

St John the Evangelist Church, Hook

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2021

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"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as you hast been, thou for ever wilt be."

This year has revealed the stamina and commitment of our church family, to one another and to God. We have shared his love in the community and sought to be his hands and feet. As we read the reports we are astonished to be recovering so well from a devastating time, are so grateful for the Lord's faithfulness and answers to our prayers, and for your generosity. We have opened and closed the churches, taken care over pandemic regulations, hand-washing, mask-wearing. We have supported each other through prayer and much unseen sacrificial service. We have continued with 'hybrid' church, adapting to the use of cameras and zoom, as well as socially-distanced worship in church. Our choir and music groups have returned to lead our music. Our lunch club and small groups are booming again.

During this year we moved steadily forward with Eco-church, embracing the Carbon Net Zero challenge of Winchester Diocese. There is much to do, but we shall be working towards a Bronze Eco-church award. Our Communications team have had an impact this year, with a revitalised website, roll-out of software from iKnow for multiple uses and more joined-up thinking.

The pandemic gave us a surprising and big opportunity to tell the story of Easter to hundreds of children this year through zoom and video technology. Ministry to children and families has continued faithfully thanks to the energy and vision of our team and parents and friends. It was wonderful to have the Confirmation service in church in June at last, for our teenagers and older members.

Hook PCC and Whitewater Ministry team took a courageous step in September to invite the Rev'd Russ Parker to lead us in a whole church '2Restore' listening programme, with Jesus' gospel of reconciliation at the core. By telling our own stories, by truly listening and accepting one another, by forgiving the past, and embracing a new future, we are becoming the church family that we want to be, and we believe God wants us to be. We have taken a big step forward to becoming a more loving, a kinder, gentler community. The PCC-led worship survey of the summer revealed a wide breadth of preference in worship styles. So we are now exploring how to glorify the Lord, and how to truly love one another as a church family when we offer excellence in different ways. This will continue as our shared church family journey in the year ahead.

Our Church Wardens have continued to take responsibility for the buildings and for our Risk Assessments and managing Covid safety. As with all charities, our financial situation has been very demanding, but we give thanks to God that we end the year with just a small deficit, having given our full Common Mission Fund contribution to the Diocese and maintained our commitment to our chosen charities.

This year St John's has become more of the village Church, as we hosted three weddings, some big village funerals and thanksgiving services, as well as co-ordinating the large outdoor Remembrance Day service in November and festive outdoor Carols in December.

We are grateful for all that Rebecca Ratnasamy introduced into the Benefice office during her time with us, as she navigated home and office-working from September 2020 to December 2021. Huge thanks too to Richard Paganuzzi who has single-handedly managed Church Warden duties from April and managed to progress our Zoom and camera work for streaming live worship services, as well as listening and caring for individual people and their concerns in the church family.

And just as I began this letter, thank you to the Lord for his unfailing compassion, guidance, enabling and inspiration. It is He who calls us to be here and equips those who he calls. What a deep joy we have as we see His transforming work in our individual lives and church family, for healing, renewal, for future hope, for His glory.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector of the Whitewater Benefice

Church Wardens' Annual Report

Statement of Aims

The Parochial Church Council [PCC] is to co-operate with the Ministry in promoting within Hook parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

The PCC meets most months, with additional Standing and Finance Committees.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

Following the APCM in April 2021 the membership comprised:

Incumbent (Rector from Feb 2019)	Revd Canon Dr Marion de Quidt [Chair]
Assistant Priest	Revd Shona Hoad
Church Wardens	Richard Morley [to April 2021] Richard Paganuzzi [Vice Chair]
Secretary	Charlotte Margetson, <i>non elected</i>
Deanery Synod Representatives	Kim Foster [re-elected April 2021] Martin Rudd [re-elected April 2021]
Elected Members	Angelo Arulchelvam [until May 2021] Caroline Bushman [Treasurer] Nicola Clague Stephen Davies [from April 2021] Caroline Frolander Sophie Fulpesi Susan Purchase [from April 2021] Susan Steele

PCC Training & Induction

There is a short induction programme for new PCC members.

Committees and Teams

The PCC operates through committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC, their deliberations are received by the full PCC and discussed accordingly.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Finance Committee

This oversees the general financial work of St John's by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting, maintaining appropriate financial controls and co-ordinating a review of Christian stewardship of money, including planned giving.

Administrative Information

St John the Evangelist Church is situated on London Road, Hook and is part of the Whitewater Benefice of Hook and HMR (Heckfield and Mattingley with Rotherwick). It is in the Deanery of Odiham under the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:

The Church Office
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The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in the legal name which is "THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HOOK" with the registration number 1183688. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Electoral Roll report

The Electoral Roll records the names and addresses of all those who consider their spiritual home to be St John the Evangelist, Hook. It is used for a variety of purposes including parish and diocesan communications, and it also determines the number of representatives the church has on the Deanery Synod. Having your name on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting.

As of 31st December 2021, the number of people enrolled for St John's was 118. This represents a net decrease of four since 31st December 2020. Of the 118 persons currently enrolled, ninety-nine are resident in the parish and nineteen outside the parish. The composition of St John's Electoral Roll is 66% women and 34% men.

The PCC appreciates the help and support that roll members give to St John's through their prayers, offerings, and participation in church life.

Kim Foster, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

Nine PCC and 2 Standing Committee meetings were held on Zoom during 2021. In addition, a meeting was held socially distanced in the main church building, specifically for PCC to be addressed by Russ Parker.

As in previous years, meetings continued to focus on nominated subjects: budget setting; selecting charities; pMAP. However, during 2021, some topics were discussed several times.

Firstly, throughout 2021 there were legal restrictions or guidelines in force to manage Covid infections. Most needed interpretation by PCC specifically to cover the activities at St John's.

Secondly, following the first lockdown in 2020, discussions on the styles and patterns of services were postponed. The variety of styles of the Zoom services showed us that we had many options when we returned to in-church services. A worship style survey was commissioned. The results weren't conclusive but it has given the PCC an indication that a mixture of styles is still appropriate.

Finally, during 2021 it was decided to address many historical issues within the St John's community which re-surface regularly. The PCC invited Russ Parker to lead us through a process of resolution of conflict, reconciliation of relationships and a renewal of the life of the church. Several PCC meetings were devoted to this process.

The APCM was held on 18 April 2021. Full copies of PCC documents are available on request from the Church Office or Secretary.

The churchwarden would like to thank the sub-committees and individuals for their support in the administration of the Church.

Richard Paganuzzi, Church Warden

Building and Fabric Report

This report was made to the Parochial Church Council [PCC] under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 by Richard Paganuzzi and Richard Morley as Church Warden in March 2021; and is also made by them to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on behalf of the PCC.

