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# Parish Annual Report

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The Parish of Ewhurst  
with Okewood & Forest Green

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## INTRODUCTION

This is an exciting time in the history of these three churches and with Clare, our new Rector, in place we are now set to build on the foundations and strengths of these three communities. We see ourselves as one parish with three worshipping centres but with the opportunity to share one vision and mission and, more practically, share skills and resources where it makes sense.

We want to grow in spirit and in numbers. We already have strong relationships within our local communities and want to extend and develop our partnerships with local organisations, particularly other churches, care homes, schools, nurseries, clubs and societies.

We offer a diverse range of faith-sharing. Our reach takes us beyond the welcoming buildings which comprise our family of churches. There is an engaged community of all ages regularly committed to church life. With Clare at the helm, we will further develop the appropriate Ministries focusing not least on work with young people and families; on the continued development of life/home groups as a vehicle for fellowship and bible study; on providing a range of church services which recognise different worship styles; and on pastoral care within our village communities.

Our new Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green brings together three adjoining church communities nestled at the foot of the glorious Surrey Hills. Following the retirement and relocation of the previous incumbents who served these churches, the parishes have welcomed the opportunity to join together to form our new parish. We now have the fresh energy of Clare to help shape our mission to spread the gospel and serve the communities of Ewhurst, Ellens Green, Okewood Hill, Walliswood and Forest Green with upwards of 3500 residents.

Strong groundwork has already begun. A new Parish is being born out of a fresh vision. The churchwardens of the three churches have been in close discussion since February 2017 to lay the foundations of the new parish. An amazing and fruitful Away Day cemented the relationships of the joint PCCs and revealed the potential held within this fantastic group of people. This began our journey together to find our new leader. Clare now joins us at a crucial and inspiring time.

## RECTOR'S REPORT

## CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

### ST PETER & ST PAUL, EWHURST

The continued hard work of so many people this past year has made sure that our church has remained as an active focus within the village community despite the challenges of being in vacancy for most of the past year. Clare and her husband Will were welcomed at a special Induction Service at Ewhurst in October, presided over by Bishop Jo of Dorking. The service involved people from all three churches of our new parish and was followed by a celebration in the Wilson Room. The re-organisation procedures to become the new Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green are complete but there is still much to do to make sure our new parish works together as a whole.

The wardens of the three churches have tried to involve all the churches jointly in as many things as possible and this has been continued since Clare's appointment. Also at Ewhurst, we still retain our close links with Ewhurst Baptist Church. All our special events and services have continued this year, thanks yet again to the commitment of so many people and the willingness of everybody to make sure they are welcoming, well run and enjoyable. Sadly, due to lack of support, Sonny's Cafe is now only operating on Fridays. Our thanks go to Roy Hislop and his team who have run the cafe for many successful years. Happily, Roy will continue his popular Friday slot. We were again very grateful to the Cranleigh clergy team and to Rev'd Rosemary Mason who assisted Ewhurst Lay leadership team before Clare's Induction. We are very pleased that Rev'd Rosemary Mason continues to give us support as needed.

Our PCC secretary Joanna Cadman, after many years' service, has stepped down from that role due to extra commitments to Ewhurst Parish Council. We thank her for the many minutes and agendas she has provided for Ewhurst PCC and, until this year, her organisation of the Church Electoral Roll and the planning of APCM's. All her work and commitment has been much appreciated in the smooth running of PCC affairs. The Parish Administrator, Liz Coleman, has now taken over the role of Electoral Roll Officer for the expanded parish and we hope to appoint a new PCC secretary for the new parish, after the Annual Meetings in April

This year, we have sadly missed Don Watson and John Westaway, two key members of our congregation who both worked in so many ways to support the work of the church. We also said goodbye to other members of our church: Gerald Stacey, Peggy Sutton and Brian Whorlow, and in the wider community, Richard Cleaves and Wendy Bollans who both supported the church through their work with Ewhurst Parish Council. We give thanks for the lives of all these people and the support they have given the church. The

new Memorial Garden is now being used for the burial of ashes with names inscribed on the new Memorial Wall and this will be the area for future burials of ashes now that there are no vacant plots in the existing Memorial Garden.

Publicity plays an important part in what we do and the use of flyers, posters, local magazines, Welcome Packs, the church website and Facebook help to get our message out to both the village and the wider community. The website has been kept up to date by Geoff Harry and he now tries to reflect all the events taking place in the new parish. Cat Strange has now handed over the Facebook page to Will Shepherd. Our thanks to Cat for her work on this aspect of our church. Our thanks also go to the many church members who work in the community, helping others on a regular basis, spreading our message by what they do.

As churchwardens, we have been busy with the fabric of the church and the surrounding churchyard. The final Heritage Lottery Fund Grant of £180,200 has been approved towards the estimated cost of over £260,000 to deal with the Chancel roof, the most damaged of the church's roofs. We have also received grants from The National Churches Trust and Churchcare. Sadly the estimates for the work on the Chancel were much higher than expected and the work to the South Transept and Nave will not be done until a new grant can be applied for. This will be an important project for several years. (There is a separate Report on the Roof Repair Project).

The work to the bells came to an end this year, with two new bells and six refurbished bells now hung and ringing and the bell chamber fully refurbished. The success of this project has all been due to the hard work of the Bellringing Team led by Jan Jesson and Clive Ward. (There is a separate Report on the Bells Project).

The churchyard continues to benefit from the impressive amounts of work done in all areas. John Rapley and his team, mainly Jean Overton, continue to maintain the grounds to a high standard and are gradually reducing the hedges. Geoff Harry continues to help keep the lower part of the main churchyard bramble free and the grass and wild flowers are returning. Volunteers have kept the Memorial Garden, flower beds and baskets looking both smart and colourful. A major work party in the lower church yard has tamed the grass but this still needs continuous maintenance.

Jackie and I are both standing down as wardens this year and as mentioned throughout this report, none of what we do could happen without the commitment of so many people within both the church and the village community. We both thank you for this support to us, as we have worked together over the past years. We are sure your support will continue with the new wardens.

*Jane Harry & Jackie May, St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst*

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, OKEWOOD

This first year of the new Parish started in the Vacancy for all the churches, and St John the Baptist carried on as we have been for the previous year or so, with various members helping to lead and fulfil the roles that are required to keep the church running. The church has a congregation of approximately 30-40 regulars, although not all are there every week, so weekly numbers vary from the teens to the thirties. Of these members, most are directly involved in some form or other in the running of the church on a weekly basis, and also on the up keep of the church.

Since October we have welcomed Clare Shepherd as our new Rector and along with her husband Will we are starting to see some changes that will I'm sure bring new life and enthusiasm to our Church and services.

This year there have been no major projects undertaken at the church, as the fabric is still in good working order from the recent major upgrades that have been carried out.

We are thankful to all those who contribute their time and skills to the common benefit of St John's which combines to make a lively and friendly church which belies the very rural situation in which the church is located.

This year Barry Thomson, Jan Moir, David Steel and John Marsh have continued to lead us, and also now been joined by John White and Clare Shepherd. The music group led by Peter Bradley continues to lead us in worship, with a very dedicated support cast of musicians & singers. At the end of December we were sad to say goodbye to Keith Field (of Cranleigh Baptist Church), who has been pianist at the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday on the month for some time. He has decided that he needs to concentrate more on his home church, as they are faced with musical changes there. We are thankful for his time, skill and joy he has brought to Okewood over the years. As Keith departs, we welcome Will Shepherd and Steven Root, who have taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. So far this has been positively received, and I don't think anyone has lamented the passing of singing to recorded music – especially the technicians up in the Gallery!

