



# **The Parish of the Ascension**

## **Annual Report 2022-23**

**The Parish of the Ascension  
Church at Castle ecumenical partnership**

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## The Parish of the Ascension

**The Parish of the Ascension** is a single benefice comprising four church buildings around Castle Hill and beyond (north of the river, as far as Gilbert Road, West Road, Histon Road and Maddingley Road, beyond the M11). They form a family of community-serving churches. Resident numbers in the parish are increasing rapidly due to Cambridge's ever growing population as well as from new housing on sites such as the University's Eddington development and Darwin Green (see map). In Cambridge, the population size has increased by 17.6%, from around 123,900 in 2011 to 145,700 in 2021. This is higher than the overall increase for England (6.6%) and higher than the increase for the East of England (8.3%).

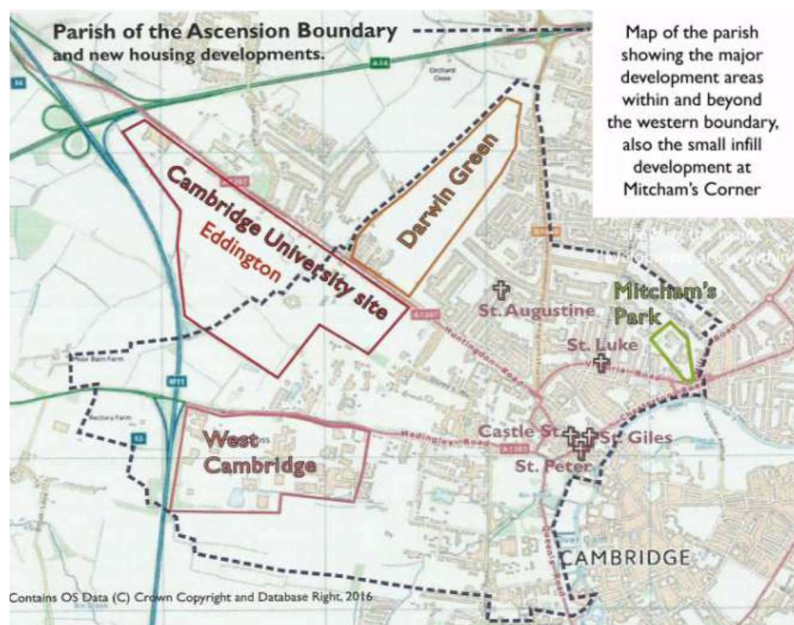
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**St Augustine's** was built in 1898 as a multi-purpose building; a primary school and social space during the week and a church on Sundays. It continues to be very much at the heart of its community as it celebrates in 2023 its 125th anniversary of its founding and consecration.

**St Giles'** parish dates back to 1092. Open daily, the church is a quiet city centre space for prayer and meditation. At other times it welcomes people for the musical events, concerts, talks, celebrations and commemorations. The garden, a green space in a busy city, is used for lively fun days, garden parties and picnics as well as being cared for with the environment in mind.

**St Luke's Church** is a local ecumenical partnership between the United Reformed Church and the Church of England. The halls and church rooms, called St Luke's Church Centre, area venue for a wide variety of groups and activities including COPE (Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise) and a Montessori nursery.

**St Peter's Church** is located just across the road from St Giles' Church. Christians have been worshipping there for well over a thousand years. Day to day care of the church is shared with The Churches Conservation Trust. The building is open as a place of prayer and is sometimes used for exhibitions. Throughout the year special festivals are celebrated at St. Peter's and it is a quiet, sacred space for all to use.



## ChurchatCastle - an Ecumenical Group

Together with the United Reformed Church at St Luke's, Castle Street Methodist Church and the Romanian Orthodox congregation of St John the Evangelist, who worship in St Giles' Church, the churches offer an ecumenical witness in this northern area of the City of Cambridge. The umbrella name of 'ChurchatCastle' is used to describe the ecumenical character and activities of the churches and is reflected in the website, [www.churchatcastle.org](http://www.churchatcastle.org)

### Social profile

The social profile of the parish's population is as diverse as the city of which it forms a part. The Centre for Cities report 'Cities Outlook 2018' reported Cambridge as being the least equal city in England and Wales. The evolving new housing developments in the parish will see many international students, scholars and their families coming to live in the University of Cambridge's Eddington development with an equally diverse population moving into Darwin Green with its 40% affordable housing. A 2022 report states that one in seven households is defined as a 'benefit household' ('Mapping Poverty 2022', Cambridge City Council).

### Representation

#### Parochial Church Council Terms of Reference

The PCC is the legally constituted body for the area with ultimate responsibility for all the activities of the churches in the parish. It may delegate some of its responsibilities to the Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) for St Luke's and District Church Councils (DCCs) for St Giles' and St Augustine's as it sees fit.

The Parish of the Ascension is committed to safeguarding in all its churches those who attend the worship and other activities that we offer. Safeguarding promotes the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and includes all actions to protect them from harm. Our Safeguarding Officer is Angela Gibbs.

- The Parish of the Ascension follows recommended safeguarding practice in recruiting, training and supporting our ordained and lay ministers, our employees and our volunteers.
- We follow the House of Bishops' Policy statement, '[Promoting a safer church](#)' (2017) and [guidelines](#) from the Diocese of Ely.

