

**JOINT VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF
ST HILDA'S CHURCH, ASHFORD, MIDDLESEX
TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2022**

AGENDAS

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF PARISHONERS

The Chairman reads the Convening Notice

1. Prayers and welcome
2. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held Sunday 25th April 2021.
3. Election of Church Wardens: Adjudicators to be nominated by the Chairman
4. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held Sunday 25th April 2021.
3. Matters arising
4. Election of Representatives:
To the Parochial Church Council - **4 people for 3 years**
2 people for 2 years
3 people for 1 year
To the Deanery Synod – **1 person for 1 year**
Adjudicators to be appointed by the Church Wardens
Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner
5. PCC's Annual Report for 2021
6. Deanery Synod Report
7. Reports of Church Groups
8. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Church Accounts
9. Church Warden's Reports
10. Benefice's report
11. Any Other Business **(Must be notified in writing to the PCC Secretary 72 hours prior to the meeting).**
12. Date of next year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

CLOSING PRAYERS

**MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE VESTRY AND THE PERSONS
WHOSE NAMES ARE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF ST.
HILDA, ASHFORD
HELD ON SUNDAY 25th April 2021 via Zoom**

Present:	Chairman	Fr. Joseph Fernandes
	Licensed Lay Ministers	Carolyn Clark
	Churchwardens	Roberta Bedford Frances Forsbrey
	Treasurer:	Darran Buttigieg
	Secretary:	Denise Buttigieg
	Electoral Roll Officer:	Frances Forsbrey

and 21 other people via zoom

Apologies were received from Rosalyn Young (Licenced Lay Minister), Darran Buttigieg (Treasurer) and 1 other.

Vestry Meeting

1. Convening Notice.

Fr. Joseph led the meeting with prayer and welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 25th October 2020:

That the Minutes be accepted was proposed by Frances Forsbrey, seconded by Valerie Scott, and agreed unanimously.

3. Election of Churchwardens:

There were two nominees:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
<i>Mrs Roberta Bedford</i>	<i>Mariane Tank</i>	<i>Paula Gething</i>
<i>Mrs Frances Forsbey</i>	<i>John Hunt</i>	<i>Betty Hunt</i>

There being no other nominations, **Roberta Bedford** and **Frances Forsbrey** were duly elected as Churchwarden for the coming year. They were thanked for stepping forward.

4. Report of Electoral Roll Officer:

Jane Dobbie reported that the number on our New Electoral Roll is 175. Of the total number, 64 are non-resident in the parish.

Jane was re-appointed as Electoral Roll Officer.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. HILDA, ASHFORD
HELD ON SUNDAY, 25th April 2021 via Zoom**

Present: As for Vestry Meeting,

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from June Browne, Darran Buttigieg and Rosalyn Young
2. **Minutes:**
That the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25th October 2020 be accepted was proposed by Carolyn Clark, seconded by Chris Davenport and agreed unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising:** none.

- 4a. **Election of Lay Representatives** to serve on the St. Hilda's Church Parochial Church Council: there are four vacancies for a three-year period.

There were 2 nominees:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Gordon Clark	Carolyn Clark	Paula Gething
Paula Gething	Roberta Bedford	Christine Davenport

There being no other nominations, Gordon Clark and Paula Gething were elected as Lay Representatives for the period 2021-2024 and were thanked for stepping forward.

- 4b. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives:** there is one vacancy for a two year period. There were no nominees.
- 4c. **Independent Financial examiner:**
Darran Buttigieg recommended that Peter Connolly be appointed. This was agreed unanimously.
5. **PCC Annual Report for 2020** - This was circulated in advance of the meeting and displayed in church.
6. **Deanery Synod Report** - This was produced for all parishes in the deanery by the Area Dean.
7. **Reports of Church Groups and Committees** – A booklet containing all reports had been circulated to all members of the Electoral Roll prior to the meeting by either email or by post. It had also been on display in St Hilda's.
8. **Treasurer's Report and presentation of Church Accounts** - see the Financial Statement.
Darran Buttigieg reported: As Treasurer, I have prepared the financial statements under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005). The financial statements were audited by Peter Connolly in his capacity of Independent Examiner.

There were no questions on the accounts and Elizabeth Bate thanked Darran for his work on them.

That the accounts be accepted was proposed by Roberta Bedford and seconded by Paula Gething and agreed unanimously.

9. Churchwarden's Reports

We confirm that in accordance with the law governing the Office of Church wardens during the last year we have

- Carried out the duties assigned by the Bishop or Archdeacon

- Maintained in good order and safe keeping, the plate, ornaments and other articles committed to our charge.
- Kept the church records in the same good order and safe-keeping.
- All offerings and collections have been recorded and paid into the relevant bank.
- The bread and wine have been provided for the Holy Communion as we are bound and directed.
- The seating and good order of the congregation have been maintained and as lay officers of the Bishop we have not found it necessary to report to him or the Archdeacon any neglect or default upon any one person in the discharge of their duties.

Fabric of Building Report (Stuart Young)

Church Works during 2020

The defective sump pump in the Crypt area was repaired by a local electrician (Dr Sparky).

Following receipt of a Faculty the external brickwork joints to the Baptistry were resealed and the defective plaster to the ceiling above the Font was also repaired and following which the ceiling of the Baptistry area was repainted all by a specialist contractor with inspections being carried out by the Diocesan Architects.

Areas of the floor finish around the Font were tested by a specialist contractor who confirmed that they contained asbestos. A specialist contractor was therefore employed (Amstech Limited) to remove and seal these areas, they also carried a comprehensive inspection/testing of all of the joints in the carpeted flooring in the church, and the joints were subsequently sealed.

Sealing of the joint between the carpet and the West end wall of the church was also carried out.

Church and Church Hall

During October 2020 repair works were carried out to defective external light fittings some of the fitting had to be replaced as well as replacement lamps fitted.

Activities Report (Roberta Bedford)

Do you remember that TV programme “that was the week that was”? Well, I think we can say 2020 was that was the year that was.

It started off quite normal, we had a fantastic Burns night with an even bigger uptake on tickets than last year, there was lots of laughter and dancing and I hope I can say a good time was had by all.

Burns night was followed by Shrove Tuesday when we cooked pancakes in church on various small hot plates, there were lots of different toppings and they were delicious, a few people from other churches joined us and they were made to feel very welcome.

The very last event we had in our normal start to the year was a jumble sale, as it was already advertised, we went ahead with it, however, we were already hearing about this Covid 19 virus that was beginning to spread, so we wore protective aprons and gloves to sort the goods and serve and Mike Davenport sat in the entrance of the hall and sprayed everyone who wanted to come inside, despite all of this we made a good profit.

Sadly, a week later we were in lock-down and it would be many weeks until we would be back in our church.

Due to the lockdown a few volunteered to ring round to the more vulnerable members of the congregation to have a chat and ensure all was well with them. Darran and Denise set up a weekly newsletter to let everyone know what was going on and keep everyone in touch.

But where there's a will there's a way, Fr Joseph ever resilient began to stream the Sunday services from his study via his mobile phone and ably assisted by Elisabeth, Rebecca and Gabriel and sometimes a little glimpse of Bella the dog. Those of us fortunate to have internet could watch the service on Face Book or U-tube. This form of our Sunday worship went on for several weeks, until Fr Joseph was allowed to stream the services from the Church.

At this time Chris Maddock was a great help sorting out the filming and between Chris and Fr Joseph we settled into a pattern of Sunday services. During this time, it was heartening to see many names popping up as watching the service that we didn't recognise. It seemed that we were attracting a new congregation all be it on line.

As the choir were not allowed back into church, Chris and Paula decided to record the choir so that the recordings could be used during the service.

The first rehearsal took place safely distanced in Paula's back garden – I hope the neighbours enjoyed it as much as we did. Then Chris began to e-mail both music and words of the hymns and we recorded them in our homes, we either e-mailed or WhatsApp the recording to Chris and he very cleverly blended the individual voices and made them sound amazing.

During the year we mastered Zoom and after a few false starts for some of us we held our PCC and standing committee meetings via this app, with many a shout of you're on mute, when someone was speaking and had forgotten to put their sound on.

Later in the year we were allowed back into church, however, a safe distancing risk assessment had to be put in place and seats had to be booked via the parish office. A team led by Paula spent a couple of Saturday afternoons thoroughly cleaning the church, marking the floor with arrows showing the one-way system in and out of the church and with the aid of a 2-metre stick, safe distanced the seating. Eventually we had to remove the static wooden seats to give greater flexibility to the seating and enable more people to take part in the service.

To keep us all safe and sanitised, there are hands free sanitisers that Alison set up and everyone is given a sanitiser to use before communion.

We were at last able to have a choir in church, however, sadly no other singing was allowed. It was all very different to what we were used to and what with face masks and long lockdown hair, it was sometimes hard to recognise people. Our live streaming took on a very professional touch with the Lovely Ozzy setting up his equipment every Sunday a filming the service and we were the envy of many.

Our APCM along with other churches was held in October again via live stream. Stuart decided to stand down as church warden and Frances kindly stood and was voted in to replace him. My thanks go to Stuart for all the hard work he has carried out to keep the church building standing.

Just before Christmas we went into another lockdown and church once again was closed and services once again were live streamed courtesy of Ozzy and Chris.

So, despite the country being in lockdown St Hilda's was still going strong. Everyone has played a part in this, however, there are a few thank you's I must give.

