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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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Mr P Joyce
Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Mrs H McKegney
Mr M Norman
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Mr P Cole (Appointed 10 May 2022)
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Parochial Church Council's governing trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin, in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the aforementioned properties.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the PCC should undertake. It is the PCC's intention that St. George's Church, Wilton, its hall, churchyard, and allotments should be available to the local community, whether they are church members or not.

Achievements and performance

Church Membership and Activity

There are 111 members on the new Church Electoral Roll. The St George's 'worshipping community', as reported to the Diocese at 31st December 2022 was 175.

St George's continues to enable the community to mark life's milestones. During 2022 there were 5 weddings and 6 baptisms in the church. There were 12 funerals either in the Church or at Taunton Deane Crematorium. All of these events bring the Church into contact with people at very significant times in their lives and the ministry of the church is appreciated. It also presents an opportunity to make those members of the community aware of other things the church is able to offer.

Overview

God is good and in 2022 St George's saw a glimpse of his goodness manifest amongst us. It was the most extraordinary year of my 11 years of ordained life and saw great strides forward in our life as a worshipping community. In January 22, the PCC plus some invited members held an away day to help us think through our identity and strategy. This gave us the statement that our vision is to:

Grow in Spirit

Grow in number

Practically these headlines are broken down into 5 headings which form the basis of this summary. The number of activities listed below mean that not everything will get a full description.

Worship

To grow in Spirit means that as a whole community, St George's desires to know and worship God in deeper and fuller ways. This was worked out in the following ways.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

- The introduction of the 11.00 service in February 2022 changed the shape of Sunday mornings here in Wilton. From conversations in my first year and with testings of the outdoor services, we were quite convinced that there was already a desire for more contemporary worship style at St George's. Held in the church hall, this service grew rapidly and over the year steadied to around 65-80 adults and 10-15 children at the end of December. This service was particularly supported and made possible by the giving of band leaders, Sam Richardson, Clive Beckhelling, Marlon Steed, Zach and Kaile and Tim and Barble Finch. This was also the first service in St George's history to be regularly live streamed following the cessation of pre-recorded services and utmost thanks go to the team of Matt Norman, Matt Ellett, Tim Baker and Henry Griffin for making this possible. Without the giving and talents of these people this service simply would not have been possible.
- In the church, a more traditional service of communion is held at 9.30 using common worship. At first, there was some concern that the new service might detract from the attendees at the more traditional model of worship, whereas the reality has been a steady attendance of around 60-70. Musically, we give great thanks to our choir ably lead on piano by Stephen Page and Ian Carson.
- Midweek worship came in two main ways, on a weekly basis we held 'Worship on Wednesdays' with Marion Steed on piano and vocals and an open space for prayer and worship. Once a month there is a BCP communion held, although numbers have been rather small at this service and there are questions about its viability moving forward.
- Services at St Georges are led by ordained and lay people and we're especially grateful to our readers, Peter Ball and Kate Taylor for their ministry to us. The death of Peter in April 2023 after 40 years of faithful ministry will be sorely missed.
- God has blessed us richly with many retired ministers and we're grateful for their seen and unseen contributions, special thanks go to Rev. Geoff Treasure, Rev. Jenny Jeffrey, Rev. Michael Hayes and Rev. Martin Kirkbride for all of their hard work, love and dedication.
- A Curate on placement, Jan Church, led a weekly 'Prayer through Art' course that helped people explore faith, culture and philosophy using a piece of art as an object of reflection.
- We held a number of events aimed at welcoming newer musicians called 'Worship Jams' these were really special nights of practice, fun and in the end prayer as we gathered together in praise.
- A special service was held for our Harvest Festival at Cutliffe Farm which attracted enormous numbers of people which we struggled to count. A big thanks to the Parris family for welcoming us so kindly into their barn with a fleet of tractors and special thanks again to Matt Norman and Matt Ellett for managing to organise sound, lighting and live streaming from the middle of a farm!
- Christmas services were a blockbuster this year with high numbers of attendants at all services. Running two consecutive christingles was a particular success and on Christmas day there was standing room only for our joint service.
- Lastly, live streaming is a whole stream of our identity at St George's with some members only able to access via online portals. Using Youtube, we now have over 350 subscribers and weekly views of our services regularly over 100. It is a little difficult to break down these figures beyond the headlines and the number of those who 're-watch' is impossible to calculate but we do also attract regular visitors from overseas including New Zealand, Cambodia and Japan. Special thanks to Bethan Baigent for all of her work on making this happen.

Family and Children

- Stay and Play remains a blockbuster part of our week with a full hall on a weekly basis for families to gather with their tiny ones for fun, play, stories and friendship. A Christmas service was held in Church for everyone. Special thanks goes to all of the leaders and in particular, Judith Pickles, Laura Archibald, Barbara Reeves and many many more.
- Buggy Buddies launched in 2022 led by Bryony Griffin. Groups of parents walk with their children around the area in an opportunity to talk, sing songs, drink coffee and make friends. A bible study was held once a month for those who wanted to stay on and several families have joined the church as a result.
- Mossy Church ran an extraordinary amount of outreach events in 2022, led by Bryony Griffin including visits to Wildside for bug hunts and stargazing, a Teddy Bear abseiling/zip wire adventure (only one bear hurt...) and creation themed events with a gentle Christian message. Bookings and numbers at these events are high between 50-70 attendees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

- In September, the 11.00 service launched 'Kids@11' the first 'Sunday School' to be held on a regular basis for over a decade. This has grown so happily and full that there is a 'Youth@11' planned for 2023. Special thanks to all of the leaders involved, especially Hilary Hayes, Jenny Norman, Ruth Rendell, Rose Slack and more.
- Creche@11 meets upstairs in the hall combining play, songs alongside streaming the service into the space. This has helped to form happy bonds between many of the families attending the services.
- I am a school governor at Bishop Henderson School and give assemblies in St Michael's Church on a regular basis.

