

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HARTFORD

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints Church Hartford

I have examined the Report and Financial Statements of the PCC set out on pages 3 to 8, in accordance with the instructions which have been given to me without carrying out a full audit.

The Independent Examination has been carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

In my opinion the report and Financial Statements which have been prepared by the Treasurer on behalf of the PCC, in so far as those records concern the running of the PCC, is a fair summary of the accounting records for the year ended 31 December 2022 and is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and records.

Signature:

Date: 10th February 2023

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Independent Examiner
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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council at the meeting on 20th March 2023.

Signed for and on the behalf of the PCC:

Rev Geoff Boucher

Rector

Mr Paul Fearon

Churchwarden and Treasurer

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Receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Receipts			Expenditure		
	2022	2021		2022	2021
Planned Giving	4,929.81	5,128.99	Cost of Generating Funds	643.63	186.26
Parish Giving Scheme	13,189.81	12,953.64	Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	4,030.01	3,634.90
Cash Collections	2,026.43	2,713.24	Ministry Share	28,592.03	28,158.61
Donations	2,480.00	2,180.00	Organist Fees & PCC Expenses	1,780.00	1,372.83
Gift Aid	5,633.67	8,210.73	Expenses for clergy & pastoral staff	498.14	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00	Mission & Evangelism costs	0.00	35.00
VAT reclaimed	0.00	8,315.26	Equipment	5,434.69	4,431.00
Fund Raising (gross amount)	5,966.77	4,438.08	Regular Expenses	3,571.12	3,561.53
Income from property & Interest	0.00	389.02	Utilities	2,551.31	2,295.96
Statutory fees retained by PCC	3,146.00	2,835.00	Insurance Premiums	2,370.14	2,337.56
Church Room Lettings	7,158.94	2,082.25	Repairs & Maintenance	1,559.23	12,733.60
Other Income	941.00	368.00	Contra Out	2,365.44	3,072.10
Contra In	2,697.00	2,982.80	Parochial Fees	3,704.00	3,157.00
Parochial Fees	4,172.00	3,157.00	LLM & SSM Fees	100.00	100.00
LLM & Visiting Clergy	100.00	100.00	Transfers to IAS Account	250.00	0.00
Transfers from IAS Account	3,288.58	0.00	Grazing Land	960.00	0.00
Organ Appeal Fund	0.00	9,171.00			
Total Income	55,730.01	65,025.01	Total Expenditure	58,409.74	65,076.35
			Total Income	55,730.01	65,025.01
			Surplus / Deficit	-2,679.73	-51.34
Transferred from Reserves	0.00	0.00	Transferred to Reserves	65,000.00	0.00

Statement of Bank Funds for the year ended 31st December 2022

	£'s			
	RESTRICTED 2022	UNRESTRICTED 2022	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
LLOYDS GENERAL FUND	0.00	4,233.32	4,233.32	6,913.05
LLOYDS IAS GENERAL FUND	0.00	10,967.33	10,967.33	8,961.84
CBF INVESTMENT FUND	58,292.86	41,803.80	100,096.66	40,687.48
TOTAL	58,292.86	57,004.45	115,297.31	56,562.37

TREASURER'S REPORT - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

SUMMARY

The annual accounts are prepared on a receipts and expenditure basis. The total income for the year ended 31st December 2022 was £55,730 and total expenditure was £58,409 resulting in a deficit of £2,679 for the year.

Total funds held in the four bank accounts were £115,297 at the 31st December 2022, an increase of £58,735 compared with the 31st December 2021. In November, the sale of the Grazing Land completed, and the net proceeds were £70,037.

The unstable global financial situation, caused principally by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, is having a significant impact on energy prices, inflation, and the cost of living. Our church is certainly not immune from this.

Whilst the church does have strong financial reserves the use of over half of the money is restricted and cannot be used to cover day-to-day general expenditure.

INCOME

Our income came from four main sources:

- Direct Giving
- Church Room Lettings
- Fundraising
- Parochial Fees (PCC)

Direct Giving – this includes the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), planned giving, collections, donations, and tax refunds from Gift Aid and the Small Donations Scheme. Direct Giving was £28,259 in 2022 compared with £31,186 in 2021. It should be noted that in 2021 Gift Aid included £2,420 from the donations to the Organ Appeal and adjusting for this the decrease in Direct Giving was 1.8%.

