

THE UNITED PARISH OF EAST HARPTREE WITH WEST HARPTREE AND HINTON BLEWETT-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2022

Aims and Purpose

The PCC and the Vicar (we have, however, been in vacancy since 2020) have the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the United Ecclesiastical Parish of East Harptree, with West Harptree and Hinton Blewett and the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC is a charity and was registered with the Charity Commission in 2019. The main activities undertaken by the PCC are those reflected in this report which the PCC consider furthered the PCC's aims for the public benefit. The PCC has had regard to the Charity Commission public benefit guidance, where relevant.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the Church Representation Rules. It is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC membership consists of the Vicar, the Churchwardens of the three churches and other members (who are on the Parish Electoral Roll) elected by the PCC and proposed by the Friends of East Harptree, and the VCCs of West Harptree and Hinton Blewett. There are 52 people on the Parish Electoral Roll at the date of this report (last year it was 53).

Specific responsibilities of members of the PCC during 2022 are set out in the section below entitled "Administrative Information". That section also sets out the responsibilities of others, not on the PCC, for particular areas. All business of the PCC is conducted at its meetings referred to below. There is no separate standing committee.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our Parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and considers how our services can involve the different groups that live within our Parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus and by the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

To facilitate this work it is also important that the PCC maintain the fabric of the three churches in our Parish. The PCC has the legal responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the three churches in the Parish although for all practical purposes the activities involved have been delegated to the Friends of St Laurence and to the VCCs of West Harptree and Hinton Blewett. They report to the PCC, who deal with Faculty and Grant applications and all formal matters, and the PCC generally oversee and ensure that the PCC's obligations are satisfactorily discharged by the Friends and VCCs.

The PCC meets 5 times a year with an extraordinary meeting after the APCM to elect

officers. There is an agreed and set list of issues which are dealt with at particular PCCs throughout the year to ensure that the key issues for the PCC are not overlooked and this is managed by the PCC secretary. In addition there are reports at each PCC meeting from the Friends and VCCs.

Administrative Information

The correspondence address for the Parish is West Harptree Memorial Hall, Compton Martin Road, West Harptree, Bristol BS40 6EG.

Membership of the PCC in 2022

Chair	Mary Cookson
Vicar	None – We have been in a vacancy since October 2020 when Rev Karen Spray retired
Secretary	Elaine Avery (Elected representative from West Harptree)
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mary Cookson
Electoral Roll Officer	Elaine Avery
Treasurer	Guy Stobart (Churchwarden East Harptree)
Other Members	Hazel Rider and Gill Stobart (Elected Representatives from East Harptree). Graham Sage (Point of contact at Hinton Blewett) is copied into PCC papers

Others Supporting the PCC

Safeguarding Officer	Gill Stobart
Parish News Editor	Gill Stobart
Parish Administrator	Joanna Brown
House Group	Richard Martin
Open the Book	Murray Bennett
Messy Church	Mary Cookson, Tilly Joskey, Hazel Rider, Guy and Gill Stobart, Jenny Cruse, Diana Martin

Overview from Mary Cookson

“ Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12. 12

Many signs of hope were evident in 2022 despite the unpredictability of events. As our vacancy continued we were greatly blessed by the ministry of Revd. Tony Wilds and Revd. Trevor Stubbs and we were pleased that Revd Tom Handy, who had moved to East Harptree, was able to lead occasional services.

Tricia Rees Jones and the choir enriched our worship through their dedication and joy in singing and a small team of lay leaders also ensured we could offer some non Communion services.

Early in the year the mandatory wearing of masks was lifted but then, due to a spike in Covid 19, the taking of wine at Communion was delayed until April, when after consultation with our clergy and congregation we were able to offer the option of wafers intincted by the priest.

Our attendees at services gradually increased though still remaining lower than pre covid times.

We were grateful that Elaine Avery and Maggie Brain willingly hosted the majority of our services at St Mary's once Project Newton started in March 2022. We also visited St Margaret's on a few occasions, by invitation of Graham Sage and Robbie Drewett.

In March we were able to resume OTB, which had to take place in school, and Messy Church also restarted.

On March 17th we held a very well attended coffee morning at the Pavilion , East Harptree , which raised £1400 for Afghan and Ukrainian refugees.

