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Wareham's Church of England Family Annual Report 2022

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Welcome...

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the annual report for the year 2022, a reflection of life within Wareham parish over the past year. As the year progressed the effects and restrictions of Covid gradually lessened, although there was something of a sting in the tail in mid-Autumn when a new variant seemed to hit the parish hard (me included). However, without wishing to be in any way complacent, we now seem to have learned to live with Covid and established a 'new normal.'

So, what have we learned throughout this past year and the pandemic years that preceded it? I think that we have learned to be more aware of the needs of those around us and caring in our response. Both the Blessing Fund and the 'Wareham Relief in Sickness and Need Charity' have been able to help many as has the Wareham Food Bank. (Our thanks go to the trustees and those who maintain and support these good causes). But there have been many other acts of kindness carried out by parishioners that go unnoticed by the majority. If that is you, please do accept my thanks for expressing God's love in this way.

During the lockdown periods and thereafter it became clear that a lot of caring and support had happened through Home Groups and other small groups (networks). These provided not just practical help but also spiritual nourishment and fellowship. I hope that we will be able to build on the foundation laid, although that will mean finding more people who are prepared to lead and host meetings.

Another interesting fact about the lockdown has been the addition of new members to our flock. This has come about not only through people moving into the parish seeking a spiritual home, but also people connecting, or re-connecting by switching on to our YouTube services. A considerable amount of work goes into the recording, editing, and uploading of these services and so it is good to see that they are appreciated and helping our church to grow. Whether we will be able to sustain this when our curates leave is doubtful and so alternatives are being explored.

Internationally Russia's invasion of Ukraine cast a dark cloud over the world. It just goes to show that despite all the great efforts of politicians and world leaders to settle differences through diplomacy it only takes one power crazed despot to unleash evil on a scale not seen since the Second World War. A reminder that as Christians we need always to be prayerfully on our guard against the devil and those who would spread hatred rather than love.

Of course, there have been many other good and worthwhile things discovered and carried out throughout the past year and most of these are recorded and celebrated in this Annual Report. I would like to thank all of those who work tirelessly for Christ's church in this parish. It is good to see of God's kingdom come into the parish as a result of your hard work.

Yours ever in Christ,

Simon Everett - Team Rector

Churchwardens Report

It was good to return to near normality in 2022 after two years of Covid restrictions and great to see the numbers attending church increasing although some have not felt able to return to church in person. Hilary Goodinge and Mike Quinlan have continued in their roles as churchwardens with responsibility for four of the churches in our Benefice. St John the Evangelist Church, East Holme has its own churchwardens who are Jon Moulton and Leslie Selby.

Reports on individual churches are given in different areas of this report and there is a separate report on the fabric. We are very grateful for the assistance given by our local wardens, Becky Green at St Martin on the Walls, and Barbara Wells at Sandford St Martin's. and to Ginny Collings who chairs the church committee for St Nicholas Church Arne. We are also thankful for the support of those who serve on the different church committees. Thanks too, to all those who volunteer in different roles including welcomers, Bob Day and Nick Burden on PA, flower arrangers, Guardians and Guides, Choir and Bell Ringers and those on coffee and other rotas. We are always in need of more volunteers and please contact one of us if you are able to help.

Two particular events should be noted in 2022. Clive Cherrett retired as Verger on 25 September after 26 years in the role. We were pleased to mark this with a special service with our Archdeacon, the Venerable Antony Macrow-Wood preaching the sermon and the Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Rev Karen Gorham joining us for lunch afterwards. We are all very grateful to Clive for his faithful service over so many years and wish him the best in his retirement. It was a pleasure to commission Simon Lathwell as our new Verger and he has benefitted greatly from support and advice given by both Clive Cherrett and Eddie Taylor.

The second event was the celebration of 1,000 years of St Martin on the Walls. This was marked by the unveiling of a commemorative carved stone plaque on 01 June. This was carved by a local sculptor, Jonathan Sells. We are grateful to those who contributed to the costs. On 09 November we welcomed the new Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev Stephen Lake at a special service to commemorate the millennium and at a lunch afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Thanks are due to our clergy team and for their faithful service throughout the year. We were sad to say farewell to the Rev Brigid Barrett who moved away but good to welcome the Rev Solveig Sonet who joined us as a curate. We must also give thanks to our faithful and dedicated Parish Administrator, Debs Barclay, who gives us much needed support in our roles as churchwardens and to all of us in our parish.

Hilary Goodinge and Mike Quinlan

Our worshipping communities

St Nicholas, Arne



Ginny Collings

A small but committed congregation continue to meet bi-monthly at Arne. We encourage each other and all contribute to the running of the church and making it welcoming and presentable to visitors, many of whom comment on their appreciation.

'Thank you for the love and care you give to this place of peace.'

'Your selection of small booklets is great'. 'Heaven on earth.'

'Thank you for keeping this such an open, welcoming place of prayer'. Just some of the many comments in our visitors' book. We have enjoyed good teaching from Solveig, Helen, Hilary, and Mike and have started to use our new communion vessels which were

bought for us by Nick and Jane Greenwood. After service some of us meet for coffee at the RSPB cafe to share fellowship. We have had a few visitors recently, including a couple of four legged friends! The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and the church currently looks so beautiful on the bank of primroses, daffodils, and crocuses. It is easy to sense God's presence here and we are grateful for a place of prayer and peace.

Lady St Mary, Wareham

Hilary Goodinge

Lady St Mary Church continued to be open every day and this became more significant when the Ukranian War started in February, as there was a special need for folk to reflect and pray, aided by regular led prayer. A candle was set up and a prayer sheet.

Services in 2022 gradually became more normal and it was decided that the choir should wear robes for the traditional and special services. At communion, the wine would be offered alongside the wafers but the sensitivity of those still wishing to be cautious allowed tintured wafers to continue. Seats were reserved at the back of the church for those wearing masks and until the weather became too inclement the West door remained open for air to circulate. The heating became an issue during the latter part of the year, so efficiencies were made but the temperature remained at a comfortable 18 degrees.



Special services deserve mention. The Queen's Jubilee saw a civic service in June with books documenting Her Majesty's journey of Faith given out. The Remembrance service in November was held on the quay and proved a popular return to normality. The congregations became more in number as we neared the end of the year. By December we were confident our services could be delivered as they used to be.

As the worship numbers increased the coffee volunteers and Guardians and Guides returned to give their valuable service on a more permanent footing. My thanks go to all those who organise rotas and make sure operations run smoothly. As the visitors became more numerous, we moved the Card Payment base to the north wall where it is more visible and effective.

In our LSM Committee meetings we discussed the booking forms for the Church and voted to increase charges in line with inflation and energy costs. I am grateful to Pat Cherrett who as Secretary writes up

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the minutes and who gives us an appraisal of fundraising events. We are looking to expand fundraising volunteering into the other Wareham Church communities to elicit new ideas and fresh impetus. Volunteers are continually sought especially for flower arranging and as welcomers. These roles are rewarding and really help create a joyous ambience in the church so please contact me if you can help.

Sandford St Martin's Church

Stuart Cocksedge and Barbara Wells

After all the disruption of the pandemic, it was good to return to a more 'normal' pattern of worship in 2022. On Sundays at Sandford, this has meant Breakfast Church at 9am and Morning Worship / Holy Communion at 10.30am. Both congregations have seen new people joining, and it has been encouraging to worship, grow and serve together, and to welcome new folks in. In addition, the monthly Going Deeper evening gatherings have been re-established after the pandemic, with some new faces coming along to join together in worship, prayer, and hearing from God's word.



However, there were still opportunities for outdoor worship, with a joyful outdoor celebration on Easter Day and a very successful outdoor service on Remembrance Sunday at the Sandford War Memorial, which was well supported and appreciated by many in the local community. There was also a chilly but lively outdoor carol service, involving the children acting out the Christmas story on the school playground in December. We warmed up afterwards with festive refreshments indoors!

Various other activities have taken place at Sandford during 2022, including the friendly Open House meetings for older people each month, and Sandford Seedlings Toddler Group on Tuesday afternoons, which is valued by the families who attend. Also, we have Friday Night Youth, the new community youth group on Friday nights which began in June/July 2022 and continues to attract around 40 young people on Friday evenings during term time.

We are very grateful to all those who give their time to help in the life of the church, including those helping with prayers and readings, music, and worship, welcoming and hospitality, setting up and down, and in many other ways.

We continue to look to God for guidance as we seek to grow and to reach out to the community with the good news of Jesus.

St John the Evangelist, East Holme

Jonathan Moulton



At last, our services are resembling some form of normal. For those who wish, you may go up and take Communion and again take the wine from the Chalice, and the collection bag is now being passed around during the Offertory Hymn.

Throughout the year we have held three fundraising events and they were as follows: - An Easter Coffee Morning, The Queen's Jubilee, and the Flower Festival. Both the Coffee Morning and The Queen's Jubilee were well attended, and we had a few stalls and games for the children. The Flower Festival was held on the last Bank Holiday

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Monday in August. The theme this year was Everything Dorset and I have to say it is the best the church has looked in along time. The displays consisted of Thomas Hardy, Enid Blyton, Dorset Honey, Dorset Farming, Dorset Buttons, Dorset Beaches, The Dorset Regiment, Laurence of Arabia, and Mary Anning, I would like to thank everybody involved for their hard work and continued support of the church. We held the fete on the front lawn of the Priory with tea, coffee, bacon butties & cake served throughout the day, we also managed to resurrect the ever-popular duck race and 3 successful races were held and were enjoyed by all who attended. After expenses I banked a total of £818.00 and you may all agree it was a successful day all round.