First to Fr Joseph for always being there for all of us and keeping St Hilda's very much in the forefront. His promotion to Area Dean is well deserved. To Darran and Denise for producing a brilliant weekly newsletter and organising delivery to those who are without Wi-Fi. To all who help deliver and keep in touch with the more vulnerable members of our family.

Paula for her rigorous risk assessment to keep the church safe to use and for her collaboration with Chris in choosing hymns and music and keeping us all in tune. Chris Maddock for his hard work in first setting up the recording of the services and doing a brilliant job in recording the music and hymns, thanks to Melvin Rouse for recording some of the music, Frances and Rosemary for cleaning and sanitising the church every Wednesday after the service to make it ready for Sunday worship. Christine Makriel who served at the Altar most Sundays and finally to all the readers and intercessors and do you like me try to guess who is reading each week.

As always there is so much done behind the scenes to keep the church running smoothly that we do not see, and my thanks to all of you for all your hard work and commitment. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your church warden.

11. Resolution to enable postal voting at Future Annual Parochial Church Meetings:

these have been on display in church, and were included in the documentation issued before the meeting.

12. Benefice's Reflection

One of the purposes of this year's APCM is to reflect on church life from the previous year of 2020, and, of course, of all that still applies. If we look at all the things that changed since the first lockdown in March and all that is currently lacking in our church community compared to what was before. When all is stripped away and all pared back to a Facebook broadcast, then that is tough, very tough. Although, there is some hope in that, as I will mention in a moment.

But looking back to what church life was like before COVID should be a source of encouragement. It reminds us that we are capable of so much more and that when restrictions are lifted, then we know that we can re-build our worshipping community.

But we should not underestimate the challenges which lie ahead in rebuilding our church community. There is no doubt that COVID has increased the financial pressures and put on hold many of our more social outreach activities. Things improved between the first and second lockdown, and we were able to worship together for a while, before we had to close down our doors again just before Christmas, but with the hope of the vaccine programme being rolled out.

The reason to be hopeful also originates for reasons which I will explain. Firstly, because stripped back of all the extras which go with church life, the social functions, coffee morning, the boot sales, the concerts, and going back to basics is not the worst thing in the world. If we are to look for good in the situation then there are some parallels, albeit of course not the same, with the early church. The prayed together and shared communion before they put together a social calendar. Whilst only priests are required by Canon Law to celebrate the daily offices, our church community was encouraged to be united in prayer every day at home.

My hope and prayer are that having been stripped back to the basics of our Christian life and worship, that we have the people and the spirit amongst us to put some things back together. But as we do that, I would also urge a spirit of discernment. The task of 2021 is not to re-create the church of 2019, 1919 or 1819. The task that lies ahead of us is to discern what we can do with the resources we have, what we need to do given the community we inhabit and, most importantly, what God calls us to do in this place. If we want St Hilda Ashford to have a spiritual heart, then we are not to use COVID as an excuse to back off and let other people get on with it, because if everyone does that, then I can show you what has happened to many churches throughout the Kensington area and the Diocese of London, who either are facing closure or have become church plants. Sisters and brothers in Christ, no matter how long you have been here and no matter what roles or jobs you have done for this parish before, you are not the past of St Hilda, you are its present and its future. You are called to pray, to evangelise, to worship and to play our role in the life of this parish, whatever that may be. Because everyone has a role in God's economy.

In 2020, despite the pandemic, outreach still took place. We strengthened our partnership with HMP Bronzefield, through the ongoing collaboration with chaplaincy and the art department. In terms of chaplaincy, a joint project looking at ways to reintegrate women into the local community upon release from prison, as well as supporting Simeon in his 'Through the Door' ministry. He was duly Co-Opted to the PCC at the November meeting, as a link person between the prison and the parish. In terms of the art department, the women decorated a fabric Christmas tree, which was then displayed at church, as visual sign of the existing close relationship between prison and parish.

We continued with the Foundation Governorship of Ashford Church of England Primary School, with Donna Hester as governor. After several years as governor, Lisa Richardson stepped down as a foundation governor for St Hilda, for which we are deeply grateful. As a result of the vacancy, Clare Marland, was appointed as foundation governor in November, and we welcomed her to the role. We look forward to a closer relationship with the school.

There is also a connection with Bishop Wand, through my role as Foundation Governor, and taking collective worship.

Since becoming the Area Dean for Spelthorne in March, it has meant an increase in my workload, but at the same time a bigger involvement with the life of the Diocese and a stronger connection with other parishes in the Deanery.

The gifts from the Harvest Festival went to the local food bank at the Salvation Army, which has become a lifeline throughout the pandemic for many families who are struggling financially.

As we were not able to meet up in person during the lockdowns, and there were many people who did not have access to the internet, it was important to find a way to stay in touch. With this in mind, the idea of a weekly newsletter was born, which Denise and Darran took upon themselves to put together and distribute. It has contributions from across the community and has been well received and much appreciated.

The Ministry Team has not been able to operate in the same way throughout the pandemic. With Rosalyn on sabbatical, Carolyn carried on reading the Gospel, and preaching when possible, as well as keeping an eye on the Facebook page. Later on the year, she took over facilitating the Tea & Chat after the Sunday service. Denise also facilitated Tea & Chat on a Tuesday morning. Both have provided much needed opportunities for those attending to have social interaction via Zoom. We also welcomed Fr Steve, who has retired, and his wife Liz to the parish. We look forward to their involvement in the worship life at St Hilda.

A big thank you to all the readers for keeping this invaluable ministry going, and to Frances for overseeing it. Also, thank you to Frances for all the behind the scenes work as a sacristan, and to Alan Sloan for

organising the crucifer rota. I particularly would like to thank Christine Makriel for all the quiet but most appreciated help.

Junior Church tried to meet best possible in between lockdowns, and we are grateful for Christine Taylor's oversight, in collaboration with Elizabeth Bate, Chris Davenport, Elisabeth Santos and Gordon Clark. Thank you for holding it together under trialling circumstances.

Rosemary Greenwood, together with the editorial and collating teams, faithfully carried on producing Crossroads. However, with the number of contributions drying up and no one to take over from Rosemary, with a heavy heart it was decided to stop it for now. A big thank you goes to Rosemary and the rest of the team, namely Val Scott, Mike Davenport, Terry Rickson and Chris Holliday, for all their hard work, and to those who advertise in it for their sponsorship.

The Hall Committee, namely Steve Smith, Val Scott, Elizabeth Bate, Chris Davenport, and Jenny Cayley, after many years of commitment and service to the parish, by overseeing the day to day run of the Church Hall, agreed to bring it to a close, as their oversight was transferred to the newly created Church Fabric Committee, composed by Steve Smith, Elizabeth Bate and Stuart Young, with the involvement of both Church Wardens, in order to centralise and streamline ongoing maintenance of both church and church hall.

Part of the function of the APCM is to acknowledge all the areas of church life and those who contribute to them. This event is a reminder that church is not something done in isolation, but it is only possible using the different silks and callings of many people from this church. Whilst I can't thank everyone in this reflection by name, there are some people that I must thank personally, not only on my own behalf but on behalf of us all.

Firstly, everyone should know that this church and this parish simply could not function without all the hard work of Denise, our parish administrator, my PA, supporting me in my role as Area Dean, and PCC Secretary! Unless you have seen behind the scenes of how the parish works you probably have no idea of how much there is to do but the newsletters, orders of services, admin work, photocopying, and many other tasks, plus trying to get any sense out of the vicar is a massive job. All this on top of being the PCC secretary. Thank you, Denise!

A huge thanks to Stuart who stepped down as a Churchwarden at the 2019 APCM, and to our current Churchwardens Bobbie and Frances, and Stuart. They have been hugely supportive and hardworking. Unless you have been a churchwarden it is hard to imagine just how much goes into the job but, a bit like being a vicar. I truly appreciate all they do.

Huge thanks also to Darran who has done a magnificent job as treasurer, and supported Denise in her varied roles.

Of course, we also need to thank the PCC and Deanery Synod members who give up evenings throughout the year to help guide the life of the church. Huge thanks to everyone who has served in that capacity and to those who have put themselves forward for the new PCC. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the Standing Committee, overseeing the day-to-day business of the parish. One important undertaking was to plan the return to church after the first lockdown, for which I am grateful to Paula, Elizabeth and Christine Makriel.

One of our chief characteristics in this church is the high standard of our music and our choir. I must therefore offer huge thanks to Chris Maddock for keeping the choir going throughout the pandemic, making full use of technology in unprecedented ways. Also, huge thank you to Paula for supporting Chris, and the members of the choir, for augmenting our worship so beautifully every week.

One essential part of the corporate worship in absence over the last year has been the live streaming of the services. We are deeply grateful to Chris Maddock for overseeing it and Ozzy Etis for recording it without ever asking for anything in return, as a way to serve the local community.

Thank you to those who contributed to the cleaning of the church when open, namely Bobbie, Frances, Rosemary and Chris Holliday.

What comes next for St Hilda's over the coming year? As already flagged up, we do face a number of challenges in the year ahead and, whilst celebrating our blessings, we need to face the future realistically. So, there are challenges ahead, but there are also opportunities. I think that the biggest growth opportunity for the church comes from learning how to be of service to those around us. We are surrounded by endless need, whether our eyes are open to it or not, and if we seek to serve that need in the name of Christ then that is the best possible witness to the effect that being Christians has had on our lives. To serve others out of love, to be open with them about why we do it and to help them to find ways into making a response of their own is, in my view, far more powerful than only fiddling with our worship and hoping that people will come. We need to be such good Christians out there that people will be clamouring to know what

goes on in here. We also need to increase our fellowship and discipleship, particularly to those who have joined the parish recently.

