



St. John's Wimborne  
New Life, Full Life

# St John's Church

## April 2022 - March 2023

### Annual Reports





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## Vicar's Introduction: Peter Breckwoldt

Dear Friends

As ever, I am immensely grateful for the wonderful team God has called together in our Church Family. This booklet gives us a flavour of all that is taking place to honour Jesus Christ and hold out the gospel into the community, as we build up one another in our God given faith. Matt Lee, along with Becky, are doing a terrific job of sharing in the ministry here in Wimborne.



Kev continues supporting our Children's and Families' work; Jo is keeping our church buildings clean. It has also been wonderful to see Jo Day's readiness to step up and take on more responsibility around the office. But I am especially thankful to our team of wardens, who, through some challenging and tough times, have been faithful, hard-working, encouraging, wise, and a huge support to the clergy and the whole Church Family.

There are many, many other people without whom our Church Family would have seriously struggled, like Sue leading music, Gillian overseeing the pastoral care and Rachel who, until recently, managed the administration in the office. It has been great to welcome Tim Glenn to the team to help us look after the facilities of the church in such a great way. Thank you also to all the teams who help with services, our preachers and leaders, those who lead us in prayer, our musicians, and those who read God's word. Thank you also to all who help with visiting and those who work with our children and teenagers, those who welcome and serve drinks and above all those who have made this last 12 months a season of prayer.

This last year has given us some big challenges and changes to church life. The church has recovered well from Covid 19 and we are seeing a steady increase in numbers. It is against this backdrop that we have been challenged and toiled with the wider Church of England where some are attempting to move local churches away from our traditional teaching around sexuality.

After two years of limitations we have had to revisit what it is to be Church. We have grieved much for and celebrated the lives of those now with the Lord. There are some changes about which we lament and in general, many have felt exhausted and frustrated, along with experiencing feelings of uncertainty and

isolation. We all have needed more grace to help us navigate the legacy of the Covid pandemic.

I hope you will find these reports and accounts in the booklet a real tonic and inspiration as we see God at work in many ways across the Church Family and beyond. It is genuinely exciting to see many new people and families coming to St John's for the first time and others who are returning back to Church after a break. Finally, I wish to thank Joy, my wife, for all her support and love to me in this ministry that has been given to me by God.

***Peter***

### **Electoral Roll: Janet Taylor**

Number of parishioners on the Electoral Roll for the period April 2022 - March 2023: **215**

This is made up of:     **50** who live within the Parish  
                                  **131** live within Wimborne  
                                  **34** live further afield

### **Church Attendance 2022 -23**

Average attendance in the church building (figures from October 2022):

Adults **192** Children **26**

Online participation (number of views - figures taken from October 2022): **97**



## **PCC Members 2022-23**

David Bennett, Peter Breckwoldt (Chair), Steve Cornick (Treasurer), Nigel Day (Warden), Nick Elbourne, John Fleming, Alan Fryer, James Graham, Stuart Hull (Warden), Mike Jones, Paula Jones, Matt Lee (Associate Minister), Keith Loveless, Andrea Long, Gillian Mannouch (resigned 3/10/2022), David Morgan, Mary Morris, Phil Murray, James Sharman, Janine Thomas, Paul Wareham.

**PCC Secretary:** Kathy Zeal

## **PCC Chairman's Report: Peter Breckwoldt**

The Council has met at regular intervals during the last year, the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The five sub-committees also met between PCC meetings and their recommendations were received and discussed by the PCC.

**At our meeting in March 2022**, the PCC passed a resolution, which has been sent to the Bishop of Salisbury: *"This PCC requests, to support both Peter Breckwoldt and Matt Lee on grounds of theological conviction, that arrangements be made for it in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests."* Peter and Matt had explained in papers their own positions on women and men and headship in the church, and how that relates to Women Bishops.

Given that we wanted to encourage more women in public ministry at St John's, it was suggested, **in our May 2022 meeting**, that we pass another resolution to confirm and publicise this principle. This also tied up with the sermon series on "***Enemies of the serpent: Women in the Bible***". There were varying views at St John's about how to apply the Bible's teaching to women's and men's roles in the church, but the following resolution is designed to promote and encourage ministry across the Church family. (It includes both women and men because there are also some roles at Church that are unhelpfully viewed as women's roles such as: younger children's work). After a good discussion, the following Resolution was agreed: ***The PCC is committed to women and men visibly contributing in every area of church life because:***

- ***Women and men are different as part of God's good creation.***
- ***Neither sex is inferior, and God has made both necessary in his work.***
- ***Therefore, we want women and men contributing in unity to each area of Church life.***

**In our July 2022 meeting we had two major items for discussion.** First our **Parish Profile – for consideration/amendment**. As the vicar, I presented to each PCC Member a copy of the revised Parish Profile which Gillian had produced. The Parish Profile is a factual paper which gives information about St John's to prospective future members of staff when they apply for positions in the church leadership and for others within Salisbury Diocese. The second item focused on our **Church services and other activities under Covid-19 restrictions**. During 2022/23 the council continued to review and discuss the Government policies around Covid-19. With each passing month we saw a gradual reduction of restrictions in this area as we returned to a more normal life. A good and helpful discussion took place as we considered the welfare of the whole Church family.