The future of the United Parish was much on our minds. In January we learned that the attempts to unite as one parish in BCMU had been paused. Consequently we stepped aside from our attempts to join with them, under Rev Simon Lewis's leadership. We were saddened to learn that Simon was leaving BCMU in May 2022.

A well attended Parish Meeting took place on March 17th to consider and discuss our future. It was accepted that we would inevitably have to join with another parish and the Churchwardens were supported in their suggestion that they should hold informal talks with a number of neighbouring parishes. A number of such meetings continued throughout 2022.

In April 2022 the Bishop's Council published a paper promoting the reduction of priests across the Diocese. This was followed by a draft Deanery Deployment plan being published in July 2022 indicating that the number of priests in the Chew Magna Deanery would be reduced from 9 to 7. The views of the PCC and the United Parish were sought and these were shared with the Area Dean and Lay Dean . Our views were reported at the Deanery Synod in October 2022 where it was evident that there was considerable discontent across

the Deanery and that a second version of the plan was essential, showing that a truly Deanery wide strategy would be offered for future consideration.

The continuing support of the congregation gave us hope but it is clear that all our attempts to discern our future and to ease the pain of uncertainty and change need to be underpinned by constant prayer. So please pray for our parish, the Churchwardens and the PCC as we live in patient hope to see how our future will be shaped.

Activities

Worship Planning

During 2022 Mary Cookson has been able to organise our service schedule, agreeing with Trevor and Tony and lay leaders which services they would lead so that we offered a variety of worship. The service schedule was carefully considered and approved by the PCC. Jo Brown, our Administrator, has been an invaluable help, producing Pew News every week and ensuring we had the appropriate Orders of Service each Sunday. Tricia has cheerfully selected appropriate hymns and anthems, leading the choir and ensuring that wonderful music has enriched our worship.

House Group

This House Group was formed to enable us to continue to meet after the first Alpha Group held in this parish and continued when we transferred to Christianity Explored. As covid developed we met out doors until it got too cold, so that we were not too sorry when we were told we could not continue. When an offer was made to meet again once we were allowed, I was very pleased at the enthusiasm to start from where we had left off.

We have been studying John's first letter for some time. I am not proud of this, but have to admit it is the first time I have studied this in over 50 years. It is very thought provoking as well as being quite wonderful.

Richard Martin

The Prayer Group was formed as it is our belief that nothing positive will happen in the parish unless we pray for God's blessing and guidance. It meets fortnightly and so far has been only sparsely attended. I know we are all busy, but perhaps we should give thought to the fact that all the work will be in vain unless we first pray.

Diana Martin

Open the Book and Messy Church

We were delighted to be able to restart Messy Church sessions in school on Monday afternoons, at 3.30pm, following after OTB. These began in March, using the values adopted for each term by the school. Uptake for Messy Church was wonderfully positive with numbers averaging about 40 during the rest of the year. Thanks to the team (Guy and

Gill Stobart, Jenny Cruse, Diana Martin, Tilly Joskey, Hazel Rider and Mary Cookson) who have supported these sessions and enjoying sharing activities with the children.

Mary Cookson

Adventurers

Adventurers continue to meet at West Harptree Hall with between 10 and 16 children attending each month (predominately boys). We have three female leaders but could really do with some male leaders. For the summer term we do outdoor activities, but in winter it is mostly Arts or Crafts.

Hazel Rider

St Laurence, East Harptree

Successful lay led services were held between January and March 2022, including a celebration of Candlemas, a Christingle and a Mothering Sunday service. St Laurence then closed so that Project Newton works could begin at the start of April. It was very exciting to see the different phases of the work unfolding and Ellis and Co, the builders, were very friendly, efficient and accommodating. The village showed great interest in what was happening and we were able to arrange a number of activities so that aspects of the project could be witnessed first hand. Tours were organised to the top of the tower. Ellis invited us to visit their workshop to see the stonemasons working on new carvings for the parapet. We were able to watch the Hunky Punks being cleaned. Many people came to see the bells being taken down and some then visited Nicholson's foundry in Bridport. People were able to climb the chancel scaffold to witness first hand the painstaking revealing of the wonderful wall paintings and to learn from Ruth McNeillage about her immense skill as a conservator. A visit to Holywell Glass in Wells was extremely enjoyable as we were able to see our Karl Parsons window, completely taken apart to be cleaned and restored. The very significant works on the entrance caused some disruption to our neighbours and we were grateful for their patience and understanding.