The PCC assumes particular responsibility for the Parish's contractual obligations in respect of the Parish Room and the Burial Ground, and in respect of the Parish Administrator and any other person that may be employed by or contracted to it. It will as a result draw up and agree a budget annually reflecting these responsibilities. It will also determine the level of financial support provided to the different churches in respect of their responsibilities for meeting some of the central administrative costs and parish share. The PCC will act as the final authority in respect of any dispute between the churches in the Parish, whether these are of a financial or other nature and in so far as it is within their jurisdiction.

Members of the PCC will be elected annually by members listed on the Electoral Roll.

## **St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council (ECC)**

St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) is a partnership between the United Reformed Church and the Church of England. Authority is delegated to this body within a sharing agreement between the PCC of the Parish of the Ascension and the congregational meeting of the United Reformed Church in all matters pertaining to the management of St Luke's Church. The ECC meets bi-monthly, normally on the first Tuesdays of the month, except in August. Anyone in the congregation may ask for an item to be put on the agenda. Membership of the ECC consists of twelve lay members who are each elected for a period of three years, the URC minister and the Rector.

Congregational Meetings take place every other month after the morning service; they are the forum for debate and open to everyone in the congregation (although only those on the Common Roll may vote).

The Annual General Meeting takes place in March/April, when reports from the various organisations and activities are presented and elections are held.

## **Electoral Roll**

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules ('CRR'), an updated roll has been prepared in advance of the annual parochial church meeting. In May 2022 the new electoral roll had 124 members. Since then, sadly we have lost six members who have died, and a further six former members have moved away or worship elsewhere. We have gained two new members, so the new roll has 114 members. I am grateful to Helen Cunnington, Ken Smith and Richard Catchpole for their assistance with updating the roll.

Sheila Rozeik, Electoral Roll Officer  
May 2023

## **Elected members of the Parochial Church Council (post APCM 2022)**

### **Churchwardens ex-officio on PCC (elected annually)**

<b>St Augustine's</b>	Philip Mead, Mark Wills
<b>St Giles'</b>	Richard Catchpole
<b>St Luke's</b>	Doreen Ullinger

### **Deanery Synod representatives 2020-2023 ex officio on PCC**

<b>St Augustine's</b>	vacant
<b>St Giles'</b>	vacant
<b>St Luke's</b>	Jane Holmes

## Parochial Church Council

### St Augustine's

2020-2023 Antony Rix

2021-2024 Patricia McGuire \*, Secretary

2022-2025 vacancy

### St Giles'

2020-2023 vacancy

2021-2024 vacancy

2022-2025 vacancy

### St Luke's

2020-2023 Gill Ambrose\*

2021-2024 Judith Crowe\*

2019-2022 Paul Gibbs

*\* not eligible for re-election when current term ends*

## District Church Councils

### St Augustine's

2020-2023 vacancy

2021-2024 vacancy

2022-2025 Lisa Evans

### St Giles'

2020-2023 Valerie Anderson

2020-2023 Arthur Hibble

2021-2024 Margaret Waring

2022-2025 Helen Kinsey

## Ecumenical Church Council

### St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council as from Annual Congregational Meeting

#### 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022:

May Block, Margaret Cooper, Isobel Fox, Angela Gibbs, Paul Gibbs, Lib Hallam, Joan Jeans, Frances Klein, Sue Mudie (resigned June 2022), Clare Redfern (resigned end of 2022), Ken Smith, and Doreen Ullinger

### St Luke's Joint Council as from Annual Congregational Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022:

May Block, Margaret Cooper, Judith Crowe, Paul Custerson (until November 2022), Isobel Fox, Paul Gibbs, Frances Klein and Alison Taylor.

## Ministry team (ex officio on the PCC)

<b>Team Rector</b>	Philipa King
<b>Team Vicar</b>	Janet Bunker
<b>URC Minister</b>	Charles Mather (retired April 2022) Deborah McVey (interim)
<b>Assistant Priest</b>	Tom Ambrose
<b>Retired Priest</b>	Owen Spencer Thomas
<b>Licensed Lay Minister</b>	Margaret Cooper
<b>Authorised Lay Minister for children</b>	Gill Ambrose
<b>Authorised Lay Pastoral Minister</b>	Sue Mudie (until June 2022)
<b>LLM Emerita</b>	Sylvia Pick

## Administrative information

**Parish of the Ascension**, St. Giles' Church, Castle Street, Cambridge, CB3 0AQ (until end of March 2023). Since then: The Old School, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, Cambridge, CB4 3EU

Official correspondence to the Parish Administrator's Office at the above address.

### Bankers:

Co-operative Bank plc

### Legal advisers:

Diocesan Registrar; Barr Ellison, 39 Parkside, Cambridge, CB1 1PN

### Independent Examiner:

Scott Reynolds ACCA , Day Accountants Ltd., Quern House, Mill Court, Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire CB22 5LD

### Architect:

Nigel Walter, Archangel Architects, 3 Doctor's Close, Impington, Cambridge CB24 9ND

**Bookkeeper:** Laetitia Smith (until the end of November 2022). Since then: Day Accountants Ltd.

**Parish Administrator:** Sheila Rozeik

# REPORTS

## North Cambridge Deanery Report 2022-23

Since the last APCM, North Cambridge Deanery Synod has met 3 times; 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Joint meeting with South Cambridge Deanery, Holy Trinity); 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (St Mary's Fen Ditton); 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Old Schoolhouse, St Luke's).