**In October 2022 we once more had two main items of business.** The first was having a **fresh look at volunteering**. Matt had produced a paper setting out guidelines for volunteer recruiting at St John's. The emphasis was to be moved from a secular employment model, centring on the role to a person-centred approach focusing on getting to know the person themselves and encouraging them in an appropriate role. This still followed good practice guidelines in

safeguarding. Some discussion followed about the practicalities of implementing these ideas and we will return to it again later in the PCC year. The second main item was a review following, “**Her Majesty the Queen’s lying in-state and funeral**”. **The PCC looked at what we did;** providing a Book of Condolence, broadcasting the funeral service in church, plus short film tributes. The PCC thought that the service had gone well and there were a number of people attending whom we would not normally see in church. The PCC thought it was important that we cover the Coronation of King Charles III (late Spring/early Summer 2023). It was assumed there would be a Bank Holiday and that we may do something along the lines of a BBQ, depending on the weather (watch this space).

**At the end of November 2022**, we met again. We once again had two main items of business. **First, the Church Budget for 2023.** Stuart Hull presented the Revenue Budget paper 2023 to the PCC which proposes to run on a set deficit of **£38,835**. This is partly due to a £19,000 projected increase in cost for utilities generated by the current world crisis. Regular income is also £10,000 down on forecast but new people are coming to church and it was hoped, in time, monthly income would rise. Peter encouraged the PCC to continue to pray about the situation. We had a good discussion of the issues including a staff salary review. It was agreed that those on the lower salaries would receive a 9.5% rise whilst those on higher salaries would receive a lump sum to be determined by the S&F committee. The following **resolution was agreed: *The PCC adopts the budget as presented with an additional lump sum agreed by the Standing and Finance Committee to be paid to appropriate members of staff.***

The second major item was the **Church of England’s Life after Living in Love and Faith (LLF)**. The PCC watched a short film produced by the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) in response to the LLF debate. They then discussed the following questions in small groups before sharing responses; a) What is the best way we can support same sex attracted Christians as the national church debate these developments? b) How would the mission of St John’s Church be impacted if other local churches were given permission to bless same sex relationships?

The general response was that we should continue to profess and preach biblical truth. We were mindful that we needed to address and support

singleness and not just family life. We should embrace people but not necessarily their lifestyle. We needed to create an atmosphere where people could be open about their sexuality and would find acceptance in talking about it. We also need to support those who struggle with family members or close friends in same sex relationships. Regarding mission, we needed to continue to be salt and light to the world. We also realised that the PCC would be returning to this subject again.

**At our first PCC meeting in January 2023** the principal item was looking at the published proposals around the work that has been done on Living in Love and Faith by the Church of England. The crucial issues were the introduction of prayers to affirm same sex couples in church and to allow new pastoral guidance to replace “*Issues in Human Sexuality*” which currently says that clergy in same-sex partnerships must be celibate.

The PCC spent some time discussing the Bishops’ statement, which is generally regarded as “a fudge” and one step along the way to allowing same-sex marriage and affirmation of the same for laity and clergy within the Anglican Church. St John’s is a member of the Church of England Evangelical Council who are opposed to this move but are still committed to sharing the gospel, showing love and welcoming all, regardless of their sexuality. Local church leaders who are members of the CEEC are supporting one another in determining their actions going forward. **After a good discussion by the PCC, the following Resolution was agreed:**

***This PCC affirms the Church of England doctrine that marriage is between one man and one woman and is intended to be for life since we believe this to be the pattern given to us in scripture. We also affirm the beauty of celibacy – recognising the goodness of both biblical positions. We seek to provide good pastoral support for those who may struggle to live by this teaching and welcome all people to St John’s Church, Wimborne regardless of their sexual status or orientation. We seek to be a Church which is a loving Christian community, an extended family, and a place where we hold to a traditional view of Marriage, as set out in the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, 39 Articles and Ordinal, and to do so with grace and love. We also called on the bishops and General Synod to reject this report because of the harm it will do to unity and faithfulness of God’s church.***

It was a productive meeting with a real sense of unity.

**Our March 2023 meeting ends the year for this PCC** with us returning to the subjects once more of both Living in Love and Faith and our Church Finances. These are indeed trying and challenging times for the Church of England and for local churches as we attempt to navigate these troubling stretches in the life of the church. It is not impossible that we are moving through a time of a new Reformation.

During the year the PCC also looked at Safeguarding, Finance, Staffing, Buildings, Pre-School, Youth and Children's Work and our Global Action Partners.

I am very happy to take questions about our activities and actions of our PCC.

### **Treasurer's Report: Stephen Cornick**

Each year the Trustees (PCC) are obliged to present a report of the activities of the Charity 1132016 known as PCC St John's Wimborne or to give it its full title The Parochial Church Council of St John's Wimborne, New Borough and Leigh St John.

