

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1187186

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2020-01-03

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES. IN ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE, THE CHARITY WILL ENGAGE IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR WITH OTHERS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO):A) THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP; B) THE TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; C) MISSION AND EVANGELISM; D) PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED; E) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING (BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO) THE ELDERLY, THE YOUNG AND OTHER GROUPS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; AND F) THE SUPPORT OF OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

**Activities:** In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others,including (but not restricted to):a) the celebration of public worship;b) the teaching of the Christian faith;c) mission and evangelism;d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, i

## Classification

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

## Geography

- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£157,960	£165,733	-	-
2024-12-31	£142,759	£122,613	-	-
2023-12-31	£120,300	£129,326	-	-
2022-12-31	£102,225	£112,495	-	-
2021-12-31	£101,794	£98,495	-	-
2020-12-31	£83,886	£99,706	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>TIMOTHY FLETCHER ROGERS MSc</b>	Chair	2019-04-28
Dr Ivan Weir BSc Econ		2019-04-01
Dr JULIE FRANCES HORTON		2019-04-28
Irene Hatton		2019-04-28
Jacqueline Elaine Collins		2019-04-01
Jill Henderson		2024-09-01
John Dawson		2025-05-11
ROBIN WILLIAM WALLACE		2019-04-28
Rev Shena Alison Moray-Evans		2025-07-01

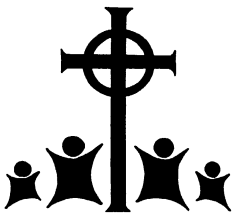
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# Accounts

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## CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

### ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1187186



## **Introduction**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

## **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith within the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church, and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St John's meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The church is served by a faithful, experienced team of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the church functions safely and legally as a place of welcome, worship and teaching. The church would not be able to function without so many dedicated people giving of their time, talent and energy in so many ways from property and financial management, hospitality, safeguarding, technology, worship and teaching. We still need to recruit to several key roles in the coming year. We give thanks for you all and appreciate your sacrifice of service to us.

During the year we were delighted to welcome Reverend Shena Moray-Evans, who, in the short time since she arrived in June, 'has inspired us to look at how we can shape a realistic mission plan to extend the reach of our core values in our area. The focus of her ministry is very much on 'seeking the lost,' building bridges, and connecting with the community. She, along with our Methodist Deacon Jill Henderson are a powerful combination that will serve as a catalyst to our core mission of advancing the Christian faith in Kingston Park.

Growth in numbers attending worship and other church activities has continued during 2025, with a welcome increase in both the age range of the congregation and the diversity of participants. Such growth brings with it the challenge of ensuring that the needs of all our diverse congregation are met. We have increased our pastoral support for members. Worship is supported by a dedicated team of musicians, and services are often led by Readers and Lay Preachers within the congregation. Occasional visiting preachers help us maintain links with all of our participating denominations, and the involvement by the wider congregation is encouraged through the offering of Bible readings and prayers. We are delighted to now have more children amongst us and are seeking to recruit additional volunteers to support our wonderful Junior Church. In 2026, we will be looking at ways for our younger members to be more involved in our church services.

We are looking at ways to support older children understand and develop their faith and understanding of the Bible.

We are thankful for the prayer ministry that underpins all the work at St John's. There is a prayer team who respond daily to specific prayer requests, monthly prayer meetings and prayer ministry for individuals asking at the end of a Sunday service

We have continued to offer a range of outreach events to the community; these are combined with Messy Church sessions. The Holiday Club summer children's play scheme was a success. Themed around Noah, it involved the building of an Ark! Members have been very active in the collection of shoeboxes from across Northumberland Tyneside and North Durham. We have raised funds for Christian Aid not only during Christian Aid Week but also

through donations to our virtual Christmas Tree initiative. All beneficiaries of our fundraising are detailed later in the report.

A new initiative has been re-invigorating our relationship with Kingston Park Primary school using the 'Open the Book' material. This has been very well received by the school. We are fortunate to have received a grant of £500 from the circuit to purchase props and costumes.

We arranged the delivery of 3450 Christmas cards across the Parish, inviting people to our Christmas services. Our Carol service and Christmas Eve Christingle services were well attended and once again there were some new faces joining us.

We have maintained our provision of 'Small Groups', which offer the opportunity for people to explore the Bible in relaxed and informal settings that suit their needs. The group to support members whose first language is Cantonese has continued to be a successful initiative.

Tiny Tots (toddler group) helps to encourage links with the community and offers a place where parents and carers can find friendship and support. Our Craft Group, which began as an outreach to the isolated in our local community, continues to help the wellbeing of attendees. This group, along with our other projects, the Tuesday Hub (now regrettably ended) and Beacon (coffee drop-in), provided opportunities for church members and those from the wider community to meet and socialise in a relaxed setting during the week.

Flowers remind us of God's beautiful and bountiful gifts to us. Following our Sunday service, they are distributed to one or two households with love. Recipients regularly comment on their deep gratitude that they are being thought of and prayed about by our congregation.

Our choir has attracted new members and during the year several events have been staged, and their contributions to our services have elevated our worship.

Sadly, our bookings and usage by community groups have not been as good in the year as previously.

In January we completed the renewal of our heating boilers. This was largely funded by grants received in 2024 and early 2025 and which these are detailed within the report. We are deeply grateful to all the grant providers for their support. In addition, the Lord spoke to our members who responded and provided the balance of the cost of renewal.

Throughout the year we have completed a programme of draught proofing and a long-term project to convert all our lighting to LED. The works were largely covered by a grant of £2,350 from the Diocese of Newcastle as part of its 'Quick Wins for Net Zero' initiative.

A significant event which will reflect the future finances of the charity is the loss of a significant hirer in November 2025. The impact will be equivalent to 9% of the 2025 rental income. The Trustees are very conscious of the impact on our finances and are planning mitigations to spending into 2026. It is not anticipated that these will have a significant detriment to the core activities of the Charity.

## **Financial Review 2025**

In 2025 the finances of St John's were stretched by having to deal with simultaneous requirements of maintenance and renewal of structures and equipment. This is against the loss of income from two significant hirers in December 2024. This has resulted in an overall deficit of £7,772 across all funds and accounts. The overall deficit reflects the cost of replacing the heating boilers and upgrading of the heating controls which shows in the Restricted Account. However, the response of members of St Johns to the financial challenge was very generous; several of the donations received were eligible for gift aid which resulted in a one-off jump in the Gift Aid claim. The increase of 55% on last year's has more than offset the loss of rental income and is the main reason for the surplus in the General fund in 2025.

**Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:**

	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/Deficit	Last Year
General Account	£115,239.22	£110,490.28	£4,748.94	-£4,071.71
Restricted Fund	£41,817.32	£55,243.40	-£13,426.08	£28,182.85
Reserves	£904.38	£0.00	£904.38	-£6,321.69
Total	£157,960.92	£165,733.68	£7,772.76	

**General Account**

This is the main transactional account of the Charity, accounting for the balance between annual Total Income and Total Expenditure. It shows a surplus over the past year; the reasons are noted above.

Planned and Unplanned Giving increased on 2024. The increase in the planned portion of income is particularly pleasing. We continue to work on shifting unplanned givers to regular planned giving. We are sincerely grateful to all who continued or even increased their planned giving during the year and for the generous collections, as well as one-off donations at special occasions and social events.

Rental income from users of our premises has reduced significantly following the cancellation of two major regular bookings at the end of 2024. We are endeavouring to replace these users. We continue to welcome a wide scope of organisations and groups, including various musical interests and well-being classes. This is evidence of how important our adaptable facilities play in the life of our local community and the social benefits that accrue.

Total Expenditure on our regular activities was, through concerted effort, down 4.8% on last year and 6.5% below budget. Spending on both maintenance and equipment were, thankfully, significantly reduced compared to 2024. The trustees believe the reduced spending in no way compromised the maintenance of the building.

St John's has long made a commitment as a charity to allocate 10% of its previous year's General Account income to other charities, both religious and secular, and ranging from international aid to local welfare groups. The donations are detailed later in the report.

**Restricted Account**

The Account holds funds for matters used for specific purposes and the proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes and charities. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

Fundraising includes our usual Christmas carol singing in December 2024 at the local Marks & Spencer and Tesco stores, in aid of the West End Refugees Service and Action for Children. We also successfully raised funds for various causes which are detailed in the Analysis of Charitable Donations. In total £2,300 was raised and distributed.

The Building Fund comprises monies donated for enhancing specific features of the church that might not be considered for General Account support. 2024 saw the fund grow significantly due to grants and donations toward the cost of renewing the church boilers. During 2025 there were further generous donations totalling £14,796.28 and grants of £23,986 (see below 'Grants Received'). Payments from the fund were significant but represent our commitment to maintaining the building. The sums were £43,081.20 for the replacement heating boilers and controls; £1,140 for a new motor to kitchen shutters; £923.41 for two new laptops; £981.60 for joinery repairs across the building; £1,007.50 for an additional on-site storage container and £3,707.47 for conversion of the lighting to LEDs.

The Hardship Fund exists to provide small gifts to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund. In total, £2,258 was received in donations. Payments from the Fund were higher than at any time in recent memory, likely since the Fund was established. Payments totalled £1,845.

The Mission Fund holds the proceeds of a donation made some years ago to fund mission activities. In the year there were no payments. Receipts included £700 from the sale of speakers that we no longer required. To achieve a better return, the Fund was moved to the Saffron Building Society, which involved transferring funds via the main bank account.

The Children's Work fund is a temporary one set up to process a grant of £500 from the Methodist Circuit Coxlodge Mission Fund to support our 'Open the Book' outreach initiative to Kingston Park Primary School. There is a residual balance of £59.43 which should be spent in 2026.

### Reserves

Reserve Funds from past years' surpluses are held to be used appropriately in cases of major structural or equipment problems, and other expenditure challenges that we might face. Amounts in these funds are spread across an instant access saving account and fixed term accounts which pay a higher rate of return. The latter are deposited so that in a rolling six-month period, one will mature and a decision made where to reinvest or whether there is an immediate major need for their application.

### Grants Received

We record with deep gratitude the following grants received in the year and acknowledge the time taken by members in completing the applications for them.

Organisation		Purpose
Wesley Orphan House Trust	£3,500	Renewal of heating boilers
The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust	*£3,000	As above
Congregational & General Charitable Trust	*£5,100	As above
Methodist Circuit	£10,000	As above
Diocese of Newcastle Quick Wins for Net Zero	£2,386	Replacement LED lights
Methodist Circuit Coxlodge Mission Fund	£500	Material for Open the Book outreach

\* Grant confirmed in 2024 and payment received on completion of works.

We have undertaken the annual exercise of reviewing our financial controls. An omission was noted and the following was added to reflect our standard practice and legal requirement to have these accounts checked by an independent examiner.

'Independent Examiner: The annual accounts, bank statements, invoices, expenses claims and other financial records are examined by an independent examiner and certified. Any feedback on matters arising is reviewed by Finance & Property Group and ECC. Appropriate remedial action will be taken.'

