Charity Number 1127944

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2022

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
31 December 2022
Professional Advisors

Incumbent	The Revd. Janette Smith The Vicarage 87 Perseus Place Crookhorn Waterlooville PO7 8AW
Bank	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Accountant	Sally Grant Limited Chartered Accountants 3 Ladybridge Road Waterlooville PO7 5RP
Independent Examiner	Shahrukh Talati FCA 17 St Georges Road Southsea PO4 9PL
Diocese	A member of the Church of England in the Diocese of Portsmouth in the Parish of Crookhorn

Charity no 1127944
Independent examiner's report to the trustees (The PCC) on the accounts of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn

For the year ended 31st December 2022
Set out on pages 3 to 10

Responsibilties and basis of report
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the charity") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: S. Talati

Date: 21st March 2023

Shahrukh Talati FCA
17 St Georges Road, Southsea PO4 9PL

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
Statement of financial activities **Charity No.** 1127944
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Incoming resources						
Donations	2	122,322	-	-	122,322	113,792
Activities for generating funds	2	20	-	-	20	-
Investment income	2	154	-	-	154	822
Church activities	2	3,258	-	-	3,258	3,140
Total Incoming resources		125,754	-	-	125,754	117,754
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3	93,438	3,031	-	96,469	84,331
External Giving	4	11,380	-	-	11,380	11,746
Support costs	5	12,193	-	-	12,193	13,541
Total Resources Expended		117,011	3,031	-	120,042	109,618
Net Movement in Funds		8,743	- 3,031	-	5,712	8,136
Total Funds Brought Forward		115,675	6,250	-	121,925	113,789
Total Funds carried forward		124,418	3,219	-	127,637	121,925

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2022

	Notes		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets					
Equipment	7		-		-
			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	16,009		14,605	
Bank balances and cash in hand		117,371		110,316	
		133,380		124,921	
Current liabilities					
Creditors falling due within one year	9	5,743		2,996	
Other liabilities		-		-	
		5,743		2,996	
Net current assets			127,637		121,925
Net assets			127,637		121,925
Reserves					
Unrestricted Funds	10		124,418		115,675
Restricted funds	10		3,219		6,250
Reserves carried forward			127,637		121,925

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. Janette Smith (Vicar)

Timothy Fitz-George (Churchwarden)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CROOKHORN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2022
NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation - The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2019.

Recognition of Income – Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
the PCC becomes entitled to the income.
the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
it is probable that the PCC will receive the income.

Offsetting - There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure unless required or permitted by SORP (FRS 102).

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless otherwise specified by the donor or the terms of the appeal.

Donated services and facilities - Gifts in kind are included at valuation and recognized as income if feasible. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Liability recognition - Liabilities are recognized where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive liability and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Support costs - Support costs include central office functions.

Creditors - Creditors are measured at settlement amount less any trade discounts.

Debtors - Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount or amount advanced by the PCC. Subsequently they are measured at cash value or other consideration expected to be received.

Consecrated and benefice property - In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalized in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings - These are capitalized at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life except where insufficient cost information is available. All items are included in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

Tangible fixed assets - These are capitalized if they can be used for more than one year and cost more than £2,000. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over four years.

Restricted funds - These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and the details of the funds held and restrictions placed thereon are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted funds - These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for special purposes.

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

Income and expenditure account analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
2 Income				£	£
Donations					
Planned Giving:					
Gift Aid donations	73,747	-	-	73,747	71,676
Income tax recoverable	20,524	-	-	20,524	17,919
Other planned giving	15,396	-	-	15,396	24,197
Bus Stop Donations	10,596	-	-	10,596	-
Church Collection Box	559	-	-	559	-
Grant received for energy costs	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
	122,322	-	-	122,322	113,792
Activities for generating funds					
Centre hiring	20	-	-	20	-
	20	-	-	20	-
Income from Investments					
Interest received	154	-	-	154	822
	154	-	-	154	822
Income from church activities					
Children's work 0-11	2,692	-	-	2,692	1,077
Youth work 11 plus	310	-	-	310	109
Outreach - adults	-	-	-	-	959
PCC fees income	256	-	-	256	995
	3,258	-	-	3,258	3,140
3 Expenditure on Church activities					
Diocesan parish share (Quota)	46,290	-	-	46,290	46,340
Incumbent's expenses & vicarage costs	959	134	-	1,093	783
Youth leader salary	15,248	-	-	15,248	14,866
Youth leader support costs	280	-	-	280	531
Church utility costs	6,810	-	-	6,810	2,592
Other church running expenses	5,791	-	-	5,791	3,139
Church maintenance - minor	1,310	-	-	1,310	2,001
Church maintenance - major	-	-	-	-	6,038
Upkeep of services	3,197	1,318	-	4,515	4,036
PCC fees costs	-	-	-	-	528
Bus Stop Café costs	8,882	-	-	8,882	-
Education & training - adult	946	-	-	946	252
Education & training 0-11	354	-	-	354	320
Education & training 11 plus	221	-	-	221	33
Community work 0-11	1,508	859	-	2,367	1,202
Community work 11 plus	1,340	-	-	1,340	471
Community work - adult	-	668	-	668	1,021
Church events & conferences	302	52	-	354	178
	93,438	3,031	-	96,469	84,331

4 External Giving

Missionary and charitable giving					
Overseas Mission Societies	6,890	-	-	6,890	4,460
Relief and development agencies	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,810
Diocesan Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	100
Home mission & other church societies	2,610	-	-	2,610	2,976
Secular charities	880	-	-	880	400
	11,380	-	-	11,380	11,746

5 Support costs

Salaries	9,927	-	-	9,927	7,873
Admin recharged	(2,599)	-	-	(2,599)	-
Copier leasing & running costs	2,702	-	-	2,702	2,629
Telephone & other admin costs	981	-	-	981	933
Postage, printing & stationery	620	-	-	620	638
Website	42	-	-	42	45
Subscriptions	401	-	-	401	426
Bank charges	119	-	-	119	48
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	949
	12,193	-	-	12,193	13,541

6 Staff costs

	2022	2021
Salaries	22,226	20,455
Pension costs	350	299
	22,576	20,754
Number of staff employed:		
During the year the PCC employed 2 people, the Administrator and the Youth and Family Team Leader	2	2

Payments to PCC members and related parties

In order to avoid possible conflicts of interest, related PCC members do not take part in discussions or votes in matters connected with themselves
A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the Incumbent may have related to their service as Chairman of the PCC.