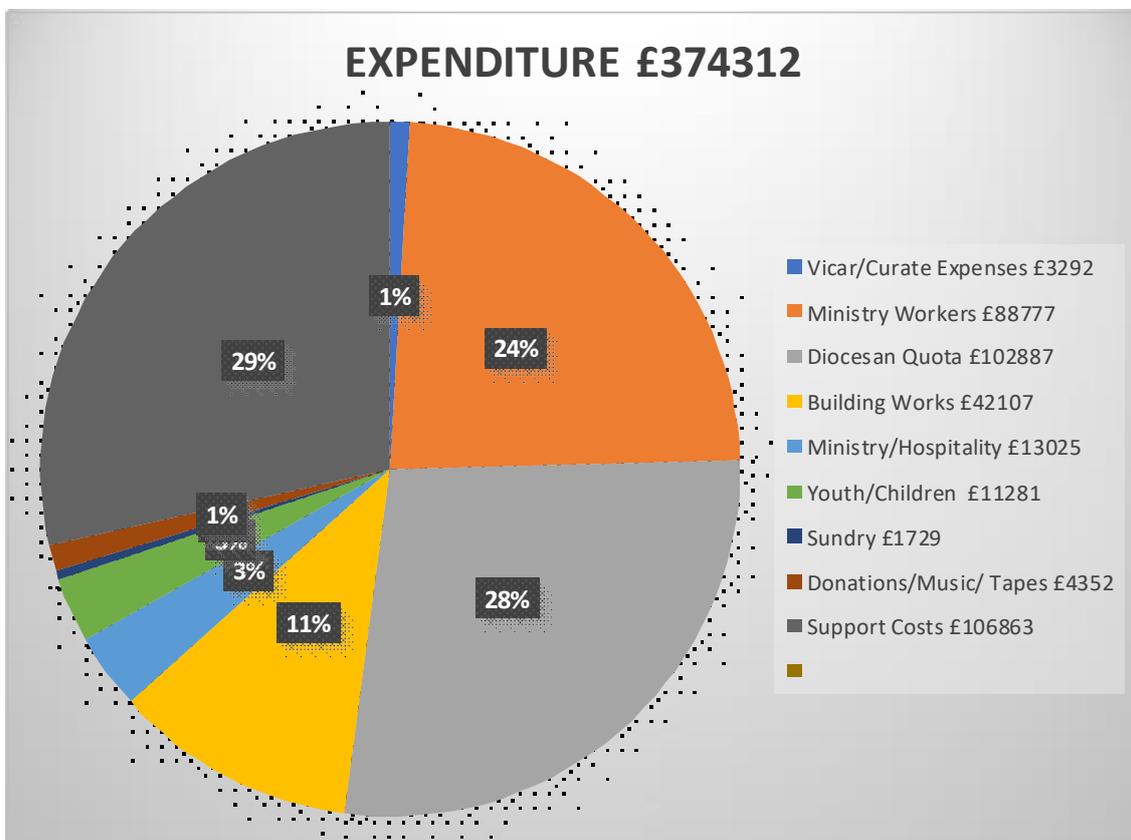
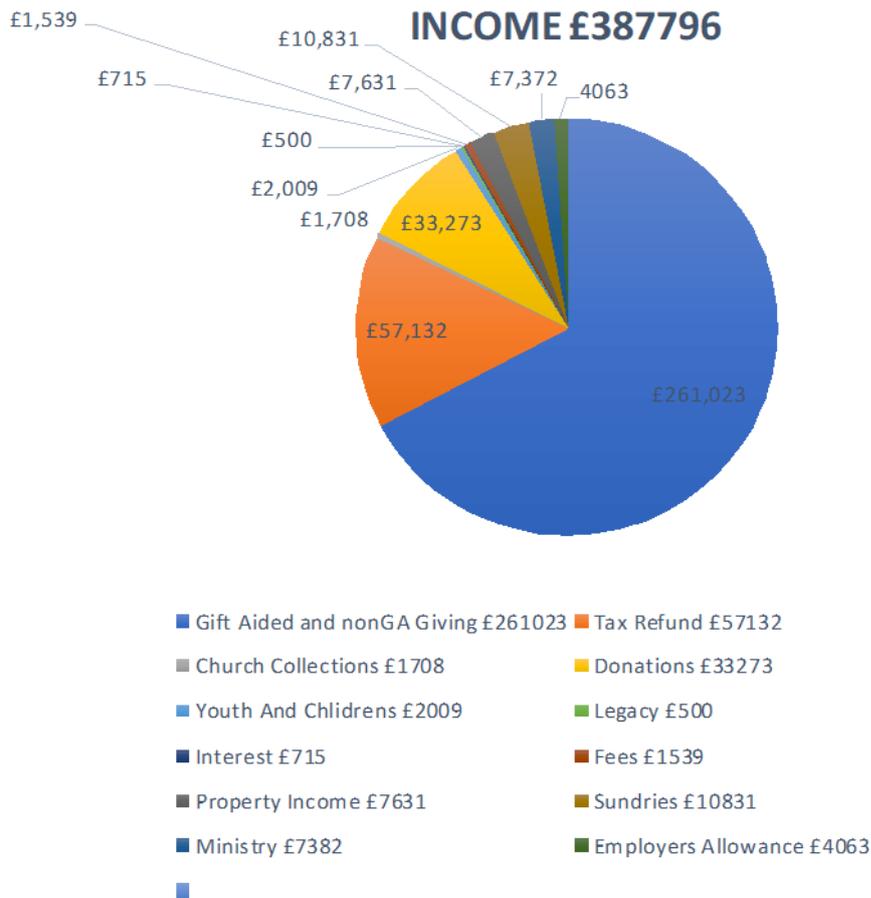
The full audited report is available from the Church Office and can also be found on the Charity Commissioners' website.