In July on the fourth Sunday, we had our annual Hymns and Pimm's. Our thanks go to Simon for putting together an interesting service filled with hymns and poetry. The Choir attended as usual, and we would like to thank them for their continued support. My thanks go to all those who attended and to Nigel Webb for supplying the Pimm's. We look forward to holding this event again next year.

Harvest festival was held on September the 25th, due to the cost of living rather than having fresh vegetables we had donations of tins, packets, and jars of food and this was all given to Wareham Food bank, so a huge thank you to everyone who donated.

On November the 13th we had the Remembrance service with 12 in the congregation the service was led by Hilary and Jonny O'Brien read the roll call and the act of remembrance.

The Quinquennial took place on the 4th of November and whilst walking around the outside of the church the architect commented that there were no jaw dropping repairs that he could see however the Chancel roof does need pointing in, whilst this took place myself and Leslie Selby cleaned out the gutters and cleared the drains, a job that was long overdue. We now await his full report.

The Carol Service took place on the 18th of December 2022 and at last we were able to hold the service inside, due to the weather and lots of illness going around we only had 24 in the congregation but still managed to have several gifts under the tree which all went to Julia's House Hospice along with the collection of £120.12. The service was taken by Solveig and although we did not have many children, we still enjoyed Christingles and the bringing up of the figures depicting the Christmas story to the Altar.

The Christmas morning service was taken by Hilary, and she gave another lovely Sermon telling the story of the Birth of Christ through the eyes of the Shepherds. There were 30 in attendance and the service was enjoyed by all, so our thanks go to Hilary.

In the year we have had two weddings and two christenings and, on all occasions the church was beautifully decorated, and many comments were made by those in attendance.

Sam and Ruby Selby's headstone is now back in place.

Our thanks go to Nigel and Graham for the continued upkeep of the churchyard and car park, also to Nigel Webb for playing the organ and to the Moulton family for the cleaning of the church and finally to all those who have attended services at St John's, and we look forward to another successful Year.

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St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

Becky Green

Since I took over as local warden in May 2022, we have had a busy year with a late celebration of 1000 years of our beautiful church. We had a commemoration plaque unveiling which was, a very lovely occasion with the Mayor and designer and others who were involved in the fundraising attending. We also had a service in November to celebrate the 1000 years of the church, where the new Bishop Stephen attended along with the congregation of St Martin's and the Mayor and others involved with the plaque and fundraisers. It was a very special service.



We had one baptism this year and a memorial service. We have a very lovely small regular congregation, and it is a pleasure to run and see them every week as well as Hazel and Davina who help me as a team. We hope to carry on to keep this wonderful church running in the future.

1000 years Celebration of St Martin on the Walls

Hilary Goodinge, Churchwarden

On the 9th November there was a special service at St Martin on the Walls to celebrate 1000 years. The Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend Stephen Lake presided over the service and gave us a reminder of how 1000 years is the blink of an eye for God, but encapsulates many significant historical events for us. It is one of the oldest churches in Dorset and was rebuilt by King Canute after he had formerly burnt it down. As an emergency it was used to house the homeless from the great Wareham fire of 1762 but the church gradually fell out of use until Leonard Sturdy refurbished it. Since the thirties it has been in use with a weekly Wednesday Communion Service. The service on 9th November was closest to the patronal Saint's Day (November 11th) and was attended by regular worshippers and those who had a special connection to, and interest in, the Church. The sculptor, Jonathan Sells, who carved a magnificent exterior plaque to celebrate the millennium, was in attendance. Those who had raised money for the plaque and other relevant funds were also in the congregation. Afterwards photographs were taken to mark the occasion and then we walked to the Parish Hall to share a magnificent celebratory lunch cooked by Carol Turner and her team. It was a very fitting way to mark 1000 years and we were even blessed with sunshine! Appreciation goes to Becky Green and her team and all those who worked to make this unique event a memorable occasion.

Parish Prayers

Garry Guinness

During Covid our hour of prayer on Tuesday at 7.30 pm continued weekly on Zoom, thanks to the technical help and encouragement of Dave Kimble. Numbers fluctuated but we were often around a dozen people. Different members share in leading with a passage of Scripture leading into an open time of worship, thanksgiving, and intercession.

In this way we have been able to pray for the life and witness of our Parish and mission partners as well as to bring before our heavenly Father the needs of our nation and wider world.

This has now developed into a new weekly pattern, which includes meeting in person as well as on Zoom. See weekly notice sheet for details.

Prayers for Peace

Canon Simon Everett

Since Russia invaded Ukraine on 24th February daily prayers have been said in Lady St Mary church. Originally, they were said at 12 noon and 5.00pm but in the Autumn due to logistical problems we reduced this to just the 5pm timeslot. At the same time, we broadened the scope of our prayer to pray for all areas of war, conflict, and strife. Numbers have varied between one and eighteen, but it is known that many stop and pray in their homes at this time and so each day a wave of prayer arises from Wareham for the peace of the world. All are welcome.

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Bell Ringers

Phil Stephens



Throughout the year, we have rung regularly for Sunday services and quite often with enough ringers to ring all ten bells. Our practices have been well attended. We usually have several visitors, and their help is much appreciated. Gradually our ringing is getting back to our standard before Covid standard. It has been much harder than anticipated but I am pleased to say that our Sunday service ringing is now much improved.

Throughout the year we have rung for seven weddings and four quarter peals have been rung, two by visitors and two by locals.

At the end of September Ed Warren, Sturminster Marshall, and myself organised a three-day ringing tour based around the Devizes area. We rang at 18 Churches. In the evenings we enjoyed a good social time together, some lovely meals and of course there was plenty of the local beer to sample.

Finally, if you would like to know more - you may like to see the bells or even learn to ring, then please do get in touch.



Wareham bell ringers and friends on our ringing tour to Devizes - 2022

Choir (Lady St Mary)

William Day



The choir has met its regular commitment to lead the music at the 10.00 am Sung Eucharist on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during 2022 and the 1st Sunday Family Communion, where we have been able to support the joyful singing of the Angel Voices children.

A small band continues loyally to play with the organ on the second Sunday of each month, joining in the accompaniment of the hymns and mass setting and sometimes voluntaries at the end of the service. On the 3rd Sunday choir members support the praise band players and singers for the Praise Communion Service.

At the end of January, we sang CW Evening Prayer for Candlemas Sunday. In July we were invited to East Holme where the congregation again held an outdoor 'Hymns & Pimm's' service. The choir led the singing and greatly enjoyed the refreshments afterwards. During the service Simon selected music and readings related to the life and faith of George Herbert.

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On 9th October, as part of the national celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams, we held an evening service of readings and music with all the hymn tunes and anthems having been either composed or arranged by Vaughan Williams. His settings of some texts by George Herbert was one feature of the programme.

Simon had researched Vaughan Williams's life and involvement in church music and promoted the celebration in the weekly pew sheets prior to the date, resulting in a substantial congregation that evening.

The Advent Service of Light and the Christmas Carol Service in the latter part of the year are both popular and attract large congregations. Choir rehearsals through the autumn are more intense with the preparation of a repertoire that is larger than is usual through the rest of the year.

I would like to thank all the choir members for their dedication; turning up for practice every Friday evening and for services on Sundays, and to Maurice who takes the lion's share of the organ playing. Also, to the Ministry Team and Church Wardens for their support and encouragement for the work we do.

Mission and Worship - Growing Disciples

Men's Breakfast

A number of enjoyable men's breakfasts were held at Not Just Sundaes Community Cafe on Saturday mornings during 2022. These breakfasts were enjoyable and well attended by men from several different churches, as well as their friends who were invited along. NJS regularly provided a tasty, cooked breakfast which was enjoyed by all. Some breakfasts included a stimulating talk from a guest speaker. It is hoped that these breakfasts will continue to be an important means of gathering men together, for fellowship, good food, and opportunities explore and discuss our faith. Thank you to Charles Donnelly and Mark Lapper for their work in organising these breakfasts, and to the NJS staff and volunteers for the excellent service they provide!



Home Groups

Home groups have run throughout the year, except during Lent when this year we offered a choice of Lent Groups. One was called 'Life on the Breadline' and considered issues of poverty and justice in the UK, whilst the other, 'Days of Lament' considered the place of lament in the Christian experience. The number of homegroups increased to seven with over 50 people involved in various ways. Nearly all the groups returned to meeting in person during the year. As ever, a mixture of different resources were used, including video courses, studying a range of different Biblical books and themes. Some groups met weekly, others fortnightly, some met in the daytime and others in the evening. There are spaces in several of the groups so please contact one of the clergy if you would like to join a group.

Helen Williams

Christian Aid

Angela Salter



Due to the national fall off in income from churches Christian Aid is struggling and making many of its staff redundant. It is very sad that our churches seem no longer able to support this extremely necessary and worthwhile work overseas as unable or unwilling to engage with the local community in the way that we were 20 years ago when in Wareham we were raising between £8,000 to £10,000 each year. Please continue to support the work of

Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week in May or by a regular donation.

You can give online either regularly or as a one off <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate>

Flower Arrangers

Pat and Clive Cherrett



Once again, I would like to thank our small group of Flower Arrangers who have undertaken to make sure that we always have flowers in the Sanctuary every Sunday. This has meant extra duties and covering two weeks at a time. Volunteers are asked for to cover Festivals who always provide a good display. I would also like to thank those who have provided foliage when we have asked especially for the Advent ring. Thank you to Sue Hodge who has helped me in preparing the ring. If you are interested in joining us, no experience needed, please contact me.