7 Equipment

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	47,027	47,027
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2022	47,027	47,027
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	47,027	47,027
Charge for the year	-	-
On disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2022	47,027	47,027
Net book value		
At 31 December 2022	-	-
At 31 December 2021	-	-

8 Debtors

	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	4,490	3,488
Other debtors	758	356
5 Year Equity Loan to Mission Housing Ltd	10,761	10,761
	16,009	14,605

Debtor recoverable after more than one year

The loan is made through Mission Housing Ltd which is a company registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. The loan has been renegotiated during the year and is now set at a fixed amount of £10,761 at 0% interest and is repayable in February 2025 but the property is likely to be sold earlier and the loan repaid in full.

9 Creditors falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income	0	506
Other creditors	5,743	2,490
	5,743	2,996

There is an ongoing liability in respect of the architect for the flat roof repairs. There is an agreed charge of £6,504 including VAT but the work has not yet been completed or invoiced. No provision has been charged in these accounts.

10 Fund Details

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
Current assets	130,161	3,219	0	133,380	124,921
Current liabilities	-5,743	0	0	-5,743	-2,996
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Fund balance	124,418	3,219	0	127,637	121,925

The Restricted Fund is for Community Purposes

The PCC has designated the following from unrestricted funds:

	£
Provision for future planned fabric renewals	60,000
Provision for repairs and replacement equipment	12,000
	72,000

There remains a surplus of £55,637 in unrestricted reserves (which would cover approximately five months overheads).

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, C Charity No. 1127944
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations	107,542	6,250	-	113,792
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-
Investment income	822	-	-	822
Church activities	2,640	500	-	3,140
Total Incoming resources	111,004	6,750	-	117,754
Resources Expended				
Church activities	83,831	500	-	84,331
Donations made	11,746	-	-	11,746
Support costs	13,541	-	-	13,541
Total Resources Expended	109,118	500	-	109,618
Net Movement in Funds	1,886	6,250	-	8,136
Total Funds Brought Forward	113,789	-	-	113,789
Total Funds carried forward	115,675	6,250	-	121,925

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CROOKHORN

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

Administrative information

The Church of The Good Shepherd is situated on Crookhorn Lane, Waterlooville. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The address for correspondence is:

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn Lane, WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 5QB.

The email address is: office@cogs.org.uk

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The Charity Registration number is: 1127944. The registered name of the charity is: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of The Good Shepherd, Crookhorn

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Clergy

The Revd. Janette Smith(SC) Chair

Churchwardens

Mr Tim FitzGeorge (SC)
Mrs Sally White (SC)

Representatives to the Deanery Synod

Mr Tim FitzGeorge
Ms Christine Pylee (Retired mid 2022)

Elected Members

Mrs Julia Barton (SC) Treasurer & Vice Chair
Dr Michael Homer-Ward
Mr Barrie Jones Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Sara Lane
Mrs Andrea Mercier
Mr Richard Bailey (SC) Secretary
Mrs Lesley Quinton
Mrs Sally Russell
Mrs Julie Thompson
Mr Jonathan Harrington
Mr James Webb
Ms Christine Pylee (Retired mid 2022)

Note: (SC) denotes Standing Committee member.

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 a number of committees, which meet between the full meetings of the PCC (usually eight in a year). The structure of committees was organised during the year as follows:

Committee	**Area of Responsibility**
Standing Committee	Finance & Budgeting, Progress PCC business, Agenda setting Note: This is the only committee required in law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
Prayer	Prayer, Prayer ministry & Pastoral
Resources and Health & Safety	Fabric, Buildings, Parish Office, Sunday Set-up Team, PA & Sound Team.
Welcome & communication	Social, CoGS Hub, Events, Coffee Team, Welcome/Follow-up, Website
Discipleship	To support the discipleship of all church members, encouraging each to take responsibility for their own growth.
Outreach	Alpha Courses, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Community Outreach.
Finance	Church finance
External Giving	Mission giving

Objectives and Activities

Crookhorn PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the current incumbent to promote within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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 CoGS. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.0
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is essential that we maintain the fabric of the Church Centre complex of The Church of The Good Shepherd.

The PCC has compiled with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Disciple Measure 2016 to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Achievements and performance

Review of the year (by Revd Janette Smith)

The last 12 months have probably been the most normal since I arrived at CoGS in September 2019.

One of the first things we did in 2022 was to set some time aside to Listen to God. We met on zoom and had an extremely fruitful time of prayer. From it we determined that we were being called to **something new** within **God's timeframe** not ours… and that meant being **totally reliant on God** and being **united**. No crowns: the only master is God and the only crown is the one we gain in eternity. We also recognized that *Our calling to the people of Crookhorn exists within the context of many longstanding pillars of society having been rocked or brought down over the last 2 years. There is further change to come. People will have many questions, be fearful and open to hearing God's word in a very new way .... and we need to be ready.*

And I think we have seen this outworking during 2022 in all of the activities across CoGS.

The biggest new thing was obviously the opening of the Bus Stop Café in March. This has grown far quicker and been so much more than we hoped or imagined. God has been so good. It has been such a blessing to be able to get alongside people every day, to make new friends, to be there for them, to listen to them, to pray with them, to learn from them.

