

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF UPPER STOUR
Charity Registration Number 1131161

ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 50
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF UPPER STOUR

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Approved by the trustees on
Signed:

16/3/2023

Crin Fearon
Vice Chair of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Upper Stour



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1131161

The Parish of Upper Stour is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The address is The Rectory, Portnell's Lane, Zeals, Wiltshire, BA12 6PG. The Parochial Church Council is registered within the Charity Commissioners and issued with the charity number 1131161.

PCC members, who have served in 2022 are:-

Chair:	Rev. Ben Rundell-Evans (Priest-in-Charge) to May
Vice Chair:	Mrs. Crin Fearon (also Churchwarden)
Churchwardens:	Mrs. Margaret Martin
	Mrs. Celia Cotton
	Mr. Chris Reeves
	Mrs. Jane Parker
	Miss Sue Evans
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr. Malcolm Affleck (also Diocesan Synod)
	Mr. Chris Reeves
Elected members:	Mrs. Caroline Worthington (Lay Worship Leader)
	Mr. Colin Holman (Asst. Treasurer) to October
	Mrs. Jane Joyce (Secretary)
	Mr. Ashley Kemp (Treasurer)
	Mr. George Bullivant

BANKER - Lloyds Bank, Gillingham

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER - Mr Charles Vizor

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TRUSTEES REPORT OF THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Aim and purposes

As outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, the function of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to cooperate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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 and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operates through the following committees:

- The Standing Committee
- Local Church Committees
- Vision Committee

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling the following:

- Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer.
- Pastoral work, visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
- Supporting other charities in UK and overseas.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and the distribution of literature.

Safeguarding Statement

The PCC states that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 and has duly regarded the House of Bishops Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults including those suffering domestic abuse.

PCC Policies

Safeguarding Policy for Promoting a Safer Church
Legacy Policy

These can be viewed at www.upperstour.co.uk/parochial-church-council/

Vice-Chair's Report

We started the year with some uncertainty about where we were headed as a Parish – the merger with Mere was moving forward, but throwing up a few obstacles in its way: we changed the time of our morning service, and we met up with the churchwardens from Maiden Bradley, West Knoyle and Mere to discuss plans in more detail.

Sadly, in March, Ben realised that this enlarged Parish was not for him and announced his resignation and, once more, we went into a vacancy. This time we were well prepared, although there were a few hurdles to negotiate: we had to move out of the Parish office as the Diocese rented out the Rectory. Luckily, our new administrator, Emma, is happy to work from home, and this has proved to be very successful as nowadays we do nearly everything electronically. I know that I speak for all of those involved in the administration of the Parish in thanking Emma for everything that she does: her calm efficiency means that we can all safely leave things to her, which is a great relief.

We have made some tremendous achievements, and I am, as always, most grateful to the PCC and my fellow churchwardens for their support. Our worship has continued smoothly, with only the odd dropped stitch. We have introduced some non-communion and lay led services. We have varied our worship with visiting preachers and the Rev. Mac has nobly stepped up and cut into his retirement to give us pastoral support. There were 14 baptisms; 7 weddings and 7 funerals – all of which take a lot of planning.

We always have to have farewells: sadly we lost dear Val Donell, who was much loved by us all and a stalwart member of the choir. Muffled bells were rung in all the churches to commemorate the death of the Queen, and Renee, aged 12, made her debut, ringing the tenor bell. Colin Holman has now retired from the PCC and we are grateful to him for all his contributions.

For Harvest Festival and the Pet Service, we were once again at Home Farm (thanks to Harry and Jane Parker), which was lovely and we were blessed with good weather and Desmond, the donkey. Barbara Borwell led the children in worship and song and Chris Reeves kindly played.

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Christmas properly again. At Stourton, we had a full church for the Carol Service; Midnight Mass was busy, and there was some lusty Carol singing around the tree in Bourton and on the Green in Zeals.

St. Peter's was glowing again this year as we helped Stourhead to celebrate the Illuminations – and we were overwhelmed by the number of people who came through our doors. We had to keep asking Gwyn and Gordon for more prayer leaves and the Prayer Tree's branches ran out of space!