We continue to be thankful to God for all our generous members and supporters, including charitable and other sources, that over recent years have kept St John's in reasonable financial security. Our Total Assets, the aggregate of the different accounts at year-end, stand at £96,526.97. Of these, a total £58,510.13 are unrestricted or general reserve funds and are our buffer against unexpected contingencies as well as anticipated further maintenance and improvements.

### Reserves policy

The policy is to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 2 - 4 years and to support the Charity through 2025.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Churches Acting Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning Group.' Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;
- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) and Parochial Church Council (PCC) comprise largely the same membership and met together as one body six times during 2025 in alternate months from January. The July and September meetings were held in person and the remainder of the meetings were held on Zoom.

In January the Church Council agreed St John's charitable giving, the recipients of Harvest and Christmas donations and recipients of donations received from social events.

In March, St John's Annual Report to the Charity Commission was agreed.

Following the AGM, the Church Council approved various appointments, group memberships and bank signatories at its May meeting.

At our July meeting we welcomed our new Anglican Minister, Rev Shena Moray-Evans, to her first Church Council meeting. Also in July, the Church Council re-approved St John's Child Protection Policy and Guidelines and those working with our young people as well as approval of regular and occasional activities organised by St John's for adults and children.

In September, the Church Council discussed plans for the Congregational Meeting and Children's Work.

In November there was discussion about the draft budget and approval was deferred until the meeting in January 2026 to allow some revisions to be made.

Throughout the year regular reports (verbal or written) have been received from the Treasurer, Children's Worker, Finance & Property Group, Planning Group, Parish Safeguarding Group, Prayer Co-ordination Group, Worship Planning Group, Eco Group, Website Development and Publicity Group, Events Team as well as reports from our

partner denominations. The Finance & Property Group have kept the Church Council informed about all building maintenance issues and plans throughout the year.

Any church member can raise an issue for discussion under Any Other Business at a Church Council meeting by informing the Secretary in writing before the day of the meeting. Minutes of Church Council meetings are displayed on the noticeboard in the foyer.

## **Safeguarding**

During 2025, safeguarding procedures at St John's continued to follow Anglican procedures. The Church Council (Trustees of the Charity and Parochial Church Council (PCC) for Anglican matters) are responsible for Safeguarding. The Church Council appoints a Safeguarding Officer (Tim Rogers) to have day to day responsibility and report to the Council; the Church Secretary provides administrative support and is responsible for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service). There is a small group who support the Safeguarding officer; this group includes the Incumbent, which is the Anglican Priest appointed to the Parish, who under Anglican procedures has joint responsibilities with the PCC for safeguarding. A new Incumbent (Rev. Shena Moray-Evans) was appointed in 2025.

There were no serious incidents during 2025. There were, however, a number of incidences of concern that those involved may well have found serious, and of course all were treated seriously. Often these matters overlap with pastoral matters, and the Ministers (sometimes together with the Safeguarding Officer) were usually the persons who responded directly. There were also notifications from our partner denominations relating to persons of concern potentially coming to St John's. In only one case did we have dealings with such a person (in fact before the notification was given) but the nature of the engagement was not considered a safeguarding concern. In all cases the Safeguarding Officer keeps a confidential record (that is not to be disclosed to unauthorised parties, but it is clearly explained that the record is not confidential in respect of the appropriate authorities).

There was, unfortunately, a significant incident involving a data breach relating to safeguarding. The company that undertook DBS checks on behalf of the diocese had a serious data breach involving data of volunteers at St John's. As data controller, we reported the incident and provided support for those concerned.

The safeguarding policy and list of authorised workers were reviewed in July 2025 and were approved for the year 2025-2026.

Training and DBS requirements have been kept under review, with both a number of new appointments requiring them and several refresher training and re-applications for DBS being undertaken as they became due, including for members of the Church Council who are required to do at least the Basic and Foundation Training and Domestic Abuse Awareness training.

Several activities were authorised. The regular activities (and known about events that occur from time to time, e.g. Messy Church) have been approved on an ongoing basis by the Church Council and only require updates to risk assessments where appropriate, and safer recruiting when there are new helpers (or new leadership). Other one-off activities were approved at the appropriate time. Non-Church activities (hirers of our building) that are primarily (or significantly) for Children or vulnerable Adults are required to provide evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures and are approved by the Church Council.

The Safeguarding Officer attended meetings with members of the Diocesan Safeguarding team during the year; these were a mixture of training, information giving and sharing local experience with other Safeguarding Officers.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Trustees**

#### **Ex-officio Trustees**

Reverend Shena Moray-Evans. Appointed July 2025. Appointed Chair of Trustees.  
Deacon Jill Henderson. Appointed September 2024.

#### **Elected Trustees**

Timothy Rogers (Trustee Responsible for Safeguarding). Re-elected April 2025. Vice Chair of Trustees  
Julie Horton. Resigned April 2025, co-opted as trustee upon appointment as Church Warden  
Robin Wallace. Re-elected May 2025  
Jackie Collins. Re-elected May 2025  
John Dawson. Re-elected May 2025  
Ruth Dawson. Elected May 2025

#### **Co-opted Trustees**

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2025.  
Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2025.  
Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Co-opted since 2020 re-confirmed May 2025.  
Julie Horton (Church Warden). Co-opted May 2025.

#### **Changes in Trustees:**

Ruth Dawson (co-opted trustee) resigned as Church Warden May 2025, elected as trustee May 2025.  
Julie Horton resigned as a trustee but co-opted as trustee upon election as Church Warden.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**RECEIPTS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	115,239.22	114,067.83
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	41,817.32	27,650.42
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	904.38	1,040.80
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>157,960.92</u></b>	<b><u>142,759.05</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	110,490.28	117,889.54
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	55,243.40	4,438.90
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>165,733.68</u></b>	<b><u>122,328.44</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>- 7,772.76</u></b>	<b><u>20,430.61</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>General Account</b>	16,557.56	15,784.77
<b>Reserves</b>	41,952.57	41,048.28
<b>Restricted Account</b>	38,016.84	47,466.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>96,526.97</u></b>	<b><u>104,299.80</u></b>

**GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Planned Giving</b>		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	52,955.00	50,337.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	6,069.00	5,162.00
<b>Donations</b>		
Donations with Gift Aid	422.00	450.00
Donations without Gift Aid	1,016.00	768.00
	<b>60,462.00</b>	<b>56,717.00</b>
<b>Collections at Services</b>	<b>4,067.44</b>	<b>3,779.30</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	<b>21,658.20</b>	<b>32,156.30</b>
<b>Grants</b>	-	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Smart Export Guarantee Receipts	534.69	224.03
Photocopying	32.70	47.85
Gift Aid Claim	21,681.23	13,989.84
Fees	113.00	-
Literature Income	-	190.00
Social Events	-	1,315.11
Holiday Club Income	38.00	50.07
Sundry items	6,651.96	5,348.33
	<b>29,051.58</b>	<b>21,165.23</b>
	<b>115,239.22</b>	<b>114,067.83</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>38,215.64</b>	<b>7,502.09</b>

**RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing	1,675.00	1,394.00
Donations to Hardship Fund	2,060.00	1,390.00
Donations to Building Fund	14,976.28	17,418.71
Grants for Building Fund	21,600.00	7,300.00
Grant for Childrens Work Mission Fund	500.00	-
Interest	306.04	147.71
Sale of Speakers	700.00	
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>41,817.32</b>	<b>27,650.42</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>34,721.57</b>	<b>8,719.04</b>

**RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

<b>Interest</b>	904.38	1,040.80
	<b>904.38</b>	<b>1,040.80</b>
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>904.38</b>	<b>1,040.80</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>45,825.24</b>	<b>18,827.51</b>

**GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Payments to the denominations</b>		
Anglican Share	23,940.00	18,120.00
Methodist Assessment	34,530.00	37,500.00
URC Mission & Ministry	5,100.00	4,500.00
Baptist Church	5,936.00	7,741.75
	<b>69,506.00</b>	<b>67,861.75</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Minister Expenses	72.79	18.00
Council Tax - Vicarage	2,000.06	
Water Rates - Vicarage	139.00	
Gas	2,987.28	3,198.55
Electricity	2,453.05	1,800.31
Telephone	468.68	429.45
Water Rates - Church	629.14	513.14
Insurance	1,526.52	1,726.14
Maintenance	2,586.40	7,606.41
Maintenance - Grounds	1,482.00	1,206.00
Equipment	281.75	7,654.65
Secretary	1,638.00	1,560.00
Stationery	56.13	71.82
Photocopier	513.17	591.19
Bookings Secretary	120.00	120.00
Flowers	34.00	73.50
Cleaner	2,292.00	2,184.00
Window Cleaner	172.80	168.00
Cleaning Materials	405.18	504.29
Fees & Licences	1,280.14	2,083.29
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	359.84	147.08
Worship Requisites	331.56	160.34
Literature & Promotion Costs	1,504.45	2,170.00
	<b>23,333.94</b>	<b>33,986.16</b>
<b>Other Expenditure/Projects</b>		
Children's Worker	3,276.00	3,120.00
Children's Worker Expenses	-	-
Choir	107.35	262.28
Sundry Costs	2,359.99	367.00
	<b>5,743.34</b>	<b>3,749.28</b>
<b>Church Groups</b>		
Outreach	270.38	1,116.40
Junior Church	97.95	146.30
Holiday Club	120.34	150.36
Social Events	120.33	469.29
	<b>609.00</b>	<b>1,882.35</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
Charitable Giving	10,900.00	10,410.00
Charitable Donations	398.00	-
	<b>11,298.00</b>	<b>10,410.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>110,490.28</b>	<b>117,889.54</b>
<b>Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds</b>	<b>42,191.79</b>	<b>12,581.44</b>

**RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
AV Upgrade	-	1,294.90
Charitable Donations from Fundraising Activities	1,924.00	1,904.00
Boiler Installation & New Control Panel	43,081.20	
Other Building Works	7,759.48	
Payment from Hardship Fund	1,845.00	1,240.00
Childrens Work	633.72	
Mission Fund		
New Sound System Mixer	-	285.00
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>55,243.40</b>	<b>4,438.90</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	30,745.42	139.60

**RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	-	-
	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	45,825.24	18,867.20

**STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Restricted Account</b>	<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	15,784.77	47,466.75	41,048.28	104,299.80
Prior Year Adjustments				
Receipts	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	<b>15,784.77</b>	<b>47,466.77</b>	<b>41,048.28</b>	<b>104,299.82</b>
Plus				
Receipts	115,239.22	41,817.32	904.38	157,960.92
Credit Transfers	38,215.64	34,721.57	45,825.24	118,762.45
Less				
Payments	110,490.28	55,243.40	0.00	165,733.68
Debit Transfers	42,191.79	30,745.42	45,825.24	118,762.45
Notional Carried Forward Balance	16,557.56	38,016.84	41,952.66	96,527.06
Uncleared Effects:				
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.09
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	<b>16,557.56</b>	<b>38,016.84</b>	<b>41,952.57</b>	<b>96,526.97</b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	Opening Balance £	Closing Balance £
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Co-operative Bank	15,784.77	16,557.56
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT</b>		
Individual Funds		
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	0.00	0.00
Hardship	591.00	1,304.02
Building Fund	35,983.82	24,805.42
Outreach Event	0.00	0.00
Children's Activities	50.00	59.43
Mission Fund held in separate account to above funds		
Virgin Money Instant Access	10,841.91	0.00
Saffron Building Society	0.00	11,847.95
	<u>47,466.73</u>	<u>38,016.82</u>
<b>RESERVES ACCOUNT</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access	12,220.77	12,423.50
Cambridge & Counties	10,000.00	14,764.58
Cambridge & Counties	0.00	14,764.58
Cooperative Bank	18,827.51	0.00
	<u>41,048.28</u>	<u>41,952.66</u>
<b>TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END</b>	<b><u>104,299.78</u></b>	<b><u>96,527.04</u></b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN  
THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2025.

