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**The Parish of Saint Alban the Martyr
Kingston upon Hull**

Year Book 2022



**The Annual Report
of our Parish Life and Activities**

**A Meeting of Parishioners
to elect Churchwardens**

followed by

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

11.15am on Sunday 23rd April 2023
in St Alban's Church

AGENDAS FOR THE MEETINGS

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

23rd April 2023

- 1 Opening Prayers
- 2 Appointment of Clerk to the meetings
- 3 Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners, 24th April 2022
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

23rd April 2022

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval of any other business, previously notified to Chairman
- 3 Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 24th April 2022
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 The Vicar's Report
- 6 Electoral Roll Report
- 7 Financial report and summary of Accounts and Balances
- 8 Presentation of Audited Account year ended 31st December 2022
- 9 Churchwardens Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church
- 10 Deanery Synod Report
- 11 Election of PCC members
- 12 Election of 1 Representative to Deanery Synod
- 13 Election of Sidespersons
- 14 Receiving of reports published in the 2022 Year Book
- 15 Any other business
- 16 Closing prayers

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 24th April 2022

The meeting was chaired by Fr Graham Thornalley. The proceedings opened with prayer at 11.41am. Sixteen persons were present. Apologies were received from nine people. An attendance list is attached to the Minute Book.

2022.1 Appointment of Clerk to the meeting: Elizabeth Franklin was appointed to this and the following Parochial Church Meeting. Proposed by Fr Graham and accepted *nem con.*

2022.2 Minutes of A.M.P. held 23rd May 2021, were proposed by Fr Graham and agreed *nem con.*

2021.3 Election of Churchwardens for 2022. There being no objections or other nominations,

James Weller and Ian Franklin will continue to serve as Churchwardens.

The meeting closed at 11.43 a.m.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 24th April 2022

The meeting opened at 11.44am. Sixteen persons were present. Apologies were received from nine people. An attendance list is attached to the Minute Book.

2022.4 Minutes of the A.P.C.M. held on 23rd May 2021

These were accepted (prop. Sally Hill/sec. Ian Franklin) *nem con.*

There were no matters arising.

2022.5 Vicar's report

Copy of the report included in the Year Book.

Fr Graham commented that the last two years have been strange, but we are slowly returning to normal and must be patient.

The report was accepted *nem. con.*

2022.6 Electoral Roll Report

The roll stands at 60 members, 29 resident and 31 non-resident and was received *nem con.*

2022.7 Financial Report and summary

A copy of the report is included in the Year Book. In a PowerPoint presentation the Treasurer explained the accounts and our current financial position. Less energy and consumables were used because of the lockdowns reducing the number of services last year. The budget was prepared before Russia's invasion of Ukraine and this will have a major impact on our energy bills, adding at least £5 000 to the budget. The provider has given £10 000 per annum for the next 3 years as the lowest fixed rate available and this will have to be considered by the PCC at their first meeting. The reserves policy, especially in regard to the money set aside for the hall, was explained.

2022.8 Presentation of Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

The statement of accounts was presented; copies are included in the Minute Book.

That the accounts be accepted was proposed by Jim Weller/sec. John Appleby and carried *nem con*.

Fr Graham thanked Jim for his hard work throughout the year and his presentation and summary of the accounts.

2022.9 Churchwardens' Report

The copy of the report included in the Year Book was presented and received *nem con*.

Ian and Jim were thanked for their work as wardens over the past year.

2022.10 Deanery Synod Report

The copy of the report included in the Year Book was presented and received *nem con*.

2022.11 Election of PCC Members

The following, having been nominated, elected *nem con* to serve on the PCC for the next three years:

Sally Hill (prop. Elizabeth Franklin/sec. XINETTE GOODE)

Andrew Mould (prop. Elizabeth Franklin/sec. Peter Abraham)

2022.12 Election of Representatives to Deanery Synod

We should have two representatives, but have had only one during the past year. Graham Nettleton will shortly be moving from the area and so did not stand for re-election. Only one nomination had been received and so Mark Lindsay (prop. Peter Abraham/sec. Jim Hickey) was elected to serve *nem. com.*. It is hoped that a second representative can be co-opted onto the PCC during the year.

2022.13 Election of Sidespersons

There have been no sidespersons during the pandemic, but 3 people expressed interest earlier today. Fr Graham proposed that Sidespersons be organised by the churchwardens; agreed *nem. con.*

2022.14 Receiving of reports published in the 2020 Year Book

All reports received from various organisations and persons accepted *nem con*. Copies included in the Year Book attached to the minutes.

The meeting closed at 12.26 with the grace.

Reports for 2022

Vicar's report

I remember that last year I had two broad hopes for St Alban's during 2022. Firstly, regarding COVID, that we would be able to relax again, and secondly, we would once again be able to engage more deeply with the community around us. I think it's fair to say my prayers have been answered. As I sit down to write this at the end of February I'd like to share a couple of things I've seen in the last week that I've found really encouraging. Last Thursday a lady came into the church and had a good look around. She was invited to join us for a coffee and accepted. During that conversation, she said she came into the church because she'd really enjoyed the Christmas Fayre. I'm hoping she might call again this week. So, thank you to Sally for organising our social committee and some of the great inclusive social events we've enjoyed. Indeed just last week a couple of new faces joined us for the beetle drive which was really great to see.

Then on Sunday, completely impromptu I noticed at the peace a couple of people embrace. It was then that it really struck me that the COVID pandemic is over. Not that COVID virus has gone away, it hasn't, and it never will now. We have, however, learned to live with it and the very low risk it now poses. So much so that 2 strangers are ready to embrace sharing the peace Christ brings. It's quite an irony that we call it 'The Peace' because the one thing it rarely brings to any congregation is peace! There'll be some reading this delighted that someone visibly shared the peace – and some equally horrified!! I do think though that we can now be a bit more relaxed about sharing the peace whilst being conscious of not imposing ourselves on others.

