

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

Of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St James' Church, Alderholt

St James' Church, Daggons Rd, Alderholt, Dorset. SP6 3DN

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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St James, Alderholt

Trustees Annual Report for 2022

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Simon Woodley, 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
- Inspiring us to Love God and Love our Neighbour
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

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 council 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:

- We enable as many people as possible to worship in our church
- We offer services of worship to God:
- We promote the gospel and pray that more may find life and faith in Jesus Christ:
- We engage in evangelism and outreach to the parish in various ways:
- We provide and maintain buildings and grounds:
- We provide tangible pastoral and financial support to the poor and needy:
- We support other charities who work with people in need; locally, nationally and worldwide.
- We foster good practices in taking care of God's world

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

We enable as many people as possible to worship in our church

Usual Sunday attendance	- 44
Worshipping congregation	- Total 139
Age 0-10	- 27
Age 11-17	- 13
Age 18-69	- 51
Age 70+	- 48

During the year we had 26 people join us, and we lost 18.

Electoral roll 125 – added 1 , lost 2

Easter services	– 161
Christmas Services	– 154.
Other Christmas services	– 163.
Christmas Day and Christmas Eve	– 145

We offer services of worship to God

Weekly pattern –

Every Sunday at 8.00am - BCP communion service.

1st Sunday

10:30am - Informal Service in Church

(with Sunday Club for children 4-10 and Sofa sessions for young people 10-14)

2nd Sunday

10:30am - Communion in Church

(with Sunday Club for children 4-10 and Sofa sessions for young people 10-14)

3rd Sunday

10am - Messy Church in Alderholt Village Hall

(For all ages, starts with a full English breakfast.)

4th Sunday

10:30 - Communion in Church

(with Sunday Club for children 4-10 and Sofa sessions for young people 10-14)

4:00pm - Evensong

In 2022 we had 4 Weddings and 1 Wedding Blessing.

Attendance at special services:

Queen's Memorial Service – 43 people

School commissioning Service – 75 people

Harvest service – 59 people

Remembrance Service – 250 people

We promote the gospel and pray that more may find life and faith in Jesus Christ

Messy Church

Our move in 2021 to the Village Hall has proved a great success and numbers have steadily increased from 40 to 80. Zoe Martin (our children and families worker) has brought in more families and under 5's, and we have had to adapt to cope, and expanded the craft team. We have covered topics from Angels to Toilet Twinning, Money to the 3 "lost" parables, sung songs, prayed and generally felt like a real church.

House Groups

Sally Tointon's group has met fortnightly, and studied "The Bible Course" on DVD. This helped us understand how the books, characters and events fit together to form one big story, and gave tools and skills to help apply the Bible to everyday life.

"It increases our faith and understanding of our walk with Jesus"

Mary

Les and Jean Sacre's group met once a month, looking at a variety of subjects ranging from - 'Should we try to learn something new everyday?' to a 'Study of Psalm 46'. We are at capacity when we all attend, and there is always a good and lively discussion.

" I wouldn't manage life without it"

Angie

Baptisms

During the year we had 10 baptism services and 1 thanksgiving service. Families are visited before hand by Zoe, and receive a magazine. They also get an anniversary card.

Lent Course

We followed a USPG course on Living Stones, Living Hope - looking at different ways of doing theology around the world. The course was offered during the day as well as the evening, and online, with about 20 attending in total.

Jacob Course

In the Autumn, Simon did a 3 evening course on the Jacob story. This was very poorly attended, so the material was recycled into a sermon series in 2023.

We engage in evangelism and outreach to the parish in various ways

Children and Families Worker

Little Jim's Baby & Toddler Group

This is held at St. James' First School & Nursery every Friday 10-11.30am during term time, offering playtime, crafts, stories & refreshments. Whilst the children play, the grown ups have an opportunity to make friends and bond over the complexities & challenges of parenthood and enjoy a coffee and some homemade cake. Our youngest members

"I just wanted to say thank you for helping my son come out of his Comfort zone he is doing amazing at your group"

Emma

learn new skills with weekly crafts & sensory play, such as painting, cake decorating, potato printing & paper modelling. We have seen a large increase in attendance over the last few months, ably facilitated by parent helpers when needed.