Due to lockdown, during 2021 there was little wear and tear due to usage of the buildings and very few repairs were needed. None of the major items identified by the latest Quinquennial Inspection were addressed. Over the summer holiday, the block flooring in the Church Hall was sanded and re-sealed.

Some flower and vegetable growing boxes were installed in front of the church and in the graveyard. An external tap, to which a hose can be connected, was installed to aid watering.

Flooding was addressed. It's uncertain what has changed in the past few decades but the water level on the A30 is now often higher than the church car park and lawns resulting in rain water coming from the A30 rather than flowing into the culvert. The serious flooding has been addressed by the disconnection of the church rainwater pipework from the culvert under the A30. Rainwater still flows into a soakaway in the cemetery. Further work is necessary to address the puddles that still appear during heavy rain, caused by soakaway not soaking away quickly enough.

Finally, work was carried out to provide a secure public Wi-fi in the church and Narthex.

Richard Paganuzzi, Church Warden

MINISTRY REPORTS

Whitewater Benefice Team

It is a joy to minister in our team with lay and ordained together. We met before the pandemic for a quiet day, with no idea of how important that time together would prove to be. Thanks to the Lord, we have been able to continue throughout the pandemic to meet on the first Saturday of each month, on Zoom or in person. We begin with prayers, then plan services, discuss theology and pastoral care. Our aim is to provide excellent worship and pastoral care for all ages, in all our churches, and appropriate socials and pastoral care across the Benefice. Since the lifting of restrictions we have returned to the pre-pandemic pattern of Worship services, but with midweek worship on Wednesday on Zoom, and the addition of the new 6pm Holy Communion in Hook.

Shona Hoad has taken primary responsibility for HMR and myself for Hook, but our team serves across the whole Benefice. Peter Hewlett-Smith has supported ministry across the Benefice, and been so much appreciated as the work of the True Living Centre in Heckfield has developed, offering faithful pastoral care and Holy Communion. Jennifer Martin has led the wonderful Hook Messy Church for so many years, and we said a big thank you in December. Jennifer continues to lead ecumenical bible groups, preaching, matins and evensongs, and ministry in nursing homes in Hook. Tim Maynes joined the team in November 2020 as a Licensed Lay Minister and helps lead in Berry Court, plus many matins and evensongs and preaching. Jonathan Bushman takes primary responsibility for youth and families ministry of all ages, leading the teams for all-age worship in Hook, Junior Church and holiday clubs, plus Thursday fellowship. Martin Hoad supports Shona's ministry in HMR, in all-age services, midweek groups and preaching. Our Church Wardens help us to listen carefully to our congregations and community so that we make wise decisions. Thank you to James Trumpeter who brings insights as Heckfield Church Warden.

We also give thanks for the ministry of our Bishop's Commission for Mission team, Brigitte Maynes, Shirley Clancy, Carol-Anne Morris as Pastoral workers, Stephen Davies, Nikki Wild and Rosie Mandry as worship leaders, and Kim Foster as Creation Care leader. Going forward we shall meet more often as a whole team.

We were delighted that the Rt Rev'd Geoff Annas was able to come to St John's in June, to lead the Confirmation service for two adults and seven youth who had been preparing throughout the pandemic and before!

Peter Hewlett-Smith has asked to reduce his ministerial commitments in 2022, but will continue to support the Bluebell Café and the True Living Centre. In Whitewater Benefice 2021 we conducted 11 baptisms and 22 funerals of all varieties, 3 weddings in Hook, HMR 10 Weddings and 1 Blessing service. The ministry team and pastoral care team consider it our privilege to be involved in serving people at special times in their lives. Thank

you to our congregations who support us, advise us, and join Benefice teams to make things happen. Our churches need you all! May the Lord continue to knit us together in deep love and with clear guidance into 2022.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Rector

Benefice Safeguarding Report

Both Hook & HMR PCC's have complied with their duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). In practice this means that the two PCCs have discussed and approved both (Hook & HMR) Parish Safeguarding Policies each year and received a report on current safeguarding concerns from the Benefice Safeguarding Officer or Incumbent at each PCC meeting. PCC members have had DBS checks and regular training. Both PCCs and the Incumbent are confident that any safeguarding concerns raised have been dealt with in an appropriate way.

Martin Rudd, Benefice Safeguarding Officer 2021

Music and Choir

2021 was a year of three parts for the Music Team. The first part, being lockdown, saw choir rehearsals on Zoom leading to recorded music from them and various instrumentalists which were used in the Zoom services. During the second part, when services were allowed to be held in church, members of the team provided instrumental music on organ and piano to support the spoken services. Finally, once singing was allowed, the choir started to rehearse in church and lead some hymn singing.

Outdoor services have been a feature of the year, including singing in the rain (at Pentecost) and the Carols round the tree prior to Christmas. The Choir started to sing, albeit socially distanced, from September onwards, thankfully, sufficient progress was made for some members to sing in the Cathedral at the RSCM Festival.

November saw our first sung Choral Eucharist for almost two years, swiftly followed by the Carol Service at which we welcomed Geoff Willis as organist. One further achievement for the choir was the issuing of a CD at Christmas, which charted their contributions to music over lockdown, some 26 tracks of remotely recorded hymns and anthems. Equally impressive is the growth of support for the First Sunday Service; the pool of musicians who are available to play has grown and they continue to gain confidence in playing for our worship. The team have also produced music videos for inclusion in the various services, demonstrating the wide range of talented individuals in our church family.

Caroline Bushman, Nikki Wild, and Stephen Davies

Pastoral Care

Members of the pastoral team lead and care for people in bible study groups, craft group, flower arrangers, 'holy dusters', St John's Choir, Men's Breakfast, Lunch Club, Friendship café, Hook and Whitewater 'Open the Book' teams, plus a wider community service with Hook Foodbank, Hook Junction 5 (debt relief), Hook community volunteering, at Basingstoke hospital and Basingstoke Job Club. We have kept up to date with Health and safety, and disability awareness, with DBS and safeguarding training. The WhatsApp groups formed to help during the pandemic have helped us keep in touch with needs and practical support.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Prayer and Prayer Mondays

The Monday Prayer Group moved to WhatsApp during lockdown. The original in-person group varied from 2 to 8 people when we met in the Lady Chapel, but online we are now 24. This format seems to suit a wider group as even those at work can join in. With the lifting of pandemic regulations, a group meets every Monday in the Lady Chapel at 10.30am and would welcome new team members.

Carol-Anne Morris, Pastoral Assistant

Throughout the whole year, on Mondays and Fridays, we have been meeting on zoom to pray at 8.30am for 30 minutes. We read a Psalm, a section from the Bible, pray together for any needs and give thanks to God. We say

thank you to the Lord for his presence, for speaking to us through his Word and one another, and for answering our prayers. Please receive this as an invitation to join us. The link is on the Calendar on the website.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Jennifer Martin, Gill Morley, Ethel Thomason, Rev'd Shona Hoad, Rev'd Karen West

Vocations and Ministry

The pandemic has enabled us to discover new gifts and skills within our church family, and encouraged more sharing to enable our worship and community service. All of us are called to serve the Lord, each of us with a unique situation and response to His love and in this report is much evidence of practical and spiritual vocations.

