

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church with St Mary Magdalen  
and St Peter and St Paul, St Leonards on Sea**

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**Christ Church, London Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 6GL**

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**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

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| Priest-in-Charge:     | Rt. Revd. Peter Wheatley (to 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022)                            |
| Rector:               | Revd. Thomas Crowley (from 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022)                              |
| Independent examiner: | Ashdown Hurrey, Hastings   |
| Bankers:              | Charities Aid Foundation, West Malling   |

## **Christ Church with St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and St Paul, St Leonards-on-Sea**

### **Our aims and purposes as a charity**

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

- The provision and maintenance of the fabric of Christ Church, St Leonards on Sea and its associated buildings;
- Conducting regular Christian worship;
- The celebration of the Holy Eucharist, including on a daily basis at Christ Church; baptisms, marriages and funerals;
- Leaving Christ Church open to the public to enter and benefit from personal spiritual contemplation;
- Promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and Scriptures;
- The provision of means and encouragement to promote fellowship within the membership of the Churches and the wider community;
- In addition to the above, Christian devotional acts and outreach work is carried out, including:
  - Visiting the sick;
  - Administering the Sacraments to those unable to attend regular acts of Worship, to the sick and dying;
  - Supporting pastoral work;
  - Fostering ecumenical links between differing Christian denominations;
  - Supporting the work of other local charities.

### **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'.

In 2022, we continued to pursue the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church. The Church remained open through the day whenever possible;
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community;
- Teaching, baptizing and confirming new and existing believers;
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish;
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that exist within the parish;
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament;
- Offering worship and prayer
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and others;
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish and others;

- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the Parish.

Our Mission Action Plan came to an end last year, and the new Rector, Wardens & PCC are discerning the next steps to develop one for the next five years. This began in 2022 with an open meeting of the parish, and the PCC has committed to begin a Community Audit in 2023 to identify the ways in which Christ Church can act most effectively in fulfilling its charitable aims in the local community.

Christ Church remains open daily for private prayer and public worship: there are two Masses each day, including the main Sunday Mass at 1030 which is supplemented by Sunday School since Advent. Weddings and baptisms continue to be celebrated, with preparations for Confirmations in April 2023 – as well as several individual confirmations in the previous year. We conduct a small number of funerals, mainly of former parishioners.

Outside of the daily Mass, there are now additional opportunities for worship in the renewed Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham, which offers regular prayer sessions, the Rosary and quiet days (more details below.)

Christian teaching occurs weekly in the preaching at weekday and Sunday Masses, as well as in Lent & Advent Courses from the Rector.

The Rector also leads Christian worship at Christ Church Academy at least every week, as well as other additional seasonal services and is developing a growing programme of visits from the school and to the school in conjunction with the staff and governors.

Pastoral care is offered to members of our parish and congregation not just by the clergy (both stipendiary and retired) but also by the Eucharistic Ministers of the church, in the form of home visits, home communions and pastoral calls. It is intended to reorganise these volunteers into a Pastoral Visiting Team in the coming year, in order to make better use of these volunteers and ensure as many people as possible are supported.

### **Fundraising & Fellowship**

We've been able to return to our pre-COVID pattern of fundraising table sales, held monthly, which regularly bring in between £500-700 and are the result of a lot of hard work from our volunteers. They also act as an important point of interaction with the local community. There have also been other occasional events which have raised funds, such the (postponed) Epiphany Meal.

Our professional fundraisers, Craigmyle, have continued to work on various avenues of fundraising towards completing the final phase of external refurbishment to the West, North & East Elevations as well as developing proposals to complete restoration of the clock and organ. They are also working on the establishment of a group (Friends of Christ Church) to act as a permanent means by which members of the wider community can engage with, and contribute to, the physical heritage Christ Church.

Longer-term, the growth of the congregation and of congregational giving represents an important source of income – as well as a primary aim of Christ Church in and of itself. We've been able to make good progress in re-uniting the parish back into a single worshipping community, bringing an end to the division of four Sunday Masses of small groups that was introduced as a response to the COVID pandemic. Sunday worship is now focussed on the 1030 Mass attended by a growing and diversifying congregation followed by fellowship & refreshments for all - as well as the continued provision of an early 8am Mass. There have also been a number of 'Bring & Share' parties after major Feasts & Festivals – included Easter & Christmas.

It is hoped that the completion of outstanding building works in the coming year will allow a greater focus of our collective time and efforts on mission and outreach to the people of God, and the growth of our church family in both faith and number.

Already, in the run-up to, and during the start of, the new church year in 2022 we've been able to restart various groups and ministries and introduced other new ones, whilst also seeing growth in existing areas. This culminated with a joyful series of Christmas services which saw Midnight Mass numbers return to pre-COVID (2019) levels and overall numbers surpass them. These included:

#### **Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham**

This has restarted with regular Saturday meetings & Mass each month; the Cell also hosted a successful Advent Quiet Day at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre with both new and longstanding members of Christ Church.

#### **Wednesday Coffee**

The Cell now hosts coffee and refreshments each week after the Wednesday Mass

#### **Rosary Group**

This has grown, and is now almost entirely lay-run with a number of new leaders.

#### **Uniformed Groups**

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers joined Christ Church to lay wreathes and present flags at our Remembrance Service. (Full report below).

#### **Fellowship of St Nicholas**

FSN returned to Christ Church for their Christmas & Nativity Service after a gap of several years; as well as bringing hundreds of new people in Christ Church for the first time, it also encouraged several new families to join us for our Children's Services

#### **School**

The school have returned to Christ Church for their full Christmas Service and Nativity; they also now hold an end of term service with us. We've also made a start on a programme of visits from the school to ensure every pupil comes on a class visit, and receives one from us.

### **Cosy Crypt**

This is a new initiative, which- thanks to the support of committed volunteers - has grown quickly, offering free light refreshments and company to local people in a warm space. It now regularly receives growing numbers of guests each Thursday, a couple of whom have started to join us for Mass on Sundays. (Full report below.)

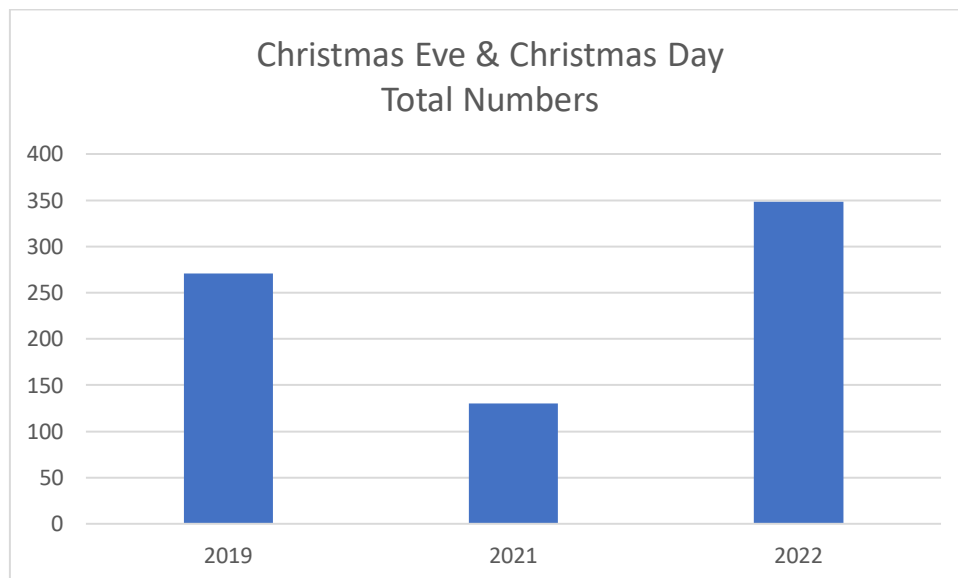
### **PALS (Sunday School)**

PALS restarted in Advent, with a good core of volunteers offering a Liturgy of the Word to the growing number of children in the congregation: we now have between 6- 12 children at Mass every Sunday, who showcase their learning at the end of Mass.