Careful monitoring, frequent discussions with Tom Griffin, our architect and meetings with members of NHLF team ensured we kept on track. Delays inevitably occurred so that our anticipated return date of Christmas 2022 slipped. Reopening was therefore unlikely until Spring 2023. The delays were caused by supply issues, the discovery of Medieval skeletons and a protracted delay in returning the bells. During this time we were hugely grateful to St Mary's who hosted the majority of our services, ensuring that worship in the parish remained in place.

We are delighted that St Laurence will now be in a stable state of good repair for many years to come and we look forward to the Interpretation and Activity elements of Project Newton which will continue until 2025.

A footnote – we continue to operate The School House Trust, whose trustees are all the churchwardens and the incumbent and which continues to support EH School financially and is also providing some support to Project Newton.

Mary Cookson and Guy Stobart

St Mary's West Harptree

St Mary's was pleased to host additional services during the extended closure in 2022 of St Laurence, whilst it underwent major refurbishment.

Various urgent repairs specified in the 2020 QI report were carried out by Ellis & Co at roof level and elsewhere. The suspect masonry at the east end was found to be stable and the temporary cordon removed accordingly. Further less urgent items remain to be tackled. The boiler, fire extinguishers and organ were serviced and the piano tuned.

In October, at the behest of his great-granddaughter Angela Calvert-Jones, we celebrated the bicentenary of the birth of William Sweetland of Bath in whose workshops the organ was built in 1891, and we are grateful to musicians from Downside School for a memorable concert.

In the absence of a Church Warden we rely heavily on a small team of people for day to day upkeep and fund raising and we warmly thank them for their support. We acknowledge also the volunteers who provide flowers, help at services, open and close the church, sweep the path & pavement, undertake occasional maintenance or help with fund-raising. Villagers from throughout the United Parish generously support our various events and the plant stall at Old Rosecroft Farm, which not only assist St Mary's financially but help to boost community and parish life. Finally, we acknowledge the East Harptree Wardens who organize regular and life-event services during a protracted vacancy, the clergy who take them and the musicians who grace them; and the Parish Administrator for her support in myriad ways. Thank you all.

The current members of the Village Church Committee are now all over 70 and would be delighted to welcome anyone interested in keeping St Mary's in good repair and functioning in the years ahead.

Elaine Avery on behalf of St Mary's VCC.

St Margaret's Hinton Blewett

During 2022 we have had one wedding, one baptism, three funerals and one internment of ashes.

No fundraising events were held for the Church in the absence of volunteers willing to pick up the mantle and, as a result, the finances of the VCC remain stretched. The number of supporters within the village is declining and, as they grow older, this poses a challenge, but there are indications during 2023 that the trend is reversing and that new volunteers are coming forward.

No major items of expenditure were incurred but it is noticeable that both the costs of maintenance and utilities has continued to rise at an alarming rate.

The Crib and Candle service was able to take place again in 2022 and proved popular with 84 attendees.

The flower ladies and grass cutting teams have continued to keep the Church and Churchyard look cared for with new villagers joining both teams, and we are grateful to them for all that they do to keep St Margaret's looking loved.

Graham Sage and Robbie Drewett

Music

At last, a return to normality!

With the restrictions of the previous years finally behind us, the choir have gone from strength to strength this year; leading the hymn singing at Sunday morning services, providing communion and other anthems and re-establishing monthly choral evensong services.

We have, of course, marked some significant national events. February 6 saw an evensong to mark the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession and a magnificent and moving occasion it was. In June we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee with evensong at Stowey but it was, of course, only a matter of months later that we marked the late Queen's death with a solemn and dignified service of mourning. The choir rose to the occasion magnificently, learning the Walford Davies setting of Psalm 121 on the morning of the service and singing it beautifully in the service (especial thanks to our soloists).

