



MIDHURST

PARISH CHURCH

**Trustees Annual Report
and
Financial Report
for the year ended 31st December 2022**

of The Parochial Church Council of

St. Mary Magdalene & St. Denys Church

Church Hill, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9PB
Registered Charity No.1194217

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical.
- Knowing Jesus better and making Him better known.
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay.
- Providing support to those in need and by giving financial support to other organisations with similar objectives.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of St Mary Magdalene & St Denys Church, Church Hill, Midhurst as well as the interior of St Ann's Hall, the parish room which is rented from the Cowdray Estate.

WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO TO ACHIEVE OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

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

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church.
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community.
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers.
- Diversifying our programme of worship to enable more people to attend services in the parish.

- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and worship, and by acts of kindness in our community.
- Offering prayer, learning about scripture, and fellowship in small group situations.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of Christianity and their trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Raising money and food for other charities.
- Reaching out to young people and families through groups and regular services and clubs aimed at them.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the town.
- Keeping the church building open to receive those who come in to find quiet and prayer and provide resources for them.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

A time of Interregnum

The vicar of Midhurst Parish Church, the Revd. Dave Willis, left at the end of July 2022, to take up a new post in the Diocese of Chelmsford. This meant that for the last six months of 2022, and continuing into 2023, the church has been without an incumbent. The traditional term for this is interregnum - which, in effect, means that there is a “vacancy between leaders”. In the Church of England, there is always a planned gap – a time for reflection – before a new appointment. While there are good reasons for this, it can be a difficult time for any parish.

The Churchwardens at Midhurst, have been responsible for the overall running of the parish during this time, and the Assistant Curate has taken a lead in worship, assisted by the Reader. We have also been fortunate in having some help from other clergy in the Diocese, including on one occasion Bishop Martin, our Diocesan Bishop.



Visit from our Diocesan Bishop

Attendance at worship

Even though we are in an interregnum, the church family at Midhurst Parish Church continues to actively seek growth and it is our pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

As the Covid-19 restrictions had ended, we were able to be back in church for all our worship in 2022, although understandable caution meant that it took some time for the number of people attending to build back up. We continued to stream the services via Zoom until the end of July. The average regular weekly attendance in 2022 (Sundays and Wednesdays) was 61, with the number increasing at Harvest and over the Christmas period. We have continued to welcome new people to the church in the New Year, and in April 2023 held a small social evening for them, to enable us to get to know them a little better, and they us.

We have now been able to embed the greater variety of services which were introduced last year, with the aim of appealing to different groups in the wider community. The first Sunday of the month is a morning service of Holy Communion, using the high altar, vestments and with a robed choir. The second Sunday is a Service of the Word in the morning, and an evening service of Holy Communion, which is a quiet, less formal service, without hymns, but with a selection of music (often Taizé in style) to aid reflection and meditation. The third and fourth Sunday mornings both have a service of Holy Communion which is less formal than the first Sunday, sometimes with less traditional hymns, and making use of a Nave altar.



"Love Midhurst" activities

If there is a fifth Sunday in a month, we have sought to make our church more visible in the community by designating it a "Love Midhurst" Sunday. The church family gathers together for a 15-minute service before going out in different directions to do things that bless our community. These have included litter picking, the preparation of Christmas gifts for the businesses in Midhurst, beautifying our churchyard

and the surrounding area, work on painting the fencing at our local primary school, and a prayer walk.

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the Sparks group (primary school age and under) met for a programme of activities. Older children and teenagers are a part of the ignite youth groups, led by our Youth and Children's Minister. These groups are open to all young people regardless of their family's involvement in other church activities. A team of helpers provide a monthly Messy Church service, which helps families to engage with church in a relaxed and fun way.

Christmas is a very special time of celebration where many sections of the community come together to join in the services. This year we were delighted to welcome Little Laura's



Midhurst Primary School Carol Service



Relaxed Carol Service

Nursery and Midhurst Primary School for their carol services, and the students from Midhurst Rother College to five carol services, one for each year group. After the restrictions of last year it was wonderful to have everyone back in church for these occasions! We were also delighted at the return of Rusty and Ollie, the two donkeys, who delighted old and young alike at our Relaxed Carol Service!