### **Children's Services**

A new Saturday afternoon service including teaching, crafts, worship and a free meal: in 2022 there was one held as a Light Party and one featuring a Christingle Workshop.

### **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services**



In 2022, the Midnight Mass returned to its traditional time and saw a large boost in numbers. There were several additional Said Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, as well as a new format Carols & Crib service which attracted well over 100 people, mainly without previous links to the church or congregation.

## **Serving the Community**

This year we have continued, as much as we can, to continue looking outward in our mission and outreach.

### We have still been able to support the local community in these ways:

- The Seaview Project (for the poor and needy) through contributions of food and useful small items and contributing staple foodstuffs and toiletries to Hastings Foodbank.
- Serving as local governors at our parish school.
- Serving as trustees of the Christ Church Old Buildings Trust (CCOBT), Sarah Brisco Trust and the St Mary Magdalen Educational Charity.
- Serving as Board members of the Christ Church House Improvement Society Ltd.
- Hosting weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.
- Hosting weekly Cocaine Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings.
- Members of the sewing group are contributing knitted items of clothing to charities such as Surviving the Streets, Dom's Food Mission and Warming Up The Homeless.

### Night Shelters

- Opening the Crypt for the night shelters operated by SWEP ( Severe Weather Emergency Protocol is no longer operating due to other council arrangements.
- Surviving the Streets are using the crypt and courtyard as a night shelter and tent space from November 2022 through to the end of bad weather conditions. This is initially on Tuesday and Friday nights only at the moment due to staffing .
- Regular contact and support is maintained with Surviving the Streets and some funding has been given to them via the Sarah Brisco charity. Discussions re ways forward for the church to continue its support are ongoing and a link between the charity and Christ Church is now firmly linked.

### Other Initiatives

The food bank continues to serve the local community and is in regular use . This is run by Surviving the Streets.

Cosy Crypt has been started up on a regular Thursday basis as part of the Warm Space initiative. It has been a great success , open from 8am to 6pm and staffed by Christ Church Volunteers. There has been a constant good footfall . Cosy Crypt offers a warm safe space, friendly faces and an opportunity to chat, rest and have hot drinks and snacks.

Church members continue to volunteer to lead our local Scout Group and serve as members of the Scout Group Committee

Monthly Table Sales have proven once again to be a great success with local people and also as a means of income. Many thanks to the members of the congregation who tirelessly work on a regular basis to enable the sales to occur.

The Parish Hall and Crypt have continued to be used by vulnerable groups AA, NA, CA throughout the pandemic and both rooms are now reopened to the wider public and the hall has resumed being booked by local groups. Active Arts a charity for people with learning difficulties also use the hall on a frequent basis.

The hall is also used for different types of exercise groups.

The 'Book Room' in the Parish Centre is open twice a week and continues to raise a profitable amount of money as well as providing a reading resource for the congregation and wider public.

Negotiations are ongoing to provide an opportunity for local arts groups to use our facilities.

The Church has been able to continue to host some concerts this year and has a good ongoing relationship with Hastings Philharmonic Choir and Chamber Choir. We have been able to benefit from a variety of recitals by various people in church and several concerts have taken place with full bookings. The concerts run by Hastings Philharmonic have become an extremely well known and popular feature in our outreach to the wider community.

The children's choir group ,Songbirds, set up by Hastings Philharmonic Choir is continuing to take place in church.

Citizens advice Bureau have settled into CCOBT's Magnet Centre and the good relationship with them continues.

### **3 a – Cosy Crypt**

The "Cosy Crypt" was opened on a trial basis on the 3/11/22 as part of Christ Church's outreach mission to engage with the local community with a view to support its needs and to potentially grow our congregation and the demographic to which it currently has. This initiative is part of the nation wide "Warm Space' programme to which the "Cosy Crypt" is registered nationally and at Diocese level.

We have engaged local businesses for key donations of provisions and to promote the work to which our church is offering via the "Cosy Crypt" We have also compiled a list of all other agencies to which we can sign post our visitors to when they have specific needs such as the "Sea view project" and CAB.

The "Cosy Crypt" is manned by a core group of eight volunteers and other members of the congregation who assist when able and operates strictly within Christ Church safeguarding and health & safety policy to safeguard the young and vulnerable for both visitors and volunteers. Procedures have been compiled and documented. These are upheld and adhered to at all times during the opening hours of the "Cosy Crypt"

Weekly reports of numbers of visitors, the volunteer rota and any donations received are compiled and sent to the core group of volunteers and Father Thomas to ensure that a transparent and informative approach is adhered to at all times. A donation sheet is updated weekly and all monies are given to Valerie Wilson and it is agreed that all donations are given with a view to support the ongoing mission and needs of the "Cosy Crypt" Over the trial period of the "Cosy Crypt" visitor numbers have been growing, and we hope that this will continue with increased publicity, word of mouth and ongoing social media presence.

The visitors are a complete mix in its demographic make up. We have a children's area with donated toys, rug, dolls house, and numerous toys. All children are welcome as long as they bring a responsible adult; parent or carer. We have a weekly craft group which we facilitate in the back room of the Crypt and this is very well attended. This craft group is aimed at "Stitching through TLC" which aims to help the attendees with mental stimulation and companionship in challenging times. We hold weekly quizzes, have music and have a games table with a jig saw etc for added activities.

We have had very distressed visitors to which we have assisted through sign posting them empathetically to official channels and some have come back every Thursday. We have had to eject some problematic visitors and have strictly followed the safe guarding and health & safety guidelines to do this.

On a very positive note, we are developing a regular core base. Two of our visitors have now joined the regular Sunday morning congregation.

An open meeting is to be held late January 2023 with our Church Wardens and Father Thomas to discuss the way we take the "Cosy Crypt" forward as it has been agreed that the concept has been proven that there an urgent need to have a warm hub within the local community to which Christ Church serves.

Julie Harrison

## **Financial Review**

Throughout 2022 the PCC continued to highlight different ways in which people can financially contribute to the mission and ministry of the Church in this Parish. A 'Mind the Gap' Stewardship campaign was launched in September, seeking additional giving, and particularly through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), enabling a more direct means of reclaiming Gift Aid, thus helping with our cash flow. Although there was a small uptake in numbers in the PGS, the overall level of regular giving has not increased.