In 2022 we have also added Holiday Jims' sessions at the Church Hall during the Summer Break and a Christmas Party.

Sunday Club & Sofa Sessions

Sundays during term time, for 3-11 year olds.

Sofa Sessions, which started in September, for those aged 10-14 years.

Assisted by our enthusiastic volunteer helpers, we read & discuss Bible Stories from both the Old & New Testament and follow up with a related craft and some fun games and activities. We have examined important issues such as the Environment & Climate Change, as well as baking cakes, making

Christmas decorations and constructing sock puppets. At the heart of this group, our youngest Church members demonstrate friendship and team work through play and discussion.

“Sunday Club is cool, because we see our friends and talk about interesting things. We have fun, and the grown ups have fun too!”

Hamish

Training

I attended a workshop course last year with Salisbury Diocese, meeting with other Children & Family Workers, clergy and volunteers to discuss and work on methods for running groups aimed at young children.

PCC Reports, Donations & Expenditure

I provide a report every other month for the PCC detailing my work. This year I have bought a new change table for the Church Hall and a water play table for Little Jim's which has proved very popular.

Holiday Clubs

This last year saw the introduction of Holiday Clubs aimed at 5-11 olds as well as a longer version of Little Jim's, all based up at the Church Hall during the Summer Holidays. With the help of some enthusiastic volunteers, we provided games, activities, crafts, baking, movies and outdoor fun for the older group for entire days. They proved very popular & successful!

“Snacks ‘n’ chats”

2022 saw some big changes in our support and outreach to teenagers. From January until July, we ran a fortnightly ‘vestry group’ on Sunday evenings for 10 -18 year olds. The group explored the Bible and topics whilst also having fun activities.

As we lost leaders and attendance dwindled a rethink became necessary. Consulting with the young people it was decided to split the group from September. The younger half became Sofa Sessions, and the 14+ became "Snacks 'n' chats". This meets once a month on a Thursday evening at Jacky Dale's house, and Michaela helps to lead.

Focusing on the older age group allows us to have more in-depth discussions about everyone's faith, as well as providing pastoral support with issues that are more relevant to the age group. Its format is more similar to a home group than to vestry group, which we also hope will support the young people's transition to adulthood within the church.

The group feels quite fragile, as there are only 5 regular attenders, and only 2 leaders, and there have been several cancellations. However, it is providing important support and a link with some of those who most need it in society, so we are optimistic about the future of the group and look forward to 2023.

Recreate Festival

Recreate returned to the Recreation ground in April after a 2 year hiatus enforced by Covid. We had several new members on the team including Mary Love, Zoe Martin and Debbie Emsen. The week seemed to be well received by the village with record numbers coming through the door. There was the addition of tuk-tuk rides home and the use of "eco-coffee" in an effort to be more green. Some giant letters adorned the entrance and we shot fancy lights into the sky in the hope that nobody could say "oh we didn't know it was happening!" The workshops were rebranded as Messy Mornings making the link to Messy Church and this has played some part in boosting numbers once a month in the village hall.

With over 100 volunteers and 2000 people attending, it is the largest single work of outreach for St James, and our thanks go to all who contribute in so many ways.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event

Representatives of St. James' Church PCC were part of the steering committee, alongside most of the other village organisations. After 18 months of disruption due to covid it was seen as an opportunity to bring the Village together for some fun and to help promote local

organisations whilst also marking an important date for her Majesty the Queen.

The event was opened by our own St. James Giant, and Vicar Simon, leading in youngsters and families in a fancy dress parade from the

“Brilliant day, we are lucky to live in such an amazing community. Well done all”

Carla

new orchard into the stage area on the Recreation ground.

Local farmers and businesses supported the event. In addition to the stage acts and side shows there was a Fire engine, some Classic cars, a

Climbing wall, Bungee jumping. The BBQ, Ice cream, beer and drink sales, cakes, crepes and tuck shop were all well patronised. St James' church ran several side shows, games, stalls and the very popular tea tent plus a large area of toys and soft play for families with young children. Over 1,000 people attended.

Christmas Bazaar

The twofold aim of reaching out to the community as well as fund raising was fulfilled as crowds enjoyed the stalls, refreshments and entertainment by the local school and a community choir. We repeated a Children's Area with soft play for toddlers and their parents, and a crafting area for older children. The face painting station was a welcome and popular addition this year.

