

Annual Reports
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council of Hampden
Park and the Hydneye, Eastbourne

For the year ended 31st December
2022

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Aims and Purposes

Both PCCs have the responsibility of co-operating with the parish priest, Fr Adam Ransom, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. They are also specifically responsible for their respective church building and the church hall.

Objectives and Activities

The PCCs are committed to enabling the whole community to find faith in Jesus Christ and to worship him at church. The PCCs along with the priest-in-charge, maintain an overview of the worshipping life of the parish. All our services aim to put our faith into practice through music, prayer, scripture, and sacrament.

In obedience to God's Mission we seek to help ordinary people in the parish live out their faith. We encourage worship and prayer, increasing understanding of scripture and deepening relationships with Jesus. We seek to provide pastoral care to those in the church and wider parish community. We hope to reach others through missional and evangelistic activity.

We are committed to encourage generous giving through our stewardship schemes and through raising funds by trading in our halls.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Throughout the year we held regular Sunday and weekday worship alternating between the two church buildings. This was predominantly eucharistic in it's focus though we did hold an outdoor act of witness in Hampden Park on Good Friday, a service of the word for the late Queen's platinum jubilee and an advent spiral service.

We took 8 baptisms, 3 marriages and 5 funerals during the course of the year.

We marked the late Queen's death and also held a service at Remembrance.

The Church and Hall

In order to serve the community and to raise funds to meet our financial obligations we rely on our church and hall buildings to be maintained to a good state of repair. During the year of 2022 our Churchwardens have been instrumental in co-ordinating the constant review and repair of the fabric of the building. Thank you to all 4 of our hard working wardens.

There have been a number of minor repairs to various parts of the building as guided by our Quinquennial report (2017) and observation. We are blessed with a mostly sound building, which houses both our worshipping community and community groups and parties.

We appointed Tim Wells of John D Clarke as our inspecting architect and had a quinquennial report undertaken of both church buildings.

The halls continue to be rented out during 2022 and this helped us to be able to run various mission initiatives and to gain a vital rental income .

Pastoral Care

Deacon Sue Wilkinson was made the Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator for the parish partnership and she oversees the provision of pastoral care. We trained and commissioned several new lay ministers of communion and along with the clergy they have taken a part in the pastoral ministry of our church. Visits were made to the sick and dying as well as opportunities given for people to discuss their cares and concerns. We very much hope to build on this in 2023.

Children and Youth

During 2022 we continued to run both Pebbles and Little Lambs toddler groups, which have seen a good number of local children come through the doors. We also provided a space for children at Thursday's 'Lets get together' meetings.

At key points in the year such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas the children from the toddler groups were invited into church to engage with the faith.

We also held our annual crib services which were reasonably well attended.

A big thank you to all who have helped these things to happen in 2022.

Mission and Evangelism

Alongside all of the mission and evangelistic work detailed in other parts of this report we:

- were pleased to participate in the Eastbourne Inspiring Angel's project in the lead up to Christmas, which allowed us to help share the faith with those across the town alongside other churches from different denominations.
- also supported Family Support Work and the food bank.

Community Events and Engagement

- We were pleased to be able to put on a jubilee fair in honour of Her Late Majesty the Queen's platinum jubilee. This was a free event and attracted many local families.
- A parish partnership magazine 'Grace' was started by Fr. Adam in 2022 and this provided a source of news and information along with some humour to members of our worshipping community and the wider parish.
- We held a very successful Christmas fair- thanks to all who volunteered there.
- The church buildings were open most days from 9.30am to 4.30pm allowing for members of the public to explore these places of worship at their leisure- thank you to those who clean regularly making their visit a pleasant one. The churchyard was also used by the community throughout the year- thank you to all involved team for their efforts in keeping the grounds maintained.

- We facilitated the creation of 'Let's get together' a weekly meeting for those who would like to have refreshments and a chat with others in early 2022- this has seen a number of spin off events such as 'Let's get together quiz nights' and Christmas party.
- We partnered with 'Compass Community Arts' and have been proud to have hosted a number of exhibitions over the year. We look forward to this partnership developing.
- Friendship group at St Peter continued to run providing a space for friendship over a cup of tea. Thank you to those who continue to keep this group running. Though small it is much valued.

Financial Review

The PCC successfully applied for grants totalling **£7,445** during the year and these are shown as Restricted Funds in the Treasurers Annual Report:

- SCDA (Sussex Community Development Group) 'Next Steps' grant of **£2,970** for the new 'Lets Get Together' group;
- 'Police Property Act Fund' grant of **£500** for the Xmas & Angel Fair;
- Chichester Diocese 'Energy Costs' grant of **£3,475** to enable the church to remain a safe & warm environment;
- Eastbourne Borough Council 'Warm Spaces' grant of **£500** to enable wider access to warm spaces in the community;

The outstanding payment of **£11,452** for St Mary's Hall Electrical Works completed in 2021 was paid in early 2022, accounting for the reduction in overall Restricted funds compared to end of 2021.