Nick Moir (Vicar of Fen Ditton, Rector of Horningsea and Rector of Teversham) was commissioned as Rural Dean for the Cambridge North Deanery in November 2022 for a period of 5 years. Lindsay Davies (Churchwarden, Horningsea) became Lay Chair of the Deanery also in November.

**Joint meeting July 2022:** Karin Voth Harman (St Andrews, Cherry Hinton) talked about major housing development and growth in the area, with 50,000 new homes planned over the next 20 years affecting both Cambridge deaneries. Christopher Townsend and Nick Moir discussed the agenda for the July General Synod meeting in York. St Mark's Newnham and St John's Hills Road have both achieved their Eco Church Bronze Award. Sophie Young, Chaplain to the Homeless and Streetlife Community, sent a written report outlining the partnership with *It Takes a City* and other organisations to provide a pop-up hostel, offering 24-hour safe emergency accommodation, was a successful venture over the winter of 2022-23. Crossways on Chesterton Road is planned to continue in the winter of 2022-23 with additional activities. Parishes outlined how they were supporting Ukrainian refugees.

**November 2022:** Nick Moir spoke about Deanery planning and the setting up of a Deanery Planning Group. Every deanery is being asked to develop a plan for how the deanery might work together to grow in confidence as Christians, develop healthy churches and leaders, serve communities, re-imagine the use of buildings and focus limited resources efficiently. The Planning Group will share their findings every term with the Synod. Nick sent out the planning questionnaire in January 2023 and the Planning Group are Nick Moir, Lindsay Davies, Dave Maher (Good Shepherd, Arbury), Andrew Day (St Clement's) and Chris Lowe (St John's, Orchard Park).

**March 2023:** Synod was welcomed to the newly refurbished Old Schoolhouse at St Luke's. Prayers and a minute's silence were held for Anna Matthews.

Danny Driver (Christ the Redeemer, Barnwell) talked about his context. There is a growing congregation (about 30-50) with the possibility of a constructing a new church building as part of an area redevelopment. The parish is one of the poorest in the country, with a high proportion of social housing. There are good historic relations with Barnwell Baptists. Jimmy's at present runs modular housing on the church site.

Andy Atkins talked about St George's Chesterton. About 9000 people live in the parish where there are three primary schools, the Science Park, 1000 travellers and 8000 new homes are due to be built on the sewage works site. St George's was built in 1938 and it became a part time post in 2012. He was appointed a pioneer to develop Hope Church in 2018 and became the incumbent last September. There are three non-stipendiary clergy and an outreach worker.



Dorothy Peyton-Jones then talked about St John's Orchard Park. It is a mostly young congregation, of about 30+ adults with children. They often eat together after church. The young people (teenagers) go to Christchurch. Chris Lowe is involved at the primary school, taking assemblies. Outreach takes place in the community centre. Outreach to men is needed. Also mental health training.

Nick Moir fed back about the last General Synod. The debate on prayers for same sex couples lasted 8 hours with many amendments, all but one failed. The proposals came from the bishops (GS2289). There was no consensus among the bishops to change the doctrine of marriage but the bishops' proposals came without a theological rationale. Chris Townsend said all were united about extending a welcome to all people. Nick Moir asked members to email him with thoughts about a debate at the next Deanery Synod in June. He called a vote about postponing discussion of Deanery planning: 22 were in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions.

Janet Bunker

### **Report from the PCC**

The PCC met three times between the 26 May 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the May 2023 APCM: 28 June 2022, 10 November 2022, and 6 February 2023. Janet chaired. In addition some business was conducted by email in October 2022 (to appoint Day Accountants as the Parish accountants and bookkeepers) and February 2023 (the annual review of the safeguarding policy).

A £500 contribution was voted to the Friends of the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground to enable them to develop some work to increase their membership and income streams. A 'draft faculty' was produced to balance the interests of the City Council, the Friends, the parish, and people who use the burial ground as an amenity or for visiting graves of relations.

The PCC was kept up to date as Day Accountants took over as bookkeepers for the Parish. The outgoing bookkeeper and the long-serving treasurers in each church were thanked for their invaluable service, and new financial representatives were put forward by the churches to operate the new accounting software.

A DCC representative for St Augustine's and one for St Giles' were elected. A new Safeguarding Officer was appointed upon Ank's retirement. The PCC decided that only the Safeguarding policy will be reviewed yearly, the other policies would be reviewed every 3 years. The parish safeguarding procedures have been made more robust by reason of new legislation. The PCC considered its responsibilities as Charity Trustees, including its strengths and weaknesses. All members of the PCC (and the Safeguarding Officer) are now listed on the Charity Commission website.

By Easter, all three churches were holding all services in-person, sometimes with the option to join by Zoom. Illnesses put some strain on the Ministry Team early in the year and it was decided to hold only one, joint parish service on the third Sunday of each month, rotating through the three churches.

The PCC's vote of a donation to the Cambridge Mosque was directed towards the urgent need for a boiler and kitchen facilities.

The PCC discussed various ways to respond to the 'Warm Spaces' initiative (to combat the cost of living/pay gap) and the churches took actions appropriate to their circumstances.

The St Luke's School Fair was held on 2 July 2022, and a parish Coronation bring-and-share lunch on 8 May 2023. The parish continued to support CamCrag by hosting two of its now annual fund-raising events at St Giles': a fair and sleepover and a ceilidh enabling CamCrag to raise over £3,000.

