

**Sisters of Jesus Way**  
**Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021**

**Aims and Purposes**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact.

Teaching the Christian faith.

**Community**

As we went into September we were still redecorating Redacre after the rewiring. The chapel still needed some building work but we were able to use it for prayers. Our first Service and first full Eucharist took place in October with Rev Nikki Eastwood officiating. It was a great joy to be back in our chapel and we were delighted that carpet, limestone and paintwork all toned in beautifully. Our angel windows were replaced by three oak window frames either side of the cross and plain glass was fitted awaiting the stained glass windows that were being made for us by Pendle Stained Glass Ltd. We were delighted with the oak frames and the clear views of our garden. The stained glass windows of the rising sun were fitted in April. We have added two rooms. One has enabled us to have socially distanced worship and the other has given us a store room/flower arranging room thus freeing up space in the chapel itself.

One of the highlights of our year was the Thanksgiving and Dedication of our chapel in February. Bishop Keith was with us for this occasion and that gave us the opportunity to say farewell to him prior to his retirement and we were able to express our thanks to him for his fatherly care of us. The Service was led by our vicar, Rev Nikki Eastwood. Covid restrictions were still in place and we were only able to invite three people.

Five Sisters were invited to attend Bishop Keith's Farewell Service at Chester Cathedral in March and to sing two songs at his request. They went the day before to record these for this Service. It was sad for us but we rejoiced for him and Rosie in his retirement.

Following Bishop Keith's retirement, Bishop Mark Tanner was appointed as the diocesan Bishop of Chester and he agreed to become our new Bishop Guardian. He was officially welcomed with a Service of Blessing in May. Two Sisters attended his Enthronement at Chester Cathedral in June.

Our Advent and Christmas celebrations were severely disrupted, with no Advent Retreats and no carol singing at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre because of the pandemic.

As lockdown eased we were able to welcome 6 guests by invitation for Pentecost. We also had the visit of a Sister from St Anselm's community living and working with us for two weeks.

We were able to attend the ARC conference by Zoom in April. Two sisters shared about our community life.

We welcomed a few guests by invitation during June, and in July as Covid restrictions were lifted we were able to book in up to six people for overnight stays.

Two Sisters attended the installation service of Rev Alex Williams, the new Rector of St. Bridget's church.

Our helpers returned but Brother Glyn, our Follower of the Lamb, who had locked down with us, returned to his flat. He continued to come in by days to help us.

### **Ministry**

As can be seen from the above our ministry to guests was greatly curtailed during the year. We continued with our prayer ministry but had to cancel our Cancer Friends Together support group. We have been requested to start this up again but with our strict Covid restrictions and the vulnerability of those needing support we have not felt able to do this.

Morrisons have continued to gift us fruit and vegetables, bread and cake for distribution to the underprivileged or those in special need. We have been grateful for those who have come and helped us to distribute these each week. Many people have been blessed by this ministry and we thank Morrisons for their generosity.

**Safeguarding** A considerable amount of time has been spent on this during the past year. We are grateful to our Designated Safeguarding Person for help in this and especially for the writing of policies which we have been able to read and which are now ready for signing by the Bridal Sisters Meeting.

**Constitution.** The updating of this was in order to meet the requirements of the new Canon Law D1 in time for the re-registration necessary for all Anglican Communities. It was completed in June. This was a bigger task than we envisaged but gave us the opportunity to look in detail at it and make amendments where necessary. There were two main additions, Safeguarding and the duties of the Bishop Guardian. Copies have been sent to Father Colin and Bishop Mark. We received a Declaration of Registration as a Religious Community in the Church of England on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

**Website.** The website badly needs bringing up to date. Our website counter again stopped working and the number recorded from March was 4388.

**Followers of the Lamb.** A retreat for Followers was held during June. We had to limit this to 6. In fact we received four Followers. It was a joy to have them staying again and it was a special time for each of them. Sister Florence continues as the Followers' Sister.

**Hermitage.** We were able to use our hermitage as lockdown eased. This is proving a special blessing for a quick get-away for renewal and sleep. A shed was purchased but some landscaping still needs to be done.

**Finance.** A copy of the financial report is attached and we are grateful for the work that sister Louise has done in preparing the balance sheet and writing the report. We are also grateful to Mr Tim Pugh who, as our independent examiner, has examined the accounts and helped in the presentation of the balance sheet and annual report on activities for the Charity Commissioners.

**Risk Assessments.** A Covid Risk Assessment and a Fire Risk Assessment were prepared prior to opening up again to visitors. We received guests from May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Equipment.** A tall domestic fridge was bought for Redacre Kitchen to replace the one that ceased to work. We also replaced our commercial gas dryer.

**Garden.** A considerable amount of work was done in terms of landscaping. New fences were put in place and new paths were made. All the beech trees were lopped and the trees facing the road were lopped or cut back. We had a good harvest of fruit and vegetables.

**Building work.** Necessary roof repairs were carried out and fascia boards around Bethany were replaced with uPVC. Repairs to Bethany boiler were done.