This is a good place, filled with good people, and there is no doubt that God is at work in this community. We must treasure that and not take it or each other for granted.

13. Any other business:

Fr Joseph explained that Lay Ministers are ex-officio members of the PCC and a vote was requested to appoint them as voting members. This was agreed unanimously.

Joyce & Melvyn Rouse proposed a vote of thanks to Chris Maddock for his work with the choir, music and livestreaming of the services.

14. The date of the next APCM is Sunday 8th May 2022.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm with a prayer.

REPORTS FOR 2022 MEETING

ST HILDA'S CHURCH

ASHFORD, MIDDLESEX

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December, 2021

Incumbent

The Revd Joseph Fernandes
8 Station Crescent
Ashford
Middlesex

Bank

Nat West Bank
Ashford Middlesex Branch
5 Woodthorpe Road Ashford
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Independent Examiner

Mr Peter Connolly
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The Parochial Church Council of St Hilda Ashford - Charity Number 1134119

Saint Hilda's Church, Ashford, Middlesex
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Saint Hilda's Church, Ashford, which is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England, has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Reverend Joseph Fernandes, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish with the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church, Church Hall, Vicarage and 34, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 2RU.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity, the Charity Number being 1134119

Incumbent	Father Joseph Fernandes
Licenced Lay Ministers	Carolyn Clark [Ex-officio & Deanery voting member]
	Rosalyn Young [Ex-officio voting member]

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

Appointments are for 3 years in the first instance with the option of serving for a second term of 3 years. After a total of 6 years members must come off the PCC but can be re-elected to serve again for 3 years after a break of one year.

Appointed for			Due for re-election
APCM 2019-2022	Darran Buttigieg	2 nd Term	APCM 2022
	Denise Buttigieg	1 st Term	APCM 2022
	Christine Taylor	2 nd Term	APCM 2022
	Christopher Maddock	1 st Term	APCM 2022
APCM 2020-2023	Christopher Brown	2 nd Term	Resigned
	Christine Makriel	2 nd Term	

APCM 2021-2024	Gordon Clark	1st Term	APCM 2024
	Paula Gething	2nd Term	APCM 2024

Year 2021 - 2022	Rev'd Stephen Brian	Co-opted
	Simeon Sturney	Co-opted

Three **Deanery Synod representatives** are elected for three year terms.

Appointed for		Due for re-election	
APCM 2020 – 2023	Elizabeth Bate	2 nd Term	
	Carolyn Clark	1 st Term	APCM 2023

Two **Churchwardens**: Churchwardens are elected annually up to a total of 4 years.

1. Roberta Bedford 6th year
2. Francis Forsbrey 2nd year

Assistant to the Churchwardens: Paula Gething

Sally Goulden (whilst she acted as Church Safeguarding Officer) was invited to attend as appropriate.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance within the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. During the year the Council met 4 times. The PCC operates through a number of committees.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee oversees the finances of the PCC. The committee includes the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chairperson. The assistant to Church Warden was co-opted to the committee for the Church year 2021/22.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee deals with giving to the Church through the Stewardship Scheme and with encouraging members of the congregation to organize their planned giving. They ensure that tax is reclaimed on donations where applicable.

Church Attendance

There are 175 names on the Church Electoral Roll. (Of these, 64 are not resident in the parish.) The average Sunday attendance counted over a 4 week period during October, was 59 adults and 17 children. (Figures for 2020 were 58 and 17 respectively). Additionally, Church at Home (Facebook) 226 (2020 – 327). At Christmas 172 people attended special services for the congregation and local community (2020 – 59). Civic Organisations and

Schools 550 (2020 – nil) 127 people attended Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (2020 – 22).

Church Wardens Reports

We confirm that in accordance with the law governing the Office of Churchwardens during the last year we have

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- Maintained in good order and safe keeping, the plate, ornaments and other articles committed to our charge.
- Kept the church records in the same good order and safe - keeping.
- All offerings and collections have been recorded and paid into the relevant bank.
- The bread and wine have been provided for the Holy Communion as we are bound and directed.
- The seating and good order of the congregation have been maintained and as lay officers of the Bishop we have not found it necessary to report to him or the Archdeacon any neglect or default upon any one person in the discharge of their duties.

Frances Forsbrey presented the Church Property Report: (Fabric)

Church Hall

With the impact of Covid-19 in 2020 and spilling into the first few months of 2021 in keeping with Government Guidelines Happytots had exclusive use of the hall premises and at their request were responsible for cleaning those areas they had use of. In May when Government Guidelines were relaxed the new cleaning company LSR Cleaning Service Ltd who we had engaged earlier in the year began operations throughout the entire hall building which fell nicely into place with some of our regular hirers starting to return and by July the halls were in full use with business as usual.

Throughout the year a considerable number of maintenance tasks were carried out e.g. Jon Bate replaced taps in the main kitchen, Lyndons Property Maintenance carried out repairs in two places to the wooden floor in the main hall where it had been damaged due to ingress of water, Jon Swaffield repaired sanitary wear in both the ladies and gents toilets in the foyer block, Steve Smith 9 with me as the goffer) replaced light bulbs, and in the electrical cupboard Doctor Sparky Ltd., replaced the RCBO unit for the water heater in the small kitchen.

In April the annual maintenance and inspection of the fire extinguishers was carried out by Chubb Fire, Jon Bate repointed the junction of the brickwork between the hall and storeroom together with a replacing a small section of lead missing from the small hall roof. In October Kingsmead Electrical Testing carried out the annual PAT testing, Butler & Miles Construction Ltd stripped off and replaced the front extension flat roof. In November Ashford Glass & Window Co., replaced the double-glazed unit to the side door, the cause of the damage unknown, and the annual gutter cleaning and maintenance was carried out by Fullers Builders Ltd.

In addition to all this throughout the year Jon Bate and Steve Smith spent many a Saturday morning up on the roof removing the moss also investigating with some success the gutters for evidence of ingress of water, though the problem continues.

With the disbandment of the hall committee a property maintenance team was set up, the responsibility for the general upkeep of the building falling on the shoulders of a small number of people. Without the help and support of Steve Smith, Jon Bate, Michael Smith

and John Swaffield I don't know what I would have done, whatever the problem they were there without any hesitation, thank you so much gentlemen.
Chris Davenport continued as Hall Booking Secretary, keeping meticulous records of who, when and for how long, she has it all down to a fine art, giving a magnificent service to us and the community, drawing in much needed revenue, thank you Chris.

Church

Prior to our being able to return to worship a Return to Church team was formed drawing up Risk Assessments and marking out our church to ensure correct distances and practices were in place so we were all as safe as safe could be where Covid 19 was concerned. We owe them all a huge thank you for the time and effort they put in together with those who arranged the seating plan week by week, booked us in on arrival, escorted us to our seats and ensured there was hand sanitiser and masks available.

A new team was set up to clean our church regularly and this continues on a weekly basis keeping the premises as safe and as covid free as we can, a big thank you to Rosemary Greenwood and Chris Holliday, I enjoy our Thursday mornings, all comers are most welcome to join us.

During the year there was the formation of a new gardening team, we have all witnessed their hard work, our grounds look so much better, thank you one and all. I don't doubt new comers are welcome many hands make light work.

109 wooden chairs were sold, thank you Paula for advertising them and for arranging their collection. The proceeds together with the funds raised from the 'chair appeal' enabled us to purchase 100 new chairs which are far more comfortable.

Throughout the year a number of tasks were carried out, exterior lights replaced, the annual maintenance and inspection of the fire extinguishers by Chubb Fire, Butler & Miles Construction Ltd rebuilt a section of the boundary wall opposite Chaucer Road with it having been demolished by an unknown vehicle, thank goodness the cost was covered by our insurers. Watkins & Watson Ltd carried out the annual inspection of the organ, the organ blower and humidifier, Kingsmead Electrical Testing carried out the annual PAT testing.

The annual gutter maintenance and cleaning was carried out by Fullers Builders Ltd in November. Throughout the year where and when necessary external lights were replaced and again my thanks to Steve Smith and Jon Bate for their never ending help and support.

Vicarage

Annual gutter maintenance and cleaning was carried out in November by Fullers Builders Ltd.,

Whilst there is provision in our budget for the redecoration of one room a year upon checking with Fr. Joseph and his family they did not consider any was required.

34 Woodthorpe Road

Our tenants gave notice to leave the property at the end of March and this gave us the opportunity to carry out some refurbishment before the property was re-let in conjunction with our project of working with Hope in Action. Rooms were redecorated by volunteers, both the bathroom and kitchen were refreshed, and a new electric cooker was purchased. Carpets were replaced where needed, additional socket points were installed by Allinson & Reynolds Building & Electrical Ltd., throughout with Jon Bate hanging new fire doors. A band of volunteers helped prepare the property ready for our new tenants and also attacked the badly overgrown garden. A big thank you to Denise Buttigieg for arranging and overseeing the works programme and to the many volunteers who all together made sure the property was ready on time.

The property is now let as 'fully furnished' the contents having been very generously donated by a considerable number of people.

Now on a personal note a big thank you to both the Standing Committee and PCC for their support and commitment in the management of our church in these continued challenging times, and to you the congregation for your support and understanding especially for bearing with the changes that were sometimes been sprung upon you when arriving for worship.