On a more serious note, we have had a meeting with Bishop Andrew and discussed our future. It has been decided that we will now join up with Maiden Bradley only, and Mere will remain with West Knoyle. We look forward to forging close ties with Maiden Bradley, and now being able to start the process of recruiting a priest. This always takes much longer than expected, and I think it is extremely unlikely that we will have a new priest until 2024.

*Crin Fearon
Vice Chair*

Review of the PCC for 2022



We started the year full of hope and expectation at the prospect of the planned merger with Mere. Rev. Ben had been with us for 2 years in January.

February, however gave us pause, as thieves stole lead from the North Aisle of St. Peter's roof. Rev. Ben was on the spot helping us to deal with this and eventually the faculty was obtained, quotes made and finally the insurance claim paid. Work was planned for early the following year. We still needed funds raised, as the cost to replace the lead with terne-coated stainless steel was more than replacing like for like. At least now the remaining lead was removed so we were no longer a target for thieves. We had another Raise the Roof concert in St. Peter's with Tom Wheare's ad hoc chorale to this end and were fortunate to have numerous donations. We also set up the Payaz Giving Machine in St. Peter's, which has been incredibly successful in raising much needed funds.

Rev. Ben had managed heroically through the pandemic without an administrator but with the prospect of a merger with Mere, it was felt essential that we recruit an administrator for the parish. We started to advertise but Rev. Ben speedily recommended his neighbour, Emma Chandarana and we haven't looked back.

In March we had another marvellous Quiz in Bourton Village Hall, again with George Bullivant as Quizmeister and Seeds for Success were very glad to accept the proceeds raised.

However, also in March, Rev. Ben unfortunately decided that he must resign his post as priest-in-charge and any future role as an incumbent. We were all saddened that he had come to this decision. He had been so unlucky with the timing of the pandemic at the start of his ministry with us, which did not help matters. He made sure that he helped us with the detail of preparing for the vacancy. The Rectory would be let and therefore the Parish Office moved into the Parish Room in St. Martin's. Emma Chandarana came into her own as did the Ministry Team, who have risen to the occasion when Rev. Ben actually left in May. We are so well served by Rev. Mac, Mona Tyler, Barbara Borwell, Caroline Worthington and Margaret Martin taking services, along with the occasional visiting priests.

As Vice Chair, Crin Fearon took the helm and also organised the Worship Rota after Rev. Ben. We held our APCM in May, when Rev. Ben chaired the first part – the Annual Parish meeting – where Church Wardens are elected. Harry Allen did not stand again as Church Warden for Bourton and remained as an Assistant Warden to Margaret Martin, who said she would stay on as Church Warden for a further year. His work for St. George's was very much appreciated as was his continuing support to Margaret Martin. He would, however, be missed on the PCC. Crin Fearon chaired the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. We were grateful to Elizabeth Hames continuing as Electoral Roll Officer and to Sue Todd as our Safeguarding Officer. Malcolm Affleck and Chris Reeves continued as Deanery Synod representatives, with Malcolm additionally on the Diocesan Synod.

From then on, as we started the vacancy, we held monthly PCC meetings. During the year we held 9 in all. Rev. Ben had changed the morning service to 9.30 am to accommodate the expected Mere merger and we were quick to change it back to 10.00 am and see where the re-ordering of the parishes took us.

Meanwhile, life went on with another successful Flower Gala at St Peter's. However, Storm Eunice took its toll on St. Mary's pinnacle in Kilmington – speedily repaired. We continued our relationship with the schools and were pleased to see Harry Phillips welcomed to St. George's as a Foundation Governor.

In July, we had an uncomfortable meeting with the Archdeacon and Asst. Rural Dean regarding the previous proposal of merging with Mere. We put our case for maintaining our independence as a parish, albeit needing to share a priest and subsequently we wrote to, and a delegation met with Bishop Andrew to present our case and received a very sympathetic response.

Sue Evans took over Churches Together from Chris Reeves with our grateful thanks. And Ross Coad, on behalf of the Friends of St. Martins invited Bishop Stephen to take a service in Zeals next year. A Wedding Preparation Day was planned for the following year too. The Catering Days took place in October as usual with one excellent day but very bad weather spoiled the other two. Celia Cotton and Jane Parker felt the need to pass on the baton and discussions would take place to review. Crin Fearon had masterminded the Worship Rota and I took over its planning for 2023.

