday 30th April for a Zambia Link meeting when we were hoping to get news and contact details but we just heard yesterday that it is postponed until June, quote-

'due to both low numbers and unexpected unavailability of two of our speakers.

However, we will reschedule for an evening in June when we can feedback on an upcoming trip to Zambia, hopefully have all of our speakers and will have much more information about this year's Lambeth Conference and visits from the Zambian Bishops.'

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev. C.G. Simpson

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Investment growth	2,114
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TOURS, WEST COKER.**

(Registered Charity No.1185493)

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Planned giving – General Fund			12,885	
Planned giving	6,887			
Tax Efficient Planned giving	5,419			
Planned Giving – Restricted Fund				
Planned giving	400			
Tax Efficient Planned giving	2,680			
Collections, donations and other giving			3,193	
Parish council grant – grass cutting	1,000			
Donations – General Fund	695			
Donations – Restricted Fund	130			
Income tax recovered	-		2,863	
Annual fete and events			3,652	
General Fund	576			
Restricted Fund	5,258			
Parochial fees	3,506		3,264	
Other receipts	191		265	
Investment income				
Bank interest and dividends received			610	
General Fund	12			
Restricted Fund	68			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,822	26,822	26,732	26,732
 PAYMENTS				
Donations and grants to charities	300		1,413	
Mission and Evangelism	123		255	
Parish share	13,732		13,675	
Church running expenses			2,125	
Light and heat	598			
Organ tuning	198			
Other church expenses	222			
Electrical repairs and certificate	450			
Churchyard maintenance	(84)		60	
Support costs	116		178	
Administration (incl staff costs)			4,331	
Bank charges – restricted fund	31			
Coker Ridge Benefice – administration costs	800			
Salaries and wages	2,030			
Governance costs – Quinquennial Survey	725		-	

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(Registered Charity No.1185493)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Other			1,270	
Insurance	1,201			
New notice board for churchyard	606			
Other – keys cut and printing cards	94			
Loan repayments	12,000		12,000	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		33,142		35,307
NET (EXPENDITURE)		(6,320)		(8,575)
CASH FUNDS AS AT 1 JANUARY 2021		90,544		99,119
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021		84,224		90,544

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
MARTIN OF TOURS, WEST COKER.
(Registered Charity No. 1185493)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

CASH FUNDS

	2021	2020
	Total	Total
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Bank Current Account	2,086	4,388
CBF Deposit Account	10,500	10,500
Bank Current Account – roof fund	14,248	17,940
OSR Trust Fund CBF Deposit Account	57,390	57,390
Cash in Hand	-	326
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At 31 DECEMBER 2021	84,224	90,544
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CBF INCOME SHARES DODGE CHURCHYARD

	2021
Balance brought forward	4,935
Investment growth	2,114
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Balance carried forward	7,049
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LOAN FROM EAST COKER PCC

	2021	2020
	Total	Total
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Balance carried forward	24,000	36,000
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF
TOURS, WEST COKER.**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report on the accounts of the The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martin of Tours, West Coker. for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

HM Lamshead ICPA
ACORN ACCOUNTING FOR BUSINESS LIMITED
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YEOVIL
Somerset
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11 October 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
MARTIN OF TOURS, WEST COKER.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities Act 2011 and SORP'S 2008 Regulations.

Certificate of Approval

I approve these accounts and confirm that they include a complete record of all relevant income and associated expenses and that I have made available all records and information for their compilation.