We need to be aware though that 2022 brought some challenges and they aren't going to go away as quickly as the pandemic! It was early in 2022 that Ukraine was invaded; for that country it was utterly devastating, for members of the St Alban family it was utterly devastating. It has affected all of us in some way. Significantly for us, the rising fuel prices this year have caused a significant problem and it is looking unlikely that the cost of fuel will return to previous levels anytime soon. Unlike our homes, churches are treated as a business and therefore there isn't a price cap.

I've spent quite some time considering this along with a couple of other matters. Firstly, our current costs and expenses are a cause for concern and that's not easily fixed. Like all churches, when it comes to giving some of us will be incredibly generous and sacrificial in our giving, some of us will be generous and some of us, well... The reality is that our finances, like all areas of church life, only really work if we all do what we can. We also need to recognise that the community that we serve is not wealthy, indeed quite a lot of the area is the opposite of that. But, as often is the case, rich in many other things!

Secondly, we want to be as environmentally friendly as we can. Our PCC environment champion does some great stuff, but the reality is that our church building and hall are massive spaces to heat. The Church of England as a whole has given itself the target of being carbon neutral by 2030. That's an extremely challenging target but the reality is that the more we duck the issue the more our children and grandchildren will need to face it.

Thirdly, about 3 years ago we had a structural survey done on our church hall. Whilst it was a detailed report the summary is that the surveyor felt that in about 5 years we could face some extremely large bills to maintain the hall. We are starting to experience that now. The PCC agreed that a committee should be formed to look at how we could best develop our buildings to serve the church's mission. The questions in my mind over the last year have been 'What would be the most pleasing thing we could do for God in this area?' and 'How can we create a base for a sustainable Christian presence in this community?' I firmly believe in the quote 'God will give you all that you need to love and worship him.' Without wanting to be ungrateful you might say that God has given us more than we need – indeed we have more than we can manage. Since the committee formed, I've found various little snippets, old PCC minutes, old plans that were drawn up, I even found an old magazine article written by the churchwardens of almost fifty years ago pleading for volunteers to help clean and run the hall. If we're honest with ourselves the hall has been a challenge for St Alban's for many years. It is only through the massive efforts of Tony Mould and Tony Bishop that for the last few years, the hall has been useable and brought in a reasonable income. We should all be very thankful for what they've done for us and the local community. But we need to be honest about this, the hall is coming to the end of its life.

So the committee has been busy brainstorming and coming up with ideas. We very much look forward to sharing more information as things progress.

I want to close my report by saying what a privilege it is to be vicar of St Alban's. It remains the highlight of my week when we all gather together on Sunday morning for worship. I know I'm extremely lucky to serve with Ian and Jim whose service as churchwardens I'm incredibly thankful for, along with all our church officers, lay ministers, and PCC members. But really, my thanks go to each and every one of you for the part you all play a part in making St Alban's the wonderful Christian community it is.

God bless each and every one of you.

Your priest and friend in the Lord Jesus, Fr Graham

The Associate Priest's Report

Well another busy year at St Alban's has flown by during which we have welcomed several new people into our family. We have continued to provide services over the internet which helps us maintain contact with those of our family who are no longer able to worship in person with us and I know that this facility is much appreciated.

We have a wonderful sense of community and fellowship at St Alban's and have enjoyed social evenings and concerts throughout the year. Many thanks to all who organised these. Our Thursday lunch club has seen a huge increase in numbers, so much so we may have to move out of our present room and it is lovely to share a meal and exchange stories with each other. Thanks to Judy who does the majority of our cooking, she is sorely missed when on holiday although Fr. Graham, Irma, and myself and Jenny have managed to ensure that meals were still provided and I hope enjoyed, there is certainly never much left over!!!

The fights over the last of the rice pudding and custard are a sight to behold. Yes, you know who you are!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed the whole year ministering to this lovely community and have also provided cover to St Hilda's, Greatfield, and St Michael's, Orchard Park, during their inter-regnum. This has been a chance to experience a different style of worship and has enabled me to grow in experience. Whilst they say it is good to go travelling it is also good to come home and St Alban's has become my second home especially for the welcome that I receive there as well as the support for my ministry.

No matter what time of the day I go into the church I feel the presence of those who worship and pray there as well as those who worshipped and prayed there but are sadly no longer with us.

I am really grateful for those both in lay ministry, volunteer and ordained ministry roles at St Alban's and I believe that together we make the A team. For those who remember this old TV series I am not saying which one is Howling Mad Murdoch; if you don't remember him, look him up.

I am grateful to those who volunteered to minister on the Pastoral Care Team which is finally up and running and we provide telephone contact, messaging and Facebook time and also face to face home communion visits. I am so grateful for the help received in making this possible. But we cannot do this alone and my thanks go to those who phone each other often just keeping in touch and providing a listening ear or indeed doing shopping or taking people to hospital appointments, whatever they can do for each other and it is all done with the love that unites us as the family of St Alban's.

There are quite a few people who now receive communion at home and the pastoral care ministry will continue to expand and we are blessed to have this opportunity to visit those who feel blessed by receiving the sacrament. In their own homes or in care homes/hospital. It has been difficult sometimes to say NO to the offers of cake and biscuits though!! It has been an honour to visit those in care homes as we are now finally allowed back in with no restrictions. If anyone requires this ministry please do not hesitate to let me know.