Colin Holman decided it was time to retire from the PCC and as Asst. Treasurer. We were very grateful for all his years spent in service to the Parish.

Tom Wheare became unwell and relief organists were sought. Our own Chris Reeves was much in demand. We were grateful to him for taking choir practices in Tom's absence. And were so pleased that Tom was well enough to return to play for the Christmas services.

There was a decision to reinstate taking Communion Wine again after the pandemic and the marvellous Sacristans took this on board.

We opened St. Peter's to decorate the church and welcome the Christmas at Stourhead visitors over 14 nights for spectacular fund-raising. We had to close one night because the Stourhead lights failed but it was a great opportunity for people from the four villages to provide all sorts of produce for sale and to volunteer as stewards for a night or two. And the Stourhead visitors came in their hundreds every night so about £8,000 was raised for much needed parish funds.

There had been further communication with the Bishop regarding the re-ordering of the parishes and the amount of Parish Share to be paid, culminating in Bishop Andrew's proposal that the Benefice of Upper Stour with Maiden Bradley be formed, with our priest in Zeals rectory. We warmly welcomed this proposal and prepared to respond favourably after Christmas. What a terrific way to end the year!

Jane Joyce
PCC Secretary

Parish Reports



A meeting of the Churches Together was held on Tuesday October 18th 2022 in Mere at the URC ministers are likely to be appointed, but there is no prospect of such appointments in the foreseeable future. All our Churches are managing to maintain a regular pattern of services, but all are feeling fully stretched – which probably accounts for the low turn-out at this meeting. Mere RC Church closed at the end of last year, and its members, as well as meeting for worship in Wincanton have a regular fellowship meeting at Hillbrush once a month.

Retrospect on Songs of Praise at Stourhead on 26.06.22 This had been very enthusiastically appreciated by everyone. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January 2023: Instead of the usual daily services held at 9.30 in a different Church each day, it was planned to mark the week by three different events, using some of the WPCU material provided. The regular 4.00pm Wednesday service at Zeals could mark the beginning or/and end of the week on 18th or/and 25th January, and it was hoped to hold two different house group meetings, one in Mere and one in Maiden Bradley. Events were to be publicised in the December-January edition of Mere Matters and in the Upper Stour and Maiden Bradley monthly magazines.

It was felt that few as we are, the Mere and District Churches Together should continue to work together throughout the following year until new ministers were in place.

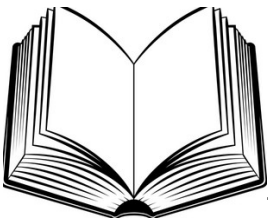
Sue Evans



Throughout this year the Housegroup has continued to meet weekly except for breaks during holiday times. We have ten regular members who have met together now for several years and find the group helpful to their understanding of their faith but also supportive as a friendship group. We pray for one another in times of difficulty and due to the high level of trust in the group there is a frank and open sharing of problems. Members are able to say what they find difficult in life and also comment on aspects of the Christian Faith which they find hard to believe or accept.

Following Easter 2022 we studied a book 'How to eat Bread' for the summer which helped us all to understand better the Bible as a book and be aware of pitfalls in reading it! We have reflected on prayer in our lives, studied the Letter to the Philippians, traced the importance of Gardens in the Bible and explored the absence of women in much of the Biblical narrative. During Lent 2023 our topic will be 'A Word in the Wilderness – using poetry to strengthen our faith.'

Margaret Martin and Glenis Allen



The Open the Book Team, seven in total, are committed to delivering Bible based collective worship to our two church schools. The scheme follows a 3 year plan and at the start of 2022 we were in year 3 which is divided into modules.

Our first module was "Meals to Remember", we followed that with a module about Paul. In September we started back at year 1 and stories from the beginning of the Bible, including Adam and Eve, Noah, Joseph and Moses. Our props from previous years are serving us well and we always try to get some participation from the children, which is always popular.

We all enjoy presenting the main Bible Stories to the children and know the children really enjoy us going in, often a dramatic rendition is more memorable. We finished the year by leading the worship at St George's Crib Service, presenting the "Story of Joseph" and the "Story of the Shepherds". We were supported by Margaret's 3 teenage grandchildren which was great fun and greatly appreciated as 2 of our team were away for Christmas!