Community – the number of these projects means I will be brief in my descriptions.

- Cosy Café - using the Government 'Warm Spaces' grant and led by Ian Hemmens, we gathered together twice a week from November onwards for coffee, friendship and a roaring (virtual) fire in the Dunning room. It was much more about friendship and time spent together than keeping warm. This was well received by the whole community and has been maintained in a voluntary capacity since the funding has run out.
- Hilary McKegney has led our pastoral team, following on from the work of Rachel Neal. The regular visits, home communions and support offered is superb and I am proud to work alongside them in caring for our church and wider community.
- Our new reader, Kate Taylor has taken charge of our engagement with the care homes, supporting St George's Care Home, Ellisfield Court and Elizabeth House. This work has moved on a great stride this year and I am grateful to Kate and her team.
- We bought a Tuk-Tuk with the plan to build a regular mobile community café. Terry Ware led a team of men to convert the vehicle and it is now fully kitted out with lights, electrics and shelving to serve coffee and refreshments in the community. Our first outing was at Christmas time, to spread carols and a cup of good cheer!
- As a spin off from the Tuk-Tuk project, a 'Men's Shed' was created that meets on a fortnightly basis in the Scout Hut led by Terry Ware.
- Jane Joyce has led our churchyard gardening team beautifully and their careful and diligent work has produced a well used, appreciated and impressive churchyard space. Thank you to all of the team!
- Stroll for the soul continues to gather groups for a gentle walk with prayer, friendship and the occasional song along the byways of Taunton.
- Soup Saturdays ran for roughly the first half of the year under the leadership of Rosa Parsloe. These have taken a pause now as after many years of running it, the team have decided it was time for a break. Always well attended these sessions raised thousands of pounds for the life of St Georges and this is an area we'd like to pick up again in the future.
- Following the 11.00 service, the 'Loaves and Fishes' group ran a few after-service meals under the leadership of Ian Hemmens, Barbara Howell, Michelle Howell and more. It is no small feat to feed 90+ people and it was a wonderful expression of our community.
- Knit and Natter runs on a monthly basis on zoom.
- Under the oversight of Geoff Treasure there are now 4 regular housegroups that meet, plus a few others that access our material. There is a need for more groups but there is a shortage of leaders and hosts. Special thanks to Geoff for his diligence and kindness in this wonderful work.
- We were awarded a grant for running a community fridge – coming in 2023.
- The Christmas Fayre was another extravaganza with over 400 people accessing the activities and over £2000 raised. Special thanks go to our co-ordinators, Hilary McKegney, Bethan Baigent and Bryony Griffin. One stallholder commented 'this was the best organised fayre, I've ever been to'.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Finance and Resources

Our treasurer has given a report on finance below, so here I will focus on our physical and human resources.

- Our first year of Ministry Experience Scheme concluded with our candidates all exploring ministry in different ways, Lucy Davies went to Wycliffe Hall to train for ordination, Tim Whitfield went off to YWAM, Laurence Pallant now leads 'Awaken' 20-30s ministry and William Brown is leading and speaking at his home church. Our second year of recruitment was miraculous, starting with barely enough people to run and ending up with 8 attendants. These are all exploring ministry and having opportunities to exercise these gifts in the church. This is a Diocesan sponsored project.
- We welcomed Rev. Jan Church for an extended placement visit during her curacy and we were especially grateful for her joyful services and prayer through art.
- The PCC began the process of reviewing our buildings and spaces. Paul Cole has been especially kind in offering his architectural gifts to help us think through these different spaces so that we might fulfil our vision of being a hub for the community of Wilton and Sherford.

Mission

- We ran a successful Alpha Course with roughly 20 people. Thanks to all of the table leaders, Jay Lanchbury, Rowan Austin, David and Rose Slack plus Ian and Val Hemmens who cooked wonderfully for our guests. All of the attendants were grateful and a few commitments to faith were made during the course. A follow up housegroup is planned for 2023.
- I led two 'Bible in one year' groups that met to explore and talk through the great journeys of scripture.
- The Christian Concerns group coordinated by Carole Smith has helped us to engage with and support our mission partners.

Prayer

- Our old choir vestry was transformed into a 'Prayer Room' by Tim Whitfield. The space is now refurbished and in use but needs a bit more TLC. Some further events to launch and work to make best use of the prayer room are planned for 2023.
- Prayer ministry at the 11.00 service was re-established and there are regular opportunities to spend time in prayer with others after the service.

Conclusion.

After writing nearly 2000 words, I fear I have not been able to summarise the wealth of activities that have taken place in 2022. I am sure I've missed aspects, projects and if I've missed your name, forgive me. St George's Church Wilton is a vibrant community of worship, word and Spirit. As the vicar, I get all of the credit, but the truth is, I couldn't do an iota of what we do without my amazing team in particular the work of the office through Bethan Baigent is excellent and the support of my Churchwardens, Peter Joyce and Hilary McKegney is stellar. Who knows what God will do amongst us in 2023?

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial review

The PCC's main source of income is regular donations from church members through our Christian Giving scheme, most of which are gift aided. Other sources include rental income from letting out the church hall and occasional legacies. 2022 saw the return to a more normal pattern of church attendance after the effects of Covid in recent years. As described above, the congregations and church membership have grown significantly in 2022, particularly as a result of the introduction of the 11.00 service. We are pleased to report that there has been a corresponding increase in our Christian Giving although the timing has lagged behind the church membership as people have taken time to settle into St George's. The Christian Giving income together with the associated tax refund is up by £13,773 to £111,385.

The church hall is once again in more regular use following the lifting of Covid restrictions and rental income increased to £15,023 (2021: £4,761).