As well as those I have already mentioned there are others I owe a big thank you to, Fr Joseph and Bobbie for their support, Denise Buttigieg for her help as both Parish Administrator and PCC Secretary these past 18 months, my two wonderful teams those who read the second lesson of a Sunday morning and those who lead us in our prayers, you all do a magnificent job thank you. If you would like to be part of either or both teams just come and see me, I'll be very pleased to see you.

Lastly, whilst on this occasion my 'tour of duty' has been 'brief and sweet' it has been a privilege to serve you as a warden I could not have done it without your love and support especially that of my darling family Gerald and Sophie, thank you all so much.

Activities Report (Roberta Bedford)

First of all I would like to thank Frances Forsbrey for all her help and support as my fellow warden this past year, with the Pandemic we have had quite a lot to deal with and I couldn't have wished for a better partner.

It has been my privilege to serve as your warden, I may not always get it right but I will always do my best.

We have been so fortunate to have Fr. Steve, Mother Helen & Mother Pamela join our team this past year, also Rosalyn and Carolyn who also play a huge part in our services, how lucky are we.

There are a small team of people who help make St Hilda's the warm and welcoming church it is. Throughout this past year the church has been thoroughly cleaned every week to minimise the risk of spreading the Covid virus, sanitisers and masks have been provided and we have done our very best to keep everyone safe. Thank you to you all.

Once again, we are able to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat after our services and my thanks go out to all who have stepped up to help with the refreshments.

We are so fortunate to be able to continue to live stream our Sunday services thanks to Ozzy and Chris and those who are not able or comfortable returning to church, can still feel they are very much part of our church and enjoy the services.

As we are gradually getting back to some sort of normal, understandably we have had an influx of baptisms. It had been so lovely to welcome these families into our Church and Fr, Joseph's bubble machine has proved to be a great hit.

We were also privileged to hold the confirmation service here too, with six candidates from St Hilda's being confirmed.

We began to hold our mid-week services on Wednesdays, this was done so that we had the obligatory 72 hours between the church being cleaned and used again. People were glad to return and many felt more comfortable with the smaller numbers in church.

Denise had the great idea of maybe providing soup and a roll after the service to enable people to socialise after being cut off for so long. Fr. Joseph contacted an organisation called Surplus to Supper a charity that collects food from local supermarkets to distribute to food banks. They agreed to make a delivery to St Hilda's each week, Fr Joseph said they will bring soup in a soup tureen ready to serve. Mariane and I agreed to serve it and with soup bowls at the ready awaited the soup, it did arrive but still in the tins, we quickly plugged in the soup tureen poured in the soup and waited.

We had 12 hungry people awaiting their lunch and the soup was nowhere near warm, fortunately the delivery included French bread, and cheese so we served this and over an hour later 12 very patient people were served tepid soup. We quickly learnt and we now have two microwaves in which to heat the soup, which is just as well as our numbers for lunch have swelled to more than 20.

We are registered as a place to come and have lunch and we now have at least 6 walk ins each week in addition to those who come to the service. If we did not take this food, it would all be put into land fill, we have very little wastage. Some of those who attend take sandwiches, fruit etc back to give to elderly neighbours, or families.

We want to make St Hilda's a place of welcome, it is a big space and we should use it, not just for Sundays but hopefully in future every day of the week.

Vicar's Reflection for 2021

One of the purposes of this year's APCM is to reflect on church life from the previous year of 2021. Compared to 2020, there were large improvements, although restrictions were still in place for part of the year.

In 2021, despite the pandemic, outreach carried on. One very important aspect was the development and launch of St Hilda's House. It is a tripartite project with HMP Bronzefield and Hope Into Action, aimed at ways to reintegrate and rehabilitate women into the local community upon release from prison. After a very busy period setting things up, the first woman moved in in June. A second one followed in October, but sadly both tenancies did not work out. It was a big learning curve to all involved, and it was by no means a failure, albeit it placed a strain on our resources.

We continued with the Foundation Governorship of Ashford Church of England Primary School, through our two foundation governors, and taking collective once a month. We There is also a connection with Bishop Wand, through my role as Foundation Governor, as well as taking collective worship.

Since I became the Area Dean of Spelthorne in 2020, St Hilda's has hosted several events for the Deanery, including a talk given by Bishop Graham on his latest book.

The gifts from the Harvest Festival went to the local food bank at the Salvation Army, which has become a lifeline throughout the pandemic for many families who are struggling financially.

The Ministry Team has gone from strength to strength, and in September we welcomed Mother Helen Calner. She was originally ordained as a Deacon in the Church of Sweden, and is now training at St Mellitus College, London, in order to be ordained as a priest in the Church of England. Her ministry has been very much valued at St Hilda's and she has already made a very positive contribution to the life of parish.

A big thank you to all the readers for keeping this invaluable ministry going, and to Frances for overseeing it. Also, thank you to Frances for all the behind the scenes work as a sacristan and to Alan Sloan for organising the crucifer rota.

Junior Church have been working hard to reconnect with the younger families. We are grateful for Christine Taylor's oversight, alongside the Junior Church leaders. Thank you for holding it together under trialling circumstances.

Part of the function of the APCM is to acknowledge all the areas of church life and those who contribute to them. This event is a reminder that church is not something done in isolation, but it is only possible using the different silks and callings of many people. I would like to affirm all who are involved in different areas of the life of the parish. It is rooted in *agape*, an expression of faith and commitment to serve one another and ultimately God.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution made by Denise, our parish administrator and PCC Secretary. We are saying goodbye to her and Darran as they leave Ashford in the summer 2022.

Bobbie and Frances were elected as Church Wardens at the APCM. They have been hugely supportive and incredibly hardworking. Without them, the church, and the Vicar, could not function properly. On behalf of the parish, I would like to offer my deepest gratitude for the way they conducted their role over the past year, sacrificially at times.

I would also like to thank the PCC and Deanery Synod members who give up evenings throughout the year to contribute to the life of the parish and the deanery. Huge thanks to everyone who has served in that capacity, particularly Darran, in his role as treasurer. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the Standing Committee, overseeing the day-to-day business of the parish, particularly the invaluable contribution made by Paula Gething and Elizabeth Bate.

One of our main contributors to the liturgy in this church is the choir. I must therefore offer my gratitude to Chris Maddock for keeping the choir going throughout the pandemic, making full use of technology.

One essential part of the corporate worship in absence has been the live streaming of the services. We are deeply grateful to Chris Maddock for overseeing it and Ozzy Etis for recording it without ever asking for anything in return, as a way to serve the local community. It has provided an invaluable lifeline to those who are not able to attend the services in person.

Thank you to those who contributed to the cleaning of the church when open, for such an important role in keeping the church looking beautiful.

What comes next for St Hilda's over the coming year? We do face a number of challenges in the year ahead and, whilst celebrating our blessings, we need to face the future realistically. So, there are challenges ahead, but there are also opportunities. I think that the biggest growth opportunity for the church comes from learning how to be of service to those around us. We are surrounded by endless need, whether our eyes are open to it or not, and if we seek to serve that need in the name of Christ then that is the best possible witness to the effect that being Christians has had on our lives. To serve others out of love, to be open with them about why we do it and to help them to find ways into making a response of their own is, in my view, far more powerful than only fiddling with our worship and hoping that people will come. We need to be such good Christians out there that people will be clamouring to know what goes on in here. We also need to increase our fellowship and discipleship, particularly to those who have joined the parish recently.

This is a good place, filled with good people, and there is no doubt that God is at work in this community. We must treasure that and not take it or each other for granted.

We cannot underestimate the challenges which lie ahead in rebuilding our church community. The pandemic increased the pressure in our limited resources and put on hold our social outreach activities. The challenge of 2022 is not to re-create the church of pre pandemic. If we are to find the spiritual heart of this parish of St Hilda, we need to discern who God is calling us to be, and to do, in this place, and to be good stewards of our resources. No matter how long we have been in the parish, we are its present and its future. We are called to pray, to evangelise, to worship and to play our role in the life of this parish, whatever that may be. Everyone has a role to play in God's economy.

REVIEW of the Year

Worship and Learning

2021 started with us all going back into lockdown which again disrupted attendance at the services, we were, however, glad to be able to return to in person worship at St Hilda's for Mothering Sunday.

Junior Church has been able to meet and we limited numbers to make for a safe environment for the children. We continue to follow the Lectionary using Roots on the Web resources. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our usual Good Friday workshops, but we did manage to have a Nativity play and Christingle.

Christine Taylor who leads Junior Church is very grateful for the support of Gordon, Elizabeth, Elisabeth, Rosalyn and Chris and the parents who have helped out.

The Choir continues to contribute wonderfully to the worship life at St Hilda's, and were able to return to singing live and without masks by the end of the year. Many thanks to all members of the choir, especially Chris Maddock for his work to keep the choir heard, even when they were unable to sing in person.

The Bible Study Group were able to start meeting again on a Wednesday evening and all are welcome.

Unfortunately Feed My Sheep were unable to meet during 2021.

We continue to be supported by a committed group of Servers who contribute to the worship.

We are grateful to those who act as Vergers for occasional offices, and the Sides people who greet people.

Gordon Clark took on the role of Church Safeguarding Officer and Elizabeth Bate continues as Children's Champion.

House of Bishops' Policy Statements

St Hilda's PCC ensure that we comply with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding & Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults (as below).

Child Protection

The Church of England, in all aspects of its life, is committed to and will champion the protection of children and young people both in society as a whole and in its own community.