To further the leadership capability, Barry Thomson has undertaken an Occasional Preachers course led by the Diocese, and Shirley Dighton has completed a Pastoral Assistant's Course.

It is good to see that Megazone is still thriving with an enthusiastic group of children, led and nurtured by the dedicated Youth team led by Sue Godby and Anne Charlesworth.



We also would like to thank our loyal groups of folk on the various rotas that keep the church running. This includes the sidesmen/women, flower arrangers, teas & coffee makers and technicians who help make the services run smoothly. A special mention and thanks should be reserved for Belinda Crabbe, who makes, bakes and grows a variety of goods for her stall at the church each Sunday to raise money for the benefit of the Friends of Okewood.

Home Groups continue to be an important part of our church life with four groups meeting regularly. These groups provide a valued and important opportunity for learning together and fellowship amongst the groups that go much further than can be achieved at Sunday services.

On a practical side, we have continued to be blessed by the hard work that Mairi Inglis-Jones puts in to looking after the grounds of the church, and we have appreciated how well the churchyard looks. This is also down to the efforts of Alex Dew and his team, who have wielded strimmers and lawnmowers etc over the year. Thanks to all.

Lastly I would like to say a great big Thank you to Tony Godby, my predecessor as Churchwarden, for the past and indeed ongoing dedication he shows in giving his time to make sure things are looked after. His efforts go beyond his duties as Sacristan, and the fact that he is usually at the church earlier than everyone else to get things started, and keeps a good eye on things is greatly appreciated by all.

***Tony Brimelow - St John the Baptist, Okewood***

### **HOLY TRINITY, FOREST GREEN**

The past year has been one of maintaining the services in anticipation of the arrival of our new vicar, Rev Clare Shepherd, in October. This has only been possible by means of supreme efforts of many people especially those who have come to lead and preach through this difficult period. Our grateful thanks go out to Gill Christie, John Marsh, Rosemary Mason, David Steel, Barry Thomson and Shirley Dean-Webster.

The Fun Family Service on the second Sunday of the month continues with great flourish. It was the idea of Fiona and Matthew Sparkes who live in the village and although following the format of a standard service is considerably shorter and more 'child friendly' with many of the children taking an active part during the service. There is always time for activities based around the theme of the service which has ranged from decorating gingerbread men to making sheep! In the lighter evenings, we were able to have the after-service refreshments outside where the children had great fun playing with each other but during the winter it has been hot soup and rolls within the church. This service has cer-



tainly contributed to an increase in our weekly average for attendance, but we always welcome more families and their children. The strength of this service needs to be capitalised on and we need some more helpers on hand to keep the momentum going. Please contact either Fiona Sparkes (01306 621166) or Eileen Bennett (01306 621252) if you want and would be able to help out on a regular basis.

The 9 Lessons and Carols service was a huge success with over 110 people coming along to enjoy a wonderful service. Many thanks to all the readers, choir and musicians all too numerous to name individually.

The 'Friends of HTFG' organised a fund-raising event in October and an organ concert was most successful raising over a £1,100 to go towards the strained glass window repairs. Our grateful thanks go to Philip Drew, Harriet and David Hansell for their wonderful show which was enjoyed by all who attended.

About the actual building, this remains in reasonable condition and has not required any major work over the past year. The access road to the church has deteriorated over the last year, despite temporary repairs, and we will be looking at getting this upgraded in the spring of 2018. The plan for this coming year is to get the stained-glass windows repaired and refurbished. We have already applied for a faculty and hope to have the work done during May and June of this year.

The Church grounds and graveyard are now being maintained and looked after by Alex Dew and his team. We thank them for these great efforts.

Finally, our grateful thanks go out to all the sides-people, flower arrangers (led by Dierdre Cunningham), cleaning team (led by Di Cuthbert). All of whom do wonderful works in keeping the church the little wonder that we all appreciate.

***Peter Bennett - Holy Trinity, Forest Green***

## PCC SECRETARY

*Joanna Cadman, PCC Secretary*

## DEANERY SYNOD

Since June 2018, we have attended 2 Cranleigh Deanery Synod meetings with the following being discussed:

### **26th June 2018 @ St. Nicholas Church, Cranleigh**

*Ewhurst with Oakwood & Forest Green:* The Synod was advised that the Rev. Clare Shepherd had been appointed as the new Rector of the Parish.

*Partnership with Father Nael of Nazareth:* During a recent visit to the Deanery, Father Nael hoped that the Deanery would be able to arrange for a group of Young people & adults to visit Nazareth in 2019 to help run a holiday club there.

*Main Meeting: Presentation by the new Archdeacon of Surrey, The Ven. Paul Wakefield.* After talking about his Parish ministry in Wales & being the Archdeacon of Bangor & Anglesey, he explained that the title “Archdeacon” came from the Greek meaning “a head servant” or “servant leader”.

He also spoke about the “Pastoral Heart” in relation to the Clergy & Church Warden’s & also the “Strategic Head”: especially about how we can shape & prepare ourselves for mission.

The Archdeacon also asked the Synod to consider some of the strengths & challenges that the Deanery faced.

Some of the feedback included the following :-

*Strength’s:* Activities for Youth, the Supportive team for the Clergy (especially during an Interregnum), That the Deanery was a stable Community & that the Parishes have good leadership & are welcoming & friendly.

*Challenge’s:* The Deanery consists of mainly small rural parishes, some of which feel isolated & who sometimes feel working with teenagers can be challenging, they also rely heavily on a small cadre of volunteers which makes it hard to comply with some of the requirement needed for “safeguarding, high property prices also tends to put young families off from moving into the area.

Finally, the Archdeacon circulated a paper entitled “Transforming Deaneries”.

### **6th November 2018, @ Shere Village Hall**

A resolution to increase the Deanery fee for eligible Lay representative’s from £15 to £20 per person, was proposed & passed.

*Main Meeting: Presentation on Stewardship by Juliet Evans, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser*

This included a discussion on how we talk about money within our churches and also included some of the “challenges” and “joys to celebrate” of Stewardship within the wider-church. Also suggestions that included, letting neighbouring parishes know that you are planning a Stewardship campaign, looking at other church websites to see how they highlight stewardship and giving, and that it might be useful for Treasurer’s if they got together across the Deanery.

***Mike Brady, Janet Templeman & Liz Tingley - Deanery Reps***

## KINDRED SPIRITS

*Belinda Kerry, Women's Ministry Coordinator*

## MEN'S MINISTRY

During 2018 we arranged 4 Men's Breakfasts and 1 Men & Women's breakfast at Oakwood Hill village hall which are held on a Saturday morning.

The dates and speakers were:

- 17<sup>th</sup> February – Simon Allaby, founder of the charity “Turn the page” (formerly 6.19 Trust)
- 24<sup>th</sup> March (Men & Women's breakfast) - Eddie Martin, founder of the charity Myra's Wells.
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Justyn Larcombe, founder & CEO of Recovery Two (gambling addiction).
- 18<sup>th</sup> August – Jonathan Longstaff of the well-known charity Gideons International.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Roger Murphy, a full time evangelist.

Attendees at the men's breakfasts averaged 25 – 30 and for the Men & Women's breakfast we had over 80 guests.

Our fortnightly Men's Home Group continued throughout the year at Peter Bennett's home “Whetlands” in Forest Green and we are indebted to Eileen and Peter for their hospitality.

During the year we completed the “40 days with Jesus” course and the “Just 10” course featuring Canon J John.