**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.

Signed:

 FCPFA

Mr G Clark FCPFA  
7 Teesdale Gardens  
High Heaton  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE7 7RB

Date:

30/1/26

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Accounting Policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund. The monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

#### Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors, or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

##### The Hardship Fund

Is available to provide small gifts mainly to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. There were numerous donations in the year. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund meaning we can still offer vital support.

##### Building Fund

Holds proceeds of donations, and legacies, given for maintenance of the church building. Also held in this fund are grants received for building works. In 2025, receipts included grants and significant donations

This fund had expenditure in support of our investment in improving the technology within the building and the eco-initiatives.

##### Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a donation. The monies are available, subject to approval of the Trustees and ECC for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement, and fund, in part, the children's work of the church.

##### Fundraising

Holds monies raised in support of various causes before they are distributed. In the year all monies raised were distributed. The residual fund balance was £0. See below for causes supported.

## 2. Analysis of Charitable Donations

Each year we donate 10% of our General Account income, subject to adjustments, to charities and other causes. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2025, this fell to the BMS World Mission.

Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by the Church Council. This year, the following nominations were approved:

<b>Organisation</b>	2025	2024
BMS World Mission	£2700	
Council for World Mission		£2610
Tearfund	£800	£780
Compassion UK	£800	£780
Open Doors UK	£800	£780
Kenton Food Bank	£800	£780
The People's Kitchen	£800	£780
Rainforest Trust UK	£800	£780
Daft as a Brush	£800	
Video Bible Talks	£800	
Owl Tree Café	£800	
NE Legion	£200	
Freedom from Torture	£800	
	£10,900	£10,140

We also supported the following from Fundraising activities:

West End Refugees	£355
Christian Aid	£859
MacMillan Cancer	£371
Action for Children	£355
Children's Society (Christingle)	£120
Salvation Army	£112
Partnership in Community Action (Inauguration collection)	£102
Royal British Legion	£38
Operation Christmas Child	£27

St John's continues to be a caring, compassionate and above all charitable church.

### 3. Staffing Costs

The Charity had no employees in the period under review. No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review. The Independent Examiner fee was £200.00.

### 4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

**CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1187186

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# Accounts

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## CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

### ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1187186



## **Introduction**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith within the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church, and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St Johns meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

## **Achievements and Performance**

We are very privileged at St John's to have an enthusiastic team that is focused on our charitable aims and delivers against them in evident abundance. The charity continues to thrive and grow as a worshipping community and as something of a hub for those who live nearby.

During the year, we had to say a sad farewell to our retiring Methodist minister, Rev Adele Moorhouse, whose enthusiasm and 'can-do' attitude have spurred the charity to achieve so much during her tenure. However, we have been delighted to welcome Deacon Jill Henderson, who, in the short time since she arrived in September, has inspired us to look at how we can work even harder to spread the Word in our area. The focus of her ministry is very much on 'seeking the lost,' building bridges, and connecting with the community.

Growth in numbers attending worship and other church activities through 2024 has been notable, with a welcome increase in both the age range of the congregation and the diversity of participants. Such growth brings with it the challenge of ensuring that the needs of all our diverse congregation are met. Hence, in 2025, we will be looking at ways of increasing our pastoral support for members. Worship is supported by a dedicated team of musicians, and services are often led not just by ministers but also by Readers and Lay Preachers within the congregation. Occasional visiting preachers help us maintain links with our participating denominations, and the involvement by the wider congregation is encouraged through the offering of Bible readings and prayers. We are delighted to now have more children amongst us and are seeking to recruit additional volunteers to support our wonderful Junior Church.

During 2024, we have maintained our provision of 'Small Groups', which offer the opportunity for people to explore the Bible in relaxed and informal settings that suit their needs. The planning of ways to extend prayer support to the whole congregation was completed and successfully launched in January 2025. The pastoral and prayer teams play a valuable role in ministering to those associated with St John's.

Tiny Tots (toddler group) helps to encourage links with the community and offers a place where parents and carers can find friendship and support. Our Craft Group, which began as an outreach to those who have been particularly isolated during Covid, continues to help the wellbeing of attendees. This group, along with our other projects, the Tuesday Hub (now regrettably ended) and Beacon (coffee drop-in), provided opportunities for church members and those from the wider community to meet and socialise in a relaxed setting during the week.

We are thankful to have had the opportunity to support asylum seekers, housed locally and attending services, by providing items of clothing/toiletries. We are very aware of the ongoing need of refugees and have focused on the

needs of our members who have been progressing applications for leave to remain. We have continued to support a local food bank.

Outdoor events linked with Messy Church (e.g., Harvest treasure hunt, Easter egg hunt) have proved very popular within the Kingston Park community, and it is intended that St John’s will continue to host these several times during the coming year. Our Events Group organised a remarkably successful Party in the Park event, which enabled the church to interact with the community in an informal way whilst promoting community cohesion. We also provided Holiday Club mornings in the summer holidays; the format proved to be a flexible way for families to enjoy faith-based activities in our church. Such events are an opportunity to let the community know what St John’s is all about, provide a warm welcome, and share our faith in a relaxed environment.

We have continued to invest in our building. During the year, we purchased new metal-framed chairs. We began the process of planning the renewal of our gas boilers, an essential project which had to be accelerated in December when both boilers stopped working. In January, new ones were installed. The project has been a huge effort that we, as a church, have worked well to deliver. It has shown our ability to work as a team and underpin our practical actions with prayer. We report below the grants that we have received and the generous donations from members.

Flowers remind us of God’s beautiful and bountiful gifts to us. Following our Sunday service, they are distributed to one or two households with love. Recipients regularly comment on their deep gratitude that they are being thought of and prayed about by our congregation.

Our choir has attracted new members during the year several events have been staged, and their contributions to our services have elevated our worship.

In line with the church’s Vision Statement to be good stewards of our resources, we are planning ways to further enhance our ‘eco-credentials.’

### Financial Review 2024

In 2024 the finances of St Johns were beginning to be stretched by having to deal with simultaneous requirements of maintenance and renewal of structures and equipment. Planned and Unplanned Giving fell back below the healthy returns of 2023 when post-Covid 19 resumption of church and community activities flourished.

Use of the facilities by local community and other organisations has contributed a sizeable increase in annual rental income. At the same time, such heavy use of the facilities has significantly increased the heating and maintenance costs and indeed has helped to highlight the need for further capital spending on our heating system.

Capital spending decisions involve balances held in Restricted Account, which includes a building/boiler fund, as well as further drawing on the Reserves following that of the previous year to improve facilities and enhance our environmental credentials by the installation of solar panels.

### Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
General Account	-3821.71	7,959.64
Restricted Account	23,063.81	-2,243.05
Reserves	1,040.80	-14,804.70
Mission Fund	-137.29	61.99
Combined Total	20,145.61	-9,026.12

### General Account

This is the main transactional account of the Charity, accounting for the balance between annual Total Income and Total Expenditure. It shows a move into a working deficit over the past year.

Income for the year was up by 6.9% on 2023. The regular planned giving of church members through standing orders decreased by 3.7% over the year, reflecting the loss of some members. However, this was more than made

up for by the increasing number of new people attending regularly or visiting, many not yet formally joining as full church members. We are sincerely grateful to all who continued or even increased their planned giving during the year and for the generous cash collections, as well as one-off donations at special occasions and social events.

Rental income from outside users of our premises was well above the amount cautiously budgeted for and was 13.8% above that for 2023. The wide scope of these organisations and groups, including various musical interests and well-being classes, is evidence of how important our adaptable facilities play in the life of our local community and the social benefits that accrue.

Total Expenditure on our regular activities was well above our budget expectation and was 19.4% above the total for last year. Maintenance spending was more than double the budget prediction as we addressed property defects ahead of the upcoming Quinquennial Review by our surveyor (also St John's original architect). The Review report has been received and has not identified serious unexpected structural issues. We had already begun preparing for a large capital outlay in 2025 on the failing gas boiler system, its repair being the subject of a special appeal for funding to members, friends, and grant sources.

The church of St John the Evangelist has long made a commitment as a charity to allocate 10% of its previous year's current income to other charities, both religious and secular, and ranging from international aid to local welfare groups. Our 2024 distribution of £10,410 went to: Council for World Mission, Compassion UK, Open Doors UK, Tearfund, MAF UK, Rainforest Trust UK, Action Foundation, International Justice Mission, Newcastle People's Kitchen, Kenton Food Bank, and Friends of Kingston Park School.

### **Restricted Account**

The Account holds funds for matters such as donations to be used for specific purposes and proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

Fundraising includes our usual Christmas carol singing at the local Marks & Spencer and Tesco stores, in aid of West End Refugees Service and Action for Children. We also successfully raised funds for various causes which are detailed in the Analysis of Charitable Donations. In total £1904.00 was raised and distributed.

This account also holds the Building Fund for monies donated for enhancing specific features of the church that might not be considered for General Account. [REDACTED] donations toward the cost of renewing the church boilers. Receipts were £29,077.75 of which £7,250 was grants received toward the boiler replacement costs.

The Hardship Fund is available to provide small gifts to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. There were numerous donations in the year. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund. In total £1340 was paid in grants, receipts were £1690, meaning we can still offer vital support.

### **Reserves and Mission Fund**

Reserve Funds from past years' surpluses are held to be u fro r Pé y ir a es r c

Organisation		Purpose
Newcastle City Council	£250	Toward costs of Warm Zone
Wesley Orphan House Trust	£2,000	Renewal of heating boilers
Garfield Weston Trust	£3,500	As above
Benefactor Trust	£1,750	As above
The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust	*£3,000	As above
Congregational & General Charitable Trust	*£5,100	As above
URC Trust	£50	Children's Work materials

\* Grant confirmed and payable on completion of works.

We have undertaken the annual exercise of reviewing our financial controls. No changes were deemed necessary at this review.

We continue to be thankful to God for all our generous members and supporters, including charitable and other sources, that over recent difficult years have kept St John's in reasonable financial security. Our Total Assets, the aggregate of the different accounts at year-end, stand at £104,299.80. Reserve funds are our buffer against unexpected contingencies as well as anticipated further maintenance and improvements.

