

Christ Church

Stamford

**Annual Report & Accounts
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

GENERAL INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Stamford
Charitable status	The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, registration number: 1139222
Principal address	Christ Church, Green Lane, Stamford PE9 1HE
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Administrative information

Christ Church Stamford is situated on Green Lane Stamford. It is part of the Diocese of Lincoln within the Church of England.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Membership

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

PCC members who have served from during 2021 are:

Ex-Officio	Anthony Laotan	Vicar
	Nigel Garwood	Warden
	Dawn Field	Warden (From May 2021)
	Jay Nicholls	Warden (Until May 2021)
	Paul Darley	Reader
	Laura Mitchell	Deanery Synod
Elected Members		
Until Feb 2021	Jessica Randall-Carrick	
	Peter Christmas	
Until May 2021	James Mitchell	
	Lucy Capstick	
From May 2021	Tina Bland	
	Rachael Carter	
	Barbara Morley	
	Jacqui Wells	
From Sept 2021	Carol MacBeath	
All of 2021	Lesley Foulkes	
	Lisa Garwood	
	Lesley Nicholls	

Committees

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee which has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by Council and to limits of delegated authority.

The Building Committee oversees the stewardship of the Church building and ensures that repairs are dealt with.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The full PCC met 11 times during the year. Committees have met between meetings and items from these were included in the PCC discussions as appropriate.

Objectives and activities

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of promoting within the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Christ Church building. The church operates five social outreach projects covering newborn to elderly, vulnerable, disabled, and marginalised individuals.

Church Attendance

The church holds a weekly morning service at 10am. For the first half of the year attendees had to book to attend and numbers were limited to 30. As we reopened without booking from September we see weekly attendance average around 30 – 40 people.

There are 59 members on the Electoral Roll.

Financial review

Regular financial reports have been given to the PCC throughout the year.

The total income for Christ Church was £58,082 a small increase of 1%. Expenditure also increased about 0.5%. With congregant numbers remaining low for much of the year, following Covid, this was to be expected and our figures were in line with our budget forecast.

Our regular giving and open plate giving showed a very small increase. There are encouraging signs as we neared the year-end that this will go in an upwards direction as more people join us or return post-Covid. At the end of 2020 we closed our transport scheme and sold the minibus. This was sold at a loss and the only fixed asset on the balance sheet now is the wheelchair car. The PCC agreed to the disbursement of the sale proceeds. We were able to pay an additional £5,860 to our parish share, transfer £4,800 to our Children and Youth Minister fund, £3,000 to Fabric fund and left the remaining £6340 in General Fund.

Our biggest challenge remains to increase our income to support the payment of our Parish share and our other commitments. We communicate finances more regularly with the wider congregation and plan more fundraising efforts next year. We intend to make a covenant pledge (parish share) of £10,000 next year.

Christ Church Ministry

This year has seen the first full year of Rev Anthony Laotan leading the church. Due to Covid numbers remained low for the first half of the year but we continued with weekly services. We were able to re-start Sunday Zone (children's church) in September. Our income has remained stable, and we have seen encouraging signs of growth in the last few months of the year. During the summer months as things began to re-open, we ran a weekly outdoor Pop-Up café. As we connected with our community, we noticed a couple of exciting opportunities which have led to a project to develop the gardens at church and a new and thriving International Community Group. We have received a generous donation from Stamford XT of £1,500 to develop the gardens with a further £1,500 promised from The Ark Trust.

Operations Report

Christ Church has at the heart of its outreach programs a desire to welcome people, meet their pastoral needs, and draw them into fellowship together. We aim to bring the Christ Church Values and Vision to life by drawing people into fellowship and ultimately a relationship with Christ. Under the leadership of the Rev Anthony Laotan it has been a year of adapting to the new post Covid environment which has meant some changes in what we have been able to do but also led to new opportunities.

Anchored

As part of our restructure following Covid-19 we started a new program under the leadership of one member of staff. The remaining funds from the Transport Designated fund were moved to this new project which seeks to provide support and intergenerational activities that build resilience, improve wellbeing, reduce loneliness, foster community integration, and enable spiritual transformation within our Parish in particular and Stamford in general. We have received £3,000 from Stamford XT, £3000 from Stamford Kiwani's and £1,500 from Burghley Family Trust for this important work. This program incorporates our existing StartaFresh and Day Centre

Day Centre

Day Centre remained closed until July 2021. We had kept in touch with all our regular members by telephone and welcomed them back for a summer party. We then restarted a fortnightly lunch from September. The number of members remained stable and we were able to continue to provide a two course hot lunch, entertainment and transport. We are grateful for continued financial support from the Reiss Trust. Next year we will need to consider replacing some kitchen equipment and how best to offer transport for the group.