There are 9 members of our group and new members are always welcome. The meetings are very informal and are suitable for both mature and new Christians or enquirers.

For more information contact Barry Thomson on 01306 621234 or [barry.thomson@bt-connect.com](mailto:barry.thomson@bt-connect.com).

***Barry Thomson, Men's Ministry Coordinator***



## EWHURST INFANT SCHOOL

The partnership between the School and the Church continues to actively flourish and is very strong. During the Autumn Term, we were delighted to welcome the Rev Clare Shepherd into the life of our school and as the Rector for our newly-formed parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green. Clare has become a regular visitor to classrooms and assemblies, and she is also a member of our Governing Body. I am very grateful for the continued support of the village school by the members of the church community.

Our links to our parish church underpin our school life, and we fill the church on four school occasions each year! The Easter service with the traditional Easter Bonnet parade is a marvellous sight; children obviously give so much time and creative energy into the project that it makes it a very difficult job to choose a winner from each class! The Leavers' service in July is always a moving occasion as parents and staff reflect on the child's three years at Ewhurst CE Infant School. The church is well attended for the Candlelit Service at Christmas, and the end of term Christmas service. Year 2 are provided with the responsibility of reading passages from the Bible and writing the prayers.

Ewhurst School is the only voluntary aided school in the newly created parish and is a shining beacon within the community. We also have strong links to local pre-schools. Currently this area is experiencing lower numbers starting school due to the low birth rate.

Our delightful environment and creative curriculum continues to ensure each child achieves highly. Each child is known by every member of staff, and personal, social and emotional developments are central to our ethos. Our six school Christian values - love, friendship, respect, honesty, perseverance and community - are underpinned by Christian faith like a tree reaching to heaven and rooted in love. It is often commented on by visitors how this ethos radiates throughout the school.

Reflecting on the past year, Ewhurst School was filled with traditional events and new experiences to enrich the learning journey of our pupils. One of the highlights was our annual Science Week, which included a visit from the wonderful Science Wizards, who demonstrated a number of amazing scientific experiments with everyday objects and then held workshops for all the children to have a go themselves. The children gain great depth of knowledge from these first hand experiences and their enthusiasm and excitement was infectious.

Our annual Easter Pause morning, where the whole school undertakes a range of activities during the morning, deepens the children's understanding of the Easter story and what it means. The subject last year was 'Witnesses'.

Other trips enjoyed by the children last year included Painshill Park, Haslemere Museum, Sayers Croft and Amberley Working Museum. Year 2 again took part in the Spring Sing at St Catherine's School, Bramley, along with other local infant schools in the Cobwebs Cluster, where they performed a variety of songs to a very appreciative audience. They had worked very hard to learn the words and actions for the songs, and their enthusiastic delivery and performance was a joy to see.

During our annual Feeling Good Week, which took place during July, among many other activities the children enjoyed was a whole school trip to Sayers Croft, a skipping workshop and our annual Pet Service in the churchyard. Feeling Good Week is part of our PSED (Personal, Social, and Emotional Development) curriculum, and apart from the Sayers Croft visit, the children enjoyed class-based PSED activities to promote self-esteem and well-being, an 'inside-out' morning where the children took part in chosen activities throughout all three classes, and a family PSED activity for home learning. In September 2018, following the submission of our annual Healthy Schools Review, we were thrilled to be awarded Gold Status by Healthy Schools Surrey. This confirmed that, in addition to holding the Silver Award, the school succeeded in continuing to improve the provision of personal, social and emotional development along with embedding a growth mindset philosophy throughout our creative curriculum.

Our Forest Schools sessions for each class have continued to be a huge success, both highly enjoyable for and beneficial to the children. Years 1 and 2 have four afternoon sessions in the Autumn and Spring terms, Year 2 at Sayers Croft, led by one of their staff, and Year 1 in our own Jubilee Garden, also led by a teacher from Sayers Croft. Our Reception class also take part in weekly Forest School activities, but in our own Jubilee Garden with Mrs Macey, who has been trained in Forest Schools practice. The ethos of Forest Schools is to promote learning by exploring the natural world, instilling confidence and self-esteem and developing communication skills and physical expertise, and also allowing children to assess and take manageable risks in a natural environment while keeping themselves safe. The children have enjoyed building a fire, making hot chocolate, building and sailing rafts, creating natural sculptures and building dens. Their enthusiasm is wonderful to see, and risk-taking, collaborating with others, discussions, problem-solving and persevering in the wonderful natural environment of Sayers Croft has, for many children, resulted in such skills being transferred into the classroom, supporting their development into successful learners.

The dates for our Open Morning tours for prospective parents in September 2020 are:

- Thursday 17th October @ 9.30 and 11.00am
- Wednesday 6th November @ 9.30 and 11.00am
- Tuesday 26th November @ 9.30 and 11.00am
- Thursday 9th January @ 9.30am

All places on the tour must be booked via the school office on 01483 277291 or [info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk).

Do view our school website [www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.ewhurst.surrey.sch.uk) to gain further insight into ‘this gem of a school’, as one parent described us.

***Jane Dyer, Headteacher***

## TREASURE SEEKERS

Treasure Seekers is the Sunday School at St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst.

- Core of 6 wonderful youngsters who attend regularly with another 3 (just as wonderful!) who attend at other times. Age range 7 – 14 years
- Continue to meet on Sundays twice a month during Common Worship with Communion services on Sunday mornings
- Children now join in with communion
- During activities they enjoy reading and discussing bible scripture as well as getting creative with the related craft
- Most of the children are also involved in other church activities (e.g. 20/20 team, Junior Choir) and so see each other at least once a week
- Treasure Seeker group had a great time socialising with children/youth from the other churches in the parish at the Christmas party and a trip to Air Hop
- Running the Treasure Seekers is possible due to an enthusiastic and committed team of 3 leaders and 2 helpers.

***Sarah Smith, Treasure Seekers Coordinator***

## SNAK YOUTH GROUP

*Jan Jesson, SNAK Coordinator, Ewhurst*

## MEGAZONE YOUTH GROUP

Megazone is the Sunday School at St John the Baptist, Okewood.

*Sue Godby, Megazone Coordinator, Okewood & Forest Green*



## BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Our Baby & Toddler Group runs every Friday during term time from 10am – 11.30am in the Wilson Room, Ewhurst. Everyone is welcome, however we must ask that babies and toddlers bring a responsible adult with them! We'll welcome you and provide some toys for you to play with. We have a craft/painting session with Mary Webber. We'll give you a fruit snack and celebrate your birthday at the singalong at the end of the session.

The benefit to mums, dads, grandparents or carers? You can meet people with children of a similar age; chat over tea or fresh filter coffee provided by Roy; and join in the fun.

Baby change facilities, potties and children's toilet seats are available in one of our toilets

As we are part of the church community if you need to arrange a church service (for example a baptism or wedding) we can introduce you to the appropriate people.

Contacts for Baby & Toddler group are: Rosie Smy 01483 351386, Jan Jesson 01483 27665, Mary Webber 01483 272032, and Roy Hislop 01483 274359

All our helpers hold a current DBS certificate.

***Rosie Smy, Baby & Toddler Group Coordinator***

## SONNY'S CAFÉ

Sonny's café has been a fantastic ministry focused on serving coffee to mums dropping off or picking up from Rainbow Nursery and Ewhurst Infants. Due to time changes at the schools, numbers began falling during 2018/19. So it was decided to reset and reduce the number of days from Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday to just Friday. Currently it's always Sonny's on a Friday unless it's a school holiday. However, the intention is very much to see how a café-style ministry can serve people in the Ewhurst community. So plans will be hatching over the next year. Watch this space. Thanks go to all who have kept the Sonny's flag flying, particularly Unni White. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved with a café ministry in Ewhurst, please get in touch via the Parish Office.