There have been highlights in our events and I have enjoyed playing Mother Christmas again and also masquerading as the Angel Gabriel at the crib service with Fr Graham who announced that he was Scrooge. Whilst we are very devout and professional in our worship it is moments like these that also bring laughter and show that coming to church is always fun and fulfilling; a place where we can pray and worship together, laugh and cry together, where no one is excluded and everyone is loved.

I look forward to serving you for a long time to come.

Once again thanks to everyone who make St Alban's a great place in which to minister.

Love and prayers, Yours in Christ,

Mtr Linda Gillard, Associate Priest

Electoral Roll Report

Last year there were 60 names on the Electoral Roll, of whom 29 reside within the parish and 31 outside. There were no changes during the year so the roll currently stands at 60 with 29 residing in the parish and 31 outside.

Joan Woodhead, Electoral Roll Secretary

Trustee Financial Report – Annual Accounts 2022

Introduction

This report has been prepared by the Treasurer on behalf of the PCC of St Alban's, Hull, the trustees of the accounts. Listed are the key financial statistics and comments on significant movements or occurrences that have affected the accounts during 2022. Please read this report in conjunction with the year-end accounts dated 31 December 2022.

Document Summary:

The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and consist of an Independent Examiner's Report on Page 11, Financial Statements on Page 12, Statements of Assets and Liabilities on Page 13 and additional Further Analysis on Page 14. As well as the Accounts and this Report, the trustees also present an updated 2023 Budget, a revised Reserves Policy for 2023 – all of which documents form the Annual Accounts 2022.

Financial Summary:

Opening balance 01 January 2022:	£106,215
Total income for the year:	£56,936
Total expenditure for the year:	£57,127
Closing balance 31 December 2021:	£106,024

Trustee Report General and Restricted Funds:

Although the overall final balance of all funds held by the PCC is lower than that with which we started 2022, this is because the Restricted Funds held were reduced from £1,229 to £679. The General Funds of the PCC are actually higher at the end of the year, with £357 more general funds than we started with – opening balance of £104,988 and closing balance of £105,345 (add together the Unrestricted Funds and the Unrestricted Designated Funds) This section of the report deals with General Funds – there is a further section below detailing the Restricted Funds

Receipts: Page 2 of the Annual Accounts – the Financial Statements – lists our income, our costs and our final balances. In 2022 our general income was £7,405 higher than the previous year. Planned Offerings (weekly/monthly) were down by £1,016 however collections at services (including loose cash and Gift Aid envelopes) were higher (£1,024 cash and £4,992 Gift Aid envelopes). As we finally came out of Covid restrictions, our Sunday attendances have remained very resilient and, whilst we have sadly seen some of our congregation move away (hence the downward trend of planned offerings), we have been delighted to see the return of existing congregants along with some newer faces joining us during the year.

Other givings/donations are higher – not least because we received a grant from Hull CC of £1,500 to help us provide Warm Spaces and a further grant of £2,000 from CofE Church Commissioners towards our energy costs. Financial Report 2023 Page 2 shows Hall rental income brought in an extra £2,739 in 2022 as the regular users and youth organisations started back to normality with their activities. Within the ‘All other giving/donations’ is £2,083 designated funds income. This shows the donations made by users of the Food Pantry (see page 4) and this is being shown as a separate entry in order to help PCC and others fully understand the costings involved in providing this exceptional service to our community. The accounts do show a slight decline in other general fund income areas (fund raising, tax back claim etc) but the overall end position has been positive.

Payments: Our spending during 2022 was many thousands of pounds more than in 2021 (an extra £8,259). This despite reducing our Freewill Offer to the Diocese from £25,000 to £21,700. Virtually all areas of spend were increased, with energy costs far exceeding previous years for the Church and the Hall. In part, this is unsurprising given that we are much more active as Covid restrictions become an unpleasant memory : more services, more activities. The notes on Page 4 Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments show in detail how we spent money during 2022 and it can be seen that we spent £6,077 on energy costs (much of it in the last two months of the year) compared to £3,648 previously. Most other costs were pretty much in line with inflation but two areas of higher spending are actually welcome costs : the Food Pantry (£3053) and the Webcam streaming system (£3,883) These are ‘Designated Fund’ costs under the general heading of Mission/Ministry/Evangelism and, although PCC set a budget of £5,000 for this, we have exceeded that spend. That is worthy use of our funds : direct spending to reach out to others to access our worship as well as spending on a much needed service to vulnerable people in our local community. Transfer between funds : In 2021 we received a £500 legacy from the estate of Anne Dugdall which initially was restricted. During the early part of 2022 we were given permission by her executors to remove that restriction and the balance of funds (£480) was transferred from Restricted Funds to General Funds. This is not ‘income’ as such because we already held the funds but is shown in the accounts to reduce the total Restricted Funds and increase General Funds.

Restricted Funds: detailed on Page 3 of the Annual Accounts are the Restricted Funds : Income and Spend. Most restricted funds are transitional – they are generally for specific in-year projects or collections (such as Walsingham/Children’s Society etc.) and income received is aimed to be paid over as soon as possible to the beneficiary. There are currently three static restricted funds – Choir and Music Fund, Church Hall and Messy Church. As of this year, the Choir and Music Fund has a zero balance and PCC have agreed to cease this fund. The Church Hall fund retains a small balance and as and when this is spent this fund will also be ceased. That will leave just one static fund (Messy Church) as an ongoing restricted fund and as this fund is drawn down PCC will be asked to consider a decision to disband that fund too. PCC does not generally ask for donations that are restricted. Restrictions mean those funds can only be used for a specified purpose and if that work/project/activity does not come to fruition it means PCC could find themselves with a pot of money which cannot otherwise be used. For any donation, PCC will always seek to respect the wishes and intentions of the donor but ask that all donations are confidently gifted to PCC management to use appropriately to further the work, worship and mission of St Alban’s and not otherwise restrict the donation.