“ It's amazing that a small church can put on such a lovely event for the whole community to enjoy.”

Forest Edge

Our church Cafe is managed and staffed by volunteers from across our community to provide tea ,coffee, cakes, sandwiches and light lunches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 9.30am to 1.30pm. It's not easy to always be fully staffed but our volunteers are amazing and always step up to do extra shifts.

Various groups meet regularly at the cafe, including Whist and Knit and Natter. We are very proud of our 5 star hygiene rating. This winter we have also been a designated “warm space”.

Ian, one of our most regular customers, said he loves our new coffee and enjoys his bacon sandwiches, as does his Dad!

Parish Magazine

The magazine aims to provide Church news, thought provoking articles and reports on local activities, and to be a source of local information. As well as the regular parish activities, statutory information from the Parish Council, and articles about faith, this year there have been profiles of local people and organisations. We have highlighted appropriate 'National days' and events, including regular articles about the Queen's Jubilee - culminating in a bumper June edition.

We have continued to discuss environmental issues and the work of charities overseas – especially USPG. There are also more light-

“It has gone from
strength to strength”
Adrian K

hearted features, puzzles and jokes. A number of local businesses advertise in the Parish News. The Children's Pages have proved popular, with photographs and input by our local children. This showcases what the young people of Alderholt have been busy doing each month with Messy Church, Sunday Club, Little Jim's and St. James First School & Nursery.

This year Pat Gerrard stepped down as co-ordinating distributor, after many years, and was given a good send off at Forest Edge. Louise Giles has now taken over. Inflation pushed printing costs up in July, but we managed to postpone a rise in the cover price until 2023.

Thanks go to the team of 20+ deliverers who deliver to more than 400 people.

We provide and maintain buildings and grounds

Churchwardens Fabric Report

During 2022 time has been spent catching up on the small maintenance work that was unable to be completed in 2021.

The bamboo hedge along the pathway from the carpark gate to the church hall was trimmed down and cut back. The gravel pathway from church hall gate to church hall was resurfaced. A new lock has been fitted to the vestry door leading into the church.

Spotlights in the chancel have now been changed to LED bulbs, and the 5 yearly electric inspection was carried out with one advisory note. Although Roger Cutlack's term as Church Warden ends at the APCM, he has agreed to see through two large projects: the Bell Cote, and the Church Hall gutter & fascia replacement, for which we are very grateful.

Church Hall

Hall usage has continued to increase and is now nearly back to pre-covid levels. There has been a temporary repair to the guttering, a faulty electric socket in the kitchen & main hall was replaced, and the main hall was repainted. Light bulbs have been replaced when required and fire alarms checked.

Churchyard

Without our many regular Volunteers on this action group the list below would not have been achieved. Thank you, one and all.

- Flower beds tended -an ongoing job for volunteers who 'own' certain areas.
- Paths weeded – an ongoing job.
- Hedges trimmed/cut back.
- Strimming undertaken 'in house'
- Composters turned regularly. Site for slow worm crèche!
- Work on reducing the height of the Yew clump, outside the East window still ongoing
- Link with **Dorset Amphibian and Reptile Network** – we are being monitored for slow worms and grass snakes of which we have a few!
Thank you, Sheila Dyason.

- Overflow carpark maintained by our neighbour.
- Churchyard and Risk assessment updates and posted in the mower shed and large shed.
- Annual Autumn Clear Up successfully achieved with largest turn out of helpers yet. Lunch of fish pie and apple crumble went down well.

Church Flowers

2022 was an exciting year - as well as the usual festivals we had three weddings and a wedding blessing. In June we celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee using a purple and silver theme. We held a flower festival in July during our Patronal weekend, again celebrating the Queen. The church was filled with flowers and displays covering the various years of her Majesty's reign. Villagers and visitors found the photographs depicting the history of Alderholt fascinating.

We provide tangible pastoral and financial support to the poor and needy

During the year we had 7 funeral Services in Church, took 5 Services at the Crematorium, and carried out 12 burials of ashes.