Janet kept the PCC informed of progress on Darwin Green [the community rooms were to open March 2023]

The parish office moved to the Whibley room in The Old School on St Luke's site.

Patricia McGuire, PCC Secretary

## **Churchwardens' Reports**

### **St Augustine's**

As with the other churches in the parish, the use of our buildings by the community has not only returned to pre-Covid levels but has shown increased activity as people want to meet socially outside their homes. St Augustine's remains a popular venue for parties for children and adults and for groups looking for a small, affordable rentable space, so we have new groups learning about the Japanese Tea Ceremony, Tai Chi and new parent and children's groups.

Cafe@99, run by the Richmond Road Residents' Association (RRRA) on Monday and Friday mornings, continues to be popular with hall users and local residents looking for good company and cake. Friday Night talks and Saturday evening musical events also remain popular and free to attend. This Spring Term's programme has included talks on retrofitting existing buildings to make them more energy efficient, the history of the Museum of Cambridge, Calais Migrants and the writer W.H Hudson. A concert by local children gave great pleasure to its audience and many of the children had a chance to play in public for the first time.

St Augustine's remains a collection point for the Cambridge Foodbank and contributes to the work of Akeman [Street] Community Centre in supporting those struggling with the cost of living. The monthly Community Lunch, now in its 48th year, continues to nourish and entertain 40 -50 members of the parish and beyond. Children from Mayfield School visit St Augustine's annually to understand more about their local church and its activities. In February, Dragos Herescu (Principal of IOCS) brought a group of Romanian theology students to visit St Augustine's and hear about parish ministry in the Church of England. Also in February, RRRA held an open event in the church with archive material on the history of the area and of the church which was well attended.

At the diocese's request, Mike Good is undertaking diocesan training to move from being an occasional preacher to an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) in Preaching. The Team Vicar continues to attend the Darwin Green Steering Group and North West Cambridge Forum, both local authority led.

Sadly, we lost two long standing members of St Augustine's, Don and June Anderson who are much missed. Don's family gave a painting of his to the church which is now hung in the Café area.

Our services remain hybrid (in person and online/phone) which allows as many people as possible to join our worship. We are always grateful to the St Augustine's Singers for the beauty they add to our worship on special occasions such as the meditation on Good Friday and Easter Day celebrations.

Philip Mead, Mark Wills, Churchwardens

## **St Giles' Church**

Services, events, hire, volunteering and finance at St Giles' have recovered to pre-pandemic levels, despite the congregation declining gently like the CofE at large. Our Anglican services continued as hybrid, with regular participation online by those unable to attend in person. Romanian orthodox services continued to fill St Giles' on Sundays and during the week for occasional services. Neighbouring Magdalene College used our church whenever numbers were too large for their own chapel.

Our regular social events for the community included St Giles' Fair, the Christmas Tree Festival, regular church tours, crafts, Tea@3 with the addition of Welcome Wednesdays during the cold weather, and coronation celebrations. We enabled local charities to raise funds through stalls at events and by using the church facilities for their own events.

Our large and beautiful indoor space near the city centre is open daily and was hired most weekday evenings, especially by student music groups. Locals strolled, met and relaxed in our beautifully kept churchyard. Visitors from the UK and abroad visited to admire the historic beauty of the church, or for a moment of quiet reflection.

The generosity of our modest band of volunteers in giving their time to enable all of this is hugely appreciated. Many hours were spent preparing and serving food, sitting with visitors and rearranging the vestry to be safer and more efficient.

In 2022 we experienced significant repair and maintenance costs for the building, albeit offset by grants. We had another break-in and a theft that were largely covered by insurance.

So, finances finished the year similarly to previous years, however, for the listed Victorian building to be sustainable we must budget for escalating costs of the fabric for evolving use, and build corresponding reserves. We are grateful to the Friends of St Giles' Church for their continuing support and designated donations.

Richard Catchpole, Churchwarden

## **St Luke's Church** (United Reformed and Anglican Local Ecumenical Partnership, LEP)

From the report presented to the Annual Congregational Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

We were very pleased when Doreen Ullinger agreed to accept the role as churchwarden as Paul Gibbs stood down after 7 years in that post.

St Luke's were delighted to see Philipa back leading our worship after her absence due to ill health. St Luke's are grateful to all the ministers who supported the church during Philipa's absence. In-person worship returned on a regular basis, with over 20 people attending each week.

The church is an older building and requires regular maintenance and upkeep. The pandemic and associated restrictions delayed many activities, but these are now being addressed. During the year the lift required extensive renovation and refurbishment. The maintenance cost approximately £75,000 and the lift now has a further life expectancy of 25 years. The amount was split three ways equally between the Church Centre, the Anglican and the URC accounts. The church heating system presented its usual problems and was closely monitored to control the temperature more economically and accurately. The diocese had given £600 to help offset energy costs. The gas supply to the cooker was also a problem, probably due to lack of use during lockdown. The defective solenoid was replaced, and the cooker was successfully used to cook the food for the fund-raising travel evenings. Also during the year an inventory of the kitchen equipment took place.

Covid delayed the installation of curtains in the Parham room necessary to improve the acoustics within The Old School (TOS). The thermally lined curtains have now been installed, paid for out of the building budget. There have been several lettings of TOS, especially to church-curated art exhibitions, and it is hoped there will be more over the forthcoming year. The parish office has now moved into the Whibley Room in TOS on the ground floor.