Throughout the year Christ Church continued to engage the fundraising consultancy Craigmyle as professional support to advise on a capital campaign to raise the sums required to take our building improvement plans forward, and to create plans to make the annual running costs of the church sustainable without relying on reserves.

The Quinquennial Inspection showed the requirement for urgent fabric restoration repairs. Detailed inspection of these requirements showed additional work was required on the Tower and Steeple. In total these costs are in excess of £725,000, and this is greater than our level of reserves. Craigmyle were able to secure two large grants from the Cultural Recovery Fund covering 80% of the costs of the works to both the Tower/Steeple and South Elevation. The Tower and Steeple works were completed during 2021 and the South Elevation works in 2022. The balance of costs of these works at £59,305 has had to come from our reserves.

Further works to the remaining elevations of the Church are the subject of an application submitted by Craigmyle on our behalf to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which would



cover a large part of the costs, but would still require £130,000 to be found to complete all the necessary works.

During 2022 donation income (excluding the special appeals) was £3,600 lower than in 2021. With COVID-related restrictions ended, there was increased use of the Church Hall and Crypt together with concerts in the Church, meaning that this income was greater than in 2021. The PCC continue, where possible, to keep expenditure under tight control. However the day-to-day deficit was only slightly reduced to £24,000 for the year. The investment holdings suffered a reduction in value, in line with market trends in 2022, of £40,000 on their revaluation at the year-end, almost eliminating the gain made in 2021, showing that valuations can reduce as well as increase. The value is, though, higher than original cost. The overall effect has been to decrease our Reserves by £127,000

The PCC continues to address this unsustainable financial position through its Financial Sustainability Sub-Committee, tasked with achieving a balance of income over expenditure over a five-year period. It has not been possible during 2022 to make much progress, and the expected deficit for 2023 onwards has only been able to be eliminated by a reduction in our Parish Share contributions for the next three years whilst we make further progress on increasing our Income.

#### *Why we hold some money in reserve*

The PCC discussed the following factors in arriving at their 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 sensible planning for known events and a contingency for emergencies are important.
- In 2022 there was an excess of expenditure over income of £89,000 before the exceptional reduction in value of our Investments is taken into Account
- The ongoing income is insufficient to meet the ongoing costs of the Church, the largest item of cost being the Parish Share. Whilst the reduction in Parish Share for the next three years helps address this, there is no immediate cause for concern, given the current levels of cash and other reserves, it remains prudent to make reserves for both ongoing costs and special repair and maintenance costs, for the Church and Church Hall.

*Policy:* It is the policy of the Church to keep-six months' running costs (£70,000), to cover any unforeseen emergencies. The PCC will also keep in reserve sufficient funds to enable the Church, and Church Hall to be kept in a good and substantial state of repair. Currently an amount of £42,000 is considered to be a reasonable estimate. This policy is reviewed annually.

## **Structure Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by 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*

### **Priest-in-Charge**

The Rt Revd Peter Wheatley *PCC Chairman (to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022)*

### **Rector**

The Rev'd Thomas Crowley *(from 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022)*

### **Assistant Curates:**

The Revd Thomas Crowley *(until 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022)*

The Revd Dr Richard Ralph (NSM) *(until October 2022)*

### **Authorised Lay Minister**

Jane Hart

### **Wardens:**

Susan Shaw *PCC Vice Chairman*

Maureen Harman

### **PCC Secretary:**

The Revd Dr Richard Ralph (NSM) *(until 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022)*

Maureen Harman *(from 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022)*

### **Elected Members:**

Trevor Davies

Christopher Goodman *(until July 2022 – RIP)*

Tina-Marie Grevett

Michael Hart

Andrew Knight

Celia Manning

David Smith

John Read

Jess Campbell

### **Deanery Synod Representatives**

Louise Fisher

Anne Hanney *Assistant Safeguarding Officer*

Elizabeth Mackay

Susan Parsons

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain *ex-officio* members (the incumbent, curates), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and [up to] 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.

A Standing Committee meets to transact PCC business between PCC meetings. For the past several years this has been larger than usual, with an enlarged remit that included stewardship, mission, fundraising and many other areas of parish life. It is intended that in the coming year these areas of parish life will be overseen by their own discrete working groups, as well as the one for events & catering. The Safeguarding Committee will continue to function separately. A Capital Projects Group was also established which has specific oversight of major upcoming projects, in particular fabric repairs and a heritage education and engagement project part-funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and with the assistance of Craigmyle our fundraisers.

For the first part of the year, meetings of the Churchwardens and of the Clergy took place on a monthly basis, chaired by the Priest-in-Charge; this continues under the new Rector, who has regular meetings with the Churchwardens as well as with the Honorary Assistant Clergy.

### **Christ Church St Leonards on Sea House Improvement Society Ltd**

The Board of Directors was chaired by Bishop Peter, until November when the Rector was appointed, The other Directors are, Sue Parsons a member of the PCC, George Bryan and two new Directors appointed in 2022, Heidi Ralph and Melanie Clark. The Company Secretary is Trevor Davies and the Managing agents continue to be FPE. Fr Richard Ralph is in attendance at Director's meetings. Gerald Funnell RIP retired as a Director after more than 50 years of service. We were able to enjoy a High Tea with him and Members of the Society, and he was presented with a letter from Bishop Martin of Chichester recording thanks for all that he had done. The Directors have the responsibility of administering and maintaining St Richard's House, Pevensey Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. During 2022, the Board of

Directors continued to improve the standard of housing and levels of comfort for our tenants, with flat improvements being made to existing tenants also. Costs continue to increase, but rents were not increased during this difficult time financially. These improvement works, as well as an unexpected roof repair needed at the end of the year has led to a deficit for the year. The Society has ample reserves to meet this. The registered address is Christ Church Parish Office, 2 Christ Church Courtyard, London Road, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 6GL.

### **St Mary Magdalen Educational Charity**

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission (306495). The charity offers cash grants to individuals and organisations that will tend to facilitate education in accordance with the principles of the Church of England, and provides grants to Christ Church School in particular. The charity mainly operates within the parish of Christ Church and St Mary Magdalen, St Leonards-on-Sea or in the wider Borough of Hastings. Other areas where this Charity could offer support are being examined. The Trustees were chaired by Bishop Peter until November when the Rector was appointed. There are 4 other Trustees including Michael Hart a member of the PCC and Trevor Davies as Treasurer.

### **Sarah Brisco Charity**

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission (211554). The Trustees are Bishop Peter, The Rector and the Church Wardens and Treasurer. The charity exists for the relief of the poor of the Parish which it does through the making of grants to individuals, and organisations within the Parish of Christ Church, St Leonards-on-Sea, at the absolute and uncontrolled discretion of the Trustees.

In 2022 this included grants to Christ Church School for part of the costs of the needy school-children's Walsingham Pilgrimage, Easter packs and School Counsellor as well as further contributions to Surviving The Streets for their provision to the needy as well as the final payment towards to Food Bank installed in the Church Courtyard.