Baptisms, weddings, and funerals

It was with great delight that we celebrated the baptisms of two children during 2022, and that two couples were married in the church.

We were able to extend pastoral ministry to families at 5 church funerals with 3 other funerals conducted for parishioners. There were also two memorial services held during the year.

Evangelism and outreach

Several events during the year helped us to connect with larger numbers of our community.



Prayer Vigil for Ukraine

In March, in the Market Square, we held a prayer vigil for the people of Ukraine, and for those taking donated items by road to the borders of that country, at the start of the invasion by Russia.

Another opportunity for outreach was the annual All Souls Service. This event was advertised to the whole

community, and families we have met through funeral ministry were specially invited to this special service. Prayer cards and holding crosses were well received by those attending and candles were lit in memory of the departed.

A big part of our outreach is through Midhurst Primary School where the vicar and the Youth and Children's Minister share the responsibility for leading a weekly act of collective worship. We again held the prayer activities event at the school with every class taking the opportunity to spend time quietly moving between ten different prayer activities. It was an enjoyable and moving time for all.

We see our youth work, and our pastoral work as important aspects of our outreach along with projects such as the Friendship Teas. These monthly events are open to all - providing cake, tea, entertainment, and most importantly friendship. Whilst held in the church, it is not an explicitly Christian event, but more about tackling loneliness and building relationships. Relationship building and expressing thankfulness is also at the heart of our gift giving at Christmas. This year we gave a small box of biscuits to over 140 shops and businesses in our town as a gesture of our support and gratitude.

It is important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. The votive candle stand provides a focus for prayers and prayer booklets are available for those who would like written prayers to use. The prayer board in the chapel area provides an opportunity for people to leave a written prayer request for others to see and to be included in our prayers at our Wednesday morning service. Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church, but also on the sense of peacefulness and spirituality that the church provides.

In September, we held a special service of Holy Communion during the period of mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II, and the church displayed the town's Book of Condolence, with a large number of people coming in to sign this.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

Pastoral Care in the parish is led by the vicar, the assistant curate, Revd. Jane Roberts, and the Authorised Lay Minister for Pastoral Care, Jenny Dennett. Visits to home or hospital and phone calls are made to anyone within the parish (whether a church attender or not) as requested. Several people who are not able to attend church receive Holy Communion in their homes.

Other charitable giving

During the year collections and appeals were made for certain other charities. These included our Mothering Sunday collection supporting the Mothers' Union, the Remembrance Service collection supporting the Royal British Legion and the collection from the Christingle Service going to help with our Youth Ministry. Both the monetary collection and also many gifts of food donated at the Harvest Festival Service were given to support Midhurst Food Bank.

Since its inception in 2014, Midhurst Parish Church has provided facilities and volunteers for the Midhurst Foodbank Centre (part of Chichester District Foodbank). This continues to be the case as does our year-round collecting of food.

Learning together and growing in faith

House groups and other small groups provide opportunities for growing in our understanding of Jesus as well as providing opportunities for fellowship and support. We have two house groups who have met regularly during 2022. Members of these groups enjoy times of Bible study and prayer as well as much needed fellowship and support.

We also ran a five-week Lent Course, led by our authorised Lay Minister, Jenny Dennett. This was based on Andrew Ollerton's book "The Bible – A story that makes sense of life". This opportunity for discussion and fellowship was much appreciated by all those who came along.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

In 2022, Midhurst Parish Church had three representatives on the Deanery Synod, who by virtue of this role are also members of the PCC. Synod acts as an intermediary between the parishes and Chichester Diocese. Its priorities include Mission Action Planning and consideration of the Diocesan Budget, including its recommended allocation to individual parishes by means of the Parish Share.

The Synod is chaired by the Rural Dean. After 13 years in this post, the Revd. Canon Derek Welsman retired from this position and has been succeeded by Revd. Trish Bancroft.

