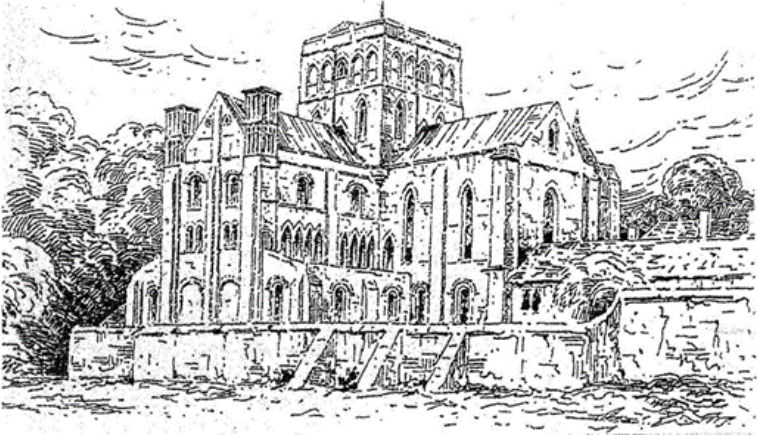




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INTRODUCTION

It is always difficult to write a short report and choose between the things that should be mentioned and those to be omitted, especially when it is your first report in a new post, as it is the case here. 4 September 2022, opened a new chapter in the life of the Parish of St Faith, as I was installed as the new Rector. The overwhelmingly warm welcome my family and I have received reflected the welcoming and loving atmosphere of our Parish. Worshiping in the ancient chapel of the Hospital of St Cross, we, as a congregation and family of faith absorb the ideals and ways of the Christian hospitality embedded here. This sacred House of St Cross was founded on the experience of God's 'outrages' generosity. I pray that we will continue to minister in this beautiful tradition.

After a long period of Covid distraction, our Parish life seem to be back to normal. The time of various restrictions, limiting the ways we worshipped and ministered has ended. We can revert back or even re-think the ways we do things.

The Church of England in the 'Preface' to the declarations made by all ministers taking up office states: "The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation". The word 'afresh' is the one so important to keep in mind, especially at this time when we need to find new ways to reach out to those in our community and beyond, and to proclaim the message of Christ. Keeping and upholding the tradition of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, which we are a part of, and looking for new ways, appropriate for the time. Change which this statement brings into the life of the Parish and of the wider Church can be seen as a threat or as an opportunity, a chance to go into the unknown

territories, to look for new ways. I pray that this journey which lies ahead of us will be fruitful in our calling to forward the Kingdom of God in our Parish, Deanery and Diocese.

Every Parish is on a constant journey of change and ours is no exception. This Past year saw the Incumbent, Reverend Dr Philip Krinks leave to take up the post of Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester; in December the Reverend Terry Hemming, Master of St Cross retired and moved to Andover. This April, after years of faithful ministry as Chair of the PCC's working group for Children, Youth and Family, the Reverend Sally Heather (PTO) will retire from her post with our thanks and prayers for God's blessing in her well deserved retirement. Our clergy team supported by our assistant curate the Reverend Hilary Healey and the Reverend Mat Phipps (PTO) has also gained one new member. In February 2023 we were joined by the Reverend James Mosher as our new assistant curate. Father James will be at St Faith until 2025, when he will formally finish his curacy. We are looking forward to his priestly ordination later this year.

The pastoral care is in the heart of our ministry. Great thanks to the Reverend Hilary Healey for leading the wonderful Pastoral Team and looking after the needs of so many.

I am particularly happy to report that since my arrival in September 2022, the relationship with St Faith's Primary School is renewed and reinforced. We now have school services at St Cross twice every half-term (one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2), in addition to the three services a year for the whole school at Christmas, Easter and the Leavers service. The 'Open the Book' group with their amazing work is greatly appreciated by all the children at school.

Since September I've been delighted to lead two Bible Study series in the Rectory; one in Advent on the Book of Colossians and one in Lent on Philipians. The meetings have proven to be popular and well attended and we'll continue with those throughout the year. Our House Group and Silent Prayer Groups continue their valuable ministries of prayer and study. At least once a month we have a visiting preacher at our main Sunday service, both lay and ordained ministers from the Church of England and other Christian Churches bring a new perspective in our understanding of Scriptures.

Our patronal festival in honour of St Faith was celebrated with the Pilgrimage around the boundaries of the Parish. This walk of witness with a picnic lunch half way through was a wonderful way to pray for all living and working in our Parish.

We are living out our calling to be an inter-generational community, holding a wide range of activities, from Lazy Cooks to Friends for Tea. Sunday morning Tots, Sunday Club and Friday Youth Club ministry is working well and is attracting new people. Our youth ministry is in the very capable hands of Ellie Payne and Alison Carver. We are however in desperate need of new volunteers to help it thrive.

We continue our partnerships with local groups, working for the common good of all, running another much-appreciated Summer Fete, seeing the Parish Hall go from strength to strength, and offering financial and spiritual support to good causes.

All of this is not a work of one person only, but a joint effort of so many dedicated individuals offering their time and skill as a gift to us all. We are grateful for the generosity of our congregation, PCC, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Working Group members, and of all those who lead and support the activities described in the pages which follow. Our sincere thanks and prayers go to them all.

I pray that the year ahead will bring an abundance of God's blessing and a new vision for our Community, so we can discover the new ways of making a difference and bringing a Christ-inspired change into the lives of our Parish, of our Community and of the Church.

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard ... and the God of peace will be with you.”
(Philippians 4.8-9)

The Reverend Dominik Chmielewski
Rector and Master of St Cross

AGENDA - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Opening prayers.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence.
2. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on 24 April 2022.
3. The Election of Churchwardens for 2023-24.
4. Close of meeting.

AGENDA - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24 April 2022.
2. Matters arising.
3. The Mandatory Reports (for discussion, and any recommendations to the PCC):
 - a. Electoral Roll. Report on changes in membership of the Electoral Roll since the last APCM.
 - b. PCC Activities. Report on what the PCC has done in 2022, and the activities of the parish.
 - c. Deanery Synod. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2022.
4. Reporting of Financial Statements of the PCC for 2022, including the Independent Examiner's report.
5. The Elections:
 - a. Members of the Deanery Synod.
 - b. Members of the PCC.
6. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the accounts.
7. Any Other Business (relating to the PCC or Parish).

Closing Prayers.

Notes:

All residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Faith, together with the non-residents on the Parish Electoral Roll, may vote on item 3 at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Voting on all items at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is restricted to those whose names are on the Parish Electoral Roll.

GOVERNANCE

Mandatory Report on the Electoral Roll

On 31st December 2022 there were 213 names on the electoral roll of which 71 were resident and 142 were non resident.

Valerie Carver - Electoral Roll Officer

Mandatory Winchester Deanery Report

Murray Dixon, Dodie Mowat and John Pringle continued as our representatives throughout 2022. The Deanery Synod met twice in 2022. During the year Reverend Ed Dines took over as Area Dean with Reverend Mike Griffiths and Reverend Liz Stuart as Assistant Area Deans.

At the February meeting:

- The revised dMAP for 2022-24 was presented
- Discussions in small groups focused on:
 - local churches to be enabled and equipped to respond to new opportunities
 - good collaboration among our Benefices and with partners
 - development of ministry amongst young people
 - unity in prayer
- Elections and retirements in the Deanery
- Pastoral reorganisation

In October:

- Appointments and Vacancies
- Update on the process of appointing a new Bishop of Winchester
- General Synod Report
- Report on a Learning Day on Racism
- Discussion on successes and challenges in Parishes
- Video presentation on the Diocese of Muhabura introduced by Reverend Brian Wakelin

John Pringle

Church Wardens' Report

2022 proved to be a year of great change, not due to Covid, but because in February Reverend Philip Krinks told us he would be leaving in May. So not long after celebrating Easter we moved swiftly into an Interregnum. Churchwardens know that an Interregnum will be a very busy time for them. Fortunately we were able to form a team with Hilary, John and Murray to prepare all the necessary paperwork and liaise with the Diocese.