As a team we go into schools on a Monday, our first is St George's, then back to ours for coffee and rehearsal, followed by a simple soup lunch and then on to our second presentation at Whitesheet. We are usually finished by 1.45pm, and do about 2 or 3 per half term.

If anyone is interested in joining our team please get in contact.

Glenis Allen



Regular ringing for Sunday services resumed early in the year, as did the Wednesday evening practices at Zeals. Numbers attending were small to start with but unlike many towers we have always been able to ring and practice on all 6 bells.

David Gatehouse and Roger Pitts have taught 4 new learners, who are all now full members of the guild. This is a great asset, as we lost 3 ringers from the previous year. Between the 3 towers, we now have 15 ringers most of whom ring regularly. In addition, we collaborate with Silton, which not only enables ringing at 2 towers each Sunday but also for national events, of which there were several!

2022 was a particularly busy year. There were many weddings, catching up post lockdown, and sadly some funerals. Stourton hosted a ringing demonstration on May Bank holiday and all towers hosted visiting ringers for an Open Day organised by the guild to raise money for the LEBRF (Llewellyn Evans Bell Restoration Fund.) There was ringing at Zeals to celebrate the Late Queen's accession. Also at Zeals, a one day course was held to train new ringing teachers, which Roger Pitts attended.

Everyone came together to ring at all 3 churches to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Muffles were hastily put on and 2 bands organised, to ring or toll the bell at all 3 towers (plus Silton), for the Queen's passing and again for the funeral. Chris Reeves had the lonely task of tolling the single bell at Kilmington and also continues to chime the bell for services.

After a slow start to the year, we have finished with a strong team of ringers with our new blue "team uniform"! We were pleased to be able to ring in the new year again and are looking forward to 2023 and ringing for the King's Coronation.

Georgina Muir



About Upper Stour Parish Magazine

I am relieved to say that, in spite of some fairly major challenges (Covid, lockdowns, another interregnum etc) the production of the parish magazine has continued uninterrupted over the past years since my last report in 2019.

Starting with the boring but important part – finances – I am happy to say that we continue to be in good shape and to receive on a very regular basis a healthy amount of commercial advertising. I have for some time stopped charging for church events advertising and some local charity advertising which I think and hope has helped our cash-strapped LCCs. The commercial advertising easily pays for our main expense – printing costs – and we have been able to produce one or two issues in colour, or partially in colour. We do this at Christmas and also on special occasions, such as the Platinum Jubilee, and will do so again for the Coronation of King Charles. Finally on finances, we have been able again to make a donation of £1,500 to the PCC each year and I hope to do the same this year.

The monthly content remains the same with priority being given to church events and other significant happenings/reports in each of our four villages. And the regular columns continue and apparently remain very popular – especially Country Calendar and Green Fingers. I get regular very positive feedback which is always a big boost.

It has been quite challenging producing the magazine without input from an incumbent, and I greatly miss the contributions in the past from Graham Perryman and Ben Rundell-Evans. Let us hope that this year will bring us another priest.

Meanwhile I am extremely grateful to Carol Affleck who organises the magazine distribution with great efficiency. We are very much hoping next year to restart our January coffee morning to thank the wonderful team of people who deliver the magazine door to door on a monthly basis. We owe them all a big debt of thanks.

Please do let me know what you think of the magazine (good or bad!) Feedback is invaluable.

Celia Cotton, Editor



Whitesheet CE Primary Academy

School is graded 'Good' by Ofsted in December 2021 and currently has a 'Good' Church School evaluation – due to be re-inspected in the 2023/2024 academic year.

The school currently has 38 pupils on roll, across two classes. The children are taught in 3 phase groups in the morning for core learning time.

End of academic year predictions look excellent with 100% of all Year 2 and Year 6 pupils achieving the expected standard or better in reading, writing and maths. Our phonics teaching is excellent, and results are always in line or better than National comparisons.

We have a higher than average percentage of children with Special Educational Needs (although partly due to small numbers) who are well supported through a nurturing approach and specific targets. The school works well with external professionals and agencies. The backlog of assessments at Local Authority level is causing a delay in some children getting the assessments or diagnosis they need.