It fully accepts, endorses and will implement the principle enshrined in the Children Act 1989, that the welfare of the child is paramount. The Church of England will foster and encourage best practice within its community by setting standards for working with children and young people and by supporting parents in the care of their children.

It will work with statutory bodies, voluntary agencies and other faith communities to promote the safety and well-being of children and young people. It is committed to acting promptly whenever a concern is raised about a child or young person or about the behaviour of an adult, and will work with the appropriate statutory bodies when an investigation into child abuse is necessary.

The Church of England is committed to encouraging an environment where all people and especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. Everyone, whether they see themselves as vulnerable or not, will receive respectful pastoral ministry recognizing any power imbalance within such a relationship.

Safeguarding Adults

All church workers involved in any pastoral ministry will be recruited with care including the use of the Criminal Records Bureau disclosure service when legal or appropriate. Workers will receive training and continuing support.

Any allegations of mistreatment, abuse, harassment or bullying will be responded to without delay. Whether or not the matter involves the church there will be cooperation with the police and local authority in any investigation.

Sensitive and informed pastoral care will be offered to anyone who has suffered abuse, including support to make a complaint if so desired: help to find appropriate specialist care either from the church or secular agencies will be offered.

Congregations will often include people who have offended in a way that means they are a continuing risk to vulnerable people. The risks will be managed sensitively with the protection of adults and children in mind.

Church Buildings 2021

St Hilda's Church

The PAT testing was carried out and again minor works were undertaken. St Hilda's church continues to take advantage of the gutter cleaning programme offered by the Diocese of London.

A group of volunteers including Frances Forsbrey, Rosemary Greenwood and Chris Holliday who clean St Hilda's every Thursday.

Church Hall

We fulfilled the legal requirements of our insurers, Diocese and Local Authority regarding

the electrical, gas and fire regulations. A combined properties committee now look after the Church and Church Hall.

The Church Hall continued to provide a safe community space when government covid guidelines allowed. Happytots pre-school, established in 2006, remains the principal daytime hirer.

St Hilda's House

The house was rented commercially until March 2021. It was then refurbished ready for tenants to move in, under the partnership with Bronzefield Prison and Hope into Action. After a good start, both tenants left by the end of the year, as it did not work out for them. The search for new tenants was still taking place by the end of the year.

The Vicarage

No internal works have been required at the vicarage since the redecoration in 2018.

Outreach

The 2021 outreach could be considered in three categories: local, educational and non-parish. There was a continuing ministry to bereaved families through the Memorial Book, and the Memorial Tree, we were unable to display Easter Lilies in 2021. We remain fully represented at Churches Together in Ashford and Stanwell, although as a result of the pandemic it did not meet in 2021. Educationally, we maintain our relationships with Ashford Church of England School and Bishop Wand, and to a lesser extent with St James. We were fortunate to be able to welcome St James' this year for their Christmas carol concert.

We continued with the Foundation Governorship of Ashford Church of England School, with Donna Hester and Clare Marland as our Foundation Governors. We have established a strong relationship with HMP Bronzefield Prison and support their 'Through the Door' ministry, as part of our missional outreach to the wider community. We also supported the Salvation Army foodbank.

The Mothers' Union continues to provide a place for fellowship.

We continue to build on Mission Outreach with our outgoing, welcoming Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Families. We find St. Hilda's is seen as one of the desired places for children's baptisms and we were able to hold two weddings in Church as well as some funerals.

The gifts from the Harvest Festival were given to support the local Salvation Army foodbank to help those in need in Spelthorne.

Mission Action continued throughout the year with occasional activities designed to attract different groups of people into the community. In November, under the leadership of Christine Makriel, we planted our Remembrance poppies to commemorate those who died in the war. There is also a prison holdall there containing a sleeping bag, scarf, hat and toiletries for those who may need it.

Health and Safety Risk Management Policy

Although the PCC is not required to report on its risk management policy, the PCC takes it very seriously and receives regular reports from the Health and Safety officer. A recovery plan is in place to assist the local community in the event of a disaster, and further work will

be carried out on risk management issues as required. Christine Makriel continued as Health and Safety Office.

Financial Review

St Hilda's PCC at the end of 2021 experienced another difficult year in terms of finance and endured a further loss. The total Fixed Asset valuation of properties have been maintained at £1,175,000 on the balance sheet. This comprises of St Hilda's House (34 Woodthorpe Road) at £325,000 and the Church Hall at £850,000, though based on current market rates the properties will be worth more.

The trust held total funds/ net current assets of £72,564 as at 31 December 2021 which represents a decrease of £5,757, however, included in this figure are funds that are being held on behalf of Bronzefield of £4,700 resulting in St Hilda's funds at £67,864 representing a real decrease of £10,457.

The accounts are further complicated by several other factors, receipt of grants not yet expended, Sponsor a Chair where not all donations committed. If these are also discounted the true financial impact of St Hilda's in 2021 is a deficit of £24,321. The main drivers for this deficit are Church Hall income, it increased versus 2020, however, still circa £22k lower than 2019 income. St Hilda's House income was down £6,770 versus 2020.

Restricted funds accounts for £26,703 – Alford fund £10,502, St Hilda's House £11,501, Bronzefield £4,700. There are various other funds that monies have been allocated to, but remain unrestricted.

Maintenance/ Purchases during the year were managed, with the major items being

- £8,354 Church Chairs – funded by 'Sponsor a Chair'
- £3,730 Church boiler repayments
- £2,500 London Diocesan loan repayment
- £2,340 Church Wall repair – Insurance claim
- £5,786 St Hilda's House refurbishment – fund by Church hire by Sodexo for training as well as grant received
- £3,900 Church Hall flat roof Repair

Common Fund remained at £62,000 in 2021, which is continually significantly lower than the required contribution.

As a result of the pandemic, our income has been severely impacted and our reserves are not healthy. We need to develop a fundraising strategy and promote the parish giving scheme.

Spelthorne Deanery Report 2021

Spelthorne Deanery Report 2021 Synod meetings provide an opportunity for sharing news and enjoying fellowship with the clergy and lay representatives from the 11 churches within Spelthorne Deanery. Despite the national lockdown restrictions from March 2020, the Synod continued with a programme of meetings remotely on zoom and then managed to meet in person for the meeting in October 2021.

Fr Joseph Fernandes, the incumbent of St Hilda's Ashford, continued to serve as Area Dean throughout 2021. Rev Carole George was installed as Rector of St Nicholas's Shepperton in September, two curates were appointed during the summer, Rev Johnny

Lawes at All Saints Laleham and Rev Sophie Raeside at St Saviour's Upper Sunbury.

The February meeting featured a presentation by Patrick Regan OBE, founder and director of the Kintsugi Trust, and considered the Christian approach to dealing with mental health issues.

Ven Richard Frank Archdeacon of Middlesex spoke at the June meeting on the theme of the "Vine and the Trellis" referring us to Jesus's teaching in John 15:5 about "I am the vine; you are the branches". He challenged us to check on our priorities within churches. As an example – although good administration, accounting and human resources are important, they should encourage rather than restrict Church growth.

Rev Derek Winterburn the Kensington Area lead for "Creation Care" which is one of the six pillars of the Compassionate Communities section of the London Diocese Capital Vision 2030 gave an illustrated talk and led a discussion at the October meeting. Derek's talk highlighted some of the effects and consequences of global warming and then considered how we as Christian communities can play our part in protecting the earth's resources. He encouraged us all to work on arranging for our churches to be recognised as ECO Churches.

The Annual Finance meetings were hosted remotely over zoom by Archdeacon Richard Frank and Rev Mary Spredbury (Diocesan Finance Officer) during the summer. Each Church Treasurer and many PCC representatives were able to participate.

During November and December Bishop Graham Tomlin gave three fascinating talks featuring the background and theology on the Nicene Creed open to all in the diocese.

At elections in 2021, Rev Jonathan Samedi of St Mary & St Peter Staines, Fr Andrew Downes of St Mary Sunbury, Mrs Carolyn Clark and Nick Wood-Dow were elected to the Diocesan Synod.

Father Joseph Fernandes
Spelthorne Area Dean

Norman W Head
Spelthorne Deanery Lay Chair

St Hilda's Stewardship Report for 2021 **(Jim Iddiols)**

Stewardship giving during 2021 amounted to a total of £37,905.05, which was an increase of £3,941.92 on the previous year. This total was made up of two categories of giving:

1. Donations made under Gift Aid (£35,438.61)
2. Donations not eligible for Gift Aid and not claimable under GASDS due to the donation amount exceeding the £30 limit (£2,466.44)

The amounts given, Gift Aid claimed from HMRC, and number of donors for each of the last 10 years are shown in the following table:

Year	Received	Claimed	Donors
2012	41,939.08	9,987.02	84
2013	39,608.75	9,781.94	78
2014	43,918.84	10,979.71	75
2015	42,850.54	10,149.31	73
2016	40,452.07	9,497.14	65
2017	39,491.90	9,135.49	61
2018	39,929.63	9,232.67	58
2019	41,203.45	9,505.23	56
2020	33,963.13	8,058.34	59
2021	37,905.05	8,859.75	58

The total number of contributors to Stewardship in 2021 was 58 (down 1 on 2020). Of these, 15 (down 7 on 2020) use the weekly envelope sets, 21 (up 5 from 2020) donate monthly or quarterly by Standing Order, 19 (up 2) donate via the preferred Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and the remaining 3 paid annually. In total, £8,859.75 was claimed back from HMRC on all donations that fell under Stewardship during 2020.