As Terry was due to retire as Master in the next year, the Hospital Trustees agreed that this was a great opportunity to reunite the roles of Rector and Master and in due course Father Dominik was appointed.

Enormous thanks go to Hilary for the tireless work she put in during the Interregnum to ensure a smooth transition, and alongside her our thanks go to Sally, Terry and Mat for helping to lead our services and keep things going.

Dominik, Barbara and their three children duly arrived and he was Installed and Licensed as Rector on 4 September with great celebration. Trying to remember how things were done in 2019 before the pandemic proved a challenge at times but with Dominik's fresh input our numbers grew and we had some memorable occasions e.g. Evensong for All Souls which was very moving and appreciated by many. At the end of November we bid a farewell to Terry and Ruth as they retired (again!) and Dominik took up the role of Master. December is always a busy month and despite illness we had many celebratory services during Advent and Christmas.

The Hospital staff look after the buildings, whereas in most Parishes this is the responsibility of the Churchwardens. We are therefore extremely grateful to The Master and Trustees, to Catriona (Clerk to the Trustees), to Cath (the Porter) and all the Hospital staff. Lastly we would like to thank all of you for your support, patience and cooperation throughout 2022.
Gill Beck and Dodie Mowat

Safeguarding

Safeguarding all who are involved in parish activities continues to be a priority for the PCC. It is a standing agenda item which is reported on at each PCC Meeting. We continue to be mindful that our policies and procedures remain up to date and follow national models approved by the House of Bishops. The parish safeguarding officer role was taken over by Chris Maguire in November 2022. We are very grateful to Michelle Brannigan for her work in this area over a number of years.

The National Safeguarding Team has created a range of safeguarding learning pathways for people with roles within the Church of England to complete. Much of the safeguarding training has stayed the same; the main change being to some leadership roles. It is now a requirement that training is renewed every 3 years, along with all Disclosure and Barring Service renewals. We are in the course of contacting those that are now due to undertake training; fortunately most of the courses are available online.

We remain extremely grateful to Janet Rowland-White's continued support and diligent work in helping those applying for DBS checks.

Chris Maguire - Parish Safeguarding Officer, Reverend Dominik Chmielewski - Rector, Gill Beck & Dodie Mowat - Churchwardens

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC met every other month throughout 2022 and the Standing Committee met prior to each PCC meeting. Members were in contact with each other as necessary at other times.

At the March PCC meeting the then Rector, Reverend Dr Philip Krinks, announced that he had accepted an offer to become Chaplain to Bishop Debbie (the Suffragan Bishop of Southampton) in her capacity as acting Bishop of Winchester and that his last Sunday at St. Cross as Rector of the Parish would be Sunday 15 May 2022.

Bishop David (Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke) met the PCC to discuss the vacancy and to put forward a potential candidate to become Rector. There followed from this a PCC meeting under Section 11 of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 chaired by John Pringle. At this meeting it was agreed by everyone that the appointment of a new Rector would be by the route of 'Bishop's Candidate' and that the appointment would be made on the agreed Parish Profile and Role Description. The outcome of this was that the Reverend Dominik Chmielewski accepted to become Rector of the Parish; the service of Installation was on 4 September 2022 and our new Rector attended his first PCC meeting on 14 September 2022.

Victoria Arthur - PCC Secretary

Mission Action Planning Group (MAP)

The group did not meet in 2022. All but one activity resumed in 2022 after the COVID restrictions. Our Common Good project with Winchester prison could not happen due to government guidelines restricting access to prisons. The existing MAP expired at the end of the year. It is expected that a new one will be prepared in 2023.

There is no news as to when a new one will be required.

John Pringle

Hospital of St Cross Trustees Report

The first part of 2022 offered more 'normality' with the effects of the pandemic becoming far less acute. However quite quickly a new world issue appeared with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the knock-on effect this had on inflation and the cost of living. This has thrown up major financial challenges for all and as a big energy user, the Hospital will feel the effects for some time to come.

The Brothers: The recruitment campaign of 2021 bore fruit in early 2022 and five new Brothers moved into their flats between January and September. In order of arrival these were Brothers Richard Smith, Jeremy Allerton, Jonathan Draper, Douglas Cox and Peter Brown.

In early February the Hospital community were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Brother Michael Fontes. He was a Housemaster and Don at Winchester College from the 1980s until his retirement in the early 2000s. Also, in February, Senior Brother John Hodges was admitted to hospital with a broken hip. Sadly, he could not return to his flat and now lives in a residential nursing home. Brother John moved to St Cross in 1988 and had 34 years happy years in his flat. He loved sunny weather and could be seen every summer enjoying tea with family and friends in the outer quad.

Trustees: Reverend Terry Hemming had a difficult tenure as Master. Just after his installation as Master on 8 March 2020, the Hospital had to close to visitors due to the pandemic and from that point on Terry (supported by his wife Ruth) had to help navigate a path through the various rules and regulations to help keep St Cross safe. However, as ever, Terry rose to the challenge and with energy and enthusiasm was a popular and effective Master until he retired in December 2022. Reverend Dominik Chmielewski was installed on 5 December taking up the dual role of Master of St Cross and Rector to the Parish of St Faiths.

Rosemary Andreae, retired in March 2022 after 12 years in post as a Co-optative Trustee. Imogen Lyndon-Skeggs replaced Rosemary in March and the Board also welcomed the new Mayor, Cllr Derek Green who took up his place as an Ex-officio Trustee.

Staff: In 2021, the Hospital's Groundsman, Les Surry retired after 25 years of service to the Hospital and Ian Jones was recruited to replace him. 2022 was a quieter year with no changes of staff until the very end of the year when the Deputy Clerk, Lucy Willis, gave notice and left on health grounds. In August the Clerk, Catriona Morley, was given the opportunity to enthuse about her love of birds when interviewed by Chris Packham for

BBC 1's One Show for a programme about the work of the Hampshire Swifts conservation group.

Professional Advisors' retirements: The Hospital are fortunate to have long associations with its professional advisors. However, sadly in 2022, two of its professional advisors retired. These were Louise Bainbridge, who had overseen many major building and conservation projects at St Cross during her nearly 20 years' service as the Hospital's Quinquennial Architect, Also Mark Griffiths, the Hospital's Land Agent, who on his first day of work with his firm (in the 1980s) attended the Brother's Pay Parade as the Hospital's Receiver. Mark stayed with that firm until his retirement in October 2022 and so had a 30 year association with the Hospital and oversaw many changes in the Hospital's land tenancies.

Building Projects: New paving was installed under the Beaufort Tower in the early part of the year to improve disabled access and work was progressed to start the refurbishment of the first 4 Brothers' Flats in 2023. Also planned for 2023 is the installation of a new lift to provide disabled access to the Brethren's Hall.

Jonathan Cooke, Chairman of Board of Trustees

WORSHIP, PRAYERS AND WELCOME

Sunday Services

Our services reverted to the pre-covid patterns. Our main Service on Sunday at 9.30am attracts new congregants, we can also see a small growth in the 8am BCP Holy Communion service. We are grateful to all involved in the preparation of services, especially to our wonderful choir, continuing our Choral tradition and to all those who serve. We are looking for more volunteers, especially to help as servers.