Assets/Liabilities: Also detailed on Page 3 of the Annual Accounts is the distribution of cash funds and a list of assets and liabilities. Assets are items which have a monetary value (sanctuary stock) or funding which is due to PCC based on activities within the year of the accounts (2022). Income tax recoverable is that element of gift aid to be claimed on the eligible monies received during 2022 but which can only be claimed after the year-end. NS&I account interest is paid at the beginning of January for funds held throughout 2022. These, therefore, are assets of the PCC. Note: We do not include items which require a faculty to dispose of. Also, we do not count items with a purchase value less than £1000 as these items are written off in-year. Items such as the Clavinova have been previously written off within 5 years of purchase. We thus have only the new web camera system as an asset – writing off $\frac{1}{3}$ each year for 3 years. Liabilities are costs we would normally be obliged to meet each month for services received in the previous month. These include, then, payment of utilities and payment to the organist. Assets and Liabilities are shown for information purposes – they do not affect the cash we hold.

Budget 2023

The budget for 2023 is published as a separate document and was agreed in November 2022 based on predicted outcomes at that time. These predicted figures have since been updated with actual outcomes. The budget is for a deficit of £16,250 and a year-end balance of £89,095. Income is budgeted to decrease in 2023 from c£53,000 to c£48,000. This is to reflect cost of living pressures (our money is primarily given voluntarily in offerings or raised through fundraising activities) and the £3,500 energy grants are unlikely to be repeated. Spending is budgeted for a substantial increase from c£52,000 to c£64,500. This is not due to our anticipated spend on daily activities - that is budgeted to rise in line with cost-of-living percentage, as is our Freewill Offer to the Diocese which has been set at £22,800 for 2023. Rather, the increased spend is against two key areas: 1) Building redevelopment 2) Evangelism. Our budget is intended to guide PCC decisions: income decisions on levels of offerings, activities to raise funds etc as well as decisions on what to spend. For some time we have been exploring what the future might look like without us having the Hall (through sale or demolition) and we might reorder the Church to take over (and, indeed, increase) the provisions of community activities that the Hall provides. PCC have therefore budgeted to spend £10,000 on church development. A new budget item has been introduced this year of £2,500 for Evangelism. In many respects, evangelising costs nothing but time: we simply need to talk to others about our life and worship at St Alban's, live our faith in our everyday life and let our example be the a guide to others to come along and let Jesus into their life. But that can sometimes feel understated. The reason for setting a budget, then, is seek to develop some resource/workshop/activity that we can meet in and explore ideas and understandings about evangelism. More detail will be forthcoming from PCC during 2023.

Reserves Policy 2023

The Reserves Policy 2023 is published as a separate document. In consideration of the Budget spending decisions for 2023 the total amount to be held in reserve has been reduced from a total of £88,000 to a revised **total reserve of £68,000**.

Jim Hickey, PCC Treasurer, 31 January 2023



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Alban the Martyr, Kingston upon Hull, Parochial Church Council Financial Year 2022

This is my report on the accounts for the **Year ended 31st December 2022** which are set out on pages 12 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, nothing 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 s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;

nor

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

Mrs Vicki Garner (Business Manager)

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Page 4 notes	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned giving	4a	19,870	-	-	19,870	20,886
Collections at services		6,947	-	-	6,947	923
All other giving/donations	4b	6,370	2,083	5,144	13,596	10,860
Tax back from Gift Aid		5,779	-	-	5,779	6,951
		38,966	2,083	5,144	46,192	39,620
Legacies		-	-	-	0	1,500
Activities for generating funds	4c	4,540	-	-	4,540	5,026
NS&I Account interest		8	-	-	8	-
Church Activities		127	-	-	127	667
Parish Hall rental income		6,068	-	-	6,068	3,329
Receipt Totals		49,709	2,083	5,144	56,936	50,142
Payments Church activities						
Clergy and staff expenses Church services		4,941	-	-	4,941	3,472
Church running expenses	4d	1,783	-	-	1,783	581
Hall running expenses	4e	6,407	-	-	6,407	4,163
Mission (giving/grants/donations)	4f	2,854	-	-	2,854	980
		-	225	-	225	1,467
		15,985	225	0	16,210	10,663
Cost of generating funds		289	-	-	289	20
Freewill Offer		21,696	-	-	21,696	25,000
Mission/Ministry/Evangelism	4f	-	7,247	5,213	12,460	5,249
Parish Office costs (incl. Insurance)	4g	6,472	-	-	6,472	7,043
Miscellaneous		-	-	-	0	191
Payment Totals		(44,442)	(7,472)	(5,213)	(57,127)	48,166
Transfers between funds	4h	480		(480)	0	74
Excess/Deficit Receipts over Payments		5,747	(5,389)	(550)	(191)	1,763
Cash at bank / in hand 01 January		17,050	87,938	1,229	106,215	104,452
Cash at bank / in hand 31 December		22,797	82,549	679	106,024	106,215

Funds Definition

Unrestricted Funds - are the monies received by the PCC without any restriction placed on them by the donor - nor raised by the PCC for a specified purpose(s). They can then be spent on the PCC for any approved reason. **Unrestricted Designated Funds** - are likewise unrestricted funds held by the PCC but monies which have been 'set aside' (designated) by PCC with an intention to fund a specific purpose rather than simply be used for general day-to-day spending. They are not restricted to that purpose and can be re-assigned for other purposes as determined from time to time