Mission

Stuart Cocksedge

In 2022 we continued to support our four mission partners through prayer and financial giving. These are: Malcolm and Yanet Taylor and family working with YWAM in San Pedro in the Dominican Republic, Ruth Guinness serving with SIM in Malawi, Terekeka Diocese and St Stephen's School in South Sudan, and the Mission to Seafarers.

The Christian environmental charity A Rocha was our guest mission for 2022, and we held a Mission Sunday service in Lady St Mary Church on Sunday 29th May, with a guest speaker from A Rocha, Jean Morgan, who spoke very helpfully on the work of A Rocha and the biblical basis for what they do. A Mission Sunday service was also aired on YouTube for those unable to come in person, with short video updates from our mission partners. People were encouraged to give financially to our mission partners, either in person or online. In addition to the four main mission partners and guest mission A Rocha, we also supported the work of the Blessing Fund and Not Just Sundaes Community Cafe in Wareham. Although the response was not as great as in the previous few years, we are grateful to God for all that was given, which totalled £6,118.88 (including gift aid).

A highlight of 2022 was the visit of Bishop Paul Modi and Mama Edina from the Diocese of Terekeka. They were able to visit Wareham in August 2022, following the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, and it was a joy to spend time with them, to hear of all that God is doing in Terekeka, to pray and worship together, and to begin establishing links between our local schools and St Stephen's School, Terekeka. The project to build a block of four new classrooms at St Stephen's School is an important one for us to support.

In October 2022, the Mission Committee agreed to give gifts to each of our mission partners from the Michael Smith Mission Fund, including a gift of £4,000 to St Stephen's School Terekeka, which has enabled work to begin on their new classroom block. In December 2022, a total of £721.21 was given at school and church carol services, which has been passed on to Terekeka to support St Stephen's School.

Mission and Worship - Outreach

The Mission Committee consists of Stuart Cocksedge, Simon Everett, Garry Guinness, Judith Holmes, Mike Quinlan, and Eddie Taylor. Please continue to pray for each of our mission partners.



Sunday morning refreshments at LSM

Coffee, tea, and biscuits are served in the Parish Hall after the 10am Sunday service at LSM. This has been a much better year with only January 2022 not being possible due to Covid.

The teams of volunteers each do one Sunday a month and many thanks go to these people without whom this would not be possible.

Everybody is welcome after the service and anyone on their own need not worry and as we are very welcoming. Lots of people do come after the service for the company and chat as much as the refreshments. We use Fair Trade products as much as possible and all donations received are passed onto charity and church funds.

If anyone is interested in joining our rota, please contact Nick at nick@halevet.co.uk

Nick and Issy Burden



Care Homes

During 2022, we held monthly services at Pine Martin Grange and Anglebury Court care homes. These services sometimes had to be rearranged or delayed due to Covid cases in the care homes, but the staff and residents at both homes have always been very grateful for these services. They have given the opportunity to sing some familiar hymns, to hear Bible readings and prayers, and sometimes to share Holy Communion together. Residents also help with readings and prayers. Thank you to all those who have helped to lead and provide music at these services, including Sue Bartholomew, Margy and Arthur Leitch, Maureen Lever, Lesley Milsom, Simon Everett, Helen Williams, and Solveig Sonet.

Stuart Cocksedge

Open House

'Open House' remains a very active group and I continue to be grateful for the support of voluntary speakers and several helpers.

Lesley Milsom

We generally meet in Church at 2 pm on the last Thursday of each month and during 2022 we gave a fund-raising donation of £230 to the Wareham Parish Blessing Fund.

Following a talk or activity, there is time for a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle. Come and join us!

Mission and Worship - Outreach

Sudan Link

Mike Quinlan

St Stephen's School is run by the Diocese and provides education at Nursery, Primary and Secondary levels to around 800 children. Although the school is private and charges fees (£12 to £30 per year) about 50% of parents cannot afford to pay.

It was a particular joy to welcome Bishop Paul Modi (Bishop of Terekeka) and his wife Mama Edina to Wareham for four days in August after the Lambeth Conference. They visited four of our churches and spent some time at Sandford School meeting teachers, governors, and pupils. We are trying to encourage closer links between our schools and St Stephen's School in Terekeka. Bishop Paul was amazed at the facilities and resources at Sandford School. St Stephen's has virtually nothing apart from desks, chairs, blackboards and four shelves of textbooks.

While Bishop Paul was here, he told us about a project to build a new classroom block for four primary school classes. This would be well built with blockwork walls, concrete floors and steel doors and windows. This would replace one of their mud-built classroom blocks that has timber posts, doors and windows which are ravaged by termites, and has a life of only about five years. The total cost of this project is around £59,000.

Wareham Parish sends money each year to support teachers' salaries, to build and repairs classrooms and to provide teaching materials. We sent £1,134 in January following Christmas collections. Following the Mission Sunday in May and a large dividend from the Michael Smith Mission Fund, we were able to send a total of £6,627 in November, of which £4,000 was earmarked for the new classroom block. This enabled the school to start work on the foundations. We are very grateful for those who give generously to support the work in Terekeka.

South Sudan continues to suffer from communal violence, political instability, and famine due to failure of harvests and flooding, which can be attributed to the effect of global warming. There is also a chronic shortage of medical facilities and access to clean water. About 70% of the population are illiterate.

Please continue to pray for South Sudan, for a lasting peace settlement and an end to tribal violence. Pray too for the Diocese of Terekeka, Bishop Paul Modi and St Stephen's School.



Senior School Class at St Stephen's



Bishop Paul and Mama Edina at Lady St Mary's



Proposed new Classroom Block

Wareham's Church Family and ecumenical activities

Stuart Cocksedge

Covid was still a concern at the beginning of 2022, so it was not possible to hold a united ecumenical service in January 2022. However, an ecumenical Good Friday walk of witness was held in April and was very well attended by folks from across the churches. It began at St Martin on the Walls, walking through town to the Quay, and was followed by refreshments at Not Just Sundaes.



The important work of the Blessing Fund and the Foodbank (which is run out of Purbeck Gateway Church) has continued to provide vital support for local people in need. Towards the end of 2022, with rising food and energy prices, the Wareham's Church Family leaders and reps agreed to work together to offer a warm space at Not Just Sundaes Community Cafe. Although at first it proved a challenge to heat the building sufficiently, this initiative was appreciated by local people, and was particularly important for ensuring access to the Community Fridge when Not Just Sundaes would otherwise have been closed.

The Wareham's Church Family leaders and reps met together for prayer and support several times during 2022. These meetings are often held at Not Just Sundaes, which is a wonderful venue for such occasions. It is good to be able to join together as Christians from across the churches of Wareham to advance God's Kingdom and serve our communities.

Environment Report

Helen Williams

During the year we continued to work on gaining A Rocha environmental awards for our churches, and are delighted that East Holme Church was awarded their Bronze award. Particular thanks are due to Hilary Bond for her work on this.

We set up a Rota for writing green tips for the weekly pew sheet and hope that this will enable this to be continued. If you would like to be on this Rota or have green tips to suggest, then please contact Debs in the parish office.

Nick Burden organised churchyard surveys for Lady St Mary's and Arne. Across both sites 251 different species were recorded. In LSM alone there were 19 species of bird, 3 types of ferns, 95 different flowering plants, 5 species of insects and 10 varieties of fungi. Some of the members of the Sustainable Wareham group helped us with the surveys and this led to a very positive write up in their September newsletter. Nick then made a display about the surveys which he took to the Planet Purbeck Festival and to a meeting with some of the Wareham Burial Joint Committee, who have now agreed to change the mowing regime for part of the Lady St Mary Churchyard in order to encourage biodiversity. We look forward to seeing what grows there next year.

As ever thanks are due to all who helped us in our efforts to cherish the planet God has given us for our home.

Mission and Worship - Outreach

Ladies that Lunch and Pray

Linda Everett

'Ladies that Lunch and Pray' continued to meet once a month during 2022. The group continues to draw in women from across the whole parish. Numbers can be up to 16 and we have welcomed some new faces this year. Some of the meetings have had guests leading us in reflection and others are in-house but fellowship and prayer remain paramount. Anyone interested in joining should contact Linda Everett or the Parish Office.

Ladies Walking Group

Linda Everett

A ladies walking group started last spring. This has been an opportunity to get out in the beautiful surrounding countryside and enjoy the natural world around, as well as an opportunity for friendship and fellowship. The group meets once a month. All ladies across the parish are welcome.

Meals for those in need

Linda Everett

There has been a great response from parishioners who have made meals to keep a good supply in the freezer at The Church Hall. The youth group also contributed generously by making meals as part of their Lenten project. Thank you to everyone who has contributed as this has been a great support to those who have been sick or in need. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this, please contact Linda Everett or Debs in the Parish Office.

Newcomers Teas and Lunches

Linda Everett

Due to various circumstances, there was just one newcomers' tea held at the Rectory in 2022, with one being postponed.

Visiting Speaker

Linda Everett

In October 2022, The Reverend Justin Tomkins, author of 'Hope for Tomorrow – Jesus and Technology', was a guest speaker talking about the Christian response to artificial intelligence. This was a very stimulating and thought-provoking session. We were very grateful to Justin for taking time out of his parish to share with us.

Children and Young People

Young families ministry

Rachel Cocksedge

2022 has been the most settled and normal year for our Toddler Groups in a long time! We continue to have a weekly theme that influences our craft, play dough mats and songs. 2022 themes have included God Gave Me different Senses, Jesus is....., Stories Jesus Told, A Time for Everything (based on Ecclesiastes 3), God Made Me and Babies in the Bible (including Baby Jesus).