Since September every month we have at least one visiting preacher at our main Sunday service, it brings a diversity of preaching styles and helps us with the deeper understanding of Scriptures.

Our liturgy remains traditional in form, following the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship.

Music Report

2022 was a calmer year than its predecessor with all choral services taking place in church. The year ended with 25 voices on the choir register including the addition of a former Cathedral girl chorister and current student at Peter Symonds. It is always joyful to add younger generation

voices to our happy band and we still hope to recruit university students as potential choral scholars in the future. All sections of the Chapel Choir welcome new members and we never take our healthy numbers for granted.

Enthusiastic singer Reverend Philip left us in good spirits but we are pleased that Father Dominik is equally enthusiastic about the part music plays in worship. He is keen to encourage more sung Evensongs – as are the choristers – and our retention of choral Matins is appreciated even by Cathedral attenders who no longer hear that form of worship in the mother church.

Chris Jones continues to juggle an international professional career and family life with assisting our music. We are grateful to him and the choir for their massive voluntary contributions to the services and their kindness and good humour towards their leader!

It is risky to say so, but fewer extreme temperature changes has meant fewer organ tunings. Our 160 year old instrument copes remarkably well and is invaluable in dignifying our worship.

Thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design

Derek Beck - Organist and Choirmaster

After Church Coffee Team

Except for Christmas day, we have been able to serve hot drinks every Sunday with many biscuits being consumed. We have a loyal core team with some willing volunteers to cover the odd Sunday. Donations amounted to £779.01 for which we are very grateful. I want to take this opportunity to thank my team, for their time and dedication.

Evelyn Pringle

Chapel Flower Guild

The Chapel Flower Guild, is a small group of Parishioners who have special charge of doing the flowers in the chapel, especially for weddings, funerals, functions and also beside the weekly flowers expected by the Brothers and Parish to enhance the décor and add to our services. We are specially trained, not only to arrange the flowers but to maintain the valuable hand carved, beautiful woodwork of this ancient chapel. This is why we do not allow outside florists to arrange flowers in the chapel. However, let this not deter you from volunteering to join us with the flowers. You couldn't be in a better place to be guided with what is

required, be you a flower arranger already or just wish to have a go. We are a friendly group, who would be delighted to welcome you. We have a refreshment break just for the fun of it during our working sessions and go out for lunch at least once a year. So it's not just work. It is a social group too. Do please speak to one of us. We need more help to do both small and large arrangements.

We only had twelve weddings last year, which limited the funds for flowers. Normally weddings and other special event flowers last at least two weeks, if not more. Should the wedding have more than two pedestals, we reduce the quantity after the second week, amalgamate the flowers and get at least another week's worth of flowers for our worship. Except for Lent and Advent when our custom is to have no flowers. We do still need a floral focus for our worship. The flowers in church not only beautify the chapel, but are a very real focus for meditation and worship. Many in the congregation and the Brothers especially, miss the, flowers if they are not there and do comment on it! Visitors often make complimentary comments too. Catherine, our Porter, told me that there are people who visit regularly just to see what flowers are in place!

Helen Macnab, who was the doyen of St Cross chapel flowers for most of her life, left a bequest specifically for chapel flowers. Regrettably the interest on this has been eroded by the changes in Interest Rates, so the PCC has to make up the difference, helped a little by the Basket Donations during festivals from the congregation. Thank you for that, ladies and gentlemen.

Sadly our Cutting Garden suffered a fair bit of damage during the last cold spell, but hopefully will revive with the experienced care from Matthew, who is now our gardener too. Thank you to Murray for negotiating that with the Trustees. We still have to pay him from our Flower allowance, but he is here as part of the staff. You might not know or remember that the Cutting Garden was established by monetary donations to commemorate anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, deaths or just to maintain this beautiful and very useful asset for the chapel. The donors' wishes are recorded in a Memorial Book, so we have a permanent record of their giving. We are permitted an allowance from events, which is incorporated in the amount charged for the event, but this does not cover the annual expense, especially if there are limited events in a year, as in 2022, so we will have to raise the extra money from events that are charged.

Our motto is "Friendship Through Flowers", and we do practice this, so please, come and join us. It isn't too much of a commitment but, I do promise you, a lot of pleasure too.

Trish Spiers, Team Leader

Silent Prayer Group

We are now back to normal, meeting every 4th Thursday of the month. The Lady Chapel is the most beautiful place to spend some quiet time contemplating. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Evelyn Pringle

PASTORAL CARE

Occasional Offices

2022 was a joyful year for weddings which included several couples with close ties to The Hospital and St Faith's Primary, plus the last of the postponed pandemic ceremonies. It was with great relief that in February we were able to hold the Wedding Preparation Morning once again for all our couples and to bless their plans and preparations. The season then began in earnest with the first ceremony in March, a further four in April and twelve more taking us right through to 22 December. Another successful year with seventeen happy couples making their vows within the Chapel's hallowed walls.

Wendy Harrison

Pastoral Assistants

Pastoral Assistants continue Weekly Private Prayer Support, the mid-month newsletter for those who are housebound, quarterly meetings and regular contact with one another. Many people have been visited and helped by the team during the year in numerous ways.

A successful Wedding Preparation session was held in February, with prayer support for couples being married during the year being led by Evelyn.

There was also a well-received evensong for All Souls with Parishioners and relatives of people whose funerals were associated with St Faith and St Cross being invited. It is hoped to make this an annual service.

The Tea & Chat pastoral initiative continues during the winter months, and a mix of Brothers and parishioners drop in. This year T&C has also registered as part of the Warm Space Campaign.

Our core team remains very small although it is augmented by several associates, and we are always open to new recruits. A huge 'thank you 'to

all who have helped. Please do let us know of any people or situations where we might be able to offer help or support.

Reverend Hilary Healey

LEARNING

House Group report

The House Group has been meeting fortnightly on Zoom throughout the year (except in August). We have continued to consider a variety of topics including the three letters of John through the study guides of Tom Wright and One Holy Book (how the Bible came to be and why it matters) by Ched Spellman.

We also joined the Parish Lent group which took as its subjects the sermons preached on the previous Sunday.

Reflections on 1 Peter, Thy Kingdom Come, a Novena by Justin Welby, were studied between Ascension and Pentecost.

Though we are a small group at present, we do find that we learn new things by discussing our thoughts and looking at different subjects. We would welcome anyone who wants to develop their understanding of their faith to join us. We generally meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm. In our forthcoming programme we plan to look at Women in the New Testament and Abraham.

Cheryl Irons

COMMUNITY ACROSS GENERATIONS

Social Events

As we were able to mix freely once again, we enjoyed some social events together over the past year. It was certainly a joy to share tea and coffee after the 9.30am service to have a chat and get to know new people. In May we had a plant sale in the Parish Hall car park and it proved very popular again. It certainly raised money for the Parish as people donated plants and produce. People were eager to buy their tomato plants and to enjoy getting out in the garden. June bought the Fete but more about that elsewhere.

The summer months were quieter but come September we had our Parish picnic after the 9.30am service where games were enjoyed and people brought picnics. A good time was had by all young and old.

October was the time for our Harvest Supper and the plan was to teach the dances to the youth group and anybody else the week before but Covid got me so that plan went out the window. My thanks to Cheryl and Tom who took over the Calling of the dances on the night as I was still under par. A lovely supper was enjoyed and the usual quiz with lots of debate about the answers!

We finished our year with our Wasell a lovely time to sing carols with mulled wine and nibbles. We had 2 quizzes to test our brains this time. I would like to thank all the people who helped with the organising and running these events. We do not set out always to make a profit they are social events but if we do it all helps the parish. If you have any ideas or would like to organise an event please let me know.