### Reserves policy

The policy is to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 2 - 4 years and to support the Charity through 2025.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Churches Acting Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning Group.' Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;

- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) and Parochial Church Council (PCC) comprise largely the same membership and met together as one body six times during 2024. All meetings were held via Zoom, apart from September which was in person to welcome our new Deacon.

In January, the Church Council agreed St John's charitable giving and the recipients of harvest and Christmas donations. Following the AGM, the Church Council approved various appointments, group memberships and bank signatories.

In July, the Church Council re-approved St John's Child Protection Policy and Guidelines and those working with our young people. In November approval was given to the draft budget.

Throughout the year, regular reports (verbal or written) have been received from the Treasurer, Core Prayer Team, Parish Safeguarding Group, Worship Planning Group, Eco Team, and Community Events Team. In addition, Finance & Property Group have kept the Church Council informed about all maintenance issues and plans. The Church Council has also approved regular and occasional activities organised by St John's for adults and children.

Any church member can raise an issue for discussion under Any Other Business by informing the Secretary in writing before the day of the meeting. Minutes of Church Council meetings are displayed on the noticeboard in the foyer.

## **Safeguarding**

During 2024 safeguarding procedures at St John's continued to follow Anglican procedures. The Church Council (Trustees of the Charity and Parochial Church Council (PCC) for Anglian matters) are responsible for Safeguarding. The Church Council appoints a Safeguarding Officer to have day to day responsibility and report to the Council; the Church Secretary provides administrative support and is responsible for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) applications. The Safeguarding Officer appointed in 2023 unfortunately resigned in the first half of 2024 and the Church Council re-appointed Tim Rogers as Safeguarding Officer. There is a small group who support the Safeguarding officer; this group would normally include the Incumbent, which is the Anglican Priest appointed to the Parish, who under Anglican procedures has joint responsibilities with the PCC for safeguarding, but we are currently in vacancy for this post. In September, a new Methodist Minister was appointed, and she agreed to be the Minister responsible for safeguarding at least until a new Anglican Minister is appointed.

Whilst there were no serious incidents during 2024, there were a number of incidences of concern that were of course serious for those involved. Often these matters overlap with pastoral matters and the Minister (sometimes together with the Safeguarding Officer) was usually the person who responded directly. In all cases the Safeguarding Officer keeps a confidential record (that is not to be disclosed to unauthorised parties, but it is clearly explained that the record is not confidential in respect of the appropriate authorities). It is good that people feel able to raise concerns and it is hoped to enhance this in the coming year through publicity and improved procedures.

The safeguarding policy and list of authorised workers were reviewed in July 2024 and were approved for the year 2024-2025.

Training and DBS requirements have been kept under review, with both a number of new appointments requiring them and a number of refresher training and reapplications for DBS being undertaken as they became due, including for Members of the Church Council who are required to do at least the Foundation Training and Domestic Abuse Awareness training.

A number of activities were authorised. The regular activities (and known about events that occur from time to time, e.g. Messy Church) have been approved on an ongoing basis by the Church Council and only require updates to risk assessments where appropriate, and safer recruiting when there are new helpers (or new leadership). Other one-off activities were approved at the appropriate time and benefited from a 'pro forma' developed with the coordinator of the events group, in relation to the events they organise. A notable addition to the regular activities that will begin in 2025 is 'Open the Book', a group from the Church taking School assemblies; safer recruiting is being applied to those involved.

Non-Church activities (hirers of our building) that are primarily (or significantly) for Children or vulnerable Adults are required to provide evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures and are approved by the Church Council.

## **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Trustees**

### **Ex-officio Trustees**

Deacon Jill Henderson. Appointed September 2024.

### **Elected Trustees**

Timothy Rogers (Trustee Responsible for Safeguarding). Re-elected April 2024. Vice Chair of Trustees

Julie Horton. Re-elected April 2024.

Robin Wallace. Re-elected April 2024

Jackie Collins. Re-elected April 2024.

John Dawson. Elected April 2024

### **Co-opted Trustees**

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2024.

Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2024.

Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Co-opted since 2020 re-confirmed May 2024.

Ruth Dawson (Church Warden). Co-opted April 2022 re-confirmed May 2024.

### **Changes in Trustees:**

Adele Moorhouse (Minister & Chair of Trustees). Retired 31 August 2024

Maureen Kennedy. Resigned April 2024.

The position of Chair of Trustees is currently vacant pending the appointment of an Anglican minister.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**RECEIPTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	114,067.83	106,704.19
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	27,502.71	13,170.27
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	1,040.80	364.40
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	147.71	61.99
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>142,759.05</u></b>	<b><u>120,300.85</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	117,889.54	98,744.55
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	4,438.90	15,413.32
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	-	15,169.10
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	285.00	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>122,613.44</u></b>	<b><u>129,326.97</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>20,145.61</u></b>	<b><u>- 9,026.12</u></b>

<b>SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>General Account</b>	15,784.77	24,685.83
<b>Reserves</b>	41,048.28	40,007.57
<b>Restricted Account</b>	40,124.84	8,441.99
<b>Mission Fund</b>	10,841.91	11,018.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>107,799.80</u></b>	<b><u>84,154.19</u></b>

**GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Planned Giving</b>		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	50,337.00	51,292.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	5,162.00	6,367.00
<b>Donations</b>		
Donations with Gift Aid	450.00	460.00
Donations without Gift Aid	768.00	2,585.00
	<b>56,717.00</b>	<b>60,704.00</b>
<b>Collections at Services</b>	<b>3,779.30</b>	<b>2,944.05</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	<b>32,156.30</b>	<b>28,250.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>250.00</b>	-
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Smart Export Guarantee Receipts	224.03	-
Photocopying	47.85	123.50
Gift Aid Claim	13,989.84	12,291.59
Fees	-	284.00
Literature Income	190.00	37.35
Social Events	1,315.11	18.00
Holiday Club Income	50.07	-
Sundry items	5,348.33	2,051.70
	<b>21,165.23</b>	<b>14,806.14</b>
	<b>114,067.83</b>	<b>106,704.19</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>7,502.09</b>	<b>5,204.05</b>

**RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Donations to Building Fund</b>	17,418.71	-
<b>Donations to Hardship Fund</b>	1,390.00	-
<b>Grants for Restricted Purposes</b>	7,300.00	10,522.80
<b>Fundraising toward Defibrillator</b>	-	1,263.47
<b>Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing</b>	1,394.00	1,384.00
	<b>27,502.71</b>	<b>13,170.27</b>
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>27,502.71</b>	<b>13,170.27</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>8,719.04</b>	-

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**RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Interest</b>	1,040.80	364.40
	<b>1,040.80</b>	<b>364.40</b>
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1,040.80</b>	<b>364.40</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>18,827.51</b>	<b>11,166.03</b>

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**MISSION FUND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Interest	147.71	61.99
<b>MISSION FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>147.71</b>	<b>61.99</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

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**GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Payments to the denominations</b>		
Anglican Share	18,120.00	17,100.00
Methodist Assessment	37,500.00	34,980.00
URC Mission & Ministry	4,500.00	4,596.00
Baptist Church	7,741.75	7,816.60
	<b>67,861.75</b>	<b>64,492.60</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Minister Expenses	18.00	-
Council Tax - Vicarage		209.00
Water Rates - Vicarage		-
Gas	3,198.55	1,895.04
Electricity	1,800.31	1,367.74
Telephone	429.45	430.42
Water Rates - Church	513.14	421.65
Insurance	1,726.14	1,617.21
Maintenance	7,606.41	3,134.07
Maintenance - Grounds	1,206.00	730.00
Equipment	7,654.65	752.14
Secretary	1,560.00	1,452.96
Stationery	71.82	124.84
Photocopier	591.19	429.03
Bookings Secretary	120.00	120.00
Flowers	73.50	240.00
Cleaner	2,184.00	2,006.04
Window Cleaner	168.00	115.20
Cleaning Materials	504.29	681.82
Fees & Licences	2,083.29	1,534.64
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	147.08	73.66
Worship Requisites	160.34	106.46
Literature & Promotion Costs	2,170.00	551.07
	<b>33,986.16</b>	<b>17,992.99</b>
<b>Other Expenditure/Projects</b>		
Children's Worker	3,120.00	2,835.00
Children's Worker Expenses	-	-
Choir	262.28	412.62
Sundry Costs	367.00	889.33
	<b>3,749.28</b>	<b>4,136.95</b>
<b>Church Groups</b>		
Outreach	1,116.40	1,698.72
Junior Church	146.30	132.32
Holiday Club	150.36	-
Social Events	469.29	823.97
	<b>1,882.35</b>	<b>2,655.01</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
Charitable Giving	10,410.00	9,430.00
Charitable Donations		37.00
	<b>10,410.00</b>	<b>9,467.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>117,889.54</b>	<b>98,744.55</b>
<b>Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds</b>	<b>12,581.44</b>	<b>-</b>

**RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
AV Upgrade	1,294.90	
Outreach Events Equipment & Costs		2,610.00
Charitable Donations from Fundraising Activities	1,904.00	1,599.00
Solar Panels		9,561.56
Set-up of Warm Zone		15.63
Payment from Hardship Fund	1,240.00	300.00
Defibrillator		1,211.00
Donation to Asylum Seeker Gifts		116.13
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>4,438.90</b>	<b>15,413.32</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	100.00	1.00

**RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Repairs to Retaining Wall	-	15,169.10
		-
<b>TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,169.10</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	18,867.20	11,166.03

**MISSION FUND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

New Sound System Mixer	285.00	-
<b>TOTAL MISSION FUND PAYMENTS</b>	<b>285.00</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	39.60	-

**STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Restricted Account</b>	<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	24,685.83	8,441.99	40,007.57	11,018.80	84,154.19
Prior Year Adjustments					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	<b>24,685.83</b>	<b>8,441.99</b>	<b>40,007.57</b>	<b>11,018.80</b>	<b>84,154.19</b>
Plus					
Receipts	114,067.83	27,502.71	1,040.80	147.71	142,759.05
Credit Transfers	7,502.09	8,719.04	18,827.51	0.00	35,048.64
Less					
Payments	117,889.54	4,438.90	0.00	285.00	122,613.44
Debit Transfers	12,581.44	100.00	18,827.51	39.60	31,548.55
Notional Carried Forward Balance	15,784.77	40,124.84	41,048.37	10,841.91	107,799.89
Uncleared Effects:					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	<b>15,784.77</b>	<b>40,124.84</b>	<b>41,048.28</b>	<b>10,841.91</b>	<b>107,799.80</b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Co-operative Bank	24,685.83	15,784.77
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT</b>		
Individual Funds		
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	0.00	0.00
Hardship	241.02	591.00
Building Fund	8,148.50	35,983.82
Outreach Event	0.00	0.00
Children's Activities	0.00	50.00
Defibrillator	52.47	
	<u>8,441.99</u>	<u>36,624.82</u>
<b>RESERVES ACCOUNT</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access	12,057.03	12,220.77
Cambridge & Counties	16,652.81	10,000.00
United Trust Bank	11,297.73	0.00
Cooperative Bank	0.00	18,827.51
	<u>40,007.57</u>	<u>41,048.28</u>
<b>MISSION FUND - Restricted Account</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access*	11,018.80	10,841.91
<b>TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END</b>	<b><u>84,154.19</u></b>	<b><u>104,299.78</u></b>

\*Same account as Reserves

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE  
EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**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.