In November 2021 the PCC approved a budget deficit for 2022 of £35,879 (Anticipated Income £263,261 and Expenses of £299,140).

The Audited accounts are an amalgamation of St John's General Fund, Youth and Children's Accounts, funds set aside for major works, Pre-School and Global Action.

The two pie charts are a representation of all apart from Pre-school and Global Action.





They show an increase in funds of £13,474 for the year.

67% of our income is from regular giving from which a further 14% is tax reclaimed. A further 8% is from donations.

In 2022, 34 Churchill Road was let and we are now seeing the letting income on a monthly basis.

The main expenses we bear are for our Ministry Workers and the Diocesan Quota (or Share). We still have vacancies within the Church for various roles which, when filled, may see the first cost increase.

We have always paid our Share in full each year either as a lump sum in January or by direct debit throughout the year on a monthly basis.

In 2022, we have borne some significant buildings costs for roof repairs and drainage. Further works are very likely and are managed by the Building Management Group and PCC.

Support costs include Cleaning £10,309, Utilities £17,584 (energy and waste collection), regular maintenance £10,169, Depreciation £17,139, Insurance £5,217 and IT £4,307.

Also under this heading are Office Costs £6,918, Accountancy £4,573 and Co-ordination and Administrative costs £30,647

## **GLOBAL ACTION**

Through this account members of St John's give funds regularly and as one-off payments to support the work of our partners overseas and closer at home.

In 2022, donations of £75,870 were made. Income for the year was £72,959 and as 2023 commenced the Global Action fund stood at £48,915.

## **PRE-SCHOOL**

The Pre-School operates in the Church Hall Monday – Fridays and is funded by a Nursery Education Grant from the Council. Income is supplemented from parents and usually covers wages, other expenses and depreciation.

In 2023, the Pre-School made a surplus of £6,704.

## **OTHER ACCOUNTS Restricted Funds and Endowments**

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

Marion Treweeke - sponsorship of Missionaries £615

St John's 100 Club - support for young people training in Christian Ministry	£1,125
Olive Beale Endowment - Churchyard Upkeep	£3,240
F Newman Endowment - for Sunday Schools	£2,893

Many people in St John's contribute in many ways to enable the accounts to reach the prepared state, rather like a pyramid, all who make sacrificial contributions in time and money at the base. Then those who collate the separate amounts through collecting and accounting for separate funds. Cash and cheques need to be banked which is more difficult than it used to be.

I am very grateful for those who send me regular monthly accounts to report at Standing & Finance and PCC meetings.

This year we are in the process of re-organising the finance team following Gillian's progression to a new role within the church.

We are also thankful to Rachel for all her help in the office in support of the day-to-day accounting and wish her well in her retirement.

In the background we are also thankful to David Chapman who has maintained the Gift Aid register and submission of claims each month and is now handing this over to Richard Phinn for 2023 and future claims. Thanks also to Roland Green, who looks after the Children's and Youth accounts and monthly banking.

We welcome Nigel Bailey and Fiona Wilkinson to the team. Once up and running Fiona will be looking after the day-to-day book-keeping and Nigel preparing the financial statements.

Thanks also to Peter Williamson as treasurer for Global Action and to Gillian who has continued her role with regard to the Pre-School accounts. Hilary Paton will be taking over as Pre-School Treasurer after Easter.

Throughout the year thanks are also due to Stuart Hull in preparing the Giving Review and to those on the PCC and Standing Committee for their continued support.

None of the above would be possible without our unity in Jesus who makes all things possible and whom we always acknowledge when we meet together.

## **PCC Standing & Finance Committee: Paula Jones**

The Standing and Finance (S&F) committee consists of The Vicar, Associate Minister, 2 Churchwardens, 1 Deputy Churchwarden and the Church Treasurer, all of whom are full PCC members.

Each meeting opens and closes in prayer and calls upon the Holy Spirit for wise stewardship of our finances and buildings; for guidance and discernment around staffing matters, and wisdom to identify key aspects of mission and ministry for discussion / decision at PCC meetings.

In 2022 the committee regularly reviewed the monthly management accounts, keeping a close watch on the budget and priority spending. This became, and continues to be, challenging as prices increase, impacting not only church expenses but also the level of giving our church family is able to support.

In addition to maintaining a close eye on the monthly income and expenditure during 2022, the committee reviewed and agreed the audited accounts for 2021 and the annual budget for 2023, both of which went forward for PCC approval. We are conscious of challenging times ahead and ask for your prayers to continue to be good stewards of St John's resources.