Dodie Mowat

Children, Youth and Families

This year has seen a lot of changes but throughout them all we have been blessed by God's faithfulness and good teamwork.

On Sundays, new families with young children and babies born during the year have meant a focus on helping parents with little ones in church and the Tots and Sunday Club which meets in the library.

During the sermon, older children and servers gather in the vestry for discussions and activities based on the theme of the service. And on Second Sundays we invite people to sit in the choir stalls and children to sit on the carpet for our All Age talk and service.

During the first part of the year Mel, our youth leader became increasingly unwell and had to take time out, which meant other members of the team and clergy filling the gaps. We had fun but it was not sustainable long term. In May Mel left us and we gave gifts and cards to thank her for all the hard work she had put into the youth work in the last two years.

It was decided to take a break from the after school drop-in on Tuesdays and we were very thankful that Philip recruited Ellie Payne to give us some youth leadership on an hourly contract basis, since she already has a role in running the Wild Fire youth project.

This arrangement has worked very well and we are pleased that this term Ellie has committed to some Sunday morning sessions too. It makes a good bridge between youth group and Sunday worship.

Please see below some reports from the various groups.
Reverend Sally Heather, Chair of Children, Youth and Families

Tots and Sunday Club 0 - 7

Children age 7 and under explore bible stories and seasonal themes through play, craft, music and storytelling. The number of children varies each week and we welcome regular attendees and visiting children. Easter time is often the busiest with visiting families. The children enjoy and value showing their craft and explaining a little of what we explored to the congregation at the end of the service.

Magdalen Rees

8+ Vestry group

Young people age 8 and over are invited to be part of the service and meet in the vestry during the sermon. This includes those who are serving and other families. We look at the gospel or the theme for the day and try to work out its meaning for our lives. Sometimes we do puzzles and quizzes, sometimes we make pictures. It has been good to welcome new leaders and helpers for this group and to have Ellie on 4th Sundays of the month. If you can help out occasionally with this growing group please do let us know.

Reverend Sally Heather

Youth Clubs

(Ellie Payne - Wildfire Youth Project)

I started working within the parish on a sessional basis from April 2022 and have been supporting the Friday night youth provision since. At the time of starting, the Friday night youth work at the parish hall was handed over to me by the previous youth worker. We used the Summer term to say farewell to the older youth now off to University and to bring a new structure and format to the group. This resulted in two separate age groups running back to back on the Friday night; school years 3 to 6 from 6:30-8pm (kids club) and school years 7 to 11 from 8-9:15pm (youth club). The kids club was given a structure of activities including games, crafts, Bible memory verses and prayer activities, all linking to a biblical theme each week. We now also have 6 young people from the older youth group volunteering at the Kids club on a fortnightly rota as young leaders. Young leaders undergo an informal interview and are given tasks within the programme. Having firmly developed the new structure for Friday nights, the Autumn term has seen a progressive growth in attendees to both age groups. With a strong link to St Faith's Primary school, we now regularly get up to 14 at the kids club. The youth club has also grown, with young people inviting friends from school, increasing those on our register to 11,

with about 8 attending each week. It's also been encouraging to see members of the older youth group now attending Wildfire youth events, where they get to meet young people from other churches and from their school at bigger city-wide events. We're looking forward to the year ahead and hope that both these groups will help foster life long faith in the youth of the parish.

Ellie Payne

Open the Book

During the past year, our weekly assembly stories at St Faith's Primary School began with Jesus 'early life, choosing his disciples, his miracles and death and resurrection. After Jesus 'ascension we focused first on Peter and how he "fed the sheep". Then we turned to Saul/Paul and how he spread the message to the Gentile population including his shipwrecks, which brought us up to Christmas when we presented the Nativity from Joseph's perspective. Our small cast of 6 are well used to changing from Narrator to angel or Paul, sailor, fisherman, and even God puts in various appearances. Sometimes we have to take on more than one role during a story, but it is well received by the children and they too take on small speaking roles or non- speaking parts as guards, soldiers, disciples or servants. Sometimes the whole school participates to produce sound effects for stormy weather or heavy rain. It is a commitment, but we enjoy presenting the Christian message which is well received and supported by the staff.

We would love to have a few more in our "pool" of actors. All the materials and scripts are produced by the Bible Society and there is no need to learn lines by heart. If you could spare the occasional hour on a Wednesday afternoon during the school term, please consider whether you could join us.

Cheryl Irons

St Faith's Church of England School

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at St Faith's CE Primary School. I became Chair in September 2022 having been the Safeguarding Chair, member of the School Improvement Committee and the Special Educational Needs (SEN) link governor. I feel very lucky to be part of such a highly skilled and committed team of governor volunteers all working – often behind the scenes – to support the ongoing development of the school as critical friends. As Mr Fountain and the team prepare for an impending Ofsted visit, much of the work of the governing board has

been around ensuring that strong progress is being made towards the identified school improvement priorities for this academic year. We are extremely grateful to the highly skilled and committed staff body who never settle for anything less than pupils' best.

I know that I speak for the whole governing board when I say a huge thank you to Dudley Rees and Bev Attewell for their committed governance as Chair and Vice Chair respectively over a number of years, as well as to all governors who have moved into other roles during this period. We have been delighted to welcome a number of new governors: Catherine Brill, Lysbeth Sleath and Helen Brocklehurst (Foundation governors), Mark Reach (Local Authority governor) and Georgie Broadbent (Parent governor). We also welcomed Reverend Dominik as Ex-Officio governor and we look forward to further strengthening the links between the school and the Church.

It has been an extremely busy and dynamic year at St Faith's. Following the disruption to learning in 2020 and 2021 it has been wonderful to have all pupils back in full time. The atmosphere in the school is purposeful with pupils demonstrating superb attitudes towards their learning. The school now has an Instagram account and you can see pupils' work and extra-curricular opportunities by following @stfaithsprimaryschool – we have certainly been impressed by the calibre of work showcased as well as the breadth of learning experiences enjoyed by the pupils! End of key stage 2 results continue to be exceptional, with year 6s achieving outstanding results as they moved onto secondary school in September 2022. We wish them every success for the future and we are proud of their achievements.

We have welcomed a number of new staff to St Faith's this year, notably Miss Spiers (Yr2) and Miss Stephen (Yr3) who have joined the school as maternity cover for Mrs Knott (Yr2/KS1 leader) and Mrs Francis (Yr3/SENCO) respectively. We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Brannigan who had previously worked at St Faith's as a long standing and valued member of the LSA team. We said goodbye to Mrs Cadoux-Hudson who moves onto a post teaching science and we wish her well for the future. Finally, the school community was very saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Angela Maundrell who had worked at St Faith's for many years alongside Mrs Crump in the Office and we send our deepest condolences to her family.

It has been super to welcome parents, grandparents and other members of the parish and local community back into school. Our visitors continue to support the school through initiatives such as 'Open the Book' and guided reading. We are, as always, grateful for the support given by the parishioners and we look forward to developing further links moving forward.

Katherine Jarrett - Chair of Governors

Friends for Tea

We are a group of the more elderly of the Parish who meet for tea, cake and most importantly a chat. For some it is their only way of seeing a group of old friends in comfortable surroundings.

We have been fortunate in being able to continue our monthly get togethers at the Chaplain's Lodge during the last year, though the incumbent has changed the warm welcome has not, for which we are most grateful.

We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm for an hour.

Sue Fairbrother

Lazy Cooks

Once again we have enjoyed some really delicious meals together. The Singapore Buffet raised £570 for parish funds. Thank you to all our supporters. We have a lot of fun, so please join us if you can.