It is not all about the café: we have seen growth in every other ministry over 2022. We are seeing growth in our toddler groups, in our children's groups, in Messy Church, in our Drop-in group, in our church. The whole ethos of the church has changed. We have become a church in and of the community and the vision keeps growing. Volunteers are coming from the community to help us, it looks as though a debt counselling service is going to work with us in the near future, the police want to come and do their surgery here and in 2023 we are going to run a Recovery Course for anyone struggling with any kind of addiction. The cogs of CoGS are working together and we are eternally grateful for all the groundwork which has been done over many years by many faithful people.

Probably the saddest moment this year was the death of our wonderful Queen Elizabeth II. In true CoGS style we opened up the church for prayer and on the day of the funeral, screened the whole event for the community, serving cake and drinks throughout the day.

I could go on and mention the many other things which have happened over 2022 but I commend to you the rest of this report which is written by those at the coalface. We have much to give thanks to God for and I want to thank all of you for the tireless effort you put in each week for the glory of God. I thank God for your love, encouragement, support and guidance to Paul and me this year. It is still an immense privilege to be the Vicar here.

As you read through this report, do please use these words as a prompt for your own prayers. Let's pray, giving thanks to God for his goodness to us, but also praying that we as a church might continue to mature and grow in the way we prioritise and relate to God in our daily lives, both as individuals and as a community.

Yours in Jesus
Janette

Revd Janette Smith - Vicar

Parochial Church Council

The PCC is the body responsible for the financial affairs of the church, in looking after the building and its contents and for co-operating with the vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The full PCC normally meets every other month. It is supported by sub-committees that are responsible for individual areas of church life, which then bring matters to the PCC for decision. The current sub-committees are:

Outreach, Discipleship, Welcome & Communications, Prayer, Resources, Finance and Giving.

There is also a Standing Committee which meets when necessary to consider urgent matters. The full list of PCC members can be found in the annual report and on the notice board at the back of the main hall.

Over the last year we have looked at:

- Safeguarding
- Living in Love and Faith – the Church of England's process looking at same-sex relationships.
- Eco-church, leading to our receiving the Bronze award.
- The Clergy Covenant – which is intended to support the work and wellbeing of Clergy.
- Many items of routine business.

It is pleasing to be able to report that PCC meetings are normally carried out in good humour and with occasional laughter. As we go into the future with the new PCC we pray that this will continue as we continue to seek to perform God's will as a Church.

Tim FitzGeorge – Church Warden

Fabric Report

The major requirement for the fabric report is to report on the progress of the work recommended in the last Quinquennial inspection, which took place in 2020. It is pleasing to report that all the major and most of the minor points have been dealt with, with the significant exception of the replacement of the flat roof.

The roof replacement is proceeding much slower than expected, but we are finally approaching the point when we can go out for quotes for the work – indeed by the time of the APCM this will hopefully have happened. In the meantime, thanks to Paul Smith, we have carried out a temporary repair.

In other matters, we have carried out the usual minor maintenance and painting of the building and the grounds.

Going into the future, we will have the normal never-ending list of minor jobs to be carried out, but we can once again be grateful for having a modern building which is in good condition.

Tim FitzGeorge

Havant Deanery Synod

Bishop Jonathan has asked us to look at two strategic priorities and consider how they can be incorporated in the Deanery action plan:

i. putting youth and children at the heart of our mission plan
ii. Anna Chaplaincy

The Deanery would love to see existing volunteers supported, trained and encouraged in their roles. There is a recognition that having specialists can be beneficial and an understanding that there is value in strategically appointing paid roles across the Deanery. It was also thought to be wise to start where fruitful ministry already exists and invest in what is already happening, where we have good relationships with schools, especially (but not limited to) church schools. All parishes will need to be willing to try new things, to plant new congregations to accommodate worship styles different to our own. It is noted this will be more appropriate in some places than in others.

Children are interacting with the church through various groups (Messy Church, toddler groups, etc.) but there is no consistent way of progressing that into church attendance. Leading to the question, how can we create bridges for those children to take the next steps into the church community? Across the Deanery there are lots of volunteers who are willing to help but do not wish to lead. There are currently only two part-time, paid youth and families' workers within the Deanery.

The Deanery Mission Action Plan has now been revised and the teams are now:

1. mission

2. enabling leadership
3. partnership / working together
4. youth and children

Sadly, we said goodbye to joint Area Dean, Rev'd Ian Snares in July and welcomed Rev'd Kate MacFarlane from Hart Plain Church as Associate Area Dean in October.

Janette Smith

Havant Deanery Chapter

We were pleased to welcome Bishop Jonathan Frost to our Diocese in March and blessed to have him alter his busy Havant Deanery schedule to join us at the Bus Stop Café one week after opening. It was also good to host the Deanery for lunch during the Bishop's visit. As a chapter we are meeting monthly alternating between Zoom and in person.

Electoral Roll and Church Attendance

All are welcome to attend our regular services. Church members who fulfil the application criteria (baptised, aged 16 or over, and regular attendee) are encouraged to have their names entered on the Electoral Roll. This allows attendance at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and confers the right to vote in any elections at that meeting. Members of the Roll are also encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC themselves.

There are 126 church members on the Electoral Roll of The Good Shepherd, Crookhorn, a gain of 12 from last year according to the figures (but it looks as though the figures were miscalculated last year). 93 (73.8%) are not resident within the parish, 33 reside in the parish, 6 people have died and 3 were added to the roll.

The average attendance at Sunday services, counted during October 2022 was 81 adults and 13 children (including Messy Church) with an average of 43 views on YouTube. Some people are still choosing to watch from home, some are still at home not able to watch. This year we have been pleased to welcome several new members.