**Redacre House.** Private accommodation was made for the Brothers who now have their own separate apartment. Two bedrooms were made into one giving us another twin bedded room with en suite accommodation. All the rooms were fitted with hospitality trays. Social distancing was arranged in Dining Room and Lounge. All doors were upgraded to fire regulations. Other expenditure included the replacement of the back stair carpet in Redacre.

**Bethany.** False ceilings were installed in two rooms in Bethany.

### **Structure and Governance**

The annual General Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the following appointments were made:

**Property Trustees:** Sisters Sylvia, Hazel and Florence as the appointed Trustees

**Little Sister:** Sister Sylvia's term continues until 2022

**Companion Sister:** Sister Hazel's term continues until 2022

**Secretary:** A Bridal Sister is appointed at each Bridal Sisters' meeting

**Treasurer:** Sister Louise was reappointed for the coming year.

**Administrator:** Sister Louise was reappointed.

**Designated Safeguarding Person:** Mrs Christine Allen was reappointed.

**Bishop Guardian:** Following Bishop Keith's retirement in March, Bishop Mark Tanner, Diocesan Bishop of Chester agreed to be Bishop Guardian. A Service of Blessing was held in our Chapel in May 2021.

### **Future Needs**

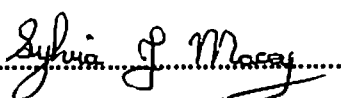
Blinds are needed for the Velux windows in Bethany and the chapel and for all the front bedrooms in Redacre.

There is still some landscaping to do.

The outside painting of Redacre.

New electric fire for carer's bedroom

Updating of Website

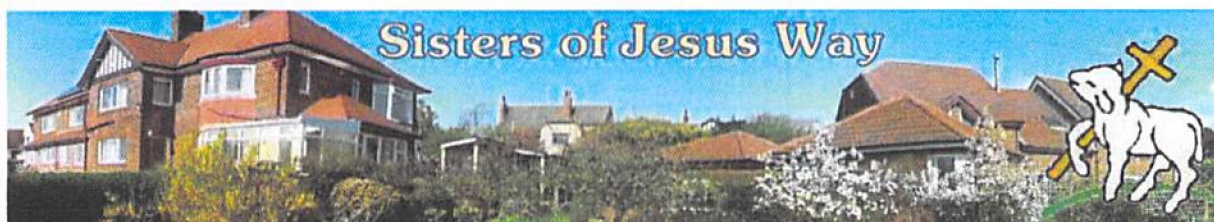
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# **Sisters of Jesus Way**

## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2021  
Registered Charity No. 509284



**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

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## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2021**

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2021.

#### **Trust**

The Sisters of Jesus Way was established on the 6th November 1979, its registered charity number is 509284.

#### **Objectives**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact. The consequence of this is that spiritual refreshment is brought to those who are in need of rest and renewal, encouragement is given to the discouraged and comfort is brought to the distressed.

The Christian faith is taught enabling others to enter into, or deepen their trust in God, thus effecting a strengthening of Christian values in society.

#### **Activities**

We receive guests into our house for times of quiet and refreshment. We lead bible studies for small groups and lead quiet days. Small groups use the house to be together for planning, prayer and a time to be together away. We lead weekends with various themes such as a walking weekend, quiet weekend and at the major Christian festivals such as Easter. For most of this year, Redacre continued to be closed to visitors due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, with a reopening in the last quarter on a restricted basis.

#### **Financial Review**

We have appreciated help that has been given us this last year by many friends. This has been both practical and monetary. We are given many gifts in kind, especially from our visitors and from a local supermarket; we are grateful to all those who have helped us, in any way.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £264,765, most of which had come from large bequests and exceptional gifts received in the year 2018-19. This money allowed us to complete the refurbishment and extension of the Chapel. The total cost of this work, over three financial years, has been £120,444. Other significant expenditure this year has been: the lopping and trimming of 23 beech trees and five conifers in our garden (£4,675); the fitting of false ceilings in three rooms in Bethany to improve soundproofing (£8,896); the upgrading of our fire precautions in both houses (£8,476); the completion of the rewiring of Redacre (£3,000, costing a total of £28,186 over two financial years); further landscaping of the garden near Bethany (£3,070); and the completion of separate Brothers' Quarters in Redacre (£2,995, costing a total of £5,430 over three financial years). The replacing of fascia boards and the merging of two guest rooms into one larger room, plus other minor alterations, came to £7,271, and repairs to Redacre roof cost £1,650. The old commercial gas dryer was replaced at a cost of £1,492. Carpets in Redacre and the Chapel and blinds in both houses and the Chapel cost £1,235 (further blinds will be required).

## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

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#### **Review continued**

For most of this year, Redacre continued to be closed to visitors due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. We reopened in the last quarter on a restricted basis. Nevertheless, we are pleased to report that the Heavenly Father continued to provide for us. Gifts came to £66,175, a similar level to last year and the sale of one of our cars raised £5,400. There were no large gifts or bequests.