Kim Foster (Hook) prepared for a Diocesan lay commission as 'Bishop's Commission for Mission, Creation Care' with study and practical projects. She encouraged local Hook enthusiasts to join again with 'Plastic Free July', to work towards a Community Garden with a survey of local people, planting of vegetable and herb plots within St John's grounds and work for A Rocha Bronze award. She was commissioned in October in Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev'd Shona Hoad supported the curate Rev'd Karen West (Sherfield) as her Training Incumbent during 2021. The Rev'd Helen O'Sullivan came to Whitewater for the Spring term as a final year curate placement alongside myself. We all enjoyed their presence and wisdom. Helen has moved to a post in Whitchurch Deanery.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Ecumenical Ministry

We serve together in Hook with our brothers and sisters in Life Church and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church, bible studies, litter picking, 'Open the Book', leaflet to advertise services, and prayers. Sadly, we were unable to have our unity service in 2021 because of Covid restrictions.

Canon Marion de Quidt

St John's Church Flower Arranging Team

The church flower arranging team continue to enjoy being responsible for the flower decorations in church each week. Following the previous lockdowns, we especially enjoyed meeting up and being able to work together again creating floral displays for the three major church festivals. At the beginning of the year, we switched to using Biodegradable Oasis in line with our church Eco targets.

In December we all enjoyed making our famous Christmas candle table decorations to sell at the church Christmas craft coffee morning. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated team of volunteers and are always pleased to welcome new members.

Felicity Rudd, Team Leader

Holy Dusters

The Holy Dusters team of many years has not re-formed since the pandemic, and several members have now stood down. We would love to see a new team emerge to keep our church shiny and clean. This group has been a happy friendship and practical team.

Ann Taylor, Holy Dusters previous Team Leader

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

St John's Ecumenical Bible Study Group

The Group has continued to run through the last year where we have all met via Zoom. What a blessing this has been. The group has grown more than three-fold and we welcome people from other parts of the country. Some of the group have a sight impairment and we hear versions of the bible read in Braille.

We completed Matthew's Gospel and in Lent we commenced with Jesus being tempted in the Wilderness, ended with Stations of the Cross. We travelled in the footsteps of Jesus, looking at the Gospels and comparing them and the historical background. We followed an Advent Course adapted from John Cox's book 'A Light to the

Nations.' In addition to Zoom, two of us have a face to face visit and we go through the bible study and notes together. It is a joy to be part of this group to continue to study God's word.

Jennifer Martin, Bible Group Leader and Licensed Lay Minister

Living Flame, Wednesday evening group

House groups give us the opportunity to explore God's word, and how we apply it in our daily lives. Our meetings are relaxed, friendly and sociable, beginning with sharing news and life events. During the pandemic, the fellowship aspect of meetings has continued to be a valuable source of encouragement and support. Whilst the group was unable to meet in person, we used Zoom for our regular pattern of meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Since restrictions eased, to minimise risk, the group has met in the Church Centre. We hope to return to meeting in homes in 2022, once it feels comfortable to do so.

As well as the social aspect of our gatherings, we study God's word and share prayer requests within the group. Meetings are a safe space to ask questions and learn. Through discussions and sharing ideas we gain fresh insights and discern God's message to each of us. Topics we have covered in 2021 have included the "I Am" sayings of Jesus, the book of Jonah and Fruit of the Spirit as well as studies to tie into sermon series themes.

Nikki Wild, Leader

Thursday Fellowship Group

Thursday Fellowship aims to encourage one another in discipleship through open and caring Christian Fellowship.

The group has continued to meet on Zoom in 2021, initially this was due to the Coronavirus regulations but the group agreed to continue meeting on Zoom due to the flexibility it offers, allowing people to join from their own homes or even from other locations. To help build community and Fellowship, we did manage two in person social events; a summer Barbecue at church and a Harvest Supper in October also at church.

The group started the year studying Mark's Gospel in line with the church lectionary. Our Lent study was based on the Church of England Lent Book, 'Living His Story' with thought provoking videos and discussion. After Easter we looked at the letters 9f St. John the Evangelist and after Pentecost the Psalms of David, following his life story and the Psalms he wrote along the way. Just before the summer break we started a series by Jeff Lucas called 'Notorious' looking at the rogues, scoundrels and scallywags of the Bible and the warnings their lives hold for us. In September we followed the series on Creation, 'For such a time as this' as we explored our calling to care for God's creation. We then continued with the Jeff Lucas study 'Notorious' until the end of November. Our Advent study was an enjoyable look at the Gospel message behind the film, 'It's a Wonderful Life' and how we can learn to serve God and others.

The group meets each Thursday at 7.30pm with between 8 and 14 people and new members are always welcome. It has been a valuable source of fellowship and comfort especially during the pandemic and we pray that God will continue to bless our discussions going forward.

Jonathan Bushman, Licensed Lay Minister

Know Your Bible, 'KYB'

We have continued to meet once a fortnight on Wednesdays during 2021. We have met online, in each other's gardens, on the grass between the big Narthex door and Marion's study, and are now finally back meeting in church. This year we have continued with the second part of Matthew and Ephesians.

Gill Morley, current KYB co-ordinator; Rebecca Ratnasamy, co-ordinator to December 2021

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

Junior Church

The aim of Junior Church is to encourage the young people in our care to learn together about Christ, through fun and fellowship.

In 2021 we continued to deliver teaching and activities on a Sunday morning, during lockdown this was done with weekly Zoom meetings after the morning service. We use Roots on the web resources, which are well suited

to both virtual and face to face teaching and also follow the lectionary theme. We had our first post-pandemic face to face meeting on a wet Pentecost Sunday in the Rectory Garden, this was followed up by another outdoor meeting in the same place on June 20th, the church anniversary Sunday. The summer term finished on 18th July with a Junior Church picnic in Hartlett's Park as we celebrated being together again. In September, with Sunday morning re-starting at St. John's, in person Junior Church meetings re-started. We continued to run 2 groups; an infant group for pre-schoolers up to year 4 which teaches through the use of games and craft and a Junior group for children in year 5 and above which is more discussion based. The number of children attending each week were about 10 to 15 during lockdown going down to typically 5 to 10 post lockdown as other activities started up. Many members of the Junior Church have contributed to the monthly All Age worship throughout the year. The Junior Church has also supported, with other church youth and family groups, other one-off activities such as the Pancake Party which took place on Zoom in 2021, and the Light Party on October 30th at St. John's. Also, in 2021 we organised 2 half day activity mornings at the start of September shortly before the school term re-started. The theme was "Team builders" - looking at how we can all be part of God's Team, with some great adult support and a total of 25 children attending, a great time was had by all.