Safeguarding

The **Safeguarding Dashboard** has three levels of activity:

Level 1 Safer Foundations

1. Policies and action plan
2. Safeguarding procedures
3. Safeguarding roles
4. Training for key roles
5. Displayed Information
6. Reviews and reports

Level 2 Safer Activities

Level 3 Safer Practices

This year we have completed Level 1.

We worked through a couple of issues with the support of the Diocese Safeguarding Team.

Barrie Jones – Safeguarding Officer

Worship

It has been good to be able to worship in person this year and from Easter onwards without masks. It has been so wonderful to be able to sing again. Easter 2022 was the first Easter I have been able to celebrate properly since being here.

Sundays

Sundays have become increasingly better attended as people felt more comfortable with returning to the building since Covid. A few still feel too vulnerable to attend in person so we made the decision to continue live-streaming services.

Our sermon series this year have mainly concentrated on our mission to the community. We have looked at the marks of mission and a series called BLESS which was on evangelism. In September we began our series *As I do,* looking at what Jesus did in Mark's Gospel and realising that we have the power, through the Holy Spirit to do what he did. Interspersed throughout the year we have also looked at Peter's journey of faith and the book of Ruth. Our Advent series looked at the people behind the advent candles who all announce that *The King is Coming.* During the summer we stopped all children's work and had All Age services on the theme of Jesus' "I AM" sayings. These were very well received by adults and children alike and next year we will be reforming the All Age Team.

Midweek Worship

A very simple service of said communion on the first Wednesday of the month is still well attended and leads nicely into Vintage Wine. For a while we met at 12:30 but people preferred the original time of 1pm. I have been very grateful to both of the curates at Christ Church stepping in for me when I have been unable to be there.

Messy Church

Messy Church has settled down to more manageable numbers than last year. We normally cater for around 50. The smaller numbers have meant that we have more chance to chat to families attending. The majority of families are still from outside of the church. We really need more helpers and I would ideally like someone to take over the running of Messy Church. As it stands at the moment we may not be able to carry on next year.

Janette Smith

Music

' But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.' Psalm 22 v3
Honest and sincere praise brings the personal presence of God into our lives. Since God is enthroned in our praises, worship is the key to entering fully into His presence which ultimately helps us to grow in our relationship with Him leading to victory and deliverance in our lives. Worship is a key component of Christian discipleship for anyone who wants to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

My passion is to enable worship at CoGS as we seek to encounter Jesus and see His kingdom come in Crookhorn with renewed and transformed lives as a result. We have faced significant challenges recently using technology for online meetings during lockdown and moving to separate bands to provide consistency and accommodate new members. We continue to introduce new songs to explore fresh ways of worship so that our corporate worship times remain powerful and accessible for all.

Whatever the next year brings, I encourage you to worship the Lord with all your heart, body and soul. There is no right or wrong way to express our worship – only a right attitude is needed. God looks at our heart, so don't be afraid to 'have a go'.

If you are passionate about worship and think you might like to either play an instrument or sing, then please come and talk to me about it.

Mike Homer-Ward – Worship Co-ordinator

Portsdown Cluster

We sadly said goodbye to our CoGS' Administrator, Posy, at the beginning of the year and welcomed Antonia Harrison as the new administrator in May 2022. Antonia is pioneering a role across the cluster churches of CoGS, St John's and Christ Church. She works 15 hours per week for CoGS and 7 ½ for the other two churches. We have bi-weekly staff meetings across the cluster. There have also been more opportunities for Andy and Janette and Andy's curates to work together during the year.

Prayer team

The Prayer Team has met on numerous times throughout the year. We have sought God's direction to further prayer at CoGS. Numbers attending daily prayers, on Zoom, has dwindled as more opportunities have been available to meet in person. The Wednesday Prayer Breakfast is always well attended and so is the Monday Zoom meeting when we focus on praying for our leadership.

Two 12-hour prayer days were very well attended and the first one focussed on Thanksgiving (as we had much to thank God for, after the previous day of prayer on The Harvest) and God really blessed us all with countless words and pictures for the individual groups that meet and for the Church. The second one focussed on REVIVAL and was AMAZING. We were clearly shown that God is on the move in Crookhorn and that He wants to lead us into personal and community revival. We now wait expectantly as a church to see where He will direct us - it's so exciting!

We have also run a Lent course where we used the 24/7 Lectio Divina course. This followed on directly after praying for revival and has continued to greatly encourage us in our daily devotions.

Phil White

Bus Stop Café

The Bus Stop Cafe opened after much prayer and guidance on the 7th March 2022. We have just celebrated our first year.

We are a breakfast outreach cafe open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 11.30am with a small team of volunteers led by Jim who is a Level Three Food Supervisor. We have grown from serving 58 breakfasts in week one and a year later we average 175 breakfasts per week. Early in the morning, we feed children and families on their way to school and as the morning goes on, we have students and local community who would otherwise be alone. They have begun to form relationships with one another within a family atmosphere. We have the opportunity to support and pray for people on a daily basis.

The other groups within CoGS are also seeing an increase in numbers through the BSC ministry. We very quickly realized that people would be on their own at Christmas and held a very successful and blessed Christmas day lunch with 38 people who would otherwise have been alone with some of our CoGS church family helping on the day and people already booking for 2023!

We have also recognized that many in our community are suffering from addictions and we will be running a recovery course from March 15th 2023. God truly is blessing this ministry.

Payment is by donation so that everyone can come and in the first year we have almost covered the whole cost by the donations.

We look forward to seeing what The Lord will do in the next year. All Praise and Glory to Him.

Jim Webb

Children & Youth Activities

High Tide

High Tide continues a monthly ecumenical joint youth service for churches in and surrounding Portsmouth. We have a number of different churches from different denominations joining together in the various churches for worship, teaching, prayer ministry, food and fun. High Tide has continued its growth and more churches joined the family in 2022. We had our turn hosting High Tide at CoGS in October 2022 and were very blessed to have the session run by an amazing group of ten people from YWAM in Harpenden. There was a great spirit, lead time of ministry, worship, teaching and fun. We are due to host again in June 2023.