Signed:



Mr G Clark FCPFA  
7 Teesdale Gardens  
High Heaton  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE7 7RB

Date:

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Accounting Policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund. The monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

The Hardship Fund is available to provide small gifts mainly to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. There were numerous donations in the year. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund. In total £1340 was paid in grants, receipts were £1690, meaning we can still offer vital support.

#### Building Fund (Previously the Donations Holding Fund)

Holds proceeds of donations and legacies, given for maintenance of the church building. Also held in this fund are grants received for building works. In 2024 receipts included grants and significant donations from members of the congregation. We record our grateful thanks for the grants received from the following organisations.

Organisation		Purpose
Wesley Orphan House Trust	£2,000	Renewal of heating boilers
Garfield Weston Trust	£3,500	As above
Benefactor Trust	£1,750	As above
URC Trust	£50	Children's Work materials

\* The following grants, toward the boiler renewal, will be paid after completion of the works:

The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust £3,000  
Congregational & General Charitable Trust £5,100

During the year there was an amazing response from the congregation to support the Building Fund with donations primarily for the renewal of the boiler but also for the fund in general. Total donations were £21,019. Fundraising activities for the Building Fund totalled £808.

This fund had expenditure in support of our investment in improving the technology within the building and the eco-initiatives.

Upgrade of the Monitor in the Worship Area	£1,153.20
Costs of Handrails to Worship Area	£141.70
Total	£1,294.90

## Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

### Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a donation. The monies are available, subject to approval of the Trustees for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement, and fund, in part, the children's work of the church. In the year, no receipts apart from interest were received and a payment of £285 for a new sound mixer.

### Fundraising

In total, £1,904 was credited from fundraising activities and £1,904 was distributed. The residual fund balance was £0. See below for causes supported.

## 2. Analysis of Charitable Donations

Each year we donate 10% of our General Account income, subject to adjustments, to charities and other causes. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2024, this fell to the Council for World Mission.

Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by the Church Council. This year, the following nominations were approved:

Organisation	2024	2023
Council for World Mission	£2610	
Church Mission Society		£2350
Tearfund	£780	£590
Compassion UK	£780	£590
Open Doors UK	£780	£590
International Justice Mission	£780	£590
Kenton Food Bank	£780	£590
Newcastle Street Pastors		£590
Mercy Ships		£590
Action Foundation	£780	£590
Safe Families		£590
Junction 42		£590
Betel UK		£590
Owl Tree Café		£590
MAF UK	£780	
Rainforest Trust UK	£780	
The People's Kitchen	£780	
Friends of Kingston Park Primary School	£780	
	£10,140	£9,430

We also supported the following from Fundraising activities:

West End Refugees	£528
Action for Children	£528
Children's Society (Christingle)	£240
Christian Aid	£325
MacMillan Cancer	£215

Royal British Legion

£68

St John's continues to be a caring, compassionate and above all charitable church.

### **3. Staffing Costs**

The Charity had no employees in the period under review. No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review. The Independent Examiner fee was £200.00.

### **4. Taxation**

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

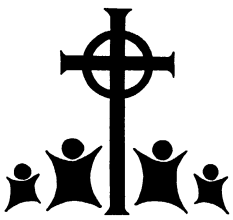
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# Accounts

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# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

## ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity Registration Number: 1187186

## **Introduction**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

## **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith within the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are; the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St Johns meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

## **Achievements and performance**

St John's continues to thrive as a worshipping community and as a hub for our neighbourhood.

In November we were saddened to say farewell to Rev Annie Gray; we wish her well in her new adventures. Rev Adele Moorhouse, the Churchwardens, and the Worship Leadership team, are working hard to provide our Sunday, in person, online, and Wednesday services. We are now in a process of discernment to establish what we need/want from our Ministry team, to enable the Charity to further its aims.

Following the end of Covid restrictions we now gather regularly in the building for worship, meetings and fellowship, we have continued to make use of online opportunities wherever appropriate. Numbers attending Sunday Worship and midweek Holy Communion are gradually increasing and we are regularly welcoming new attendees amongst the congregation. We continue to provide service sheets and services on the Website and Facebook for those unable to attend in person. The pastoral and prayer teams work incredibly hard to facilitate our work to maintain contact with those who cannot attend for whatever reason.

In furtherance of St John's Mission Statement objective of being good stewards of our resources, the Eco-group has undertaken several initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint. We now have enhanced recycling facilities (including coffee cups, toothbrushes, pens and toner cartridges); installing a cycle rack; establishing native wildflower areas in the grounds; erecting bird and bat boxes around the grounds. Users of the building as well as the congregation have been very positive about these initiatives. We are very proud, following the submission of data to A Rocha, to have been awarded a Bronze Eco Church Award. We are not resting on our laurels and spurred by that success have completed, in early 2023, the installation of solar panels, which will cut our electricity costs and our carbon footprint. More action is planned for 2023!

Tiny Tots (toddler group), the Beacon (coffee drop-in) and Paint Pots art group all welcome people from both within and outside church membership each week.

We have continued our support for asylum seekers by donating gifts at Christmas and providing items of clothing/toiletries as required and are always pleased whenever any of our neighbours staying at the Novotel are able to join us for coffee or for worship.

Small groups of members continue to meet both online and in-person and it is intended that we should build on this in 2023, giving the opportunity for as many as possible to join such a group to encourage discipleship and strengthen relationships with one another.

St John's has continued to host regular outdoor Community events capably organised by the Social Events group. There was a very successful celebration of the, now late, Queen's Diamond Jubilee, our Easter and Harvest events were linked with Messy Church activities. The group staged a most enjoyable carol singing event in Tesco car park, this in particular would not have been possible without the eager support of the children's choir of Kingston Park Primary School and the Newcastle Choral society. These were opportunities for us to engage with people beyond our immediate membership and to share our faith in a relaxed environment. Positive feedback has been received for all the events.

Again in furtherance of the charity's aims we are delighted to offer two Warm Space times per week to support the local community through the cost-of-living challenges and have appointed a Children's Worker to co-ordinate the crucial role of offering Christian teaching to our younger members.

We are looking forward to 2023 full of hope.

### Financial Review

At the end of 2021 we were still seeing the impact of Covid-19 in the long church closure periods for worship and other activities, affecting rental income, with the resulting deficit in our 2021 General Account. However, as seen below, surpluses in other funds produced an overall positive outturn. The year 2022 by contrast has seen the church activities spring back to life in both expected and unexpected ways. Rental use of the facilities recovered remarkably quickly, helping to return regular income to a surplus. Decisions to invest in various initiatives to improve church facilities, enhance our environmental credentials and support our community outreach, drew down significantly the balances in other accounts, giving the combined deficit shown below.

Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:

	2021 (£)	2022 (£)
General Account	-6,094.30	523.50
Restricted Account	9,885.41	-9,447.58
Reserves	740.77	-1372.30
Mission Fund	-1,232.58	25.93
Combined Total	3,299.30	-10,270.45

### General Account

This is the main transactional account of the Charity. It shows the move from working deficit to surplus over the year.

Income for the year was up by 12.4% overall. Regular planned giving of church members by standing orders continued to hold up well, increasing by 1.9% over the year. A growing number of new people attending or visiting, often attracted during lockdown through worship and groups, contributed generously to our unplanned giving. We are sincerely grateful to all those who managed to continue or even increase their planned giving during the year, and also to those making occasional donations and cash offerings at the resumed worship services and social occasions.

Rental income from outside users of our premises was well above the amount cautiously budgeted for, by as much as 70.5% and dramatically above that for 2021. The rebound in our use by the wide range of these organisations and groups, including various musical interests and well-being classes, is good news for the important part our adaptable facilities play in the life of our local community and the social benefits that accrue.

Total Expenditure was close to our budget expectation for regular activities and some 6.2% below the total for last year. Savings have been made largely through postponing maintenance spending and this will become increasingly unavoidable. A church or charity that is committed to worthy objectives will have difficulty finding serious economies in everyday working expenditure and will be most reluctant to make cuts in those objectives. In the case of St John's, we continue to maintain our commitment to support financially a variety of charities, both religious and secular, and ranging from international aid to local welfare groups. The agreed share of our annual working income in the previous year 2021 came to £10,000, distributed in 2022 to 11 chosen organisations.

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Restricted Account

The Account holds funds for matters such as donations to be used for specific purposes and proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

Fundraising includes our usual Christmas carol singing at Marks & Spencer and Tesco, in aid of West End Refugees Service and Action for Children.

The Account also holds monies donated for enhancing specific features of the church that might not be considered for General Account support. Significant donor funding was drawn on to improve Wi-Fi within the whole building and the audio-visual system in the Worship Area, as reflected in the fund movements accounted for above.

Reserves and Mission Fund

Funds from past years' surpluses including substantial past donations for unrestricted purposes are held to be used appropriately in cases of major structural or equipment problems, and other expenditure challenges that we might face.

The Mission Fund, which holds legacy and other donations made for outreach events, was a source of £1,500 for equipment to be used in organising outreach community events. Due to time constraints, this was paid from a Restricted Account and funds subsequently transferred to replenish the fund.

Amounts in these funds are spread across an instant access saving account and fixed term accounts which pay a higher rate of return. The latter are deposited so that in each year one will mature, and a decision made where to reinvest or whether there is an immediate major need for their application, as recently. Over 2022, £5,000 was withdrawn from reserves to support the General Account. In addition, a sum of £26,335 is currently being held on instant access, pending planned works on the church porch and a retaining wall that needs rebuilding and strengthening. Our main boilers are close to the end of their useful life and may need significant spending on their replacement.

We record with deep gratitude the following grants received in the year and acknowledge the time taken by members in completing the applications for them.

Organisation	Sum (£)	Purpose
URC Trust	100	Holiday Club
Community Fund	3500	Jubilee Celebration event
Hobson Charitable Trust	240	Wildflower Garden
Garfield Weston Foundation	2000	Solar Panels

A further grant of £9,000 has been approved toward the cost of the solar panels with funds expected in 2023. Finally, funding of £1137 was received from the government to subsidise rising heating costs.

We have undertaken the now annual exercise of reviewing our financial controls. No changes were deemed necessary at this review.

We continually give thanks to God for all those members and others who contribute the financial resources to support the mission and activities of St John's church. Recently the challenges have been substantial and in this report we find gratifying evidence that we may continue in faith to weather the storms. St John's is fortunate in having a still healthy level of Reserves which will act as a financial cushion in what looks like an unsettled immediate future, not least from the impact on individuals and institutions of the war in Ukraine.

### **Reserves policy**

It is the Trustee's policy to try to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 3 – 5 years and to support the Charity through 2023.