The committee has responsibility for the oversight of our buildings, working closely with the Building Management Group (BMG), whose report can also be found in the booklet. As well as guiding BMG on priority aspects, S&F look to manage the costs of maintenance and repairs, and to ensure bigger 'capital' projects are affordable and within the 5-year 'buildings management' rolling budget.

2022's larger capital projects included completion of the refurbished kitchen and the start of some electrical installations and upgrade work.

BMG advised the committee on the continuing review of the church lighting. The initial scope of the proposed project, previously approved by PCC, has been significantly reduced due to escalating costs. The committee hopes to present a final proposal to PCC in 2023, subject to need and affordability.

The committee started to plan ahead for costly roofing projects identified within the 5-year buildings management budget. Urgent repairs were approved



and plans to budget for the more major re-roofing of several areas of our buildings began.

Also working closely with BMG, a full review of Health and Safety Policies and Procedures started. This will be implemented in 2023, and thanks goes to the two key members of BMG whose experience and professionalism has significantly helped to advance this.

Following the review of staffing needs in the previous year, the process was completed with successful staff consultations and the fulfilment of two new part-time roles (Facilities Manager and Pastoral Care Coordinator).

Additionally, and following an encouraging appeal to meet staffing costs, the role of Associate Minister was taken up by our then Curate, Matt Lee.

Finally, on staffing matters, the committee conducted a robust review of church salaries.

A key matter that remains on the committee's regular agenda is 'Living in Love and Faith'. This is discussed by Peter elsewhere in this booklet, suffice to say it is a topic of much prayer and debate at most meetings, and one which affects us all going forward! I commend you to Peter's recommendations on the books, videos and other online material available around the subject.

## **PCC Youth & Children's Committee: Stuart Hull**

The Youth and Children's Committee meet each term to review, support and provide oversight to the young disciples work at St John's Wimborne.

The day-to-day running of the young disciples' groups, their direction and programme, is with Kevin Metcalfe and Matt Lee, under the overall direction of Matt Lee.



In 2022 we said goodbye to Chris Adams who had faithfully led our Youth Work since 2019. Chris moving onto Oak Hill Theological College. This necessitated some changes in the day-to-day running of several groups, and we're grateful to Matt and Kev who have been willing to serve in different roles and ways since the Autumn term.

The Parent's Network has continued to be a way St John's supports parents. In 2022 we spent time getting feedback from parents around what the "young

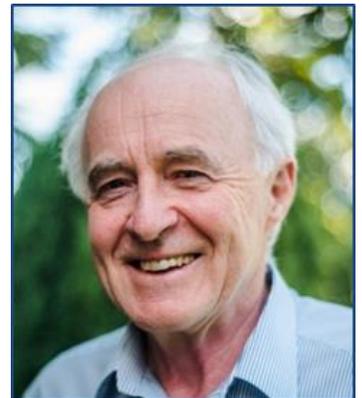
disciples at St John's Church" work should focus on. Specifically, we spent time in 2022 looking at what the Bible says should be our aims for discipleship of Youth and Children as well as asking parents where St John's can be supporting them in their primary roles in raising their Youth and Children in the Faith. This has led us to formalise and focus our overall "Young Disciples at St John's Church" work on the following areas:

- Directed by parents
- Focused on Discipleship
- Integrated in Church Life

To help us in this work, we still desire to appoint a Youth Worker and are actively seeking the right person to join the team in 2023. Please do pray into this and our aims above if you're a St John's member.

### **PCC Global Action Committee: David Morgan**

Thank you to so many of you for your ongoing interest, prayer and support of St John's Global Action and in particular of our partners. They often ask me to pass on their appreciation of your prayer and financial support, and this is one of the few occasions when I can do so. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who serve on our Global Action Team: Peter Breckwoldt, Eddie Curry, Phil Jones, Jean Morgan, Jane Ough and Peter Williamson.



Through the year, we have greatly appreciated the participation of many Partners in the leading of our prayers.

**The Nelson family** has been adjusting to some changes, with Nicholas starting at university and Samuel applying for autumn this year. Laura is continuing her evangelistic ministry at the Ternes church (Paris suburb), as well as a role with the '2 Timothy 2:2' initiative to train interns for French evangelical churches.

**Malcolm and Kerstin Gray** are continuing their leadership roles for WEC UK, based in Coventry. WEC UK continues to transition to a new way of operating, and slowly a new leadership team is being established. The Grays' daughter, Amy, is studying Arabic and Linguistics at university in London.

**Sarah & John Gieske** serve in Senegal – from where they and the Wilkinson family (below) shared the leading and preaching at our Global Action Sunday morning service! John has a media consultancy & training role in SIL/Wycliffe and is working on recordings of the Bible. Sarah is very much a full-time mum,

home-schooling the children.

**David & Janet Wilkinson** continue to work with Wycliffe in Bible translation in Senegal. Janet has taken on some finance work for the SIL branch, while David continues to lead the team working on the translation of the Bible into the Gusilay language.