My thanks to the dedicated team of adult helpers and leaders who have made this possible and helped the online teaching during lock down work so well as well as adapting to face to face sessions again later in 2021. In 2022 the objective is to encourage a new generation of children in the pre-school and infant age range to come and join Junior Church and look at ways we can bring a sense of community and family for the Junior Church children.

Jonathan Bushman, Licensed Lay Minister

Messy Church

Messy Church is a way of 'doing' church that offers families coming together to be, to make, to eat and to celebrate God. For most of 2021 we held Messy Church through Zoom. We learned to be very creative and had a core group of children and parents attending from other areas in addition to Hook. Most sessions we had an attendance of 10-12 children. Packs were made up for families to collect from Marion's porch each month. In September we went back to St Johns Church. Themes included: Pentecost, Easter, The Lord's prayer, stories from both the New and Old Testament, and Christmas.

I stood down from coordinating the sessions and I cannot thank the team enough for their hard work, creativity, and commitment. My heartfelt thanks for the gifts I received, and to Nicky Clague for the delicious cake.

Thank you, Jonathan, for taking over.

Jennifer Martin, Messy Church Leader

Fingerprints

Our Thursday afternoon pre-schooler group for mums, dads and carers, has continued throughout the pandemic from 2-3.30pm in Term time. We built close friendships group before the pandemic, and have continued on zoom, via WhatsApp or in person. We read Bible stories, have snacks and toys, sometimes crafts for the season, and remember the festivals of the church in church or in the parlour.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Bumps and Babes

The first session of Bumps and Babes took place on 21st April 2021. The aim of the group was to give expectant and new Mums a chance to meet and chat. Covid had prevented live meetings before this. The group only runs during term time and we get between 2 and 6 Mums and Babes.

Gill Morley and Gill Lothead, leaders

Open the Book, Hook

Open the Book is a project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible on a weekly basis as part of their Collective Worship. In Hook we have an ecumenical group which goes into Hook Infant School every Monday afternoon in term time. The stories are narrated and acted out using simple props and costumes and there is a short time for reflection and a prayer at the end. The school is very welcoming and the children enjoy the stories. We are an enthusiastic and friendly team and new members are always welcome.

Brigitte Maynes, Hook Coordinator

Open the Book, HMR, Whitewater School

After a long absence due to the pandemic, in September we were very pleased to start visiting Whitewater School again as Storytellers. We were warmly welcomed and it was a joy to see the children and staff after such a long time. Unfortunately this was short lived as in mid-December, due to safety concerns, we had to abruptly withdraw due to the sharp rise in positive coronavirus cases in the school. We hope that Open the Book will return to Whitewater in the new year.

Sandra Pickworth, Coordinator of HMR Open The Book

Confirmation and Youth Group

We continued to teach the Christian faith and share reflections throughout the pandemic, and used the Zoom platform to watch the excellent Youth Alpha videos. In June, seven of our teenagers were finally able to be confirmed in a socially-distanced service in St John's with the Right Reverend Geoff Annas. One had to self-isolate for Covid reasons, and will return in 2022. We continue Youth Group in person, twice monthly in the Narthex.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Collective Worship and Religious Education in Schools

In 2021 we reached the largest number of children and their families ever before from the Whitewater Benefice, through Zoom gatherings and video recordings of the Lent and Easter Christian story, totalling around 900 children. One surprising positive impact of the pandemic, because of possibilities with Zoom and video recordings for Hook Infant and Hook Junior Schools, plus Whitewater Church of England School. In person worship has continued when possible. We have been creative outdoors with St John's Preschool at Easter and Harvest.

In the autumn we returned to in-person assemblies, and by Christmas 2021 we were able to host Nativities for Hook Infants and St John's Preschool in the church, bringing great happiness as a return to 'normal'. 'Open the Book' teams have returned to the schools. Thanks be to God for our village locations and our great relationships with staff and children.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Whitewater Church of England School, Rotherwick

Our wonderful village Church of England school has a great vision: "Developing values and skills of the Christian faith, Including everyone, Nurturing everyone's talents, Lifelong learning". We are proud to have this school in our Benefice. The pandemic has been a massive challenge to staff and families in every school. Whitewater School has come through with a huge amount of dedicated work from staff, parents, carers and governors. We support with three Foundation Governors: Marion, Shona and Stephen Davies (Hook). Our 'Open the Book' team are welcomed for their Bible story-telling. Marion led worship every Thursday, on zoom during the pandemic, and in person whenever possible, such as Harvest Festival in Rotherwick Church. Shona supports the 'Open the

Book' team and has begun to lead worship on Wednesdays. HMR churches give the children a Bible when they leave at the end of Year 6, and all children an Easter Egg at the end of the Spring term.

We joined a school collaboration in December, with Mr Glen Golding as Executive Head and Mr Steve Moore as Head of School, and retain our status as a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School. Thank you so much to Miss Lucy Edwards who led the school for the last 7 years as Head Teacher until she left in September 2021.

Canon Marion de Quidt

MINISTRY IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Winchester Diocese and Diocesan Synod

2021 was a year of significant change for the Diocese, with Diocesan Bishop Tim Dakin standing down from ministry in May, and then retiring in February 2022. Bishop Debbie Sellin of Southampton, was appointed as Acting Diocesan Bishop, with Bishop David Williams continuing as Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke. Winchester Diocesan Synod met in March. An informal synod was gathered in September, to facilitate conversation between Synod members who were ending their triennium in 2021, and those just beginning. A further Synod was convened in November where full membership was confirmed, and members of Bishops Council elected.

During 2021 there were changes in the Diocesan leadership team, ongoing restructuring of parish and benefice organisation, and a loss of 11 stipendiary clergy posts from each of the north and south archdeaconries, reducing the total number to 116. With the support of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, Winchester Diocese will be spending 18 months attending to the well-being and morale of its clergy, working on lasting reconciliation and good relationships across the Diocese, clarity on Diocesan finances, and a coherent vision for growth. I am an elected member of Diocesan Synod as well as Odiham Area Dean, in which capacity I attend the termly Northern Archdeaconry team meetings and a monthly meeting of northern Area Deans with Bishop David. I have also attended the Diocesan Mission Forum to share updates from our Myanmar link, which has been well received.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Odiham Deanery and Synod

Odiham Deanery comprises six Benefices in the north-eastern part of Winchester Diocese, with 28 churches. Clergy meet once per month for learning and friendship as the Deanery Chapter, share news and plan ministry on WhatsApp, and some clergy meet for bible study weekly on Friday mornings.