We have been blessed to have two residential times away this year and have another one booked for August 2023. In Easter 2022 we went to Westbrook House, Isle of Wight. It was an incredible time of relationships with God going deeper and friendships of the youth across churches forming and developing. In August 2022 we went to Luckley

House, in Wokingham. Again it was an incredible time of growing relationships with God and one another. We really focused on Romans 12 v1 and 2, and many of the youth made commitments to go deeper and further with God and willing to stand out from the crowd for Him.

Through High Tide and discipleship support, Alicia has particularly grown so much, and has even gone on to lead upfront at Holiday Club this year.

Junior Church and Crèche

This group runs due to the amazing team of Clare, Fleur and Emma leading, with Mami, Brenda, and Heather/Xander Hall supporting them. It is a joy to see the babies dancing and the toddlers proudly do the actions they confidently know, all praising God. We then teach Bible stories or Bible concepts through stories, craft, and games and then quiet time with God. We are currently working through a bedtime book which uses Bible stories to teach children how God works at night-time, and how to face the night, dreams, and talk with Him.

The group of children has changed over the last year with the older ones moving up to Refuel and the blessing addition of new families. Most of the children are now old enough to be left in the group, which allows the parents time off from responsibility and to be fed in the main meeting. We have a few toddlers and babies and average 12 children per week but always prepare for up to 20.

We have been incorporating the concept of “Chat and Catch” from Parenting for Faith, which supports the children to learn to be still, chat to God, and then ‘catch’ what they feel he is saying back to them. It has been amazing to see how God is talking to our younger children, and to watch them grow in faith as they learn to ‘catch’ what He has for them.

Refuel

Over the last four months we have seen the Refuel group really grow, which is an answer to prayer. To start with we had to WhatsApp phone call some of them as a wakeup call in the morning, but now some of them are there early to help set up! God is so good.

This year we have finished off Freedom in Christ and are now working through the Youth Alpha course. Youth Alpha has been amazing, and we even have some of the Friday Zone group coming along. We meet together for breakfast (pastries and hot chocolate) and watch the Alpha Video and then have a great time of conversations with the questions. They are really growing deeper in their relationship with God and one another. It has been a real blessing to be part of this group.

The Zone (11+)

This year the Zone group has really grown, as some of them are now bringing their friends along. For many of them the Zone on a Friday evening is their Church. I have given away lots of Bibles this year as many of them are, and wanting to, get into the Bible and journal as they discover God! They **all** came along and served as young leaders for Holiday Club this year which was a privilege to watch them step up and serve and grow as leaders.

We usually share a meal, have time of worship and teaching and lots of games, usually about *15* youth. It is truly a lovely group overflowing with God's blessing, run by an outstanding team of Simon, Sara, Julie T, Nathan and myself.

Kidzone (4-11 yrs)

Kidzone group meet on a Wednesday and is a great space for children to come and unwind after a hard day at school. We have built and continue to build really good relationships with children and their parents and families, chatting to them as they drop off and pick up their children. This has really given us good foundations and the opportunity to support the families and children in the difficult season following one of the children’s passing. We know he is in the arms of our Lord Jesus, and that would not have been the case, if not for the love at Kidzone.

This time is for them to play games, table tennis, craft and Bible stories, action songs, drinks and snacks. We have now been able to include time of prayer for needs and time “Catch and Chat” (see Junior Church) which has been a blessing to see the children asking God for help with their personal issues and listening to God.

We have grown with lots of new children joining us from Holiday Club, Bus Stop Break and other ministries. We especially have a number of children who have joined us with additional needs, which has been an amazing opportunity for us to develop our routines and skills to include them and to learn from them. God has used them to challenge and grow us as leaders, especially to re-question our definition of a successful group and to see God moving in a more noisy or messier way than we have experienced. God has been amazing at providing a team to help us with it, and a number of our young people serve as young leaders (Sharn, Pietro, Leah and Megan). They are amazing and we could not run the group without them.

Superhero Light Trail

This year we had a Superhero Light Trail as an alternative to Halloween. Families came to the church to collect a map and party bag that had a Scripture Union Light book, sweets and glow sticks for them to stay safe as it got dark. Thanks to Sara's artistic design we were able to place large paintings of superheroes around the community for families to find them. Then they returned to the church for hot dogs and hot chocolate.

People from all over the community came and there was a real buzz all around our parish. We even had people running up asking if they could join in as they saw their neighbours doing it and did not want to miss out. We gave out an immense amount of food feeding the families and continued to build good relationships with our community. Weeks after, children still remembered which superhero was placed where and this showed we made lasting memories of fun and joy in the children and their families.

A Night in Bethlehem

We decorated the church to look like a Bethlehem market place on the night Jesus was born. We created a truly immersive experience of sounds and smells and the helpers dressed up in authentic costumes. On arrival the families signed in by 'Signing the Census'. Outside we had a pony for the children to pet and a stable for people to meet Mary and Joseph and hold baby Jesus. 'Mary' and 'Joseph' encourage the children to think about Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas with questions.

Inside we had various stalls all around the church including: a woodwork stall to hammer nails into wood in the shape of a star; a sowing stall to wrap thread around the nails to make a sparkly star; a pottery stall where they made oil lamps with clay; a food stall to taste authentic Middle Eastern foods; a scribe stall to write with quills and ink; a metalwork stall embossing into tin pictures; an inn with keeper to meet and talk; a tax collector booth giving out chocolate coins to the children. We ended the afternoon with Christmas Dinner in a bun and hot chocolate and they took a Christmas book home with them. This afternoon was a complete success and so much fun for the families and the helpers. This was another experience to make unique lasting memories and give depth to the Christmas story for all who came.