After the incredible rises in the cost of food and fuel, money was distributed from the Vicar's discretionary fund to help those most affected. This fund is always available for those in any kind of need in the parish - please talk to Vicar Simon if you know of a particular situation.

Pastoral Care Team

The team provides care to the most vulnerable within the community and church family. We meet regularly to review our list and to keep each other informed of our activities. We also keep up to date with best Safeguarding practice. There are approximately 13 individuals and couples on our radar who are supported by visiting and telephone contact. After the mid week Communion service came to an end, a small team was formed to ensure that all those who requested Home Communion could do so on a monthly basis.

It's good to know that although we can't make it to Sunday services, we remain part of the church family.

We support other charities who work with people in need; locally, nationally and worldwide

Children's Society

In our fundraising we held our usual events - a September Coffee Morning, Collecting Boxes, Les's sale of Christmas Cards, and the Christingle Service. In addition the Lunch Club kindly donated their funds as they were closing down, and a collection in memory of Sue Walker saw a large response. Sue had been a valued team member for many years, and the Children's Society told us how sorry they were to hear of her passing and offered their condolences to her family and friends.

We also try to keep ourselves informed and to spread the knowledge of the work of the charity as they help to protect some of the most vulnerable children in the country. So in July we welcomed Paul Gray, a Children's Society representative, to the 10.30am service, to speak about the society's work. And we were overjoyed to hold our first face to face Christingle Service since the Covid Pandemic. Many thanks to all the team and their support.

“The Christingle event we attended was, as always, welcoming and fun to attend. Both H and C (Daddy) enjoyed making the Christingles and hearing Vicar Simon involving everyone during the service. It's a lovely service and time to not only spend with loved ones but also the community”

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	2019	2020	2021	2022
Box Opening	676	122	474	509
Cards	372	289	468	403
Coffee Morning	145	-----	-----	83
Christingle	202	265	70	150
Gift	100			
Lunch Club Closure				22
Float C/Fwd	36	36	28	27
Year total	1531	712	1040	1194

Poitier

Poitier feed around 75 families in the Southampton and surrounding area, and we welcomed Laine and Brian, 2 volunteers, to tell us more about their work. We continue to collect food donations at the back of church throughout the year. We have also supported them financially at the Pre-Christmas Poitiers coffee morning which was well supported and raised approximately £500.

USPG

We have supported the work of the Society through Parish News articles, prayer and fundraising (our annual plant sale and curry lunch). Many of the congregation also support the work with regular personal donations. We invited a speaker to our Parish Communion in November and this year we have particularly supported the work in partnership with The Church of Ceylon, which is reaching out to the families of Tea Plantation workers.

USPG regularly thanks us for our prayers and valuable support of the work of USPG and the global church.

We foster good practices in taking care of God's world

Eco Church

We have an Eco group which is dedicated to leading our Church in upholding the Anglican Church's 5th mark of mission. We seek to help our whole community to understand what climate change means, what we and others can do about it and why it is so important to understand that climate change is not just about science and technology, but an ideology and belief in the whole of God and His creation and preserving it for generations to come. We do this mainly through regular Climate Services, pursuing the A Rocha Eco Church Gold award, and raising awareness through regular articles in our Parish News.

Reserves Policy

St James' aims to keep an amount approximately equivalent to one third of our annual General Fund expenditure in reserve.

Rationale:

St James' is a small village church with an income last year of £76,000 and expenditure of £67,000.

The Church and Church Hall buildings are in generally good repair. Organ/roof/etc.

The church had unrestricted funds of approximately £50,000 at 31st Dec 2022; of which approximately £6,000 is already Designated as being for Charitable purposes and Fabric repairs.

The following factors were considered in arriving at the reserves policy:

Money should only be kept in reserve for specific reasons – whilst the Bible clearly indicates that we should not hoard, it is also clear that planning for known events, and to make appropriate contingency for unforeseen ones, is important.

As well as buildings upkeep, there is a potential financial risk of projects like Recreate and Forest Edge to consider, and the Children and Families Worker project to fund on a continuing basis. This costing circa £11,000 per annum and projected to run for two more years.

The PCC deemed it prudent to retain approximately one third of our expenditure in reserve (currently £24,000) against other, unforeseen contingencies.