For the first time for several years, the Parish Share of £82,770 was paid in full.

The PCC received a very generous legacy of £30,000 from the late Brian Underwood, a long-standing member of the church, for which we are very grateful. It was largely as a result of this legacy that the PCC has been able to record a surplus for the year of £13,753 before investment losses.

The church is not immune from the financial challenges being faced nationally and internationally. The increased church attendance and the new 11.00 service have inevitably added to the running costs of the church across a wide range of accounts headings. Live streaming and the recording of services have required investment in technical equipment over several years. There has been more investment in music and youth work. Like everyone else the church has had to pay higher electricity and gas charges although the effects have been mitigated by a grant from the national church. There have been several new initiatives during the year and although some have been partially grant funded, they do come with a modest cost. The Diocese has shown considerable flexibility and understanding of the financial difficulties faced at parish level for which we are grateful. We are thankful that the congregation has responded well to meeting our growing costs and we are confident that they will face the future financial challenges faithfully and generously.

Reserves Policy

A charity's reserves fund the working capital which is required to pay for day-to-day operations. In addition, reserves are held to meet unforeseen costs, to finance new initiatives and to fund gaps between cash receipts and payments.

Our policy is to maintain a minimum level of free unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months revenue expenditure. As at 31 December 2022, the PCC's unrestricted reserves stood at £50,582 which amounts to just under 4 months revenue expenditure.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover the day-to-day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds and the endowment fund. The PCC's endowment funds are invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund – Income Shares administered by the CCLA.

Risk Management

The trustees consider risk and other uncertainties regularly at their meetings. Where possible, policies are established and procedures adopted to mitigate those risks, whether they are financial or not. Cash flow is monitored and a financial update is provided at every PCC meeting. The level of voluntary income and our ability to pay the Parish Share are regularly discussed, together with safety and protection issues for those visiting the charity's premises.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered as charity number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees, who are the PCC members, who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

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| Dr M Yardley | |
| Mr C Michell | |
| Mrs R Parsloe | (Resigned 10 May 2022) |
| Mrs C Smith | (Resigned 10 May 2022) |
| Mrs C Steel | (Resigned 10 May 2022) |
| Mrs R Neal | (Resigned 10 May 2022) |
| Mr P Joyce | |
| Mrs J Norman | (Resigned 10 May 2022) |
| Rev'd Dr N Griffin | |
| Mr P McKegney | (Deceased 1 December 2022) |
| Mrs H McKegney | |
| Mr M Norman | |
| Ms M Carson | (Appointed 10 May 2022) |
| Mr P Cole | (Appointed 10 May 2022) |
| Mr P Underwood | (Appointed 10 May 2022) |
| Mr I Pinder | (Appointed 10 May 2022) |
| Mrs B Baigent | |

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has a Working Group overseeing the maintenance and management of the churchyard. It has produced a Churchyard Management Policy which has been approved by the PCC, and which is reviewed annually.

PCC members are the Managing Trustees of the Church Hall and the Scout Hut; the Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee.

The Church is the land owner of the Wilton Church Allotments (a charity), and the PCC is responsible for ensuring that they are kept in good order; that income and expenditure are in balance, and that a reasonable surplus is generated "for ecclesiastical purposes".

Specific roles fulfilled by PCC members are as follows:

Vicar: The Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin (Chair)

Churchwardens: Mr Peter Joyce
Mrs Hilary McKegney

Deanery Synod Representatives: Mr Christopher Michell
Dr Michael Yardley

Secretary to the Church Council: Mrs Helen Clegg

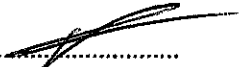
Treasurer to the Church Council: Mr Ian Pinder

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Rev'd Dr N Griffin
Vicar

Date: 15/5/23

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parochial Church Council for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Parochial Church Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton (the Parochial Church Council) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Parochial Church Council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 16-05-2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Current financial year

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Restricted funds 2022 £ | Endowment funds 2022 £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|--|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | | |
| Donations, grants and legacies | 3 | 148,936 | 19,120 | - | 168,056 | 127,451 |
| Other trading activities | 4 | 17,111 | - | - | 17,111 | 4,731 |
| Investments | 5 | 753 | - | - | 753 | 654 |
| Other income | 6 | 6,351 | - | - | 6,351 | 6,972 |
| Total income | | 173,151 | 19,120 | - | 192,271 | 139,808 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 7 | 152,171 | 24,449 | - | 176,620 | 133,673 |
| Other expenses | 10 | 1,898 | - | - | 1,898 | 2,088 |
| Total expenditure | | 154,069 | 24,449 | - | 178,518 | 135,761 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | 11 | - | - | (2,975) | (2,975) | 3,163 |
| Net movement in funds | | 19,082 | (5,329) | (2,975) | 10,778 | 7,210 |
| Net movement in funds | | 19,082 | (5,329) | (2,975) | 10,778 | 7,210 |
| Fund balances at 1 January 2022 | | 31,500 | 11,457 | 25,270 | 68,227 | 61,017 |
| Fund balances at 31 December 2022 | | 50,582 | 6,128 | 22,295 | 79,005 | 68,227 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Prior financial year

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2021 £ | Restricted funds 2021 £ | Endowment funds 2021 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Income and endowments from:</u> | | | | | |
| Donations, grants and legacies | 3 | 114,942 | 12,509 | - | 127,451 |
| Other trading activities | 4 | 4,731 | - | - | 4,731 |
| Investments | 5 | 654 | - | - | 654 |
| Other income | 6 | 6,972 | - | - | 6,972 |
| Total income | | 127,299 | 12,509 | - | 139,808 |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 7 | 122,232 | 11,441 | - | 133,673 |
| Other expenses | 10 | 2,088 | - | - | 2,088 |
| Total expenditure | | 124,320 | 11,441 | - | 135,761 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | 11 | - | - | 3,163 | 3,163 |
| Gross transfers between funds | | (375) | 375 | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | 2,604 | 1,443 | 3,163 | 7,210 |
| Fund balances at 1 January 2021 | | 28,896 | 10,014 | 22,107 | 61,017 |
| Fund balances at 31 December 2021 | | 31,500 | 11,457 | 25,270 | 68,227 |