We are well supported by our Trust, DSAT, who provide excellent training for all staff across curriculum areas and monitor our quality of teaching and learning.

We have positive relationships with our families and are working closely with our PTA who are raising funds to support curriculum enrichment opportunities. Last term they contributed to 6 music workshops across different music genres, and we have booked a company to teach the children how to use green screens as part of their computing education. Each week the children also have 2 hours of specialist PE provision delivered by trained coaches. We pay into the Gillingham school sports scheme to enable pupils in all years to compete or play with other schools, for example, next week Woodpeckers are going to be attending a gymnastics event.

We have a local Governing Body who support and challenge leadership across the school and meet 6 times a year and would welcome other people from the wider community who may be interested in school Governance.

We are currently developing our 'Secret Garden' to include zones for the children to use as part of their outdoor forest school experience. This includes renovating the pond, installing a mud kitchen, and creating four flower beds for all children to grow their own produce and flowers.

We also have our swimming pool to use during the Summer. In the Summer holidays, we enabled local families to open the pool and swim at a discounted rate which we intend to repeat this coming Summer.

The school has managed to maintain a balanced budget even though there have been pay rises and increase in fuel costs. We are also increasingly offering the school for use by different organisations for local events.

Advertising is a challenge and we would like to add a road sign to the main road to indicate our school is here and would appreciate any help with this.

Emily Mullord - Executive Headteacher
#climbingtonewheightstogether



St George's VA C of E School, Bourton

I am pleased to report on another successful and active year at St George's School, where we have continued to make the most of our premises, experienced staff and the enthusiasm of our learners.

The school continues to be very popular, with many families from outside the village of Bourton wishing to send their children to us. The admission numbers for next September are looking healthy with demand high for the 17 places. We also have many requests within year, to admit children in other year groups. We are full in all year groups except Year 4 currently so have had to disappoint many families.

Throughout the year the staff have continued to work hard on reviewing and revising our Curriculum offer following on from the Covid Pandemic. This year we have been able to return to pre pandemic experiences for all the children with many trips and visits taking place and planned for the rest of the year. Year 6 children visited London this term along with other Year 6 children from our local Stour Vale Collaboration schools as the first in many planned transition activities as they prepare to move to secondary schools in September. The children got to experience first-hand city life as they toured the sites and then watched Back to the Future stage show at the Adelphi Theatre. It was a truly memorable experience. Last term the whole school visited the Panto in Salisbury thanks to our PTFA fundraising. We have also had trips to Wyke Farm, Haynes Motor Museum and Wincanton Race Course as well as inviting visitors into school from Longleat and also a traveling planetarium. We have two residential visits planned for the Summer term. Year 6 children will be visiting Carey Camp along with Year 6 children from St Gregory's and our Year 4 and 5 children will be heading to Springhead for two nights of outdoor exploration and team building activities. Trips and visits add real value to the children's learning and real-life experiences, we are therefore excited about being able to offer these activities fully once again as part of our Bourton curriculum.

Music continues to feature very prominently in the life of the school, with many children having individual lessons along with a whole class learning the Ukulele and a strong and talented choir. They have enjoyed many performances over the year, in Church and as well as outside Bath Abbey doors during the Christmas Market.

Forest School provision is a strength of the school. With children enjoying time outside in our grounds cooking over fires, whittling, team building and exploring as well as learning about nature and the world around us. We were lucky enough to gain a small grant from the Dorset Garden Trust to buy new raised beds for our kitchen garden area. We are looking forward to bumper crops once again this year.

As a school we place high emphasis on developing, supporting and improving the well-being and mental health of children and staff. We work closely with the Dorset Mental Health in Schools partnership and this term have started Dorset NHS Stormbreak training for staff with the expectation of rolling out this programme across the whole school from September 2023.

We are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated, high performing, enthusiastic group of staff and Governors at St George's as well as enthusiastic well behaved children. Our school governors, parents, church and wider community continue to provide us with an enormous amount of support which enables us to thrive and have ambitious plans for the future. The future of St George's School continues to look bright with the Governing Body voting recently to undertake the process of academisation. The process is underway with due diligence being carried out.