St James' PCC

Agreed 1 Nov 2022

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The PCC is a charity, but is excepted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the section 30 of the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Rev Simon Woodley	Chair
PTO:	The Rev David Dennis	
Wardens:	Mr Roger Cutlack	
	Mrs Angela Hibberd	from APCM
Co-Opted	Mrs Holly Botto	Secretary

Elected Members

Mr Nigel Cooke - Treasurer	(Until 2023)
Mrs Angela Hibberd	(Until 2023)
Ms Angela Jordan	(Until 2023)
Mrs Pam Reynolds	(Until 2023)
Mrs Gill Dudley	(Until 2024)
Mr Mike Botto	(Until 2024)
Mr Martin Seccombe	(Until 2024)
Mrs Christine Hensel	(Until 2025)
Mr Justin Tivey	(Until 2025)

Deanery Synod

Miss Romey Schofield
Mrs Angie Larkins
Mrs Michaela Lucas-Rowe

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members, the churchwardens, and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd. Simon Woodley, PCC Chairman



Date..... 7th March 2023

Accounts year to 31 December 2022

General Funds. Page 21 / 22.

Overall, we ended the year with a General Funds surplus of £8,902. This surplus divided between the main Church running fund £5,000 and the Church Hall £3,400. The Church Hall received donation of £2,000 from closure of the Friendship Club which boosted their figures and lettings income also better than anticipated.

The Church main fund did better than anticipated with higher than expected donations and regular giving, +£4,000. Setting a budget is always a bit of a stab in the dark as there are so many areas over which we have limited or no control. Fund raising (+£2,000 – 3 events not usual 2) and fees charged (+£1,700) were also ahead of anticipation.

Budgeted General Fund income £64,300; actual income £76,177.

Expenses are more directly controllable and by and large were not far from budgeted amounts. The only significant difference being that we allowed £3,000 for estimated Quinquennial costs in the budget but in actual fact spent nothing out of the ordinary during the year. +£3,000.

Budgeted General Fund expenditure £71,600 actual outcome £67,275.

Therefore, to this point a budgeted deficit of £7,300 has actually come out as surplus of £5,048. However, we budgeted for a donation from the Parish News of £2,500 but received nothing and I have had to transfer nearly £7,000 to the C&FW work fund to cover upcoming costs from that project.

Overall General Reserves remain virtually unchanged at £51,726 total; £42,000 of which is the Church general running account, the remainder being designated to: Hall £3,200, Fabric £2,300 and Charity Fund £4,000. The £42,000 will need to provide on-going funding for C&FW project as anticipated and leave sufficient remaining to cover unexpected eventualities and future deficits which are, I believe, increasingly likely.

Restricted Funds. Page 23.

ReCreate Fund (includes Forest Edge as legacy PCW project) continues to be in a healthy position.

The C&FW fund is also underwritten by the PCC and, as mentioned just now, the funds are there in General Fund Reserves sufficient to see this project at least through for its anticipated 3 year term and hopefully beyond.

Parish Magazine will be subject to its own report.

Other funds: Dorcas £346; Choir£645, St James singers£655, Little Jims£1,194.

Endowment Fund. Page 24.

For the record only. This money is not available to the PCC (held in Trust) and only the income is provided for Vicars discretionary use for charitable purposes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	Fund	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Voluntary income	62,890	10,927	600	74,417	74,121
Activities for generating funds	4,441		0	4,441	1,781
Income from investments	227	0	740	967	540
Church activities	8,619	25,866	0	34,485	14,995
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	76,177	36,793	1,340	114,310	91,437
EXPENDITURE					
Directly related to the work of the church	66,786	45,299	0	112,085	80,519
Charitable donations	489	289	408	1,186	4,845
Fund raising	0	0	0	0	218
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	67,275	45,588	408	113,271	85,582
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	8,902	(8,795)	932	1,039	5,855
(LOSS)/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	(22)	0	(2,407)	(2,429)	2,628
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	(7,270)	7,270	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT ON FUNDS	1,610	(1,525)	(1,475)	(1,390)	8,483
FUND BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY 2022	50,116	26,255	21,922	98,293	89,810
FUND BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER 2022	£51,726	£24,730	£20,447	£96,903	£98,293

Analysis of 2021 figures for comparative purposes:

	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2022
INCOME				
Voluntary income	65,249	8,872	0	74,121
Activities for generating funds	1,781	0	0	1,781
Income from investments	21	0	519	540
Church activities	5,559	9,436	0	14,995
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	72,610	18,308	519	91,437
EXPENDITURE				
Directly related to the work of the church	68,377	12,142	0	80,519
Charitable donations	2,573	1,300	972	4,845
Fund raising	218	0	0	218
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	71,168	13,442	972	85,582
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1,442	4,866	(453)	5,855
(LOSS)/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	(8)	0	2,636	2,628
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	3,000	(3,000)	0	0
NET MOVEMENT ON FUNDS	4,434	1,866	2,183	8,483
FUND BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY 2021	45,682	24,389	19,739	89,810
FUND BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER 2021	£50,116	£26,255	£21,922	£98,293

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
	Note	Funds	Funds	Fund	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
CBF Investments - (at current values	5	31,360	0	18,037	49,397	51,421
CURRENT ASSETS						
Income tax refund receivable		10,644	668		11,312	10,943
Debtors and prepayments		367			367	676
Bank and Building Society deposits		8,017	12,000	1,866	21,883	21,336
Bank current account balances		6,276	19,303	538	26,117	26,660
Cash		974		6	980	806
		26,278	31,971	2,410	60,659	60,421
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors and accruals		5,912	7,241	0	13,153	13,549
NET CURRENT ASSETS		20,366	24,730	2,410	47,506	46,872
NET ASSETS		£51,726	£24,730	£20,447	£96,903	£98,293
Represented by:						
FUNDS						
Unrestricted	2	51,726			51,726	50,116
Restricted	3		24,730		24,730	26,255
Endowment	4			20,447	20,447	21,922
		£51,726	£24,730	£20,447	£96,903	£98,293

Approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council on

..... 7th March 2023

and signed on its behalf by:

Rev S Woodley (Incumbent) S.W.

N H Cooke - Treasurer N.H. Cooke

The notes on pages 20 to 27 form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement Of Recommended Practice.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use on the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for particular purposes by the PCC.

The purpose of restricted funds is noted in the accounts at note 8.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe affiliation to another body nor those of informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised as income when received.

Amounts receivable under Gift Aid are recognised as income as amounts are received.

Income tax reclaimable on gift aid donations is recognised when claimed.

Funds raised from the fete, Christmas bazaar and other fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Grants - Are recognised as received and then prepaid to reflect the period to which they relate.

Other ordinary income

Fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for as received.

Income from investment and building society deposits

Interest receivable is accounted for on the accruals basis.

Investment gains and losses

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December annually.

Reinvested income from fixed asset investments is shown as part of the capital growth arising on the investment during the year.

Application of resources

Donations - are accounted for as paid.

Costs directly related to the work of the church

Parish share is accounted for as it falls due. Any amounts unpaid at 31 December are shown as creditors in the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

2 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Undesignated		Designated		TOTAL FUNDS	
	General fund	Fabric fund	Charity fund	Church hall general fund	2022	2021
INCOME	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income						
Regular giving - Standing orders	41,065				41,065	40,386
Regular giving - Envelope scheme	480				480	180
Donations	4,923	435		3,214	8,572	11,437
Income tax recoverable under Gift Aid	10,416				10,416	10,943
Collections from all services	1,957				1,957	1,003
Grants received	400				400	1,300
	59,241	435	0	3,214	62,890	65,249
Activities for generating funds						
Fund raising events	4,441				4,441	1,781
Income from investments - Interest received	227				227	21
Income from Church activities						
Fees from weddings and funerals	6,701				6,701	5,559
Use of Church Hall	0			1,918	1,918	0
	6,701	0	0	1,918	8,619	5,559
TOTAL INCOME	70,610	435	0	5,132	76,177	72,610

Investments - are stated at market value at 31 December.