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Notes | 2022 £ | £ | 2021 £ | £ |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Investments | 12 | | 22,295 | | 25,271 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 14 | 10,295 | | 7,072 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 56,923 | | 49,231 | |
| | | <u>67,218</u> | | <u>56,303</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | | | | | |
| Other creditors | 15 | 10,508 | | 13,347 | |
| | | <u>10,508</u> | | <u>13,347</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | 56,710 | | 42,956 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>79,005</u> | | <u>68,227</u> |
| Capital funds | | | | | |
| Endowment funds | 16 | | 22,295 | | 25,270 |
| Income funds | | | | | |
| Restricted funds | 17 | | 6,128 | | 11,457 |
| Unrestricted funds - general | | | 50,582 | | 31,500 |
| | | | <u>79,005</u> | | <u>68,227</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2023



Mr I Pinder
Trustee

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Notes | 2022 £ | £ | 2021 £ | £ |
|---|-------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | |
| Cash generated from operations | 20 | | 6,939 | | 8,518 |
| Investing activities | | | | | |
| Investment income received | | 753 | | 654 | |
| Net cash generated from investing activities | | | 753 | | 654 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | | - | | - |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | | 7,692 | | 9,172 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | | 49,231 | | 40,059 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | | | <u>56,923</u> | | <u>49,231</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton is a charity registered under number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010. The correspondence address for the Parish of St George's, Wilton is: St George's Church Office, Fons George, Taunton, TA1 3JT. The telephone number is: 01823 284253. Website: www.stgeorgescofetaunton.co.uk. Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Parochial Church Council's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Parochial Church Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Parochial Church Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Parochial Church Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Parochial Church Council. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Parochial Church Council has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Parochial Church Council has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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Dividends are accounted for when receivable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure recognition

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation. Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure on charitable activities is generally recognised when it is incurred. As the charity is not VAT registered all expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Fixtures and fittings | Fully written off in 2006 |
| Computers | Fully written off in 2011 |

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.9 Financial Instruments

The Parochial Church Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Parochial Church Council's balance sheet when the Parochial Church Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Parochial Church Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Parochial Church Council is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Parochial Church Council's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations, grants and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds general 2022 £ | Restricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2022 £ | Unrestricted funds general 2021 £ | Restricted funds 2021 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Donations and gifts | 114,022 | 15,120 | 129,142 | 102,942 | 12,509 | 115,451 |
| Legacies receivable | 30,000 | - | 30,000 | 12,000 | - | 12,000 |
| Grants receivable | 4,914 | 4,000 | 8,914 | - | - | - |
| | <u>148,936</u> | <u>19,120</u> | <u>168,056</u> | <u>114,942</u> | <u>12,509</u> | <u>127,451</u> |
| Donations and gifts | | | | | | |
| Christian Giving - GA | 82,770 | - | 82,770 | 63,278 | - | 63,278 |
| Christian Giving - non GA | 7,923 | - | 7,923 | 14,418 | - | 14,418 |
| Collections Charity | - | 11,512 | 11,512 | 50 | 4,856 | 4,906 |
| Donations - Coffee | 794 | - | 794 | 311 | - | 311 |
| Donations - Others | 203 | 3,321 | 3,524 | 5,381 | - | 5,381 |
| Donations - Hall and church | 1,640 | 287 | 1,927 | 1,981 | 5,260 | 7,241 |
| Tax recoverable CG | 20,692 | - | 20,692 | 17,523 | 2,393 | 19,916 |
| | <u>114,022</u> | <u>15,120</u> | <u>129,142</u> | <u>102,942</u> | <u>12,509</u> | <u>115,451</u> |
| Legacies receivable | | | | | | |
| Legacies | 30,000 | - | 30,000 | 12,000 | - | 12,000 |
| | <u>30,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>30,000</u> | <u>12,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>12,000</u> |

4 Other trading activities

| | Unrestricted funds general 2022 £ | Unrestricted funds general 2021 £ |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Fundraising and church events | 2,086 | - |
| Hall hire and allotment rent | 15,025 | 4,731 |
| | <u>17,111</u> | <u>4,731</u> |

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5 Investments

| | Unrestricted funds general 2022 £ | Unrestricted funds general 2021 £ |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Income from listed investments | 663 | 641 |
| Interest receivable | 90 | 13 |
| | <u>753</u> | <u>654</u> |

6 Other income

| | Unrestricted funds general 2022 £ | Unrestricted funds general 2021 £ |
|---|--|--|
| Fees - weddings and funerals | 2,354 | 1,129 |
| Churchyard income, war memorial and sundry income | 1,081 | 1,101 |
| BHS Chaplain - grant | 2,916 | 4,742 |
| | <u>6,351</u> | <u>6,972</u> |

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7 Charitable activities

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff costs | 30,161 | 29,376 |
| Giving | 11,512 | 5,722 |
| Parish share | 83,767 | 67,939 |
| Staff and speaker expenses | 566 | 144 |
| Altar expenses and flowers | 608 | 606 |
| Music and organist costs | 4,861 | 2,594 |
| Youth activities and education | 7,772 | 231 |
| Office costs | 6,077 | 3,941 |
| Church and hall establishment costs | 12,920 | 8,382 |
| Church & hall repairs and maintenance | 18,376 | 14,738 |
| | <u>176,620</u> | <u>133,673</u> |
| | <u>176,620</u> | <u>133,673</u> |
| Analysis by fund | | |
| Unrestricted funds - general | 152,171 | |
| Restricted funds | 24,449 | |
| | <u>176,620</u> | |
| For the year ended 31 December 2021 | | |
| Unrestricted funds - general | | 122,232 |
| Restricted funds | | 11,441 |
| | | <u>133,673</u> |