Restricted Funds - are monies raised by PCC or given to PCC for specified purpose(s) and which can only be used for that purpose(s)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Page 3 notes

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Cash Fund				
HSBC bank current account	40,014	679	40,693	41,320
TSB deposit account	326		326	326
NS&I Savings account	63,473		63,473	63,466
Cash in hand	1,532		1,532	1,104
	105,345	679	106,024	106,215
Other Monetary Assets				
Camera streaming system	2,050		2,050	-
Income tax recoverable	4,750	125	4,875	5,100
Sanctuary consumables	975	-	975	1,385
NS&I Savings account interest	15	-	15	6
	7,790	125	7,915	6,491
Liabilities				
Creditors due in one month	3,225	-	3,225	2,185

Notes on above

- Income Tax recoverable is an estimated amount due from gift aid offerings which we will receive and can claim for - previous year claims are up to date.
- Sanctuary consumable stock are increased to reflect more regular services and cost increases
- We have a credit balance in an NS&I Account and interest is calculated annually and paid to the account on or about 1 January each year. The interest rate was 0.01%
- Creditors due includes those bills we would be obligated to meet within one month to include heating/lighting/utilities/musician payment and bank charges

Restricted Funds : Income and Spend

Restricted funds	B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	C/Fwd
Ukraine Water Aid	-	810	-800	-	10
Childrens Society	52	106	-158	-	0
Women's Refuge	-	100	-100	-	0
Macmillan	50	-	-50	-	0
Anne Dugdall	-	94	-94	-	0
Choir & Music	480	-	-	-480	0
Walsingham	108	-	-108	-	0
Church Hall	-	3,708	-3,708	-	0
Messy Church	443	-	-65	-	378
	96	326	-130	-	292
	1,229	5,144	(-5,213)	(-480)	679

Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments

<i>Receipts</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	<i>Total 2021</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
4a) Planned giving					
Weekly envelopes	6,665	-	-	6,665	7,231
Monthly standing orders	13,205	-	-	13,205	13,655
	19,870	-	-	19,870	20,886
4b) All other giving/donations					
General donations	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,083
Food Pantry donations	-	2,083	-	2,083	1,928
Tuesday morning donations	370	-	-	370	136
Restricted Funds	-	-	5,144	5,144	4,778
	6,370	2,083	5,144	13,596	12,925
4c) Activities for generating funds					
Weekly bonus ball	1,372	-	-	1,372	1,158
Social Committee events	3,168	-	-	3,168	3,868
	4,540	-	-	4,540	5,026
<i>Payments</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	<i>Total 2021</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
4d) Church running expenses					
Church Heat /Light / Water	3,473	-	-	3,473	2,993
Church Repairs/Renewals/Cleaning	2,934	-	-	2,934	1,203
	6,407	-	-	6,407	4,196
4e) Hall running expenses					
Hall Heat /Light	2,604	-	-	2,604	555
Hall Repairs/Renewals/Cleaning	250	-	-	250	425
	2,854	-	-	2,854	980
4f) Mission/Ministry/Evangelism					
Food Pantry costs	-	3,053	-	3,053	1,508
Webcam streaming system	-	3,883	-	3,883	638
Walsingham pilgrimage	-	-	3,708	3,708	3,025
Other Restricted funds	-	-	1,505	1,505	1,700
Reader course grant	-	225	-	225	74
	0	7,161	5,213	12,374	6,945
4g) Parish Office costs					
Insurance	4353	-	-	4,353	4144
Photocopier	1209	-	-	1,209	1176
Stationery/admin	747	-	-	747	245
Bank Charges	163	-	-	163	0
	6472	0	0	6,472	5565
4g) Transfer between funds					
From Restricted legacy to general funds (Anne Dugdall legacy)	480	-	(480)	0	74
	480	-	-480	0	0

Churchwardens Report

There have been two cases of deliberate breakage of panes in the northern window at the front of the Hall, facing the road. The pane was replaced on the first occasion but it was decided to just board up after the second incident as the cost of repair was likely to be significant given that a shaped pane was one of the two broken.

The oven in the Hall kitchen required a new element in November 2021. A few months later a similar problem seemed to arise. It was decided to limit expenditure by the provision of a microwave oven rather than effect another costly repair.

Another microwave oven has been added to the church kitchen, funded by the lunch club.

The mysterious partial loss of St Benedict's right hand and his crook, as reported last year, have been rectified very ably by Jim Hickey, who has also restored/painted the High Altar candlesticks, the 'angel' candlesticks, added a sceptre to the Madonna and Child, and the processional crucifix. Fr John made and donated the crucifix in the St Christopher Chapel.

As a safety measure a 'sleeping policeman' has been installed across the entrance to the north car park.

By abseiling from the top of the tower, Humber Access repointed where necessary, removed vegetation, waterproofed brickwork and replaced a few displaced tiles.

There has been ongoing general maintenance of buildings and planted areas.

A bespoke video/audio system with a remotely directable camera has been installed and provides a live, high quality Facebook broadcast of the Parish Mass. Our thanks to Fr Graham for continuing to oversee this.

Installation of an additional handrail in the Lady Chapel provides assistance to the clergy, as required.

The children's area has been soft tiled and rearranged.

Required periodic inspections were carried out:

- Church and Hall heating system boilers.
- Lightning conductors.
- Fire extinguishers.
- PAT testing of all electrical equipment (Tony Mould).

General maintenance of the buildings and grounds has been continued.

Savings expected from the change of energy supplier in 2021 were overtaken by events beyond our control.

Pots of hyacinths were distributed on Mothering Sunday.

Our thanks to those who have contributed to the running of the church and the maintenance of the building and grounds in the past year.