More locally, it's been a pleasure to visit our friends at Stowey for evensong again in October for harvest, Bishop Sutton for a Sunday morning service and the environs of Hinton Blewett for Rogation. The re-establishing of the pattern of services for Remembrance, Advent and Christmas has been a particular joy and we were delighted to welcome pupils and staff from Downside School for a concert to mark the bicentenary of William Sweetland, builder of the organs both at St Mary's and the Old Chapel at Downside. It is hoped to re-establish concerts in the parish in 2023/24.

It is an enormous pleasure and privilege to serve the United Parish and its choir as Director of Music and I thank the choir members, friends of the choir, the churchwardens, organisers and congregations of all 3 churches for their enthusiasm, support and help. An especial thank you to St Mary's for allowing the choir to transfer rehearsals (and a skeleton music library) there while Project Newton took St Laurence's out of action and to Joanne Brown who, as Parish Administrator, ensures in myriad and mostly unseen ways that everything happens so smoothly.

Tricia Rees-Jones

Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding Policy is reviewed and updated as required by the PCC on an annual basis. This was done in June 2022 and in July 2023.

It is Diocesan policy that all those working directly with children or young people or vulnerable adults, church wardens and others such as the parish safeguarding officer and organist and choir leader should have DBS checks done. At the time of writing all checks are up to date, with several due to be renewed at the end of this year. Until the end of 2022 the

Church's guidance was that checks should be done every 5 years. From January 2023 that is now every 3 years.

Training is now mandatory for almost everyone who has any sort of role within the church. Over the last year I have contacted all those who need to do some training. Some still need to do so. Thanks go to Tony Wilds who preached so well on the subject of taking the safeguarding of vulnerable people seriously.

We are required to follow the National Church's guidelines when recruiting any volunteer who will be working with children or young people (or, indeed, vulnerable adults). We have not recruited anyone to such a role for a little while, but we are mindful that when we do, we should follow the guidelines.

We are required to put certain information on our church noticeboards (the "*Promoting a Safer Church*" poster and a copy of the Parish Safeguarding Policy). Copies of an updated poster have recently been put in all our churches.

Gill Stobart

Parish News

Parish news continues to be an important part of the communication across our communities and is flourishing despite the growth of social media!

Gill Stobart

Health and Safety

The Health & Safety Risk Assessment reviews for all three churches are up to date. For East Harptree and West Harptree all legal inspections and safety checks have either been carried out or are in hand but for Hinton Blewitt this still needs to be confirmed. A review of the Parish Office Risk Assessment was carried out in February 2023. The paper guillotine has been oiled and now works properly. A folding step stool has been provided for access to items on higher shelves. PAT testing took place in February 2023. Several further queries have arisen and these are being followed up.

Maggie Brain

Financial Review

This is covered in the separate financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
EAST HARPTREE WITH WEST HARPTREE AND HINTON BLEWETT
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187091**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of East Harptree with West Harptree and Hinton Blewett
On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022
set out on pages 2 to 7

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 this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect,

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

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

Signed.....*EMilburn*..... Dated.....*27/10/23*.....

Name: *EM Accounting Services Ltd.*

Qualification: *CA*

Address: *Little Gables, Battle Lane, Chew Magna, Bristol. BS40 8PX.*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of East Harptree with West Harptree and Hinton
Blewett.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
RECEIPTS - see page 4 for detailed analysis					
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>					
Planned giving	19,730	-	-	19,730	19,670
Collections at services	2,789	-	-	2,789	1,989
All other giving	1,022	100,649	-	101,671	89,667
Grants	-	299,083	-	299,083	99,610
Gift Aid recovered	5,866	21,770	-	27,636	7,403
	<u>29,407</u>	<u>421,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,909</u>	<u>218,339</u>
<u>Activities for generating funds</u>	1,520	13,069	-	14,589	9,308
<u>Receipts from Church Activities</u>	9,078	-	-	9,078	6,694
<u>Investment Income</u>	1,539	-	-	1,539	985
<u>Other Receipts</u>	-	-	-	-	1,200
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>41,544</u>	<u>434,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>476,115</u>	<u>236,527</u>
PAYMENTS - see page 5 for detailed analysis					
Church activities:					
Diocesan parish contribution	18,039	-	-	18,039	34,157
Clergy, organists and administration	4,739	-	-	4,739	5,320
Church running expenses	5,307	540,146	22,885	568,338	102,746
Outward giving	1,158	-	2,095	3,253	1,480
Costs of generating funds	-	2,788	-	2,788	978
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>29,243</u>	<u>542,933</u>	<u>24,980</u>	<u>597,157</u>	<u>144,679</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	<u>12,301</u>	<u>(108,362)</u>	<u>(24,980)</u>	<u>(121,042)</u>	<u>91,847</u>
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	(8,478)	(819)	-	(9,297)	17,719
NET RESULT FOR THE YEAR	<u>3,823</u>	<u>(109,181)</u>	<u>(24,980)</u>	<u>(130,339)</u>	<u>109,566</u>
Fund balances at 1 January	98,646	259,798	(20,535)	337,909	228,343
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER	<u>102,469</u>	<u>150,617</u>	<u>(45,515)</u>	<u>207,570</u>	<u>337,909</u>