### **Christ Church Old Building Trust**

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission (1087321)

The Trust owns and manages the buildings parallel to Christ Church known as the Old School Buildings and the land upon which the Christ Church CE Primary and Nursery Academy stands.

The objects of the Trust are:

1. The advancement and promotion of theological education and training for lay and ordained persons in the Church of England.
2. Meeting rooms for the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church and St Mary Magdalen, St Peter and St Paul, St Leonards-on-Sea.

3. Accommodation for clergy and their families within the Church of England.

4. For other charitable purposes connected with the Church of England

The Priest in Charge of Christ Church, Bishop Peter Wheatley, Mrs Maureen Harman, Bishop Nicholas Reade, Mr Ian MacKellar, Mrs Susan Parsons and Mr Paul Lewis serve as Trustees. Mr Andrew Knight is Clerk to the Trustees. The new Rector of Christ Church, Fr Thomas Crowley, will join the Board in early 2023.

Highlights for 2022 have been:

- The continuation of a ten-year lease let to CA1066 (Citizens Advice Bureau) from 2/1/19
- A rolling 1-year lease let as a private residence for 17 Alfred Street from 1/5/2020
- The continuation of a rolling 1-year lease of the 'Parish Rooms' to the Christ Church PCC
- A continuation of a 125-year lease to Hastings Borough Council for the part of the building known as Renaissance House
- The Board met seven times during 2022 and discussed and progressed where possible
  - A closer relationship with the Mother Agnes Trust (MAT)
  - Fire Safety in the Old School Buildings (OSB)
  - Maintenance of the outside of OSB both South and North sides
  - Long term strategy of the use of the OSB
  - Successor for the post of Clerk to the Trustees
  - Anti-Social behaviour in and around the OSB and Christ Church
  - Compliance with the Charities Commission advice on Risk and Financial Control
  - Change of Accounting Systems from Sage to Excel
  - Difficulties with Barclays Bank regarding online access to accounts
  - Maintenance to light well in Old School Buildings
  - Pigeon Nuisance – discussions with neighbours
  - Concerns over the BHT sub-lease in Renaissance House
- At the end of the year the Mother Agnes Trust has offered to write off the previous loan to CCOBT, which was for the conversion of the buildings to become the MAGNET Centre, and to make a substantial grant to complete the renovation of the exterior of the Buildings as well as to commission a feasibility study to explore the long-term future of the Buildings and the site.

### **Risk Assessment**

The risks facing the PCC include the state of repair of the church, and the financial requirements to meet its stated activities, including payment of its Annual Parish Share. The structure of the church is continually monitored by the Church Architect reporting regularly to the Standing Committee and PCC. The finances are controlled by careful budgeting and close attention to fundraising, particularly with the employment of professional fundraisers and the introduction of a multi-year stewardship campaign.

There have been no serious incidents or other matters relating to this charity over the previous financial year that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commissioners but have not.

There is a Church Risk Assessment booklet. It is strongly recommended that all who work in the church read it and abide by it. There is a copy in the Outer Sacristy and more copies are now available for groups who hire the church and for school visits.

### **Organisational Structure**

The PCC is responsible inter-alia for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget, and all expenditure thereunder, and the care and maintenance of the fabric of the church. The PCC is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the diocese. All members of the PCC are volunteers.

New representatives are told of their responsibilities and of the issues facing the Church by existing representatives, and receive such additional training as required. Officers of the PCC, including the Secretary and Treasurer are appointed at the first meeting of the PCC after the Vestry Meeting. The PCC approved a set of Terms of Reference in November which outlined the expected conduct of members, to which all new members are required to assent.

As indicated, members of the PCC also serve as representatives on the Deanery Synod.

The church is run entirely by volunteers, as the one stipendiary clergyman is remunerated by the Church Commissioners. Without the work of these volunteers, Christ Church would not function.

### **Fabric**

**SERVICING** – The altar lamps, font lifting mechanism, boilers for the Church and Parish Centre, fire extinguishers, church alarms (inc. external sounder) and electrical appliances have all been serviced. (PAT testing.)

**DAMP** - The problems with ventilation in the Parish Centre have been dealt with by putting ventilators in the office and the ladies' toilets and by keeping the heating on low through the summer. With the assistance of the Church architect, the problem with pigeons in the area behind the Centre has been alleviated.

**LIGHTING** – the faulty strip light in the Crypt have been replaced When it becomes necessary, strip lights in the Parish Office will be replace. At the time of writing, we are awaiting a survey on the Church lights, a number of which are not working, and the security lights in the courtyard. It is worth point out that some of the lights in the church will need scaffolding when they are replaced. This is expensive. The lights in the corridor outside the servers' vestry have been fixed.

**CHURCH BOILERS** – Servicing is now carried about by Dale Saunders, rather than Elco, as the former are much cheaper, local and efficient. We are in the process of adjusting the heating timers as circumstances in both Church and Crypt change.

KITCHEN (Rear of Church) – The faulty water heater has been replaced. At our own expense (and with thanks to Graeme Monk for fitting) the wheels on the serving trolley have been replaced.

TOILETS – Taps in the Parish Centre toilets have been replaced. The flushing systems in the Crypt toilets have been repaired or replaced thanks to David Smith.

ORGAN – This has been fitted with a humidifier which has had one service. This is essential to mitigate against the vast changes in temperature within the Church that would affect the Organ going out of tune.

BELL TOWER – High safety works to the high level walkway have been done.

CHURCH DOORS – All seven external doors have been renovated by Terry Knight for material costs. Huge thanks.

MARBLE TILES IN THE SANCTUARY – Lee from the stonemasons has secured the tiles in the sanctuary. At the time of writing volunteer help will secure the wooden floor tiles in the Church.

LINO REPAIRS – The lino in the Parish Centre corridor has been made safe.

CLEANING – Great thanks to the cleaning team, who work regularly on Friday mornings and at other times. We don't often notice when they do their work, but would if they didn't!

### **Safeguarding**

There have been no Safeguarding situations over the last year, but I am in regular contact with Church House, and if a concern or query should arise, I would phone or email Kim Nash or Colin Perkins immediately, and also discuss with Fr Thomas.

The Safeguarding Team meet regularly and discuss and update policies and procedures as required.

I am regularly updating the details of all DBS checks and Safeguarding training.

Jane Hart

Safeguarding Officer

## **PALS, Children & Families**

The last 9.30 Children's Mass was held, with some sadness, on the 18th September 2022, with a view to returning to PALS Sunday School at the earliest opportunity. This informal mass was introduced to give us some Children's Ministry during lockdown, and was very well received and enjoyed by all who took part. It gave the younger members of our congregation a chance to read the lesson if they wished, and experience other aspects of the Mass, not normally seen at a High Mass.

In October 2022, we also introduced a Celebration Service at 3pm on a Saturday, every 2 months (roughly!) which has a time of teaching, craft and worship, ending with hot dogs and drinks, at about 5pm. It is using the model of Messy Church.