Signed: B Hampshire Date: 11/10/22

B Hampshire (Mrs)
Treasurer

Accounts

St Martin of Tours Parish Church, West Coker

Annual Report

Year ending 31st December 2020

Administrative Information

St Martin of Tours Parish Church is situated in Church St, West Coker. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells, within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 1 Manor Farmhouse, Gooseacre Lane, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 9BA

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members who have served since 9th September 2020 (Annual meetings were delayed due to the Covid Pandemic lockdown) until the date this report was approved are:-

Incumbent & Chairperson Rev. Colin Simpson

Vice Chair Mrs Valerie Barker

Wardens Mrs Susan Bonning

Mrs Patricia Ricketts – Secretary

Representatives on the Yeovil Deanery Synod

Mrs Valerie Barker – Deanery Lay Chair

Mrs Jacqueline Gormer

Elected Members

Ms Lotty Boersma (Varley) until December 15th 2020

Mrs Caroline Collins

Mr Michael Collins

Mrs Rita Coward

Mrs Barbara Hampshire

Mr Christopher Varley until December 15th 2020

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Rector's report

To be included separately at the AGM

Objectives and performance

Church Attendance

There were 43 members on the Electoral Roll, The average weekly attendance counted during October was 17. There were no Easter Services due to lockdown and no harvest services were held. The Remembrance day service could not take place and there were no Carol services. There was no Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day Holy Communion led by Rev Stephen Turrell was attended by 25 people with 22 communicants. The Wednesday evening Holy Communion services were cancelled. Holy Communion services that were able to take

place were led by Rev Simpson or Rev Turrell. Other services that were able to take place were led by the lay team of leaders, the 2 wardens, Val Barker, Alan Gormer & Jacky Gormer and one service was led by Lotty Boersma

There was only 1 wedding during the year. There were no Baptisms during the year. There were 3 funeral services within the church and 6 either in the churchyard or at the crematorium. This included the funeral service of twins aged 38 who died of Covid. There was one committal of ashes.

Review of the Year: The Parochial Church Council: The PCC has again worked together during the year for the greater good of the Church and in their wish to spread the Gospel throughout the wider parish.

The P.C.C. met in March but since that date no PCC meetings have been held due to lockdown and Covid restrictions. All matters that needed to be discussed and agreed on were dealt with by emails but with so very few services being able to take place there was very little that needed to be decided upon.

There was only one fund raising event and that was a Table Top Sale around the village in September which was very successful. Events are being planned for 2021 which we hope will be able to take place.

The Parish Share was paid in full in 2020 The P.C.C. is still very much aware that the church needs the support of the wider community and feels that the improvement in relationships between 'the church' and the rest of the village has continued to improve and our one fund raising event was wonderfully supported by the wider community.

The PCC wishes to express their thanks to all those who have helped in anyway with work in or around the church in 2020 with special mention to Sue Bonning and her new husband George for their grass cutting around the immediate environs of the church and the development of what was once the compost heap into an attractive colourful area now called 'St Martin's Mump' but most especially for working with volunteers John Frosdick & Vic White to remove all the heaps of soil which grave diggers have left piled against the north wall of the churchyard and many many years. Thanks also go to Mr Colin Vowles, who cuts most of the churchyard grass with his helper, & to Doug White for his care of the church clock over several years. Sadly he is no longer able to perform this service and a replacement is being sought, and to David Neal for his care of the bells. Everyone's help is very much appreciated.

Two pews were removed from the seating in the south west corner of the church to provide a Children's area. Sadly mostly unused during 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

The Architect Mr Daniel Cantrell carried out a Quinquennial inspection during October when no major problems were found. An Electrical Safety inspection was also carried out and any faults rectified.

Financial Review 2020

This year was again an unusual year for St Martin's in that from March 2020 we went into the Covid 19 Lockdown and our church was closed for the majority of the year. We our third payment of £12,000 to pay off the loan to East Coker PCC for the 2021 installment. We continue to raise funds where we can to enable the paying of this loan, East Coker PCC have kindly agreed to extend the terms of the loan by a further 2 or 3 years. Although I don't think we will need to extend the repayment term, we already have the 2022 payment in the bank and have a couple of grand towards the final payment hopefully in 2023.

It has been a challenging year getting to grips with a complicated spreadsheet recording system, but I feel I am mastering it, I would like to record huge thanks to Alan Gormer for guiding me, his help has been invaluable.

We have not made any request for gift aid Tax refund for 2020 and 2021 Income Tax refund in 2020 was £2863, which went into our General Fund

Our Parish Share was £13,732.44 (12,558.00) , which was 14.99% higher than in 2019; we paid this amount to the D.B.F. in full.