We have slightly changed how we offer refreshments at both groups and have invested in some lidded keep cups to decrease the risk of spills of hot drinks. So, we now offer parents drinks on arrival rather than during the children's snack time at the end of the group.

Wareham Baby and Toddler Group

Rachel Cocksedge

At Wareham Baby and Toddler Group, we have continued to build on our new format with individual tables and mats with different toys that families can move round together as they choose. During the year, using toddler group funds, we have purchased some toys (both new and second hand) to increase the variety on offer. We now have a small Happy land Village, including a church with a tower!

Throughout 2022 we continued with the booking system, started post covid to ensure we did not get too busy. However, following a slightly slow autumn, we have removed the need to book and enjoyed busier sessions without being overwhelmed.



Heather Scharnhorst joined the team in September and has been a great help both with our toddler group sessions and with helping us rationalise and sort our toys, equipment, and archives.

Sandford Seedling Baby and Toddler Group

Rachel Cocksedge

Although much appreciated by those who attend, Sandford Seedlings struggled with low numbers through some of 2022, partly due to another local group moving to a Tuesday lunchtime. Therefore, in October we surveyed our Facebook Group to see what we could change to increase attendance. As a result, we removed the need to book and made the start time later (to stop it clashing with lunch/nap time). Since we have had our shorter 2-3pm sessions, attendance has improved but it doesn't leave much time for singing!

Thanks

I would like to particularly thank Becky Green, Heather Rose, Charlotte Barber, Mary Appleton, and Heather Scharnhorst for all their hard work and support. I would also like to thank our refreshment teams for the hospitality they offer. Thank you all.

Children and Young People

Angel Voices

Angel Voices Team -- Mary Appleton, Anne Smith, Eve Baker, and Anne Laking



Angel Voices & children's handbells meet on the First Sunday of the month. We meet at 9.15 am to sing & ring and then walk over to LSM for the 10 am Family Communion Service where the children play an active part in the worship. Angel Voices continues to have a core of very supportive children & parents, with the aim of growing in their faith.

Sun Jan 9th, 2022 'Epiphany Service'with drama

Sun Feb 6th 'Will you come & Follow Me.'

Sun Mar 6th 'The Temptations'

Sun April 3rd 'Knowing You Jesus'

Sun May 1st 'Jesus is Alive'Our curate Rev. Solveig Sonet presides for the first time.

Sun June 5th Jubilee Service on the Quay to mark Queen Elizabeth11 Platinum Jubilee

Sun July 3rd 'Seeing is Believing/ St Thomas' Feast Day..... including a magic trick

Sun Aug 7th 'The Transfiguration'

Sun Sept 4th 'Walking in the Light' We welcomed our Hemsbach friends.

Sun Oct 2nd 'Harvest= Rainbows/God's Provision'...Girls from 1st Wareham Rainbows helped

Sun Nov 6th 'St Pauls Baptism' with baby Maeve Bailey's baptism

Sun Dec 4th 'Christingle'with collection for the Children's Society

This year Linda E. initiated two children's craft workshops (April 2nd & Nov 26th) to make Easter and Christmas decorations for our churches. Both events were well supported.

'Angel Voices' flourishes thanks to the support of the clergy, choir, audio/visual team, members of the congregation, parentsand most deservedly of all.....the children. We always welcome new members. We thank you all for the support.

Handbell Ringers

Jenny Elmes

We encourage Angel Voices to progress to ring the handbells and we have a good core of regular 10+yr olds whose dedication and musicality, accompanying the hymns with Maurice, are much appreciated. Thank you to Maurice for his tolerance!

Handbell Ringers

Angela Salter

We continue to meet in the Scout and Guide HQ and have regularly met each week since September. We were pleased to be able to ring on the quay with Maurice on keyboard for the Queen's jubilee service last June. We managed to ring carols one Saturday morning in December standing outside the parish hall which people at the market could listen to and join in with and then went to Poole to do the same in Poole High St. We rang at the Christmas Tree festival in Swanage, and we also rang on the stage for the Father Christmas parade and at the start of the Purbeck Village Quire concert in January. Anyone who would like to join us on a Wednesday afternoon would be very welcome.

Jenny and I are very pleased that the junior team have been able to ring for the first Sunday of each month in LSM. We now have a really good group of young people and parents who practice for an hour before the service and have progressed amazingly over the last year .

Children and Young People

Schools Work

Stuart Cocksedge

Throughout 2022 the clergy team continued to lead regular acts of collective worship in our three local church primary schools. We follow the collective worship themes set by the schools, which often tie into their Christian values, and complement the regular acts of worship led by teachers and pupils. In addition, at the request of the schools, there were various other areas of involvement, such as special sessions in school led by Hilary Bond, visits to church for key festivals, and of course carol services.

Youth Discipleship Group

Helen Williams

The youth discipleship group continued to meet at my house once a week for most of 2022. Anne Laking joined us in a leadership role, meaning that the group was less dependent on myself as I thought about moving on at the end of my curacy. In June, the young people went with Stuart and Rachel Cocksedge to a young people's weekend camping event called Spree South West, run by Urban Saints (that used to be Crusaders) and South West Youth Ministries. They had a fabulous time and were greatly encouraged in their Christian faith. At Christmas time we made a short film based around the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. This was great fun, including a filming trip to Studland, and drew in some other young people to act various parts. It was shown at the Epiphany service in Lady St Mary and at Breakfast Church, as well as being included in our online service.

Children's craft Afternoon

Linda Everett

In the build up to Christmas a craft afternoon was organised by Linda Everett and the Angel Voices Team to encourage children to make Christmas decorations for the church. These included Angels, Father Christmas' and snowflakes, and a lot more besides. There were a great many helpers and plenty of children from all corners of the parish attended with their parents and a great time was had by all. The next day many of the decorations were hung on the Christmas tree in Lady St Mary church (and some were taken to the other churches of the team). This proved so popular that another event will be organised ahead of Easter.

Angel Voices and Children's Barbecue

Linda Everett

This took place in the Rectory garden in July and was well attended by children and their parents (grandparents). It was a great event with children's activities and delicious food!!



Children and Young People

Foundation Governors

Stuart Cocksedge

The close links we have with our local church primary schools at Stoborough, Wareham St Mary, and Sandford St Martin's, are of great importance. Vital to these links are the Christians serving these schools as Foundation Governors. During 2022, both Wareham St Mary and Sandford St Martin's primary schools were inspected by OFSTED and were judged to be Good. Foundation Governors and clergy played a valuable role in supporting the schools during these inspections. Our church schools are looking for Foundation Governors, offering excellent opportunities to serve and encourage the schools, to continue to develop their Christian ethos, and to strength the links between church and school. If you feel that you, or someone you know, would be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, please contact the Parish Office on 01929 550905.



Lay Pastoral Assistants

Simon Everett

During 2022 oversight of the LPAs (Lay Pastoral Assistants) passed to the Rector following the Reverend Brigid Barrett's move to Ringwood. LPAs have a wide-ranging ministry within the parish, which includes visiting the sick and housebound at home and in hospital, offering support to the bereaved, supporting baptism families, leading home groups, working with children, assisting with services both in church and at local care homes. Some have further training to take communion to those unable to attend church.

All LPAs are trained for their ministry and then commissioned by the Bishop. All are DBS checked and undertake Safeguarding training. Their ministry was celebrated at a service in Lady St Mary on the 30th January 2022 and thanks were given for Ann Bashford, Di Beaumont, Pippa Cracknell, Maxine Humphries, Maureen Lever, Ron and Ann Lewis, Joan Podger, and Mary Simmonds, who retired from their LPA ministry. Mary Appleton, Eve Baker, Debs Barclay, Jean Dixon, Merville Gover, Becky Green, Elaine Orchard, were re-commissioned at the same service and continue in their ministry.

Baptisms and Thanksgivings

Debs Barclay



All parents are invited to an informal meeting to meet a member of our clergy and an LPA before the service. Each family is supported by one of our LPAs from the first meeting to the Service and are then welcomed back at a later date by the church family.

Funerals

Debs Barclay

During 2022, our clergy team were still present at 54 funerals, within our parish church and at the local crematoriums or at the Cemetery Chapels. In November we held an All Souls service in Lady St Mary church in memory of those who had died in the year which was well attended and much appreciated.



Marriage Preparation and Weddings

Stuart Cocksedge



In March 2022 we welcomed several couples to our annual marriage preparation day held at Sandford St Martin's Church. Several weddings then took place in our churches during 2022. It is good to get to know and support couples as they prepare to get married, and to share with them in the joy of their wedding day.

Wednesday Group

In 2022 Mary Richter temporarily took over from Nancy Baynes to organise the Wednesday Group. When they were not on outings, they met the last Wednesday on the month in the Parish Hall. As there has been no one to take over from Mary, the Wednesday Group is no longer continuing at this time.

Guardians and Guides

Susan Stuart

Our parish churches of Lady St Mary and St Martin-on-the-Walls attract many people during the year, perhaps especially during the warmer summer months but interestingly there are a fair number of visitors throughout the whole of the year, whatever the weather. If people are visiting a town one of the main attractions is the church, and both our churches are well worth visiting. Having found them open, the most common comment to Guardians & Guides is 'How lovely to find a church open and how especially lovely to have somebody inside who welcomes a chat and will willingly tell you about the church and its history,' and it is just this reaction that makes being a Guardian & Guide so rewarding. In Lady St Mary's the windows are of special interest to many as are the ancient stone inscriptions and the font, and it is not uncommon for people to spend as long as an hour browsing around or simply sitting silently or praying. The beautiful churchyard is also a place where visitors can walk around and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. The tiny church of St Martin-on-the-Walls, which celebrated its millennium in 2020 provides an interesting and beautiful comparison. The wall paintings in this typical Saxon church, which are one of the principal attractions to visitors, date from the 11th century.