Collaboration is the way forward in education and we are very much looking forward to choosing a MAT to join where we can ensure all our children continue to receive the highest standards of education within a distinctly Christian community.

We are very thankful to have support from our local community. We really enjoy welcoming the "Open the Book" team into school each term along with Barbara Borwell as they have worked hard to help bring the church and school ever closer together during the interregnum. Barbara continues to visit weekly with both Daisy and Jasmine as part of her Pets as therapy work which is a highlight of the week for many children in school. We were delighted our whole school were able to be part of the Remembrance Service at the War memorial in November.

We look forward to many new and exciting things for our school in the year ahead.

Jill Farndale - Head teacher

Treasurer's Report

It's a relief to report that in 2022 some normality began to return, following the Covid affect since March 2020. Sadly, our Standing Order donations have decreased by over 10% due to the loss of several regular donors, but fundraising became somewhat easier, although our December 'Illuminations' suffered a little, due to bad weather and also lack of light on one occasion!

On the positive side, we have raised sufficient monies to remove the risk of more lead thefts from St. Peter's church, as it now has steel, which has no theft benefit.

Kilmington, St.Mary's church also suffered damage and impact, during the storm in February, but insurers quickly enabled the repairs to roof and tower.

In 2022 our amalgamated income was £102,470 excluding restricted monies for repairs etc, but much of which was received in the final month(s) of the year. Our mainly regular expenditure was minimised to about £70,000, despite increases in energy costs etc. In view of the income uncertainties, as a result of being in an interregnum particularly, mid-year it was decided to put into a deposit account monthly amounts similar to the Share requested by Diocese, whilst we await the appointment of a new incumbent. Thus, to avoid being short of funds for essential expenditures. But we were able to finally clear the oldest unpaid Share amount.

I would like to sincerely thank the LCC treasurers Tony Moorby and Graham Poynton, for their support in managing the finances of their LCCs during 2022.

Hopefully 2023 will be more successful, including the appointment of a priest, but I would like to thank all the members of the PCC who, along with our parish administrator, have worked tirelessly to ensure Upper Stour is a successful and viable parish.

Details of the Income and Expenditures for each local Church, the parish magazine and the PCC itself, plus their amalgamation, are shown in the attached schedule. The transactions have been independently examined and that report is also attached.

*Ashley Kemp
PCC Treasurer*



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Parochial Church Council of Ecclesiastical Parish of Upper Stour

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

11131161

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

26th MARCH 2023

Name:

Charles Vizor

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

N/A

Address:

Four Gables, Hazzards Hill, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 6ET