The new Twentieth gathering of Odiham Deanery Synod met three times in 2021. In February the Synod met in Hook in person, and elected our Lay Chair, Richard Elphick (Sherfield), Treasurer, Colin Cohen (North Hampshire Downs), and Secretary, Janet Young (Yateley). The Diocesan reorganisation was described. An update was given about our Deanery link with Holy Cross Theological college in Myanmar with the immediate impact of the military takeover. We said goodbye to the Rev'd John Lenton, and Rev'd Stephen Ball, retiring in 2021. Curate Rev'd Helen O'Sullivan explained the strategy and impact of the 'Benefice of the Future' rural churches project in North Hampshire Downs, one of the Deanery focal projects for the last 3 years.

In April, Synod met on Zoom. The recent 24-hour Deanery Prayer Vigil for Myanmar was described by Kim Foster (Hook), and photographs shared. A prayer WhatsApp group made this possible. Andy Pinnock (Bramley) presented a practical 'how to' use of technology for worship and hybrid church services. Finally, Rev'd Lerys Campbell (Assistant Area Dean, Darby Green) commended the Church of England 'Living in Love and Faith' course, which a group of Odiham clergy had studied together.

In October, we met in Hook in person, caught up on news from around the Deanery and heard good news about local churches. Our Treasurer explained that with a decrease in income across the parishes, he anticipated 92% collection of Common Mission Fund compared to the request from the Diocese. An open conversation followed my presentation of the challenges in the Diocese. Questions from Deanery representatives were summarised and passed on to Diocesan Senior staff.

Canon Marion de Quidt, Area Dean. Hook Deanery Representatives are Kim Foster and Martin Rudd

Ministry to Old Raven House and Geffery's House

It is a real joy to re-commence this ministry after many months of a regular phone call to maintain contact. Prior to our visit to Old Raven House, Marion holds a short Communion Service which Brigitte, Joyce and I attend. We take communion to the residents in the Conservatory of Old Raven House. The Manager Anne and her staff are always very welcoming. We commence with a well-known hymn sung beautifully which triggers memories for the residents. It is such a privilege to be with these wonderful people who are cared for. Specific words from the service brings back memories for them. Christmas was particularly special where we sang several Carols with one lady beautifully singing the last verse of Away in a manger. Thank you to Brigitte and Joyce for sharing in this ministry.

Ministry to Gefferys House, Hook, continued with two services, the first being Remembrance Day where over 20 residents gathered in the lounge. We held a Christmas Carol service and residents took a part through reading and selecting Carols, and were joined by some of St John's Choir. Regular visits are carried out at the weekly coffee mornings and there is a warm welcome. The Wardens are very supportive and welcome this ministry. Residents from Gefferys Fields Basingstoke temporarily moved to Gefferys House whilst some rebuilding and refurbishment takes place. The plan is still for Gefferys House to close, and all will move to Gefferys Fields in Basingstoke on completion of the work. Please hold the residents and wardens in your prayers.

Jennifer Martin, Licensed Lay Minister

Ministry to Berry Court

We have returned to monthly in-person communions in Berry Court, once Anchor Homes allowed us to gather in the lounge. During the pandemic we kept in touch with our church family who live in the flats, and other residents who appreciate the monthly communions. One was confirmed in June 2021 in St John's, which was a joy for us all. Tim Maynes and I take the services together.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Men's Breakfast

We started the year meeting via Zoom and had presentations on varied topics like the immune system, fake news and Sri Lanka. In June we ventured outside to the Rectory garden for bacon and sausage butties and conversation. By November we had agreed to meet regularly at Hook House Hotel for a generous English breakfast and topical discussion, firstly on renewable energy and Christmas.

Richard Morley

Friendship Café

The Friendship Cafe in 2021 has continued each Thursday morning in line with pandemic rules. We have 14 people most weeks, enjoying cake, biscuits and a chat. Much laughter echoes around the Narthex, and the friendships are deeply appreciated.

Carol-Anne Morris, Pastoral Assistant

Coffee Shop

The St John's Coffee shop has re-opened every Monday morning for the Hook Walkers Group of up to 30 people, and is also used for social and fundraising events as needed. The pastoral care team have continued to care for people throughout the year by phone and socially-distanced visits.

Shirley Clancy, Pastoral Assistant

St John's Lunch Club

After an 18 month hiatus as a result of the pandemic, St John's Lunch Club re-started in September 2021. We were unsure how many of the Lunch Clubbers would come along but were pleasantly surprised when nearly 30 came and only a few months later numbers are between 30-40. Whilst it took us a few months to get used to doing it again, we are there now. We are very clearly filling a need within the village in reaching out to older people and the lonely, by giving them the opportunity to get out of the house and meet up with friends over a convivial meal. All the more important given the length of time we spent in lockdown! We have a few new

volunteers, which is good news as over the years others have hung up their wooden spoons. The menu that we offer is as varied as ever & features old favourites as well as continuing to introduce new recipes to increase our repertoire. There is still a choice of three main courses as well as a choice of three desserts. In addition, we are also trialling having a vegetarian option on the menu for a few months. Those who come to Lunch Club are always very appreciative of the efforts made by the volunteers.

Catriona Terrell, Team Leader

Hook Craft/Knit and Natter

It is very hard to run this group on Zoom! We kept in touch with each other by phone, WhatsApp and text. As soon as we could we started meeting outdoors in each other's gardens, where our cup of tea came with homemade cake. Finally we were able to meet in church again, and discussed restarting our Cake Sale on the first Saturday of the month, aiming to have one on Saturday 4th December. A frenzy of knitting Christmas Puddings with a Ferrero Rocher inside started. Oh, and wouldn't it be good to ask the Flower Team to make some table centres, and maybe we could have a PCC Hamper Raffle, we do a lot of nattering!! The day was a success, with free coffee and homemade mince pies the Church was full of people again!

This year we also joined the rest of the village knitting poppies to add to the significant display and also increasing our displays at church. Finally, many of you may have seen the moths we made hanging from the balcony before being sent to the "Moth to a Flame" display at the Glasgow Eco-focus conference COP26.

Gill Morley, Team Leader

Hook Christmas Cracker

For a second year, due to Covid we were not able to run this. We introduced a new outdoor carols on Sunday 12th December with the full support of St John's Choir, offering refreshments, which was well received.

Richard Paganuzzi, Church Warden

OTHER CHARITIES THE PCC SUPPORTS

Foodbank

People have struggled even more to make ends meet in the pandemic, and our local Foodbank supported by the Trussell Trust and Hart Foodbank, is essential for many local families. To get help from Foodbank requires the client to be referred with a voucher, which contains basic information about the person requiring a food parcel, and allows Foodbank to thus pack accordingly. Each Foodbank centre works with various frontline professionals, for example doctors, health visitors, social workers, churches, Junction 5 and citizens advice. These professionals are able to refer the client to a Foodbank centre and give out a Foodbank voucher if they think there is a requirement for emergency food. Once the client has been given a voucher, they can exchange this for a minimum of three days' emergency food at the nearest Foodbank centre.