***Roy Hislop, Sonny's Café Coordinator***

## SAFEGUARDING

“Safeguarding is at the heart of the gospel. We are called to welcome and show compassion to the oppressed and vulnerable and be a voice for the voiceless victims of injustice. Safeguarding good practice in church helps us to do this and to develop a culture of care underpinned by God’s unconditional love and welcome for all.”

*Diocese of Guildford, Safeguarding Team*

### **What our parish has achieved this year:**

- Increased understanding of safeguarding
- Further development of the safeguarding culture
- 34 people across the parish undertook the Core 1 Safeguarding Training
- Feedback was that the course was very informative and useful
- Volunteer roles that require DBS checks have been identified
- All church related activities across the parish have been identified along with relevant leader to enable Risk Assessments to be prepared
- Some Risk Assessments have been completed!
- Gaps in Safeguarding Audit have been identified for follow up
- Parish Safeguarding Contacts are now on Pew Sheet
- Website has been updated to include Diocese Safeguarding Contact and a link to the Safeguarding Policy adopted by our parish
- Volunteer role descriptions have started to be prepared
- Safer Recruitment practice is being implemented

### **Looking forward:**

- Continue to develop of safeguarding practice and increase safeguarding awareness
- Follow up outstanding Core 1 Safeguarding training and any further training required
- Put DBS checks in place for all roles identified (only a few outstanding!)
- Ensure Risk Assessments are completed (and authorised by PCC) for all church related activities in the parish
- Ensure all roles are Safely Recruited
- Complete all volunteer role descriptions

***Sarah Smith, Parish Safeguarding Officer***

## SUNG WORSHIP

### CHOIR, EWHURST

The commitment and enthusiasm of the choir is awesome.

Throughout the long vacancy and subsequently, members have attended the weekly Friday night rehearsal and sung at the Sunday services, come frost or fierce sunshine and volunteered cheerfully for the many additional and ad hoc offices. This includes the junior choir members together with their parents. The collective support and encouragement is truly amazing!

Over the last year, our Bill of Fayre has been wide-ranging and diverse: Carol singing around the new parish, the amazing outfits, Josh Root on the guitar; Weddings – Natasha's in particular; the funerals; the glorious Easter Day sunrise celebration on Pitch Hill on a very cold morning; The Patronal Festival; Summer Songs of Praise in the marquee at The Old Rectory – and the unforgettable performance of the 20/20 puppet celebs; the alfresco Animal Service; Harvest Festival and the stacks of boxes for Humanitarian Aid; the experimental 5th Sunday Morning Praise Services; the arrival of the new bells; The Institution of the new Rector; the solemnness of All Souls; Remembrance and the 100 years so beautifully remembered; the candlelit services of Advent, 9 Lessons & Carols; the magic of Christmas..

Ewhurst is well blessed to have such a committed and enthusiastic body of contributors and, throughout the year, so very many others join our ranks to add to our resources, further enhancing our musical enjoyment. I am most humbly grateful.

Sadly, over the last year we have lost two long-standing members of the choir to our Lord and Saviour: Don Watson and John Westaway. They are fondly remembered and much missed.

Looking to the future, we have a strong junior section but we do need to keep recruiting, in all parts. Singing is fun, we are a friendly bunch and you/friends would be most welcome. Do please contact me if you wish to know more.

***Val Henry, Director of Music, Ewhurst***

### WORSHIP GROUP, OKEWOOD

One of the most exciting developments resulting from the new Parish merger with Ewhurst is the availability of our new Rector's husband who is an accomplished musician.

It seemed opportune to get away from singing along to CDs, and instead we now have Will leading the music on guitar each second Sunday, with help so far from Stephen Root from St Peter & St Paul on keyboard. This arrangement takes a lot of pressure off the Worship Group who now lead the worship on one fewer Sunday in each month.

Sadly, at the end of last year we lost the regular services of Keith Field, who for well over 10 years has played keyboard on the four “fifth” Sundays. We shall miss his keyboard brilliance and harmonic singing. Hopefully he can be persuaded to step in occasionally in an emergency so that we do not lose his services altogether.

Lily Harding is continuing to play keyboard on the first Sunday in each month, under Jan Moir’s tutelage, and we continue to benefit from Carina’s and Wendy’s experience on the third and fourth Sundays. On occasion Jane Charman has generously stepped in when we are desperate, and on these occasions we have been reminded what a brilliant accompanist she has been for us over many years.

Jan Moir, as ever, leads the Family Services and plays guitar at all services apart from the second Sunday. She has recently undergone a knee replacement and we wish her a swift and complete recovery and look forward to having her back with us again. We need you, Jan!

Chris Gate, our stalwart bass guitarist, is willing to be persuaded to play rhythm guitar when Jan is not available, and we are grateful to him for his musical knowledge and all-round willingness to help.

Ken Hasletine continues as our drummer on weeks 3, 4 and 5, while Cranleigh school-teacher Phil Waller provides the rhythm and noise at the family services.

The singers have been swelled in the last year by the addition of Lily’s two younger sisters and Phil’s daughter Fenella at some of our services and their presence adds youth and charm to the Group.

The Worship Group was again asked to provide carols and Christmas music at Carols on the Green in Ockley last December, even though Ockley is no longer within our Parish. A decision has been made that Ockley will need to make its own provisions for this function in the future and the Group will turn its attention towards carol singing sessions organised with the new Parish from now on.

Finally it is important that I thank all the regular Worship Group singers and the “back-room-upstairs” boys. They know who they are!

***Peter Bradley, Director of Music, Okewood***

## BELL RINGERS

This time last year we were welcoming the bells back from Loughborough after their refurbishment. These included two new bells to replace the old 5 and 6. The bells were winched back into the tower and rehung. One of the bells that was replaced has gone back into the bell chamber and is set up so that it can be chimed from the centre of the church before services and the other is on display to make sure everything was in good working order.

We had several groups of visiting ringers through the summer and also hosted the district practice as everyone was keen to try the new bells.

In September we held a tower opening during the Rectory Fete and had a good number of visitors including Caitlin who had just come to work in the area. She decided to give ringing a try and joined Pam Childs who had come as a learner not long before this. Since then Rev. Rosemary Mason has also joined us. All three are doing very well. Pam and Caitlin are now ringing rounds and call changes with the group and Rosemary is very close to innings on her own. We are very grateful to Richard from Albury tower who has given instruction and help to the new ringers and also encourages the rest of us to learn new methods. His aim is to help an all local band to ring a quarter peal of Bob Doubles.

After the bells were put back all ringers helped with cleaning and tidying and a new cupboard was put in to house our equipment and items that need to be stored for the church. This enables us to have a safe space to ring and places to sit while ringing is going on. We were very pleased to have the offer of an unwanted carpet to smarten up the ringing room.

Rob Matthews is our steeple keeper. I would like to thank him for all the work he has done during and after the project. Such things as putting the clock back together, painting the ringing room ceiling and putting on the muffles when needed.

For the centenary of the end of WW1 we rang with bells half-muffled before the service and afterwards without the muffles as a celebration. I would like to thank all the ringers for their support for practice nights and for the ringing before the services.

We practise on Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.00pm. All are welcome to call in for a visit to learn more about ringing or even give it a try.