Evelyn Pringle

Churchyard

The exciting news was that orchids (Pyramidal) appeared in the churchyard for the first time for many years. Grass mowing will be carefully controlled in 2023 to ensure they flower again.

Care and maintenance activities have continued. A small team of dedicated volunteers has spent many Saturday mornings mowing, strimming, weeding, pruning and sweeping. The area in front of the entrance gate has been strimmed to a low level and some wild flower seed added.

Sadly our friends from the Probation Service have not been able to resume their help. If you visit the churchyard, which we encourage you to do, we hope you will agree it is looking cared for in a way that encourages birds and flowers.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers who would enjoy some gentle Saturday morning exercise. Please contact one of the team to find out more.

John Pringle, John Lunt, Robert Wheatley, Hilary Healey

COMMON GOOD

Common Good Project

The lifting of Covid restrictions has gradually enabled us to make progress with this project. Although Spurgeons did not restart Prison Teas (for family members visiting prisoners) until early 2023, Lysbeth Sleath's 'Caring Faith' team had completed their registration and training, and were ready at the end of 2022 to cover the 4th and 5th Thursdays in each month; additional volunteers are undergoing training, working alongside existing team members.

Requests for funding for Christian literature for prisoners have been somewhat sporadic. No requests were received in 2022, but 2023 will be different.

Under the heading 'Listening Faith', Christina Mathews has been awaiting security clearance, which seems at last to have been granted, even if she was the last to find out. Again, there will be more to report in 2023.

Providing clothing for prisoners on their release ('Bags of Faith') was revived towards the end of 2022, with two requests for help. The plan ensures that prisoners do not leave in their grey tracksuits. Anna-Maria Holt has excellent contacts at the Basics Bank, and we are hugely grateful to the Tea and Chat team, whose surplus funds have enabled the purchase of those clothing items which have to be provided as new.



John Lunt

St Faith's Parish Hall

On 31 December 2022 Lisa Bone, Catherine D'Arcy (Treasurer), Sophie Firth, Janet Honigmann, Andrew Mardle, Magdalen Rees (PCC representative) and I were the seven members of the hall committee. Sara Arnold continues to carry out the paid role of Bookings Secretary very efficiently.

In the year under review the building's external woodwork was repaired and redecorated. Day-to-day maintenance included clearance of the building's gutters, weeding of the car park, and servicing of the heating

system and the electronic keypad on the kitchen door.

The hall committee has issued a new tenancy agreement to the Nancy Harper Nursery for the academic year 2022–23. Each term's rent will be paid in two equal instalments: the first, no later than thirty days after the first day of each term; and the second, no later than the first day of the second half of each term.

The hall committee remains grateful to Mary Ayres for her excellent daily cleaning of the building.

The hall committee recently transferred the year's surplus of £10,000 to the PCC.

The hall committee hopes parishioners will make use of their hall and its excellent facilities this year. To book, please contact Sara Arnold via the PCC's website, on 07850 231497 or at sfaithsph@secretgenius.co.uk

Peter Sawbridge - Chairman, St Faith's Parish Hall Committee

St Cross Fête

The 2022 fete was held on Saturday 25th June and was a particularly joyous occasion. Having been robbed of 2 fetes by the pandemic, the public were very keen to come and enjoy themselves as in previous years. The weather was dry, if a little breezy at times, so we were able to enjoy all the stalls and entertainments which many had worked so hard to organise.

We raised £14,131.41 and after deducting £1,539.03 for expenses, this left a profit of £12,592.38;

75% (£9,444.27) was given to the PCC for Parish funds

25% (£ 3,148.09) was divided thus-

£50 to Ukulele Band for their chosen charity (Winchester Hospice) and the remainder divided equally between:

- 1) Nepalese Orphanages, Winchester
- 2) Winchester Hospice
- 3) Peter Symonds Hardship Fund for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

They each received £ 1,032.

Many thanks to the Fete Committee, stallholders and all who helped to make the 2022 fete a great and financially very successful event.

We look forward to this year's fete which will be on 24th June.
See you there!

Good Causes supported during 2022

Good Cause	Amount *	Remarks	
Potters Village (through Church Missionary Society)	£200	From General Funds	
Peter Symonds - Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme	£1,032	Fete Good Causes	
Vietnam Orphans Winchester	£1,032		
Winchester Hospice	£1,082		
Potters Village (through Church Missionary Society)	£813	From Retiring Collections	
Christian Aid	£722		
Bishops Ordination Fund	£604		
FLINT House - physical and mental health support for police officers.	£355		
Farm Africa	£637		
Winchester Basics Bank	£737		
Royal British Legion	£346		
Childrens Society	£218		
Total	£7,778		

* Does not include £604 collected though Children's Society Boxes, or produce donated to Winchester Basics Bank in March.

Murray Dixon

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Stewardship

The Stewardship Group was formed in late 2018 to develop ways to encourage our worshipping community to give, serve and care generously.

During 2022 it met twice with its focus on two activities:

- A Planned Giving Appeal in January
- A fund-raising concert by the full Winchester College Chapel Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra in December

The group has been encouraged by the response to our work but recognizes the need for further efforts to maintain financial support for all Parish activities in times of inflationary pressures.

John Pringle, Chair

Communications (Magazine, website)

A printed version of the Parish Magazine continues to be produced monthly, together with a one sheet mid-month Newsletter. Many thanks to Diana Snagge who organises their distribution and to her delivery team. Printed communication continues to be important for those without computer access and is also appreciated by others who just prefer hard copy. A few extra Parish Magazines are sold in the Porter's Lodge shop each month and in church to visitors and others with an interest in the parish. Sarsen Press continues to provide an excellent printing service for the Magazine. Regular advertisements contribute towards the printing costs.

Most people, however, now receive their Magazine electronically via a link in each week's Parish email.

Many thanks to all those who have provided material for the Magazine this year, whether regularly or occasionally. More contributions are always welcome.

The Parish website at www.parishofstfaith.org carries general information about the church at St Cross, parish activities, and the Parish Hall. The website is updated each month with details of forthcoming church services and particular events.

During 2022 the website layout has been refreshed with the help of the designers at Finch Studio. In particular it is now easier to find information

about 'Life Events 'such as Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals. Other changes are planned in the coming year to help users for example to donate to the parish via the website, sign up to the weekly emails or contact the right person for help.

Information about church activities and services is also shared via the Parish Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Clare Dixon/Magdalen Rees

List of Sidespeople during 2022

Sue Anderson, Victoria Arthur, Lynne Chapman, Murray Dixon, Jenny Duchennes, Brian Eames (d. July 2022), Jen Eames, Sue Fairbrother, Tim Goble, Kate Goble, Martin Harlow, Sarah Harlow, James Harris, Ruth Hemming, Joyce King, David King, John Lunt, Chris Maguire, Wendy Marsden, Christina Matthews, Julia Maxlow Tomlinson, Matthew McDonnell, Primrose Metcalf, Harry Mowat, Rosco Noot, Seth Noot, Jeremy Ouvre, Evelyn Pringle, John Pringle, Jonathan Sleath, Lysbeth Sleath, Carol Wade and Chloe Wheywell

Parochial Church Council Members

(from 24 April 2022 - 30 April 2023)

Ex officio:

Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks	Chair (until 15 May 2022)
Rev. Dominik Chmielewski	Chair (from 4 September 2022)
Rev. Hilary Healey	
Dodie Mowat	Churchwarden and Deanery
Synod Member	
Gill Beck	Churchwarden

Elected:

Lynn Chapman	2022	Until:	(did not stand for re-election at
2022 APCM)			
Craig Clark		2022	resigned on 19.01.2022
Anna-Maria Holt		2023	
Chris Maguire		2023	
Magdalen Rees	2023		
Carol Wade		2023	
Rosco Noot		2024	
Michele Brannigan		2024	resigned on 31.08.2022
Diana Snagge		2024	
Brian Eames		2024	died on 26.07.2022
Matt McDonnell	2024		

John Pringle	2024	Deanery Synod Member
Adrian Coldridge	2025	
Murray Dixon	2025	Deanery Synod Member
Victoria Arthur	2025	

Co-opted:
Brother Graham Davies (co-opted 04.05.2022)

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
opened at 11.05 am on Sunday 24 April 2022**

Item	Subject
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Rev. Dr Philip Krinks, taking the chair, declared the meeting open at 11.03 am explaining the Meeting of Parishioners was the first of two meetings to be held with the purpose of electing the Churchwardens for the following year. He said that for this meeting the electorate included both those on the St Faith's Electoral Roll and residents in the Parish of St Faith.</p> <p>Apologies: Dodie Mowat, Harry Mowat, Brian Eames, Jenny Eames, Trish Spiers, Roger Healey and Anna-Maria Holt.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Sunday 18th April 2021</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2021 meeting had been circulated in the Annual Report and no questions were raised. The minutes were proposed by Michele Brannigan, seconded by Murray Dixon and approved unanimously by a show of hands (with Rev. Dr Krinks checking there were no objections or abstentions).</p>
3	<p>Election of Churchwardens for 2022</p> <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked Dodie Mowat and Gill Beck for their extraordinary service during the past year. He said that it included both much organisation and hard work for which everyone was extremely grateful.</p> <p>He thanked each of them for agreeing to stand for a further year as Churchwarden and said that as there were no other candidates they were elected to fill the two vacancies.</p>

The Rev. Dr. Krinks closed the meeting at 11.06 am

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH
MINUTES
of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2021
held at 11 am on Sunday 24th April 2022**

The meeting commenced at 11.07 am immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Apologies had been received from Dodie Mowat, Harry Mowat, Brian Eames, Jenny Eames, Trish Spiers, Roger Healey and Anna-Maria Holt. The Rev. Dr. Philip Krinks chaired the meeting. Rev. Dr. Krinks advised that the electorate consisted of all those on the Parish's Electoral Roll.

Item	Subject
1	Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18 April 2021
	The above minutes had been circulated in the Annual Report; there were no comments. They were proposed by Gill Beck, seconded by Ross Noott and approved unanimously.
2	Matters arising
	None.
3	Mandatory Reports (for discussion and recommendations to PCC)
	A. Annual Report - Electoral Roll Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Valerie Carver, the Electoral Roll Officer, to speak. She confirmed that at the end of revision in March 2022 there were 211 names on the roll of which 71 were resident in the parish and 140 non-resident. The numbers at the end of 2021 were reported as 194 with 71 persons resident and 123 non-resident.

Item	Subject
	<p>B. PCC Activities Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone who had contributed to the Annual Report saying that it is important to have a record of activities and parish matters. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he said that he hoped the worst of Covid was over; • he referred to the resourcefulness and patience of the Parish during 2021 giving especial thanks to the Master - Terry Hemmings, the Trustees of the Hospital of St Cross, the Brothers and the Hospital staff for their support and collaboration; • he said that the PCC are committed to keep all safe and they follow the House of Bishops' Guidance on safeguarding. <p>The Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for any comments about the PCC activities; there were none.</p> <p>C. Deanery Synod Rev. Dr. Krinks reminded the meeting that the area covered by the Deanery includes the city of Winchester and surrounding villages. He said the Parish's elected members are John Pringle, Dodie Mowat and Murray Dixon and referred to their comments in the Annual Report.</p> <p>He said the Deanery Synod is led by Rev'd Karen Kousseff the Area Dean and Ruth Guy the Lay Chair. Rev. Dr. Krinks asked for comments on the Deanery Synod report, there were none.</p>
4	<p>Financial Statements for 2021</p>
	<p>Rev. Dr. Krinks asked Murray Dixon, the PCC Treasurer, to report on the Financial Report and Statements for 2021 saying these had been available for inspection on the website and additionally with hard copies in church.</p> <p>Murray Dixon said that the value of Parish funds increased by £10,812 i.e. from £108,705 on 31.12.20 to £119,517 on 31.12.21. He said full details could be found on page 4 in the 'Statement of Financial Activities' and in the Balance Sheet on page 5.</p>

Murray Dixon went on to explain the increase. He said there are 3 parts summarising as follows:

- change in Value of Investments: increase £9,274, he emphasised that this is a paper figure as the investment value constantly fluctuates;
- Parish Hall: receipts increased by £5,904 due to a surplus in the operation;
- “Routine Activity” (i.e. remaining parish finances) where there was a decrease of £4,365.

He said that, in effect, the increase can be taken as due to the rise in the value of investments by year end.

Murray explained the “Routine Activity” figures (notes on page 6) included:

- one-off donations (including response to the Planned Giving Appeal) of £20,094
- fundraising (in lieu of the annual fête): £13,392
- increase in regular Planned Giving to £63,411 (from £53,965).

Murray Dixon commented that 60% of the Parish income is derived from Planned Giving, gift aid, and fundraising/the fête saying that it is not advisable to place reliance on one-off donations.

Expenditure:

Murray Dixon said that routine expenditure increased in 2021 to £138,974 (from £114,017). He said the increase was largely due to a reversal of the reductions made during the pandemic. He mentioned:

- over 97% of the Parish Share was paid to the Diocese (in 2020 it was 80%)
- contributions to the Hospital towards Church fabric increased to £17,750 (as per the pre-pandemic agreement).

Murray asked the Parish to continue prayerful and careful giving particularly when considering future challenges and increasing costs.

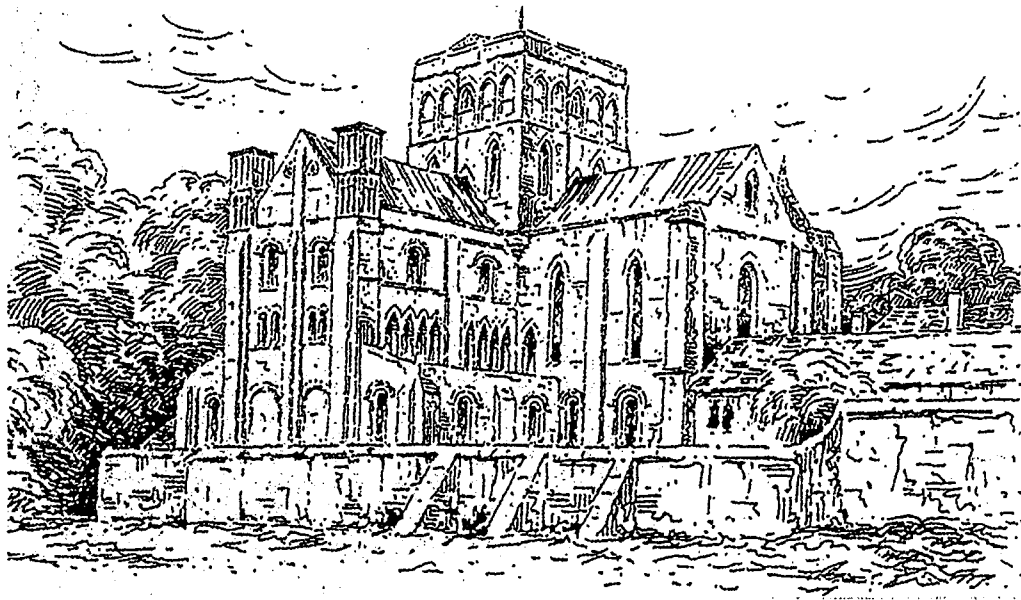
Item	Subject
	<p>He asked for questions. John Spiers asked about the large contribution to the Parish Share. Murray responded that the amount had been agreed with the Diocese and commented that for 2022 the Parish Share will be the same as in 2021.</p> <p>Rev'd Dr Krinks said that the job of Treasurer involves much time and the work is largely unseen. He expressed thanks to Murray.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Elections</p> <p>1. Deanery Synod Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks said that Murray Dixon, John Pringle and Dodie Mowat have served two years of their 3-year term and no action is necessary.</p> <p>2. PCC Members</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked all members of the PCC for their service during the last year. He said that Craig Clark had retired due to work commitments and Lynn Chapman is not standing for re-election due to her moving from Winchester. He thanked them both for all they had done for the PCC.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks named the candidates who were standing for the PCC for a 3 year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Victoria Arthur · Adrian Coldridge · Murray Dixon <p>He declared that they were elected, filling the vacancies. Rev. Dr. Krinks also thanked Victoria Arthur for her continued work as PCC Secretary.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2021</p>