A significant achievement for the Deanery is its support of a trained social worker, Kirsty Hewitt, as Family Support Worker in our area. Kirsty is fully occupied with a waiting list of families who need all sorts of help. She also runs a number of courses, including one on parenting. Our parish has contributed to this effort both financially and through gifts of toys by individual parishioners at Christmas for distribution to children.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK REPORT

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has continued to grow well. It is usually held at the church and run by a team of volunteers from Midhurst Parish Church and other churches in the area. It is an informal service, with a time of teaching, worship, and craft, followed by a tea kindly provided by a team of volunteers. Messy Church is mainly aimed at children of primary school age, and children from Midhurst and the surrounding areas attend with their parents and carers. Towards the end of 2021, due to the popularity of these activities, it was decided that Messy Church events would increase from five events a year to one event every month. 2022 was our first full year of running monthly Messy Church events during term time. Across 2022 we ran nine different Messy Church events which were well attended by both our regular families and lots of new families.



Messy Church Light Party

In 2022 the following Messy Churches took place:

January:	Epiphany
February:	Daniel in the Lion's Den
March:	Nature/ Creation
April:	Messy Easter
May:	Pentecost
June:	Summer BBQ
September:	Harvest
October:	Light Party
December:	Messy Christmas

SPARKS

Our Sparks Children's group took place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during 2022 during our Church services at 10:30am. The children would start in the service with their families and then the children's leaders would take them out of church and walk round to the old library for lots of games,

stories and crafts. Whilst out with the leaders the children would look at the same stories and bible verses as the adults in church. The children were then brought back to the Church ready for the end of the service refreshments at 11:30am. Although this group had been slow to start, in 2022 it was attended regularly by the same families and also welcomed those children visiting the church.

IGNITE

Our ignite youth group has seen lots of changes in the last year. The biggest change was moving Junior ignite group, for children in years 6, 7 and 8 to a weekday straight after school on Tuesdays. This change from a Sunday afternoon to a weekday has meant this group saw a lot of growth in 2022. The group on average is attended by 10-12 young people with new people regularly joining . This group runs alongside our Older ignite group on Wednesday afternoons for young people in Year 9 and upwards.

Alongside the weekly groups we ran many different socials and trips including:

- A pizza and movie night for Junior ignite in May.
- A bowling trip for all the young people in April.
- A trip for older ignite to Mini May Camp, a Diocesan evening event with games, worship, bible teaching and more.
- A summer BBQ for children in school years 5 and upwards attended by over 25 children and young people.

As well as these day trips , in July we were finally able to take the youth groups away to a weekend residential. We decided to take them to Spree in Northamptonshire. Spree is a Christian event put on by the charity Urban Saints. They take place throughout the summer and across the UK. Our event was held at a Christian outdoor centre called Rock UK. The children and young people were able to take part in all sorts of outdoor activities including abseiling, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, zip wires, waterslides, football matches, archery, inflatables



Fun and games at the summer BBQ

and so much more. Every morning and evening there would be age-appropriate faith-based session with teaching, stories and worship. We were able to take away 17 children and young people from school year 5 all the way up to year 11. Eight of the children we took away were brand new to our youth group and we have since been able to see them regularly at our ignite groups.

We are grateful to the congregation who continue to pray for and support this important ministry.

WORK WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Midhurst Primary School

Beth and Dave continued to engage with Midhurst Primary school throughout 2022. As well as attending MPS weekly to lead assemblies they were also able to run prayer activity days for the whole school to engage with. These spaces were themed around the school values of kindness, peace, friendship, respect, creativity, and forgiveness.

Midhurst Rother College

With the Covid Restrictions finally eased in 2022 Beth was able to regularly visit Midhurst Rother College twice weekly on Monday and Thursday lunch times. The Monday session was a drop in for young people to visit and play some games on their break. The Thursday session a Christian Union open to all young people at MRC, providing them with the opportunity to question and discuss faith and God in a comfortable space whilst at school.

Thanks to an influx of new Year 7s in September 2022 these groups saw a huge growth with some sessions attracting close to fifteen young people. These school groups have also allowed us to attract new young people to our after school ignite groups.

*Beth Pinder
Youth & Children's Minister*

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The principal responsibility of a churchwarden is to support the parish priest and his or her ministry team especially

- By helping to ensure that services are conducted in a welcoming and safe environment, and
- By ensuring that the church building and its contents are adequately maintained and protected

When a parish enters a period of Vacancy, as was our case on the departure of Rev. Dave Willis on 31st July 2022, the wardens have the additional responsibility of ensuring that the pattern of worship carries on as near normally as possible. Although this involved inviting visiting preachers to our church on a few occasions, our task was made easier by the fact that Revd. Jane Roberts and Mike Abbott voluntarily led the great majority of our services, Eucharistic and Service of the Word respectively. Our whole congregation is hugely grateful to them.

