



St Peter & St Paul
Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

Great Missenden Parish Church Annual Report 2022



Great Missenden Parish Church Annual Meeting

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1. Services & Liturgy

From the 1st of January until the 19th of July 2022, the Benefice was still in an official period of vacancy. It therefore goes without saying that the parish is very grateful to the various members of the clergy, either from the deanery or retired, who willingly assisted with the leading of services until my service of Collation, Induction, and Installation, on the hottest day of 2023, namely, Tuesday the 19th of July.

We are also very grateful to those who were involved in the booking of clergy and the maintenance of the rosters applicable in this case. What must also be placed on record, is the gratitude of the parish to the lay leadership team for their assistance as regards the Sunday evenings services, and to our LLM, Tricia Neale, who also officiated at countless funerals, and led services at St Mary's in Ballinger and at Little Hampden. Words truly cannot express that gratitude sufficiently, as the support given was often above and beyond the call of duty.

Since my first services on Sunday the 24th of July, I have appreciated the guidance and advice of many in terms of understanding what the standard patterns of worship have been, and what changes in liturgy might be considered in the future. The in-house published service book for the Parish Eucharists that has been in use for some time, is now ready for an upgrade, to be in keeping with the updates in the Common Worship Liturgies of the Church of England, especially as regards the Feast Days and Special Festivals.

The first of our Common Worship updates began with the booklets prepared for the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls at the beginning of November. These were followed, at the beginning of Advent, by the special service books for the Advent Season. In due course, as we move through the liturgical year, Orders of Service Booklets with the following titles will be available, namely:

- *Christmas Midnight Service and Christmas Day Family Service.*
- *Eucharists for Epiphany to Candlemas.*
- *Eucharists for Ash Wednesday and Lent.*
- *Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services.*
- *Eucharists for Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi.*

The new Ordinary Time booklet which will be professionally printed and is planned for publication in the Summer of 2023, and will allow for additional Eucharistic Prayers so as to be able to have more variety as well as a children's Eucharist catered for.

We had very good attendances at our Remembrance Day services at both St Peter and St Paul and at Little Hampden, on Sunday the 13th of November. These were followed by the very moving annual service of Remembering with Love, for which we once again thank Tricia Neale.

Starting with meetings in the latter part of 2022, the volunteers working with our young parishioners, and I have been looking how best we might proceed with building our youth work in the parish, possibly with using the third Sunday of each month as our all-age worship focus with children leading the intercessions, reading the readings of the day and assisting with the music, the collection, welcoming and serving. More of these ideas will be covered in our long-term planning with the Youth in general.

Our servers at both the 8am and 10am services do outstanding work and are very committed and well organised. Well done and thank you, servers. There is always room for more, so please do consider prayerfully whether you are being called to this special ministry.

The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul has been in great demand for funerals, as opposed to those being held at the Chilterns Crematorium. The summer months see a rise in the number of weddings, although we did have a wedding on New Year's Eve, so one never knows.

We as a parish continue to work closely with our fellow Churches in Great Missenden, Prestwood and King's Hill. This was beautifully illustrated in the service at Holy Trinity Church in Prestwood, on Sunday 11 September, when we gave thanks for the life and work of our late Sovereign of happy memory, Queen Elizabeth II. Long may this blessed cooperation continue. **Malcolm**

2. Parish Operations

The Church member team, which was established when Rosie left in 2021, continued to manage the day-to-day operations of the Parish, meeting weekly. The team consisted of David Harris, Val Withams, Martyn Green, Guy Priestley and Mike O'Farrell. During 2021 Mike left the team and Rosemary Ladd joined. Brenda Harris continued to arrange all the visiting clergy during the Interregnum.

On the arrival of Malcolm Chalmers, the new vicar, it was agreed to continue the team. Val Withams stood down from the regular meetings. Malcolm welcomed the support the team gives as he has much to learn and develop in his new role. Operations have continued well with good support from the other groups: Finance, Outreach and Fabric. It is hoped that two Churchwardens will be appointed at the next Annual Meeting so that a Standing Committee can be re-established. **David.**

3. St Mary's Church, Ballinger

We've enjoyed a very busy and happy year at St Mary's, due in no small measure to the help and support of the local community. The Lee Newsletter (published monthly) has kindly promoted our various fund raising activities to its readership and supplemented our own St. Mary's one, whose circulation continues to increase. New neighbours and friends in Ballinger have generously given of their time, in addition to the band of helpers who come from further afield. Maggi and I are therefore able to pursue larger projects and ventures, some of which have been successfully completed in time for our 150th anniversary celebrations in 2023.