Item	Subject
	<p>The appointment of Yvonne Goddard as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2022 was proposed by Lynn Chapman and seconded by John Pringle.</p> <p>Rev'd Dr Krinks said that Yvonne Goddard wished to retire after examining the next set of accounts and he requested proposals for a new Independent Examiner be made known to the PCC.</p>
7	Any other business
	<p>John Spiers said he had 3 points to make on behalf of Trish regarding the Flower Guild:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to thank everyone who had donated to flowers 2. to mention that the Guild are usually willing to arrange memorial, anniversary, celebration flowers if given at least 2 weeks' notice; 3. the Guild would like more flower arrangers to volunteer. <p>Rev'd Dr Krinks thanked Trish and all members of the Flower Guild referring to their breathtaking displays.</p> <p>John Pringle said that this would be the final APCM chaired by Philip Krinks and offered grateful thanks for all his work in the Parish and particularly for his governance and strong leadership during the challenging times of the pandemic saying how he had risen to each occasion. There was heartfelt applause.</p> <p>Sally Heather said that she had prepared the Youth Report for the Annual Report before it was known that Mel Wroe Parker would be leaving the Parish; she said how much Mel had been appreciated referring to her vision for inter-generational work in the Church.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that having people willing to participate in governance was crucial for our life together within Christ in the parish.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.29 am.

Rev. Dr. Krinks thanked everyone for attending and said the Grace.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS WITH THE PARISH OF ST FAITH



Annual Financial Report and Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2022

Contents:

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Annual Report

1. In 2022 much of Parish life returned to what we enjoyed before the Coronavirus pandemic. Services were held in church, we did not have to decamp to the Parish Hall, rules on spacing were eased and it was possible to hold the St Cross Fete.
2. The value of funds held fell by £7,724 from £119,517 on 31 Dec 21 to £111,793 on 31 Dec 22. This is made up of: a shortfall of £11,639 in routine activity, a surplus of £10,663 in the operation of the Parish Hall and a decrease in the value of investments of £6,748. Looking at just Routine Activity and Parish Hall we nearly broke even (a small deficit of £976), but we must recognise that this was only because of the significant surplus from the Hall. This underlines the importance of the Parish Hall to the financial viability of the Parish.

Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income increased from £134,607 in 2021 to £137,163, nearly reaching the 2019 pre-pandemic level of £137,722.

4. The increase in 2022 was due particularly to:

- A welcome circa 10% increase in Planned Giving, from £63,411 in 2021 to £70,103 in 2022.
- A series of fundraising events, including a very successful Fete, which raised £16,577 (net of costs) compared to £13,392 in 2021. After Planned Giving, fund raising, in particular the Fete, is the second most important source of income to the Parish.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2022 with time and money.

5. As activity increased, routine expenditure rose as well, from £138,972 in 2021 to £148,802, which is still under the 2019 level of £156,190. Whilst ensuring our expenditure and income from Routine Activity and the Parish Hall were nearly balanced, we were able to:

- Pay 100% of our Parish Share (£84,766), a similar amount to 2021.
- Maintain our contribution to the Hospital for looking after the fabric of the church at £17,750.

Parish Hall

6. Nancy Harper Nursery and other bookings (e.g. birthday parties and art classes) were able to continue throughout the year and income increased from £21,556 in 2021 to £25,918 in 2022, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure was reduced slightly from £15,653 in 2021 to £15,255 in 2022, mainly as less repair work was required. The Parish Hall surplus was £10,663.

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As highlighted in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall went a long way towards offsetting the shortfall in Routine Activity.

Investments

8. Investments decreased in value from £76,137 on 31 Dec 21 to £69,388 on 31 Dec 22. We received dividend payments of £2,965 (£2,724 in 2021).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £40,517 to £42,543 in line with the reserves policy described in para 10 below. £1,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £1,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Reserves Policy

10. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall
PLUS

(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18
and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

11. For information, as of 31 Dec 22 our reserves were circa 40% of the budgeted expenditure for 2023 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	103,006	109,772
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	19,290	14,129
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	37,783	29,527
Income from investments	2d	3,002	2,735
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		163,081	156,163
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	3,346	2,560
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	131,184	127,195
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	15,726	15,978
Parish Hall major repairs		2,035	836
Church management and administration	3d	11,766	8,056
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		164,057	154,625
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-976	1,538
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	-6,748	9,274
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-7,724	10,812
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		119,517	108,705
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		111,793	119,517

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	<u>69,388</u>	<u>76,137</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	2,854	1,969
Short term bank deposits		9,047	9,000
Cash at bank and in hand		39,511	34,924
GROSS CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,412</u>	<u>45,893</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due within one year	5	9,007	2,513
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,405</u>	<u>43,380</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>111,793</u>	<u>119,517</u>
FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Fund (Undesignated)	7	60,959	69,764
Music Fund (PCC Designated)	7	1,822	2,057
Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	1,469	2,179
St Faith's Parish Hall (PCC Designated)	7	42,543	40,517
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>106,793</u>	<u>114,517</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
St Cross Flowers	7	5,000	5,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>111,793</u>	<u>119,517</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on *15 Mar 23*
and signed on their behalf by:

Dominik Chmielewski
..... Dominik Chmielewski (Chairman)

Murray Dixon
..... Murray Dixon (Hon Treasurer)