Our Parish Bookstall

Jeannette Guinness

Following the opening up after Covid lockdown, sales have been slow to pick up but our parish bookstall based in Lady St Mary, continues to be a valuable resource for books, cards and little gifts for both worshippers and visitors. None the less my trading turnover was £1142. Our special Advent and Lent books, which I'm able to buy in bulk, continue to go well. I am often able to supply course materials for our Home Groups.

My agency status with Keith Jones Christian Bookshop in Bournemouth, enables us to get a reduction on most sales. Once again profits have enabled us to buy Life Word booklets offering them free for visitors and others.

Daily Bible Reading notes are much appreciated by a number of folks who order through me. Do speak to me for suggestions and more details.

Post Covid, from time to time I now take a selection of books to Sandford services, which has been appreciated by families and older folk.

Please look at the bookstall regularly and enjoy the many reduced bargains both for yourself and to give or lend to others, enabling us to encourage one another as we grow in the knowledge and loving service of our risen Lord.

Parish Hall Bookings

Debs Barclay

Bookings for 2022 were continuing to grow, and most past groups are now meeting regularly again. The one-off bookings have continued to come in throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming our regular bookings and new bookings in 2023.

Parish Office

Debs Barclay

We have had a varied and busy year in the Parish Office, with lots going on. I have my two knowledgeable volunteers helping me in the office, Gay and Alison and I am so grateful for when they are volunteering in the office, their support is truly appreciated. The Parish office is open for external enquiries on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9.00am until 1.00pm and at all other times email enquiries will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Fairtrade

Judith Holmes



As during 2021 there has not been a regular stall in the Parish Hall during 2022 partly because of lack of regular help in running it. However, there was one in the run up to Christmas to sell cards; this proved to be very popular and profitable. Again, loyal customers continued to support by buying one or two items on a regular basis. I continued to supply tea and coffee to Sandford and LSM for after church refreshments. My total sales from April 2022 until now were just under £1000. However, supporting Fairtrade whenever possible is as important as ever. It really does make a difference to farmers and crafts people in the African, Asian, and S American countries as they face the challenge of climate change.

Fabric Report

Mike Quinlan

Mike Quinlan is Fabric Officer for our churches (except for East Holme) and is supported by a Fabric Committee with the other members being Alan Green, Tim Salter, and Phil Stephens. This has met four times in the year.

Lady St Mary's Church

Planning Permission was granted in March for adding a zinc covering over the Becket Chapel roof, but only for five years and this was not seen as being worthwhile. The PCC agreed at their meeting on 1st June that we should postpone further work to the Becket Chapel due to the high cost (over £21,000 has been spent since 2015) and limited benefit to the life and mission of the church. A Faculty was granted, for repairs to the Anthony Trew Monument in April but with the condition that the works should not be carried out till 12 months after the damp problem and lack of drainage affecting the south wall of the nave had been resolved. This work has therefore been postponed until at least 2024. A Faculty application was submitted in February for laying-up of a third Royal British Legion Standard and displaying a ceramic poppy that had been donated to the church from the display at the Tower of London to commemorate 100 years from the outbreak of WW1.

Much time has been spent on trying to resolve the lack of underground drainage on the south side of the church. Planning Permission for the original scheme involving a soakaway was received in January but an Arboricultural Report, that was a condition of the Planning Consent, revealed that a soakaway could not be built due to the extent of the protection zone for the Holm Oak tree in the corner of the Priory Hotel garden. Wessex Water refused permission for us to connect into the adopted sewers in Church Green, so the only alternative was to drain directly down the lane into the river. A new scheme was drawn up and permission sought from the Environment Agency. Quotations were obtained and GSJP Civil Engineering appointed to carry out the work starting in January 2023. The total cost of the drainage works including contractor's costs, archaeological and arboricultural work and professional fees is likely to be around £34,000.

Our underground water supply pipe on the north side of the church developed a leak in January. This was repaired by J Spiller and Sons, but the plastic pipe has thin walls and may develop further leaks (this occurred again in January 2023).

Water has been leaking through the south aisle roof over the bookstall and PA desk. This was found to be due to a broken tile which was replaced by J Spiller and Sons. A schedule of certain repair works to roofs and walls, that were identified in the 2018 Quinquennial Report was priced by J Spiller & Sons but due the lack of money available in the Fabric Fund, these works have had to be postponed. Repairs involving replacement of valves on the Choir Division were carried out to the Church Organ in January.

Resources and Support

St Martin on the Walls

A stone plaque to commemorate the millennium of the church in 2020 was fixed to the south porch and unveiled in June. Progress has continued on a scheme for installation of new heating, replacement of the electrics and new stone flooring. BJP Consulting were appointed to design the heating and electrical works in March. They prepared an initial Options Assessment Report which recommended a combination of underfloor heating supplied by an Air Source Heat Pump to provide background heating and fan convectors in trenches to increase the temperature for services and other events. This was submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, who were broadly in favour, and discussed with the specialist conservation expert for the wall paintings, Tobit Curteis. We have issued instructions for the detailed design and for making a planning application for the Air Source Heat Pump to be located against the north wall of the chancel. The report on the Quinquennial inspection which was carried out in February was received in September. Some repairs are needed, and a schedule is being drawn up for pricing.

St Nicholas Church Arne

A schedule of repairs has been drawn up addressing defects observed in the September 2019 Quinquennial Inspection report. It is intended to carry out this work in 2023.

Sandford St Martin's Church

A new wooden cross has been made by Steve Wells to replace the perspex cross that hung from the ceiling, but was not particularly obvious or visible. Thanks are due to Steve for his wonderful craftsmanship in making and fixing this. Steve has also made a new stand for the keyboard, which is much appreciated. The interior of the church was re-decorated in the summer.

Re-ordering Committee

Canon Simon Everett

The Re-ordering Committee met five times during 2022, with two public meetings to discuss the possibility of building a new parish hall on the north side of Lady St Mary church. These proved extremely helpful, showing a mixed response. However, the majority view was positive, although some wondered if now was the right time to pursue this.

Following the PCC decision to re-roof the existing parish hall, it was decided that the that plans for a new Parish Hall be delayed until such time as sufficient resources (funds and manpower) are available. However, the committee agreed that the need for toilet facilities for church were a matter that had been delayed long enough, and so this would be given priority along with changes to the entrance and tower area of the church. it is hoped that progress can be made this coming year.

Review of the Year

This year parish finances returned to a more 'normal' situation as we began to put the privations of Covid-19 behind us. Overall, our income from all sources increased by **8.3%**. There was a strong bounce back in income from collections and donations, vestry & church hire, PCC fees, parish hall hire & refreshments, offertory boxes and gift day.

On the minus side, planned giving, our major income source, declined by 5.6%, a worrying trend. We also lost income from Covid grants. Although big events such as Creech Grange parish day and an LSM flower festival did not take place, there was a sell-out concert in LSM given by the Maltese tenor, Joseph Calleja. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

Inevitably, our costs rose significantly during the year, and although our diocesan share was capped at 5.0% our overall costs rose by **33%** (all funds). Significant spending was required on repairing LSM and the parish hall.

We would have reported a small loss on our unrestricted funds but for investment income which moved us into a positive position.

We supported local charities and our mission partners, including Ruth Guinness and St Stephens school in South Sudan. The total donated was over £20,000, mainly from restricted funds.

I should like to thank all who gave generously throughout the year, and also those who give their time to running events in the parish hall, such as the popular Saturday morning refreshments. I should also thank Debs Barclay for the work she put into preparing the accounts and to David Cracknell for his valuable assistance.

Reserves Policy

We try to hold a balance in Unrestricted Funds equal to at least 4 months of our annual expenditure to smooth and cover future fluctuations. At the end of the year this cover was approximately 6 months.

Financial

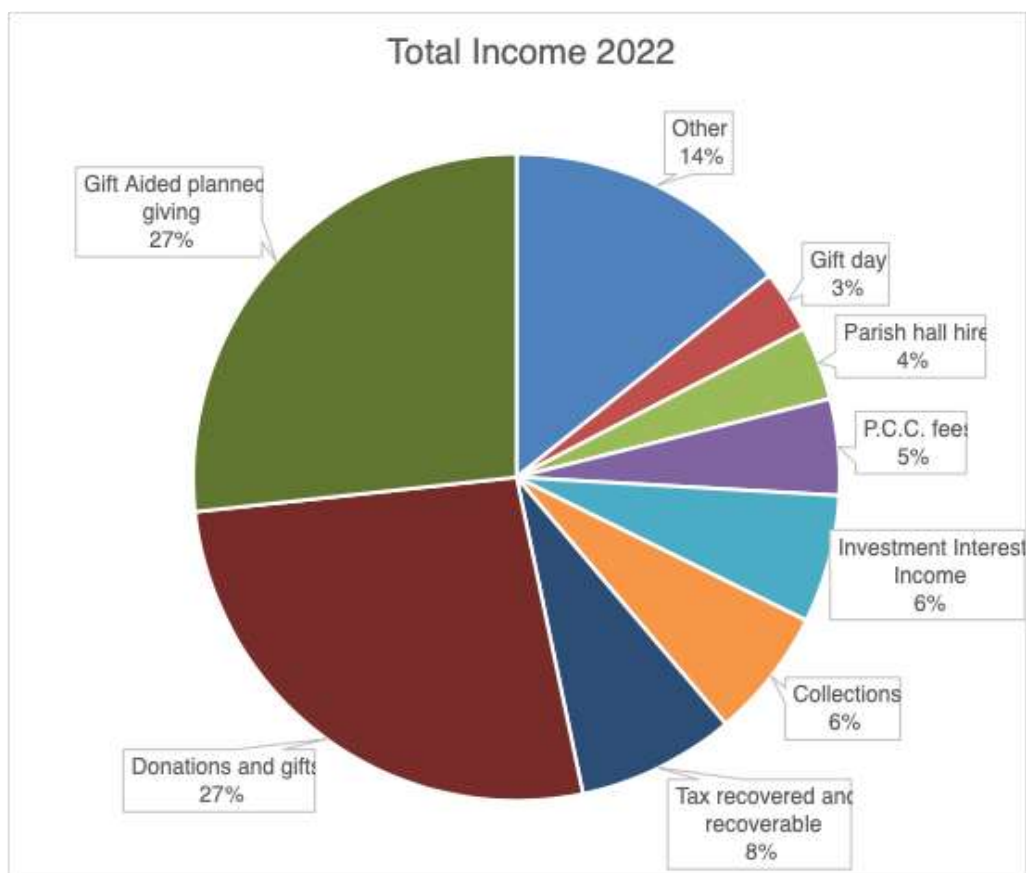
The PCC makes policy decisions, deals with legal issues, and controls the finances of the Parish. It is our policy to invest funds in the CBF C Of E Global Equity Income Fund