The running expenses for the church was £2,125 , which is a marked decrease in our church running expenses from the previous year, and is in line with previous (normal) year.

Our parochial fee income of £2471 was a 29% increase than in 2019 this was mostly due to a number of funerals/burial of ashes that took place. We did have one wedding which was a very special event.

The proceeds from the sale of the Old School Room have been invested in a CCLA deposit account which is accessible. The balance remains £ 57,390. Interest received during 2019 amounted to £ 419. We further received £ 72 of interest on our "General Reserves Account" of £ 10,500 with CCLA.

Our fund-raising activities amounted to £3,652, which was slightly lower than in 2019, and the 11% decrease in funding raising is solely due to Covid 19 restrictions. We were not able to hold any of our usual events such as Lent or Winter Warmer lunches, no autumn quiz or Carol Service. We were not able to contribute to our usual charities such as St Margarets Hospice, Tear Fund, RBL Poppy Fund or the DBF Zambia Fund.

Our net income is £ 26,457 and our net payments were at a deficit of £8,815. This means we were running very close to our limits financially in our current account, and may have to look at drawing down a sum from our reserves.. At the end of the year the balance in our General bank account was £ 4,387.62 and in our Roof Fund bank account £ 17,823.66 . The Roof Fund account is dedicated to the repayment of the East Coker loan. Our total monies in our various accounts amounts to £96,078.24.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

To be included separately at the AGM

DEANERY SYNOD 2020

Synod met online this year due to Covid

ZAMBIA COMPANION LINK

The Zambia Companion Link continues despite Covid

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev. C.G. Simpson

Chairperson ...Rev. C. G. Simpson

St. Martin of Tours Church

Registered Charity No: 1185493

Receipts and Payment Account FTY to 31st December 2020

Receipts	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Donations:			
Planned Giving	10076,00	2670,00	12746,00
Collections, Donations	1550,00	2088,00	3638,00
Income Tax Refund	2863,00		2863,00
Other Activities:			
Annual Event		3632,00	3632,00
Interest/Dividend	72,00	538,00	610,00
Calendar Sales	4,00		4,00
Parochial Fees	2471,00		2471,00
Other Receipts	473,00	20,00	493,00
Totals	17509,00	8943,00	26457,00
Payments			
Donations	225,00	1188,00	1413,00
Mission	112,00	144,00	256,00
Parish Share	13674,84		13674,84
Church Running Expenses	2125,00		2125,00
Churchyard Maintenance	1740,00	60,00	1800,00
Support Costs	140,00		140,00
Admin Costs	2566,00	47,00	2663,00
Other	1250,00		1250,00
	21832,84	1439,00	23321,84
Loan Repayment		12000,00	12000,00
Totals	(16324.00)	7509,00	(8815.00)

Bank Balance:**Bank Balance at 31st December 2020**

	£
Natwest A/C 873 Current A/C - General Fund	4387,43
CBF Deposit A/C 60135 - PCC Reserves	10.500,00
CBF Deposit A/C 10100 - OSR Trust Fund	57.390,39
CBF Income Share - Dodge	4.934,71
Cash in Hand	325,50
Natwest Current A/C 4230 - Church Roof Fund	17.823,66
Designated Funds - Heating	716,55
	96.078,24

Openng Balance at 1st January 2020

	£
Natwest A/C 873	8.800,18
CBF Deposit A/C 60135	10.500,00
CBF Deposit A/C 10100	57.390,39
Income Share - Dodge	4.934,71
Cash in Hand	5,00
Natwest A/C 4230	22.545,93
Designated Funds - Heating Improvements	716,55
	104.892,76

Summary:

Opening Balance	104.892,76
Excess of Expenditure for year	(8,814.52)
Closing Balance	96.078,24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martin of
Tours, West Coker

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1185493

Set out on pages

remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY .

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed 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 which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

18/05/2021

Name:

M Burnard

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Address:

C/o Discovery House, Cook Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6BJ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.