In anticipation of a major repairs to the car park retaining wall and the porch in 2023, it was decided to transfer the proceeds of a fixed rate the current account. Once the works are completed, any residual sum will be reinvested.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Christian Churches Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning Group.' Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;
- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding structures and policies are in place in accordance with Church of England guidance and we also work closely with the safeguarding teams of other denominations. The Church Council (Trustees of the Charity and Parochial Church Council for Anglian matters) are responsible for Safeguarding. The minister with responsibility for Safeguarding resigned in November 2022 and we are currently in a vacancy for an Anglican Priest. The Church Council reappointed Tim Rogers as Safeguarding Officer.

The safeguarding policy and list of authorised workers were reviewed in July 2022 and were approved for the year 2022-2023. The Guidelines of the policy are undergoing a more detailed review.

Training and DBS requirements have been kept under review, with both a number of new appointments requiring them and a number of refresher training and reapplications for DBS being undertaken as they became due. Members of the Church Council who were not up to date with training requirements by January 2022 all completed them in the first half of the year. In addition, an extra training requirement (Domestic Abuse Awareness) is now required for all Church Council members. All but one has completed that. There are some training requirements for the music group, the choir and some pastoral carers that are still outstanding.

A number of activities began again (or became more active, e.g., returned to the building having been online) during the year as well as a number of new activities starting. The regular activities (and known about events that occur from time to time, e.g., Messy Church) have been approved by the Church Council and only require updates to risk assessments and safer recruiting when there are new helpers (or new leadership). In addition, the procedures for new activities have benefited from a 'pro forma' developed with the Coordinator of the Events Group, in relation to the events they organise, and a number have been approved this year.

Two new activities that were approved in 2022 deserve mention. Cranlea (the Care Home next to the Church) invited us in to lead an act of worship each month; the necessary checks, risk assessments, safer recruiting requirements etc. having been done, the Church Council agreed this activity. St. John's offers a 'Warm Space' to our community in response to the fuel and cost of living crises. This was able to be approved quickly and safely partly because of the work that had been completed on the pro forma.

Non-Church activities (hirers of our building) that are primarily (or significantly) for children or vulnerable adults are required to provide evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures and are approved by the Church Council.

The priorities for the new year (2023) include getting the few remaining training requirements up to date whilst ensuring all new appointments (and activities) have the training in place from the start and refresher courses are undertaken promptly so that all training remains up to date.

There were no serious incidents in 2022 .

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Trustees**

#### **Ex-officio Trustees**

Adele Moorhouse (Minister & Chair of Trustees). Appointed Chair of Trustees, November 2022

#### **Elected Trustees**

Timothy Rogers (Safeguarding Officer). Re-elected April 2022. Chair of Trustees, January to May 2022

Julie Horton. Re-elected April 2022.

Robin Wallace. Re-elected April 2022.

Jackie Collins. Re-elected April 2022.

Maureen Kennedy. Elected April 2022.

#### **Co-opted Trustees**

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Co-opted since April 2019.

Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Co-opted since April 2019.

Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Co-opted since 2020.

Ruth Dawson (Church Warden). Co-opted April 2022.

#### **Changes in Trustees:**

Rev Annie Gray (Minister) resigned November 2022. Chair of Trustees, May to November 2022.

Stephen Huggan (Church Warden) resigned April 2022.

John Dawson resigned April 2022.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**RECEIPTS**

	2021	2022
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	84,235.64	93,958.31
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	16,800.00	7,713.40
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	740.77	527.70
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	17.42	25.93
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>101,793.83</u></b>	<b><u>102,225.34</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	90,329.94	93,434.81
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	6,914.59	17,160.98
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	-	1,900.00
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	1,250.00	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>98,494.53</u></b>	<b><u>112,495.79</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>3,299.30</u></b>	<b><u>- 10,270.45</u></b>

<b>SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
	2021	2022
	£	£
<b>General Account</b>	11,159.29	16,726.19
<b>Reserves</b>	61,184.57	54,812.27
<b>Restricted Account</b>	18,676.02	10,685.04
<b>Mission Fund</b>	12,430.88	10,956.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>103,450.76</u></b>	<b><u>93,180.31</u></b>

**GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2021 £	2022 £
<b>Planned Giving</b>		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	44,270.00	45,242.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	8,944.00	8,977.00
<b>Donations</b>		
Donations with Gift Aid	286.70	312.00
Donations without Gift Aid	-	3,413.15
	<u>53,500.70</u>	<u>57,944.15</u>
<b>Collections at Services</b>	<b>334.01</b>	<b>1,694.57</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	<b>7,650.25</b>	<b>20,170.25</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>9,320.00</b>	<b>1,137.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Photocopying	39.80	8.70
Gift Aid Claim	11,288.60	11,315.84
Fees	228.00	302.00
Literature Income	12.45	1,328.30
Sundry items	1,861.83	57.50
	<u>13,430.68</u>	<u>13,012.34</u>
	<u>84,235.64</u>	<u>93,958.31</u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>12,178.36</b>	<b>5,204.05</b>

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**RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2021 £	2022 £
<b>Legacy to Holding Fund</b>	15,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Grants for Restricted Purposes</b>	1,800.00	5,840.00
<b>Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing</b>	<u>                    </u>	<u>873.40</u>
	<b>16,800.00</b>	<b>7,713.40</b>
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><u>16,800.00</u></u>	<u><u>7,713.40</u></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	6,181.12	1,660.65

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**RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>Interest</b>	740.77	527.70
	<u>740.77</u>	<u>527.70</u>
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><u>740.77</u></u>	<u><u>527.70</u></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

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**MISSION FUND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Interest	17.42	25.93
<b>MISSION FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><u>17.42</u></u>	<u><u>25.93</u></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

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<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2022</b>		
	2021	2022
	£	£
<b>Payments to the denominations</b>		
Anglican Share	29,400.00	29,118.03
Methodist Assessment	23,364.00	26,642.97
URC Mission & Ministry	2,508.00	1,995.99
Baptist Church	4,316.00	3,136.01
	<b>59,588.00</b>	<b>60,893.00</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Minister Expenses	40.00	14.40
Council Tax - Vicarage	2,492.29	2,079.87
Water Rates - Vicarage	185.53	196.32
Gas	1,892.58	1,081.69
Electricity	1,007.80	1,339.12
Telephone	364.06	392.77
Water Rates - Church	217.17	333.78
Insurance	1,286.91	1,383.55
Maintenance	2,782.68	3,222.91
Maintenance - Grounds	1,196.00	500.00
Equipment	529.18	1,224.95
Secretary	1,269.60	1,320.00
Stationery	46.58	159.52
Photocopier	435.46	432.30
Bookings Secretary	120.00	90.00
Flowers	-	243.98
Cleaner	1,767.00	1,822.04
Window Cleaner	115.20	115.20
Cleaning Materials	309.59	233.67
Fees & Licences	1,504.88	2,291.96
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	118.85	92.09
Worship Requisites	138.86	169.09
Literature & Promotion Costs	1,260.10	1,394.50
	<b>19,080.32</b>	<b>20,133.71</b>
<b>Other Expenditure/Projects</b>		
Children's Worker	1,132.54	-
Children's Worker Expenses	81.81	-
Choir	103.80	580.26
Sundry Costs	2,067.53	608.20
	<b>3,385.68</b>	<b>1,188.46</b>
<b>Church Groups</b>		
Outreach	-	570.81
Junior Church	5.25	87.92
Holiday Club	240.69	267.45
Social Events	-	293.46
	<b>245.94</b>	<b>1,219.64</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
Charitable Giving	8,030.00	10,000.00
Charitable Donations	-	-
	<b>8,030.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>90,329.94</b>	<b>93,434.81</b>
<b>Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds</b>	<b>2,141.28</b>	<b>160.65</b>

**RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2021 £	2022 £
AV & WiFi Upgrade	1,301.00	7,303.14
Outreach Events Equipment & Costs	5,613.59	5,120.65
Charitable Donations	-	698.40
Eco Initiatives funded from Donations & Legacies	-	4,038.79
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>6,914.59</u></b>	<b><u>17,160.98</u></b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	2,178.36	204.05

**RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Methodist Pension Scheme	-	1,900.00
	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>1,900.00</u></b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	10,000.00	5,000.00

**MISSION FUND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Grant to Kingston Park Life Magazine	1,250.00	-
<b>TOTAL MISSION FUND PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>1,250.00</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	4,039.84	1,500.00

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**STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Restricted Account</b>	<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	11,159.29	18,676.02	61,184.57	12,430.88	103,450.76
Prior Year Adjustments					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	<b>11,159.29</b>	<b>18,676.02</b>	<b>61,184.57</b>	<b>12,430.88</b>	<b>103,450.76</b>
Plus					
Receipts	93,958.31	7,713.40	527.70	25.93	102,225.34
Credit Transfers	5,204.05	1,660.65	0.00	0.00	6,864.70
Less					
Payments	93,434.81	17,160.98	1,900.00	0.00	112,495.79
Debit Transfers	160.65	204.05	5,000.00	1,500.00	6,864.70
Notional Carried Forward Balance	16,726.19	10,685.04	54,812.27	10,956.81	93,180.31
Uncleared Effects:					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	<b>16,726.19</b>	<b>10,685.04</b>	<b>54,812.27</b>	<b>10,956.81</b>	<b>93,180.31</b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Co-operative Bank	11,159.29	16,726.19
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT</b>		
Individual Funds		
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	0.00	215.00
Hardship	541.02	541.02
Donations Held for Planned Projects	18,135.00	9,929.02
Outreach Event	0.00	0.00
	<u>18,676.02</u>	<u>10,685.04</u>
<b>RESERVES ACCOUNT</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access	18,849.89	11,989.21
Cambridge & Counties	16,324.68	16,487.93
Cambridge & Counties	26,010.00	0.00
Cooperative Bank	0.00	26,335.13
	<u>61,184.57</u>	<u>54,812.27</u>
<b>MISSION FUND</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access*	12,430.88	10,956.81
*Same account as Reserves		
<b>TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END</b>	<b><u>103,450.76</u></b>	<b><u>93,180.31</u></b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE  
EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

**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.

Signed:



Mr G Clark FCPFA  
7 Teesdale Gardens  
High Heaton  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE7 7RB

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Accounting Policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund. The monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

##### Hardship

Funds available to support those in need. In the year, no donations were made from the fund.

##### Donations Holding Fund

A legacy of £1,000 was received in the year. It is currently being held to cover the costs of the continuing audio-visual upgrade project. The Trustees will consider options for any residual monies once this project is completed.

The following grants were received:

URC Trust	to support our Holiday Club costs	£100.00
Hobson Charitable Trust	toward costs of wildflower garden.	£240.00
Garfield Weston Foundation	to assist with installation of solar panels.	£2,000.00

This fund had significant expenditure in support of our investment in improving the technology within the building and the eco-initiatives.