A further £7,759.31 (down £462.33 on 2020) was donated during 2021 for other miscellaneous categories such as solar panels, baptisms, Easter lilies, Sponsoring a Chair, loose plate collections, various events, innovative fund-raising initiatives and so on. For these additional gifts, and inclusive of GASDS, we claimed back £1,908.59 from HMRC. These donations were generously provided by not only those under stewardship, but also those in the wider congregation and parish.

The coronavirus pandemic has clearly continued to have had an impact on the 2021 figures (as it had on the 2020 finances). Against that backdrop, those under stewardship deserve huge credit and thanks for their innovative efforts and kind generosity in continuing their giving to St. Hilda's in what has been, incredibly difficult circumstances.

Finally, we are still looking for a volunteer who can take on the leadership of the Stewardship Team for 2023 and beyond. Whoever takes on the role will continue to be ably assisted by Pauline Milton and Jim Iddiols, who will continue to manage the administration of collecting Gift aid from HMRC.

St Hilda's Junior Church Report 2021

(Christine Taylor)

Junior Church has been able to meet regularly each Sunday since May, thanks to the efforts of our team of leaders – Elizabeth Bate, Elisabeth Santos, Gordon Clark and Rosalyn Young.

Initially, we remained in the Hall throughout the whole service but when restrictions eased we were able to return to our normal practice of beginning in Church then moving into the Hall following the introduction and a prayer with the children, then returning to Church at the beginning of communion.

Unfortunately due to COVID we felt it sensible to limit the number of children each week to twenty. The number each week varies but we have over forty five children on our current roll including a small group of younger children. Sadly we have not been able to cater for the older children and teenagers as we hoped however in the Autumn term we did trial a monthly Friday night session but for various reasons we had to suspend this but we hope to relaunch in Summer 2022.

We still use Roots on the Web as our main teaching resource as this follows the lectionary and provides a weekly activity sheet and a more comprehensive sheet "Roots at Home" which suggests activities the whole family can become involved in.

Since October we have been working with Simon Shutt of Faith Awareness in Children Trust to provide a short monthly family orientated service on a Friday evening at 5:30pm. The services reflect the events in the Christian calendar and through activities, presentations, song and prayer involve the whole family.

Unfortunately due to COVID we were unable to have our usual Good Friday workshop but we were able to hold a relatively "normal" Christingle service where Rosalyn became a Christingle! We did not hold a separate Nativity play but the children had the opportunity to dress as their favourite Nativity character at the Crib Service where several young people and their parents read, prayed and accompanied the carols to make a very joyous beginning to the Christmas season.

St Hilda's Bible Study Report 2021

(Carolyn Clark)

Following Covid -19 related closures of most church activities, plans were made to recommence a weekly bible study, beginning in mid-September 2021. Carolyn Clark agreed with members of the previous group to keep to a Wednesday evening, meeting in the church building at 7.30pm. We aim to begin with a hot drink for those who would like it and a short time of chat to catch up with each other. We then open with prayer followed by the main study and closing prayer; Carolyn Clark, Gordon Clark, Rosemary Greenwood and Chris Maddock have all led evenings. The group usually numbers between 6-8 people. Our one rule is that there is no such thing as a silly question! We began with a very interesting 'Whole Bible Bible Study' led by Gordon Clark where he laid out a timeline on post it notes in the nave!

The start of the group coincided with the 2021 COP summit and so we followed the initial week with a series called 'Creation Matters' which included weeks discussing: Why should Christians care for creation, Christianity and climate change, The Land and Sabbath, Our attitudes to animals, Using your LOAF – making sure your trolley witnesses to your faith, Living simply, giving joyfully. We all tried a Carbon Footprint calculator and were challenged to see how we could begin to improve it.

We look forward to our future discussions and welcome anyone who is interested in attending.

St Hilda's Church – Altar Servers' Report 2021

(Alan Sloan)

Altar servers fulfil a very important function within the church. Their role dates back to the early days of the church, when priests were accompanied by an acolyte on their travels. Today altar servers' roles in the church are usually as listed below albeit, during 2021, Covid-19 limited the roles we were able to undertake:

The **Crucifer** is the person who carries the big processional cross. We have different crosses for different times in the year. Normally we have a large, decorated cross but in

Advent and Lent a small wooden cross is available to reflect the mood of the season although, in recent years, the latter has not been used.

The **Acolytes** work in pairs and they both carry candles. In the olden days, when churches weren't lit quite so brightly, they had a very important role ensuring that when the Gospel procession went down into the church there was enough light on the Gospel book for the priest or deacon to be able to read it. They also fulfil other roles at the altar, such as bringing the vessels to the altar so that it can be laid up for mass and helping the priest wash his or her hands.

The **Book "Boy/Girl"** carries the altar book which he or she will hold for the priest when reading the Gospel. They also assist with the other roles at the altar.

St Hilda's Church currently has a team of 9 active altar servers, as listed below, who are always willing to help with any task to keep our services in Church running smoothly. Currently they assist at the 9.30 Sunday services and other special services e.g. confirmation, candles of remembrance, St Hilda's day, Midnight Mass.

As mentioned above Covid-19 caused significant changes in all our lives and the roles of servers, aside from setting up and clearing away, is currently limited to the role of crucifer. Hopefully, once we are through the winter period, it may be possible to review the situation.

Alan Sloan is the Head Server/serving team liaison representative and acts as the focal point between the servers and Father Joseph. This entails:

- Updating altar servers about any changes in process/procedure
- Completion of the end of year report
- Production of the servers' rotas.

We would always welcome new members to the team and would give the support and training to undertake this role. If interested please contact one of the Church Wardens in the first instance.

List of servers:

Darran Buttigieg
*Robb Clarke**
Frances Forsbrey*
Sally Goulden*
Chris Holliday
Christine Makriel*
Peter Makriel*
David Saville*
Alan Sloan*
Barbara Warne*
*Emma Wrightson**

An asterisk signifies where a server has additionally been appointed by the Bishop of Kensington to assist with Holy Communion albeit, due to Covid-19, that role is currently suspended. Those shown in italics are currently unavailable for rota duties.*

St Hilda's Choir Report 2021

(Chris Maddock / Paula Gething)

St Hilda's choir has continued to support worship through the pandemic. Continuing the long-standing tradition of four-part Harmony, we started the year recording our voices at home alone, relying on the magic and expertise of Chris Maddock to take seven or eight individual recordings and stitch them into a hymn to use during the live streamed service. We have now built a decent library of recorded musical items that can be used throughout the liturgical year.

As the restrictions eased we were once again able to sing live in church and we continue to use a mix of live and recorded items each week.

Chris Maddock takes the musical lead, supported by Paula Gething, Carolyn Clark and Rosemary Greenwood. We enjoyed the services of a couple of visiting organists during the year including Jeremy Rouse and we were delighted that Peter Pritchard could return to support us at Christmas. In addition, Melvyn Rouse provides regular and wonderful organ accompaniments and the occasional organ voluntary.

The choir welcomed some new members during 2021, Nick Gething (Tenor), Linda Bishop, Christine Makriel and Marianne Tank (Soprano) and occasionally Kate Goulden (Soprano/Alto). These new voices have made a wonderful contribution but as with most choirs, we need more men and hope that 2022 will bring us a tenor and bass or two.

St Hilda's Church - Flower Team Report 2021

(Alison Garner / Pauline Milton)

After the hiatus of the pandemic Alison Garner and Pauline Milton restarted the flower rota in May 2021 after being approached by Sheila Freeman. Once everything began to reopen, they sounded out the previous members of the Flower Team to see who was willing to carry on. Due to concerns of the on-going virus implications and their time spent on the rota we have lost some members. Grateful thanks are to be given to all the long-standing members who feel it is time to hang up their secateurs and pass on the baton to other members of the congregation. We especially would like to thank to Sheila Freeman, Sheila has been head of the team for some years and deserves her 'retirement', also Pat Kitto, Dorothy Read, Jennie Caley, Sheila West, Marion Sharps, Pat Parish and Elsie Stone for all their years of service. During the break we have sadly lost Daphne Roberts, a valuable member of the team, and her family very kindly donated a wonderful flower stand in her memory which is now in use at the High Altar.

The Flower Team are always looking for new faces and plan to run classes very soon for those who have already said they are interested. Please let Alison or Pauline know if you wish to join the team.

Alison and Pauline are concerned that the cost of flowers has increased, possibly due to the import costs increasing, but they are seeing a £2 increase per bunch. A £25 pre-Brexit /Pandemic memorial pedestal with a variety of blooms now costs closer to £35-40 for the same variety. Recently four bunches of chrysanthemums, (5 stems per bunch) and a three-stem bunch of lilies cost £24.96. All the greenery came from the Church grounds,

fortunately this display lasted two weeks. The Team will try and source flowers at the most reasonable price, but this may not always be possible during the current financial situation.

St Hilda's Church Events Report 2021

(Bobbie Bedford)

Well, we have been almost normal this past year with a few events taking place in church, however, not as much going on as in the past due to the up and down figures of the Covid numbers.

We did take part in the Ashford Jumble trails which proved very successful, we did a couple of them with stalls outside the church, our store room must have heaved a sigh of relief as we had a ton of donated goods stored because we hadn't had our usual jumble sales. For one of the jumble trails we opened up the church for people to set up stalls who couldn't use their own premises again this proved a good move as we had lots of people coming in who had never been in the church before.

