

ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH SOUTH HILL

ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ended 31 December 2022



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Our vision is that St Sampson's will be an accessible Christian presence in our 21st century community, drawing people in by its beauty, enfolding them with the warmth of its welcome and enabling them to experience the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

"Mission Statement" - Reach Out, Welcome In, Tell the Story.

"Let me commend you for your careful stewardship not only of St. Sampson's fabric, but for your passion for its spiritual life."

Bishop Philip

Introduction

This year St Sampson's has been open for worship the whole year, unlike the previous two years when it was necessary to close for Covid lockdowns. It has been a joy to worship together again and resume a more normal and uninterrupted routine. The electoral roll and congregation numbers have remained steady this year and there has been much to celebrate and new initiatives to enjoy and inspire us, including new forest style café church alongside our more traditional services, a celebration of St Sampson at a quiet reflective service for his feast day, followed by a bustling Saturday Medieval Barrow Push and summer fair and welcoming Supertots to church in December.

The St Sampson's Unlocked project has continued and progressed (please see St Sampson's Unlocked report). Particularly important this year has been the removal and return of several of the stained glass windows, which have been fully restored to their former glory.

We continue to keep the church open to visitors in daylight hours for people to reflect, pray and explore and from the comments received, we know this is appreciated. St Sampson's as a place of sanctuary has never been so valued. The churchyard is also valued by the local community, maintaining it in such a way as to promote a haven for wildflowers and wildlife. We were pleased that as an Eco church we obtained our Eco Bronze Award this year.

Please keep in mind that this report is for 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022, therefore developments since the beginning of 2023 are not included.

We are thankful for all who work to keep St Sampson's a special place, including those who provide worship, music, maintenance, tea and cake, cleaning, administration, rotas, record keeping, finance, pastoral care, flowers, safeguarding, communications, fundraising, churchyard care, a warm welcome, advice, enthusiasm, wise words, strong shoulders, and especially friendship and prayer.

The Parochial Church Council of St Sampson's South Hill

Reference and administrative information

The parish of South Hill is part of the Diocese of Truro and the parish church, St Sampson's, is located at the crossroads, South Hill near Callington, Cornwall. South Hill is one of the four parishes which make up the Callington Cluster. The correspondence address is Rev J Lannon, The Rectory, Stoke Climsland PL17 8NZ.

Structure governance and management

St Sampson's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) is a corporate body operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2020. The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. -It has no related trusts or charities.

Aims and Purposes

The purpose of the PCC is as defined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956: "to co-operate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Sampson's. We have a variety of services to appeal to different people, within our parish and beyond, and we hold services weekly. To facilitate our activities it is important that we maintain and improve the fabric and facilities of the Church of St Sampson, South Hill.

Structure

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the Parochial Church Council comprises 6 elected lay members, plus ex-officio members comprising the Parish Clergy, Readers, the Churchwardens and two Deanery Synod Representatives. The PCC may co-opt up to 2 additional members. A decision of the annual meeting of 2010 is in force that all lay representatives should serve for a period of twelve months in accordance with Provision M16 (2) of the Church Representation Rules 2020. This decision was reviewed at the annual meeting in 2022 and needs to be reviewed again by 2028

All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. There were 34 people on the electoral roll at 31 December 2022, 9 of whom were not resident in the parish. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including on how funds of the PCC are to be spent.

PCC Members who served during the year 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 were as follows: –

From 1 January – 30 April 2022

Ex Officio members: Rev Joe Lannon – Chairman
Mr David Brent – Churchwarden
Mrs Miranda Lawrance-Owen – Churchwarden (and Electoral Roll Officer)
Mrs Judith Ayers – Reader (and Secretary)
Ms Kate Glancy – Deanery Synod representative

Mr Nigel Cooper – Reader
Mr Robin West – Diocesan Representative for East Wivelshire

Elected members: Mr Michael Brent
Mrs Susan Tunnicliffe (Finance Officer)
Ms Rhoda Pearson

From 1 May 2022 onwards

Ex Officio members: Rev Joe Lannon - Chair
Mrs Miranda Lawrance-Owen – Churchwarden
Mrs Judith Ayers – Churchwarden, Reader and Lay Chair
Mr Mike Manaton– Deanery Synod representative
Mr Nigel Cooper – Reader
Mr Robin West – Reader