Parish of UPPER STOUR - Financial Statement 2022 drafted by 21Feb23	PCC			PCC only			PCC only			Bourton	Bourton
	Aggregate UNrestricted	Aggregate RESTRICTEDs	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTEDs (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	Aggregate (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)			
INCOME											
Voluntary giving											
Tax efficient planned giving	19,224	0	5,846				3,680	£3,680			
Other planned giving	10,290	0	6,567				2,693	2,693			
Collections at services	7,354	0	0				1,577	1,577			
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	14,219	0	1,373				0	0			
Gift Aid recovered	9,957	0	3,199				2,008	2,008			
Legacies received (capital value)	-197	0	-197				0	0			
Grants (include recurring and one-off)	10,393	20,000	1,000				451	451			
Total voluntary giving	71,240	20,000	17,789	0	0	0	10,410	10,410			
Activities for generating funds											
Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	10,513	0	3,391				840	840			
Income from investments											
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	626	0	132	0			0	0			
Church activities											
Fees 'retained' by PCC 2022+ (weddings, funerals etc.)	11,032	570	10,902		£570.00		80	80			
Trading activities (gross proceeds) incl magz, NOT fundraising	8,910	0	3,777				5	5			
Other incoming resources											
Other receipts/income	150	24,446	150				0	0			
Total voluntary giving	71,240	20,000	17,789	0	0	0	10,410	10,410			
TOTAL INCOME	102,470	45,016	36,141	0	570	0	11,335	11,335			
EXPENDITURE											
Costs of generating funds											
Costs of fundraising activities	3,626	0	2,470				97	97			
Church activities											
Mission giving and donations	2,444	0	515				338	338			
Diocesan parish share contribution	35,176	0	27,174				2,751	2,751			
Salaries, wages and honoraria	4,491	0	4,231				260	260			
Clergy and staff expenses	1,880	0	1,880				0	0			
Church expenses											
Mission and evangelism costs	1,205	0	1,205				0	0			
Church running expenses (including governance)	9,571	0	0				1,559	1,559			
CHURCH utility bills & P.O elec & phone	5,994	0	0				657	657			
Costs of trading	3,894	0	0				0	0			
Major capital expenditure											
Major repairs to the church building	-1,216	0	0				0	0			
Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration	948	0	0				0	0			
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.	0	0	0				0	0			
Other expenditure											
Other payments/expenditure not already listed	1,467	0	1,467				0	0			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69,480	0	38,942	0	0	0	5,662	5,662			
Gain on investments	2,567	1,496	0	0	0	0	0	0			
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	35,557	46,512	-2,801	0	570	0	5,673	5,673			
Transfer	1,000	0	1,000				0	0			
REVISED SURPLUS/DEFICIT	36,557	46,512	-1,801	0	570	0	5,673	5,673			
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES											
Number of tax efficient planned givers	43	0	18				6				
Number of other planned givers	2	0	1								
Number of new legacies received in year	0	0	0								
CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES 31.12.21											
Current Account-Lloyds	50,189	2,544	13,768	0	360	60	5,445	5,445			
Account-Petty Cash (incl G Jackson)	0	16	0				0				
Uncleared Items	0	0	0				0				
Adjusted Balance..	50,189	2,560	13,768	0	360	60	5,445	5,445			
Accounts in CBF (Int Retnd)	6,020	0	4,266	0			0				
Lloyds Deposit Accs, & RHFranis Trust	5,718	505	0				718				
AccountZ-Ruffer CAT #0000030	4,422	15,978	0				0				
RufferK Invst (Kilm)	28,686	2,908	0				0				
AccountMz- NatWest	2,079	0	0				0				
Account-CBF (Stmnts via Diocese)	0	10,758	0	5,005			0				
Hoares Bank Loan changed to Donation	0	0	0				0				
TOTAL	97,113	32,708	18,034	5,005	360	60	6,162	5,445			
CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES 31.12.22											
Current Account-Lloyds	53,386	50,716	7,116	0	570	60	5,955	5,955			
Account-Petty Cash	0	0	0				0				
Uncleared Items	0	0	0				0				
Adjusted Balance..	53,386	50,716	7,116	0	570	60	5,955	5,955			
Accounts in CBF (Int Retained)	5,870	0	4,322	0			0				
Lloyds Deposit Accs, & RHFranisTrust(rstd)	5,212	506	0				718				
Lloyds Deposit share Acc(5) & FEES acc	30,353	0	9,365				5,247	5,247			
Account Z-Ruffer CAT #0000030	4,422	15,978	0				0				
RufferK Invst (Kilm)	30,543	2,400	0				0				
Account:Magz- NatWest	2,313	0	0				0				
Account-CBF>PCC:5975&5825=Stmnts via Diocese) 1	0	9,497	0	4,418			0				
TOTAL	132,100	79,096	20,804	4,418	570	60	11,920	11,202			