8 Trustees

No remuneration or expenses were paid to members of the PCC for their work within the PCC in this or the previous year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

| 2022 | 2021 |
|----------|----------|
| Number | Number |
| <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |

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9 Employees (Continued)

| Employment costs | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 30,161 | 29,376 |

The salary costs include the Parish Administrator and part of the cost of the Bishop Henderson School Chaplain.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Other expenses

| | Unrestricted funds general 2022 | Unrestricted funds general 2021 |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Professional fees | 632 | 887 |
| Independent Examination | 1,020 | 1,020 |
| Bank charges | 246 | 181 |
| | <u>1,898</u> | <u>2,088</u> |

11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

| | Endowment funds 2022 | Endowment funds 2021 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Revaluation of investments | (2,975) | 3,163 |

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12 Fixed asset investments

| | Listed Investments £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cost or valuation | |
| At 1 January 2022 | 25,271 |
| Valuation changes | (2,975) |
| | <u> </u> |
| At 31 December 2022 | 22,296 |
| | <u> </u> |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 December 2022 | 22,296 |
| | <u> </u> |
| At 31 December 2021 | 25,271 |
| | <u> </u> |

Fixed asset investments revalued

In 1971 the trustees of the allotment fund, at the request of the Parochial Church Council and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, sold a plot of land as a site for two houses. The PCC is entitled to the income arising on the accumulated fund and to the rents from the allotments, but not to the capital.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Holdings in common investment funds are at their market value.

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| 13 Financial instruments | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ |
| Carrying amount of financial assets | | |
| Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss | 22,295 | 25,270 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 14 Debtors | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Other debtors | 6,330 | 4,765 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 3,965 | 2,308 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | 10,295 | 7,073 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 15 Other creditors falling due within one year | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ |
| Other creditors | 10,508 | 13,347 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Parochial Church Council. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Parochial Church Council and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

| | Balance at 1 January 2021 | Revaluations gains and losses | Balance at 1 January 2022 | Revaluations gains and losses | Balance at 31 December 2022 |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Permanent endowments | | | | | |
| Wilton Church Allotments - CBF Church of England Investment Fund - income shares | 22,107 | 3,164 | 25,270 | (2,975) | 22,295 |
| | <u>22,107</u> | <u>3,164</u> | <u>25,270</u> | <u>(2,975)</u> | <u>22,295</u> |
| | <u><u>22,107</u></u> | <u><u>3,164</u></u> | <u><u>25,270</u></u> | <u><u>(2,975)</u></u> | <u><u>22,295</u></u> |

This comprises 1079.06 units at market value of 2066.14 pence.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

| | Balance at 1 January 2021 | | Movement in funds | | Transfers | | Balance at 1 January 2022 | | Movement in funds | | Balance at 31 December 2022 | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | £ | £ | Incoming resources | Resources expended | £ | £ | £ | £ | Incoming resources | Resources expended | £ | £ |
| Pews | 3,000 | 750 | - | - | - | 3,750 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,750 |
| Hall refurbishment | 1,204 | - | - | - | (183) | 1,021 | 287 | - | - | - | - | 1,308 |
| Defibrillator | 800 | - | (800) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Church WiFi & sound system | 5,010 | 6,903 | (5,785) | 558 | 558 | 6,686 | 500 | (7,186) | - | - | - | - |
| Giving | - | 4,856 | (4,856) | - | - | - | 11,512 | (11,512) | - | - | - | - |
| Mossy Church | - | - | - | - | - | - | 188 | (179) | 188 | (179) | 9 | 9 |
| TukTuk | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,668 | (4,668) | 4,668 | (4,668) | - | - |
| Warm Space (Cosy Cafe) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,615 | (654) | 1,615 | (654) | 961 | 961 |
| Hearing Loop | - | - | - | - | - | - | 250 | (250) | 250 | (250) | - | - |
| Prayer Room | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100 | - | 100 | - | - | 100 |
| | <u>10,014</u> | <u>12,509</u> | <u>(11,441)</u> | <u>375</u> | <u>11,457</u> | <u>19,120</u> | <u>(24,449)</u> | <u>6,128</u> | | | | |

Donations received for the specific purpose of Hall refurbishment and specific church repairs are treated as restricted income and are used as works are undertaken.

Donations made by worshippers for giving, in the UK and for overseas projects, are collected and distributed to charities as they are received.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:

Investments
Current assets/(liabilities)

| | Unrestricted funds 2022 | Restricted funds 2022 | Endowment funds 2022 | Total | Unrestricted funds 2021 | Restricted funds 2021 | Endowment funds 2021 | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Investments | 50,582 | - | 22,295 | 22,295 | - | - | 25,270 | 25,270 |
| Current assets/(liabilities) | 50,582 | 6,128 | - | 56,710 | 31,500 | 11,457 | - | 42,957 |
| | <u>50,582</u> | <u>6,128</u> | <u>22,295</u> | <u>79,005</u> | <u>31,500</u> | <u>11,457</u> | <u>25,270</u> | <u>68,227</u> |

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19 Related party transactions

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employment benefits including employer's pension contributions of the key management personnel in the year were £nil (2021: £ nil).

| 20 Cash generated from operations | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Surplus for the year | 10,778 | 7,210 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities | (753) | (654) |
| Fair value gains and losses on investments | 2,975 | (3,163) |
| Movements in working capital: | | |
| (Increase) in debtors | (3,222) | (855) |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors | (2,839) | 5,980 |
| Cash generated from operations | <u>6,939</u> | <u>8,518</u> |

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Parochial Church Council had no debt during the year.