First Aid courses were attended during the year and safeguarding courses have also been completed.

Unfortunately, the church fabric suffered some damage and losses. Heavy rain led to water ingress in the Wray Hall on several occasions over the year during torrential downpours. This occurs despite regular gutter and gulley cleaning. A watching brief is being kept on the condition. St Luke's suffered another break-in which resulted in a small amount of cash being taken but a large amount of damage being caused. The safe was damaged beyond repair and discussions are ongoing with insurers regarding its replacement,

St Luke's mourned the sad loss of its music director Paul Custerson who died in October. The funeral was held in November and the celebration of his life was very well attended. He will be sadly missed. We have since been blessed with Philip Mead taking over music direction for our church though unfortunately for two Sundays only each month. The organ was tuned during the year and it was lovely to hear it being played in services and it is also used for practice.

It is with grateful thanks to a very kind donor, Stephen Lawrence, for providing a substantial amount of money for the renovation of the Steinway piano. Thanks are also due to Philip Mead for organising the renovation and for his donation of a piano stool and quilted cover. Its arrival was celebrated with several piano recitals and it is planned to build on this and utilise it in our fund-raising events. There was a particularly successful and enjoyable recital with cake and coffee celebrating the New Year.

The travel evenings recommenced in the early part of the year with talks by Bill Block and Margaret Cooper. They followed the usual format with a meal before the talk. We are pleased they remain successful fundraising events.

The churchyard is managed by the City Council and overseen by Alison Taylor on behalf of the church and thanks are due for their endeavours with volunteers to maintain a safe, interesting and environmentally friendly area around the building. We also thank our centre Manager Heather who oversees and manages all the administration for the hiring of rooms etc; the day-to-day maintenance of the building including Centre security and overseeing outside contractors; good relations with and between Centre users; fire safety; cleanliness and control of inappropriate use of the car park and graveyard. External bookings have recovered well and remain near capacity

Paul Gibbs. Previous Church Warden

### **St Luke's (VA) Church of England Primary School**

The Headteacher, Beccy Ireland-Curtis, and her staff continue to work hard on raising standards at the school as well as providing a caring and nurturing environment for all the children.

The school is part of DEMAT, (Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust) and also receives support from the Church Schools of Cambridge Trust (CSoC). Gill Ambrose and Janet Bunker are school governors, trustees of CSoC and continue to take a weekly school assembly in term time. The school received an Ofsted visit in March 2023.

### **Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground**

The closed burial ground continues to be a place for quiet walks and contemplation by its' surrounding community. The Friends of the Burial Ground hold regular working parties in conjunction with the City Council's team who now have legal responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of this precious community and wildlife asset. The burial ground gained a Bronze Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Award from The Wildlife Trust in recognition of the steady progress that is being made.

## Our challenges

Like most church communities we are still recovering from the effects of the Covid pandemic and counting its cost to us in financial and social terms. We have held together as three worshipping communities but also enjoyed more worship across the three churches with online and combined services. The combined parish service now happens regularly on the third Sunday of the month. This serves as a welcome reminder that we are one parish within the wider Church at Castle grouping.

The other main challenge is the stepping back from active ministry and reduced capacity of some members of the ministry team and as we await the appointment of a URC minister. With a complex and ever growing parish with increasing needs, this spreads the remaining ministry very thin at times. We are grateful for the help and support we have received from others during this time.

But mainly our faith and hope rests in the Lord, the rock of our salvation.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Matthew 9: 35-38





Newly restored St Luke's Steinway piano



Eco Church/Cambridge Carbon Footprint Stall



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This is the annual report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Benefice of the Ascension, Cambridge (St Giles with St Peter, St Luke and St Augustine), known as the Parish of the Ascension, Cambridge for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Background**

The Parish of the Ascension, Cambridge is the largest in the Diocese of Ely, covering an area in Cambridge bounded by Queens Road, Madingley Road, Huntingdon Road and Gilbert Road. The Parochial Church Council ("PCC") of the parish has the responsibility of co-operating with the Ministry Team in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. (The Ministry Team includes Church of England, United Reformed Church and Methodist ministers and licensed and authorized lay ministers). It also has maintenance responsibilities for St Luke's Church, The Old School, St Giles' Church, St Augustine's Church and the Parish Room (St Giles' Hall). In addition we work with the Romanian Orthodox Church who shares the building at St. Giles'. It is a registered charity, no. 1172822, address Ascension Parish Office, St. Giles' Church, Cambridge, CB3 0AQ.

**Structure, governance and management**

The governing document is the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules that came into force on 2 January 1957; the latest edition of these rules, 2020, is available online <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/ecclesiastical-law/church-representation-rules>

The PCC oversees the working of the parish through its regular meetings and through District Church Councils at St Augustine's and St Giles' and an Ecumenical Church Council at St Luke's Local Ecumenical Partnership.

Members of the PCC are those outlined as eligible under the Church Representation Rules 2020 (Section B: M15). During the year and to the time at which these accounts are approved, the following served as members of the PCC.