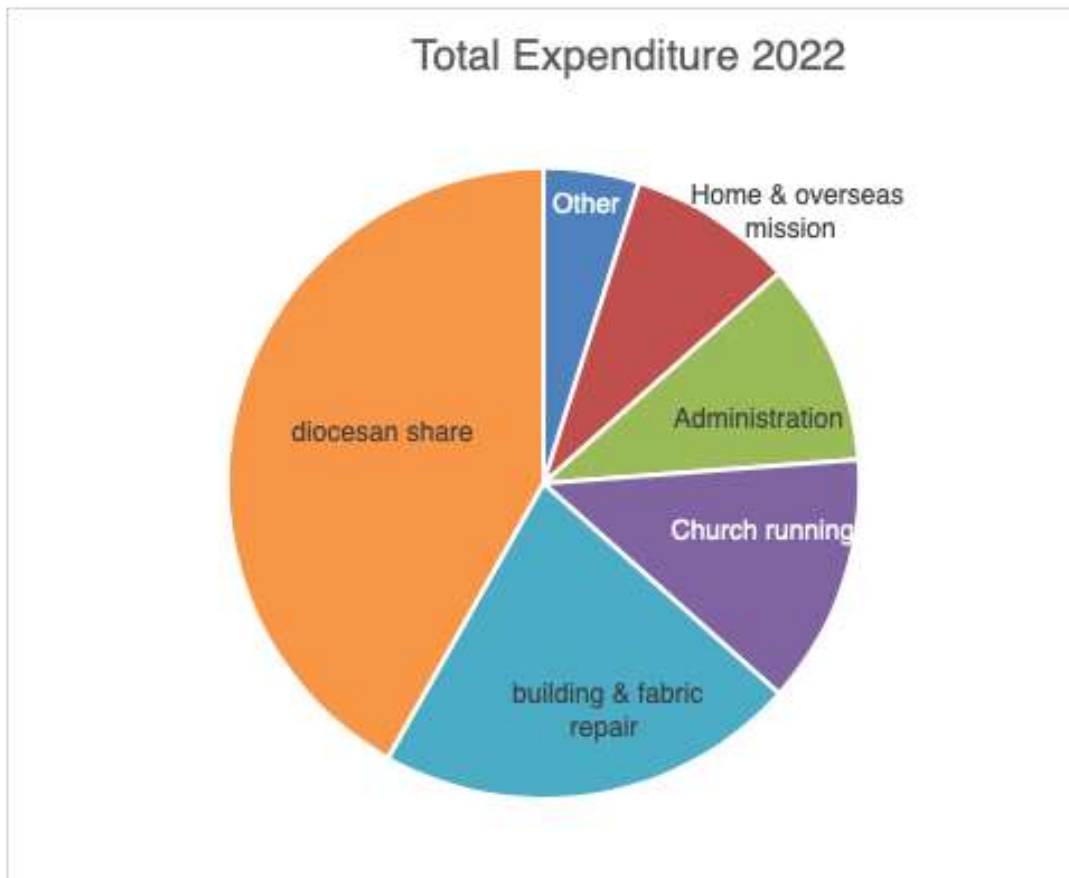
Position of our funds at the end of 2022

	Unrestricted & designated funds (general funds)	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Income	200,144	62,086	0	262,230
Expenditure	192,722	80,782	0	273,504
Surplus before investment gains/losses	7,422	(18,696)	0	(11,274)
Carried forward	124,087	149,640	43,046	316,774

Income and expenditure analysis (all funds)

TOTAL INCOME 2022	Amount	Percentage	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2022	Amount	Percentage
Gift aided planned giving	69833	26.6%	Diocesan parish share	113995	41.8%
Donations & gifts	69674	26.6%	Building & fabric repair	59078	21.6%
Tax recovered	20629	7.8%	Church running	34973	12.8%
Collections	17026	6.5%	Administration	28377	10.4%
Investment interest income	16804	6.4%	Home & overseas mission	23203	8.5%
PCC fees	12500	4.8%	Other	13878	4.9%
Parish hall hire	9596	3.7%	TOTAL	273504	100.0%
Gift day	8058	3.1%			
Legacies	7500	2.9%			
Offertory boxes	7472	2.8%			
Home/Overseas mission	7109	2.7%			
Miscellaneous	16029	6.1%			
TOTAL	262230	100%			





Looking forward

No-one will be surprised that 2023 is going to be another difficult year for church finances. There is little scope for savings, and our ancient buildings continue to make great demands on our maintenance budgets. Our congregations are not growing significantly and asking more from our members when domestic finances are stretched is difficult. We need to be innovative and come up with new ways of raising funds to keep our churches functioning. On a positive note, the card reader in LSM is bringing in new donations from those who carry little or no cash with them. We hope to develop this, as well as using QR codes on pew sheets and elsewhere. These permit anyone with a Smartphone to make a quick and easy payment from their account. We go forward in faith: He will provide.

Finance Committee

Canon Simon Everett

The Finance Committee met four times during the past year. The main task of the committee was monitoring our income and expenditure against our annual budget.

The results of the previous year's stewardship campaign had not resulted in a significant change to the planned giving income and so the committee continue to urge people to make regular payments through the Parish Giving Scheme if they are able to do so. This helps enormously with our budgeting and meeting the running costs of the parish. We are enormously grateful for those who are already part of this scheme, or who give regularly in other ways, your giving makes a big difference and is greatly appreciated.

The greatest part of our giving (by a considerable margin) is to the diocese for the Fairer Share (which pays for our clergy's stipends and pensions, clergy housing, training etc.). This is calculated with a formula that was devised about twenty years ago and takes into account the number of worshippers in the parish, the ability to pay and the number of clergy. Many consider this outdated and so the Finance Committee took part in a diocesan review to consider if there is a better way of calculating the Share – we await the outcome.

The installation of a contactless giving machine in Lady St Mary church got off to a slow start but with a change of location, this is now being used more and is generating an increasing income. It is hoped we will be able to have another machine in St Martin on the Wall in the near future.

During the year there have been many demands made on the finances, especially as the General Fund is now needing to cover the expenses of repairs and maintenance of Lady St Mary church. However, our funds were boosted when we received a grant from the Diocese towards our energy bills in order to provide warm spaces. Grants were also applied for and received from Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the Erskine Mouton Trust to help towards the renewal of the church drainage system. It is hoped that in future we may be able to change our focus more towards parish mission.

Information about the PCC

Objective and Activities

The Parish of Wareham's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Canon Simon Everett, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Hall, Wareham.

PCC Statement of Purpose

"We are a group of Trustees who, together with the Clergy, oversee the life of Wareham Parish to ensure that we are focused on what Jesus Christ is calling us to do. In all that we do, we aim to seek God's will, work well with one another, reflect our values, and take positive action for the future."

PCC Mission statement

We are here to show God's love and to make Jesus known by reaching out to our local community in the power of the Spirit, prayerfully meeting the needs of the parish, and enjoying fellowship, feeding on God's word.

This mission statement is not just for the PCC but for all parishioners, for we are a parish that encourages all members to live out their faith in the community, workplace, and family home. Being a Christian means being Christ-like and we know that Jesus came, *'not to be served but to serve'* and so it is our responsibility to serve those around us as a demonstration of Christ's love.

The parish church has always belonged to the people residing within its boundaries (and on the electoral roll) rather than the Church members (the members simply make most use of it!). However, it is the responsibility of the PCC to ensure that the church is well run, financially viable, in right relationship with the Bishop of

Salisbury and the wider Church of England through Deanery and Diocesan Synod. At the same time making sure that all legal and Charity Commission regulations are complied with, and Canon Law. Especial attention is paid to ensuring that we provide a safe environment for all those who worship, visit, or attend our churches and to this end the PCC have adopted and implemented the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church' (Mrs. Debs Barclay being our Parish Safeguarding Officer).

Here in the parish of Wareham we have responsibility for five church buildings, four of which are of historic significance. These were built to give glory to God and to be the spiritual home of the communities in which they are set. The PCC tries to ensure that they still witness to God's glory by the worship that takes place within but, also by being open for prayer. We seek to maintain them as holy places. But if the past year has taught us anything it is chiefly that, whilst our church buildings are glorious and inspiring, the Church in reality is the body of Christ, the people of God, who can worship and witness online, over the telephone or wherever God chooses.