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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

May 2023

For Year Ending
31st December 2022

APCM
Reports

St George's Church, Wilton, Taunton
Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 15th May 2023
Churchwardens' Report for the year 2022
Including the 'Premises, Goods and Ornaments' Report.

1. Church Records

In accordance with The Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory are to the best of our knowledge up to date and accurate. These are available for inspection in the Church Office. Also, the Register of Services has been maintained and is kept in the Vestry. Other record books (Weddings, Baptisms, Burials and Confirmations) are kept in the small safe in the Vestry.

2. The Church

2.1 Goods and Ornaments

- The goods and ornaments recorded in the Log Book and Inventory are all present and in good order. The silverware and brass items are regularly cleaned by members of the congregation.

2.2 Repairs and Maintenance

- Boiler & Heating: The Church boiler had its annual service in September 2022. As recommended by the Church Architect, the temperature inside the Church has been maintained at around 13oC during the winter. A smart meter was fitted to the gas supply.
- West Door Handle: The Victorian wrought iron door handle of the West door, which was reported to the police as cut off and stolen in April 2020, was found in September beside a grave in the churchyard. This was repaired and re-fitted by Terry Ware in December.
- Other Potential Work: It should be noted that the last Quinquennial inspection of the Church was carried out on 22nd May 2014, so another survey and any recommendations for repair work by the Church Architect is long overdue, even allowing for the restricted activity during the pandemic.

2.3 Work and Improvements

- Hearing Loop System : The old, sub-standard hearing loop system was replaced on 13th June with a new amplifier and loop (Univox Listener system with loop receiver, testing device and headphones) by Gordon Morris of Somerton at a cost of £809. This has been working well.
- Bicycle Racks : Three bicycle racks were installed by Pete McKegney just outside the South Porch in the summer.
- Bell Maintenance : The possible need for maintenance of the bells has been checked on a regular basis by Jeremy Taylor, one of the regular ringers.

3. The Churchyard

- Old Choir Vestry / Prayer Room: This was converted to create a Prayer Room, with a smaller Church Store at the rear of the building. Fire extinguishers have been provided. Some general improvement to the Prayer Room and repair work (to gutters and windows) will be required in 2023 to make it more suitable for its purpose.
- Activity in the Churchyard. Over the last year, the Churchyard has been well used for different activities, including an Easter sunrise service (17th April), Mossy Church nature trails, and the successful Christmas Fayre (3rd December) and other events. In addition, the Churchyard has continued to be a place where people from the local community come to enjoy its peace and quiet, and where encounters give an opportunity for discussion, comforting and sharing faith.
- Gardening and Maintenance. Churchyard Gardening Volunteers (typically 4 – 6 people per session) continue to carry out tasks, including weeding, pruning shrubs and raking up grass cuttings. This happens as a group mainly on the third Saturday morning of each month (March – November), or on an individual basis at other times, to

keep the Churchyard looking well cared-for. As ever, more volunteers would be very welcome. In addition, gardening work in different areas is undertaken by four contractors (Patrick O'Shea of 'Cut No Corners'; David Baily of 'Cemetery Services'; Neal Kirkbride's Garden Services; and Tim Denovan-Smith).

4. Church Hall

- Equipment: A large television screen was provided in the Dunning Room. Also, thanks to a grant obtained by Pete McKegney, four bicycle racks were installed outside the entrance, and these have been well used.
- AV System: Additional electrical sockets were installed in November to facilitate the setting up of the AV equipment, including the cameras used for live-streaming services.
- Maintenance: Routine maintenance has been carried out, including servicing the gas boiler, replacement of a faulty valve in the heating control system, and the annual inspection of the fire alarm and emergency lighting systems.

5. Pete McKegney:

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Pete McKegney on 1st December, after a long illness. Pete was formerly a Churchwarden here at St George's. A wonderful service of thanksgiving for his life was held in the very full Church on 19th December.

6. Thanks

We would like to record our thanks to the many volunteers who, over the last year have helped with all the tasks needed to support and encourage the life of our church family - for example as Welcomers at both Sunday services (9.30am in Church; 11am in the Hall); those who have worked in the coffee and refreshments team in the Hall, and those who set up the altar before services and those who clean in the Church, as well as the Choir and musicians. We would also like to thank those members of the Prayer Circle and the Pastoral Care visiting team for supporting those in need. Thanks are also due to those helping with Churchyard Gardening, our Flower Arrangers and Bell Ringers, as well as many others in often 'unsung' roles. Thanks too to Stuart Colwill (whose father, Ray, was Associate Priest at St George's) who generously continues to pay for the maintenance of the south side of the Churchyard.

We are very grateful to Bryony Griffin for planning and overseeing initiatives with children's and families work, specifically Mossy Church and Buggy Buddies. We continue to be indebted to Bethan Baigent, our Parish Administrator for her hard work and creativity. She has also maintained our general communication and connection with church members 'on the periphery' through the weekly News Board and social media. We also very much appreciate and are grateful that Ian Pinder has taken over from John Page the responsibility of Treasurer.

We look forward to 2023, confident that we will continue to 'grow in Spirit and in number'.

Peter Joyce & Hilary McKegney
Churchwardens
4th May 2023

Pastoral Care and Support Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

Pastoral care and support is provided in a variety of ways by many individuals and groups at St. Georges. This report, however, is specific to pastoral visiting, home communion and our work in care homes.

A team of pastoral visitors provide care and support for the vulnerable and those in need in the parish and wider community. Pastoral visitors serve as the eyes and ears of the church and are commissioned to visit by Rev. Nick Griffin who is ultimately responsible for pastoral care at St. Georges. Visits are carried out in the person's home whether this is in their own residence, hospital, nursing or residential home. The focus of the visit is to provide Christian fellowship and to meet any spiritual or emotional need which may involve conversation, reading and/or prayer. Visits are tailored to the individual needs of the person but will often include simply listening, practical tasks and signposting, if required, to other agencies.