**Ben & Jenny, Justin & Georgie** continue to serve in the Middle East. Ben is working for a charity enabling pastors to have biblical training. Justin & Georgie continue to meet needs in their community and Georgie has taken on a new role.

**Sarah Hopkins** has been working in South Africa for 3.5 years and has recently switched organisations to SIM(UK) as this best suits her intention of ministering there long term. Her work in the deprived area of Mitchells Plain, a suburb of Cape Town, has been effective and growing. She visited the UK in the summer and we were able to discuss how to operate with SIM(UK) as we are now considered her sending church. We're delighted that Jayne Sharman has become her link person.

**StreetLight's** ministry in Wimborne is flourishing again after being impacted by Covid restrictions. Skaters' Bible studies are meeting weekly. The soft play area for younger children has been upgraded and has attracted new families, requiring additional staffing. Do drop in (Streetlight Centre, Stone Lane) and see for yourself – this is our only easy-to-visit Global Action Partner!

We continued our support of **Tearfund's** relief and development work worldwide through substantial donations at Harvest and Christmas.

We have continued to support **Carlile College** in Nairobi, which is again running a full schedule of in-person courses, with some courses operating remotely. We financially support two students, Peter & Rebekah, and assist the College's training programme by sending Peter (our vicar) to teach there for a week each year.

We were very encouraged by the response to our annual Global Action Appeal in November, which raised £12,890 plus Gift Aid (£15,761 in 2021). Thank you to all who so generously supported this.

**Prayer** On Global Action Sunday, I encouraged all of us to actively support at least one of our Partners, by taking their newsletters and by praying for them. I know that many of you take several. If you would like to get involved in this way, or know more about Global Action at St John's, please do contact me or another member of the team.

**David Morgan** [david24morgan@gmail.com](mailto:david24morgan@gmail.com)

## PCC Building Management Committee: Keith Loveless

The year in brief: Sort-It & Fix-It ... or Sorted & Fixed!

*'Those to whom much is given, much is required.'* Luke 12:48



Four supervisors & one worker?! Improving the drainage



### Major works completed coming out of Covid

#### Church & Centre

**Roof leaks & stone repairs** attended to

**Electronic Noticeboard** on Small Lounge window

**Church lighting project:** Consultant appointed to redesign & reduce cost, LED replacement to uplighters, 2 trial lights installed

Next: finalising the design, a Faculty application, quotes & action!

**Kitchen:** Hot cupboard & power supplies including new distribution board in Youth Lounge for relighting church

**PAT testing** [portable electric appliance safety]

**Electrical installation test** & faults attended to

**New drains** to north side of church after huge volunteer efforts to solve the issues caused by tree & hedge roots, tired & leaky drains & the impact of a school extension

**Wildlife garden** formed as an environmental project with the KidsVenture holiday club

**Quotes for** external redecorations, duct & floor repair in Foyer, Vestibule ironwork redecoration, roof repairs, relighting

**Church plaster** repair

**Quinquennial Inspection** report

**Photo voltaic** panels cleaned

**Youth Lounge** door repair

**Drive bollard** repair

### **71 Leigh Road Church Office**

**Roof** clearance & new roof ladder

**Reducing weight in the Office** for structural reasons [rubbish away!]

**Replace patio doors**

**Front office** decorations, electrics & alterations to relocate front of house office [to the front!]

**Garage** tidy, including rubbish collected outside

**Grant applications raised over £33,440** with help for major projects

### **Churchill Road**

**Interior redecoration & repairs** prior to letting, following departure of our Youth Worker Chris & family. **Thanks** Tim & Roland!

**New floor finishes** in Lounge & Bedroom

**Repairs**, testing, inspections, cleaning & improvements

**Kitchen** deep clean

**Major tidy of garden**, hedges, trees, shrubs, fences, paths. **Thanks** to the Saturday Sort-It team!

**New drive** surfacing & path

**Exterior** – repair roof vents, external clean

**Property Let since Nov 2022 for £1450pm till Aug 2023**

### **6 Bourne Court**

**New central heating system**, boiler & new fire

**More to do** inside & especially outside

### **Church Grounds**

**Major hedging** reduction, numerous trips to tip with garden & other refuse, **thanks** to Clive, two Nigel's & many others

**Redecoration** of Legg Lane railings – thanks Nigel – nearly there... then start again!

The new **Friday Fix-it & Saturday Sort-it** men's groups was one of our post Covid **entrepreneurial initiatives** - getting the men back together monthly to work alongside each other, developing friendships, coffee, Alan's biscuits &

fixing a few things! **Thanks** guys!

**Admin:** Faculties / List B & Building Regulation permissions

**Health & Safety policy & paperwork**

**5 Year Maintenance Plan** & costs is a big task & reporting regularly to Standing & Finance & PCC

**BMG meetings** alternative months online

**Maintenance to Mission church** Saturday in Oct

**Maintenance spend** over the year was **£8,368**

**Capital Building Work spend** **£42,107**

**Grant applications** over **£33,440**

**BMG** have an experienced team of folk with building, management & financial skills, but always with **room for fresh new blood** if you're thinking of volunteering! We would love to welcome you to the team.