Rector	The Revd Canon Philipa King
Team Vicar	The Revd Dr Janet Bunker
Asst. Priest	The Revd Dr Tom Ambrose
URC Minister	The Revd Charles Mather (retired April 2022)
Retired Priest	The Revd Canon Dr Owen Spencer Thomas
Licensed Lay Minister	Margaret Cooper
Authorised Lay Pastoral Minister	Sue Mudie (until June 2022)
Authorised Lay Minister for Children	Gill Ambrose
Churchwardens	Philip Mead Mark Wills Richard Catchpole Doreen Ullinger
Deanery Synod representatives	Jane Holmes
Treasurer	Richard Footitt
Elected Members, also secretary	Patricia McGuire, also Secretary Antony Rix Judith Crowe Paul Gibbs

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**Objectives and activities**

The key function of the charity is through its activities to promote in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. In setting and reviewing the objectives and activities the Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Parish also looks to respond creatively to the Diocesan Vision prayer that we should be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ.

2022 has been a challenging year for all parishes as they recover and adapt to a post-Covid environment. Our main sources of income remain those received from the hire of our buildings to community groups and organisations, especially the rental of the Parish Room, planned giving from our congregations and events where donations are made. The completion of the refurbishment of The Old School at St Luke's has also enabled us to offer this space for rental to local organisations as a community asset.

There seems to have been pent up demand for meeting space as not only have most of our long term users returned, but also many new groups and users have sought to hire space in our churches. This is welcome but also puts extra pressure on the buildings and their management, the latter mostly undertaken by volunteers.

We continue to collaborate with those working for the common good and human flourishing within the parish and wider city especially looking to meet the needs of those experiencing the cost of living crisis. Each church has responded appropriately considering its resources, human and financial. So for example St Augustine's has supported financially the local authority's Akeman Community Centre Warm Space initiative working with and through one of the local residents' associations and St Giles' has extended its weekly Tea@Three to include a simple soup lunch which complements the morning offering of hospitality from our neighbours Castle St Methodists.

The year ahead looks no less challenging with the continued after-effects of the pandemic, on both finances and the number of active volunteers available to manage the increased activity and community engagement to which we are committed.

With continuing financial pressures on local authority services and community facilities and in such a diverse, busy and ever-growing place such as Cambridge where inequalities of opportunity can be very stark, we look to continue to use all our resources, physical, human and spiritual, to offer generous hospitality and an open welcome to those seeking rest, recreation, reflection, friendship and Christian fellowship.

We continue to hold firm to God's promise in our Saviour Jesus Christ that he will be with us until the end of the age and to use all we are and have for the benefit and building up of our communities.

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**Financial Review of the year**

The principal funding sources are through regular giving, collections at services, donations, and income from investments and rents.

Hall hire and rental incomes picked up in 2022 owing to a year with fewer COVID restrictions, almost returning to pre-COVID levels. The regular income and expenditure in 2022 was fairly similar to the prior year when the expenditure from the redevelopment of St Luke's old school is omitted from the figures. A large proportion of the grants, donations and funding for this redevelopment was received in the two years prior - leading to a deficit in this year's figures when the remaining works were completed.

We're immensely grateful for all of the planned giving and generous donations received throughout the year - these have increased by £20,379 compared to the prior year and have more than covered the day to day running costs for the Parish leading to a surplus in unrestricted income funds.

The Parish was able to maintain the commitment to increase its Parish Share year-on-year, despite incurring additional expenditure when an unexpected change of tenants took place at the Parish Hall.

The accounts include substantial expenditure which is related to the redevelopment of the Old School at St Luke's including major repairs and development costs of £104,382 incurred throughout the course of the year, upgrading the lifts, restoring the piano and curtains.

Additional costs were also incurred for a variety of smaller maintenance projects as required during the year at each church to ensure the upkeep of the church buildings and grounds.

Non-property investments generated a loss of nearly £26,034 in 2022. Investments other than property are held in CBF Church of England Funds, either in the Deposit Fund or in the Investment Fund, but with interest rates remaining very low, the income during the year was negligible

**Policy on Reserves**

Unrestricted funds are used by the PCC to pay for everyday expenses and at their discretion for furthering the mission and ministry of the Church. These amounted to £966,963 at the end of the year as against £958,971 at the end of 2021.

Restricted funds are principally available for the upkeep and maintenance of the churches, and amounted to £189,378 as against £272,961 in 2021, with the difference largely accounted for by the development of the old school house at St Luke to which some of these restricted funds had been allocated.

Much of the income from Endowment funds is available only for the upkeep of the burial ground, often for specific graves, but with a small sum available for more general purposes at the discretion of the PCC. These funds at the end of 2022 stood at £57,261 as against £60,990 at the start of the year.

On behalf of the PCC

Date

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE**

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**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income</b>						
Donations & legacies	2(a)	68,879	12,730	-	81,608	155,323
Charitable activities	2(b)	35,924	67,256	-	103,180	81,989
Investments	2(c)	73,382	1,024	-	74,406	67,738
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>178,185</b>	<b>81,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>259,194</b>	<b>305,050</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Raising funds	3(a)	56	-	-	56	56
Charitable Activities:						
Parish Share	3(b)	53,390	15,000	-	68,390	64,416
Ministerial costs	3(c)	4,990	-	-	4,990	5,379
Costs of church activities	3(d)	81,968	142,502	-	224,471	237,738
Governance Costs	3(e)	14,575	-	-	14,575	11,117
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>154,978</b>	<b>157,502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>312,480</b>	<b>318,706</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) Before Transfers</b>		<b>23,207</b>	<b>(76,492)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(53,286)</b>	<b>(13,656)</b>
Transfer Between Funds:						
Transfer (to)/from Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year</b>		<b>23,207</b>	<b>(76,492)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(53,286)</b>	<b>(13,656)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and (losses)</b>						
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets	6	(15,215)	(7,090)	(3,729)	(26,034)	37,737
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>7,992</b>	<b>(83,583)</b>	<b>(3,729)</b>	<b>(79,320)</b>	<b>24,081</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds:</b>						
<b>Fund balances b/fwd at 1 January 2021</b>		<b>958,971</b>	<b>272,961</b>	<b>60,990</b>	<b>1,292,922</b>	<b>1,268,841</b>
<b>Fund Balances c/fwd at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>966,963</b>	<b>189,378</b>	<b>57,261</b>	<b>1,213,602</b>	<b>1,292,922</b>