Care and Residential Homes

During 2022 St George's have continued to offer a service to Care and Residential homes. Ellisfields have a monthly Communion Service which is attended by on average fifteen residents. There was a special service after the Queen had died which was well received. The Carol Service was a popular event with good attendance by residents who do not normally come to the Communion Service. Two residents attend the 9 30am service.

Elizabeth House is very welcoming, we meet monthly for a time of reflection and by request Songs of Praise. The staff value the support offered especially when there have been difficulties in the house. The Carol service was well attended. Two residents attend the 9 30 am service regularly.

St George's residential home has presented difficulties in engaging both the staff and residents. I have continued to visit monthly and offer one to one prayer and support and engage residents with craft activities based around seasonal themes.

Home Visits

Home Communions are offered on both long and short term basis for those unable to attend church. Mountbatten Nursing Home has not responded to our offer to provide a service.

Holy Communion is offered to people in their own homes if they, for whatever reason, are unable to come to church. This includes people who are ill, dying or housebound. Family members may also attend the short service of communion which is carried out in the home.

The visitors get together quarterly as a means of support for each other as well as discussing how things are going and how we could improve. Visitors are trained in all matters related to safeguarding, confidentiality and maintaining appropriate boundaries. The cosy cafe is promoted by the visitors as an excellent way for people to meet and socialise in a safe space.

The team is aware that there are many people of all ages in our community who have pastoral needs and would like to be able to extend the offer of support to all those who need it in whatever way they need it. We hope to develop some new ideas over the next 12 months to extend our offer. Please do contact the team on pastoralcare@stgchurch.co.uk if you would like to refer someone for pastoral care or if you are interested in joining the team.

Hilary McKegney, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

St George's Children & Families Work Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

2022 was a busy year of outreach and development for the Family and Children's work at St Georges. We sought to develop good relationships with families through multiple points of contact with groups, events and services, to demonstrate the God's love by offering community care, action and development opportunities. 2022 had two clear focuses; stepping out in faith to try new initiatives and development of strong teams of volunteers to enable ministry. Recruitment for all groups is one of our chief challenges.

Ministry to Children on Sundays

September 2022 marked a new start for ministry to children on Sunday mornings. With the launch of the 11 service we didn't have sufficient volunteer numbers to begin Sunday groups for children straight away. Instead, we provided activity and craft packs to do in the service, followed on by the opening of the "Family Room". This provided a space for families to freely access together throughout the service for more space and crafts and activities based on the passage from the service. As our volunteer numbers increased, we were able to begin "Kids@11" in September 2022, weekly Sunday group for children aged 3-12. This provided space to explore Biblical truths, sing songs, stories, crafts, games and a space to play and make friends. The Kids@11 used resources from 'Trueway Kids'. The weekly attendance of children to December '22 grew steadily averaging between 5-10 children each session. We are so grateful for the team of dedicated volunteers, under the leadership of Hilary Hayes who have selflessly given their time, effort and love to our children. Thank you!

Mossy Church

From Jan – Dec 2022 we ran 12 Mossy Church events on various themes throughout the seasons including autumn, bug hunting, hibernation, the seaside, birds, creation and summer which all proved to be very popular. The Mossy team hosted two special sessions up at Wildside Experiences near Hemyock where we explored the starry skies and a harvest session too. We had a special fundraising event where teddy bears got the chance to zip wire and abseil from the church tower, which raised over £100 which was used to buy tuff trays and other equipment for the children's work and Mossy Church.

Buggy Buddies

With the colder weather, 2022 started quietly for Buggy Buddies, but we saw steady growth of people attending as the weather improved. We continued to hold all of the sessions outside until the winter time when we went to the church after our walk for the story/song/coffee time. Good relationships have been built with a number of families, and we have been able to welcome some of them to now be regular church members. Our team is small and more volunteers are needed.

Mums Bible Study

A number of Mums from the Buggy Buddies group wanted to be able to have a Bible Study together with the children present. This short Bible Study group took place after the Buggy Buddies sessions in the church hall.

Christmas Buggy Service

All of the St George's Families groups came together at Christmas to run the first Buggy service for parents/carers and their 0-5's in the church for a short and informal service. This interactive service told the nativity story and the families enjoyed making crafts, singing carols and songs as well as sensory play trays throughout. The Stay and Play team kindly hosted some festive refreshments in the hall and a space for more playtime for the children. We will look to do a Buggy service during future seasons.

Stay and Play

Our longstanding baby and toddler group is always a full hall on a weekly basis for families to gather with their tiny ones for fun, play, stories and friendship. A Christmas service was held in Church for everyone. Our leaders deserve great thanks for sharing the work load of planning, leading and cake making so thank you to the team. Special thanks to Laura Archibald, Judith Pickles and Barbara Reeves. We also have a band of willing helpers working in the kitchen who usually have as much fun, cake and coffee as those coming along! Thank you all.

We are in need of help with setting up and putting away as this is getting trickier so there is still a need for additional helpers, even if this is possibly once a term. Help with just chatting to the adults and help in the kitchen would make a difference.

We do receive wonderful feedback for our toddler group and the fresh snacks, fresh coffee and homemade cakes are always appreciated. We are all looking forward to another exciting year.

Christmas Fayre

All of the different families groups were involved in running stalls and activities for the Christmas fayre including Santa's grotto, face painting, tombolas and more. This festive event was really helpful in being able to develop links with individuals and businesses in the local community, to share the Christmas message and invite people to the Christmas services as well as raise funds for the church.

Uniformed Organisations

We have been able to run a number of sessions for the uniformed organisations in the church. Each of them enjoyed completing a scavenger hunt around the church as well as games and the opportunity to ask questions about the Christian faith and the church.