With regard to our services, the churchwardens are helped enormously by the assistant churchwardens, the sidespeople, the vergers and many other willing volunteers and we wish to thank them all.

As a result of the retirement of Judith (Jude) Gleave, and in the absence of a vicar, the churchwardens, assisted by Lorraine Graham, led the process of recruiting a new, part-time, Parish Administrator. From a strong field, we were delighted to be able to appoint Lucy Quail. Lucy will report to our new incumbent, when appointed. We are grateful to Lorraine for all her work to enable the parish office to continue to function smoothly, especially leading up to and during the handover period.

The care of our beautiful listed building and of its contents encompasses recurring tasks and maintenance, responding to one-off events and addressing over time those major issues which are identified by our inspecting architect at formal inspections which must be carried out on a five-year basis and/or by our insurers.

As the Quinquennial Inspection of our church building fell due in 2022, the churchwardens decided to conduct a tender to appoint an inspecting architect and in this process we were aided by Mike Abbott and Jenny Dennett. Mr. Andy Burrell, BSc, RIBA was duly appointed and the Inspection was carried out in August 2022. The report set out a prioritised schedule of works recommended to be carried out over the ensuing five years. It confirmed that the most urgent (and potentially expensive) priority was to re-roof and re-tile significant areas of the building as well as to repair and re-point stonework which posed a danger to the public in the event of falling masonry. A tender process to contract for this work was therefore launched in 2022 with the aim that a builder with appropriate expertise be appointed to carry out the work in 2023. Diocesan approval for the work had also to be requested and this was obtained in January 2023.

Among recurring tasks, the church gutters were cleaned, fire extinguishers tested and boilers serviced (all annual events). The most important one-off project was the refurbishment of our small kitchen/utility room (at a cost of over £5,000) with the principal aim of making it a safer environment in which our many helpers, who kindly provide us with refreshments after services and on other occasions, can work.

In the absence of a vicar, we have arranged (and helped) to keep the vicarage garden maintained, the driveway kept clear of leaves and the gutters cleaned. More significant works, mostly to be led and paid for by the diocese, are needed before a new incumbent can take up residence.

The churchwardens are ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council and all significant projects recommended by the churchwardens are subject to the approval of the PCC. Through membership of the PCC, the churchwardens seek to support the ministry team and their colleagues on that body by contributing to the wider life of the church beyond their specific areas of responsibility.

While the office of churchwarden requires the exercise of responsibility, care and no little time, it is also a privilege to serve in this way and we again thank you for the confidence and trust that you have placed in us.

Gerry Randall
Barry Semark

PASTORAL CARE REPORT

During the year it has been a joy to resume home visits and home communion alongside other forms of communication with people no longer able to get to church or going through particularly challenging times.

Services with a particular pastoral element

Sunday March 20th 10.30am the service had a Pastoral focus throughout. This was an opportunity for us all to revisit our call to be as Christ to others. It was a time to reflect on our individual actions and the opportunities we have as a church family and through the Pastoral Care Team.

Sunday October 30th 3.30pm All Souls with a special invitation to those whose loved ones have died during the year.

Sunday 4th December 10.30am – Kirsty Hewitt, the Deanery Family Support Practitioner, spoke about her work. Christmas gifts of toys and gift cards were given to support Kirsty's work.

Tuesday 13th December Relaxed Carol Service 2.30pm a short daytime service with children from Midhurst Primary School involved, also Rusty and Ollie the donkeys from The Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary.

Christmas cards were sent to those unable to get to church and Love Midhurst Christmas gifts distributed to the businesses in the town.

The church has continued to be open for private prayer providing a place to sit, pray, and/or light a candle. This is greatly appreciated by visitors to the town and people in the community.

With many thanks to the Pastoral Team and all who care for and support our church family and community.

Jenny Dennett
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

FRIENDSHIP TEAS

We were pleased to be able to resume the Friendship Teas in 2022. They were publicised through advertisements in Midhurst Local and through the church and Town Council websites. Local organisations such as Sussex Carers, Mind, the Family Support Worker, Rother Valley Together are also all advised of forthcoming dates.