We also recognize that the Church exists for all people and the worship that we provide within our five churches seeks to meet the needs of all traditions and all ages. We believe that the strength of the Church of England is its breadth and depth, providing a welcome for all.

In short, we seek to fulfil our vision by:

- Reaching out to our local community in the power of the Spirit.
- Prayerfully serving those in need.
- Enjoying fellowship together.
- Growing as disciples of Christ as we feed on God's word.

Information about the PCC

Structure, governance, and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register in the Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Incumbent: The Reverend Canon Simon Everett

Team Vicar: The Reverend Stuart Cocksedge

Assistant Curates: The Reverend Dr Helen Williams and The Reverend Solveig Sonet

Pioneer Priest: The Reverend Hilary Bond.

Wardens: Hilary Goodinge and Mike Quinlan
East Holme - Jon Moulton Leslie Selby

Members: Sue Bartholomew *Until 2024*
Paul Harrison *Until 2023* Judy Leach *Until 2023*
Virginia Collings *Until 2024*
Simon Lathwell *Until 2023*
Rebecca Green *Until 2025*
Hazel Walters *Until 2025*
Nick Burden *Until 2024*
Barbara Wells *Until 2024*

Treasurer: Mark Lapper

Deanery Synod Representatives: Until 2023
Elizabeth Day
Jon Moulton
Paul Harrison
Rebecca Green
Hilary Goodinge

Electoral Roll Secretary: Deborah Barclay

PCC Secretary: Deborah Barclay

Committees and subgroups

As with previous years, the PCC elected a number of sub committees to act on their behalf. These groups are as follows:

Standing Committee:

2 Clergy (The Reverend Canon Simon Everett (Chair) and the Reverend Stuart Cocksedge)
2 Churchwardens (Hilary Goodinge) (Michael Quinlan)
PCC Treasurer (Mark Lapper)
PCC Secretary (Debs Barclay)

Fabric Committee:

Fabric Officer (Mike Quinlan)
Phil Stephens
Alan Green
Tim Slater
Health & Safety Officer (Mike Quinlan)
Team Rector Canon Simon Everett

Finance Committee:

Team Rector (Canon Simon Everett) (Chair)
Team Vicar (Stuart Cocksedge)
PCC Treasurer (Mark Lapper)
Arne Representative (Nick Greenwood)
East Holme Representative (Jon Moulton)
Sandford Representative (Barbara Wells)
Lady St Mary Representative (Hilary Goodinge)
St Martin-on-the-Wall Representative (Rebecca Green)

Parish Hall Sub Committee:

Parish Hall Manager (Carol Turner)
Booking Secretary (Debs Barclay)
Caretaker (Zoe Gover)
Hilary Goodinge (Churchwarden)
Team Vicar (Stuart Cocksedge)
Maurice Lumber
Rebecca Green
Team Rector Canon Simon Everett

Mission Committee:

Team Vicar (Stuart Cocksedge) (Chair)
Team Rector (Canon Simon Everett)
Mike Quinlan, Judith Holmes, Garry Guinness, Eddie Taylor

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New Hall and LSM Re-ordering

Committee:

Team Rector (Canon Simon Everett) (Chair)

Team Vicar (Stuart Cocksedge)

Alan Green (Secretary)

Hilary Goodinge

Mike Quinlan

Phil Stephens

Sue Bartholomew

Heather Duncan

Jane Ambrose (Secretary)

East Holme

William Bond (Treasurer)

Gillian Christopher

Venn Goldsack

Jon Moulton (Chair)

Leslie Selby

Canon Simon Everett

Environment and Eco church:

Assistant Curate (Helen Williams)

Hilary Bond

Nick Burden

Lady St Mary

Clive Cherrett

Hilary Goodinge (Chair)

Pat Cherrett (Secretary)

Phil Stephens

Simon Lathwell

Liz Day

Jean Dixon

Carol Turner

Paul Harrison

Sue Bartholomew

Canon Simon Everett

Children and Youth Committee:

Team Vicar (Stuart Cocksedge)

Hilary Bond

Becky Green

Helen Williams

Simon Lathwell

Sandford

Team Vicar (Stuart Cocksedge)

Maureen Lever

Lesley Milsom (Secretary)

Erica Payne

Joyce Austin

Diane Kimble

Barbara Wells

David Kimble

Adrian Hale

Betty Bingham

Joyce Austin

Steve Wells

FROG (Fundraising committee)

Pat Cherrett (Chair)

Gay Young

Liz Day

Paul Harrison

Carol Turner

Hilary Goodinge

Children's and Young People's Worker

The Reverend Hilary Bond

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Deborah Barclay

Assistant Safeguarding Officer

Team Rector (Simon Everett)

SMoW

Hilary Goodinge

Davina Thomas

Becky Green (Chair)

Hazel Walters (Secretary)

Canon Simon Everett

Congregational Committees:

Arne

*The Reverend Michael
Young*

Judy Leach (PCC

Representative)

Nick Greenwood (Local

Treasurer)

Virginia Collings (Chair)

Minutes of the Meeting held in 2022

Wednesday 27th April 2022
in the Parish Hall at 7pm Annual Vestry Meeting followed by the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. **Opening Prayers:** Canon Simon Everett
Remembering those departed, resting in peace; Ruby Selby, Robert McLeish, and Alan Southam
2. **Apologies:** Pat and Clive Cherrett, Garry and Jeannette Guinness, Maureen Lever, Judith Holmes, Nick and Issy Burden, Bob and Liz Day, Barbara Wells, Di Beaumont, Hilary Goodinge, Michael and Rita Wardle, Linda Everett, Mary Richter, Erica Payne, Lesley Milsom
Apologies from the floor: Ron Lewis and Rachel Cocksedge

There were 34 attendees as attached list.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2021:**
All agreed who were present at the last APCM that these minutes were a true account of this meeting.
Proposed by Mary Appleton and Seconded by Mike Quinlan – All Agreed

5. **Election of Churchwarden Results:**

Nominations received from:

Jonathon Moulton and Leslie Selby for the Parish of St John the Evangelist, East Holme, Wareham.

Due to the 6-year maximum term and under exceptional circumstances. All agreed that there would be of a suspension of the Churchwardens Measure 2001

Proposer: William Bond

Secunder: Joy Allan

Proposer: Jonathon Moulton

Secunder: Joy Allan

Nominations received from:

Hilary Goodinge and Mike Quinlan for the Parish of Wareham.

Proposer: Di Beaumont

Secunder: Merville Gover

Proposer: Elizabeth Day

Secunder: Virginia Collings

All were duly elected as Churchwardens, unopposed and a unanimous decision

Canon Simon Everett thanked all the Churchwardens for all they do for the Parish and are churches and they have been a great support to Simon and the Ministry Team.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of last year's APCM – Wednesday 21st April 2021

All agreed who were present at the last APCM that these minutes were a true account of this meeting and were duly signed by the Chair, the Reverend Canon Simon Everett.

Proposed by: Mary Appleton and Seconded by Mike Quinlan

2. Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Accounts for 2021

Report on Parish Finances for 2021

Mark Lapper (PCC Treasurer)

Review of the Year

Reserves Policy

We try to hold a balance in Unrestricted Funds equal to at least 4 months of our annual expenditure to smooth and cover future fluctuations. At the end of the year this cover was approximately 6 months.

Financial

The PCC makes policy decisions, deals with legal issues, and controls the finances of the Parish. It is our policy to invest funds in the CBF Investment Income Shares.

Position of our funds at 2021-year end

	Unrestricted & designated funds (general funds)	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Income	185,628	56,494	0	242,122
Expenditure	179,300	26,346	0	205,646
Surplus before investment gains/losses	6,328	30,148	0	36,476
Carried forward	130,590	168,351	48,761	347,702

Income and expenditure analysis

INCOME 2021	Amount	Percentage		EXPENDITURE 2021	Amount	Percentage
Gift aid planned giving	73052	4.3%		Diocesan parish share	108565	60.5%

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Grants (COVID)	18160	15.4%		Church running	32226	18.0%
Other tax recovered	18084	15.4%		Administration	25986	14.5%
Investment interest	12438	10.6%		Parish hall running	4541	2.5%
Collections	11344	9.6%		Home & overseas mission	3035	1.7%
Other fund raising	9575	8.1%		Clergy	2550	1.4%
PCC fees	8522	7.2%		Raising funds	1967	1.1%
Other planned giving	8404	7.1%		Schools/youth work	320	0.2%
Donations and gifts	7610	6.5%		Sundries	110	0.1%
Gift day	6840	5.8%		TOTAL	179300	100.0%
Offertory boxes	6085	5.2%				
Other income	5514	4.7%				
TOTAL	185628	100.0%				

Comments

For a second year we were living under the restrictions arising from the Covid 19 pandemic. Vaccinations successfully held the most serious ill-health at bay, but there was only a gradual loosening of the controls implemented in 2020, which meant that normal activities did not resume quickly and fundraising events during the summer were often curtailed. We ended the year with a small increase of income of **0.4%** in unrestricted funds (investment interest not included). Thanks, must be given to all those who responded so well to the 'Generous Giving' scheme in the autumn, to mission Sunday, and who gave donations or gifts throughout the year. This latter income increased by a mighty 62%, although most of the funds received are restricted. There was also a welcome increase in donations through offertory boxes. However, parish hall income remained depressed, together with the associated refreshment take.

We are hopeful that the recent hire of a card reader in Lady St Mary will enable those without cash to still make a donation.