***Jan Jesson, Tower Captain***

## THE FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild is a team responsible for dressing St Peter & St Paul regularly with seasonal flowers and also providing themed displays for specific Christian celebrations.

- 2018 was a successful year for the Flower Guild and all of your comments about the flowers have been gratefully received by the volunteers.
- We had 17 people attend our Christmas wreath making fundraiser which went down very well, the only improvement would probably be to put on 2 sessions.
- The 2019 Flower rota is completed and distributed (thank you Liz for helping to get that out).
- For 2019 Ro Stewart has kindly offered to look after the Easter lily arrangements this year, Wendy Worby kindly took responsibility of the Lent wreath and Jess will be arranging the Mothering Sunday posies.
- Jess has encouraged new recruits to the rota and has also explained that we are happy to relax the style of flowers that volunteers can do for their week (pedestals put some people off) this may mean using the vases more or bringing in arrangements of pot plants – all of which are better for the environment as well as they don't use oasis.
- In future we will only buy the bio-degradable oasis from Something Special now it is available.
- Ideally Jess would like to stand down from overseeing the flower rota/admin/budget and be available to do more for weddings, events and the Rectory Fete. Ideally we would have a team of 2 or 3 co-ordinating the guild – all ideas welcome! Grania Elston has already offered to make a weekly phone call to the volunteer on duty – this is also a great help.

***Jess Hogan Smith, Flower Guild Coordinator***



## GLEBE COFFEE MORNING

The Glebe Coffee Morning has had another very successful year. Each Wednesday morning there are up to 30 participants, including residents from the Old Rectory, who join us on a regular basis. There is a warm happy atmosphere at each week's gathering.

The Coffee Morning is run jointly by the Parish Church and the Baptist Church in Ewhurst. This team is ably supported by a rota of loyal volunteer helpers. They provide transport, friendship, support and a delicious assortment of cakes to accompany the tea and coffee each week. This year we have been delighted that Thelma Spiers and Rosemary Mason have joined our happy band of helpers.

In addition to our weekly meetings, we have special occasions for Christmas and Easter, in which the clergy of both churches participate. We were pleased to welcome Clare, our new Rector and Jill, the new Baptist Minister. At Christmas the year 2 class from the Village School entertain us with songs and carols. There are fundraising Bring and Buy Mornings, a Helpers Get Together and an annual outing for a pub lunch. In addition this year we are planning a summer tea party.

The aim of the weekly coffee mornings is to reach out in Christian love to provide friendship and care to villagers of all ages, especially those living alone, the elderly, isolated and those new to the village.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from the friendship of our coffee mornings or you are able to help, please let me know.

***Sally Thompson, Secretary***

## OUTWARD GIVING

During 2018 ten charities were supported by the church, raising a total of £5,839 for a wide range of good causes some in this area and others further afield. Nine hundred pounds was also raised for the Church Roof. It has always been our aim to provide enjoyable social occasions at reasonable prices.

Thanks to our hardworking committee, the many people who cook soups and meals, especially delicious puddings, food is a major part of the programme. Thank you, too, to everyone who supports the events.

Our next main event is an Evening with George Yates with his wonderful magic and his Friends. It will be in aid of Alzheimer Research UK on Friday 17th May in the Wilson Room.

*Anne Barrett Lennard*

## ROOF REPAIR FUND, ST PETER & ST PAUL

The main work in 2018 was appointing specialists to fully survey the repair work to be done on the church roof and to get realistic costings. The initial Grant of £20,200 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) was granted to cover these costs. As well as the repair work survey and costings, an Environmental Survey was required to check on possible the impacts of the work on local wildlife. To fully deal with this work, a quantity surveyor and an environmentalist have been appointed to the Team. During the surveys, two of the bell tower buttresses were found to be unstable but thankfully HLF released extra money to allow them to be made safe. Historic England also looked at the surveys and from the level of work needed for repairs to the whole church and from this they have put the church on the “At Risk” Register. This does not mean the church is unsafe to use but highlights that if will be if work is not done within the next five to ten years, this could become the case. This does mean we are now high priority when applying for repair grants to various organisations.

As a result of all the surveys for the repair work, the second round application for repair work was submitted in September 2018. Sadly the costings showed that with the money available from this second part of our grant, we could only afford to have the Chancel and part of the Bell Tower repaired. These were chosen as they are the most damaged areas. The HLF have generously given us £180,200 towards these costs but this is not enough for all the work needed on the Chancel. However, we have had generous donations from a variety of organisations both local and national. The national organisations are the National Churches Trust, who in partnership with Surrey Churches Preservation Society, have donated £7,500 and Churchcare, through the Wolfson Foundation have donated £7,000. Ewhurst History Society and Ewhurst Secret Gardens have also made donations. We have held fundraising events with a Golf Day and Dinner Dance, Harvest Lunch, Race Night in November and the Quiz at the Bulls Head, all helping to boost funds. The Save a Slab campaign has been very successful with a large number of residents and former residents contributing, which reflects how much people value the church as part of village life. We still have a deficit of about £13,000 but hope to cover this with continued fund raising and donations which we are sure the people of Ewhurst will continue to support.

As well as the building work, the Team will also be developing education materials for visiting children and adults to use to give them a better understanding of the history of our church and what makes it so special. We will be trialling some of these materials during this summer and into next year.

Our architect, Rena Pitsilli-Graham drew up a Faculty document and full specifications for the repair work, which was submitted and accepted by the Diocese, Historic England and the HLF in June. With the help of the Quantity Surveyor the repair work has been costed and put out to tender and a contractor has been nominally appointed to do the work. Repair work on the Chancel will hopefully begin in late summer this year. The building work cannot start until this late date as the Chancel eaves are used by nesting swifts and no work can begin until the fledglings have flown. The work requires scaffolding around the outside of the Chancel, so access to this part of the churchyard will be restricted. Building work will only be on week days, so there should be no disruption to services and timing for Funerals and special services will be negotiated with the builders. The repair work will continue into 2020 when internal repair work will be done, but again, disruption to services will hopefully be minimal. However, all this depends on what the true state of the chancel roof is found to be, as this cannot be fully assessed until the different layers of the roof are removed during the repair work.

As previously, updates on the work will continue to be on the pew sheet, in News and Views and on the Restoration website [www.ewhurstchurchrestoration.com](http://www.ewhurstchurchrestoration.com) as well as information on all our fundraising activities.

The Team would like to thank everyone for their support in the past and for the future, this Project cannot happen without you.

***Ewhurst Roof Repair Project Team***

## PARISH VENUES

### THE WILSON ROOM

[Indicative text:]

An essential meeting place which is very welcoming and a popular social area especially for refreshments served after services. The church room was built in 2010 in the churchyard and has easy access from the church and rectory. It has a beautiful oak-beamed, large communal room, a fully equipped kitchen, disabled toilets and is home to the Parish Office. The Wilson Room has allowed the church to broaden its ministry with a range of activities and groups: informal services; bible study and fellowship courses; Sunday Treasure Seekers; SNAK youth group; Sonny's café; Lent lunches; Baby and Toddler groups; social and fundraising events; PCC meetings.

### THE ARK

[Indicative text:]

The Ark is where 'Megazone' (Sunday School) and other church activities regularly take place. It is also available to churches seeking a venue for away-days, quiet days or retreats. The beautifully refurbished 'Ark' is a fully-equipped meeting place nestling in the picturesque grounds of St John the Baptist, Okewood Hill, near Ockley.