The Teas are quite “resource intensive” particularly for the bakers, for whom the brief is to bake scones/cakes sufficient for 36 guests, but each occasion is staffed by about 10 volunteers in total including our pianist.

The numbers attending comprise typically: 10 volunteers, 7 children and accompanying teacher from Midhurst Primary School, and then an average of 14 guests. In addition we always invite our friends from the sheltered housing at Magdalene Court but towards the end of the year they struggled to attend with staff shortages and poor weather. The final Tea in December was a jolly occasion enlivened by the Midhurst Ukulele players.

Numbers dropped off at the end of the year and in discussion with volunteers we concluded we would in future postpone the start in 2023 until the end of March. We all still think it is important outreach into the community.

Finally, we should note with sadness and yet joy at the life and witness of Tea members who have recently passed away, notably Elsie (“life and soul of the party”) and Gordon (welcome and registration).



Friendship Teas

Mike Abbott

MIDHURST COMMUNITY HUB

The Hub is not a church project but a separate registered charity (no.1199385). It is a one stop shop advice centre based in the Library at the Grange Centre on Monday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Its role is to help local people with often complex problems about debt and finances,

energy costs, housing (damp and mould), benefits etc. Like a bicycle the Hub has many “spokes” linking to other partner organisations that are experts in their field. The Hub was launched in November 2022 by Gillian Keegan MP. Its website is: midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk

The Hub is mentioned in this report as three of the six trustees, including the founder, are active members of this church, and it operates with Christian values and ethos.

Mike Abbott

SOCIAL EVENTS REPORT

In June, the church organised an event in the Market Square as part of the nationwide ‘Big Lunch’ to celebrate the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. People from the church and local community joined together with their picnic lunches, and we provided suitably iced jubilee cupcakes for everyone! In September, we enjoyed a ploughman’s Harvest Supper, and had fun answering Martin’s quiz questions. In November, a small group of people from the church arranged a wonderful Craft Fayre at Liz’s home. Lots of people came along, and some great Christmas presents and cards were bought. The refreshments and time to socialise were also enjoyed, and the event made a considerable boost to our church funds.

Sunday mornings sees us enjoying coffee, tea and fellowship after our main service, and sometimes fizz and cake, if there is an occasion to justify it! We also enjoy refreshments and a time to meet together after our weekly Wednesday morning service.

Revd. Jane Roberts

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The safety and protection of children (aged under 18) and vulnerable adults is a core concern and responsibility for the PCC, and is a topic on the agenda of every PCC meeting. The Safeguarding Officer, currently Kirstin Bosley, assisted by a deputy, Lillian Zwartz, compiles a report of safeguarding updates and actions needed for each PCC meeting.

The principal tasks are firstly to keep the PCC up to date with new policies and practices relating to safeguarding nationally and within the diocese. Secondly, to ensure that the PCC members and all those working with children, particularly in the various youth groups including Sparks, Ignite and Messy Church, have a DBS clearance, and are trained as necessary. Finally, to ensure a culture of awareness and vigilance, which is based around the right policies and procedures being in place, and is not based on assumptions. All this is in place to a considerable degree where vigilance is key and with the support from all the members of the church.

Kirstin Bosley
Parish Safeguarding Officer

CHURCH MUSIC REPORT

The choir continues to support the musical offering at the church, and also sings at occasional evensongs at Woolbeding in the summer months. The Christmas Carol Service remains a highlight of the year. Two new members have joined the choir during the year. We were saddened by the death of John Dier in December. John had a great appreciation and extensive knowledge of church music and had been a faithful member of the choir for many years.

The music team looks forward to supporting the new incumbent in developing the worship in the coming months.

Paul Legrave
Director of Music

HOUSE GROUP REPORTS

RUSSELL COURT GROUP

This group meets on Monday afternoons, fortnightly in term time, starting at 2.00 p.m. We aim to finish the discussion by 3.15, but stay on for tea and cake/biscuits afterwards. The topics for discussion are usually Bible based by request, and this year spent much of the time discussing our way through the lovely letter of Paul to the Ephesians, with a short study of the Prophet Amos. We plan to discuss next the Big Church Read on the Kingdom of God as portrayed in Matthew's Gospel. If you would like to

come and join the group you would be very welcome. As Gordon is no longer with us we will have to find a new home to meet away from Russell Court. We are looking for someone to host the group (a room to seat 6 to 8 of us). Contact Jonathan or Alison Watson for further information (Tel 01730 816145).