The Families team

Bishop Henderson CEVA Primary School Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

2022 was a very mixed year in school with parts of the year still severely impacted by COVID and then parts which have seen a super return to 'normality'.

The year started with the school still in Amber measures meaning that there were strict bubbles around the school and parts of the school where we struggled to remain open. Whereas previously we had seen only a few cases, we saw a sudden rise in cases, particularly amongst staff and we had a few weeks where different classes needed to close as we simply couldn't staff them. The Spring term was very challenging and teaching and learning were impacted as a result.

This began to ease and by the time we reached the summer term, we were able to start to tentatively lift some restrictions and start to resume some normal activities.

We had a lovely time as a school celebrating Easter, with pupils in each key stage planning and delivering their own Easter service at St Michael's church. Though we were still not able to have parents come and join us, this was the first time we had handed the planning over to the children and we were really blown away by what they produced for us.

We were then able to welcome parents to celebrate sports day with us and wow, did we have an amazing turn out! It was such a joy to see so many of our families with us again and to enjoy sharing their children's successes with them.

As we drew the term to an end, we prepared to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils. They entertained us with a fabulous production of 'Star Wars' and displayed their amazing acting and singing skills. For the second year in a row, we enjoyed an 'in-house' residential where we saw our school field overtaken by tents as the year 6 children and some of our staff families joined together for a sleep over outside. Great fun (and a little sleep) was had by all! We finished the year with a moving leavers service where we spoke about each child as a plant which had been tended and grown and left the children with their own seeds to plant.

As the term drew to a close, we also saw a change in Reverend Jenny's role as she switched from being a paid member of staff, kindly supported by St George's and St Michael's as well as the school, to changing to a voluntary role. Jenny did not want any fanfare or farewell as her role has continued throughout the year, but we want to acknowledge what an incredible service she has been to our school community over the years – and continues to be.

When we returned to school in September it really was school like it used to be and our full range of activities resumed. This has been a great joy and we have made the most of being able to go out on trips again, join as a whole school for collective worship and invite parents to share more widely in the life of the school.

The year ended on a real high. To celebrate the fact that we could all be back together, we mounted a community performance of 'While Shepherds Watched.' By Roger Jones. The children in KS2 performed the acting roles and each year group had their own part to play. This was accompanied by an adult choir of over 20 parents, grandparents and friends of the school, and a live band of 9 incredible musicians. We performed to a packed-out audience at St Michael's and it was an amazing end to the year. There has been a call to do the same with another musical next year – we would love to have folks from St George's involved if you would like to! Keep an eye out for a flier nearer the time!

If you would like to find out more about the life and goings on of the school, please have a look at our new website to find out more. Once again, thank you to the congregation of St Georges for their continued prayer support and financial support of the work of Jenny.

Rachel White, Headteacher Bishop Henderson

St George's Bellringers

Report for St. Georges Wilton APCM, 15th May 2023

The past 12 months have been a busy time for us. Apart from our regular practice sessions on Tuesday evenings and ringing every Sunday for the 9.30 service we have marked various national events, and other more local, domestic events, with additional ringing, bringing in assistance from other churches where necessary.

In June 2022 we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a quarter peal on the 2nd of June and a period of general ringing the following day.

In sad contrast we marked the passing of Queen Elizabeth by ringing the bells 'half muffled' on 8th September. The muffles were then removed for us to ring the bells 'open' on 10th September to celebrate the proclamation of Charles as king. We then had to refit the muffles so we could ring a quarter peal 'half muffled' on the 13th September on the Queen's return from Scotland to Buckingham Palace, and again on the 19th September for her funeral. Quarter peals were also rung to mark other notable local events including the arrival of a new member to the Griffin family and Brenda Arscott's 'big' birthday.

We have been pleased to welcome bands of visiting ringers from as far afield as Essex, Kent, Scotland, Bristol and Exeter.

On the 14th January 2023 we hosted the AGM of the Taunton branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers where our new recruits were made members of the Association. We estimate that at least 40 ringers had a chance to have a go on our bells either side of a soup lunch and the AGM in the hall. A very successful event.

The number of ringers at St George's has been falling steadily over the past few years for a variety of reasons but we are now delighted to report that recent events, such as the Advent Fair, have seen us gather some new recruits, and we are now teaching 5 adults and 3 young people at various stages in the learning process. We have also welcomed 2 'lapsed ringers' and hope they will join us on a regular basis.

In April 2023 we were able to enter bands into 3 of the 4 categories in the Taunton Branch striking competition. The bands entering the 'rounds' and the 'call changes' categories included some of our more advanced 'novice ringers' supported by more experienced ringers, while our 'A Team' competed in the 'method' category. We were delighted to win all 3 categories that we entered and were able to show off our trophy haul to the congregation the next day. Some of our newer ringers will be ready to have a go at this next year when we hope to repeat our success!

The coronation of King Charles III on 6th May was marked by a ringing of all 10 bells at 9.00 am with a band of local ringers past and present, friends, visitors and, most importantly, our cohort of new and recent recruits.

We have always raised a modest amount of money to be used for day-to-day maintenance of the bells from personal donations, fees and donations from visiting ringers. In the past this money has been kept on deposit at HSBC but this has been becoming increasingly inconvenient and expensive to a point where we decided it was not cost effective. The balance of £1,640.99 was transferred into the St George's account in January 2023 where it will be kept 'ring fenced' for use at the discretion of the bellringers for maintenance and ancillary purposes relating to the bells and bell ringing. Our thanks to the PCC for allowing us to do this. We are very grateful for the support that we have from Nick, the PCC and the congregation and we are pleased to report that the future of bell ringing at St George's is looking good!

Brenda Arscott, Jeremy Taylor and Elizabeth Lane.