Toddlers' Mums' Christmas Meal

After a two year gap due to Covid, it was a joy to be able to return to the annual Toddlers' Mums' Christmas Meal. It is a lovely evening where Mums/Carers/Childminders are able to take a night off from their responsibilities and come to church to be served a meal by the men of our church. It was a really enjoyable evening for the mums to enjoy time out, enjoy a delicious meal thanks to Pip and his team, and be able to have good conversations and build relationships without interruptions from children. After the meal Phil Sand performed a song and then Clare shared an honest and impactful talk about the challenges of being a mother and the blessings of walking the path of caring for children with God by our side. Many mums were really engaged and shared how the talk spoke directly to them. Although less mums attended than expected it was a really enjoyable evening for those who came.

Youth Discipleship and Mentoring

There are several members of the youth that have wanted to go deeper with God and are being mentored. We encourage our youth and young people to serve wherever they can, as they grow with God and their confidence.

Many of them have faced a tough year of relationship challenges with some members of our community facing various emotional and mental health issues. We are proud of how many of them have overcome it, learning valuable lessons on loving and supporting others when they are in tough situations and how to take care of themselves too.

All of our young people served at Holiday Club with Alicia taking the leadership role upfront. Alicia has been doing a one-on-one bible study mentoring with Storm as she wanted to go deeper individually in learning how to read her Bible. She has really grown in the last year in her relationships, confidence and relationship with God.

Sharn, Pietro, Leah and Megan all serve on the Kidzone team as young leaders and are invaluable support for us. Matthew continues to serve by running the sound desk on a Sunday morning.

Some of them are doing The Jeremiah Project this year, which is a once monthly six session project aimed specifically at growing young leaders aged 15-18. It is designed to help them grow deeper in faith, connect more deeply with their church and learn to be the next generation of leaders.

Bus Stop Ministry

Bus Stop Break has been going since June 2021. We hold the sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays when we have a table outside of the church with benches for those passing by and those waiting for a bus to have hot chocolate or coffee and cake. This is an amazing time where we can connect particularly with the students from the college and see how their day is going, and with the parents and children from the school. It is such a blessing to be able to just bless people and connect with those in our parish. The aim is to literally just bless and love people.

This has exceeded all my expectations and we have made some amazing relationships with people through this and invite them along to the other things going on at Cogs, pray for them and support them. It has a real buzz about it and we are serving on average about 75 people a session.

Clare Hargreaves

Holiday Club - A Royal Invitation

Because of the difficulties in maintaining a team with threat of a Covid outbreak, we decided to have a one-day Holiday Club. The theme we chose was 'The Parable of the Great Banquet', we wanted to make sure all the children knew they were invited to the King's Party. We brought in Inspector Dougal McFingle-a regular at Morelands primary school-to continue his investigation into the life and death of Jesus and explored the theme of Heaven.

We had about 40 mainly local children who come for the day and thoroughly enjoyed it. The message was clear and the table inviting thanks to many COGS members who had made beautiful cupcakes for the banqueting table. Thank you to all the COGS team who make it possible to teach Jesus' stories in a dynamic way today.

A taste of the drama:
Inspector Dougal Mc Fingle: Heaven sounds a very attractive place. What are the rules about getting in?
Sara: Well that's an interesting question. There's a rule that no sin is allowed in heaven.
Inspect: Sin?
Clare: Sin is like the rubbish we have in our lives, like lying or stealing or being mean.
Sara: Like God, heaven is Holy, beautiful, perfect, and God doesn't want it trashed like we've done to our own planet. So the rule is that you can't get into Heaven with sin in your life. It would be like visiting the Queen in your dirty clothes, holding a bag of rubbish.
Inspector: That would be totally out of order. Her Majesty would not be amused! But surely in that case, it's impossible to get to heaven because we all have a bit -or a lot- of rubbish in our lives….

Sara Lane

Morelands School Assemblies Team

As a team we have been so gratefully received and welcomed at Morelands Primary School by staff and children that it has become a real joy to share Bible stories with them. We often ask the children to act out stories but recently Simon took centre stage playing the part of a school child whose motto was 'I just want to be happy'. For some reason they found him hilarious which made it easy to introduce principles from the Sermon on the Mount to help the children understand what will really make them happy. This term we have used a giant painted scroll to tell Joseph's story, and we look forward to welcoming the children into the Church at Easter to tell the Easter story.

We believe many of the children have faith and believe what we tell them. Our hope and prayer is that the seed is protected as the children grow up and is not strangled by weeds and thorns that surround their lives. Thank you to those who pray for us as we share the Good News.

The Assemblies Team (over the past year): Colin, Janette, Clare, Sara and Simon Lane.

Wednesday Toddlers

We have had a great year at Wednesday Toddlers. It has been well attended with over 30 children each week and mums, grandmothers and childminders. It would be great to see more dads/grandads. We have a wonderful team who help set up the hall and pack away. Mary and Margaret do the online register, Joy prepares craft activities, Fleur leads song time, Andrea serves refreshments and Mami and others talk to the families helping them feel welcomed. Children and adults are really engaging with the Bible story time lead by Emma, especially when the puppets visit! We pray before the group and also have a Zoom prayer time every Friday morning led by Clare focussing particularly on praying for children or adults who need support.

Fleur Chambers

Tots and Tunes

'Tots and Tunes' has continued to be a blessing to the Mums, Grandmas and carers in Crookhorn and beyond. It is a joy to watch 20 to 30 toddlers singing, dancing and laughing in response to the songs and rhymes we do. They wave flags, shake bean bags and play instruments happily! I have been thankful for the sprinkling of Christian mums and carers who have befriended others in the group and made everyone feel valued and supported in the amazing job that they do. Our autistic children continue to thrive and look like they feel at home.