Wildflower Garden	£290.15
Installation & maintenance of new data projector	£7,303.14
New Bike Rack	£459.99
Recycling Initiatives	£101.47
Solar Panels initial cost	£3,187.18
Initial fee repairs to retaining wall & porch	£204.05
Total	£11,545.98

#### Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

##### Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a previous donation. The monies are available subject to approval of the Trustees for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement; and fund, in part, the children's work of the church. In the year, payments totalling a £1,500.00 were made toward the costs of purchasing a generator to enable the staging of Outreach events. The balance of the cost was covered by a donation from the Kingston Park Development Fund.

Fundraising

In total; £913.40 was credited from fundraising activities and £698.40 distributed. The remaining sum has been distributed in early 2023.

**2. Analysis of Charitable Donations**

Each year, 10% of our General Account income, subject to adjustments, is donated to charities. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2022, this fell to the Methodist Fund for World Mission. Since 2017, donations have always been made to Tearfund, The Barnabas Fund, Compassion UK and Debt Justice (formerly Jubilee Debt Campaign). Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by Church Council.

In the year, Church Council decided that due to adverse media reports, no further donations would be made to Barnabas UK. It was also decided that Open Doors UK should be an ongoing recipient of donations instead.

The table below records those charities supported from the annual distribution, with a comparison to the previous year for information.

Organisation	2021	2022
BMS World Mission	£2,000	
Methodist Fund for World Mission		£2,500
Tearfund		£750
Compassion UK	£603	£750
Debt Justice (Jubilee Debt Campaign)	£603	£750
Open Doors UK		£750
International Justice Mission	£603	£750
Kisima Trust Europe	£603	£750
Alpha UK		£750
West End Refugees		£750
Action for Children		£750
CADA North East		£750
Betel UK	£603	
Action Foundation	£603	
Northern Learning Trust	£603	
Safe Families	£603	
West End Refugees	£603	
Action for Children	£603	
	£8,030	£1,0000

We also supported the following:

From events around Christmas 2021	
West End Refugees	£75.00
Action for Children	£75.00
Christian Aid Week (inc. plant sale)	£524.40
Salvation Army through our Harvest Collection	£410.00

**3. Staffing Costs**

The Charity had no employees in the period under review. No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review. The Independent Examiner fee was £180.00.

**4. Taxation**

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

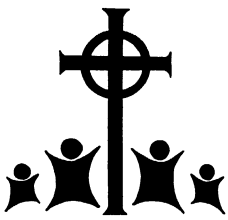
**CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1187186

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# Accounts

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## **Church of St John the Evangelist**

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# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

## ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity Registration Number: 1187186

## **Introduction**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith within the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are; the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St Johns meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

## **Achievements and performance**

The global COVID-19 pandemic certainly challenged St John's in 2021. However, through the grace of God we are weathering the trials and building a different kind of future for ourselves.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

The Charity has continued to benefit from the enthusiastic ministry of Anglican Minister Annie Gray & Methodist Minister Adele Moorhouse. We are blessed to have two such inspirational, faithful and committed ministers who it is clear will lead us through the difficulties which the pandemic raises by fixing our gaze firmly on the need to continue with our outreach to support our local community. Whilst our activities have been restricted, our ministers have been busy planning ways to reach members, spread the Word and planning some exciting ventures for our future once we are able to function with minimal restrictions.

As restrictions have ebbed and flowed over the year, we have adapted our worship services and grown in confidence in the delivery of these whilst maintaining our polished online video services. These continue to reach folk from beyond the immediate church family. Thanks are recorded to all those who have made extraordinary efforts to deliver both the online and in person worship. It is through these combined efforts that during the year we have brought more folk to a public declaration of faith. The online Alpha course has been a further successful venture and proven to be a good vehicle for those interested in faith to explore Christianity in a non-threatening way.

We have also re-started the Beacon coffee drop-in and Tiny Tots and it is truly gratifying that the numbers of those from outside of our church family has increased. These are proving to be a valuable outreach service to our community.

Our Housegroups have continued to function both online and in person and again have proven a valuable means to welcome additional members to the church. Prayer has been so particularly important to members during 2021 and the Core Prayer Team have delivered uplifting monthly prayer opportunities online throughout the year which have been a tremendous source of comfort and support.

Thankfully there has been only limited need to complete repairs to the building beyond the requirements for annual maintenance, though the taps in in the washrooms have been replaced.

Pastoral support is especially important during these trying times, so provision has been made to reach out to those members who do not use the internet and provide support to those struggling with the many difficulties thrown up by the pandemic. The Trustees and Ministers are very conscious that there will be a continuing need for a range of responses to the pastoral area of our working. So, during 2022 our approach to pastoral care is being reviewed and we are looking to further enhance the telephone befriending service.

Inspired by the challenge of cutting our carbon footprint and looking at our overall sustainability, we have set up an Eco-Team which is looking at a number of options to reduce waste and boost recycling. The group is eagerly awaiting a report from Green Journey Energy Audit, which should provide a range of options for our church to move toward a net-zero future. The group has already arranged for the installation of a bee-friendly flower bed which complements the prayer space that was created last year, and which offers a spot for the community to pause and contemplate. It has also compiled a comprehensive list of all local re-using and recycling opportunities within our community which has been shared with the wider community through the Kingston Park Life magazine, along with a dedicated website and Facebook page. Other initiatives that are currently being worked on include the installation of a cycle rack and coffee cup recycling facility.

In view of the disruption the pandemic caused to our local community, it was felt important that St Johns lead the way in marking the easing of restrictions during 2021 and the gradual return to a type of normality. Our response was the successful Out of Lockdown event on 31<sup>st</sup> July. The poor weather did not deter attendance and the event had a 'wonderful' buzz. We built on the momentum of the summer event by staging a carol singing concert in December using Tesco car park. We are grateful to Tesco for the willing support of the store Community Champion in helping to facilitate the event.

The success and breadth of these events is testimony to the determination of the organising group to deliver a quality experience for our local community. The events also served to strengthen our existing ties with local groups including the Kingston Park Scouts, Newcastle Choral Society and Kingston Park Primary School whose choir sang so well at the carol singing.

As a result of the pandemic the local free magazine Kingston Park Life had struggled with advertising revenue. In January we responded to an appeal and agreed to support the magazine through a grant. In return we have been able to use it as part of our local outreach to ensure all residents receive direct communication of all that is happening in the life of the church.

One unexpected consequence of the pandemic was that the Lord has led St John's to provide support for the Asylum Seekers currently housed locally. The response of the church family in providing gifts together with spiritual support and prayer has been amazing.

We are looking forward to 2022 full of hope.

## Financial Review

We hardly imagined at the end of 2020 that we would be reporting similar Covid-19 related issues for 2021. We are still seeing its impact which resulted in the closure of the church for worship and other activities, in particular this has affected rental income. However, as seen below, the deficits for 2020 on most funds and the large overall deficit were of more concern than the eventual outturn for 2021 proved to be. For this we must be thankful for timely extra-ordinary receipts of significant sums from a number of sources identified below.

### Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:

	2020 (£)	2021 (£)
General Account	-13,583.80	-£6,094.30
Restricted Account	-1,568.26	9,885.41
Reserves	937.63	740.77
Mission Fund	-1,605.29	-1,232.58
Combined Total	-15,819.70	3,299.30

### **General Account**

This is the main transactional account of the Charity. It shows a large reduction over the year in our working deficit, despite the prolonged 2021 closure periods. This is attributable to government grants via Newcastle City Council amounting to £9,320, claimed in respect of rental revenue lost during lockdown periods; along with refunds from gas and electricity suppliers for overestimated accounts in 2020 and spring 2021.

Income for the year was up by 2.3% overall. Regular planned giving of church members by standing orders was the key to meeting the unprecedented challenge posed by Covid-19 without drawing more deeply on Reserves. Our sincere gratitude is offered to all those who managed to continue or even increase their giving during the year. It is genuinely appreciated, as are occasional donations and the cash offerings at the resumed worship services in the church.

Rental income from outside users of our premises was below the amount budgeted for by 37.4% and below that for 2020 by 28.8%. Several regular organisations were slow to return when restrictions were relaxed, and some may not return. Whilst the loss of income is of concern, of greater importance will be the loss to our local community of the social benefits these groups undoubtedly provided.

Total Expenditure was 1.9% below the budgeted amount but 8.3% below the total for last year. Savings have been made largely through postponing maintenance spending, though some works are now becoming unavoidable. A church or charity that is committed to worthy objectives will have difficulty finding serious economies in everyday working expenditure and will be most reluctant to make cuts in those objectives. In the case of St John's, we have maintained our commitment to support financially a variety of charities, both religious and secular. The agreed share of our annual working income in the previous year came to over £8,000, distributed to 11 chosen organisations.

### **Restricted Account**

The Account holds funds for matters such as donations to be used for specific matters and proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

The Account holds monies donated for enhancing specific features of the church that might not be considered for General Account support, which includes a grant of £200 from the Allchurches Trust toward the ongoing project to improve the audio-visual capabilities within the Worship Area. The fund is also holding a legacy of £15000 received from a devoted late member of our congregation. In the early part of 2022, the monies will be spent on renewal of the data projector and potentially a new laptop should we decide to go ahead with live streaming of events from the building.

The Restricted Account also received a grant of £100 from the United Reformed Church Trust that was used to finance part of the children's activities at the Out of Lockdown event in July 2021. A further £1500 was received from the Allchurches Trust which was used to purchase equipment to be used as part of our ongoing programme of outreach events.

The payments from the Account reflect the costs of the improvements to the wi-fi and induction loop (£870) and the Outreach Event (£8222).

### **Reserves and Mission Fund**

Reserve Funds from past years' surpluses including substantial past donations for unrestricted purposes are held to be used appropriately in cases of major structural or equipment problems, and other expenditure challenges that we might face. The Mission Fund is the proceeds of a donation by church members for outreach events and mission initiatives from within our church.

Amounts in these Funds are spread across an instant access saving account and fixed term accounts which pay a higher rate of return. The interest earned represented the only income to both accounts in the year. The latter are deposited so that in each year one will mature, and a decision made where to reinvest or whether there is an immediate major need for their application

During 2021 given the prevailing financial difficulties, £10,000 was withdrawn from Reserves to support the General Account. Sizeable further withdrawals are anticipated in 2022.

Withdrawals totalling £5289 were taken from the Mission Fund to assist in financing of equipment toward the Outreach events staged in the year. The purchases are regarded as investments in the exciting programme of events that is planned.

We continually give thanks to God for all those members and others who contribute the financial resources to support the mission and activities of St John's church. In particular recently, the challenges have been substantial, and, in this report, we find gratifying evidence that we may continue in faith to weather the storms. St John's is fortunate in having a still healthy level of Reserves which will act as a financial cushion in what looks like an unsettled immediate future.

### **Reserves policy**

It is the Trustee's policy to try to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 3 – 5 years and to support the Charity through 2022.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Christian Churches Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning Group.' Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;
- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding structures and policies are in place in accordance with Church of England guidance and we also work closely with the safeguarding teams of other denominations. The Church of England has recently introduced a new monitoring system and the Charity took the opportunity to do a full review of safeguarding matters in 2021.