StartaFresh

This group continued during 2021, with limited numbers at the start of the year. It now runs two sessions per week on a Monday and Friday, offering vital confidence building and social support for the members. We have started a monthly art therapy session and continue to provide educational opportunities with Rutland Adult Learning and the Pelican Trust.

Community Chatter

Runs weekly as an afternoon drop-in session where anyone from the community can come along for friendship and support. Many members knit or craft and there is a chance to play games. This group developed following the success of the Pop-Up Café but may be developed further next year.

Hamper Project

We receive regular donations from customers at our local Sainsburys which we distribute to people in need. We have established partnerships with Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland

Academy and regularly deliver hampers to them to distribute to their families. We keep a few hampers each time at church to meet any urgent needs.

Children and Youth

Much of our Children and Youth work remained online during the first half of the year with our Children and Youth Minister maintaining a regular connection with our children, young people, and their families. For the first half of 2021 we ran a new group for Mum's and babies, Lil' Cherubs, which is now part of our Tots and Toast group. We were able to restart Tots n Toast and The Den in July. We also ran a weekly Holiday Club for primary aged children in the Summer Holidays. We received funding in July from the Stamford Lads Club enabling our Children and Youth Minister to have one day a week split between Bluecoat School and Stamford Welland Academy. Currently she provides reading and pastoral support, and we are developing these links with the schools. We have been able to continue all this important work thanks to funding from The Ark Trust, Burghley Family Trust, Stamford Lads Club and Stamford Rotary.

This year our Children and Youth Minister was able to purchase an AED machine that is fixed outside our church thanks to a very generous donation from Cummins.

Christ Church Grantors

Christ Church gives a huge thank you to the many people who so kindly donate to support the outreach programs. We have also received generous donations from a range of organisations in 2021, including:

- Burghley Family Trust
- Reiss Family Trust
- The Ark Trust
- Cummins Inc
- Stamford Kiwanis
- Stamford XT
- Stamford Lad's Club
- Stamford Rotary

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC

Charity Law requires the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial transactions during the Charity year and of the disposition of the Charity's assets and liabilities at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- i. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- ii. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- iii. state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE) subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which enable them to prepare financial statements which comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	13,854	—	—	13,854	13,663
Collections and other giving	2,511	—	—	2,511	2,274
Other voluntary receipts	6,436	25,777	—	32,213	24,889
Gift Aid recovered	3,657	—	—	3,657	3,301
Other receipts	599	—	—	599	48
Activities for generating funds	1,411	—	—	1,411	110
Investment Income	—	—	—	—	—
Receipts from church activities	3,834	—	—	3,834	13,059
Total income	32,304	25,777	—	58,082	57,348
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	1,455	9,473	—	10,928	14,469
Missionary and Charitable Giving	320	30	—	350	75
Parish Share	10,000	—	—	10,000	3,700
Clergy and Staffing costs	11,306	20,528	—	31,835	42,111
Church Running Expenses	12,924	5,978	—	18,902	14,951
Church Repairs & Maintenance	3,725	786	—	4,511	762
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—
New Building work	—	—	—	—	—
Governance Costs	672	—	—	672	672
Total expenditure	40,404	36,796	—	77,201	76,742
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(8,099)	(11,019)	—	(19,119)	(19,394)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	29,798	4,810	—	34,608	6,317
Gross transfers between funds - out	(14,571)	(20,037)	—	(34,608)	(6,317)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	7,127	(26,246)	—	(19,119)	(19,394)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	33,350	47,834	—	81,185	100,579
Total funds carried forward	40,477	21,588	—	62,066	81,185