EXPENDITURE	General	Fabric	Charity	Church hall	TOTAL FUNDS	
Directly related to the work of the church:						
Charitable donations	489				489	2,573
Ministry and service costs						
Parish share and deanery expense	48,197				48,197	45,901
Clergy, HC wine, wafers and service	1,197				1,197	486
Organist and other music	1,180				1,180	885
Junior Church, youth activities and St James' school	43				43	480
Parochial expenses	1,327				1,327	876
Church upkeep and running expenses	2,628				2,628	4,643
Major church repairs - sound system, car park & paths	0				0	3,810
Church hall upkeep and running expenses				1,713	1,713	3,562
Churchyard maintenance and water	728				728	291
	55,300	0	0	1,713	57,013	60,934
Church office running costs						
Staff salary, computer, postage & stationery	8,490				8,490	6,451
Telephone, WiFi & internet	198				198	183
	8,688	0	0	0	8,688	6,634
Other expenses						
General expenses	801				801	611
Bank charges	284				284	198
	1,085	0	0	0	1,085	809
Fund raising						
Fete, bazaar and other fund raising costs	0				0	218
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	65,562	0	0	1,713	67,275	71,168
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	5,048	435	0	3,419	8,902	(9,147)
GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(22)				(22)	(8)
DONATION FROM PARISH MAGAZINE TO GEN. FUNDS					0	3,000
TRANSFER TO PARISH COMMUNITY WORK FUND	(6,970)				(6,970)	0
TRANSFER TO FLOWER FUND	(300)				(300)	0
TRANSFER TO CHARITY FUND - 10% SURPLUS					0	0
NET MOVEMENT ON FUNDS FOR YEAR	(2,244)	435	0	3,419	1,610	(6,155)
FUND BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY 2022	44,333	1,912	4,024	(153)	50,116	45,682
FUND BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER 2022	£42,089	£2,347	£4,024	3,266	£51,726	£39,527

3 RESTRICTED FUNDS	ReCreate &		Church		Flower fund	Parish magazine	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Community Work	Children & F W fund	yard capital	Other			2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME								
Voluntary income								
Regular giving - Standing orders		3,030					3,030	2,575
Donations	3,961	1,500			933		6,394	5,181
Income tax recoverable under Gift Aid	835	668					1,503	1,116
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	4,796	5,198	0	0	933	0	10,927	8,872
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Income from investments - Interest received							0	0
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Income from Church activities								
Parish magazine sales						4,490	4,490	5,055
Forest Edge café etc.	2,320						2,320	867
ReCreate Festival	19,056						19,056	3,514
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	21,376	0	0	0	0	4,490	25,866	9,436
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TOTAL INCOME	26,172	5,198	0	0	933	4,490	36,793	18,308
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EXPENDITURE	ReCreate &		Church		Flower fund	Parish magazine	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Community Work	Children & F W fund	yard capital	Other			2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Directly related to the work of the church:								
C&FW - Salary and NIC		13,182					13,182	4,380
C&FW - Project costs		185					185	0
C&FW - Recruitment costs							0	943
Forest Edge café etc.	641						641	541
ReCreate Festival	25,204						25,204	2,579
ReCreate Festival - Charitable donations	289						289	1,300
Parish magazine production costs						4,828	4,828	3,602
Church flowers and sundries					1,259		1,259	97
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26,134	13,367	0	0	1,259	4,828	47,610	13,442
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NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	38	(8,169)	0	0	(326)	(338)	(10,817)	4,866
TRANSFER FROM CHURCH GENERAL FUND	(1,030)	8,000			300		7,270	0
DONATION TO CHURCH GENERAL FUND							0	(3,000)
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NET MOVEMENT ON FUNDS	(992)	(169)	0	0	(26)	(338)	(3,547)	1,866
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FUND BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY 2022	14,930	6,251	593	2,840	58	1,583	26,255	24,389
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FUND BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER 2022	£13,938	£6,082	£593	£2,840	£32	£1,245	£22,708	£26,255
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4 ENDOWMENT FUND				
			N Smith Bequest	
			2022	2021
			£	£
INCOME				
	Donations		600	0
	Income from investment			
	Interest and dividends		740	519
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	TOTAL INCOME		1,340	519
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EXPENDITURE				
	Donations made		408	972
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	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		408	972
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	NET INCOME		932	(453)
	GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENT VALUE		(2,407)	2,636
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	NET MOVEMENT ON FUNDS		(1,475)	2,183
	FUND BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY 2022		21,922	19,739
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	FUND BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER 2022		£20,447	£21,922
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5 FIXED ASSETS						
Central Board of Church Finance Investments (CBF)						
		Undesignated	Endowment			
		general fund	fund	Total valuation		
		at valuation	at valuation	2022	2021	
		£	£	£	£	
Units in Investment Fund		0	18,037	18,037	20,444	
Fixed Interest Securities Fund		175	0	175	197	
Deposit Fund		31,185	0	31,185	30,780	
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		31,360	18,037	49,397	51,421	
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Tangible fixed assets						

The PCC also owns the Church Hall which cost approximately £7,000 when it was built in 1990.