The following Restricted funds were closed during the year:

- HP Community Fund spent on contribution to W/don Trees CCTV project & Jubilee celebrations
- St Peter's Garden Fund spent on Tree, Shrub and lawn maintenance
- St Mary's Hall Electrics Works the work completed in 2021 but bill not paid till 2022
- St Peter's Choir Fund monies returned to members as was only held by PCC on their behalf
- St Peter's Art Group Fund monies returned to members as was only held by PCC on their behalf
- St Peter's Friendship Group Fund spent on 'Cream Tea' event

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts of **£51,495** (2021 £38,072) were much improved mainly due to increased hall hires **£27,000** (2021 £18,000) and doubling in PGS giving **£9,460** (2021 £4,111) following a promotional drive in both areas. All the 2021 Debtors (£8,273) amounts were received during the year.

These figures do not include the o/s **£6,980** 2022 hall hire fees not received by year end.

Payments of **£45,095** (2021 £43,936), were much in line with the budget forecast and the increase mainly due to the increased Parish Share paid to Diocese. All the 2021 Liabilities

(£14,544) amounts were paid during the year. Of the full parish ministry costs (£76,967), the PCC pledged and paid **£20,000**.

The difference between receipts & payments was a surplus of **£6,400** (2020 -£5,826) and the end of year balance was **£28,855** (2021 £22,455).

The post-parish merger regularisation of the funds, bank accounts & budget, started during 2021, was completed during 2022.

The 'Lets Get Together group has been included under the PCC's missional work and therefore covered for insurance, liability, safeguarding etc and exempt from hall hire fees.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to a minimum of 3 months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The monthly average payments were £4,510 x 3 = £13,530.

The closing balance of **£28,855**, achieves this and with a healthy surplus that was being reserved for the potential 2021 o/s Parish Share. As last year's underpaid Parish Share is no longer considered as a liability the surplus funds are now available to help clear some of the maintenance/improvement works delayed during the past few years.

Safeguarding

The parish continues to review and update all safeguarding procedures, following the current diocesan guidelines including implementing 'Simple Quality Protects' (SQP). The Parochial Church Council fully recognises its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Volunteers

The PCC wishes to thank all those who have volunteered in any way over the course 2022 in helping keep things running.

In particular it wishes to thank Jill Bell, Derek Freeman, William Pratt and Sue Stoner for their tireless work in the maintenance of the fabric of the buildings and work as wardens over 2022 Daphne Freeman and Doreen French for their assistance.

Thank you to Tony Kemp for undertaking the role of treasurer and thank you also to Lance Roberts for his assistance to the treasurer.

The PCC also thank David Stoner for his work on the grounds of St Mary, Chris and Sandra Palmer for their work on the grounds of St Peter, Laura for her work on the hall invoicing and to Sue Stoner, Jill Bell and Joan Woolley for their work in managing the hall hires. Also a thank you to Maureen Bennett for many years of flower arranging at St Mary as she retires from her role.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At both PCCs consists of the Priest in Charge, churchwardens, and elected members. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and those who are confirmed are encouraged stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including decisions on how the funds of the PCCs are to be spent. All members are made aware of their obligations as Charity Trustees and their responsibility to uphold safeguarding practices.

The PCCs meet no less than once every three months plus hold an Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Administrative Information

The parish of Hampden Park and the Hydneye consists of St Marys Church, which is situated in Decoy Drive, Hampden Park, Eastbourne and of St Peter's Church, which is situated in The Hydneye, East Hampden Park, Eastbourne. It is part of the Diocese of Chichester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Benefice Office, 69 Decoy Drive, Eastbourne, BN22 9PP. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

There are 67 people currently on the electoral roll of the parish.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2022 until the 31st December 2022

Priest in Charge and Chair: The Revd Adam Ransom (Ex-Officio)

Associate Vicar: The Reverend Danny Pegg (Ex-Officio) (*from 13th Jan*)

Treasurer Our treasurer, Mr Tony Kemp, is not a member of the PCC and attends in an advisory capacity at the PCCs invitation. He may not propose, second or vote on any matter.

Wardens: William Pratt (Ex-Officio) (Vice Chair) (Safeguarding Officer)
Sue Stoner (Ex Officio)
Jill Bell (Ex- Officio)
Derek Freeman (Ex-Officio)

Representatives
of the Deanery
Synod: William Pratt

General Synod Member: Jacob Vince (Ex-Officio)

Elected Members: June Norris
Lance Roberts

Paul Morris
Maria Morris
Elizabeth Perkins
Daphne Freeman
Christopher Palmer