Bourton	Bourton	Bourton	Bourton	Kilm'ton	Kilm'ton	Kilm'ton	Kilm'ton	Stourton	Stourton	Stourton	Stourton	Stourton	
RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	Un Rstd (nearest £)	Aggregate (nearest £)	UN-RESTRI (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	Aggregate (nearest £)	UN-RESTRI (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	
Bells	Tower	Churchyard	Fabric	Churchyard Tower/Bldg				Bells	Organ				
				3,580	3,580			1,960	1,960				
				188	188			250	250				
				1,616	1,616			2,208	2,208				
				468	468			11,966	11,966				
				1,439	1,439			1,551	1,551				
				0	0			0	0				
				539	539			27,693	7,693				
0	0	0	0	7,829	7,829	0	0	45,628	25,628	0	0	0	
				1,852	1,852	0	0	630	630				
			0	46	46			0	0				
				0	0			0	0				
				0	0			0	0				
				0	0			24,446	0				
				7,829	7,829	0	0	45,628	25,628	0	0	0	
				9,727	9,727	0	0	70,703	26,258	0	0	0	
	0			247	247			602	602				
				0	0								
				263	263			352	352				
				1,750	1,750			1,751	1,751				
				0	0			0	0				
				0	0			0	0				
				0	0			0	0				
				1,645	1,645			2,991	2,991				
				1,806	1,806			1,814	1,814				
				0	0			0	0				
				-1,216	-1,216			0	0				
				0	0			0	0				
				0	0			0	0				
				0	0	0	0	0	0				
				4,496	4,496	0	0	7,510	7,510				
0	0	0	0	2,567	2,567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	7,799	7,799	0	0	63,194	18,748	0	0	0	
				0	0	0	0	0	0				
				7,799	7,799	0	0	63,194	18,748				
				4				5					
				0				0					
				0				0					
0	0	0	0	1,399	1,399		0	17,274	16,522	752	0	0	
				0	0			0					
				0	0			0					
0	0	0	0	1,399	1,399	0	0	17,274	16,522	752	0	0	
				1,754	1,754			0					
			718	5,505	5,000	505		0					
				0	0			0					
				32,943	£28,686		2,908	0					
				0	0			0					
				0	0			0					
				0	0			0					
0	0	0	718	41,601	36,839	505	2,908	17,274	16,522	752	0	0	
0	0	0	0	1,384	1,384	0	0	74,933	27,091	268	0	0	
				0	0			0					
				0	0			0					
0	0	0	0	1,384	1,384	0	0	74,933	27,091	268	0	0	
				1,548	1,548			0					
			718	5,000	4,495	506		0					
				5,247	5,247			5,247	5,247				
				0	0			0					
				32,943	£30,543	0	2,400	0					
				0	0			0					
				0	0			0					
0	0	0	718	46,122	43,216	506	2,400	80,180	32,338	268	0	0	

Stourton	Stourton	Zeals	Zeals	Zeals	Zeals	Zeals	Zeals	Zeals	Zeals	Magazine	Magazine
RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	Aggregate (nearest £)	UnRestrictd (nearest £)	Restricted (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	Aggregate (nearest £)	UnRestrictd (nearest £)
Roof				Flower	Bells	Churchyard	C-G Organ	Heating	Choir&Or-G		MAGA ZINE
		4,158	4,158							0	
		592	592							0	
		1,953	1,953							0	
		412	412							0	
		1,760	1,760							0	
		0	0							0	
20,000		710	710							0	
20,000	0	9,585	9,585	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		3,799	3,799							0	
		424	448							0	
		50	50							0	
		0	0							5,128	5,128
24,446		0	0							0	
20,000	0	9,585	9,585							0	
44,446	0	13,881	13,881							5,128	5,128
		210	210							0	
		976	976							0	
		1,750	1,750							0	
		0	0							0	
		0	0							0	
		0	0							0	
		3,376	3,376							0	
		1,717	1,717							0	
		0	0							3,894	3,894
		0	0							0	
		948	948							0	
		0	0							0	
		8,977	8,977						0	3,894	3,894
0	0	1,496	0	0	0	0	0	1,496	0	0	
44,446	0	6,400	4,904	0	0	0	0	1,496	0	1,234	1,234
		0	0							-1,000	
44,446		6,400	4,904	0	0	0	0	1,496	0	234	
		10									
		1									
0	0	14,427	13,055	441	0	0	931	0	0		
		16	0	16	0	0	0	0	0		
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	14,443	13,055	457	0	0	931	0	0		
		0									
		20,400	4,422		1,802			14,176			
		0									
		0								2,079	2,079
		5,753					5,753				
0		0									
0	0	40,596	17,477	457	1,802	0	6,684	14,176	0	2,079	2,079
47,573	0	14,085	11,840	433	1,811	0	0	0	0		
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
47,573	0	14,085	11,840	433	1,811	0	0	0	0		
		0									
		5,247	5,247								
		20,400	4,422		1,802			14,176			
		0									
		0								2,313	2,313
		5,079					5,079				
47,573	0	44,810	21,509	433	3,613	0	5,079	14,176	0	2,313	2,313