The dreadful war in Ukraine brought over a hundred refugees to the hilltop villages and St. Mary's became the hub and focus for both them and their hosting families. Weekly coffee mornings were quickly established and these gave everyone a chance to chat and discuss any teething problems. Talks were given; covering transport options, jobs, form filling, etc. St. Mary's also hosted bi-weekly language lessons for the children and throughout the summer an intensive language course for adults proved very popular. Rick Wolfe and Bob Kelly kindly installed the internet to help with simultaneous translations and easier Wi-Fi access.

Since then most Ukrainian adults of working age have jobs and the children have been placed in schools so the coffee mornings have been halted. However, within the local community they are still very popular and so we have re-established them on a monthly basis initially.

Our other main focus in 2022 was the restoration of the south wall which was showing disturbing signs of damp. This, combined with cracking render, meant that urgent repairs were necessary. Having applied for an Archdeacon's License we successfully approached Bucks Historic Churches Trust and Sweet Charity for grants and by early December all was completed so that had Abraham

Watson visited he would have recognised it as being the building of his vision back in 1873. All the crafts people were local and highly skilled. Maggi and I were tremendously lucky to have secured their help; Jon Suttle (stonemason) Alasdair Cunningham and Matthew Reading (joiners) Bryony Benwell (stained glass) and our surveyor, Tony Booth who produced his report at no cost to us.

Other fabric issues have been covered by our local DIY handy men John Conway and John Dilworth, whilst Adele has provided a constant supply of beautifully planted tubs and hanging baskets. Becky from 2, Watson Cottages, has been a godsend and steered us in the right direction with her never ending source of decorators. The Ukarinian Hilltop Fund unanimously decided to give us a donation in recognition of our involvement for which we are extremely grateful.

Throughout the year St Mary's has additionally played host to Ballinger Horticultural Society for their September meeting, Ballinger WI Tuesday games afternoons, a Boxing Day family party, to name but a few.

Fund raising kicked off with two firsts; our first Harvest Supper which proved hugely popular quickly followed by a first official Christmas Raffle which was drawn at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter & St Paul. Both these were Maggi's brainchild and raised significant funds for ongoing works within St. M.

However, none of this would be possible without the love, care and enthusiastic support which Maggi and I receive in abundance, making us feel truly uplifted and inspired. It has been humbling to realise just how much the community from far and wide treasure and value St. Mary's. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all those who give so freely of their time; to the clergy, the lay team, our friends at St Peter & St Paul, to our musicians, Bernice, Gerard, Ken and Wendy, Ed our esteemed Treasurer, and to all those who roll up their sleeves to pitch tents, move pews, bake cakes, provide flowers and generally help with the countless tasks behind the scenes.

Anne & Maggie

4. Little Hampden Church

At last we're back into the rhythm of services on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Attendances are very encouraging and regular.

The highlight of last year was the Carol Service which attracted (depending on which count you went with) between 74 and 84 souls. Definitely standing room only and full use of the pulpit made. It is always well attended but thank you Harriet for publicising the event in various local outlets – both linear and digital.

Another moment of the year was the Harvest Festival in which we were able not only to raise a decent amount for the church but also provide a very generous donation of foods from the congregation and residents in Lt Hampden to the food bank run by The Trussell Trust in Chesham.

We shall continue to work through the items on the Quinquennial list as the year progresses and are fortunate enough to be able to use our cash flow to do these works. This is thanks to the very generous collections made by our regular congregation, CAF donations and money left in our donation box.

The next big excitement of the year relates to the wall paintings. We asked Stephen and Lisa Rickerby of Rickerby & Shekede to come and review the wall paintings as nothing has been done to

them for many years and we needed to seek their professional advice as to the best way of preserving the paintings. They did the initial inspection in December.

Their initial report noted the paintings can be regarded as of national importance. Although medieval wall paintings survive in considerable abundance in the UK, the majority of these are from the later medieval period. The early 13th century is very poorly represented, which makes the paintings at Little Hampden especially noteworthy, both for their extent and quality. The earliest St Christopher, whose style and iconography are so different from later representations of the saint, provides important historical linkage with even earlier monumental painting, little of which now survives. Both the earlier and later paintings contain unusual or rare iconographic features, in some cases still to be fully determined, that attest to special circumstances of historic patronage.