The pandemic has resulted in some volunteers ceasing (or pausing) as active workers. There has also been a new leader of children's work within the church. Therefore, one of the key aspects of the review was to bring all training up to date for those who are now involved in delivering children's activities. There is also now an increased requirement for training for the trustees and other office holders in the Charity. This training has mostly taken place online.

DBS checks have continued to be done as they become due. Appointments are made under 'Safer Recruitment and People Management' procedures.

As the restrictions associated with the pandemic have eased, the safeguarding team have reviewed both the returning and those new activities that are spoken of elsewhere in this report.

There were no serious incidents in 2021 .

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Trustees**

#### **Elected Trustees**

Timothy Rogers (Chair of Trustees & Safeguarding Officer). Re-elected April 2021

Julie Horton. Re-elected April 2021.

Robin Wallace. Re-elected April 2021.

Jackie Collins. Re-elected April 2021.

John Dawson. Re-elected April 2021.

#### **Co-opted Trustees**

Steve Huggan (Church Warden). Initially co-opted April 2019, co-option continued since then

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Initially co-opted April 2019, co-option continued since then

Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Initially co-opted April 2019, co-option continued since then

Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Initially co-opted October 2020, co-option continued since then

#### **Ex-officio Trustees**

Adele Moorhouse (Minister)

Annie Gray (Minister)

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**RECEIPTS**

	2020	2021
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	82,201.20	84,235.64
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	652.47	16,800.00
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	937.63	740.77
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	94.71	17.42
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>83,886.01</u></b>	<b><u>101,793.83</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	95,784.99	90,329.94
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	2,220.73	6,914.59
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	-	-
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	1,700.00	1,250.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>99,705.72</u></b>	<b><u>98,494.53</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>- 15,819.71</u></b>	<b><u>3,299.30</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	2020	2021
	£	£
<b>General Account</b>	7,216.51	11,159.29
<b>Reserves</b>	70,443.80	61,184.57
<b>Restricted Account</b>	4,787.85	18,676.02
<b>Mission Fund</b>	17,703.30	12,430.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>100,151.46</u></b>	<b><u>103,450.76</u></b>

**GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2020 £	2021 £
<b>Planned Giving</b>		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	45,363.00	44,270.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	9,445.00	8,944.00
<b>Donations</b>		
Donations with Gift Aid	240.00	286.70
Donations without Gift Aid	400.00	-
	<u>55,448.00</u>	<u>53,500.70</u>
<b>Collections at Services</b>	<b>332.38</b>	<b>334.01</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	<b>10,558.80</b>	<b>7,650.25</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>2,668.00</b>	<b>9,320.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Photocopying	13.00	39.80
Gift Aid Claim	12,328.22	11,288.60
Fees	22.00	228.00
Literature Income	21.60	12.45
Sundry items	809.20	1,861.83
	<u>13,194.02</u>	<u>13,430.68</u>
	<u><b>82,201.20</b></u>	<u><b>84,235.64</b></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>5,795.10</b>	<b>12,178.36</b>

**RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2020	2021
	£	£
<b>Legacy to Holding Fund</b>		15,000.00
<b>Grants for Restricted Purposes</b>		1,800.00
<b>Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing</b>	362.47	
<b>Donations to Hardship Fund</b>	250.00	
<b>Donations to Holding Fund</b>	40.00	
	<u>652.47</u>	<u>16,800.00</u>
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><u>652.47</u></u>	<u><u>16,800.00</u></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	<b>6,181.12</b>

**RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<b>Interest</b>	937.63	740.77
	<u>937.63</u>	<u>740.77</u>
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><u>937.63</u></u>	<u><u>740.77</u></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

**MISSION FUND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Interest	94.71	17.42
<b>MISSION FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><u>94.71</u></u>	<u><u>17.42</u></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021</b>		
	2020	2021
	£	£
<b>Payments to the denominations</b>		
Anglican Share	26,412.00	29,400.00
Methodist Assessment	25,572.00	23,364.00
URC Mission & Ministry	2,016.00	2,508.00
Baptist Church	3,290.40	4,316.00
	<b>57,290.40</b>	<b>59,588.00</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Minister Expenses	112.40	40.00
Council Tax - Vicarage	448.54	2,492.29
Water Rates - Vicarage	-	185.53
Gas	1,792.23	1,892.58
Electricity	1,556.11	1,007.80
Telephone	511.89	364.06
Water Rates - Church	353.80	217.17
Insurance	1,261.77	1,286.91
Maintenance	3,004.78	2,782.68
Maintenance - Grounds	973.00	1,196.00
Equipment	373.50	529.18
Secretary	1,257.00	1,269.60
Stationery	-	46.58
Photocopier	362.27	435.46
Bookings Secretary	128.50	120.00
Cleaner	1,749.96	1,767.00
Window Cleaner	115.20	115.20
Cleaning Materials	212.05	309.59
Fees & Licences	1,661.88	1,504.88
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	117.65	118.85
Worship Requisites	87.31	138.86
Literature & Promotion Costs	688.20	1,260.10
	<b>16,768.04</b>	<b>19,080.32</b>
<b>Other Expenditure/Projects</b>		
Children's Worker	6,728.04	1,132.54
Children's Worker Expenses	39.00	81.81
Choir	261.25	103.80
Interregnum Costs	2,428.50	-
Sundry Costs	1,397.83	2,067.53
	<b>10,854.62</b>	<b>3,385.68</b>
<b>Church Groups</b>		
Outreach	54.60	-
Junior Church	131.00	5.25
Holiday Club	44.72	240.69
Social Events	331.00	-
	<b>561.32</b>	<b>245.94</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
Charitable Giving	10,195.00	8,030.00
Charitable Donations	115.61	-
	<b>10,310.61</b>	<b>8,030.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>95,784.99</b>	<b>90,329.94</b>
<b>Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,141.28</b>

**RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2020 £	2021 £
AV & WiFi Upgrade		1,301.00
Outreach Events Equipment & Costs		5,613.59
Charitable Donations	1,531.73	
Bank Charge	5.00	
Hand Dryers paid from Donated Funds	684.00	
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>2,220.73</u></b>	<b><u>6,914.59</u></b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	680.00	2,178.36

**RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	-	-
	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	5,000.00	10,000.00

**MISSION FUND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Grant to Kingston Park Life Magazine		1,250.00
Grant re Community Event	1,700.00	
<b>TOTAL MISSION FUND PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>1,700.00</u></b>	<b><u>1,250.00</u></b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	115.10	4,039.84

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Restricted Account</b>	<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>Mission Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	7,216.51	4,787.85	70,443.80	17,703.30	100,151.46
Prior Year Adjustments					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	<b>7,216.51</b>	<b>4,787.85</b>	<b>70,443.80</b>	<b>17,703.30</b>	<b>100,151.46</b>
Plus					
Receipts	84,235.64	16,800.00	740.77	17.42	101,793.83
Credit Transfers	12,178.36	6,181.12	0.00	0.00	18,359.48
Less					
Payments	90,329.94	6,914.59	0.00	1,250.00	98,494.53
Debit Transfers	2,141.28	2,178.36	10,000.00	4,039.84	18,359.48
Notional Carried Forward Balance	11,159.29	18,676.02	61,184.57	12,430.88	103,450.76
Uncleared Effects:					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	<b>11,159.29</b>	<b>18,676.02</b>	<b>61,184.57</b>	<b>12,430.88</b>	<b>103,450.76</b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Co-operative Bank	7,216.51	11,159.29
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT</b>		
Individual Funds		
Holiday Club	10.83	0.00
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	0.00	0.00
Hardship	541.02	541.02
Donations Held	4,236.00	18,135.00
Outreach Event	0.00	0.00
	<u>4,787.85</u>	<u>18,676.02</u>
<b>RESERVES ACCOUNT</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access	28,821.54	18,849.89
Cambridge & Counties	16,122.26	16,324.68
Cambridge & Counties	<u>25,500.00</u>	<u>26,010.00</u>
	70,443.80	61,184.57
<b>MISSION FUND</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access*	17,703.30	12,430.88
*Same account as Reserves		
<b>TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END</b>	<b><u>100,151.46</u></b>	<b><u>103,450.76</u></b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST,  
KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

**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.

Signed:



Mr G Clark FCPFA

7 Teesdale Gardens

High Heaton

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE7 7RB

Date: 27 January 2022

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Accounting Policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund the monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds, form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

##### Hardship

Funds available to support those in need. In the year, no donations were made from the fund.

##### Donations Holding Fund

A legacy of £15000 was received in the year. It is currently being held to cover the costs of the continuing audio-visual upgrade project. The Trustees will consider options for any residual monies once this project is completed. The following grants were received:

Allchurches £200 toward audio-visual upgrade

Allchurches £1500 toward costs of equipment for the programme of outreach events

#### c) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

##### Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a previous donation. The monies are available subject to approval of the Trustees for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement; and fund, in part, the children's work of the church. In the year, payments totalling a £4039.84 were made toward the costs of staging the Outreach events, mostly covering the costs of equipment.

##### Holiday Club

Residual funds held on behalf of the Holiday Club leaders. A grant of £100 was received from the URC Trust toward the costs of the children's activities which this year were held as part of the Out of Lockdown Party.

##### Fundraising

Pandemic restrictions curtailed more formal fundraising activities in the year. It is hoped these can recommenced during 2022.

## 2. Analysis of Charitable Donations

Each year, 10% of our General Account income, subject to adjustments, is donated to charities. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2021, this fell to the Baptist Mission Society, World Mission fund. Since 2017, donations have always been made to Tearfund, The Barnabas Fund, Compassion UK and Jubilee Debt Campaign. Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by Church Council.

In January 2021, Church Council decided that due to adverse media reports no donations would be made to Tearfund and Barnabas UK. It was also decided to add Action for Children and West End Refugees to the recipients. This was because restrictions prevented the normal carol singing events in December 2020, the collections from which would normally have been donated to these charities.

The table below records those charities supported from the annual distribution, with a comparison to the previous year for information.

Organisation	2020	2021
Council for World Mission	£2550	
BMS World Mission		£2000
Tearfund	£695	
The Barnabas Fund	£695	
Compassion UK	£695	£603
Jubilee Debt Campaign	£695	£603
Kisima Trust Europe	£695	£603
Betel UK	£695	£603
United Christian Broadcasters	£695	
Action Foundation	£695	
Mission Aviation Fellowship	£695	
Newcastle Street Pastors	£695	
Wycliffe Bible Translators	£695	
Action Foundation		£603
International Justice Mission		£603
Northern Learning Trust		£603
Safe Families		£603
West End Refugees		£603
Action for Children		£603
	£10195	£8030

We also supported the Salvation Army through our Harvest Collection (£205) and donations via the Virtual Christmas Tree raised £120 for Christian Aid. The carol singing, in Tesco car park, and the social event, at church, in December raised £170. This will be split between Action for Children & West End Refugees and will be distributed in 2022. Notwithstanding the difficulties presented in fundraising during a pandemic, St John's has once again proven to be a caring, compassionate and generous church.

## 3. Staffing Costs

The Charity had no employees in the period under review. No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review.

The Independent Examiner fee was £150.00.

## 4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.