**Thanks to our amazing God who has given us so much to work on our Ministries as a church.** To all those who have helped in the care of our buildings, often quietly unnoticed & getting on with those practical jobs. To the BMG members in particular and to our Facilities Manager Tim.



Part of our Victorian heritage uncovered now painted & protected

The roof being fixed & the stone copings repaired





Our key worker Paul puts the finishing touches to prepare the soil for the wildflower seed



## **Safeguarding: Andrew Morris & Pat Loveless**

St John's Church has in place a policy which helps us to ensure the safety of children, young people and adults which is reviewed annually and agreed to by the PCC. This policy and accompanying information is displayed on noticeboards at the back of church and in the corridor outside the church hall. We aim to foster and encourage best practice within the church community by setting standards for working with children, young people and adults at risk. We will work with statutory bodies and voluntary agencies to promote their safety and wellbeing.

Since the last annual report there have been no safeguarding issues to report. As we reported last year, Safeguarding Policy has shifted the requirement for renewal of DBS checks to every 3 years, so we are finding that renewals are coming round earlier than might have been anticipated in the past. We have continued to process the DBS verifications required.

Jonathan Whiting, Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer, is undertaking a consultation about Safeguarding training to assess its impact and effectiveness. As Parish Safeguarding officers we are required to undertake the Leadership Pathway course every three years, and we are planning this year to review Safeguarding training appropriateness within St John's.

Safer recruitment practices are adopted and in place for our volunteers, who are also encouraged to register for the live updating service on their DBS checks, which makes the renewal process much simpler. Under Matt Lee the

staff team managing volunteers are required to maintain their own records of volunteer recruitment and training so that compliance can be verified.

For 2023 the Diocese is considering rolling out a “Parish Dashboard” to help us keep track on all things Safeguarding – we will keep the PCC informed as progress develops.

### **St John’s Pre-School: Louise Coll**

We have enjoyed a year without any interruptions and continue to remain as busy as ever. We had a huge intake of two year olds in September changing the way we implement learning and spending time developing relationships, turn taking and encouraging language. We continue to watch children thrive whilst in our care and close any gaps in their learning whilst preparing for first school. We focus on the individual child’s current interests whilst planning our environment, which has included camping, den building, baking, dentists and hairdressers. We are thankful for the support our church and first school offer us and appreciated being able to continue with our special events such as sports day and our leavers’ service.

We are looking forward to a library visit, the Easter experience, and a visit from Ems Friendly Farm. We have re-introduced our self-service snack bar and will be opening our library service after Easter. We have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day again this year and we look forward to our next fun week all about Percy the Park Keeper.

We are sad to be saying farewell to Hilary at the end of term who is retiring, but so thankful she is remaining as part of our Pre-School Committee.

### **St John’s Eco-Church : David Morgan**

The Eco Team would like to thank many of you for your support and interest as we seek to be more active as a church community in making care for God’s creation a core element of our discipleship and mission.



An exciting development this year has been the creation of a bug hotel and two wildflower beds to the north of the church building. This was all done as one of the activities at KidsVenture in July. After careful preparation by Captain Kev, the groups of children had stints of work on this each day, playing their part in caring for God's creation and creatures.



All Anglican churches are being requested to reduce their carbon footprint as part of the nationwide drive to be Net Zero Carbon (NZC) by 2030. As one of the largest 20% of energy users in the diocese, we are requested to develop a plan to reach NZC by 2030. The team is planning to work with Keith Loveless and Tim Glenn in the development of such a plan. There has already been some encouraging progress which has helped to reduce our carbon footprint and hopefully our energy bills.



The Eco Church noticeboard (next to the toilets in the atrium) was given a makeover in December and features lots of useful information about Eco Church and Wimborne's eco activities. Our own 'freecycle' Give & Take scheme is up and running again. If you haven't encountered the board yet, do have a look.

Along with three other local Eco Churches and several community groups, St John's is an active member of Planet Wimborne. One particular involvement is with the annual Wimborne Green Festival (14-21 October this year), when a big team of St John's folk run the popular apple pressing event on the Minster Green. Looking ahead, we are working towards achieving our Eco Church Silver Award during the next 12 months. And on a hands-on note, two veg beds in the church office garden are needing new carers, so please get in touch if you're interested!



We welcome any suggestions about how we as a church could be more effective creation stewards, so do feel free to contact any of us or email [eco@stjohnswimborne.org.uk](mailto:eco@stjohnswimborne.org.uk)