Stephen and Lisa came and did a full analysis of the paintings in March 2023 (with thanks to a generous grant from Church Care). We await their full report and will together with the PCC, plan the next steps to preserve the paintings.

We were sorry to see the passing of Jennifer Moss last year. She was a very regular worshipper for many years at Lt Hampden Church and also a very generous donor.

Again, we would like to mention and thank Wendy and Graeme (and Ken and Justin) who play our esoteric organ with great skill and bring joy to the hymns as well as a lively tempo.

A huge thank you goes to Patricia whose passion for Lt Hampden and its congregation is unlimited and her services have always been enjoyable, reflective and calming. We now welcome Malcolm into the fold, and we are delighted he has hit the ground running – literally from Gt Missenden to Lt Hampden on those Sundays when we both have services. So, a big welcome to Malcolm and his family to Great Missenden, Ballinger and Lt Hampden. **Christopher**

5. Fabric

In 2021 the DAC were approached for permission under the Archdeacon's certificate for the next tranche of work to be carried out on the church's south side but due to delay by the DAC we were not able to engage Jon Suttle, stonemason, for the work until 2022. There was a similar scenario with the rainwater goods on the north side, and the delay cost another £1,000.

In the churchyard, drains were flushed out, the cesspit emptied (after 35 years), new strong pedestrian drain covers replace the broken ones. All gutters and downpipes were cleared, and wire coverings were put over the top of the hoppers and bottom of all the downpipes to prevent leaf blockage. The downpipes were painted.

Additional shingle was added to the church car park area. The posts and gate to the entrance of the bridge had rotted, and were replaced in cooperation with the council.

There was a leak in the roof above the organ loft which has been repaired.

An artisan blacksmith examined the keys and locks in church, and recast keys to the north and west doors. A humidifier was installed for the organ.

The oil-fired boiler broke down, and was repaired by Garrie Tomlin, heating engineer. There was no heating for a month, but fortunately the weather was mild. Garrie Tomlin expressed his concern that the boiler was nearly 20 years old, and at best had another 5 years of service. Feasibility

studies were started by the Fabric Committee regarding the heating and options relating to the church layout and possible additional building. **Sally**

6. Churchyard and Eco Church

After many years of neglect, various local organisations have now become involved in caring for the grounds of the church since we became an A Rocha eco-church about 4 years ago. The initial contact was with Tony Marshal from Prestwood nature, who carried out a survey of all the trees that surround the church itself. Prestwood nature also provided a volunteer working party to clear away elder and scrub that was masking and growing into some of the trees. A wildflower meadow was created and Tony Marshall advised on which seeds and plants to sew in in this chalkland area. This task was carried out with the help of church volunteers and Missenden school eco warriors. The Great Missenden village association paid for all the seeds. This is an ongoing project to encourage a better habitat for local wildlife insects. Chris Nickless went on a course at Hilfield Friary in Dorset, run jointly by A Rocha and the Franciscan brothers. Through these contacts and meeting with the above-mentioned local groups, Missenden walled garden project now cut our grass in a managed way to encourage insects and butterflies.

Katie Horgan who works for Berkshire Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust among others, arranged for an arborist to carry out a survey of all the trees in the old burial ground and arranged for funding to pay for the survey. The result of the Arborist's report is that there are several trees suffering with Ash dieback and are in a dangerous condition. They will be removed by a qualified tree surgeon.

We have two Commonwealth war graves located in the old burial ground and are currently waiting for the war graves commission to erect two of their signs.

New signs have been attached to the top gate and water trough to replace the old and rotting wooden signs, and other signs warning of the danger of falling branches in the old burial ground and adjacent track. **Chris**

7. Music

A momentous year for the nation, as we celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in June, then grieved her passing a few months later in September. The RSCM commissioned an anthem for the Jubilee 'In our Service' by Thomas Hewitt-Jones, which we were able to teach the congregation in the prior weeks. So, we opened our service 'with humble stewardship and sacrifice, an act of love' with this thoughtfully composed tribute. In the evening we were delighted to join St Mary's Wendover for their evening Jubilee Songs of Praise. It was lovely to work with another church for this day of celebration and we hope for a similar collaboration in the future.