The former Victorian Sunday School was converted to meet the needs of modern-day Christians, and is an accessible idyll. Groups of up to 50 can be accommodated in the Ark's three rooms. Facilities include: kitchen, complete with cooker, microwave and fridge; audio-visual equipment; toilets; disabled access and disabled toilet.

## FRIENDS OF OKEWOOD CHURCH

The Friends of St John the Baptist, Okewood, otherwise known as The Friends of Okewood Church, was established as a registered charity in September 2010.

It's objectives are to "advance the Christian religion by the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of the Church of St John the Baptist, Okewood in the Diocese of Guildford, and of the monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in the Church and the Churchyard".

The Trustees are Barry Thomson (acting Chairman), Tony Godby, Peter Bradley, Mairi Inglis-Jones and Sam Edginton (Treasurer). Rev'd Clare Shepherd and Tony Brimelow, Churchwarden, are ex- officio trustees.

During 2018 Gill Christie stepped down as Chairman and we are most grateful to her for the invaluable role which she has performed during her 6 year chairmanship.

4 Trustees meetings were held during the year and 2 successful fundraising events held, an evening of sketches in June provided by Peter Bradley and the Ewhurst Players and a carol concert in December featuring a choir from Ashtead.

Newsletter No. 3 was produced in November. A number of individuals who are not members of the congregation continue to give regular financial support to The Friends.

***Barry Thomson, acting Chairman***



## FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY FOREST GREEN

The driveway to the church has now been upgraded. Many thanks to Ray Gibbs for getting this organised.

The 'Friends of Holy Trinity Forest Green' are still targeting two items that the quinquennial report of 2015 identified main items of building fabric that require action are as follows.

- Minor roof repairs to re-fix slipped roof tiles and clear gutters and downpipes (Quinquennial)
- General repairs to all the leaded light windows (Circa £7,000) (Quinquennial)

A very successful organ concert was held last October in order to raise further funds for the stained-glass window repairs. Our very grateful thanks go out to Philip Drew, David & Harriet Hansell for their wonderful performances that made everything go so well. On the night we raised more than £1,100. We now have sufficient funds for the stained-glass window repairs and have now formally applied for a Faculty (Church Planning Permission) to the Diocese of Guildford. Hopefully the works will be carried out this summer. Many thanks to my fellow Trustees who have helped plan things through the past year.

***Peter Bennett, Chairperson***

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

The Fund Raising Group has now merged with the fund raisers from the Roof Repair Project so that we can use our joint expertise to achieve the funding we all need. However, money raised for the Roof Repair Fund is a separate account and is not used for general church maintenance. Working together has meant that we can plan events so that there is not a clash of interests.

We have continued with our usual annual Fund Raising events this year and have achieved good results from all of them. This year, the Easter Market and especially the Rectory Fete both benefited from help from Okewood and Forest Green. Both were popular events and attracted a wider range of people than in previous years. The success of these events is due to good forward planning, publicity plus volunteers on the day – not to mention the generosity of those who support the events. Free rides on the Classic Bus to the Easter Market at The Parrot, Forest Green continue to make this event popular with young children.

We held our annual Gift Day outside the village shop in June and again benefited from the generosity of the village, as well as people with more tenuous links to the church. A Stewardship Campaign was launched this year to get more people to donate online by direct debit. This method was already operating in Okewood and Forest Green and it was decided to include Ewhurst donors in the same scheme, making this a whole parish initiative. This proved successful in Ewhurst, with a high percentage of people changing to the new system and many increasing their donations. The church was represented at Ewhurst Carnival where we sold our logo products and also helped the Roof Repair Team by advertising for “Save a Slab” donations. Our sales table continues to operate in the Wilson Room, boosted by sales of the parish Christmas and Easter cards which are now also sold at Okewood and Forest Green.

Our biennial Big Day and Night Out did not run this summer, as this year, the village hosted Ewhurst Carnival. Instead, our main fund raising event was “A Day at the Races”. This was compered by our resident horse racing expert, Brough Scott, who encouraged us to place our bets and entertained us with anecdotes from his racing career. He also generously donated a real “Day at the Races” hosted by him at a local race course, which was auctioned to boost our funds. The money raised from this event was thanks to the many who attended and the generous sponsorship of races and horses by local businesses and individuals.

Planning for 2019 events began at the end of the year, especially for the Big Day Out, which in 2019, along with the Eve event, will be a joint parish event for the first time. The eve event is now called “Ewhurst Rocks” instead of the original name, The Big Night Out. Due to time pressures, the booking of bands and equipment was completed by the end of 2018, thanks to the foresight and hard work of Martin Lockwood. Hopefully, the rest of the organisation can now be a joint parish effort. Tickets and advertising have already begun, thanks to the input of Will Shepherd and Phil Henry.

Plans for the Easter Market were also started in 2018, due to the new managers at the Parrot who have welcomed the idea of the Market continuing at the venue. Again, now that the basics are sorted, we will make this a joint parish event.

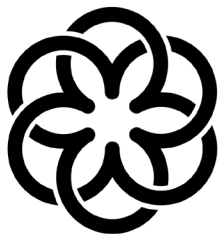
None of the above events would happen without the hard work and dedication of all the people in the Fund Raising Group who gave so generously of their time and talents. We also want to thank the many people who support us by coming to events, donating their time and talents to help, as well as providing items for sales, raffles and food for meals – none of this would happen without you!

***Fundraising Team***

## TREASURER'S REPORT



**The Parish of Ewhurst  
with Okewood & Forest Green**



**The Parish of Ewhurst  
with Okewood & Forest Green**

**Charity No: 1134020**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 JANUARY 2018 - 31 DECEMBER 2018**

**INCUMBENT:**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:**

Samantha Edginton CTA, FCCA, FAIA



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Charity number 1134020

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**Trustees**

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

During the Year the following served as members of the PCC:

**Incumbent**

Rev Clare Shepherd 01.10. ex-officio, chair

**Ordained Licenced Ministers**

Rev John Marsh ex-officio

**Lay Minister**

Mr John White attends by invitation

**Wardens**

Mrs J D May churchwarden – Ewhurst  
Mrs M J Harry churchwarden – Ewhurst  
Mr P Bennet churchwarden – Okewood / Forest Green  
Mr T Brimelow churchwarden – Okewood

**Representatives on  
The Deanery Synod**

Mike Brady Deanery Synod – Okewood/ Forest Green  
Janet Templeman Deanery Synod – Ewhurst  
Liz Tingley Deanery Synod – Ewhurst

**Elected Members**

Val Henry  
Jan Jesson  
Sarah Smith  
Patrick Thompson  
Clive Ward  
Amber Wood  
Shirley Dighton  
Jan Moir  
David Steel  
Angie Thomas  
Barry Thomson

Ewhurst	2019	
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Okewood	2019	
Okewood		2020
Okewood	2019	
Okewood		2020
Okewood		2021

Michelle Matthews  
Joanna Cadman  
Matthew Sparkes

Treasurer 2021  
co-opted – secretary  
co-opted

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Samantha Edginton ACA



## Financial Report 2018

### Background

**The Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Rev. Clare Sheperd (from 01.10.18), in promoting to the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church grounds. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission.**

EOFG Unrestricted funds ended 2018 with a surplus of £7,873 (compared with a surplus of £367 in 2016), Total income was £124,637 and expenditure £116,764. The result was better than expected thanks to kind donations and careful management of expenditure.