We have seen many of these Mums and their families at our special community events, Messy Church and even at 'normal' Church. Hooray!

Many thanks to Fleur, Heather and Letitia who serve tea, cake and smiles at the end of each session.

Sara Lane

Christmas Day Community Meal

For the second year we invited people from the community on their own for Christmas Day to join us for all the festivities. This year, due to our contacts in the café we welcomed 49 people on Christmas Day. The Webb family cooked up and served a veritable feast of three courses plus mince pies, chocolates and nibbles. Phil created a very enjoyable Christmas quiz and we enjoyed some singing of carols and other Christmas songs too. The atmosphere was fantastic and everyone had a great time. An entire table from Elsie Fudge have already booked for next year! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Janette Smith

Welcome

Lesley Quinton and Sally White have been heading up this group with much appreciated support from Janette.

Over this last year we have seen various flyers produced introducing people to CoGS, that we are a Church of England parish, our vision and beliefs and what we have going on each day, week and month. These have been very helpful when newcomers arrive.

We have a dedicated team who greet people at the door each week. They provide help when needed such as someone to sit next to if they are new and always a friendly smile.

We had a very good turnout for the Welcome afternoon tea and cakes. There was a lovely time to chat together. Janette gave an overview of our church/fellowship and spoke about what is going on the different groups that run. It was a relaxed gathering. We hope that this becomes a regular feature in our calendar.

We are always looking for new people to join this great team, so please contact me if you feel this is where God is calling you to.

Thank you to everyone who supports and prays for this ministry.

Sally White

Craft Club

COGS Craft Club has continued to run monthly throughout 2022. Craft Club members have a Facebook page and use a WhatsApp group for sharing craft ideas and giving notices about sessions. There is regular attendance from COGS members and others from outside the church.

The club provides really valued social contact for its members, many of whom are not currently members of COGS. Positive relationships are being maintained with some members attending other church events throughout the year.

The ambition for 2022 was to further grow the club, but this required additional committed helpers to replace those who have recently stopped assisting. In 2023, assistance is continuing to be given with serving refreshments, and members have agreed to participate in longer projects to reduce the preparation work required.

Julia Barton

Eco Church

Thanks to the initial work by Christine Pylee and Posy Sloane, the church was already registered on the Eco Church survey. With a team comprising Tim FitzGeorge, Sara Lane and Antonia Harrison, the church has recently earned the Bronze Award with special mention to Jon Harrington's ecological work in the garden earning us Silver status. We have an Eco notice board opposite the office and weekly section of our newsletter. We make conscious decisions to buy Fairtrade and sustainable products. We also take an active part in Diocesan groups and hosted a Diocesan wide discussion group in February 2023.

Antonia Harrison

Home communion team

Taking Home Communion to those who are housebound or unable to join us on a Sunday is a worthwhile and pleasurable experience. The recipients are grateful for the fellowship and are uplifted by the sharing of Communion. This is a valuable ministry which helps them to feel part of the Church and to know that they are remembered and thought of. If you would like to know more about the ministry of delivering Home Communion and perhaps join the team, please ask.

Elizabeth Pearn

Men's Group - The Forge

Our vision to promote a men's ministry that enables us to meet to share, encourage each other, and to have fun and fellowship.

The group has developed over the year and now attracts men from many local churches. Recently we had over ten churches represented and sixty guys enjoying fellowship and a hearty breakfast - no fruit! Writing the terms of reference for this ministry, it helped focus our thoughts and what we can offer men when they get together. A group of five of us met regularly to try and seek a new direction and we asked all the men to give us feedback for possible ideas that they would like to see. This is ongoing, but we think there is a new enthusiasm among the men to share fellowship on a regular basis,

The Bus Stop Cafe has continued to cook breakfasts on alternative months, and we have been able to enjoy a hearty fry up in the cafe. While other months we visit neighbouring churches (just to check!), but Jim still does the best food!

The Gathering is happening again this year from the 23rd June to the 25th. This is an opportunity to meet with thousands of other men from all over the country and to hear great testimonies and to listen to amazing teaching. So, men, go onto their website and book! https://thegatheringformen.com

Phil White

Women's Breakfast

We have had three inspiring Women's Breakfasts at three-month intervals since the end of Covid.

They have been attended by women from our cluster and from an increasing number of other churches in the Waterlooville, Emsworth and Horndean areas.

We are greatly indebted to our Breakfast Team volunteers who order the food, prepare and lay out the breakfast and help clear up. So thankful for their loving service.

Our Continental Breakfasts are delicious and are paid for by donation. A gift is given to our Speakers (or a donation to their cause) and, after paying for the food, the remainder goes into CoGS finances.

Our first speaker was Ruby John from Islamabad, Pakistan. As a minority Christian living in an Islamic Republic she challenged us all on living an unashamedly counter-cultural life for Christ wherever we live. Her talk was so well appreciated, she was invited to give the sermon the next day!

The next two Breakfasts were addressed by Anne Poulter from St Johns, Southbourne. She gave a moving Testimony in what was her first ever talk to a large group and was warmly invited to return for the next Breakfast meeting when she 'Invited us to the Feast', encouraging those who didn't already do so, to read the Bible daily. She had prepared a Diary with a hand-crafted cover for everyone – a big task but much valued by those who were there.

Numbers have been between 30-40 for each Breakfast.

The next Women's Breakfast Event is on 29th April 2023 when Miriam Hargreaves from Harbour Church will be our speaker. The title of the talk with discussion and prayer will be: 'Being Seen and Heard.' Miriam will be telling us about the project run amongst women affected by the sex industry called 'Vista'. It includes pamper events for any woman who needs a bit of TLC called 'Spa 61' and the weekly women's safe space for those who have experienced gender violence and abuse called 'Haven.'