Elected members: Mrs Caroline Beckett - Secretary
Mr Chris Beckett – Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs Susan Tunnicliffe - Finance Officer
Ms Rhoda Pearson - Resigned in December 2022

During the year the full PCC met seven times, but also agreed issues and resolutions via e mail and letter when necessary. Considerable time this year has been taken up with discussion about the Diocese's 'On The Way' plans and how they might affect St Sampson's in the future. The East Wivelshire Deanery Plan was approved by Deanery Synod on 30 June 2022, although the PCC did not support it. The proposal for joining parishes together into three benefices in the Deanery means that St Sampson's would become part of an 8 parish, 12 churches benefice, if approved.

Individual PCC members receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training is available through the Diocese.

Health & Safety

There is an ongoing programme of risk assessment undertaken by the Health & Safety Officer, Rhoda Pearson (until December 2022) overseen by the Churchwardens and Finance Officer. The Churchwardens took on the role pending the appointment of a new H&S Officer at the APCM. All risks identified and any action taken are reported to the full PCC which takes any further action needed to manage risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church as a whole.

The Health and Safety policy from Ecclesiastical insurance was last reviewed and accepted on 6 November 2019, and is due to be reviewed again in May 2023. There have been no major Health and Safety issues during the year. Health and safety affects us all, so if there are any issues or concerns relating to health and safety in the church or churchyard please report them to the churchwardens.

Safeguarding Report for Year Ending 31 December 2022

All the required people have undertaken the appropriate Safeguarding training.

The PCC of the Parish of St Sampson's confirms it has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance and the policy was reviewed and accepted on 26 July 2022.

Achievement and Performance

Church Services

Services are normally held every Sunday, as follows:

- 1st Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
- 2nd Sunday 11.15am Morning Worship
- 3rd Sunday 11.15am Morning Worship
- 4th Sunday 10am Sunday with a Difference - followed by refreshments
- 5th Sunday Joint Cluster Service, at one of our Cluster churches

The aim is to offer a variety of styles of worship each month and to encourage worship together at the cluster services.

Holy Communion was celebrated at Easter with Rev Heather West presiding and 32 attending. We held a traditional Harvest service with Holy Communion in October, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch and auction. Rev Heather West presided and 21 attended. Our carol service by candlelight was, as always, very special this year. Despite the sub-zero temperature, 45 people attended and enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Many thanks to Jane Newberry and the pop-up choir; Jenny Coombe the organist; the string players and the handbell ringers from St Mellion. The Rector, Rev Joe Lannon, presided on Christmas Day and 21 people attended. This was a family service with a shortened form of Holy Communion.

There was 1 marriage and 3 funerals. There were no baptisms.

In general Sunday attendance has remained steady with an average of 16 attendees.

Worship Team

The worship team for South Hill in 2022 comprised Judith Ayers, Nigel Cooper and Robin West (all Readers), Miranda Lawrance-Owen (Lay Worship Leader) and Rev Joe Lannon, (Rector). The team plan and lead all the services at St Sampson's. We are also very grateful to Rev Heather West for her assistance.

We have welcomed a variety of preachers and priests this year who have given us a broad and rich diet of word and sacrament with different service styles, providing variety and a dynamic worship mix. Our eco status and Celtic origins continue to influence our worship.

This year we introduced Forest Café Church every other 4th Sunday, which has an element of outside worship. A highlight was our animal thanksgiving service at a local smallholding. The 4th Sunday is always aimed to be different in its style and content.

In December we held our 'Messy Tingle' service, with Christingle making, coffee and cake as well as carols, prayers and a short talk. It was well attended. Families who couldn't make it had Christingle packs sent home for them.

St Sampson's feast day (28 July) was celebrated on Sunday 24 July with a special contemplative service.



Readers and Intercessors Rota

We operate a rota of congregation members who read the lessons with conviction and clarity and lead intercessions with integrity for each service. Thank you to all those involved. If anyone else would like to be included on the rotas, please speak to Miranda Lawrance-Owen. Volunteers can choose whether they do intercessions as well as readings, or just one or the other. Training and support is available.

