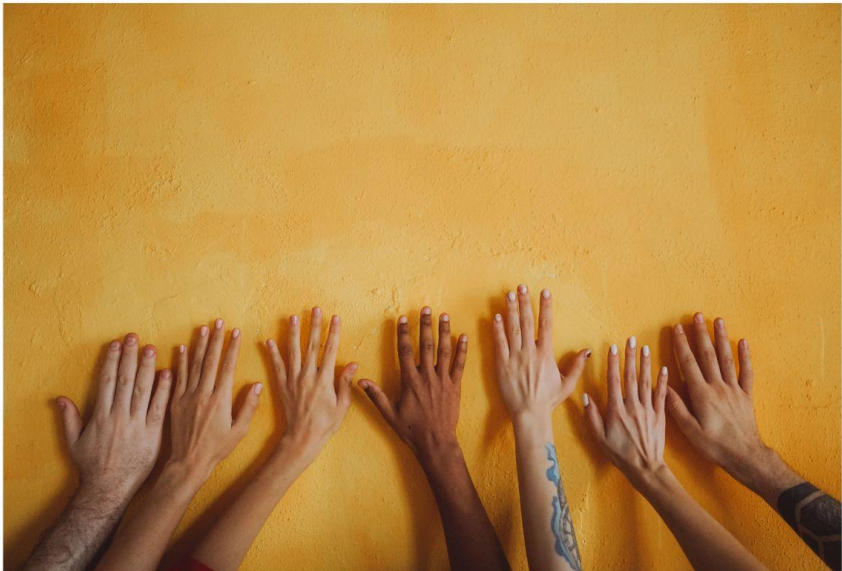




Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the parish of Ashford Hill with Headley

For the year ended 31st December 2022



Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body

1 Corinthians 12:12

Administrative information

The parish of Ashford Hill with Headley is one of two parishes which together make up the United Benefice of Kingsclere and Ashford Hill with Headley, within the Diocese of Winchester, within the Church of England. Rev Ben Read was the incumbent up until March 2022.

Ashford Hill with Headley Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. There are two parish churches - St Peter's Headley in Newbury Road, Headley and St Paul's Ashford Hill. The correspondence address is 37 George Street, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks, RG20 5NH.

The membership of the PCC during 2022 was as follows.

Vicar	Rev. Ben Read (to March 2022 then vacant)
Churchwardens	Penny Stewart (H) Patrick Taylor (AH)
LLM	Bryony White (continues as LLM but was not on the PCC from July 2022)
Deanery Synod Rep	Patrick Taylor
Elected Members (6)	Rachel Chamings (from Apr 22) Colin Scott-Malden (from Apr 22) Terry Richardson (from Apr 22) Jane Loveless (from Oct 20) Lorraine Cusworth (from Apr 22) Alison Goodyer (from Apr 22)
Co-opted Member	Rev Rupert Shelley
Secretary	Emma Rivers (non-voting member)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members are elected for a 3 year term. All regular worshippers are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Officers of the PCC

Chair: Rev Ben Read (to Mar 22) then Penny Stewart and Patrick Taylor acted as chair for the rest of the year.

Treasurer: Colin Scott-Malden

Safeguarding Officer: Emma Rivers

Electoral Roll Officer: Rachel Chamings

Secretary: Emma Rivers - Benefice Administrator (non-voting)

Objectives

The Ashford Hill with Headley PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the parish churches and their churchyards. Our benefice vision is defined as: "Follow Jesus, Love God's Family, Bless Others". Our Mission Action Plan was developed from this and the actions we plan to take are all focused on how we can improve the way we Follow Jesus, Love God's family and Bless others.

Annual report of PCC

The PCC met 5 times during the year. The average attendance was 81%. During the year, the PCC:

- Managed the process of Rev Ben leaving (Mar 2022)
- Held services every week in the parish throughout the year as well as special services for festivals, led mainly by our local Ministry Team of retired clergy, Licenced Lay Ministers and those that hold the Bishops' Commission for Mission (BCM)
- Donated just over £900 to the Ukraine DEC appeal from Sunday collections during March 2022.
- Supported work on the village magazine.
- Kept both St Pauls and St Peters buildings maintained.
- Oversaw installation of wi-fi equipment to St Paul's Church.
- Received regular reports on the finances of the PCC.
- Worked closely with Kingsclere PCC throughout the appointment process, planned services and dealt with benefice-wide issues.
- Navigated two "rounds" of processes to appoint a new Vicar - one in May which was unsuccessful and then one in late 2022 which lead to interviews in early 2023.

Safeguarding

Throughout the year the PCC have complied with their duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy & Practice Guidance.

This report was adopted by the PCC 20th March 2023



Signed: Penny Stewart & Patrick Taylor (Churchwardens)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO
THE PCC OF ASHFORD HILL WITH HEADLEY

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed R. Hopes

Dated 5/4/23

R. Hopes, FCA

Bell House, Ashford Hill, Thatcham, Berks. RG19 8BB

Financial Statement year end 2022

<u>Income</u>	2021	2022
	£	£
Income from Donors		
Planned giving	19690	19043
Income tax recovered	13611	4030
Non Gift Aid	4113	2350
Collection and other giving (GASDS)	2678	3214
Sundry donations	3021	3416
Just Giving/Helping Hands		4125
Sumup Collection		198
Income from Activities		
Fete		
Concerts		
Legacies	15000	
Fundraising		1015
Grant from Diocese for Energy		500
Hire of church		51
Magazine	7833	14959
Parochial fees retained for PCC	4313	4409
Income from Investments		
Interest on unrestricted funds	15	429
Interest on restricted funds		
Interest on McSwiney fund	7	220
Payments received for Diocese	608	391
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>70889</u>	<u>58350</u>

Financial Statement year end 2022

<u>Payments</u>	2021	2022
	£	£
Church Activities		
Diocesan Parish share	20808	11540
Assistant Clergy expenses		66
Church running expenses, electricity, insurance	5628	10611
Church Maintenance: organ tuning, fire inspection	102	1383
Support costs		460
Churchyard maintenance: tree & grass cutting	2142	7672
Magazine printing	8920	9756
Salaries/Honorariums: Verger, organist	1060	545
Training course	60	60
Payments to Diocese	1562	1684
Fund raising costs	1140	150
Premises Licence	70	70
Roof repairs		3420
Architect fees		3090
Church Administration costs	9869	8530
Remembrance Day	200	330
Other Giving		200
Total Payments	51562	59565
Total Receipts	70889	58350
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>19328</u>	<u>-1216</u>
Balances at beginning of the year	114365	133940
Excess of receipts over payments	19328	-1216
Creditors Previous year (unpresented cheques)		
Debtors Previous Year	247	
Creditors (unpresented cheques)		
Debtors (uncleared deposit)		
Total Funds	<u>133940</u>	<u>132724</u>

Financial Statement year end 2022

Bank Accounts

	Balances as at 31-12-2021	Interest	Balances as at 31-12-2022
Deposit Account	32649	429	33078
McSwiney Bequest account	16695	220	16914
Current Account	84597		82732
Totals	133940	649	132724

Notes: Clergy expenses includes telephone, postage, stationery, transport, secretarial assistance office equipment, maintenance of robes, hospitality, provision of locum tenens and visiting speakers

Some expenses are shared with Kingsclere.

Figures are rounded to nearest £1