Churchwardens: Ian Franklin and Jim Weller

Deanery Synod Report

Throughout the year father Graham and I attended three meetings out of a possible five. The Diocese have been concentrating on a five year plan and what they want each church to achieve.

A lot of discussion thought COVID to be a main factor over the last two years as the root of many problems for the elderly and young people especially and how it has affected the community as a whole.

The synod meetings also highlighted the cost of living crisis and what the church can do to help the community especially through the winter period.

The full minutes of these meetings have been filed with the PCC Secretary and are in the PCC records.

The synod meetings are a very friendly place where clergy and reps have a nice chat with a cup of tea and a biscuit.

I have witnessed different types of churches and people and found it all very interesting.

Mark Lindsay, Parish Representative to Deanery Synod

Secretary's Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The PCC has met six times this year, with the occasional consultation being conducted by email. Meetings have covered the usual business of receiving reports on our fabric/maintenance, church activities and from Deanery Synod. Policies have been reviewed and approved, as have accounts, the budget and our freewill offering to the diocese. This year has seen the final removal of all COVID restrictions.

Concern that the Deanery Plan for 'Living Christ's story' had degenerated into a demand for money was expressed. Approval was given for the repointing/repair of the church tower by a team of abseilers was given.

A sub-committee has been set up to look in detail at the problems caused by the deterioration of the hall and consider possible solutions.

The new computer/camera system was approved and installed using money allocated for Mission, and this has been greatly appreciated by many parishioners when they have been unable to come to church. Messy Church has also started, using funds from this budget, and we have started to look at Mission Action Planning for the future.

It was agreed that we would sponsor Mark Lindsay as he started training as a Lay Reader. He has also taken over responsibility for Safeguarding from Wendy Bishop and undertaken the necessary training during this year. We are very grateful for the work Wendy has done over many years.

Thank you to Fr Graham, Mtr Linda and all who have assisted the smooth running of St Alban's during the past year.

Elizabeth Franklin, PCC Secretary

Messy Church Report

1st March 2022 we held our first Messy Church Gathering, Messy Pancakes. We had 19 children attend plus their adults. It was a fun session with crafts, story and shared food. In April we held a second session, Messy Easter, which saw a greater number of children attending. Several other sessions were held throughout the year and although numbers fluctuated, we have growing into a nice group.

To help continue to grow Messy Church we have a banner to advertise when will take place, posts on social media, I have developed an email mailing list, Hall Road Academy have advertised this on their school newsletter and put flyers in the pupils book bags. Flyers have also been given out preceding some sessions.

I would like to extend my thanks to the all the parents who bring their children to Messy Church, it is always so much fun! And to say a special thank you to the regular helpers, including Xinette, Judy, Tina, Jennie and Lisa. Also to Mrs Halliday for helping to promote the sessions.

We are now running a regular session usually on the third Tuesday of the month, in the evening 3.30 -4.30ish, the format will continue to be crafts/games, followed by a story and shared food.

Sally Hill, Messy Church Organiser

Social Committee Report

After the previous years of staying at home and not doing much it was really nice to get back to having a full program of events this year, all of which were well attended.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out and/or came along, especially Joan, who allegedly stepped down at the end of 2019 as leader of the social committee but who I would be totally lost without. I would also like to thank Tracey from Tesco who supported our Spring Fayre and Jubilee celebrations with donations of a Tesco Finest Hamper and party food.

In March we started the year with Pancake and Beetle Night. Special thanks to Lynn and Simon for letting us use the Scout Hut and setting it up for us and to Judy and Xinette, for all their help in making and serving the pancakes. In April we held the Spring Fayre, slightly earlier than usual, to allow us time to prepare for the Jubilee Celebrations! May saw the return of the Bad Apple Theatre Company, this time with Elephant Rock; thanks to Ian for organising this.

June was a busy month: we celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon tea party in 50s Style! Music from the era was played and the Choir even gave a sing-along. Later in the month we celebrated St Alban's Day with a Parish Lunch at the Masonic Hall. We were unable to find a suitable date in July for the BBQ with the uniformed organisations but that is something we hope to achieve in 2023.

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In September the Buckrose Concert Band performed a Proms Concert; thanks again to Ian for organising this one.

October was Harvest Supper and Bingo; thanks to John for being the Bingo caller and all those who helped keep his balls in the rightful place (I would get the machine fixed but I don't want to spoil all the fun).

December was another busy month! We had a brilliant concert from the Buckrose Concert Band; thanks again to Ian for organising it. Dagger Lane Singers (who rehearse in the church) gave us an informal Christmas Concert. It was also the annual Christmas Fayre with a last-minute hunt for Santa. Thanks Santa, you know who you are (and thanks to Mrs Claus too). Entertainment was provided by Gillshill Primary School's Steel band and they were amazing! When the steel band were taking a break we were entertained by Sue and Friends who, were wonderful and played Christmas Carols for us. December events finished with mulled wine and mince pies after the Christmas Carol Service.

A program of events is being organised for 2023 to include:

- 21.02.23 Pancakes and Beetle Drive
- 13.05.23 Spring Fayre
- 18.06.23 St Alban's Day Parish Lunch and Buckrose Concert Band Concert
- July (tbc) BBQ with uniformed organisations
- Oct (tbc) Harvest Supper
- 02.12.23 Christmas Fayre
- 15.12.23 Buckrose Concert Band Christmas Concert

Sally Hill, Social Committee Convenor

St Albans Drop-in

The Tuesday Drop-in (adjacent to Food Pantry in the hall) has operated every week throughout 2022 with what we hope has been a friendly welcome, a reasonable selection of drinks and plenty of varied biscuits, chocolates and occasional cake treats.

