

Sisters of Jesus Way
Annual Report
For the year ended 31st Aug 2022

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

From September 2022 we were able to open up the house more fully to guests and during the year we received guests for up to four days, day guests and groups.

Our first Retreat weekend majored in on our harvest under the title of "Our Generous God". Some of our produce was displayed under the cross in our chapel as we sang hymns and songs, giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for our harvest. We had our usual Advent celebrations on two weekends at the beginning of Advent and our always popular New Year Celebration. Other retreats included a Quiet Weekend and two Quiet Days. We invited people to join us for our Easter programme which ran from Maundy Thursday with Gethsemane Prayer, Good Friday as we followed the Way of the Cross, Holy Saturday with an Easter vigil and Easter Sunday early morning worship and later Easter Praise which took place in the garden and street. This was shared with guests and neighbours.

This year we had a Pentecost Weekend when we looked at the Sevenfold Gifts of the Spirit, and a Praise and Walking Weekend, when our guests were able to enjoy our lovely coast and parks. The second Praise and Walking Weekend had to be cancelled because 6 out of 8 Community members went down with Covid.

We enjoyed a cream tea with our cancer support group, the first for two years or more, and a barbecue in August, but we were not able to continue with fortnightly meetings.

One Sister now needing full time care is looked after in the daytime by another Sister who has been assisted by one of our Followers. We pay for three nights of care and the other nights are shared between four Sisters.

The most significant event came at the end of August when the baton of leadership was handed over to two new Leaders, Sister Hazel and Sister Louise. This took place within the context of a service of Holy Communion led by Rev Nikki Eastwood and with the full support of the whole Community. A Commissioning Service was planned for November 2022 when our Bishop Guardian has agreed to be present.

Our Solicitor, Mark Brown dealt with the legal side of the transfer of leadership and also did Power of Attorney for four of the Sisters. We are grateful to Mark for all his help during the year and for his advice on the selling of a bungalow of which we were part beneficiaries.

Two Sisters were able to be present for the 75th Anniversary of the Evangelical Sisters of Mary in Darmstadt, Germany, in June. We welcomed Sister Sally from the Community at Mucknell in September and Sister Catherine of the Sisters of the Church in February. Sister Hazel took part in a celebration at Foxhill for two Melanesian bishops. We continue our link with the Sisters of Melanesia and were able to contribute a little towards the building of their new chapel.

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We did safeguarding training under the direction of our Designated Safeguarding Person and we all completed a DBS check. We had a visit from Health and Safety and after inspection of kitchen and records, we received a top rating of 5. We had fire training from a fire consultant.

We had 13,443 hits on our website. The website needs updating in the near future.

Finance, Maintenance & Equipment

See separate Year End Financial Accounts and Report. In a year in which there have been great economic challenges in the UK and the throughout the world, we are again overwhelmed at how the Heavenly Father has looked after us.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £201,580, most of which had come from bequests received in a previous year (2018-19). In August 2022 we received a further bequest, from the estate of the late Robert Watson, brother of Sister Marie. This amounted to £138,553. Normal receipts over the year came to £90,689. Normal running expenses came to £76,943, and exceptional expenditure came to £45,831. The year ended with a cash and bank balance of £308,048.

We replaced both our cars with the aim of reducing running costs; the new cars are again Skoda Fabias. Large sections of the outside of Redacre were painted in October and July. Prior to painting a small amount of building maintenance was required. We purchased a marquee to make it easier to host events in the garden. Blinds were fitted in the bedrooms in Redacre, in the Chapel and parts of Bethany. The Chapel entrance doors were fitted with glass sandblasted with the angel design, replicating the previous doors. Following the fire risk assessment some adjustments were made to the building. The fire control panel in Redacre was replaced due to age; thumb turn locks and special door closers were fitted to some of our fire doors. Landscaping our garden after building work continued, although more slowly than we had hoped.

In view of the rising cost of energy it was decided to purchase three oil-filled electric radiators, one for Bethany, one for Redacre, and one to be shared. This was to save us heating the whole of Redacre when we only had one or two guests and to enable the heating in the extension in Bethany to be turned off when the rooms were not in use. One of these would also enable the carer's room to have heating through the night.