Prayer Gathering

A small group of congregation members meets every Tuesday morning at 9.30 for half an hour, to pray informally for the parish of South Hill and individuals and organisations connected with the parish who have a need for prayer or blessing. There is no particular format to this meeting. There is informal prayer, sometimes written prayers, sometimes silence, often laughter. Bible text is used alongside contemporary writings, depending on the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The group is open to all members of our congregation and other Christians in the parish. Regular attendance is not a requirement. Anyone is welcome to drop in for all or part of the prayer session at any time. If anyone has a prayer request, please speak to or email Judith or Miranda, or leave your request in an envelope on the prayer table. Anonymity is fine if preferred, but no information about prayer requests is ever shared outside the group.

Deanery Report and On The Way

Much of the time this year has been taken up with the initiative 'On The Way'. Early in the year there were a number of roadshows with Rev Chris Painter and Rev Laura Bushell-Hawke to promote the Deanery Plan to the parishes. At the Deanery Synod meeting on 30 June 2022, which was held over Zoom, there was a vote in favour of proceeding with the 'On the Way' Plan. The vote was recorded as 69% in favour of the plan, 21.4% against and 9.5% abstentions. The PCC at South Hill did not support the plan.

The next Deanery Synod met on 29 September 2022 and was attended by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, The Venerable Kelly Betteridge. She gave a slide presentation showing how the plan was moving forward with the creation of an Implementation Team, and various sub committees. She would be focussing on creating the pastoral schemes needed to change to three benefices covering the East Wivelshire Deanery.

The Rural Dean, Rev Chris Painter gave notice at the end of the year that he was moving to a benefice in Devon.

The St Sampson's representative was unable to attend the Deanery Synod held on 23 February 2023.

Refreshments

We offer refreshments after Sunday with a Difference services and at special occasions. This has always proved to be a very enjoyable time of extended fellowship and an important development in church life. It enables the congregation to socialise regularly and draws everyone together. It provides an opportunity for useful conversation to take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

Plans are moving ahead for a compact kitchen at the back of the church, which will make provision of refreshments much easier. Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way with refreshments this year.

Flowers

St Sampson's is blessed with a team of dedicated and talented people who ensure that the Church is decorated with flowers. Most of the flower arrangers have been part of our team for many years.

The PCC would like to thank all those who have continued to contribute flowers, foliage and their time to decorate the Church or by donating flowers or money. Please speak to Susan Hicks or Sue Tunnicliffe if you would like to help.

Chat and clean

Every couple of months, particularly before major festivals, weddings or other events the Chat 'n' Clean Team meet to clean the church, enjoy friendship, company, good coffee and cake. This informal group includes both regular worshipers and other parish residents. Thank you to all who keep the church looking cared for and clean from bats and building work. If you would like to help, contact Judith Ayers. This year we have also employed a local youngster to do a weekly clean to keep the church clean and welcoming before each service.

St Sampson's Unlocked Project

This is our project to repair and improve the church building and make it better fitted for worship and community use in the 21st century. Urgent repair and restoration work is being carried out to make the building warm and dry and a WC, a small kitchen facility and a small group meeting area will be provided. This will enable the building to be used for hospitality not just for congregation members but also for outreach events to the community and as a community resource for the parish. It will enable the church building to be used and appreciated by the whole community once again and ensure its sustainability in the future.

Many thanks to all those involved in fundraising and to our generous individual donors and supporters. During 2022, £66,478 was received from fundraising, grants, and donations and £83,870 was spent, predominantly on the roof valley, gutter repairs and window restoration.

Windows

Funding for the repair and restoration (approx £53,000) of all 13 windows has been secured with 13 grants and donations. The work started in October 2021, (delayed by the bat discoveries). By December 2022 eight windows were completely restored. They were removed in the hottest week and replaced in the coldest week! The remaining windows are scheduled to be worked on in the spring and summer of 2023. We look forward to the completed restoration.



Bats, Bells and Pilgrimage

We held three talks in 2022 and also a well attended bat box making workshop in February. Many thanks to the Cornwall Bat Group and Cornwall Wildlife Trust who jointly led the day. This was followed by our bat walk in May, at St Sampson's Church, led by local bat expert Tony Atkinson. We saw and heard our batty tenants coming out to forage.