Our expenditure from unrestricted funds increased in total by **3.5%** (not including mission funding). Significant increases came in church running (15%), which may be linked to returning to normal services in the latter part of the year. The diocesan parish share was up by only 0.5%. We have carried forward a respectable £130,590 in our general fund.

Once again thanks is due to Debs Barclay for the work, she put into preparing the accounts and to David Cracknell for carrying out the independent examination.

Note: It is important to mention that we continued to support our regular mission partners (M Taylor, R Guinness) and St. Stephens School (South Sudan, and some small local charities, through donations totalling £15081, made chiefly from restricted funds. This is a significant increase on 2020.

The outlook for 2022

Our original budget for 2022 anticipated a deficit overall of £19846. At the time of writing, with 2 months actual figures available, this has been reduced to £19010. It remains difficult to predict

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what will happen as we hopefully shed remaining Covid precautions and move towards a 'normal' year from summer onward. Fresh ideas for raising income- or cutting costs- are always welcome. We will, as ever, trust The Lord to provide what is needed to continue His work in the parish.

The above information was depicted in a Power Point presentation by Mark Lapper.

The Parish Accounts for 2021 were Adopted as below

Proposed by: Paul Harrison and Seconded by: Sue Bartholomew All in favour

Thanks were given to Mark Lapper and David Cracknell for all that he has done over the years.

3. Appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditors for this year's accounts

Newton Magnus Accountants were appointed as External Examiner and Auditor

Proposed by Canon Simon Everett and seconded by Mark Lapper - All in favour

4. Team Vicar's Report

Stuart read out a verse from scripture, 1 Peter, chapter 1, verses 3 - 4 and then showed his Power point report and thanked everyone for their support and encouragement throughout the last year.

5. Churchwardens Report

2021 was my first full year as Church Warden and I happily welcomed Mike Quinlan as my fellow Churchwarden. Mike has been stalwart in managing the fabric issues. We have had a few challenges! He is a great moral support to me, and I think we represent a great team. The year 2021 saw more lockdowns and restrictions, but as the vaccination programme created confidence, we saw our friends and members returning to the Church, although many people still value the online services. We resumed coffee after Sunday services and Nick Burden and his wife Issy have been very proactive in establishing a new rota and keeping the teams on the go. I extend my thanks to Nick and Issy for promoting the after-coffee service so competently and allowing us all to meet, chat and network once again.

The numbers of the attendees at Sunday services, both 8.00am and 10.00am increased. As restrictions were lifted over the Summer, we reintroduced the soft furnishings back to the Church, namely prayer cushions, carpet on seats, and banners. Jeanette has set up her book stall and lending library again. The Church is now beginning to look more like its old self! However, we have been aware that visitors and locals preferred the Church open as much as possible, so we have a rota for opening and closing the Church daily. Special thanks go to Merville Gover and Debs Barclay for making this happen. A new payment point has been put in place to allow cashless donations to be made. Our visitor book shows the appreciation for the Church to be open in these anxious times.

Although the restrictions were gradually lifted towards the end of the year, we had to be aware of the sensitivities of others, allowing fresh air to circulate during services and masks were encouraged to be worn in line with government guidelines. Those who were anxious could sit near the back of the church where the door is open to allow ventilation. The great joy was that Christmas services could again be conducted, and we were pleased to note many newcomers attending the seasonal services. The return of the choir has lifted our spirits and with Nick Burden and Bob Day running the overhead presentation we have been truly blessed with some wonderful services. Indeed, the different variety of services has welcomed new members to attend with very positive feedback. A Carol singing event outside the Church on the Green was an extra attraction for which Pat and Clive Cherrett supplied candles. I have to mention Pat and Clive's continued support throughout the year is very gratefully acknowledged.

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As the year drew to a close, we began to look forward to a more familiar normality returning.

Hilary Goodinge Churchwarden

Fabric Report from Mike Quinlan

Clive Cherrett resigned as Fabric Officer in July 2021. Clive has been Fabric Officer for 16 years and we are very grateful for his diligence and hard work in looking after our buildings for so many years. Mike Quinlan has taken over responsibility for the Fabric of our churches (except for East Holme) and has formed a Fabric Committee with the other members being Alan Green, Tim Salter, and Phil Stephens. This has met several times in the year.

Lady St Mary's Church

There have been ongoing discussions regarding the ownership of the land round the church. This has included discussions with the Priory Hotel over parking and discussions with Wareham Town Council about the church's ownership of Church Green. In November at a meeting with Debbie Weller from the Wareham Burials Board it was discovered that the church still owns the Churchyard (the area immediately to the north of the church), though it is maintained by the Burials Board.

In April a lump of mortar fell from the chancel arch onto the Rector's Stall. This was inspected from a scaffold tower in July. Fortunately, there are no other loose pieces and repairs can be left till the church is next re-decorated. In May there was water penetration into the clergy vestry through the roof though the exact area of the leak was difficult to identify. Certain items were cleared out of the vestry and there appear to have been no further leaks. The clergy vestry needs redecoration, but this has been delayed pending decisions on reordering of the church. A Planning Application and an initial application to the Diocesan Advisory Committee have been submitted for adding a zinc covering over the Becket Chapel roof.

Discussions are still ongoing. A scheme was drawn up for surface water drainage to a soak away on the south side of the roof and a planning application was submitted in October. This has now been approved with two conditions, but the work has been delayed till January 2023 during a planned closure of the Priory Hotel.

New LED floodlights have been installed. PAT testing of appliances has been carried out. The five-year electrical inspection and testing was carried out in October and the condition was assessed as being satisfactory. The next inspection will be due in October 2026.

The Anthony Tew monument on the south wall of the nave was noted in May to be moving away from the wall. This was inspected by a specialist (Sally Strachey Historic Conservation) and a report produced stating that it was likely that the original fixings had failed and that the whole wall was extremely damp (probably due to the lack of drainage on this side of the church). Temporary propping has been installed and a Faculty application has now been submitted. A Faculty was obtained in December for repairs to the Church Organ.

St Martin on the Walls

A Faculty has been obtained for a stone plaque to be fixed to the south porch of the church to commemorate the millennium of the church in 2020. This is being made by sculptor, Jonathan Sells, and will be installed shortly. A scheme has been drawn up by our architect for installation of new heating, replacement of the electrics and new stone flooring. This has followed a report on the conservation of the wall paintings carried out in 2015 and a Geophysical Survey Report carried out in 2018. The PCC has given approval for us to proceed with applying for a Faculty, obtaining quotations and fundraising for this work. However, the electrical and mechanical designs need to be drawn up by a Building Services consultant and this will be commissioned shortly. The five-year electrical inspection and testing was carried out in October and the condition was assessed as being satisfactory. The next inspection will be due in October 2024 (this is a shorter period probably due

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to the age of the current equipment). The Quinquennial inspection was due to be carried out in 2019 (the last report inspection was in 2014). A new inspection was carried out in February 2022 and the report is awaited.

St Nicholas Church Arne

A new timber entrance gate has been made and installed by Phil Stephens and Wareham Area Men's Shed.

6. Deanery Synod Report

The Purbeck Deanery Synod met four times during the year of 2021.

7. Electoral Roll Officer's Report *Electoral Roll*

Electoral Roll

Our Electoral roll currently stands at 260 persons. We have had **4** new members added to the roll since last year (**Sandford 2 and SMOW 2**). Taking into account those who have left the church or died this gives an overall decrease to the Parish Electoral roll of 11.

Individual church memberships are as follows.

The Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham 157

Sandford St Martin's Church 37

St John the Evangelist Church, East Holme 23

St Nicholas Church, Arne 26

St Martin On the Walls Church, Wareham 17

At this time, we take a moment to remember all those who are no longer with us.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father we give thanks for the lives of those who have died, and we now miss from our church communities.

Caroline Bond, Katharine Baker, Ruby Selby, the Reverend Robin Ferguson, Robert McLeish, and Alan Southam

hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

8. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer for 2022

Deborah Barclay to be appointed as Electoral Roll Officer

Proposed by Carol Turner and seconded by Rebecca Green - All were in favour

9. Team Rector's Report:

Canon Simon Everett opened his report by thanking the Ministry Team, Churchwardens and all who volunteered their time in our churches within the Parish for all that they have done over the past year and was careful not to forget anyone. He then continued to read his report.

10. Election of members to serve on The Parochial Church Council:

PCC Nominations:

Lady St Mary Church (1 place vacant) – No applications were received

Sandford St Martin's Church, (2 places vacant) – No applications were received

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St Martin on the Walls (2 places vacant) 2 applications received from Rebecca Green and Hazel Walters

The above members were duly elected.

11. Election of members to serve on Deanery Synod

No Vacancies to serve at this time

12. Closing Prayers and Blessing

Meeting finished by 8.30pm

Signed..... Chair..... Date

Agenda for the APCM Meeting to be held in 2023

**THE PARISH OF WAREHAM ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
WEDNESDAY 3rd May 2023 at 7pm**

AGENDA

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2022
4. Election of Churchwardens for East Holme and Wareham

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2022 (Please read prior to meeting)
2. Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Accounts for 2022
3. Appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditors for this year's accounts
4. Team Vicar's Report
5. The Churchwarden's Report, including Fabric Report
6. The Deanery Synod Report
7. Electoral Roll Officer's Report (Debs Barclay)
8. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer for 2023
9. The Rector's Report
10. Election of members to serve on The Parochial Church Council
 - 3 Vacancies - Lady St Mary church, Wareham
 - 1 Vacancy - Sandford St Martin's church
 - 1 Vacancy – St Nicholas church, Arne
11. Election of members to serve on Deanery Synod
 - 5 Vacancies
12. Closing Prayer and Blessing

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