Total receipts came to £101,013 (2020: £80,274) of which £21,331 was earmarked for the care of a disabled Sister (2020: £nil). If this amount is excluded, receipts came to £79,682.

No bequests (2020: £nil) or one off significant donations were received in the year (2020: £nil); ordinary gifts totalled £66,175 (2020: £67,791).

The ordinary running expenses came to £70,812 (2020: £58,547). The largest item was the cost of night care for our disabled Sister totalling £17,464 (2020: £nil). If this is excluded, day-to-day payments came to £53,348.

Household expenditure came to £14,515 (2020: £15,330), a reduction from the previous two years. The lower visitor numbers will have contributed to this. Utilities (water, gas and electricity) cost £12,036 (2020: £10,432). We had been undercharged in the previous year and so the arrears were cleared this year, accounting for the higher figure. Utility costs are unlikely to fall with energy costs set to rise significantly in the coming year.

Early in the year one of our three Skoda Fabias was sold for £5,400, thus bringing down the vehicle running costs, along with the cars being used less during the Coronavirus lockdown period. Insurance and Council Tax both saw small increases.

The cash and bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 totalled £201,580 (2020: £264,765) which is deposited with the CBF Church of England Funds, CAF Bank and the NatWest Bank.

We give thanks to the Heavenly Father, and to all who have supported us, that we have finished the year in a healthy financial position.

#### **The Future**

Our projects for this coming year include:

- Blinds are required for the Velux windows in Bethany and the chapel and for all front bedrooms in Redacre.
- Completion of landscaping.
- The outside painting of Redacre.
- New electric fire for carer's bedroom
- Updating of website.

## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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#### **Trustees**

We are grateful to our Trustees who have served during the course of the year:-

Sister Sylvia Macey

Sister Hazel Ross

Sister Florence Berger

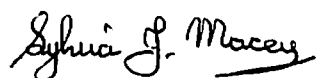
#### **Accountability**

We are an Anglican Community.

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### **PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND CONTACT**

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**Sister Sylvia Joan Macey**

Trustee

Date 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022



# **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Gifts	66,175	67,791
Gifts - restricted	21,331	-
40th Anniversary	-	1,455
	<b>87,506</b>	<b>69,246</b>
Tax refund	2,781	5,364
Solar energy	1,217	1,186
Booklets and cards	29	230
CDs	58	280
Books	104	224
Sale of Motor Vehicle	5,400	-
Other income	3,459	1,615
Interest receivable	459	2,129
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>101,013</b>	<b>80,274</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Household costs	14,515	15,330
Donations	2,760	2,540
Office and Ministry	887	6,022
Car Insurance and running costs	6,068	7,601
Repairs, servicing, decoration	2,121	3,110
Helpers expenses	245	735
Council Tax	3,566	3,405
Post, telephone and internet	2,918	1,956
Utilities	12,036	10,432
Building and Other Insurance	4,164	4,050
Annual Fees Hermitage	3,966	3,300
Care Costs for Sister	17,464	-
Bank charges	102	66
<b>Total running costs of houses</b>	<b>70,812</b>	<b>58,547</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
Chapel	48,531	70,637
Household works, furnishing and equipment	23,056	3,606
Extension Building works	-	8,262
Roof and Ramp	1,650	1,368
Hermitage setup	150	788
Redacre rewiring	3,000	25,186
Garden landscaping and trees	7,745	-
Fire and COVID Precautions	9,254	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>164,198</b>	<b>168,394</b>
<b>Excess of Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>(63,185)</b>	<b>(88,120)</b>

**Sister Sylvia Joan Macey**  
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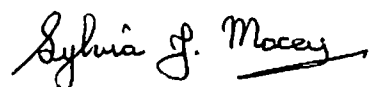
**February 2022**

# SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

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	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Cash and Bank	<u>201,580</u>	<u>264,765</u>
	201,580	264,765
Creditors – Accruals	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>201,580</u>	<u>264,765</u>
<b>Reserves:</b>		
General fund b/fwd	264,765	352,885
Movement during year	(63,185)	(88,120)
<b>General fund c/fwd</b>	<u>201,580</u>	<u>264,765</u>



**Sister Sylvia Joan Macey**  
Trustee

10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report on the Financial Statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2021 as set out on pages 6 and 7.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Trust is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. In accordance with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission, It considers that an audit is not required. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified by the Charity Commission, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

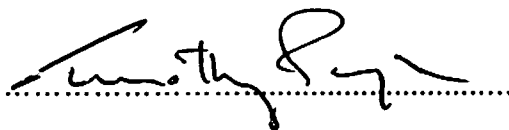
#### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the guidance given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeks explanations concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Financial Statements.

#### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention that gave cause to believe otherwise than that the Financial Statements accord with the accounting records of the Trust and that those records satisfy the requirements of the Charity Commission. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order that a proper understanding of the Financial Statements can be reached.

Signed by the Independent  
Examiner.....



14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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