In April we were treated to a fascinating talk from Anne Hayward about Celtic pilgrimage and her own pilgrimage walks around Cornwall and France.

In July, Owen Borlase, Eastern District Ringing Master for the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers entertained and informed us about our St Sampson's bells and general church bell construction. Our bells remain at Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough whilst funding is secured for the restoration and re hanging for static chiming.

Compost Toilet

In January the church community were very relieved with the addition of a compost toilet. Thanks to the Truro Diocesan Mission Fund for making this possible. It has made a big difference in being able to host events and services at St Sampson's.

Faculty

Faculty permission has been granted for the repairs to the stone work on the porch and funding secured from National Churches Trust, Cornwall Historic Churches Trust and the Diocesan Rural Repair Fund. The work will be completed in spring 2023.

Faculty permission has also been granted for external masonry repairs around the external tower door, the Manaton Chapel and the east gable wall and for repairs to the west door itself, following a condition survey by a heritage specialist. This work is in preparation for the toilet installation in the tower and the internal works in the Manaton Chapel.

Our detailed plans have been drawn up for the major works to the roof, ceiling, Manaton chapel space, toilet and kitchen and an open meeting was held with the architect, Grant Elliot, in the autumn. This has taken some time before submitting to the DAC for a faculty, because of the complicated and connected detail of the proposed works and the consultation with external bodies required. It is hoped a faculty will be granted in 2023.

A great deal of prayer and work has already gone into the St Sampson's Unlocked project, and we have been overwhelmed by the support received and money raised. As you can see, there is more to be done, and the PCC would value your ongoing prayers.

CRUX - Cherished, Restored, Unlocked Church

Many thanks to our fundraising and community awareness team for all the hard work they do.

We had a stall at the local Callington May Fest where many a monk was seen!

CRUX also organised a Medieval Barrow Push and Summer Fair. Another first, commemorating the ancient connection

between St Mary's Callington and St Sampson's South Hill. This was a most successful event with much fun and funds raised. An amazing effort from all involved.



Wider Activities in the Parish and Community

The South Hill Connection (magazine and online version) and St Sampson's Unlocked Facebook page continue to be used to inform the community of church activities. St Sampson's Church is also on Trip Advisor, Twitter and Instagram. The PCC is very grateful to Judith Ayers and Jane Newberry for work on this. The cluster website and "A Church Near You" website have all our details, which are updated regularly.

Our Harvest service and auction raised money for Cornwall Air Ambulance and during Advent the congregation and community were encouraged to fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas child.

The toddler group was given a new image and name - Sampson's Supertots - and a new Family leader Katie Stevenson. Running every Monday 9.30 - 11.30am in term time, it is held in the Parish Hall in Golberdon, but the families who attend come from a wide area. St Sampson's helps to fund this group and provides volunteers when needed. In December Supertots came to the church for a Christmas visit, with a song, story and gifts for the children from Father Christmas.

Individual church members are always encouraged to follow missional calling and are involved in the wider community and the cluster in a variety of ways, belonging to various parish and community organisations.

The PCC extends its thanks to all involved in these activities.

Reports

Rectors Report (APCM) May 2023

The last year has been a very busy one for the Cluster. There have been lots of developments and some real encouragements. Often, before real growth can occur, there is a process of pruning and this is not easy to have to experience. The Team Council was started and has met on several occasions. However, meetings have been less frequent as this informal body will eventually be superseded by the changes to be implemented via On the Way. Consequently, any future gatherings will now focus on improving communications and help us do what we do well as a Cluster.

The Operations group has been formed and has now appointed a new Pioneer Families Worker plus an Administrator. The Group has worked hard to put the necessary HR policies into place. My role as Line Manager has been very busy and I have needed to spend time helping induct and enable our new employees to settle into their posts. Already, our employees are proving their worth and are a real blessing to the Cluster. It has been encouraging to see our connections with schools and families develop.

A Quiet Day, in Dec 2022 for the Cluster, was led by Sally Piper at Rilla Mill Retreat Centre. This was well attended and it was a good time to reflect and pray together. The Diocese have created a new course called Sens Kernewek (a kind of focal minister role) and we now have 4 from our Cluster on this course. Also, over the past 12 months, four people from our Cluster have participated on the Foundations in Christian Ministry course. Others have renewed their PTO and we have one of ours ready to go forwards for BAP. I have completed a Pioneering in Parishes course, which has developed my role as Pioneer enabler. I would love to see at least one person from each of our Churches to go on this amazing course.