Foodbank is, generally, supported by local organisations, including St John's and HMR churches. Most of our congregation members bring regular food to the collection points, and we have extra collections at Harvest.

Joyce Baldock, co-ordinator of Hook Foodbank

The Bluebell Café, at the True Living Centre, Heckfield

St Johns Hook supported the Bluebell café with some joint fundraising in October 2021. The Bluebell café is held at Rosie's tearoom every Friday, and below is a summary of their 2021 report.

After a very long delay, due to Covid, the Bluebell Café finally opened on Friday 6 August 2021. The cafe, for people with dementia and their carers plus anyone who is lonely, can be found next to Rosie's Tearoom every Friday from 2 - 4pm. Those present can indulge in suitable activities and most importantly, also indulge in endless supplies of tea, coffee and delicious cakes! The team were fortunate to have advice from the well-established 'Forget-Me-Not café' during the early weeks. From time to time there is entertainment from visitors such as Fleet U3A ukulele band and Richard Lodde's group-singing to his guitar. There is a small team of enthusiastic helpers.

Funding has been received from various sources, including a joint fundraising event at St John's Church in October and the team are particularly grateful for HMR's ongoing donation to cover cleaning costs. New guests, nice cakes and donations will always be welcome.

David Nodder, Secretary

Hook Junction 5, debt advice and counselling

We pray for this ministry every week. Junction 5 has been providing debt advice & counselling since September 2005. The charity is licensed and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the governing body in the UK for financial services and have five trained advisers, all volunteers, and a part time paid administrator. In the last seventeen years they have supported about 350 cases (individuals and couples). The reasons vary why people get into financial difficulties, from bereavement to critical illness, marriage breakdown, loss of employment or making poor decisions. During the past year or so, they have helped several clients from a Refuge Centre. This has been a very humbling experience, and a pleasure to be able to help these clients who have clearly experienced a very difficult time in their lives. The service is completely confidential and available to everyone; it is free, and the advice given is non-judgmental. A client recently commented "The support, friendship, hard work and attitude turned what I saw as a humiliating experience into a bright new start and future. I am really grateful to Junction 5 for all their help". Junction 5 is supported financially by local organisations, including St John's church.

Joyce Baldock, team member

Local Charity selection 2021

In 2021, the local charity we supported financially was Hart Foodbank and their work is described above.

International Charity selection 2021

International China Concern was chosen as our International charity for 2021. The charity cares for children with disabilities in two cities in China. Their work also aims to prevent abandonment by offering support to families raising children with disabilities and by changing public attitudes towards disability.

The charity holds "Intimacy with God" as one of their core values, their relationship with God being central to the work that they do. In February 2021, Judy Elliot, Director ICC (UK and Rep Ireland) joined a benefice Zoom service to introduce our church family to the work of the charity. Judy gave an inspiring talk and challenged us to live our lives like "Jesus in skin".

Caroline Frolander

COMMITTEES

Parish Mission Action Planning (pMAP) Team

In 2021 we progressed our living mission to Hook parish by re-establishing and returning to our church worship and community service. The accounts in this annual report describe the adaptations made during and post-pandemic, and the encouragements seen from the hard work and perseverance of so many people in our church family and wider teams, many of which comprise our 'Outward' aspect of mission. A subgroup of Hook PCC undertook a worship survey in the summer as part of our 'Upward' mission. The visit of Russ Parker and the 2Restore programme in November focussed on our 'Inward' dimension of mission, which has improved our listening and caring for one another. PCC has agreed to re-engage with our mission action planning in 2022, and to re-envision Hook St John's for the next 2-5 years. We need a new pMAP team and leader for 2022.

Canon Marion de Quidt

Information Technology and Communications Team

Information Technology: we started the year with a redesign of the website (whitewaterchurches.co.uk) including a new home page with more pictures and added a new resources section which includes teaching, a

new audio library, videos etc. Although many of the pages look similar, there was a lot of work under the covers. In November, a guest wi-fi network was installed in the main church building and Narthex, and the security of the office network was improved. During the year, our use of the i-Know Church administration system has continued to increase. This is used to manage contacts, room bookings and some of our teams and rotas. The associated Life Events Diary system is used by the clergy to manage baptisms, weddings, banns and funerals across the Benefice.

Website: we are pleased that during the year, as a church we were able to reach out to the community using the website as a place to advertise what we do and share our weekly notices, online calendar & Zoom codes! Services were a combination of in Church, via Zoom or online (with pages to read, videos to watch or audios to listen to). During the first half of the year, we would have around 100 users access the website on a Sunday, and once churches started to open nearer 30 users access the website on a Sunday.

A Church Near You (ACNY): if you have not seen A Church Near You, it's a Church of England resource, which will point you to a nearby church. Our ACNY page will link to our website, but also has information about weekly services and key events we may want to share. It is often the first port of call for information for anyone searching for our churches or services on the internet.

Facebook: across the Benefice we use Facebook for communication, both amongst ourselves and across the wider community. At St John's there is a private group, and both St John's and HMR have a page which is visible across the wider community. The Christmas Services post had the widest reach, being seen by over 700. The posts of puppet videos (from the All Age Services) are also very popular.

Images/advertising events: we use many of the same images to advertise events on website, Facebook and ACNY. For example, all the Christmas Events images from last year with the Heart of Christmas logo were common across all 3 places. If you would like us to advertise your event, please talk to Anna or Caroline and we can help (images need to be specific sizes, and care needs to be taken with images used due to privacy or copyright, but we can advise/help). Generally, we aim to advertise an event a couple of weeks beforehand.

WhatsApp: St John's has two WhatsApp groups – one for prayers and one for social and information sharing. They started being used when we could not meet in person, and were a nice way to keep as a community.

Weekly Notices email: our weekly notices are sent to around 130 people via email. The notices are also available as a download from the home page of the website. If you do not get the notices via email and would like to sign up to it, you can here: <https://whitewaterchurches.co.uk/about-us/emailnotices/>

We are always looking for people to join the team. You don't have to be a whizz with a computer!

Anna Shergold, Whitewater Website manager, Dave Wilson, IT manager, Caroline Bushman, Facebook lead

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees the financial affairs of the church, including the preparation of accounts, budgets and forecasts. The Treasurer presents financial reports to the Committee for discussion and the Committee makes recommendations to the PCC.

The terms of reference are:

- To manage the day-to-day financial affairs of the church, including the preparation of accounts and budgets.
- To ensure proper stewardship of finance.
- To review ways of promoting regular giving and Gift Aid.
- To consider longer term financial commitments, as directed by the PCC, and how to arrange financing of these projects if required.
- To ensure compliance with all applicable law and regulations relating to finance matters.

The committee works in conjunction with all other Committees and Teams at St John's and reports to PCC who review and approve recommendations as appropriate.