You are all most welcome whether you drop in for a quick natter or want to stay for the full morning – it is up to you. We remain impressed with the capacity some of our guests have with their intake of liquid refreshments so the quality of the drinks must be reasonably acceptable. Complaints are few and far between and always polite.

Our thanks to Simon and Lynn who ably step in when we are away and to John (H) who assists most weeks with the important task of encouraging new visitors and making them feel welcome.

We also welcome any ideas to enhance or add to activities so please, don't be shy. Tony's crossword always goes down well but we can also look to organise other forms of entertainment, if you let us know and we can accommodate it. Ruth does however draw a line at singing to you!

Andrew Mould and Ruth, Drop-in Organisers

St Alban's Pantry

We have managed to keep Pantry open for each of the 52 weeks of the year and have continued to grow numbers attending. Since opening in 2019 over 300 people have been to register as users. Average weekly attendance has been 46 throughout the year but in the last 3 months it was over 50 and we have had over 60 some weeks which really keeps Vanessa, Geraldine and Tony on their toes. We are grateful to Alan for helping us set up and clear away each week and to Simon for stepping in during holidays and sickness.

It has not always been easy to obtain food from our main supplier, which is FareShare, and we have had to supplement this with visits to Booker. We have had generous support from those members of the congregation who regularly leave some items at the back of Church as well as from Bricknell Avenue Methodists Church and from other churches, schools and others at Harvest time and before Christmas. We pray that such generosity continues.

Tony Mould, Geraldine Rainey and Vanessa Rose, Pantry Organisers

Church Hall Report

The church hall has been kept clean by Tony Mould and his team; a big thank you to all of them, it is appreciated.

The hall has been booked out to community users for over 30 weekends. Regular users on evenings, are the Guiding Association units (Monday and Thursday) and Line Dancing (Tuesday and Wednesday). A big thank you to them for resuming their activities after the Covid closure.

The Food Bank and Drop-in happen on a Tuesday Morning and Messy Church on Tuesdays after school on a monthly basis is well attended.

Despite the hall showing its age, it is still being booked for parties and so far this year we have received bookings up to October.

Tony Bishop, Church Hall Bookings Secretary

St Alban's Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

This year has been much easier with fewer restrictions in the ways in which we can enjoy being together, taking an active part in Girlguiding, continuing to help girls and young women develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually, so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

The Rainbows have continued to thrive since returning and have participated in many unit meeting activities, skill builders and completing badges at home. This has seen two of our Rainbows earn their Bronze award and they have stated they are gaining their Silver and will have their Gold award before they leave us for Brownies.

The Brownies have enjoyed a science evening run by one of the dads and an evening at Rock Up. Thursday units held a sponsored badge challenge, completing many activities in one evening for the Unexpected November challenge badge.

Our Guides enjoyed their first camp together since Covid restrictions totally lifted and enjoyed being away on a very large scale by attending an International Camp Poacher 2022 with 6000 other Girlguiding and Scouting members which, although only across the Humber on Lincolnshire Showground, enabled the girls to meet other Guides and scouts from around the world and country, build new friendships, strengthen existing friendships and to take part in a wide range of challenging activities and adventures that they may not normally be able to experience. Some of the many activities they enjoyed were gliding, climbing, abseiling, crate stacking, roller skating, mini diggers, sub aqua and many more. Thank you to our Food Pantry who kindly donated a very large bag of pasta and noodles. We were able to repay this support by donating tins of food that we had left at the end of our camp.

Many of our girls have supported church parades, and we continue to support the Church with their Fayres. Our Christingle service was well attended and had great support from parents, grandparents and a few members of the St Alban's congregation.

As we go into this new year we have spaces available within all units, other than our youngest unit (Rainbows) which currently has a waiting list. We have seen some of our young leaders move off to university but also welcome Ceri as a Unit Helper with Thursday Brownies. Ceri was a Brownie & Guide herself with St Alban's and has recently returned to Hull. Whilst supporting her niece at church parade she showed an interest in returning to help within our units.

I would like to thank all of the leaders who have continued to support and volunteer their time to weekly commitments to the girls of St Albans.

Yours in Guiding,

*Melanie Bishop, Rainbow, Brownie & Guide Leader
District Commissioner for Ferens District within Hull North Division*

St Albans (North Hull) Scout Group Report

Once again each section has kept itself busy and entertained with various events and activities, as shown in the annual reports below, submitted by each Group Leader.

Beavers

Our beavers have enjoyed being able to meet “like the good old days.”

After beginning again with all new boys, it has been a joy to watch them grow together as a colony. They have forged great friendships and enjoy learning new skills.

Over the year we have gained various badges. A highlight was seeing all their home-made planets hanging from the ceiling in the hut.

Another badge gained was their challenge badge. They had to take part in a log chew (speaking and sharing ideas), show they could work as a team and take part in a mental challenge. Working together and speaking and listening are skills needed throughout their time in scouting and, indeed, life.

An evening always looked forward to is our Lego night with Ben. Thank you, Ben, for bringing all your models and letting us design our own Lego creations.

We had a noisy Christmas party with games and food. We have, at last, attended a church parade; we look forward to being able to join the rest of St Alban’s youth groups in the future. For Mothering Sunday we made cookie jars and for Father’s Day made a scroll for dads/grandads. Easter saw us making our usual Easter nests, and now we have our little oven we have been able to do a bit of baking; lots of fun here and new skills once again.

At the beginning of every meeting, we have our ‘Good or Bad’ week. The boys, and indeed the leaders, take it in turns tell everyone if they have had a good or bad week. This may seem a simple thing to do but it builds great confidence in the boys. Some don’t speak for a while and then, all of a sudden, they find their voice, some obviously have a loud voice from the beginning!