Approved online by the PCC

PCC Chair:

Mary R. Cookson

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of East Harptree with West Harptree and Hinton Blewett

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	PCC £	East Harptree £	West Harptree	Hinton Blewett	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Investment Assets						
CBF Investment Fund - shares at market value						
Accumulation units	84,550	-	-	-	84,550	93,028
Income units	-	-	-	32,697	32,697	33,516
	<u>84,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,697</u>	<u>117,247</u>	<u>126,544</u>
Cash Funds						
Cash at bank and in hand	14,592	60,773	20,780	848	96,993	134,398
CBF Deposit Fund	-	2	4,144	14,187	18,332	76,968
	<u>14,592</u>	<u>60,774</u>	<u>24,924</u>	<u>15,034</u>	<u>115,324</u>	<u>211,366</u>
Current Assets/(Liabilities)						
Loan from Diocese		(25,000)			(25,000)	
	<u>99,142</u>	<u>35,774</u>	<u>24,924</u>	<u>47,731</u>	<u>207,571</u>	<u>337,909</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS						
	<u>99,142</u>	<u>35,774</u>	<u>24,924</u>	<u>47,731</u>	<u>207,571</u>	<u>337,909</u>
Reserves - see notes 2 & 3 to the Financial Statements						
<u>Opening balances</u>						
Restricted	1,150	-	-	-	1,150	1,150
Designated	1,405	143,631	12,679	48,530	206,245	137,186
Unrestricted	130,515	-	-	-	130,515	90,007
	<u>133,070</u>	<u>143,631</u>	<u>12,679</u>	<u>48,530</u>	<u>337,910</u>	<u>228,343</u>
Result for the year	(25,450)	(107,857)	12,245	20	(121,042)	91,847
Investment gains/(losses)	(8,478)	-	-	(819)	(9,297)	17,719
	<u>99,142</u>	<u>35,774</u>	<u>24,924</u>	<u>47,731</u>	<u>207,571</u>	<u>337,909</u>
<u>Closing balances</u>						
Restricted	817	-	-	-	817	1,150
Designated	1,405	35,774	24,924	47,731	109,834	206,245
Unrestricted	96,920	-	-	-	96,920	130,515
	<u>99,142</u>	<u>35,774</u>	<u>24,924</u>	<u>47,731</u>	<u>207,571</u>	<u>337,909</u>
Movements in Investments						
Market values 1 January	93,028	-	-	33,516	126,544	139,030
Investments sold	-	-	-	-	-	(30,205)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	(8,478)	-	-	(819)	(9,297)	17,719
Market values 31 December	<u>84,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,697</u>	<u>117,247</u>	<u>126,544</u>

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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS

	PCC £	East Harptree £	West Harptree	Hinton Blewett	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<u>Voluntary Receipts - Unrestricted</u>						
Planned givings - STOs	19,730	-	-	-	19,730	19,670
Collections at services	2,789	-	-	-	2,789	1,989
Other donations	1,022	-	-	-	1,022	2,989
Gift Aid recovered	5,866	-	-	-	5,866	6,600
	<u>29,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,407</u>	<u>31,248</u>
<u>Voluntary Receipts - Restricted / designated</u>						
Other donations	3,628	82,954	12,956	1,111	100,649	86,678
Gift Aid recovered	-	18,718	3,052	-	21,770	803
Grants	400	297,261	1,172	250	299,083	99,610
	<u>4,028</u>	<u>398,933</u>	<u>17,180</u>	<u>1,361</u>	<u>421,502</u>	<u>187,092</u>
<u>Activities for Generating Funds - Unrestricted</u>						
Magazine advertising	1,520	-	-	-	1,520	1,129
Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>1,129</u>
<u>Activities for Generating Funds - Restricted / Designated</u>						
Fund raising	-	6,582	5,528	960	13,069	8,179
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,582</u>	<u>5,528</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>13,069</u>	<u>8,179</u>
<u>Receipts from Church Activities - Unrestricted</u>						
Fees	6,697	-	50	-	6,747	4,211
Magazine sales	2,331	-	-	-	2,331	2,483
	<u>9,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,078</u>	<u>6,694</u>
<u>Investment income - Unrestricted</u>						
Realised gains on disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest & dividends	69	12	54	1,404	1,539	985
	<u>69</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>1,404</u>	<u>1,539</u>	<u>985</u>
<u>Other income - Restricted / Designated</u>						
Hall rental	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Total Receipts	44,053	405,527	22,811	3,724	476,115	236,527

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DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS

	PCC £	East Harptree £	West Harptree	Hinton Blewett	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<u>Church Activities - Unrestricted</u>						
Diocesan parish share	18,039	-	-	-	18,039	34,157
<u>Clergy, organists & administration</u>						
Administrator	1,629	-	-	-	1,629	2,750
Organists	3,110	-	-	-	3,110	2,570
Rector's expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,739	-	-	-	4,739	5,320
<u>Church Running Expenses - Unrestricted</u>						
Equipment purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine printing	3,055	-	-	-	3,055	2,678
Phone, copier, stationery etc	209	-	-	-	209	355
Other church running costs	2,043	-	-	-	2,043	2,414
	5,307	-	-	-	5,307	5,448
<u>Church Running Expenses - Restricted / Designated</u>						
Heat, light, water, insurance	-	2,788	1,813	1,854	6,455	4,936
Equipment purchases	333	-	-	-	333	10,366
Maintenance	-	793	8,529	752	10,074	655
Other church running costs	35,329	241	-	1,097	36,667	41,579
E Harptree - Newton project	-	506,919	-	-	506,919	36,890
Visiting Clergy	1,983	-	-	-	1,983	1,328
Professional fees	600	-	-	-	600	1,545
	38,245	510,741	10,342	3,704	563,031	97,298
<u>Outward giving - Unrestricted</u>						
Charitable donations	1,158	-	-	-	1,158	1,480
<u>Outward giving - Restricted / Designated</u>						
Charitable donations	2,015	80	-	-	2,095	-
<u>Costs of Generating Funds - Unrestricted</u>						
Fund raising expenses	-	-	-	-	-	340
<u>Costs of Generating Funds - Restricted / Designated</u>						
Fund raising expenses	-	2,563	224	-	2,788	638
Total Payments	69,503	513,384	10,566	3,704	597,157	144,679
Receipts from page 4	44,053	405,527	22,811	3,724	476,115	236,527
Net Result for the year	(25,450)	(107,857)	12,245	20	(121,042)	91,847

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis. This method of preparing the accounts means that income and expenses fall into the accounts for the year when the cash movements take place. This can lead to unexpected fluctuations if receipts or payments are delayed around the time of the year end, which may require additional explanations to ensure an understanding of the figures.

2. Fund accounting - unrestricted / designated funds

Unrestricted funds are funds which may be spent on any of the PCC's general purposes. These may however be designated by the PCC for particular purposes. In these financial statements, unrestricted funds held by the three individual churches have been designated by the PCC as specific to each church only, to be held and used for the maintenance and upkeep of that church.

3. Fund accounting - restricted funds

Restricted funds comprise donations for a specific purpose intended by the donor.