The planned giving continues to meet 52% of the General Expenditure, leaving us to depend on fund raising and one off donations to meet the rest of our running costs. We are extremely grateful for the fantastic support from those parishioners who make the promises each year. With an average per promise of **£388** per year (including gift aid) it can be seen that there is a real commitment from our members for what we do and a need to continue this commitment further within the parish.

With the hope that we might diversify income we have encouraged legacy giving as a way of funding the Church. The overall finances remain strong, although there is still too high a dependency on the same several people. Maintaining 3 Church building's, plus two Church rooms, as well as running a very active parish, will remain an ongoing challenge in the future.

Restricted funds - Ewhurst Bells and Roof have continued to be fund raising and spending

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102."

We are immensely grateful to Samantha Edginton, who is our Independent Examiner, We also thank Colin Stewart & Peter Bennet who helps with collecting the cash and banking.

### Reserve Policy

The Finance Committee of the PCC conducts and annual review of the level of reserves by considering risks associated with the various income streams, expenditure plans and balance sheet items. This enables an estimate to be made of the level of reserves that are sufficient to continue to meet its objectives.

Risks and issues considered in making this judgement included:

- The over dependence on any single source of income or likelihood of downturn in income
- The period of time required to re-establish income streams or downsize activities
- The adequacy of control over budgets
- The requirement for a reasonable level of working capital

The PCC has agreed that we should hold unrestricted funds equal to at least a minimum of three months budgeted unrestricted expenditure.

The PCC has in addition restricted funds totalling £299,363. The purpose of these restricted funds is detailed below.

Capital Account		Restricted income funds	Restricted income funds	Restricted income funds	Restricted income funds	Restricted income funds
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
		£	£	£	£	£
Restoration PCC	617131001D	15,260	14,145	6,194	8,977	9,718
Embroidary	617131001D	393	393	393	393	393
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Jim Jennings Bells	Current account	187	1,842	8,065	38,734	16,326
Roof	617131001D	-	-	-	4,604	27
Graves	617131001D	939	939	939	939	939
Choir fund	617131001D	574	574	574	574	574
Children in Church	617131001D	629	1,348	2,039	2,730	4,225
Fixed Interest Securities Fund 1	617131001F	193	188	196	195	186
Property Inv Fund 617131001P(	617131001P	20,169	22,412	22,202	23,411	24,077
Capital Fund	617131001S	207,056	221,343	#####	231,304	#####
Dep a/c, CBFCOE 1002D Restor	617131002D	399	401	403	404	406
Restoration CofE Investment Fu	617131002S	9,104	9,733	10,748	11,783	11,607



**Charity No 1134020**

**Independent Examination Report**

Period  
start

01/01/2018

To Period end date 31/12/2018

**Report to the trustees/ members of The Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green  
Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018 as set on on pages 7 to 20.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

The Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Trustees 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.

The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Commission under section 145(5) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting standards, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Samantha Edginton CTA, FCCA, FAIA**



Charity No 1134020

Annual accounts for the period

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Period  
start date

01/01/2018

To

Period end  
date

31/12/2018

categories by activity	own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>							
<b>Incoming</b>							
Voluntary income	Ministry and church activities	S01	89,285	-	-	89,285	67,920
Activities for generating funds		S02	26,005	-	-	26,005	29,853
Investment income		S03	9,347	(2,246)	-	7,101	14,282
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	Missionary & charitable giving	S04	-	5,859	-	5,859	1,151
<b>Capital incoming resources</b>		S05	-	61,633	-	61,633	48,732
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		S06	124,637	65,245	-	189,882	161,938
<b>Resources expended (Notes 4-8)</b>							
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>							
Costs of generating voluntary income	Ministry and costs of church activities	S07	111,480	-	-	111,480	93,180
Fundraising costs		S08	5,284	-	-	5,284	14,017
Investment management costs		S09	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>	Missionary & charitable giving	S10	-	5,859	-	5,859	1,406
<b>Governance costs</b>		S11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Capital expenses</b>		S12	-	84,301	-	84,301	25,854
<b>Total resources expended</b>		S13	116,764	90,160	-	206,924	134,457
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing)</b>		S14	7,873	(24,915)	-	(17,042)	27,481
<b>Gross transfers between</b>		S15	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing)</b>		S16	7,873	(24,915)	-	(17,042)	27,481
<b>Other recognised</b>							
Balance sheet adjustments		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Net Transfer of funds for		S18	(529)	(390)	-	(918)	-
Gains and (losses) on		S19	(529)	(390)	-	(918)	21,673
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		S20	53,259	324,667	-	377,926	304,867
<b>Total funds brought</b>		S21	60,603	299,363	-	359,966	354,021
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>							



### Note 3

### Analysis of incoming resources

*Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.*

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
<b>Voluntary income</b>	Planned giving	61,611	44,756
	Tax recoverable	17,362	15,637
	Cash collections	7,012	3,563
	Donations	3,300	1,964
	Legacies	-	2,000
	Other income		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>89,285</b>	<b>67,920</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	Fund raising	11,198	21,285
	Magazine revenue	4,180	1,980
	Parochial fees	9,549	6,438
	Ark income	622	-
	Coffee mornings	456	150
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,005</b>	<b>29,853</b>
<b>Investment income</b>	Capital reinvested	(2,246)	5,026
	Deposit interest	9,347	9,256
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,101</b>	<b>14,282</b>
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	Outward Giving	5,859	1,151
	Bell fund	27,869	42,972
	Roof	29,393	5,225
	Youth	1,885	535
	Village Hall	(0)	-
	Okewood Pastrol Care	2,486	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>67,492</b>	<b>49,883</b>



**Note 4 Analysis of resources expended**  
Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help

		This year	Last year
	Analysis	£	£
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>	Ministry parish share	64,282	60,889
	Church running and Churchyard up keep	12,326	10,735
	Music	8,663	6,245
	Printing, stationery & office	4,412	2,452
	Other expenses	6,721	3,506
	Bank charges	1,408	660
	Gas & Electric	-	-
	Water	5,913	3,934
	Services	417	407
		7,338	4,352
	<b>Total</b>	111,480	93,180
<b>Fundraising trading costs</b>	Fund raising	454	11,289
	Magazine costs	1,262	1,137
	Parochial fees	2,702	1,084
	Youth	491	507
	Ark running expenses	375	-
	Coffee mornings	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	5,284	14,017
<b>Management costs</b>	Loss on Investment Account		-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		5,859	1,406
	<b>Total</b>	5,859	1,406
<b>Governance costs</b>	Independent Examiner	-	-
	Treasurer	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-
<b>Capital Costs</b>	Bells	50,277	12,302
	Wall & Path	-	2,925
	Roof	34,024	10,627
	<b>Total</b>	84,301	25,854



## Section B

### Balance sheet

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
<b>Tangible assets</b>						
(Note 9)	B0					
	1	-		-	-	-
	B0					
	2	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Investments</b>	B0					
(Note 10)	3	(0)	11,607	-	11,607	11,783
	B0					
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	4	0	11,607	-	11,607	11,783
<b>Current assets</b>						
<b>Stock and work in progress</b>	B0					
	5	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Debtors</b>	B0					
(Note 11)	6	18,648	-	-	18,648	17,367
	B0					
<b>Short term deposits</b>	7	-	287,757	-	287,756	312,884
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>	B0					
	8	51,274	-	-	51,274	29,354
	B0					
<b>Total current assets</b>	9	69,921	287,757	-	357,678	359,605
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>						
(Note 12)	B1					
	0	9,319	-	-	9,319	(6,538)
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	B1					
	1	60,602	287,757	-	348,359	366,143
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	B1					
	2	60,603	299,363	-	359,966	377,926
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>						
(Note 12)	B1					
	3	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>						
	B14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	B1					
	5	60,603	299,363	-	359,966	377,926
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>						
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	B1					
	6	60,603			60,604	53,259
	B17	-			-	
<b>Restricted income funds (Note 13)</b>	B1					
	8		299,363		299,363	324,667
<b>Endowment</b>	B1					
	9			-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	B2					
	0	60,603	299,363	-	359,966	377,926

Signed by  
Churchwardens on  
behalf of all the  
trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval

J Harry  
J May  
P Bennet  
T Brimlow



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 1      **Basis of preparation**

***This section should be completed by all charities .***

#### **1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with              Accounting Standards;
- and with the Charities Act.