So far we have held a Light Party on 29th October, and a Christingle on 10th December. A Lent event is planned for February 2023, and another one to coincide with Palm Sunday.

There have been 10-12 children attend the first 2. We hope it will continue to grow, and those that come, mostly not current worshippers, will soon attend PALS Sunday School.

This finally began again on 27th November, Advent 1. We have a few new faces, and average 8 children each week. We do not meet on the Sundays during long school holidays, but we do meet during half terms. We also like to be in the Mass for special events and celebrations, but there is the Play & Pray area where children can sit with their families, if they would rather.

We decided against a Crib Service this year, as they have been poorly attended in the past, but instead there was the Carols at the Crib at 3pm on Christmas Eve. There were about 110 attendees, and it was a wonderful celebration. Possibly the Crib activities might be added next year, inviting the children to dress up if they wish, but maybe having it an hour earlier, and attractive to adults and children made it a more positive celebration.

I'm looking forward to our Children's Ministry going from strength to strength in the coming months.

Jane Hart

Authorised Lay Minister - Children & Families



## Deanery Synod

The Hastings and St Leonard's Deanery Synod met four times in 2022 - January, May, September and December. Meetings were Chaired by our Rural Dean, Rev David Hill from St John the Evangelist, and our new Deputy Rural Dean Tim Bell, Rector at St Helens, and Christchurch Ore. The new Chapter Clerk is Rev Luke Dean of St John's Hollington and St Peter and St Paul Churches.

Andrew Creighton our Deanery Treasurer reports back at each meeting, and keeps us in close contact with Chichester. At the ensuing meetings we were told about new clergy taking up posts in the Deanery which was very welcome, while others retired.

The Synod moved from strength to strength in 2022. Two vacant posts were filled with a new Lay Chair (Ms Harry England) and a new Secretary (Ms Susie Edwards and Ms Sarah Hackett) bringing in their own enthusiasms; minutes followed promptly after meetings, and the Chair has a wide view of outreach taking place in Hastings and St Leonard's churches. For example, she plans to set up a timetable of community services provided by our Anglican churches across the Deanery, including our Christchurch 'Cosy Crypt', complemented elsewhere on different days of the week.

The very real problems of fuel and food poverty are being addressed in churches keen and able to help support the community in many different ways. Synod was a good place to share blessings and challenges. The work clergy and youth workers were performing in reaching out to schools was also an ongoing item of interest. This following 2021 when parishes had all faced challenges during lockdown and social distancing due to Covid. Many agenda items were covered at meetings, which demonstrated the links with deanery, diocese and national synod. There should be a three way flow of items and suggestions and at one session Rev David Hill presented the topic, what is deanery synod, particularly helpful to new members.

In March 2022 we were asked to advertise a visit to the Deanery of the Archbishop of Canterbury as part of his countrywide campaign. He gave his open and honest testimony to a large group at the Hastings Centre on the Ridge, which was very warmly received. Individuals who came forward were to be followed up locally in planned lenten group meetings.

Issues affecting the Worldwide Anglican Communion were considered when Tina Nay came as a guest speaker in September, to feedback from the General Synod in York in July 2022. Topics included: elections of new Archbishop of Canterbury in the future with a possible proposal of drawing candidates from other continents. Another issue was 'Net Zero 2030' and the churches' roles in achieving that. A sum of £190 million was being provided by the Church Commissioners to boost these efforts over 9 years. (Also £20 million for racial justice work and £400 million for local ministry). Many other items were noted by Ms Nay as discussed at General Synod. She gave us her notes and references, available should anyone wish to have them. Some of the issues raised highlighted different opinions within Synod with a chance for some general discussion.

The final meeting of the year in December 2022 was a social event where lay members and clergy mingled more freely than in the usual meetings, a welcome opportunity to get to know each other better. Reverend Hill was a generous host, plying members with a welcome and drinks on arrival.

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Synod Members representing Christchurch

Louise Fisher, Sue Parsons, Anne Hanney, Lizzy Mackay

### **Youth Groups: Group Scout Leaders Report 2022**

Following a couple of turbulent years with the pandemic, in and out of lockdowns and with lots of restrictions, the light at the end of the tunnel started shining and Scouting activities started getting back to normal.

All the sections have had exciting programmes with continued growth. They all have covered First Aid at different levels and have been looking at Environmental issues covering recycling. As we are a seaside town, we looked at Marine Conservation, teaming up with the Local RSPSA at Mallydams.

The Cubs and Scouts looked at some international things like the WSJ (World Scout Jamboree) and the Scouts started writing to a Scout Troop in the USA who contacted me earlier in the year asking if any of them would be interested in becoming pen pals. We also saw the welcome return of the Hastings Half Marathon with the group helping to hand out drinks to the runners outside the Hastings Pier.

The whole group wrote to our Late Queen in May to wish her well for her birthday and her forthcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. We were really chuffed to receive a lovely card with an accompanying letter later in the year!

After teaming up with the RSPCA we all carried out a beach clean in June from Warrior Square to almost the Pier and back. We were all shocked at the amount of rubbish and very shocked at some of the items we found! To coincide with the beach clean we held a competition to design a badge, something we haven't done for a while. The last time was when our group turned 100 back in 2009. The lovely folk at the RSPCA judged the competition for us and the winning design has been made into a badge for all the group.

We finished the summer term with our annual AGM at Fairlight, with hotdogs and games and ended with handing out some well-earned badges. It was just like old times. Following the summer break, the autumn term started with our Beaver Leader Charley leaving us and Tina and Lizzy stepping up and running the Beaver Colony, with myself and Nick (our Cub Leader) helping bi-weekly for extra support.

The group once again made a couple of appearances in church this year for Harvest and Remembrance Sunday, making poppy wreaths for the latter. The Hastings Gang Show was also back on this year with a good number from each section taking part and watching the show, including Fr Thomas.

All the sections have been taking part in so many different and exciting things, far too much to list, however I hope you get a sense of what we all have achieved this year following all the setbacks we have experienced over the previous two years. I would like to thank all the Section Leaders, Assistant Leaders, and other adult helpers for the excellent job they do, and for volunteering their time freely to make a real difference to the young people at the 9<sup>th</sup> Hastings (Christ Church) Scout Group.

Graeme Monk  
Scout Leader & Group Scout Leader 9<sup>th</sup> Hastings (Christ Church) Scout Group.

### **Bell Ringers**

The tower continues to be well supported by ringers, with generally six to eight attending on Sunday morning, and ten to twelve (including visitors from Christ Church, Blacklands and Battle) at the Monday night practices. To most or all of us the change in service times during the year to a 10.30 main Mass on Sunday morning was very welcome, enabling us to ring for the principal service of the day. Mechanically there is little to report, with the bell installation continuing in good order despite the occasional ingress of pigeons to the belfry, and a certain amount of rope wear, necessitating splicing - a traditional craft which is still very much alive in bell towers!