Although we didn't have our usual summer Fayre, we did enjoy a Harvest bring and share lunch and then our first Jumble sale in over a year which we held in church due to it being a bigger space than the Church Hall and with so many goods to shift it proved to be the right decision.

We had a try at line dancing in church which proved to be great fun, which led to a dance class being held on Sunday afternoon for several weeks.

Parish breakfasts were started up, initially separately for men and women but quickly turning into men and women together as we had some very good speakers. The breakfast is cooked by Fr. Joseph, Jon Bate and their good ladies. The breakfasts have proved to be a great hit as the numbers have now grown to over 50.

There have been some excellent Euphonium concerts raising funds in the memory of Marion Scholar's husband Richard.

Unfortunately the Covid numbers rose again and we were not able to have a Christmas Fayre or our Burns night party but we did manage to have a great Pancake night with lots of lovely toppings.

In April the Staines Llamas band held a concert in Church and so things are gradually getting back to normal, with our Burns night already in the calendar for next January.

St Hilda's had a limited calendar of events this year due to the pandemic. We did, however, manage to meet for Burns night and a Pancake Party before the first lockdown.

St Hilda's Church - Mothers' Union Report 2021

(Joyce Rouse)

We continued to try and keep in touch with our members by email and 'phone calls until it was safe to resume meetings in September and we offer ongoing support with shopping, collecting prescriptions, doctor's visits and the like to our less able members.

In September we resumed our monthly lunch meetings but in church so that we could be safely distanced from each other. Rosalyn led the MU Wave of Prayer that we had been unable to observe in June and it was pleasingly well attended. Alison Garner led a craft

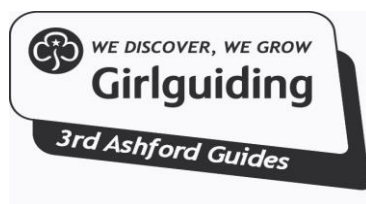
teaching session in October to make paper angels for the Christmas Tree Festival and we then made them at the November lunch. In December we sang carols and enjoyed Christmas music led by Janet Husband, Elizabeth Bate and Melvyn Rouse.

In January Father Joseph celebrated our first Corporate Communion for almost two years and we welcomed Ordinand Helen to our lunch meeting. She gave us an interesting and humorous talk about the path that has brought her to St Hilda's. In February Father Steve celebrated Corporate Communion and returned the following week to join us for lunch. He too gave an interesting talk about his life and the various moves that have brought him back to live in our area.

We are now planning our future meetings for the year and looking forward to returning to some kind of normality.

Two of our long time members, Kath Brown and Daphne Roberts, sadly died last year and Jenny Granger celebrated her 100th birthday.

3rd Ashford Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Report 2021 **(Chris Davenport – Guide Guider)**



The girls of 3rd Ashford Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, their Guiders and Young Leaders were really pleased to be able to return to face-to-face meetings at St Hilda's Church Hall from September 2021.

The girls and leaders had coped very well with regular zoom meetings from May 2020, with the girls joining in at home for craft activities, games and work towards various badges. However, nothing is better than meeting weekly, in person, having fun and sharing new activities and experiences while making new friends.

All the Units have been working on their Theme Awards of Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action and Skills For My Future. All these challenges are gauged for the abilities of the various age groups from 5 years to 14 years. With the girls keen to earn such a variety of badges, some of them have been able to complete Girlguiding Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

As the months roll by, we are pleased to see how the girls grow in confidence and rise to the various challenges as they progress from Rainbows, to Brownies and Guides. It is not only rewarding for the girls, but also for their Guiders, who give their time voluntarily. They encourage and guide the girls and boost their self-confidence in their efforts.

St Hilda's Church Hall provides a much-appreciated safe environment in which our 80 girls can come together for the fun and friendship of weekly meetings.

Having missed face-to-face meetings between March 2020 and September 2021, we look forward to organising and running exciting activities for the girls, and making up for lost time.

St Hilda's Entertainers' Annual Report - 2021
(Michael Davenport – Hon. Secretary)

President: Fr Joseph Fernandes

Chairman: Neale Winter

Secretary: Mike Davenport

St Hilda's Entertainers

The continuing Covid restrictions made it impossible to offer a May production in 2021. To ease the effects of this sad situation we organised fortnightly get-togethers by Zoom. These included a games evening, a variety of Play readings, a Quiz and a murder mystery evening.

An easing of lockdown rules in the summer gave us the hope of being able to perform a pantomime in December 2021. The strong possibility that fewer than usual actors and backstage crew would be available during the pandemic meant that the chosen script would need a comparatively small cast and basic staging. Alan Frayn's *Sleeping Beauty* fitted the bill. Following our usual three months of intensive rehearsal and backstage preparation, the end result was a very successful production which gripped our audiences' attention, whatever their ages, from start to finish. Once again, we were delighted to see nearly 900 people leaving our hall with beaming smiles on their faces, having laughed, cheered, shouted and clapped their way through the show. A very notable feature this year was the marvellous opportunity for three of our younger members, Lilly Poore, Jack Jeakins and Rob Devereux to step up and take principal parts, namely Princess Rose, Prince Alexis, and Fetch. They rose to the occasion brilliantly.

Our social events in the year, apart from our Zoom meetings, were restricted to a very enjoyable Barbecue in August, kindly hosted by Neale and Ayse.

We made two donations at the end of 2021. One was £1,000 to Shooting Star. The other was £1,080 to St Hilda's Church, towards the cost of new chairs in the Church.

Long Service Awards were presented with warm congratulations to seven members, Rob Devereux (5 years), Jayne Taylor (10 years), Tom Manly (15 years), Anwen Fuller (15 years), Kim Cooper (30 years), Laura Allen (35 years) and Mike Smith, for an incredible 50 years service. Mike was also presented with a book of memories with photos of the many shows he has been involved in.

As soon as we finish a pantomime, our thoughts turn immediately to the next production, so now it's all systems go for another hilarious comedy play written by our very own Neale Winter, 'Wife in the Fast Lane', to be performed in May 2022. It has a cast of 11, played by Sophie Gane, Craig Entwistle, Anwen Fuller, Rachel Wells, Sarah Poore, Rob Devereux, Sandra Radford, Mike Davenport, Dave Palman, Neale Winter and Laura Allen. The play's director is Steve Smith. At long last we can again look forward to performing a May Play to entertain members of St Hilda's, their families and friends, and the local community.

It looks as though we are well and truly back in the fast lane, thank goodness.

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BALANCE SHEET

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Fixed Assets					
Functional property	5	850,000	-	850,000	850,000
Investment property	5	325,000	-	325,000	325,000
		1,175,000	0	1,175,000	1,175,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	6	758	-	758	6,150
Cash at bank and in hand		52,983	26,703	79,686	77,607
		53,741	26,703	80,444	83,757
Current Liabilities					
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	7,880	-	7,880	5,436
Net current assets		45,861	26,703	72,564	78,322
Total Assets less current liabilities		1,220,861	26,703	1,247,564	1,253,322
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	8	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,220,861	26,703	1,247,564	1,253,322
Funds					
Unrestricted		1,220,861	-	1,220,861	1,235,584
Restricted	9	-	26,703	26,703	17,738
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PCC Declaration

The PCC acknowledge and accept their collective responsibility for ensuring adequate financial controls are maintained and proper books and records kept

These financial Statements were approved by the PCC on 22nd February 2022

Fr Joseph Fernandes
Chairman/ Incumbant of St Hilda's Trust

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned giving - gift aid donations	40,166		40,166	37,539
Tax recovered on planned giving	11,927		11,927	13,828
Planned giving - other			-	-
Loose plate	3,785		3,785	3,283
Sundry donations	3,441	12,000	15,441	7,122
Other tax recovered	758		758	2,314
Donations, appeals, etc.	10,718		10,718	317
Grant income			-	-
Legacies			-	-
Memorial book	35		35	280
Flowers	-		-	789
Specials	-		-	-
	70,829	12,000	82,829	65,472
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Fetes, bazaars & other fund raising events	7,760		7,760	3,947
Church Hall lettings/ Fund raising	28,934		28,934	17,947
Photocopying	25		25	10
PV Income	-		-	4,906
Misc.			-	-
	36,720	-	36,720	26,810
2(c) Income from investments				
Interest	24	7	30	269
Rent	9,041		9,041	15,811
	9,065	7	9,071	16,080
2(d) Income from church activities				
Crossroads	-		-	774
Weddings	915		915	200
Funerals	4,628		4,628	1,142
Baptisms/ Confirmation	-		-	-
Other	389		389	501
	5,932	-	5,932	2,617
2(e) Other ordinary incoming resources				
Insurance claims	2,198		2,198	-
Bronzefield		10,700	10,700	-
	2,198	10,700	12,898	-
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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Church Activities				
Missionary giving	58		58	275
Flowers	377		377	124
Insurance - Church	7,721		7,721	7,737
Insurance - Hall	1,861		1,861	1,905
Junior Church	336		336	38
Maintenance - Church & Church Hall	16,426		16,426	21,997
Purchases - Church & Church Hall	9,073		9,073	
Memorial book	-		-	-
Ministry - Clergy expenses	395		395	448
Ministry - Common Fund	62,000		62,000	62,000
Ministry - Other clergy expenses	-		-	215
Ministry - Wedding fees	422		422	-
Organist & choir costs	415		415	1,294
Running cost - Church	5,409		5,409	4,012
Running cost - Hall	2,399		2,399	1,968
Sundry	412		412	-
Utilities - Electric	3,347		3,347	1,593
Utilities - Gas	5,982		5,982	6,611
Utilities - Other	1,347		1,347	791
Administration	6,861		6,861	8,835
People/ Cleaning Costs	11,391		11,391	9,319
	136,232	-	136,232	129,162
3(b) Cost of generating of voluntary income				
Costs of appeals	-	-	-	-
Stewardship activities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
3(c) Fund raising/ Events costs				
Fetes, bazaars & other	482		482	513
	482	-	482	513
3(d) Investment Management Costs				
Insurance - St Hilda's House	283		283	278
Maintenance Costs - St Hilda's House	4,908	2,000	6,908	281
Running Costs - St Hilda's House	245		245	-
Admin Costs - St Hilda's House	2,973		2,973	-
Running costs grounds	84		84	-
	8,493	2,000	10,493	559
3(e) Other				
Bronzefield		6,000	6,000	-
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4. People Costs

During the year the PCC used the services of part time cleaners for the church hall and an administration assistant for the parish office but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC. Payments for Office administration totalled £7,574 for the year.