The Diocese have also provided me with coaching, and this has been a great help in enabling me develop appropriate consultations, implement change and plan for growth. A key component of this was to develop a new pattern of services based on using both lanes. This was met with some resistance especially from those, I believe, who were unhappy with On the Way. However, the new pattern has been adopted and this allowed the growth of a new fresh expressions which is already seeing growth in one of our Churches. I am hoping that the formation of a new Benefice will help establish a pattern of services for 11 Churches. I'm sure that the new changes are a cause for concern and I pray that you will, as a PCC, hear what the Lord is saying to you and enable you to continue to flourish in your different ways.

Communion by Extension was accepted by all PCCs and those named have now completed their training. A proposed scheme was developed and has now been agreed by the Bishop and Archdeacon.

I'm also pleased to see the growth of a healthy culture of Grace develop among us. A culture of Christian faith that seeks to work together and find friendlier and better ways of working together, despite any difference or disagreements. We must continue to challenge the current trend in society to polarise and treat those who don't support our cause with contempt. We have to grow the Kingdom and seek to put aside our preferences if they limit or restrict what God intends our Churches to look like.

I have been told that I am now in a process of Discernment to decide (when the profile comes out) if I wish to apply for the new post of Oversight Minister for the new Benefice of 11 Churches. If I do put my name forward then I will face an interview process; but there is no guarantee I will be offered the post. Please pray for me over the coming 2 to 3 months as I seek to discern God's leading. Finally, let's pray for a growing sense of vision and that our relationships with each other are full of kindness. If we face anxious moments let's walk in faith and trust it to God and choose to honour one another.

Blessings, Joe (Rector)

Church Wardens' Fabric report for 2022, presented to APCM May 2023

Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991. Section 5 (1) b

Church Fabric, Fixtures and Fittings

The general condition of the building, fixtures and fittings has not changed since our report for the last APCM. Damp and draughts continue to affect the building, but we are pleased to report that no additional problems have been discovered. The window repairs have helped reduce the draughts.

The St Sampson's Unlocked report details all the work which has been carried out this year.

Twice yearly inspection and maintenance of roof slates, gutters and downpipes has been done by West Access. General regular maintenance is carried out in accordance with the St Sampson's maintenance plan. Fire, electrical and other testing is carried out in accordance with the PCC's Health & Safety policy. Organ maintenance and tuning, and any necessary repairs are carried out annually by Lance and Christopher Foy.

A new and much stronger curtain rail for the Manaton chapel curtain has been installed by Chris Beckett and Robin West. Many thanks to them.

The PCC has employed a local young person, Jasmine Squires, to clean the church weekly on Saturdays, which has made a great difference and it is much easier to set up the church for services on Sundays. More in-depth cleaning has been carried out several times by the wonderful Chat 'n' Clean volunteers. We are very grateful to Jasmine, the Chat 'n' Cleaners and to all those church members who have assisted with cleaning and other maintenance tasks, both indoors and out, during the year.

Churchyard

As reported last year, the PCC is committed to maintaining the churchyard for wildlife and bio-diversity, as part of the Cornish Living Churchyards project. Most of the churchyard grass is therefore left uncut until the autumn when it is cut and the cuttings raked away. Close mowing will continue along the path, around the standing stone, the area for burial of ashes and the burials area currently in use. Mowing was carried out for us without charge by the Cornwall Probation Service Community Payback Team. This worked well for several months but when team members changed in late summer they were unable to attend to finish the final cut and raking. The PCC have therefore decided to pay someone to do the mowing for 2023. The Community Payback team will continue to attend to carry out other tasks at the direction of the churchwardens.

Moss killing along the path and around the drainage channels on the outside of the church walls takes place as necessary for safety reasons and for drainage maintenance. We are again grateful to our volunteers for carrying out this and other churchyard tasks.

Gutter damage on the north wall of the nave, following a storm, is to be repaired by our local builder, Ash Lamb.