Income and expenditure is derived solely from continuing operations

The notes on pages 8 - 11 form part of these financial statements

**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	6		1,023,690		1,076,243
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	2,218		12,205	
Cash at Bank and In Hand		<u>194,926</u>		<u>208,768</u>	
		197,144		220,973	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	8	<u>7,232</u>		<u>4,294</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			189,912		216,679
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>1,213,602</u>		<u>1,292,922</u>
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			-		-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>1,213,602</u>		<u>1,292,922</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	9		966,963		958,971
Restricted Funds	10		189,378		272,961
Endowment Funds	11		<u>57,261</u>		<u>60,990</u>
Total Funds			<u>1,213,602</u>		<u>1,292,922</u>

Approved by Church Meeting held on

and signed on its behalf by:

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**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE**  
**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note (below)	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flow from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	A	(114,767)	(63,411)
Cash flow from investing activities	B	100,926	71,586
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(13,842)	8,175
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	C	208,768	200,593
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	C	194,926	208,768

**Notes to the statement of cash flow**

**A) Reconciliation of net income to net cashflow from operating activities**

Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period as the statement of financial activities	(79,320)	24,081
Gain/(Loss) on investments	26,034	(37,737)
Investment income	(74,406)	(67,738)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	9,987	22,656
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	2,938	(4,673)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>(114,767)</u>	<u>(63,411)</u>

**B) Cashflow from investing activities**

Investment income	74,406	67,738
Investment additions	(85)	(34,426)
Investment disposals	26,605	38,274
	<u>100,926</u>	<u>71,586</u>

**C) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<u>194,926</u>	<u>208,768</u>
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**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and the Republic of Ireland (SORP FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. Significant accounting policies are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently to all years unless otherwise stated.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to use at the discretion of the church in furtherance of its charitable objectives. They are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use.

Designated funds are funds which have been set aside for specific purposes, but which can be returned to general funds at any time, with the approval of the Church Meeting; there are no funds falling into this category in the year or prior year.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of the grant.

Endowment funds are funds where the capital given is not available to be spent or is only available to be spent under certain circumstances.

**Fixed assets and capital expenditure**

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Nor is any value included for moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as repairs and improvement expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Where deemed material expenditure on other fixtures, fittings and equipment is capitalised and depreciated over its estimated useful life; no such assets are included in these financial statements. Expenditure on such items not deemed material is written off as incurred.

**Investments and Investment Properties**

Investments are included at their fair value on the balance sheet date. With the exception of property the PCC only has investments in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit and Investment Funds for which quoted market value is available which is taken as fair value. Deposit investments are not for fixed terms and deposit value is taken as fair value. Property investments are included at their estimated market value. No formal valuation has been carried out and value given for the property is, in the opinion of the PCC, a reasonable representation of market value. Changes in valuation of investment and investment properties over the year are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Income**

All voluntary giving is included in the financial statements for the period in which it is received.

Donations under Gift Aid plus the associated tax recovery are recognised as income when the donation is received.

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

All other income is generally recognised when it is receivable.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. It is allocated to the particular activity to which it relates on an actual attributable basis.

Governance costs represent direct expenditure on the governance of the church, including the production and independent scrutiny of these financial statements.

As most of the management and activity of the church is carried out by volunteers, this intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the life of the church is incalculable.

**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**2 INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>(a) Donations &amp; legacies:</b>					
Planned giving - under gift aid	27,424	-	-	27,424	28,703
Tax Recoverable	11,714	-	-	11,714	7,699
Other planned giving	6,313	-	-	6,313	6,585
Collections in service	2,984	-	-	2,984	2,097
Grants	3,621	-	-	3,621	341
Major Grants and Fundraising	-	-	-	-	13,000
Contributions from URC	-	-	-	-	34,094
St Luke's ECC Castle End Mission Bequest	-	-	-	-	60,000
Sundry donations	8,824	12,730	-	21,553	2,804
Legacies	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
	<u>68,879</u>	<u>12,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,608</u>	<u>155,323</u>
<b>(b) Charitable activities</b>					
Fundraising / events	1,023	-	-	1,023	247
Missions	-	-	-	-	1,996
Fees	137	-	-	137	1,428
Hall and related rents	33,753	67,256	-	101,009	77,142
Children, Social events, Publications, Retreat	1,010	-	-	1,010	1,176
	<u>35,924</u>	<u>67,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,180</u>	<u>81,989</u>
<b>(c) Investments:</b>					
Bank interest & dividends	221	1,024	-	1,245	1,382
Rents and similar income	73,161	-	-	73,161	66,356
	<u>73,382</u>	<u>1,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,406</u>	<u>67,738</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>178,185</u>	<u>81,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,194</u>	<u>305,050</u>