Church Room Lettings – the income from Lettings was £7,158 in 2022 compared with £2,082 in 2021. The White Swan Academy is the main hirer of the Church Room and accounts for over 75% of our income from Church Room Lettings.

Fundraising – the gross income received in 2022 was £5,966 compared with £4,438 in 2021, an increase of £1,528. The cost of generating these funds was £643 leaving net income from fundraising of £5,323.

Parochial Fees (PCC) – the income in 2022 was £3,146 and comes from Weddings, Funerals and the Interment of Ashes and is the part retained by the PCC. This is an increase of £311 compared with 2021. In 2022 there were five weddings and one wedding blessing, four funerals in church and nine funerals at the crematorium. There were five Interment of Ashes. The PCC only receives fees for funerals held in church.

Transfers from the IAS Account – £3,288 and includes four transfers to fund the £1,000 deposit for the Oak Cabinet, £960 for the valuation of the Grazing Land by Brown & Co, £435 for crockery and £700 for the lectern stand.

Other Income – In October the Church of England announced a new £15 million fund to help churches with their energy bills. We received a one-off sum of £600 in December.

EXPENDITURE

Our expenditure includes seven main areas:

- Ministry Share
- Parochial Fees (Diocese)
- Mission and Charitable Giving
- Utilities
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Equipment and Furnishings
- Insurance

Ministry Share - all parishes in the diocese contribute towards the Ministry Share which is used to cover the cost of Clergy Stipends. Our contribution in 2022 was £28,592 and was paid in full. All other Diocesan costs are covered by income from the Diocesan Investment Fund.

Parochial Fees (Diocese) – £3,704 of Statutory Fees was paid to the Diocese for the Weddings, Funerals and Interment of Ashes conducted in 2022.

Mission and Charitable Giving – In 2022 we gave £4,030 with donations to the following organisations: Children’s Society, Fusion, Godmanchester Food Bank (in addition to gifts of tins and packets of food), Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Chaplaincy, Huntingdon Area Money Advice, Church of Uganda Primary School - Kitegomba, Mid Cambs Women’s Refuge, Salvation Army for Kings Ripton Court, Royal British Legion and Winter Comfort.

Utilities – the cost for utilities totalled £2,551 in 2022 compared with £2,295 in 2021. The charge by utility was £1,597 for gas, £829 for electricity and £124 for water. We have a contract with Total Energies using the Energy Basket negotiated for the Church of England through the Parish Buying Organisation which provides green energy at competitive prices. There will be a significant increase in our energy bill for gas and electricity in 2023 and we have budgeted a sum of £6,240 based on the agreed tariffs and the usage from 2022.

Repairs and Maintenance – £1,559 was spent on repairs and maintenance. The repairs were for the fire alarm and boiler.

Equipment and Furnishings - £5,434 includes £2,921 for the Oak Audio Unit, £276 for electrical sockets for the Oak Audio Unit, £700 for the lectern stand, £435 for the crockery and £1,102 for upgrades to the PA system.

Insurance - our insurance cover is provided by Ecclesiastical Insurance and the premium paid in 2022 was £2,370. A three-year agreement with Ecclesiastical Insurance was renewed in 2021 using

the Parish Plus Scheme and is next due for renewal in June 2024. The PCC reviews the level of cover it holds annually.

Recognition – We owe a sincere ‘thank you’ to everyone who gives regularly to the Church. In doing so we must never forget the people who give freely of their time, talent, and energy some of whom provide goods to support the church which has an additional benefit in helping us to reduce our expenditure. **Thank you.**

BANK FUNDS AND OTHER ASSETS

Bank Funds

The PCC holds four bank accounts: a Current Account and Instant Access Savings (IAS) Account with Lloyds Bank and two Investment Accounts with the CCLA.

At the 31stDecember 2022 there was £4,233 in our Lloyds Bank Current Account and £10,967 in the Instant Access Savings Account (IAS).