The Finance Committee met five times during 2021. Meetings were held to review the financial position, update financial procedures, make budget recommendations and discuss the financial matters relating to St John's church activities.

However, much of the PCC's income comes from regular, electronic donations – via the Parish Giving Scheme and Standing Orders - which continued, and the PCC are grateful to all who have supported the PCC in this way throughout 2021 and continue to do so. Others have discovered how simple it is to donate to the PCC via the website, and this has been gratefully received.

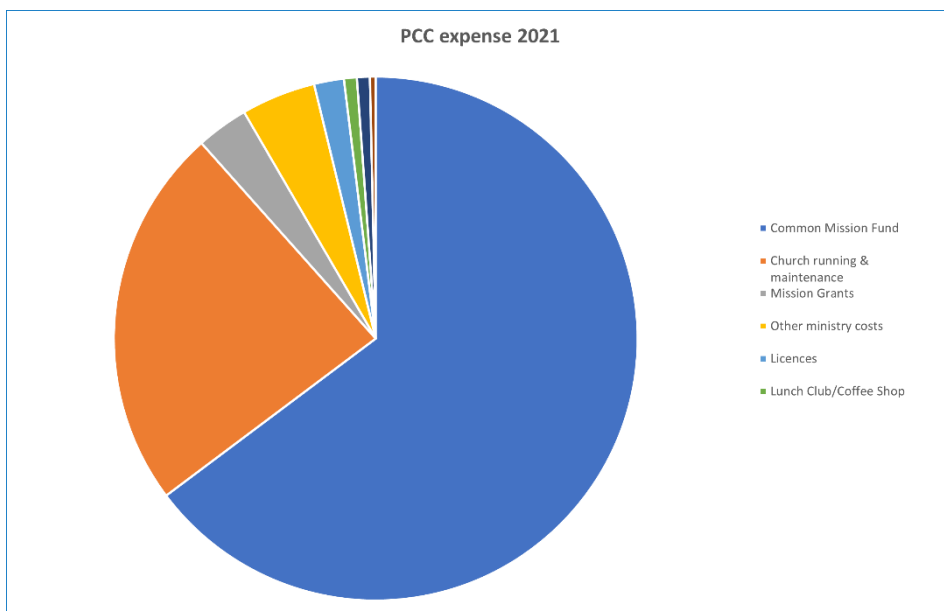
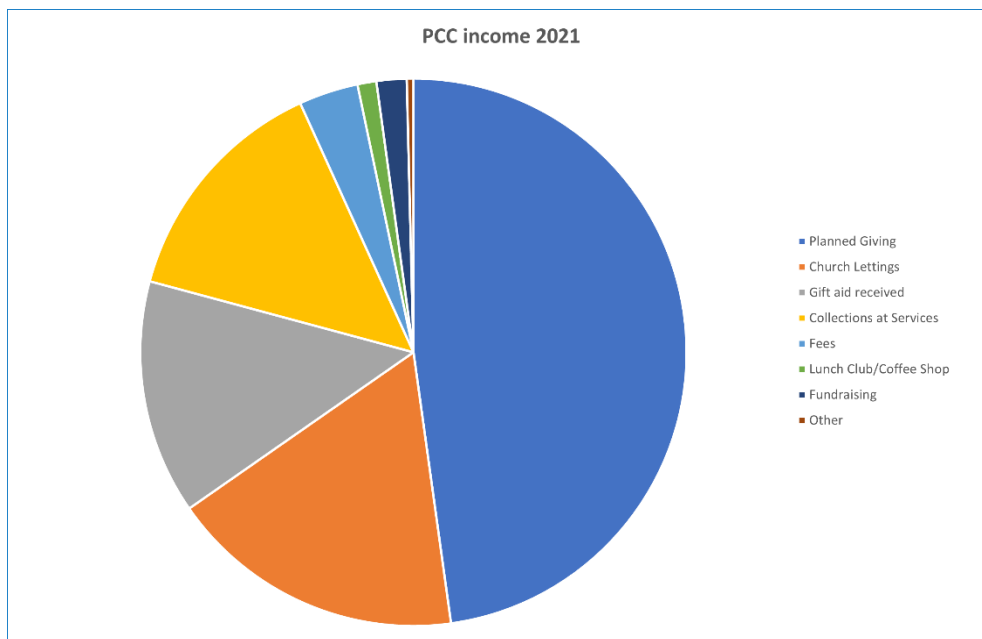
Nikki Wild, Chair

Treasurer's Report

2021 was a year in which the faithful giving of the congregation has sustained the PCC.

Many people continued to give regularly and faithfully throughout the pandemic, and the increased opening up of activities meant rental income was maintained and occasional gifts from the wider community resumed.

Three very successful fundraising events were also held – an evening with photos about going on safari, a cake sale and outdoor carol singing. In house designed Christmas Cards were also sold. These together raised £1,476.



In terms of what we spend money on, the largest item, as always, is the parish's contribution to the ministry of the Church of England throughout the Winchester Diocese. In 2021 this was £54,788. The PCC decided that, despite the Diocese requesting a reduced contribution, we should in fact contribute slightly more than we had done in 2020. Running the building cost £20,005 during the year. The total expenses for 2021 were £84,595.

Looking forward into 2022, the PCC has once again agreed a deficit budget – where the PCC plans to spend more money than it receives – covering the normal day to day operations of the charity. The PCC is currently fixed into a gas and electricity supply contract at favourable pricing compared to the rates currently available. This contract ends in September 2022 and it is anticipated that the cost of utilities will rise thereafter. The PCC holds money in reserves to cover this exceptional situation.

Increasing income will involve encouraging new church members to join one of the planned giving schemes and ensuring that it is clear and simple for those who wish to do so to donate to the church. Each group in the church will be challenged to carry out some sort of fundraising event, and a preaching series on generosity is scheduled for later in the year.

The expenses of the PCC are understood and well controlled, and it is difficult to reduce them further without making significant change to what the PCC does. It is therefore important to work to increase income from fundraising as well as from regular donations to ensure that there are funds available to support ministry in Hook as we continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in this place.

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

Special Charitable Collections

Several special collections were made during the year for the following charities: International China Concern, World Day of Prayer, Hart Foodbank, Children's Society and Tearfund. A collection was also held to purchase items of clothing required by refugees from Afghanistan who were being housed locally.

The PCC continues its practice of choosing to give away £900 each year as a PCC donation shared between a local and an international Charity. These choices are made in our November meeting. The choices for 2021 were Hart Foodbank (local) and International China Concern (International).

Caroline Bushman, Treasurer

PCC Approval of Annual Report

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by

.....MARION DE QUIDT.....

Canon Marion de Quidt
PCC Chair

**The Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St John the Evangelist, Hook**

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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

I report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook (hereafter PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC'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 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 PCC 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 internal 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.