**The Eco Team** (Jane Cribb, David & Jean Morgan)

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Unrestricted Funds

<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Gift Aided Giving	226,363	180,973	186,400	178,856
Other regular giving	34,660	31,136	29,034	26,525
Income Tax Recovered	57,132	45,358	47,051	44,328
Church Collections	1,708	759	1,938	6,081
Sundry Donations	33,273	6,327	7,958	5,612
Youth	2,009	1,064	1,590	4,548
Grants	-	3,453	-	-
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>355,145</b>	<b>269,070</b>	<b>273,971</b>	<b>265,950</b>
Legacy	500	500	250	2,500
Investment Income	715	15	55	159
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Weddings/fees	1,539	1,220	1,600	990
Bookstall	-	67	559	815
Sundries	10,831	7,341	8,487	277
Property Rental	568	-	-	-
Lettings	7,063	2,703	2,060	5,494
Ministry/Events/Hospitality	7,372	2,075	1,331	5,974
Employers Allowance	4,063	2,858	3,243	2,415
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>31,436</b>	<b>16,264</b>	<b>17,280</b>	<b>18,624</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>387,796</b>	<b>285,849</b>	<b>291,556</b>	<b>284,574</b>

<i>Outgoing Resources</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Salaries/Expenses	92,069	64,302	64,066	61,472
Deanery Share	102,887	97,986	96,510	88,670
Building Works	42,107	30,828	12,986	13,595
Hospitality	1,005	394	326	1,168
Outreach/Ministry	2,323	1,221	1,651	4,108
Ministry	3,567	3,928	3,106	2,226
Youth/Children	11,281	9,579	8,120	11,321
Donations	2,340	5,380	8,096	4,544
Music/Tapes	2,012	1,881	1,777	1,530
Bookstall	-	667	503	746
Sundries	1,729	1,218	1,601	925
34 Churchill Rd	-	-	-	-
Diocesan loan Interest	-	-	-	-
Training	1,797	175	299	1,596
Messy Church	-	-	279	874
Ministry & Events	4,333	1,662	981	3,857
<b><i>SUB TOTAL</i></b>	<b>267,450</b>	<b>219,221</b>	<b>200,302</b>	<b>196,632</b>
<b>Support Costs</b>				
Cleaner & Cleaning Costs	10,309	7,551	10,715	12,276
Utilities	17,584	11,726	10,394	16,123
Maintenance	10,169	6,557	7,480	6,978
Depreciation	17,139	15,203	16,295	16,602
Insurance	5,217	4,891	4,702	4,591
IT Costs	4,307	4,255	3,681	3,710
<b><i>Subtotal</i></b>	<b>64,725</b>	<b>50,183</b>	<b>53,267</b>	<b>60,280</b>
Office Costs	6,918	5,183	4,870	7,328
Accountancy	4,573	3,701	3,606	3,126
Co-ordination/Admin	30,647	32,090	31,375	35,912
<b><i>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</i></b>	<b>374,313</b>	<b>310,378</b>	<b>293,420</b>	<b>303,278</b>

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Restricted Funds

	<i>Global Action</i>	<i>Pre School</i>	<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
<b>INCOME</b>					
Income tax Recovered	11,664		11,664	10,772	11,238
Regular Giving	44,400		44,400	34,852	43,568
Mission Gift Week/Appeals	16,867		16,867	21,285	19,836
Other Donations					
Grants		70,473	70,473	63,292	67,652
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>72,931</b>	<b>70,473</b>	<b>143,404</b>	<b>130,201</b>	<b>142,294</b>
Investment Income	28	170	198	6	48
Other Income		15,157	15,157	13,269	8,301
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>72,959</b>	<b>85,800</b>	<b>158,759</b>	<b>143,476</b>	<b>150,643</b>
<b>OUTGOINGS</b>					
Mission Partners	49,231		49,231	45,513	38,855
Other Mission Organisations	26,639		26,639	16,026	29,246
Pre-School Expenses		12,439	12,439	18,940	9,147
Preschool Workers		66,292	66,292	65,301	64,686
Donations/ Other Expenses	95	365	460	516	1,182
<b>TOTAL OUTGOINGS</b>	<b>75,965</b>	<b>79,096</b>	<b>155,061</b>	<b>146,296</b>	<b>143,116</b>
<b>NET GAIN/FALL IN FUNDS</b>	<b>(3,006)</b>	<b>6,704</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>(2,820)</b>	<b>7,527</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Computer Equipment	3,506	-	139	797
Freehold Land and Building	1,077,654	1,090,223	1,102,792	1,115,361
Equipment/Fixtures/Fittings	12,741	11,802	14,553	15,525
<b>TOTAL NET BOOK VALUE</b>	<b>1,093,901</b>	<b>1,102,025</b>	<b>1,117,484</b>	<b>1,131,683</b>
Investments	2,893	3,279	2,869	2,684
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Bookstall Stock	-	-	584	986
Debtors	26,022	15,004	23,664	26,680
Cash at Bank and in Hand	311,103	281,103	286,722	267,371
Less Liabilities due in 1 year	33,330	17,631	20,605	24,537
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>303,795</b>	<b>278,476</b>	<b>290,365</b>	<b>270,500</b>
Less liabilities due after 1 year	-	-	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,400,589</b>	<b>1,383,780</b>	<b>1,410,718</b>	<b>1,404,867</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Unrestricted – General	565,560	552,077	576,606	578,470
Restricted	828,896	825,196	828,016	820,489
Endowment	6,133	6,507	6,096	5,908
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,400,589</b>	<b>1,383,780</b>	<b>1,410,718</b>	<b>1,404,867</b>



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