TUESDAY EVENING GROUP

This group meets on Zoom on Tuesday evenings around 8.00 pm, also fortnightly during term time. If you would like to join the group you would be very welcome. Contact Lillian (Tel 07950 230110) for further information.

Jonathan Watson

BELL RINGERS' REPORT

For much of the last year we have been able to maintain the pattern of ringing that has been established for a number of years, albeit with fewer ringers than we would have liked. The interruption of ringing due to Covid restrictions has gone, but as was to be expected several of our older ringers have not returned to regular ringing. Luckily however we have several new recruits and have accordingly been able to ring all six bells on a regular basis. We normally alternate both our practices and our Sunday ringing with Easebourne since we have insufficient ringers to ring both towers simultaneously. Of late we have been holding additional practices on Tuesday evenings to allow intensive training of new ringers.

Maintenance of the bells has been attended to as necessary. No major problems have arisen so maintenance has been largely limited to periodically checking over the fittings for soundness and adjusting the ropes when required.

We did however re-grease the bearings when ringing re-started after the relaxing of Covid restrictions, and we have recently repaired some of the wire netting in the tower which is intended to exclude birds, and we have removed eight sacksful of twigs and other bird debris from the bell chamber.

Nigel Goodenough

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

2022 was a very successful year for the group. During the year there were some very interesting speakers:-Julie Budge founder of 'My Sisters' House' spoke about the abuse of women within the home, Martin Roberts on 'The History of Rupert Bear' and the Revd. Sue Foster on 'Modern Day Slavery'.

Mothers' Union Corporate Communion was celebrated in February and September followed by coffee and Bring and Buy Stalls which raised money for Mothers' Union projects in this country and worldwide.

Several social events were held - tea at Lorraine's house, a Garden Party in Chrissie and Mike's beautiful garden and a coffee morning in Jane's garden to celebrate Mary Sumner Day (our Founder). The annual outing was a visit to Denman's Gardens at Fontwell. Chris Wight organised a Picture Quiz in November and in December an enjoyable Christmas lunch was held at The Unicorn, Heyshott.

Members made posies for the Mothering Sunday Service and the collection was very kindly donated to the Mothers' Union project for AFIA (Away from it all Holidays). They also served teas for the Relaxed Carol Service. Many members serve the church in numerous other roles.

The group plays an active part in the District and Diocesan Meetings. Two members sit on the Chichester District Committee. Members take an active part in M.U. Diocesan Prayer Chain. The group hosted the Annual District Eucharist Festival at Midhurst Church led by our vicar Dave. The group would like to thank Dave for all the support he gave us during his time at Midhurst and he was presented with a painting of Midhurst when we said farewell to him.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the year so rewarding and may our prayers help us to journey forward into 2023 and for the group to grow in commitment and service to the work of the Mothers' Union and its 4 million members worldwide.

Jane Simpson

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

At Midhurst Parish Church the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (the vicar), the assistant curate, churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met seven times during the year, with an average level of attendance of 77%. This included two special meetings to discuss the Parish Profile document to advertise the incumbent vacancy. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees (teams) each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

During 2022 these teams were:

- Finance, Fabric and Fundraising
- Pastoral
- Friends of Midhurst Parish Church
- Health and Safety

Teams meet as necessary and report back to the PCC with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Midhurst Parish Church is situated in Church Hill, Midhurst. It is part of the Diocese of Chichester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:

The Parish Office, St Ann's Hall, St Ann's Hill, Midhurst, GU29 9NN.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and has the charity number 1194217.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent The Revd. David Willis (Chair until July 2022)
- Assistant Curate The Revd. Jane Roberts
- Reader Mr Mike Abbott (Deanery Synod Rep.)
- Churchwardens Mr Gerry Randall (Vice Chair)
 Mr Barry Semark

Elected members:

- Mrs Lorraine Graham
- Mrs Kirstin Bosley (Safeguarding Officer)
- Mrs Jenny Dennett (Deanery Synod Rep.)
- Mr Kevin Jones
- Mrs Barbara Moss
- Mr Martin Roberts (PCC Secretary & Deanery Synod Rep.)
- Mr Dominic Singleton
- Mr Edward Symonds (Treasurer)
- Mrs Margaret Langridge
- Mrs Geraldine Thomson
- Mr James Yeates
- Ms Lillian Zwarts
- Mrs Alison Windle
- Mrs Susan Widdup

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND ACCOUNTS

The Financial Review and Accounts are provided in a separate document available alongside this report.