#### **1.2 Change in basis of accounting**

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

#### **1.3 Changes to previous accounts**

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

## Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

### Note 2 Accounting policies

#### INCOMING RESOURCES

**Recognition of incoming resources** These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

#### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

#### Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

#### Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

#### Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

#### Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

#### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

#### Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

#### EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

##### Liability

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

##### Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

##### Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

##### Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

##### Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ASSETS

##### Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

##### Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end.

Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

##### Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.





## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 5

### Support Costs

Support cost type	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Parish Officer			3,386	3,386
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
		-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	3,386	3,386

### Note 6

### Details of certain items of expenditure

#### 6.1 Trustee expenses

*Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid.*

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

This year	Last year
3	2
sundry travel and out of	sundry travel and
650	500

#### 6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

*Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).*

Independent examiner's or auditors' Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year £	Last year £
0	0



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 7

### Paid employees

*Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.*

#### 7.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits	3,386	-
Employer's National Insurance	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>none</b>

#### 7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Governance	0.5	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>none</b>

#### 7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme

*Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.*

Brief details of the scheme

NEST	
This year £	Last year £
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	0
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	0
The amount of any contributions	0



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 8

### Grantmaking

***Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or***  
**8.1 Total value of grants**

	Grants to institution s	Grants to individual s
Purpose for which grants made	Total amount £	Total amount £
		-
		-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-

### 8.1 Grantmaking costs

***If the charity's accounts are prepared on the "activity***

**Support costs of grantmaking**

**£ none**

### 8.3 Grants made to institutions

***If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that***

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of
Bishops Appeal	General Purposes	215
Roof	General Purposes	934
Royal British Legion	General Purposes	546
Cherry Trees	General Purposes	215
Chase	General Purposes	
Marie Currie	General Purposes	300
Vaughan House	General Purposes	516
Phyllis Tuckwell	General Purposes	756
Christian Aid	General Purposes	950
Chase	General Purposes	756
Humanitarian Aid	General Purposes	560
Christingle Service	General Purposes	111
	General Purposes	
<b>Total grants to institutions</b>		<b>5,859</b>



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## Notes to the accounts

### Note 9 Tangible fixed assets

*Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets*

#### 9.1 Cost or valuation

	Church Room £	Other land & buildin £	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### 9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

<b>**Basis</b>	RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
<b>** Rate</b>	0%				

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### 9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### 9.4

#### Revaluation

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*If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method*

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\* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

\*\* Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line: RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 10 Investment assets

***Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.***

#### 10.1 Fixed assets investments

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	11,783
<b>Add:</b> additions to investments at cost	- 176
<b>Less:</b> disposals at carrying value	-
<b>Add/(deduct):</b> net gain/(loss) on revaluation	0
Carrying (market) value at end of year	11,607

***Please provide below:***

**10.2 A breakdown of the market values of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B03.**

**10.3 A breakdown of the income from investments agreeing Analysis of investments**

	<b>10.2 Market value at £</b>	<b>10.3 Income from £</b>
Investment properties	-	-
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment	-	-
Investments in subsidiary or connected	-	-
Securities not listed on a recognised	-	-
Cash held as short term investment	287,756	9,347
Other investments	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>287,756</b>	<b>9,347</b>

#### 10.4 Material investment holdings

**If any single investment is material in terms of its value (for example represents more than 5 per cent of the value of the Investment held**

**Market Value**

	-
	-



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 11

### Debtors and prepayments

*Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or*

#### Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one		Amounts falling due	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Income Tax recoverable	17,362	15,637	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,285	1,730	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,648</b>	<b>17,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Note 12

### Creditors and accruals

*Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.*

#### 12.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one		Amounts falling due	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	8,589	-	-	-
Accruals for Utility and other costs	729	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,319</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 12.2 Security over assets

*If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.*

None

## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 13 Endowment and restricted income funds

*Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.*

#### 13.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Choir Fund	R	Given to replace robes when needed at St Peter and St Paul
Jim Jennings Fund	R	Given to replace/maintain Bells at St Peter and St Paul
Roof	R	Given to maintain the Roof of St Peter and St Paul
Embroidery Fund	R	Given to replace /maintain tapestry St Peter and St Paul
Special Collections	R	Charity Giving to designated charities
Special Grant For Treasure Seekers	R	Given to help run Youth activates
Graves Maintenance Fund	R	Given for specific graves at St Peter and St Paul
Restoration Restricted	R	Given for beam falling down at St Peter and St Paul
Wilson Room Fund	R	Given for capital expenditure at Wilson Room
Wilson Room Fund	PE	
Okewood Village Hall	R	For the running of the Okewood Village Hall set up with its own Management Committee
Okewood pastoral Care	R	Given to train Okewood pastoral Care

#### 13.2 Movements of major funds

*Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.*

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers In /(Out) £	Gains and (losses) £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restoration PCC	8,976.65	740.85				9,717.50
Embroidery	393.00					393.00
Jim Jennings Bells	38,734.28		22,408.10			16,326.18
Roof	4,603.64		4,630.83			27.19
Graves	939.00					939.00
Choir fund	574.00					574.00
Children in Church	2,730.00	1,494.50				4,224.50
Fixed Interest Securities Fund	194.91				- 8.80	186.11
Property Inv Fund 617131001P(1721 6.15 Shares)	23,410.52				666.27	24,076.79
Capital Fund	#####		3,469.33			227,834.83
Dep a/c, CBFCOE 1002D Restoration a/c. (inc	403.97				2.01	405.98
Restoration CofE Investment Fund	11,783.31				- 176.74	11,606.57
CBFOE, 1005D Projects/Buildings Fund	1.09					1.09
The Trust Fund	618.77					618.77
Okewood Village Hall						nil
Okewood Patrol Care					2,486.00	2,486.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	#####	2,235.35	30,508.26	-	2,968.74	299,363.13

#### 13.3 Transfers between funds

*Please give details of any transfers between funds.*

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
Capital Fund	Current Account	Bells	3,469



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 14 Transactions with related parties

*If the charity has any transactions with related parties*

#### 14.1 Remuneration and benefits

*Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any*

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or	
		This year £	Last year £
Mrs V Henry	PCC	2178	2178

#### 14.2 Loans

*Please give details of and amounts owing to or from the charity's trustees or other related parties by the charity at*

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year £	Last year £
Due to trustees and related parties			none	none
Due from trustees and related parties			none	none

#### 14.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

*Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or related party has a material interest.*

Name of the trustee or related	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year £	Last year £





## Section C

## Notes to the accounts (cont)

### Note 15

### Additional Disclosures

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.

**Charity No 1134020**

**Independent Examination Report**

Period  
start

01/01/2018

To Period end date 31/12/2018

**Report to the trustees/ members of The Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green  
Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018 as set on on pages 7 to 20.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

The Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Trustees 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.

The Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Commission under section 145(5) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting standards, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

**Samantha Edginton CTA, FCCA, FAIA**