Of course, none of this would not be possible without my assistant Nancy (Orange Beaver). She has so many new ideas which she brings to the beaver colony. Thank you Nancy for everything you do, not only for our boys, but all you do for me too. I also must thank Simon and Dan for stepping in when we have needed you on occasions. Nancy and I will continue to nurture our youngest members and hopefully watch them continue through the group.

Lynn, Silver Beaver

Cubs

After returning from the summer break the cubs have been working towards various badges. This includes navigators, first aid, pioneering and local knowledge. The cubs have learnt mapping skills, which includes map symbols, grid coordinates and much more. For their first aid badge they learnt about minor cuts and injuries, what to say if they have to call 999 and how to treat burns. In the case of pioneering the cubs learnt various knots such as the reef, figure of eight and clove hitch. The cubs also learnt lashings such as the square and shear lashing.

During the first term the cubs went on a camp at Melton Scout campsite for a night. This was our first cub-only camp and from the feedback, received from one of our cub forums, it was a success. On the first night the cubs cooked marshmallows on an open fire, went on a night hike and later enjoyed supper in front of the wood burning stove. The next day they went on a hike and had to put their navigating skills into practice. The cubs then prepared lunch ready for the scouts who were staying over on the Saturday.

During the first half of the spring term the cubs enjoyed old fashioned, old school type games. This included table skittles, ruler rugby, dominoes, darts, getting the ball into the bucket and table tennis. These were enjoyed by all, proof that you do not need a computer game to have fun.

As part of the Platinum Jubilee the cubs took on the platinum challenge which comprises 8 challenges which start with the 8 letters in the word platinum. The cubs managed to light a beacon, enjoyed a Jubilee party, made bunting and even wrote a thank you letter to Her Majesty the Queen, just to name a few. They also had a talk by one of our own Queen Scouts informing them how to work towards the Queen Scout Award.

The cubs have started on their environmentalist badge. This is the final part that Ryan requires in order to complete his Chief Scouts Silver Award, which is the highest award in cub scouts. For this the cubs have cleared an area around the side of the scout hut in order to create bug hotels, bee houses and bird feeders. They have also tried to tidy the cub garden.

Finally, the cubs have attended the district raft racing event held at East park model boating pond. Here they got as many goes as they liked during 1 hour, rowing back and forth on a raft made of 4 barrels and lashed together with rope. Thankfully, the weather was good and the sun kept shining (barring one slight shower, but not bad for England). Just about all the cubs fell in and fun was had by all. I would like to thank James and Rhys who stayed in the pond and ensured the raft did not stray into the scout/explorer's raft lanes.

Another successful year and fun was had by all. I would like to thank my leaders: Sarah, Adam, Aaron and James for all their hard work, help and commitment. Without them the pack would not have as much fun as they do.

Karen (Akela)

Scouts

As previously reported, we did finally manage to dust down the tents last summer and hold an abridged version of summer camp at Melton campsite during July 2021, which also incorporated our annual Group camp and family barbecue/campfire during the first weekend. As always, this was well attended and I would hope enjoyed by all.

Indoor meetings did finally resume in September and between then and Christmas we held a quiz night and a race night along with one evening cooking with potatoes and another trying out 'a la carte' recipes. We also managed to get outdoors for our trip to the floodlit football court on National Avenue and a night stopover at Melton campsite for our annual firework party/barbecue. The scouts also had a go at 'pasta art' and at making their own Christmas baubles/decorations to take home. The year finished with our joint Christmas party with the cubs.

Since Christmas we have returned to the basics of scouting, going through the three main topics that lead on to the great outdoors, those being mapping, knotting and first aid.

Shortly before Easter we moved up a gear and held our first weekend away in the Lodge at Melton. Since then we've also managed a further weekend away with the lads camping under canvas and our annual Group weekend camp and family barbecue. In between we have spent meeting nights preparing the Troop for the great outdoors which has included menu planning, kit lists, essentials of hygiene at camp, etc.

Plans are in hand for our first proper summer camp since 2018 when we will be returning to one of our most favoured sites at Harome, just outside Helmsley. This will indeed be an adventure as probably most of us are out of practice for 'greenfield' camping and there are of course some lads in the troop who have never experienced it.

Very many thanks to all parents who have helped us out during the year with transport and assistance with meetings, camps and programme nights - we really could not do it without your assistance. Also thanks to Mark McDermott who admirably took charge of last year's Group Barbecue and of course to Lynn who has stepped in on many occasions throughout the year to help us with nights in and out as well as weekend and summer camps.

Finally, as ever I must add my most grateful thanks to Simon, Ben, Adam, Dan, Aaron and Callum for all their hard work and assistance throughout the year. It has been even more appreciated than usual due to problems I've had with my tired old legs. It is encouraging to know that despite their own commitments I can truly rely on their support, input and enthusiasm. Working together remains an absolute pleasure.

Paul Mould (Skip) – Group Leader

Parochial Church Council Members 2022

Vicar:

Fr Graham Thornalley

Associate Priest:

Mtr Linda Gillard

Churchwardens:

Dr Ian Franklin

Mr Jim Weller

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Mark Lindsay

Ordinary Elected Members:

Mrs Wendy Bishop (Safeguarding Representative) (2023)

Mrs Elizabeth Franklin (Secretary) (2024)

Mr Jim Hickey (Treasurer) (2023)

Mrs Sally Hill (2025)

Mr Andrew Mould (Gift Aid Secretary) (2025)

Mr Anthony Mould (2023)

Mrs Vanessa Rose (2023)

[Numbers in brackets indicate year of election to PCC, normal term of 3 years.]