There are specific restricted funds managed by East Harptree and by the PCC as follows:

The Newton Project Fund at East Harptree

During 2019 the first grant funding was obtained from the National Heritage Lottery Fund to cover consultancy and set up costs for this project which involves major works to East Harptree church, including essential structural repair work and works to conserve and restore significant heritage items, and works to improve the inclusive access to the church and the project also involves a number of Activities including with East Harptree Church of England Primary School, the Harptrees History Society and the East Harptree Environment Group. The project is ongoing and not due to complete until 2025. However major progress on the capital works was made during 2022. East Harptree carried forward cash assets of £143,631 from 2021 which were used against the costs incurred in 2022. Grants of £297,261 were received in 2022. However many grants are not payable until after milestones have been met or works completed and more grants have become payable and paid in 2023.

The Choir Fund held by the PCC

This fund was introduced during 2018 for the choir's expenses, and started 2021 with a balance of £1,150. Expenditure of £333 was made from the fund during 2022 so the balance at the end of the year totalled £817.

4. Outward giving

International Nepal Fellowship	£785
Royal British Legion	£225
Friends of Somerset Churches	£50
Tearfund	£285
InHope	£285
C of E Children's Society	£28.47
DEC Afganistan	£700
DEC Ukraine	£700
Help Bristol's Homeless	£115

5. Reserves

The three church buildings are managed and maintained by the respective Friends and Village Church Committees. All three churches have reserves, which it is believed are sufficient to cover all foreseeable emergencies. Such reserves may not be sufficient to cover major capital works, when additional fund raising may be necessary.

The PCC is responsible for maintaining a Christian Ministry in the Parish. Reserves held by the PCC are considered to be adequate for foreseeable eventualities.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of East Harptree with West Harptree and Hinton Blewett

Financial Review for the year ended 31 December 2022

Results

For the overall United Parish, payments exceeded receipts, with an overall deficit of £121,042 (for 2021 there was a surplus of £91,847). However these were exceptional figures significantly distorted by the donations and grants and expenditure on Project Newton and this annual shortfall was covered by grants, donations and reserves carried forward from 2021. Unrealised losses on investments amounting to £9,297 (compared to unrealised gains in 2021 of £17,719) as at the year end further distorted the situation.

Excluding investment losses, the PCC alone showed a net loss of £25,450 (there was a surplus of £25,181 in 2021). However if Other church running costs Restricted (£35,329) were to be excluded, which entirely relates to the distribution by the PCC of designated donations and gift aid retained by the PCC from previous years, the PCC made a small surplus in 2022. East Harptree showed a net deficit of £107,857 (it was a net surplus of £72,748 in 2021). West Harptree made a surplus of £12,245 (£631 in 2021) and Hinton Blewett a surplus of £20 (it was a deficit of £6,712 in 2021).

Receipts

Combined receipts amounted to £476,115 (2021 - £236,527). Both 2021 and 2022 were distorted by significant grants and donations received towards Project Newton (for instance in 2018, which predated Project Newton, they were £58,228). Receipts in 2022 included grants and donations of £297,261 (£109,041 in 2021) received for Project Newton.

Planned giving appears stable at £19,730 (£19,670 in 2021 and £21,095 in 2020), but this masks a further decline as £1,065 of the planned giving is in fact designated for one of our churches. However encouragingly church collections increased from £1989 in 2021 to £2789 in 2022.

Payments

Combined payments amounted to £597,157 (2021 - £144,679), with £506,919 of this relating to Project Newton.

Reserves, and looking forward to 2023

Reserves appear strong (£207,571 at the end of 2022) despite a steep decline (they were £337,909 at the end of 2021) with the decline largely representing money spent on Project Newton. But a further decline is anticipated in 2023 to cover further expenditure on Project Newton, although 2023 will also show further grants to be received in respect of Project Newton.

Many challenges lie in store for us all, particularly as we are approaching the third anniversary of our latest vacancy and we will need to work together in our communities to support and pray for one another and for those in positions of authority. As your treasurer, once more I express my gratitude on behalf of the PCC to all those who continue to support the church with regular standing orders. Thank you to you all. That giving is the backbone of the PCC financing and the payment of our Parish Share and PCC expenses. If anyone is considering giving to the PCC it would be hugely appreciated: please do get in touch with me about this. Likewise if any current donors were minded to increase their giving that also would be hugely appreciated..

Guy Stobart

August 2023