DEBORAH GIBBS

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	62,549	125	62,674	62,117
Activities for generating Funds	2(b)	2,679		2,679	2,106
Investment Income	2(c)	47		47	315
Church activities	2(d)	17,435		17,435	12,948
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		82,710	125	82,835	77,486
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church activities	3(a)	80,769	1,515	82,284	76,053
Cost of generation of voluntary income	3(b)	453		453	263
Governance costs	3(c)	1,858		1,858	1,737
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		83,080	1,515	84,595	78,075
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING)		(370)	(1,390)	(1,760)	(589)
RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES					
TRANSFERS		-	-	-	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(370)	(1,390)	(1,760)	(589)
BAL B/F 1 JANUARY 2021				62,568	63,157
BAL C/F 31 DECEMBER 2021				60,808	62,568

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Hook

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank & Cash		14,940	16,456
CBF Deposit Account		47,525	47,525
Debtors and prepayments	5	960	1,062
Total Current Assets		63,425	65,043

LIABILITIES

Creditors and accruals	6	2,617	2,475
Total Liabilities		2,617	2,475

Net Asset Surplus	60,808	62,568
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Represented by Funds			
	Note		
Unrestricted	7	60,636	61,005
Restricted	7	172	1,563
Total		60,808	62,568

The notes on pages F5 to F11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by Rev'd Canon Marion de Quidt.

.....MARION DE QUIDT..... (PCC Chair)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with accounting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) on the accruals basis and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) 2nd edition October 2019. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist Hook (hereafter "PCC") is registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1183688. The PCC is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. **Funds designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 7.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the fête, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realized gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Grants & Donations

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The contribution to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when due. Any contribution unpaid at 31 December would be provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and would be shown as a creditor in the balance sheet [2021 – Nil]

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalized and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £3,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

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 uncollectable.

Basis of preparation

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue operating, consequently these accounts are presented on the basis that the PCC continues as a going concern.

1. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
			2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	39,597		39,597	40,692
Collections at Services	9,519	125	9,644	8,289
Tax Recoverable	10,652		10,652	10,841
Tax - GASDS	815		815	425
Donations, appeals	1,966		1,966	1,870
Sub Totals	62,549	125	62,674	62,117
2(b)				
Fundraising	1,476		1,476	719
Lunch Club	757		757	451
Coffee Shop	167		167	561
Bookstall and printing	279		279	375
Other events				
Sub Totals	2,679	-	2,679	2,106
2(c) Income from Investments				
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	47		47	315
Sub Totals	47	-	47	315
2(d)				
Church Lettings	14,522		14,522	11,799
Fees	2,913		2,913	1,149
Sub Totals	17,435	-	17,435	12,948
Total Income	82,710	125	82,835	77,486

The total amount of donations received without attached conditions from Trustees during 2021 was £30,550 (2020: £29,428).

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
			2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church Activities				
Common Mission Fund	53,538	1,250	54,788	54,288
Other ministry costs	2,956		2,956	1,929
Music costs	336	200	536	113
Church running & maintenance	13,205	65	13,271	12,347
Youth Children & Families	394		394	208
Administration	6,733		6,733	3,340
Lunch Club & Coffee Shop	672		672	1,039
Others	220		220	297
Mission Grants				
Overseas	584		584	600
Home	665		665	643
Collections	1,466		1,466	1,270
Sub Totals	80,769	1,515	82,284	76,053
3(b) Fund Raising costs	453		453	263
Sub Totals	453	-	453	263
3(c) Governance Costs				
Ind. Examination	300		300	300
Licences	1,558		1,558	1,437
Sub Totals	1,858	-	1,858	1,737
Total Expenditure	83,080	1,515	84,595	78,053

4. EMPLOYEES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
			2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Wages and Salaries	8,220	-	8,220	4,736
Social Security costs	-	-	-	20
Employer's contribution to pensions	130	-	130	50
Totals	8,350	-	4,806	4,806

The average number of employees during the year was two. No employee received employee benefits greater than £60,000. The Benefice Administrator is employed by the PCC but 50% of the cost is recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC. The amounts shown above include the PCC of Hook Parish's share of the costs.

None of the PCC Members were remunerated as employees during 2021 or 2020.

Throughout 2021, the Benefice Administrator was Rebecca Ratnasamy, who is a Related Party of a PCC member, Angelo Arulchelvam. Angelo ceased to be a PCC member on 14 May 2021. Rebecca had a standard contract of employment with the PCC and her remuneration paid from January to 14 May 2021 was £4,000 [2020: £3,831] plus pension contributions of £86 [2020: £100]. 50% of these amounts were recharged to Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick PCC.

Two PCC members had travel expenses reimbursed totalling £310 [2020: three members - £530].

PENSIONS

The PCC of Hook Parish participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. The Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
 - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014, in which the PCC of Hook Parish participates.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary

bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme’s assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2021: £130, 2020: £50)

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 3% following improvements in the funding position over 2021. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, The PCC of Hook Parish could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer’s pension liabilities.

5. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors	960	1,062
Prepayments	-	-
Total	960	1,062

Debtors are the reimbursement by HMR Parish in respect of a share of the cost of ministry and administration plus an amount of Gift Aid claimed from HMRC not yet received.

6. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2021	2020
	£	£
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>		
Creditors	2,572	2,225
Accruals	45	250
Total	2,617	4,409

Creditors are payments for expenditure incurred in 2021 but not paid until 2022. These represent amounts due but unpaid for gas and electricity charges, clergy expenses, plus amounts of fees collected on behalf of Winchester Diocese for occasional offices during October – December 2021, the independent examiner’s fee and sundry other small invoices.

7. FUNDS

	2021			
	Unrestricted		Restricted	
	Designated	Non Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
1 January 2021	5,701	55,304	61,005	1,563
Income	1,391	82,569	83,960	125
Expenditure	343	83,986	84,329	1,515
31 December 2021	6,749	53,887	60,636	172

Details	£	
Fabric	4,201	
Audio Visual	1,000	
Organ	500	
Music	48	172
Legacy	1,000	
Common Mission Fund		-
	6,749	172

Represented by	Unrestricted £	Restricted £
Current assets	63,253	172
Current liabilities	2,617	-
	60,636	172

8. RESERVES

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to hold reserves equal to three months expenditure, including the PCC's contribution to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund, to cover the running costs – this equates to £21,150 based on the 2021 expenditure levels.

In addition, a designated reserve was created in 2013 which was originally established to cover the expected costs of redecoration over a 5 year period. In 2020, further designated reserves were created for the future refurbishment of the organ (£500), and work on the church audio visual system (£1,000). These reserves are all part of the Unrestricted Funds and there was no movement on them during 2021. Two new designated reserves were created during 2021, as an unrestricted legacy was received, and for provision of a choir at weddings and funerals where the fees received by the PCC differ from the total paid to singers, and surplus funds are held for future music requirements.

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