**3 EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>(a) Raising Funds</b>					
Cost of fund raising events	56	-	-	56	56
	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>
<b>(b) Parish share</b>	53,390	15,000	-	68,390	64,416
The church contributes to the central Diocese costs of training and providing ministers (including the centralised payment of stipends, pension contributions and other benefits for ministers), running the denomination, and the wider mission of the national church.					
<b>(c) Ministerial Costs</b>					
Ministers expenses	50	-	-	50	-
Worship resources	410	-	-	410	818
Musical life of the church	4,529	-	-	4,529	4,561
	<u>4,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,990</u>	<u>5,379</u>
<b>(d) Costs of Church Activities</b>					
Premises running costs:					
Rates and utilities	6,511	16,657	-	23,168	17,906
Insurance	7,833	5,739	-	13,572	10,014
Repairs and maintenance	33,119	-	-	33,119	25,722
Major building expenditure	-	104,382	-	104,382	126,926
Caretaker and cleaning	10,851	5,005	-	15,856	13,414
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	5,550
	<u>58,314</u>	<u>131,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,097</u>	<u>199,532</u>
<b>Administration costs</b>					
Office costs	5,097	2,457	-	7,555	9,982
Staff costs	17,163	8,262	-	25,425	24,794
	<u>22,261</u>	<u>10,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,980</u>	<u>34,776</u>

**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE**  
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**3 RESOURCES EXPENDED (Continued)**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Mission Outreach:</b>					
Other outreach costs	1,394	-	-	1,394	1,779
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,651
	<u>1,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,394</u>	<u>3,430</u>
	<u>81,968</u>	<u>142,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,471</u>	<u>307,589</u>
<b>(e) Governance Costs</b>					
Independent Examiner	-	-	-	-	775
Accountancy and Book-keeping	14,575	-	-	14,575	10,342
	<u>14,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,575</u>	<u>11,117</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u>154,978</u>	<u>157,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,480</u>	<u>318,706</u>

**4 STAFF COSTS**

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and Salaries	25,425	24,795
	<u>25,425</u>	<u>24,099</u>

No Trustee received remuneration or other benefit in the year.  
Covid19 Furlough grants received are recorded in grant income.

**5 FIXED ASSETS**

For the reasons stated in Accounting Policy note 1, the church buildings are not tangible fixed assets of the church. The principal operational asset apart from consecrated and beneficed property is the building known as the Old School House.  
No value is included in these accounts as no details are available as to original cost and it is not practicable to assign a meaningful value in use yet.

**6 INVESTMENTS**

	2022 £	2021 £
Fair value brought forward	1,076,243	1,042,354
Additions	85	34,426
Disposals	(26,605)	(38,274)
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	(26,034)	37,737
Fair value at 31 December 2021	<u>1,023,690</u>	<u>1,076,243</u>

Made up as follows:

Central Board of Finance of the Church of England:

Deposit Fund	66,913	71,042
Investment Fund	318,939	367,363
Investment Property - Parish Room	637,838	637,838
	<u>1,023,690</u>	<u>1,076,243</u>

**7 DEBTORS**

	2022 £	2021 £
Tax recoverable	-	6,575
Other debtors	2,218	5,630
	<u>2,218</u>	<u>12,205</u>

**8 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year.**

	2022 £	2021 £
Other Creditors	7,232	4,294
	<u>7,232</u>	<u>4,294</u>

**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**9 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
St Augustine's Income Account	12,605	9,687
St Augustine's Capital Account	5	5
St Giles Income Account	3,838	(1,570)
St Luke's Income Account	49,789	8,607
St Luke's Capital Account	1,159	1,159
PCC Income Account	96,697	122,998
Parish Room	637,838	637,838
Parish Room Repairs	8,143	8,143
Mason Fund (residual legacy)	151,742	166,957
Old Junior School Income Fund	5,147	5,147
	<b>966,963</b>	<b>958,971</b>

**10 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
St Augustine's Mason Legacy	2,247	2,247
St Giles Fabric Fund	24,370	26,241
St Giles Legacies Fund	2,129	2,129
St Giles Organ Fund	3,704	3,633
Lewis Bequest Grave Trust	1,880	2,031
Fitzpatrick Grave Trust	2,624	2,874
St Luke's Church Centre Fabric Fund	906	906
St Luke's Legacies	33,887	58,692
St Luke's Belinda Parham legacy	6,321	6,235
St Luke's Church Centre Income Account	23,067	71,776
St Luke's Elton Legacy	327	327
St Luke's Castle End Mission Sale		1,263
PCC Capital Fund	81,003	87,693
PCC Graves Maintenance	3,917	3,917
Crisp Legacy	2,997	2,997
	<b>189,378</b>	<b>272,961</b>

**11 ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stretten Ave Sale Proceeds	2,521	2,773
FC Shove Grave Trust	9,132	10,130
Braybrooke Grave Trust	13,592	14,106
Blackman Grave Trust	18,347	20,095
Mss FM Kent Bequest	4,608	4,825
Old Jnr School	9,061	9,061
	<b>57,261</b>	<b>60,990</b>

**12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments	804,034	162,395	57,262	1,023,690
Current Assets	170,161	26,984	-	197,145
Liabilities falling due within one year	(7,232)	-	-	(7,232)
Fund Balance	<b>966,963</b>	<b>189,378</b>	<b>57,262</b>	<b>1,213,603</b>

**13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There are no related party transactions requiring disclosure.

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