Followers of the Lamb

Two Retreats were held during the year. Sue Morris was received for a probationary year as a Follower of the Lamb. It was noted that some of our Followers are now elderly and not able to help us as often as previously. In view of the fact that we still did not have the Minutes of the early days of the Followers, Sister Anne agreed to try to form a history from Commitment Services.

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Structure and Governance

The annual General Meeting was held on 10th November 2021 and the following appointments were made:

<u>Property Trustees:</u>	Sisters Sylvia, Hazel and Florence as the appointed Trustees
<u>Little Sister (Leader):</u>	Sister Sylvia until end of August 2022
<u>Companion Sister (Assistant Leader):</u>	Sister Hazel until end of August 2022
<u>Secretary:</u>	A Bridal Sister is appointed at each Bridal Sisters' meeting
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Sister Louise was reappointed for the coming year.
<u>Administrator:</u>	Sister Louise was reappointed.
<u>Designated Safeguarding Person:</u>	Mrs Christine Allen was reappointed.
<u>Bishop Guardian:</u>	Bishop Mark Tanner was reappointed.

A special meeting was held on 18th May 2022 to appoint new leadership, as Sister Sylvia and Sister Hazel were approaching the end of their term of office. Sister Hazel was appointed as the new Little Sister (Leader) Designate and Sister Louise as the new Companion Sister (Assistant Leader) Designate, to commence their terms of office from 1st September 2022.

From 1st September 2022 Sister Louise was appointed as a new Trustee.

Future Needs

The following works need completing:

- Blinds are needed for the Velux windows in Bethany and the chapel.
- Completing the outside painting of Redacre building.
- Updating of Website.
- Upgrading our telephone lines from copper to SIP ahead of the national PSTN Switch Off. Maintenance of our internal telephone system.
- Completion of landscaping.
- Completion of plumbing works.

Sister Hazel Ross
Trustee

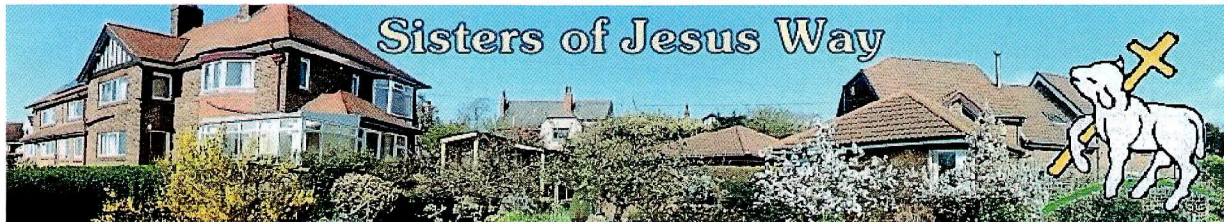
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25th March 2023

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2022
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 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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. From September 2021, we were able to open Redacre more fully receiving guests for up to four days as well as day guests and groups. This is more fully detailed in the Annual Report.

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 are grateful to all those who have helped us, in any way.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £201,580, most of which had come from bequests received in a previous year (2018-19). In August 2022 a further bequest was received, from the estate of the late Robert Watson, brother of Sister Marie. This amounted to £138,553. No other exceptional gifts were received during the year.

Income, excluding the bequest, came to £90,689 (2021: £101,013). As usual, the major part of this amount was made up of gifts, i.e. £59,943 (2021: £66,175); these were down on the previous two years, perhaps reflecting the general cost-of-living crisis. An additional £13,437 (2021: £21,331) was received towards care for a disabled Sister. Gift Aid boosted our receipts by a further £4,530 (2021: £2,781). One of our vehicles was sold, raising an additional £5,000 (2021: £5,400) and energy from the solar panels brought in £3,108 (2021: £2,781); this amount covers five quarters as the final reading for the previous financial year was submitted late.

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Review continued

Normal running expenses came to £76,943 (2021: £70,812) over the year. Household expenditure was back up to a pre-Covid level. We are pleased to report that guest numbers are beginning to recover, but we no longer take as many visitors at any one time. The Household expenditure figure reflects the increase in costs.

During the year three flights were made to attend the 70th anniversary of the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary in Germany; included with Gift receipts was a specific donation to offset some of the costs of air travel. The increase in Utility costs was primarily due to gas and electricity costs increasing by about £2,800; water rates remained level. The cars were in normal use and again there was an increase in the cost of fuel. Helpers returned after lockdown.