Approved by the PCC on 9th March 2023, and signed on their behalf by Mr Gerry Randall (PCC Acting Chair).

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST MARY MAGDALENE & ST DENYS CHURCH, MIDHURST**

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St. Mary Magdalene & St Denys Church, Church Hill, Midhurst

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ST MARY MAGDALENE & ST DENYS CHURCH, MIDHURST**

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Year Ended 31 December

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<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>			
Planned Giving		40,603	44,188
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Gift Aid Received		12,574	8,867
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Envoy		3,310	-
Legacies & Large Donations	5	10,386	110,000
		<u>77,596</u>	<u>176,050</u>
<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds</i>			
Fundraising Income (Gross)	950		272
Less: Fundraising Expenses	-	950	272
		<u>950</u>	<u>272</u>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>			
Fees		1,198	1,181
<i>Receipts from investments</i>			
Interest & Dividends		1,351	1,057
TOTAL INCOME		<u>81,095</u>	<u>178,559</u>

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Honoraria		7,197	6,416
Utilities		2,492	2,183
Clergy Costs	6	3,793	2,278
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Maintenance		3,537	2,862
Quinquennial Inspection		1,793	-
Broadband Installation		-	1,600
IT Equipment		-	540
Printing and Stationery		3,543	3,258
Office Equipment		640	594
Telephone & Broadband		320	727
Website		2,254	577
Insurances		2,794	2,711
Professional Fees		372	360
All other expenses		2,455	2,822
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		93,114	84,669
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(12,019)	93,890
Fund brought forward		173,054	79,164
Transfers to Reserves		(40,000)	-
Fund carried forward		121,035	173,054

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Restricted and Designated Fund Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December

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<i>Building Fund</i>			
Designated Bank Account at 1 January		30,265	30,265
Transfer from Unrestricted Reserve		5,000	-
VAT Grant		-	-
Major Expenditure		(5,000)	-
Designated Bank Account 31 December		30,265	30,265
<i>Youth Worker Fund</i>			
Restricted/Designated Bank Account at 1 January		17,868	40,079
Restricted Receipts		15,217	7,902
Transfer from Unrestricted Reserve		30,000	-
Expenses - per Schedule attached		(32,322)	(30,114)
Restricted/Designated Bank Account 31 December		30,762	17,868
<i>Bell Tower Fund</i>			
Restricted Bank Account at 1 January		1,609	4,321
Restricted Donations		200	-
Expenditure		(215)	(2,712)
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Expenditure		-	(220)
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Restricted Bank Account 1 January		11,992	10,022
Restricted Donations		2,825	3,130
Gift Aid Received		634	600
Interest Received		36	1
Contributions towards major repairs		-	(1,762)
Restricted Bank Account 31 December		15,486	11,992

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Restricted and Designated Fund Receipts and Payments Accounts - continued

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Youth Work			
Restricted Bank Account 1 January		786	1,466
Income		-	200
Payments		(147)	(880)
Restricted Bank Account 31 December		640	786
Charitable Giving			
Restricted Bank Account 1 January		1,616	20
Receipts - Appeals and collections	7	5,033	4,945
Payments - Appeals and collections		(6,649)	(3,349)
Restricted Bank Account 31 December		-	1,616
Parish Hall Fund			
Designated Bank Account 1 January		6,128	8,414
Income		886	20
		7,014	8,434
Expenses			
Utilities		(645)	(563)
Insurance		(158)	(119)
Repairs		(102)	-
Rent and Rates		(1,663)	(1,623)
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Income		9,550	-
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Acting Chairman,

Date



2/5/2023

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Signed
Date


04.05.23

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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