Full details of the building and contents, Faculty permissions, and the Quinquennial and other inspection reports, are contained in the Church Property Register. This is available for inspection at any time - just ask one of the Churchwardens.

**Judith Ayers and Miranda Lawrance-Owen
Churchwardens**

Electoral Roll Report presented to the APCM May 2023

There were 34 names on the roll at the date of last year's APCM. I am pleased to report that three new people applied to have their names entered on the roll this year. One name was removed (after moving away) bringing the new total to 36. The 2023 roll was open for revision for the prescribed period. No members requested removal of their names.

Ten members are not resident in the parish, including one of the new members. Nine of the non-residents live within the Callington Cluster area. Names may be added at any time during the year on request.

The list of names is displayed on the notice board for the prescribed period and a copy is available for inspection on application to the PCC.

**Chris Beckett
Electoral Roll Officer 2022-2023**

The Doble Trust

The Doble Trust comprises income from a fund set up in 1980 on the death of Mr Alfred George Doble, who left the income from the residue of his estate in trust to the Rector and

Churchwardens of South Hill to be used for “religious purposes in the parish of South Hill”. The capital fund remains in the control of Lloyds Bank, as trustees of Mr Doble’s estate. We have no access to the capital fund. Income is paid annually into an account in the name of the Rector & Churchwardens of South Hill, as trustees on behalf of the parish. Under the terms of Mr Doble’s will, the trustees may use the accrued annual income for such religious purposes in the parish as they may decide.

Money from the trust is available for use by the PCC or others on request, providing the purpose for which the money is requested falls within the definition of ‘religious purposes in the parish of South Hill’. This can be anything which furthers the mission of the church in the parish including church maintenance and repairs. Payment is entirely at the discretion of the Rector and Churchwardens.

Rev Joe Lannon, Judith Ayers and Miranda Lawrance-Owen, as Rector and Churchwardens, are the trustees currently responsible for administering the funds.

Trust fund income in the year to December 2022 totalled £1555. £1548 of this was dividend income received from the capital fund, the remaining £7 was the interest on the trustees’ accounts.

No requests for payment were made to the trustees in the current accounting year to December 2022.

Balance at December 2022 £30,722

Doble Trust Account for Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Bank Balances 1 January	£	£
Treasurers’ Account	16,003	13,813
Instant Account	<u>13,164</u>	<u>13,162</u>
	29,167	26,975
Treasurers’ A/C Income Received	1,548	2,191
Instant A/c Interest Received	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>
Payments made	Nil	Nil
Bank Balances 31 December	<u>30,722</u>	<u>29,167</u>

**Joe Lannon, Judith Ayers and Miranda Lawrance-Owen
Rector and Churchwardens**

Financial Review General Statement

Very many thanks to everyone for their support of St Sampson's, both financial and in the time they have given.

As a result of a stewardship campaign during the year there was an increase in planned giving and gift aid contributions as well as a generous donation which is greatly encouraging. Thus we have continued to pay our Mission and Ministry Fund (MMF) contribution of £5841 in full and have met the general running costs of the church. We have also made donations to St Petroc's, the Cornwall Air Ambulance and The Children's Society (formerly The Church of England Children's Society) from special collections. Many thanks to everyone who has made generous contributions which have enabled St Sampson's to fulfil its financial commitments.

Major fundraising has again taken place throughout this year for the St Sampson's Unlocked Project. Through the hard work of Judith Ayers and Miranda Lawrance-Owen, with the help of the CRUX team and the support of the local community, a number of large grants and donations of money have been received towards the Project.

General Fund: Total Receipts in 2022 were £19,520. Payments were £13,317.

Many thanks to Michael Manaton for keeping the accounts this year and to Kingsley Mortimore, our independent examiner.

A copy of the accounts is attached to this report.

Sue Tunnicliffe
Finance Officer

Finance Officer's general notes in relation to the accounts

Note 1

The accounts have been prepared in a slightly different format from previous years to better itemise the income and expenditure from the St Sampson's Unlocked Project Fund and the PCC Building Fund. The Restricted Funds comprise the Building Fund (shown as Tower Fund), which can only be used for building and maintenance related work, and the St Sampson's Unlocked Fund, which can only be used for project related work and activity.