Other expenditure totalled £45,831 primarily due to the replacement of both our cars with the aim of reducing running costs. This came to £29,400. The other large item was the external painting of Redacre (road-facing) in October and Redacre (garden-facing) in July. This came to £9,603, of which the major part was the hire of scaffolding, owing to the shape of the building. Prior to painting a small amount of building maintenance was required (£1,510). The two ends of the property and the front gable are to be painted in the next financial year. Smaller items included the purchase of a marquee (£1,035) to make it easier to host events in the garden. Blinds were fitted in the bedrooms in Redacre, in the Chapel and parts of Bethany (£1,125). The Chapel entrance doors were fitted with glass sandblasted with the angel design, replicating the previous doors (£924). The fire control panel in Redacre was replaced due to age; thumb turn locks and special door closers were fitted to some of our fire doors (£914).

The year ended with a cash and bank balance of £308,048. This was held as follows: CBF Church of England deposit account (£276,319), CAF Bank reserve account (£24,272), CAF Bank current account (£5,460), NatWest current account (£441), NatWest reserve account (£7), cash (£1,549).

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.
- Completion of landscaping.
- The outside painting of Redacre.
- Updating of website
- Upgrading our telephone lines from copper to SIP ahead of the national PSTN Switch Off. Maintenance of our internal telephone system.
- Completion of plumbing works..

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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

Sister Louise Coward was appointed a Trustee from 1st September 2022.

Accountability

We are a Recognised Anglican Religious Community.

Bishop Mark Tanner, Diocesan Bishop of Chester is the Bishop Guardian.

PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND CONTACT

Bankers:	Sisters of Jesus Way
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Sister Hazel Ross

H. Ross

Date 25th March 2023

Trustee

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Income		
Gifts	59,943	66,175
Gifts - restricted	13,437	21,331
Bequest	138,553	-
	211,933	87,506
Tax refund	4,530	2,781
Solar energy	3,108	1,217
Booklets and cards	139	29
CDs	195	58
Books	215	104
Sale of Motor Vehicle	5,000	5,400
Other income	3,565	3,459
Interest receivable	557	459
Total income	229,242	101,013
Expenditure		
Household costs	17,288	14,515
Travel and Accommodation	2,160	-
Donations	2,320	2,760
Office and Ministry	786	887
Car Insurance and running costs	7,903	6,068
Repairs, servicing, decoration	2,488	2,121
Helpers expenses	1,260	245
Council Tax	3,708	3,566
Post, telephone and internet	2,681	2,918
Utilities	14,858	12,036
Building and Other Insurance	4,687	4,164
Annual Fees Hermitage	4,238	3,966
Care Costs for Sister	12,442	17,464
Bank charges	124	102
Total running costs of houses	76,943	70,812
Other expenditure		
Chapel	924	48,531
Outside Painting (Redacre)	9,603	-
Household works, furnishing and equipment	3,382	23,056
Purchase of cars	29,400	-
Roof and Ramp	-	1,650
Hermitage setup	200	150
Redacre rewiring	-	3,000
Garden marquee, landscaping and trees	1,408	7,745
Fire and COVID Precautions	914	9,254
	45,831	93,386
Total expenditure	122,774	164,198
Excess of Income / (Expenditure)	106,468	(63,185)

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	2022 £	2021 £
Balance Sheet		
Cash and Bank	<u>308,048</u>	<u>201,580</u>
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Creditors – Accruals	-	-
Net assets	<u>308,048</u>	<u>201,580</u>
Reserves:		
General fund b/fwd	201,580	264,765
Movement during year	106,468	(63,185)
General fund c/fwd	<u>308,048</u>	<u>201,580</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the Financial Statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2022 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
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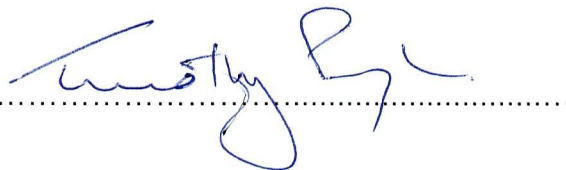
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