Eileen Jones

Vintage Wine

We continue to meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month, just after the Mid-week Communion Service, starting at around 1.45pm.

This past year has been marked with great sadness as we mourn the passing of several faithful members, sadly missed, but still remembered with great affection:- Sylvia Wraith, Ivy & Derek Cooper, Margaret & Cedric Moppett, Barbara Grayson and Barbara Moriarty.

A summary of topics and lively informative talks & discussions have included:-

An afternoon of armchair exercises followed by tea and cake, conducted by Lesley;

An interesting illustrated talk by Councillor Gary Hughes from Havant Borough, on all aspects of recycling, waste disposal and processing of all our household waste;

A riveting and heart-wrenching illustrated talk by Dennis Vystavain, from The Chernobyl Childrens' Lifeline charity, giving us the 'real' situation currently in Ukraine and Chernobyl and the crisis this country is suffering;

A lively and fun pro-active talk by Steve Gray & Dee Thorpe about the Scouting movement and their involvement in it over many years;

A ‘pop-up’ Christmas Carol service, followed by some intriguing magic by Kevin Jones! – and the usual tea and Christmas mince-pies;

A lovely talk and slide-show presentation by Margaret Bishton of her Safari in Zambia. Great photographs and so much detail – well done Margaret!

We welcome newcomers to every meeting, so please ask your friends, neighbours & family members to come along and share the fellowship and fun.

Lesley Quinton

CAT (Crookhorn All Together)

The Crookhorn Fun Run saw its sixth annual event in collaboration with Marbs Tanning Salon who had advertised it to all their customers. They raised a significant amount which they donated to our work. After the event, Jim and Marian opened the cafe and many came over to the church for tea and cakes. It was great to see so many enjoying a chat together with others from the community.

The team have met regularly and have now invited June to liaise with the community and let us know of anyone needing our support. She has an 'ear' to what is going on in the estate and will be a resource for us in the future as she hears of people's needs.

We have made initial plans to have a 'Crookhorn All Together music festival' at the Centurion Pub, on Saturday 26th August. Richard and Kirsty (new landlords), welcomed the opportunity to work with C.A.T. to reach out to the community, and are hoping to do many more events with us.

Our seventh Fun Run will be on Saturday 1st July, 2023 starting at 10.00.

Phil White

External Giving

The PCC allocated the External Giving Team a budget of £13,453. This was 11% of the 2022 voluntary income including an additional £500 later in the year.

The main beneficiaries of the funds (over £100) were**:**

International:-

- CrossLinks to support mission work in France by Jane & Sena Ounate-Lare £3712
- Barnabas Fund £550
- Turkic Belt Ministries £550
- The Bible Society £550
- TearFund £550
- Chernobyl Children’s Life Line Ukraine £550
- Helping Hands for Ukraine (Christmas gift) £500
- Support for Barrie & Eileen Jones’ mission to Mongolia £500
- Support towards Mongolian church pastors’ conference £500
- Grace of Light Church, Mongolia £500

National:-

- New Wine Ministries £640
- Care for the Family £440
- UCB £440
- CARE £440
- Coalition for Marriage C4M £440
- YWAM £100

Local:-

- Faith ‘n’ Football, Portsmouth £440
- Friends Without Borders, refugee support, Portsmouth £750
- Off The Record, Youth counselling Service, Havant £440
- Waterlooville Food Bank £500
- Storm Hargreaves for YWAM £300

Robert Russell

Financial Review

Independent Examiner’s Statement (2022)

CoGS’ accounts for year ending December 2022 were subject to independent examination, where an outcome was reached that no material matters were evident in relation to our accounting records.

The independent examiner pronounced that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ representation of our financial transactions in 2022 and provided an unqualified judgement. Grateful thanks are due to Sally Walker, our brilliant bookkeeper, for her diligence and expertise in maintaining and reporting CoGS accounts.

Financial Summary (2022)

The total receipts of both unrestricted and restricted funds during 2022 were **£125,754,** with details included in the financial statements of this annual report. During 2022, **£120,042** was spent on providing the Christian ministry of The Church of The Good Shepherd. This figure includes our contribution to the Parish Share which largely provides the stipends and housing for clergy. The net result this year was therefore a small surplus of **£5,712.**

The church is in its fourth of five years of a **£10,000** Loan to Mission Housing Limited. In 2021, this loan was changed from an Equity Loan to a fixed rate loan, which is now valued at **£10,761**. The loan is secured against a house which was purchased for Elnur Jabiyev of Turkic Belt Ministries. In 2022, we have been advised that the house is likely to be sold by late spring, 2023. This loan is repayable in November 2024 but if the house is sold prior to this, we will recover the loan as stated above in full.

For details of our External Giving in 2022 please see the relevant section in this report.

Reserves

The balance of unrestricted funds above our designated reserves of **£72,000** and carried forward on 31st December 2022 stands at **£55,637**. At present just over half of this amount is invested in an interest-bearing account with Kingdom Bank. The amount equates to 5-months overheads. The anticipated spend on roof repairs did not occur in 2022, and reserve designated funding has been rolled over to 2023 for this purpose.

Crookhorn Community Fund and Bus Stop Café Funding

A generous donation from a church member was received in 2021 to support the delivery of plans to serve the community of the Parish of Crookhorn. A Crookhorn Community budget line was established for 2022 from which we spent £3,031 on community activities in 2022. Donations for the Bus Stop ministry in 2022, totalled **£10,596**. Expenditure was **£8,882**, giving a surplus of **£1,714** before overhead costs.

In Conclusion

2022 saw a full return of church activities; some new members joined the church and new activities commenced.

We give thanks for God’s amazing grace and mercy in the yielding of a small financial surplus of **£5,712** at 2022 year-end and are hugely grateful for the ongoing generous and faithful giving of COGS church members throughout the year.

Julia Barton - Treasurer