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Balance Sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	209	29,735
	<u>209</u>	<u>29,735</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	62,090	51,598
	<u>62,090</u>	<u>51,598</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	234	148
	<u>234</u>	<u>148</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	61,856	51,449
	<u>61,856</u>	<u>51,449</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	62,066	81,185
	<u>62,066</u>	<u>81,185</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	62,066	81,185
	<u>62,066</u>	<u>81,185</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	17,465	11,237
Designated		
Designated - Anchored Designated	9,901	—
Designated - StartAFresh	1,315	1,354
Designated - Transport Scheme	202	13,050
Designated - Toddlers Tots n Toast	620	642
Designated - Fabric Fund	2,372	—
Designated - Hardship Fund	2,255	2,425
Designated - Audio Visual	981	4,187
Designated - Children and Youth Minister	511	—
Designated - Crunch and Mission refreshments	581	452
Designated - Garden Project Designated	100	—
Designated - Outreach Activities	3,000	—
Designated - Day Centre	1,171	—
Restricted		
Restricted - AED	13	—
Restricted - Day Centre (R)	6,169	6,448
Restricted - StartAFresh (R)	20	3,388
Restricted - Transport - Mini Bus (R)	2,919	32,452
Restricted - Mission Fund	718	748
Restricted - Agency collection	28	28
Restricted - Anchored Restricted	1,000	—
Restricted - CYM Projects	—	555
Restricted - Childrens and Youth Minister	7,782	2,969
Restricted - Celebrate Holiday Weekend Restricted	26	58
Restricted - Childrens Church	722	495
Restricted - Enable	687	687
Restricted - Garden Project	1,500	—
Funds of the church	62,066	81,185
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Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General - General fund	11,237	27,314	30,252	9,167	—	—	17,465
Sub-totals	11,237	27,314	30,252	9,167	—	—	17,465
Designated							
ANCHORDES - Anchored	—	350	1,870	11,421	—	—	9,901
AUDIOVIS – Audio Visual	4,187	952	4,158	—	—	—	981
CYMDESTIN – C&Y Minister	—	706	194	—	—	—	511
CRUNCH -Mission Refreshments	452	620	491	—	—	—	581
GARDENDES – Garden Project	—	—	—	100	—	—	100
OUTREACH - Outreach	—	—	—	3,000	—	—	3,000
DAY - Day Centre	—	1,219	48	—	—	—	1,171
START - StartAFresh	1,354	—	39	—	—	—	1,315
TRANSPORT Scheme	13,050	1,141	2,568	(11,421)	—	—	202
TODDLERS – Tots n Toast	642	—	22	—	—	—	620
FABRIC- Fabric Fund	—	—	627	3,000	—	—	2,372
HARDSHIP - Hardship	2,425	—	130	(40)	—	—	2,255
Sub-totals	22,113	4,990	10,151	6,060	—	—	23,011
Restricted							
AED	—	1,908	1,894	—	—	—	13
ANCHORRES - Anchored	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
CYMPROJ – CYM Projects	555	500	1,055	—	—	—	—
CYMREST – C&Y Minister	2,969	10,394	10,381	4,800	—	—	7,782
CelebrateR – Holiday Weekend	58	—	32	—	—	—	26
Child - Childrens	495	2,141	1,887	(27)	—	—	722
ENABLE - Enable	687	—	—	—	—	—	687
GARDENRES - Garden	—	1,500	—	—	—	—	1,500
DayR - Day Centre	6,448	2,000	2,279	—	—	—	6,169
StartR - StartAFresh	3,388	6,333	9,701	—	—	—	20
Mini-BusR – Transport Bus	32,452	—	9,533	(20,000)	—	—	2,919
Mission - Mission Fund	748	—	30	—	—	—	718
Agency – Agency Collection	28	—	—	—	—	—	28
Sub-totals	47,834	25,777	36,796	(15,227)	—	—	21,588
Totals	81,185	58,082	77,201	—	—	—	62,066

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CONCLUSION

Before closing it is appropriate to thank most sincerely our staff and the many volunteers who give so much of their time and energies to ensure the efficient running of our projects and community activities. We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from sponsors, grantors and charitable organisations, trusts and businesses - and the people who just give, even when they themselves struggle to make ends meet. We also thank the many other groups and partners who collaborate closely with us in a multitude of ways.

This report dated:

Signed:

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Anthony Laotan
(Vicar)

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Nigel Garwood
(Church Warden)

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Dawn Field
(Church Warden)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH, STAMFORD

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matter set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. in which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle Feasey
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12th April 2022

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