During 1998/9 the PCC spent £1,900 on extending the Hall. In 2019 the hall was re-roofed at a net cost of £11,722.

The Diocese owns the land on which the building is erected but leased by the PCC.

As the PCC would not be able to sell the building in its current location the PCC are of the opinion that no value should be attributed to the Church Hall building in these accounts.

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND						
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS		
	Funds	Funds	Fund	2022	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets	31,360	0	18,037	49,397	51,421	
Current assets	26,278	31,971	2,410	60,659	60,421	
Current liabilities	(5,912)	(7,241)	0	(13,153)	(13,329)	
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	51,726	24,730	20,447	96,903	98,513	
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7 OTHER INFORMATION

The sum of £1,327 (2021 - £876) was paid to Rev S Woodley in reimbursement of expenses of ministry.

Expenses are only reimbursed when they are expended for and on behalf of the PCC.

No member of the PCC received any remuneration or other financial benefit.

8 STAFF COSTS

The PCC employed a Parish Administrator on a part time basis throughout the year. Since 1 September 2021 the PCC has also employed Children and Families Worker again on a part time basis.

			2022	2021	2022	2021
			Number of employees;		£	£
	Gross salaries paid		2	2	13,182	10,422
	Employers NIC contribution				0	0
	Employer pension contributions				246	68
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			1	1	13,428	5,850
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9 FUND DETAILS

A fund is a pool of unexpended resources (savings from past surpluses), comprising money and other assets belonging to the PCC. "Unrestricted" funds may be spent on general purposes. Some of the unrestricted fund have been "designated" to certain uses. Such designation can be reversed by the PCC should it be appropriate to do so. However the designated funds would normally be reserved for the purposes specified.

"Restricted" funds have been raised for, or donated for specific uses and can only be used for the purposes set out in the restriction that applies or for which the funds were raised.

The "Endowment" fund is a capital fund, the income of which can only be used in accordance with the terms of the trust deed. The capital of this fund is not available for the PCC to utilise.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General fund

The general purposes fund of the PCC for its day to day activities

Fabric fund

Funds designated for use in major repairs to the fabric of St. James Church.

Charity fund

The PCC designates 10% of any annual surplus arising on General Fund for future charitable giving to other Church financed charitable organisations.

Church hall general fund

The general purposes fund of the PCC for day to day running of the church hall.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

ReCreate and Community Work Fund

Includes ReCreate Festival and associated community events
Funds raised towards and by this project are separately accounted for.

Children and Family Worker Fund - (C&FW)

Funds raised, and the costs of this project are separately accounted for.

Church yard capital fund

Funds raised for the acquisition of machinery for use in upkeep of the churchyard and for major works in the churchyard.

Other Funds:

Dorcas guild £346

Funds for the acquisition and maintenance of church apparel and ministers vestments.

Choir fund £645

Funds raised by or for the use of the church choir.

St. James singers fund £655

Funds raised by or for the use of the St. James singers.

Little Jims £1,194

Residual funds from and for the use of, Little Jims and successor groups

Flower fund

Funds raised for and expended on, floral displays in St. James church.

Parish magazine

Funds raised by the separate committee of the Alderholt Parish Magazine for the continued production of "Alderholt Parish News".

ENDOWMENT FUND

N Smith endowment fund

Funds endowed to the incumbent minister; originally by Mr N Smith, the income from which is for use as a discretionary fund.

The capital of this fund is not available for the PCC to utilise.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST JAMES', ALDERHOLT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 18 to 27.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit of the accounts is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- (2) Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners, section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011;
- (3) State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) that gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


..... Mrs N Jones

..... 30/03/2023

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