We hold 2,023.28 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund as Income Shares and at the 31stDecember 2022 the value of this investment was £41,803 compared with £40,687 at the 31stDecember 2021. During the year we received income of £1,080 which was reinvested. A sum of £5,000 from part of the proceeds of the sale of the Grazing Land was invested in this account in November. £22,961 from the Chancel Designated Fund is held in this account as well as £12,607 from the Church Enhancement Designated Fund.

We also hold 1,098.87 shares in The CBF Church of England Investment Fund as Accumulation Shares and at the 31stDecember 2022 the value of this investment was £58,292. A sum of £60,000 was invested in November as a Restricted Fund as a permanent endowment in accordance with terms of the Grazing Land Enclosure Award in 1772.

The CBF Church of England Investment Fund was set up in 1958 and its aim is to provide a long-term total return comprising growth in capital and distributions. In the five years to September 2022 the CBF Church of England Investment Fund has grown by an average of 8.8% annually. It should be noted that the value of investments may fluctuate up or down in the short term.

The total funds held in all our bank accounts at the 31stDecember 2022 was £115,297 compared with £56,562 at the 31stDecember 2021, an increase of £58,735.

Other Assets

Grazing Land (6.434 acres) in Hartford was held by the Churchwardens and generated a small annual grazing income.

Eighteen months ago, we received an unsolicited offer for the Grazing Land which was allotted to All Saints Church Hartford in the Enclosure Awards in lieu of lands which had been previously held by the Manor. This land allotted 250 years ago in May 1772 has been held in trust by the churchwardens for the benefit of the parishioners of All Saints Church Hartford.

After taking advice from our Land Agents, Brown & Co the PCC agreed that the land should be put up for sale. The sale completed on the 3rd November and after sale and legal costs we received £70,038.

The sale of the grazing land comes with strict conditions and the money cannot be used as general funds. All the proceeds from the sale must be used in accordance with the original purpose of the endowment set out in the Enclosure Award of May 1772. The money must be used for the benefit of the parishioners of All Saints Church Hartford for the upkeep and maintenance of the church.

The PCC has placed £60,000 in an Investment Fund at the CCLA. This has been set up as a Restricted Fund to ensure that the money is only used to fulfil the terms set out in the original endowment. £5,000 has been placed in the Church Enhancement Fund and £5,000 kept for a Wish List for items which need replacing in church which included the new crockery.

Silver belonging to All Saints Church Hartford is on loan to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge and is valued at £9,050. This valuation was agreed with the Registration and Loans Department to enable them to apply for a Government Indemnity Insurance on our behalf. The renewal date is in 2025 when a new valuation will be obtained.

GOING FORWARD

Managing our Finances

The PCC have adopted four principles for managing our finances:

- To balance income and expenditure and when possible, generate a small annual surplus
- To maintain funds in the current account at a level sufficient to manage normal day to day activities
- To have available funds equivalent of six months of annual expenditure
- To hold reserves including any Designated Fund(s) in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund

2023 Budget

The PCC has approved the budget for 2023 showing a deficit of £5,641. This reflects the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the astronomic increase in the cost of energy.

We hope to reduce this budgeted deficit by increasing Direct Income and Other Income received from Church Room Letting, Fundraising and Parochial Fees above the sums budgeted whilst sensibly managing the level of Expenditure.

CONCLUSION

The deficit of £2,679 is against a budgeted deficit of £2,265 for 2022. The current economic climate is very challenging and the adverse impact on the investment markets has been significant. We have seen a good recovery both in our letting income and fundraising with a much smaller increase in parochial fees. Direct Income has been slightly lower. Expenditure has been closely managed throughout the year.

At the end of 2022 we had funds in our bank accounts of £115,297 including available funds in our reserves of £18,590 which is less than our goal of holding reserves equivalent to six months of annual expenditure.

The Investment of the funds from the sale of the Grazing Land will in future years begin to produce a much better return than the income received historically from letting the grazing land.

We have a great deal to be thankful for and whilst we face some immediate challenges from the cost-of-living crisis on our regular income and expenditure as well as the impact of the global financial situation on our investments overall we are in a strong financial position.

We aim to continue to manage our finances prudently.

Paul Fearon

Treasurer

January 2023