Note 2

Church running expenses include: Insurance: £2363. Electricity: £858. Water: £48.

Note 3

Major repairs include: roof repairs, window restoration and stonework.

Note 4

The accounts have been reviewed by the Independent Examiner (Kingsley Mortimore).

St Sampsons Church, South Hill

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December, 2022

	General (Unrestricted) Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Voluntary Receipts:				
Planned Giving	9216	-	9216	8193
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	5007	-	5007	-
Cash Collections in Church	3273	-	3273	4172
VAT Recovered	-	15021	15021	1681
Gift Days & Sundry Donations	400	16820	17220	-
	<hr/> 17896	<hr/> 31841	<hr/> 49737	<hr/> 14046
Activities for Generating Funds:				
Investment Income	-	110	110	13
Church Activities	477	-	477	829
Fundraising	-	2282	2282	7885
Grants	1147	32251	33398	59880
Received from Doble Trust	-	-	-	-
Transfer from General Fund	-	900	900	2600
	<hr/> 19520	<hr/> 67384	<hr/> 86904	<hr/> 85253
<u>Payments</u>				
Cost of Services	-	-	-	195
Parish Share	7187	-	7187	5000
Clergy & Staffing Costs	1755	-	1755	1585
Church Running Expenses	4045	-	4045	2477
Mission GIVING & Donations	135	-	135	165
Governance Costs (incl. Stationery & Admin)	195	-	195	96
Transfer to Tower Account	1093	-	1093	2600
Major Repairs	-	83676	83676	37071
St Sampsons Unlocked Costs	-	-	-	161
Upkeep of Churchyard	-	-	-	1100
	<hr/> 14410	<hr/> 83676	<hr/> 98086	<hr/> 50450
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	5110	(16292)	(11182)	34803
Cash at Bank at 1 Jan 2022	1957	188020	139977	105174
Cash at Bank at 31 Dec 2022	<hr/> 7067	<hr/> 121728	<hr/> 128795	<hr/> 139977

St Sampsons Church, South Hill

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st December, 2022

Restricted Funds Receipts & Payments Account

	<u>Tower</u> <u>Fund</u> £	<u>Unlocked</u> <u>Fund</u> £	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> £	<u>2021</u> <u>Total</u> £
R6CEIPTS				
Voluntary Receipts				
Planned Giving	-	-	-	2298
VAT recovered	-	15021	15021	1577
Gift Days & Sundry Donations	-	16820	16820	-
Receipts from Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising	-	2282	2282	7885
Receipts from Grants				
Grants Received	-	32251	32251	59700
Receipts from Investments				
Interest Received	6	104	110	13
Transfer from General Fund	<u>900</u>	-	<u>900</u>	<u>2600</u>
Total Receipts	<u>906</u>	<u>66478</u>	<u>67384</u>	<u>74073</u>
PAYMENTS				
Repairs	-	83676	83676	37071
St Sampsons Unlocked Costs	<u>-</u>	-----	-----	<u>161</u>
Total Payments		<u>83676</u>	<u>83676</u>	<u>37232</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	906	(17198)	(16292)	36841
Transfer to General Fund				
Bank Balances at 1 st January, 2022	<u>6124</u>	<u>131896</u>	<u>138020</u>	<u>101179</u>
Bank Balances at 31st December, 2022	<u>7030</u>	<u>114698</u>	<u>121728</u>	<u>138020</u>

St Sampsons Church, South Hill

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st December, 2022

Bank & Investment Balances

	<u>Type of Fund</u>	<u>Bank Accounts</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£	£
General Fund	Unrestricted	7067	7067	1957
Tower Fund	Restricted	7030	7030	6124
St Sampsons Unlocked Fund	Restricted	114698	114698	131896
		<u>128795</u>	<u>128795</u>	<u>139977</u>

Notes:-

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
2. The following Assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable Church Furnishings held by the Church Warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
3. The expenses paid to Clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by

D. S. Tunnicliffe
FINANCE OFFICER

Independent Examiner's Report
To the members/trustees of St Sampsons Church, South Hill

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees 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, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) Which give 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; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kingsley Mortimore Accountancy Services,
 3 Trelissick Gardens,
 Callington
 Cornwall.
 PL17 7TH

Dated:

12 May 2023