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements

ST CROSS WITH ST FAITH PCC

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES See Appendix A attached

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022	2021
	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors		
Planned giving:		
Income from donors	70,103	63,411
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	18,483	19,091
Collections (Plate) at all services	11,071	7,176
Sundry donations	2,124	12,471
Planned Giving Appeal, One Off Donations, incl Gift Aid	1,225	7,623
TOTAL	103,006	109,772
2b Other voluntary incoming resources		
Churchyard income	250	250
Legacy Non recurring one-off grants	625	0
Fete income	14,131	0
Other fundraising (incl. Music Fund, Ride & Stride)	4,284	13,879
TOTAL	19,290	14,129
2c Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Parish Hall income	25,918	21,556
Fees for services	6,356	5,878
Parish Magazine	822	594
Flowers	3,830	1,133
Contribution from Sunday Coffee	779	244
Tea and Chat	78	122
TOTAL	37,783	29,527
2d Income from Investments		
Dividends and interest	3,002	2,735
2e Routine Activity Income (2a+2b+2d+2c less Parish Hall)	137,163	134,607
3 RESOURCES USED		
3a Charitable Giving		
Overseas charities	1,232	1,560
National charities	0	0
Local charities	2,114	1,000
TOTAL	3,346	2,560
<i>(in addition, retiring collections for Good Causes totalled £4,432 (2021, £2,740) - overseas £2172, national £1,523, local £737).</i>		
3b Activities directly for the work of the church		
Parish Share	84,766	86,500
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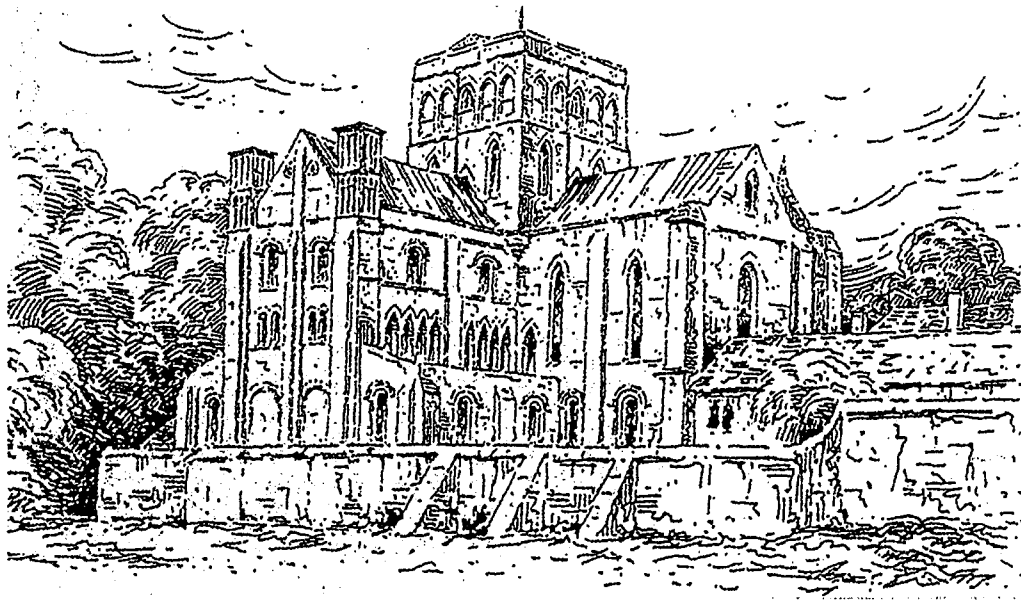
Signed

S. C. Woodward

2 April 2023

Susan Woodward

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Annual Report

1. In 2022 much of Parish life returned to what we enjoyed before the Coronavirus pandemic. Services were held in church, we did not have to decamp to the Parish Hall, rules on spacing were eased and it was possible to hold the St Cross Fete.
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Routine Activity

3. Routine activity covers all Parish activity other than income and expenditure associated with the Parish Hall and the change in value of investments. Routine income increased from £134,607 in 2021 to £137,163, nearly reaching the 2019 pre-pandemic level of £137,722.

4. The increase in 2022 was due particularly to:

- A welcome circa 10% increase in Planned Giving, from £63,411 in 2021 to £70,103 in 2022.
- A series of fundraising events, including a very successful Fete, which raised £16,577 (net of costs) compared to £13,392 in 2021. After Planned Giving, fund raising, in particular the Fete, is the second most important source of income to the Parish.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish so generously during 2022 with time and money.

5. As activity increased, routine expenditure rose as well, from £138,972 in 2021 to £148,802, which is still under the 2019 level of £156,190. Whilst ensuring our expenditure and income from Routine Activity and the Parish Hall were nearly balanced, we were able to:

- Pay 100% of our Parish Share (£84,766), a similar amount to 2021.
- Maintain our contribution to the Hospital for looking after the fabric of the church at £17,750.

Parish Hall

6. Nancy Harper Nursery and other bookings (e.g. birthday parties and art classes) were able to continue throughout the year and income increased from £21,556 in 2021 to £25,918 in 2022, but is still short of the £29,075 in 2019. Total expenditure was reduced slightly from £15,653 in 2021 to £15,255 in 2022, mainly as less repair work was required. The Parish Hall surplus was £10,663.

7. Once again, we have to say how grateful we are to the Parish Hall committee for their work. As highlighted in Paragraph 1, net income from the Hall went a long way towards offsetting the shortfall in Routine Activity.

Investments

8. Investments decreased in value from £76,137 on 31 Dec 21 to £69,388 on 31 Dec 22. We received dividend payments of £2,965 (£2,724 in 2021).

Designated Funds

9. The level of Reserves designated for the Parish Hall was increased from £40,517 to £42,543 in line with the reserves policy described in para 10 below. £1,000 from the Youth Fund was used to contribute to the cost of employing a youth worker and £1,000 from the Music Fund was used to contribute to the cost of the choir and organ.

Reserves Policy

10. Each year, the PCC is required to approve its reserves policy, which is:

a. To have in reserve:

(a) Between 25% and 50% of total budgeted expenditure, less Parish Hall
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(b) A contingency re Parish Hall capital costs of £35,000 on 31 Dec 18
and increasing by 5% annually.

b. It continues to be the long-term policy of the PCC for annual budgeted income (not budgeting for legacies) to cover annual budgeted expenditure.

11. For information, as of 31 Dec 22 our reserves were circa 40% of the budgeted expenditure for 2023 which means that we are in line with the reserves policy.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

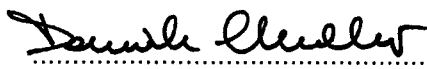
	Note	2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	103,006	109,772
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	19,290	14,129
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	37,783	29,527
Income from investments	2d	3,002	2,735
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		163,081	156,163
RESOURCES USED			
Charitable Giving	3a	3,346	2,560
Activities directly for the work of the church	3b	131,184	127,195
Charitable and ancillary trading, fund raising and publicity	3c	15,726	15,978
Parish Hall major repairs		2,035	836
Church management and administration	3d	11,766	8,056
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		164,057	154,625
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		-976	1,538
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS			
Unrealised Gain/ Loss	6	-6,748	9,274
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-7,724	10,812
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		119,517	108,705
BALANCE OF FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		111,793	119,517

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	<u>69,388</u>	<u>76,137</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	2,854	1,969
Short term bank deposits		9,047	9,000
Cash at bank and in hand		39,511	34,924
GROSS CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,412</u>	<u>45,893</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due within one year	5	9,007	2,513
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,405</u>	<u>43,380</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>111,793</u>	<u>119,517</u>
FUNDS			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Fund (Undesignated)	7	60,959	69,764
Music Fund (PCC Designated)	7	1,822	2,057
Children and Youth Fund (PCC Designated)	7	1,469	2,179
St Faith's Parish Hall (PCC Designated)	7	42,543	40,517
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>106,793</u>	<u>114,517</u>
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15 Mar 23
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The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES See Appendix A attached

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	2022	2021
	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors		
Planned giving:		
Income from donors	70,103	63,411
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	18,483	19,091
Collections (Plate) at all services	11,071	7,176
Sundry donations	2,124	12,471
Planned Giving Appeal, One Off Donations, incl Gift Aid	1,225	7,623
TOTAL	<u>103,006</u>	<u>109,772</u>
2b Other voluntary incoming resources		
Churchyard income	250	250
Legacy Non recurring one-off grants	625	0
Fete income	14,131	0
Other fundraising (incl. Music Fund, Ride & Stride)	4,284	13,879
TOTAL	<u>19,290</u>	<u>14,129</u>
2c Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Parish Hall income	25,918	21,556
Fees for services	6,356	5,878
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Flowers	3,830	1,133
Contribution from Sunday Coffee	779	244
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