No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties, other than for professional services rendered.

5. Fixed Assets

	£	Church Hall	St Hilda's House	Total
Opening Balance		850,000	325,000	1,175,000
Additions		0	0	0
Gains & Losses in the year		0	0	0
Closing Balance		850,000	325,000	1,175,000

St Hilda's Church Hall in Stanwell Road, Ashford, Middlesex was brought onto the balance sheet in 2007 in order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Charities as revised in 2005 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The initial valuation was based on its current value to the PCC. The PCC believes that the residual value of the property exceeds its current use value and therefore has decided to adopt a policy of doing an annual impairment review rather than depreciating its value over its useful life.

The property known as No 34, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex is held for investment purposes and is shown in the accounts at market value. The last valuation was 31 December 2011 and was carried out by The Frost Partnership, Ashford, Middlesex.

6. Debtors and prepayments

	£	2021	2020
Receivables Church		758	6,150
Receivables Hall		0	0
Total		758	6,150

7. Creditors

	£	2020	2021
Creditors and accruals - Church		7,880	5,436
Creditors and accruals - Hall		0	0
Total		7,880	5,436

All amounts are due within one year

8. Long Term Creditors

During the year, the second installment of the 3 year Diocesan loan in respect of the church boiler was made - £2,500
The final instalment of £2,500 will be paid in 2022.

9. Restricted Funds Held

The breakdown and movement of restricted funds are:

	£	Alford	St Hilda's House	Bronzefield	Total
Balance at 1 January 2021		10,497	0	0	10,497
Incoming resources		0	11,500	10,700	22,200
Resources expended		0	0	(6,000)	(6,000)
Moved from general fund		0	0	0	0
Interest Allocated		5	1	0	7
Balance at 31 December 2021		10,502	11,501	4,700	26,703

9A Non Restricted held by CBF

General reserves held in the CBF account are £ 28,318

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Hilda's Church, Ashford, Middlesex

I report to the members of the PCC on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 as set out on the attached pages.

This report is made solely to the members of the PCC in accordance with Sections 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC members those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the members of the PCC for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of PPC Members and Examiner

The PPC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act')) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no view is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

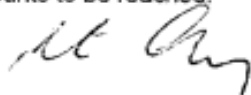
Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Address: 33 Carlyle Road, Staines, TW18 2PU

Date: 25 April 2022

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	70,829	12,000	82,829	65,472
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Fetes, bazaars & other fund raising events	7,760		7,760	3,947
Church Hall lettings/ Fund raising	28,934		28,934	17,947
Photocopying	25		25	10
PV Income	-		-	4,906
Misc.			-	-
	36,720	-	36,720	26,810
2(c) Income from investments				
Interest	24	7	30	269
Rent	9,041		9,041	15,811
	9,065	7	9,071	16,080
2(d) Income from church activities				
Crossroads	-		-	774
Weddings	915		915	200
Funerals	4,628		4,628	1,142
Baptisms/ Confirmation	-		-	-
Other	389		389	501
	5,932	-	5,932	2,617
2(e) Other ordinary incoming resources				
Insurance claims	2,198		2,198	-
Bronzefield		10,700	10,700	-
	2,198	10,700	12,898	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	124,743	22,707	147,450	110,979

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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
3(a) Church Activities				
Missionary giving	58		58	275
Flowers	377		377	124
Insurance - Church	7,721		7,721	7,737
Insurance - Hall	1,861		1,861	1,905
Junior Church	336		336	38
Maintenance - Church & Church Hall	16,426		16,426	
Purchases - Church & Church Hall	9,073		9,073	21,997
Memorial book	-		-	-
Ministry - Clergy expenses	395		395	448
Ministry - Common Fund	62,000		62,000	62,000
Ministry - Other clergy expenses	-		-	215
Ministry - Wedding fees	422		422	-
Organist & choir costs	415		415	1,294
Running cost - Church	5,409		5,409	4,012
Running cost - Hall	2,399		2,399	1,968
Sundry	412		412	-
Utilities - Electric	3,347		3,347	1,593
Utilities - Gas	5,982		5,982	6,611
Utilities - Other	1,347		1,347	791
Administration	6,861		6,861	8,835
People/ Cleaning Costs	11,391		11,391	9,319
	136,232	-	136,232	129,162
3(b) Cost of generating of voluntary income				
Costs of appeals	-	-	-	-
Stewardship activities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
3(c) Fund raising/ Events costs				
Fetes, bazaars & other	482		482	513
	482	-	482	513
3(d) Investment Management Costs				
Insurance - St Hilda's House	283		283	278
Maintenance Costs - St Hilda's House	4,908	2,000	6,908	281
Running Costs - St Hilda's House	245		245	-
Admin Costs - St Hilda's House	2,973		2,973	-
Running costs grounds	84		84	-
	8,493	2,000	10,493	559
3(e) Other				
Bronzefield		6,000	6,000	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	145,207	8,000	153,207	130,234

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4. People Costs

During the year the PCC used the services of part time cleaners for the church hall and an administration assistant for the parish office but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC. Payments for Office administration totalled £7,574 for the year.

No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties, other than for professional services rendered.

5. Fixed Assets

	£	Church Hall	St Hilda's House	Total
Opening Balance		850,000	325,000	1,175,000
Additions		0	0	0
Gains & Losses in the year		0	0	0
Closing Balance		850,000	325,000	1,175,000

St Hilda's Church Hall in Stanwell Road, Ashford, Middlesex was brought onto the balance sheet in 2007 in order to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Charities as revised in 2005 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The initial valuation was based on its current value to the PCC. The PCC believes that the residual value of the property exceeds its current use value and therefore has decided to adopt a policy of doing an annual impairment review rather than depreciating its value over its useful life.

The property known as No 34, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex is held for investment purposes and is shown in the accounts at market value. The last valuation was 31 December 2011 and was carried out by The Frost Partnership, Ashford, Middlesex.

6. Debtors and prepayments

	£	2021	2020
Receivables Church		758	6,150
Receivables Hall		0	0
Total		758	6,150

7. Creditors

	£	2020	2021
Creditors and accruals - Church		7,880	5,436
Creditors and accruals - Hall		0	0
Total		7,880	5,436

All amounts are due within one year

8. Long Term Creditors

During the year, the second installment of the 3 year Diocesan loan in respect of the church boiler was made - £2,500. The final instalment of £2,500 will be paid in 2022.

9. Restricted Funds Held

The breakdown and movement of restricted funds are:

	£	Alford	St Hilda's House	Bronze field	Total
Balance at 1 January 2021		10,497	0	0	10,497
Incoming resources		0	11,500	10,700	22,200
Resources expended		0	0	(6,000)	(6,000)
Moved from general fund		0	0	0	0
Interest Allocated		5	1	0	7
Balance at 31 December 2021		10,502	11,501	4,700	26,703

9A Non Restricted held by CBF

General reserves held in the CBF account are £ 28,318

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BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending 31 December 2021

	NOTE	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
Fixed Assets					
Functional property	5	850,000	-	850,000	850,000
Investment property	5	325,000	-	325,000	325,000
		1,175,000	0	1,175,000	1,175,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	6	758	-	758	6,150
Cash at bank and in hand		52,983	26,703	79,686	77,607
		53,741	26,703	80,444	83,757
Current Liabilities					
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	7,880	-	7,880	5,436
Net current assets		45,861	26,703	72,564	78,322
Total Assets less current liabilities		1,220,861	26,703	1,247,564	1,253,322
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	8	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,220,861	26,703	1,247,564	1,253,322
Funds					
Unrestricted		1,220,861	-	1,220,861	1,235,584
Restricted	9	-	26,703	26,703	17,738
		1,220,861	26,703	1,247,564	1,253,322

PCC Declaration

The PCC acknowledge and accept their collective responsibility for ensuring adequate financial controls are maintained and proper books and records kept

These financial Statements were approved by the PCC on 22nd February 2022

Fr Joseph Fernandes
Chairman/ Incumbant of St Hilda's Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Hilda's Church, Ashford, Middlesex

I report to the members of the PCC on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 as set out on the attached pages.

This report is made solely to the members of the PCC in accordance with Sections 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC members those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the members of the PCC for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of PPC Members and Examiner

The PPC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act')) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

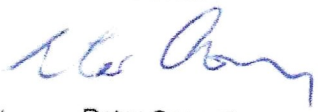
Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the members of the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no view is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 25 April 2022