Alan Pink  
Tower Captain

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by:

Revd. Thomas Crowley, PCC Chairman



Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# Christ Church with St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and St Paul St Leonards-on-Sea

Registered Charity no. 1170031

## Statement of Financial Activities for the 12 months ended 31st December 2022

|   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Fund(s)</b> | <b>Endowment<br/>Fund(s)</b> | <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>Total Funds<br/>2,021</b> |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
|   | £                            | £                             |                              | £                  | £                            |
| <b>Income and endowments from:</b>      |                              |                               |                              |                    |                              |
| Donations and legacies                  | 90,706                       | -                             | -                            | 90,706             | 110,721                      |
| Charitable activities                   | 559                          | -                             | -                            | 559                | 1,002                        |
| Other trading activities                | 187,646                      | 4,317                         | -                            | 191,963            | 159,373                      |
| Investments                             | 9,417                        | 468                           | -                            | 9,885              | 8,847                        |
| Other receipts                          | -                            | -                             | -                            | -                  | -                            |
| <b>Total income</b>                     | <b>288,329</b>               | <b>4,785</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>293,114</b>     | <b>279,943</b>               |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                  |                              |                               |                              |                    |                              |
| Raising funds                           | 7,911                        | -                             | -                            | 7,911              | 8,641                        |
| Charitable activities                   | 347,615                      | 297                           | -                            | 347,912            | 361,307                      |
| Other trading activities                | 22,497                       | 4,130                         | -                            | 26,627             | 22,620                       |
| Other expenditure                       | -                            | -                             | -                            | -                  | -                            |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                | <b>378,024</b>               | <b>4,427</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>382,451</b>     | <b>392,568</b>               |
| Net gains (or losses) on investments    | (37,949)                     | (2,065)                       | (68)                         | (40,082)           | 42,886                       |
| <b>Net income or (net expenditure)</b>  | <b>(127,644)</b>             | <b>(1,707)</b>                | <b>(68)</b>                  | <b>(129,419)</b>   | <b>(69,739)</b>              |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>          |                              |                               |                              |                    |                              |
|   | (127,644)                    | (1,707)                       | (68)                         | (129,419)          | (69,739)                     |
| <b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b> |                              |                               |                              |                    |                              |
|   | -                            | -                             | -                            | -                  | -                            |
|   | -                            | -                             | -                            | -                  | -                            |
|   | -                            | -                             | -                            | -                  | -                            |
| <i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>         |                              |                               |                              |                    |                              |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>            | <b>(127,644)</b>             | <b>(1,707)</b>                | <b>(68)</b>                  | <b>(129,419)</b>   | <b>(69,739)</b>              |
| Total funds brought forward 31.12.2021  | 471,927                      | 18,898                        | 505                          | 491,330            |                              |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>      | <b>344,283</b>               | <b>17,191</b>                 | <b>437</b>                   | <b>361,911</b>     |                              |

# Christ Church with St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and St Paul St Leonards-on-Sea

Registered Charity no. 1170031

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

|   | Total Funds<br><u>2022</u> | Total Funds<br><u>2021</u> | Notes |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | £                          | £                          |       |
| Intangible assets                                       | -                          | -                          |       |
| Tangible assets   | -                          | -                          |       |
| Investments   | 301,560                    | 341,574                    |       |
| Endowed investments                                     | 437                        | 505                        |       |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>                               | <b>301,997</b>             | <b>342,079</b>             | 8     |
| Stocks  | -                          | -                          |       |
| Debtors   | 5,307                      | 81,197                     |       |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                | 144,200                    | 160,825                    | 15    |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                             | <b>149,507</b>             | <b>242,022</b>             |       |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year          | (47,521)                   | (50,699)                   | 11    |
| <b>Net current assets or (liabilities)</b>              | <b>101,986</b>             | <b>191,323</b>             |       |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>            | <b>403,983</b>             | <b>533,402</b>             |       |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year | -                          | -                          | 12    |
| Provisions for liabilities                              | (42,072)                   | (42,072)                   |       |
| <b>Total net assets or (liabilities)</b>                | <b>361,911</b>             | <b>491,330</b>             |       |
| <b>The funds of the charity:</b>                        |                            |                            |       |
| Endowment funds   | 437                        | 505                        |       |
| Restricted income funds                                 | 17,191                     | 18,898                     |       |
| Unrestricted funds                                      | 344,283                    | 471,927                    |       |
| Revaluation reserve                                     | -                          | -                          |       |
| <b>Total unrestricted funds</b>                         | <b>344,283</b>             | <b>471,927</b>             |       |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                              | <b>361,911</b>             | <b>491,330</b>             |       |

This Annual Financial Report, for the year ended 31st December 2022, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

Revd. Thomas Crowley. Chairman



Date 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Notes to the financial report

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### a Accounting convention

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The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement Of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

#### b Funds accounting

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Funds held by the PCC are:

*Unrestricted funds* - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

*Designated funds* - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

*Restricted funds* - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

*Endowment funds* - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

#### c Income and endowments

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All income and endowments are accounted for without deduction for any costs of receivability, are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Donations and legacies**

*Collections* are recognised when received.

*Planned giving* receivable is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount accords with the Gift Aid declaration or other record of intention to donate.

*Gift aid recovered* is recognised when the income to which it is attached is recognised.

*Grants and legacies* are recognised when the formal offer in writing of the funding, is received by the PCC.

##### **Charitable activities**

*Sales of magazines and study notes* are recognised when received.

*Rents from property* are recognised in accordance with the rental agreements, when receipt is probable.

##### **Other trading activities**

*Trading activities* are where income is receivable in return for selling goods or providing services. Income from trading is recognised either: a - when received, or b - in the cease of concerts: for the year in question, irrespective of date of receipt. Advance bookings are included in creditors until the concert has taken place.

##### *Investment income*

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

### **All other income**

All other income is recognised in accordance with the above overall policy.

### **Gains and losses on investments**

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation at 31 December.

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## **d Expenditure**

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Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and accounted for gross.

### **Grants**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

### **Church Activities**

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for on an annual basis, reflecting the allocation set by our Deanery. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

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## **e Fixed Assets**

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### **Tangible fixed assets**

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the financial statements. For other property acquired prior to (date) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore the cost of such assets is not stated in the financial statements.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| □ Fixtures and fittings  | 20% |
| □ Audio visual equipment | 33% |
| □ Office equipment       | 25% |

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

### **Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

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## **f Current Assets**

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Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank

## Christ Church with St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and St Paul St Leonards-on-Sea

### Analysis of income and endowments 12 months to 31st December 2022

|   | Unrestricted<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Fund(s) | Endowment<br>Fund(s) | Total Funds<br>2022 | Total Funds<br>2021 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | £                    | £                     |                      | £                   | £                   |
| Planned giving (excl. Gift Aid)                 | 13,503               | -                     | -                    | 13,503              | 14,730              |
| Planned Giving (incl Gift Aid)                  | 15,673               | -                     | -                    | 15,673              | 14,296              |
| Donations                                       | 23,526               | -                     | -                    | 23,526              | 26,603              |
| Loose cash collections                          | 2,992                | -                     | -                    | 2,992               | 2,400               |
| Fund Raising Events                             | 1,890                | -                     | -                    | 1,890               | 958                 |
| Summer and Winter Fayres                        | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | 1,090               |
| Table Sales                                     | 5,129                | -                     | -                    | 5,129               | 2,366               |
| Gift Aid recoverable                            | 9,243                | -                     | -                    | 9,243               | 11,488              |
| Legacies  | 18,011               | -                     | -                    | 18,011              | 29,459              |
| Special Appeals                                 | 740                  | -                     | -                    | 740                 | 7,330               |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>                   | <b>£90,706</b>       | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>             | <b>£90,706</b>      | <b>£110,720</b>     |
| Fees for weddings & funerals                    | 559                  | -                     | -                    | 559                 | 1,002               |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                    | <b>£559</b>          | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>             | <b>£559</b>         | <b>£1,002</b>       |
| Summer fete & Christmas bazaar                  | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |
| Coffee and Candles                              | 3,222                | -                     | -                    | 3,222               | 1,167               |
| Rent from letting of St Peters Hall             | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |
| Church Hall and Office Letting                  | 22,880               | -                     | -                    | 22,880              | 18,731              |
| Grants  | 161,545              | -                     | -                    | 161,545             | 139,475             |
| Walsingham Pilgrimages                          | -                    | 4,317                 | -                    | 4,317               | -                   |
| <b>Other trading activities</b>                 | <b>£187,646</b>      | <b>£4,317</b>         | <b>-</b>             | <b>£191,963</b>     | <b>£159,373</b>     |
| Bank & CBF deposit interest                     | 898                  | -                     | -                    | 898                 | 147                 |
| CBF investment fund dividend                    | 8,510                | 468                   | -                    | 8,978               | 8,686               |
| HMRC Interest re Gift Aid                       | 10                   | -                     | -                    | 10                  | 14                  |
| <b>Investments</b>                              | <b>£9,417</b>        | <b>£468</b>           | <b>-</b>             | <b>£9,885</b>       | <b>£8,847</b>       |
|   | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |
| <b>Total income and endowments on all funds</b> | <b>£288,329</b>      | <b>£4,785</b>         | <b>-</b>             | <b>£293,113</b>     | <b>£279,942</b>     |



# Christ Church with St Mary Magdalen and St Peter and St Paul St Leonards-on-Sea

## Analysis of expenditure 12 months to 31st December 2022

|  | Unrestricted<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Fund(s) | Endowment<br>Fund(s) | Total Funds<br>2022 | Total Funds<br>2021 | Notes |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
|  | £                    | £                     | £                    | £                   | £                   |       |
| Special appeals costs (e.g. adverts, brochures)        | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| Summer fete & Christmas bazaar costs                   | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| Planned Giving Costs                                   | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | 217                 |       |
| Stewardship costs (e.g. printing envelopes)            | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| Grants costs (e.g. making E/Heritage application)      | 7,911                | -                     | -                    | 7,911               | 8424                |       |
| Investment management costs                            | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| Other fundraising (non-trading) costs                  | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| <b>Cost of raising funds</b>                           | <b>£7,911</b>        | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>             | <b>£7,911</b>       | <b>£8,641</b>       |       |
| Missionary and charitable giving                       |                      |                       |                      |                     |                     |       |
| Ministry:  |                      |                       |                      |                     |                     |       |
| <i>diocesan parish share</i>                           | 62,500               | -                     | -                    | 62,500              | 62,000              |       |
| <i>other clergy costs</i>                              | 1,561                | -                     | -                    | 1,561               | 90                  |       |
| Staff  | 8,295                | -                     | -                    | 8,295               | 7,051               | 5     |
| Upkeep of services                                     | 2,594                | 197                   | -                    | 2,791               | 2,703               |       |
| Church running   | 17,697               | -                     | -                    | 17,697              | 12,764              |       |
| Sunday school  | -                    | 100                   | -                    | 100                 | 100                 |       |
| Church maintenance and repair                          | 7,864                | -                     | -                    | 7,864               | 7,335               |       |
| Fabric Costs   | 220,850              | -                     | -                    | 220,850             | 172,116             |       |
| Insurance of Church Building                           | 20,270               | -                     | -                    | 20,270              | 6,588               |       |
| Grants   | 6,843                | -                     | -                    | 6,843               | 0                   |       |
| Special Appeals works (Clock Dials/Sound System/Organ) | 75                   | -                     | -                    | 75                  | 84,675              |       |
| Architects Fees  | 1,149                | -                     | -                    | 1,149               | 724                 |       |
| Bank charges   | 262                  | -                     | -                    | 262                 | 286                 |       |
| Rectory Costs  | 4,323                | -                     | -                    | 4,323               | 2,834               |       |
| Governance   | 1,980                | -                     | -                    | 1,980               | 2,040               | 6     |
| <b>Cost of charitable activities</b>                   | <b>£347,615</b>      | <b>£297</b>           |                      | <b>£347,912</b>     | <b>£361,306</b>     |       |
| Summer fete & Christmas bazaar costs                   | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| St Peters Hall costs                                   | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | 0                   |       |
| Church Hall and Crypt running costs                    | 16,437               | -                     | -                    | 16,437              | 16,266              |       |
| Curate costs   | 6,061                | 271                   | -                    | 6,332               | 6,154               |       |
| Parish magazine costs                                  | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| Bookstall costs  | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| Walsingham Pilgrimages                                 | -                    | 3,859                 | -                    | 3,859               | 200                 |       |
| Sundry Expenses  | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                   | -                   |       |
| <b>Cost of other trading activities</b>                | <b>£22,497</b>       | <b>£4,130</b>         | <b>-</b>             | <b>£26,627</b>      | <b>£22,620</b>      |       |
| <b>Total expended on all funds</b>                     | <b>£378,024</b>      | <b>£4,427</b>         | <b>-</b>             | <b>£382,451</b>     | <b>£392,567</b>     |       |

## Notes to the financial report (continued)

### 4 Missionary and charitable giving:

|           | Unrestricted Fund | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|           | £                 | £                 | £              | £                | £                |
| Overseas: | -                 | -                 | -              | -                | -                |
| Home:     | -                 | -                 | -              | -                | -                |
|           | -                 | -                 | -              | -                | -                |

### 5 Staff costs

|                              | Unrestricted Fund | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                              | £                 | £                 | £              | £                | £                |
| a Remuneration               |                   |                   |                |                  |                  |
| <i>Wages and salaries</i>    | 8,295             | -                 | -              | 8,295            | 7,051            |
| <i>Social Security costs</i> | -                 | -                 | -              | -                | -                |
|                              | <b>£8,295</b>     | -                 | -              | <b>£8,295</b>    | <b>£7,051</b>    |

### 6 Governance

|                                | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                | £                  | £                 | £              | £                | £                |
| <i>Independent examination</i> | 1,980              | -                 | -              | 1,980            | 2,040            |
| <i>Accounts production</i>     | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |
| <i>Bookkeeping</i>             | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |
|                                | <b>£1,980</b>      | -                 | -              | <b>£1,980</b>    | <b>£2,040</b>    |

|  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | £                  | £                 | £              | £                | £                |
| <b>7 Analysis of transfers between funds</b> | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |
|  | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |

## Notes to the financial report (continued)

### 8 Fixed Assets

#### a Investments

|                                      | Unrestricted Fund | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds     | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
|                                      | £                 | £                 | £              | £               |       |
| Market value 1 January 2022          | 323,814           | 17,760            | 505            | 342,079         |       |
|                                      | -                 | -                 | -              | -               |       |
|                                      | -                 | -                 | -              | -               |       |
| Net (losses)/gains and revaluation   | (37,949)          | (2,065)           | (68)           | (40,082)        |       |
| <b>Market value 31 December 2022</b> | <b>£285,865</b>   | <b>£15,695</b>    | <b>£437</b>    | <b>£301,997</b> |       |

#### b Tangible fixed assets

|                              | Freehold land and buildings | Audio visual equipment | Office equipment | Total fixed assets | Notes |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
|                              | £                           | £                      | £                | £                  |       |
| <b>Cost or valuation</b>     |                             |                        |                  |                    |       |
| At 1 January 2022            | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| Additions                    | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| Disposals                    | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| Revaluation                  | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| At 31 December 2022          | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| <b>Charge for impairment</b> |                             |                        |                  |                    |       |
| At 1 January 2022            | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| Additions                    | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| Disposals                    | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| Revaluation                  | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| At 31 December 2022          | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| <b>Net book amounts</b>      |                             |                        |                  |                    |       |
| <b>At 31 December 2022</b>   | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |
| <i>At 31 December 2021</i>   | -                           | -                      | -                | -                  |       |

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### 9 Analysis of net assets by fund

|                              | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 | Notes |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|                              | £                  | £                 | £              | £                | £                |       |
| Investment fixed assets      | 285,865            | 15,695            | 437            | <b>301,997</b>   | 342,079          |       |
| Current assets (except cash) | 5,307              | -                 | -              | <b>5,307</b>     | 81,197           |       |
| Cash at bank and on deposit  | 143,127            | 1,072             | -              | <b>144,200</b>   | 160,825          |       |
| Current liabilities          | (47,521)           | -                 | -              | <b>(47,521)</b>  | (50,699)         |       |
| Provisions for Liabilities   | (42,072)           | -                 | -              | <b>(42,072)</b>  | (42,072)         |       |
|                              | <b>£344,706</b>    | <b>£16,768</b>    | <b>£437</b>    | <b>£361,911</b>  | £491,330         |       |

### 10 Debtors

|                                | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 | Notes |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|                                | £                  | £                 | £              | £                | £                |       |
| Income tax recoverable         | <b>3,083</b>       | -                 | -              | <b>3,083</b>     | 3,219            |       |
| Prepayments and accrued income | <b>2,224</b>       | -                 | -              | <b>2,224</b>     | 5,704            |       |
| Other debtors                  | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | 72,274           |       |
|                                | <b>£5,307</b>      | -                 | -              | <b>£5,307</b>    | £81,197          |       |

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 | Notes |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|  | £                  | £                 | £              | £                | £                |       |
| Deferred income                        | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |       |
| Accruals for utilities and other costs | 47,521             | -                 | -              | <b>47,521</b>    | 50,699           |       |
| Other creditors                        | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |       |
|  | <b>£47,521</b>     | -                 | -              | <b>£47,521</b>   | £50,699          |       |

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

|                 | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 | Notes |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|                 | £                  | £                 | £              | £                | £                |       |
| Other creditors | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |       |
|                 | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |       |

### 13 Provisions for Liabilities

|                                       | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund/s | Endowed Fund/s | Total Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2021 | Notes |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------|
|                                       | £                  | £                 | £              | £                | £                |       |
| Provision for Church Hall Maintenance | -                  | -                 | -              | -                | -                |       |
| Provision for Church Maintenance      | 42,072             | -                 | -              | <b>42,072</b>    | 42,072           |       |
|                                       | <b>£42,072</b>     | -                 | -              | <b>£42,072</b>   | £42,072          |       |

The Board of Trustees have deemed the valuation of the provision for Church Maintenance as reasonable based on the report of the Architect following the Quinquennial Inspection of the structure of the Church and the recommendations included in the Report.

## Notes to the financial report (continued)

### 14 Statement of funds

|  | Balances<br>b/fwd<br>1 Jan 2022 | Income          | Expenditure     | Transfers,<br>other gains<br>and losses | Balances<br>c/fwd<br>31 Dec 2022 |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
|  | £                               | £               | £               | £                                       | £                                |
| DBF Funds                              | 505                             | -               | -               | (68)                                    | 437                              |
| <b>Total of all endowed funds</b>      | <b>505</b>                      | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>        | <b>(68)</b>                             | <b>437</b>                       |
| Rector & Churchwardens                 | -                               | -               | -               | -                                       | -                                |
| YACC                                   | 577                             | -               | -               | -                                       | 577                              |
| Walsingham Pilgrimage Fund             | 166                             | 4,317           | 3,859           | -                                       | 624                              |
| Sunday School                          | 395                             | -               | 100             | -                                       | 295                              |
| Trollopes Charity                      | 17,760                          | 468             | 468             | (2,065)                                 | 15,695                           |
| <b>Total of all restricted funds</b>   | <b>18,898</b>                   | <b>4,785</b>    | <b>4,427</b>    | <b>(2,065)</b>                          | <b>17,191</b>                    |
| General fund                           | 471,928                         | 288,328         | 378,024         | (37,949)                                | 344,283                          |
| <b>Total of all unrestricted funds</b> | <b>471,928</b>                  | <b>288,328</b>  | <b>378,024</b>  | <b>(37,949)</b>                         | <b>344,283</b>                   |
| <b>Total funds</b>                     | <b>£491,330</b>                 | <b>£293,113</b> | <b>£382,451</b> | <b>£(40,082)</b>                        | <b>£361,911</b>                  |

The endowed fund comprises an historic bequest

The restricted funds are as set out above. The YACC balance is considered to be a designated account. Restricted funds are not invested permanently, but are to be spent within reasonable timescales.

The unrestricted fund includes a designated sum £42,072 which has PCC has set aside towards the cost of future fabric repairs to the Church

Within the unrestricted funds are balances totalling £142,125 that can be utilised for expenditure by the authority of the Rector and Churchwardens only

### 15 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

|  | Total Funds<br><u>2022</u> | Total Funds<br><u>2021</u> | Notes |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | £                          | £                          |       |
| Cash in hand including non-notice deposits | 144,200                    | 160,825                    |       |
| Notice deposits (less than 3 months)       | -                          | -                          |       |
| Overdraft facility repayable on demand     | -                          | -                          |       |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>     | <b>£144,200</b>            | <b>£160,825</b>            |       |

### 16 Related parties and transactions

Certain members of the PCC are also trustees of certain other Charities.

No member of the PCC has any financial transactions with any of these Charities.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE  
PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST MARY MAGDALEN AND ST PETER AND ST PAUL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 set out on pages 19 to 28.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the account in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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For and on behalf of Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited  
Accountants and Business Advisors  
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Date: 7 March 2023