The organ humidifier proved invaluable in 2022, as some 4-5 months passed without any rain and the UK sweltered in the heat. At the height of this, we were delighted to welcome Revd Malcolm and Janet Chalmers for our new vicar's Installation and Induction service on July 19th. A service which I'm sure none of us will forget as we processed, sang, prayed and inducted, with Bishops and Clergy in full Church of England regalia in 37° heat! Thanks to streaming, we were able to share this special occasion with Malcolm's family and friends in SA and all around the world.

Other special services included a Battle of Britain service on September 18th co-led with Malcolm and Rev'd Wing Commander Ashley Mitchell, RAF Halton. Ashley you will remember, along with Rev'd David Richardson the Chaplain at RAF Wycombe helped out considerably during our interregnum.

We continue with Choral Evensong on the 4th Sunday of the month with the addition of Sung Compline on the 2nd Sunday – a very peaceful ending to the day as the cantor and men of the choir sing the Night Prayer in plainchant, a form that would have been very familiar to this church linked with the Benedictine monks at Missenden Abbey.

Festal services celebrated at St Mary's Ballinger have included a Patronal Evensong for Ascension in May, a Choral Evensong for All Saints' and in January this year, Candlemas. The choir have always been made most welcome -somehow we all manage to fit in and there is usually a glass of wine to celebrate afterwards!

At the main church the beginning of Holy Week was marked by a very moving performance of the Crucifixion. Led as a 'Sing with us' and testimony to Stainer's well-known and loved setting meant we ran out of scores and had to borrow from as far afield as Princes Risborough. The congregation was amazed and delighted to hear Malcolm sing the lead tenor role with Janet conducting the extended choir.

We are very fortunate to have Malcolm and Janet's wealth of musical experience they bring to this church—we have recently split the Music role so that Janet is now training the choir and I can concentrate on organ playing. I'm sure you've already spotted three marimbas around the church – Janet will be holding workshops for young and old in the near future!

The church continues to attract professional musicians – in the Autumn Orlando Joplin played three of Bach's unaccompanied Cello suites to a large appreciative audience, he will return later this year to play the remaining three. More recently Chiltern Arts hosted a very successful evening with Anton Lessor reading some of Beethoven's letters, interspersed with excerpts played by the Carducci String Quartet. This concert being preceded by compositions of young students at the Purcell School.

Meanwhile, the Choral Society is back in full-swing with their conductor Alex Flood. We look forward to their Coronation Concert with period brass instruments on 29th April, including four Handel Coronations, with all-time favourite Zadok the Priest.

Likewise, the return of our musicians, old faces and new at Cream Teas beginning May 7th.

It may have taken a full two years after the pandemic but music is once again very much to the fore at long last! **Wendy**

8. Servers

The server team has again done a sterling job in 2022 and the early part of 2023. Hybrid communion looks set to remain for the foreseeable future. After 2022, which was another transition year, as we moved out of Covid restrictions and back to near normal. Communicants can continue to choose wafer-only, wafer-with-intinction, or wafer and the common cup. We continue to offer communion at the steps near the front of the pews to make it easier for the congregation to get easy access and avoid the steps up to the high altar. Our team is made up of three troopers

looking after the 8am service. The 10am service is looked after by 4 (or 5 servers on good weeks) and the rota comes round very quickly. We would be delighted if anyone felt they would be able to join the team for either 8am or 10am, please make contact and we are ready to welcome you with open arms. **Stephen**

9. Safeguarding

The time since the last APCM has been taken up getting Great Missenden Churches as a parish up to the standard required by the Diocese and establishing and agreeing our policy and the best way of creating an understanding of how to implement this.

As a reminder the key statements of the policy are:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons as well as those who are the subject of concerns or allegations.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

Following on from the above we now have a Safeguarding Recruiter and a Safeguarding Administrator who meet regularly with the Safeguarding Officer to monitor the Parish progress against the policy and engage with outside advisors where necessary,

We have participated in training programmes with the Diocese and have established a pathway for all involved in the implementation of the safeguarding policy.

Our next steps as a parish to help all who are involved in relevant activities, to obtain a DBS certificate and it is hoped that all members of the PCC will complete Basic and Foundation Safeguarding training courses.

It is recognised that this is a more detailed and proscriptive approach than before, but it is consistent with best practice inside and outside the Church of England.

As a parish we face the following challenges:

- Acceptance by all involved of the need to change.
- Recognising that historic allegations are not excluded.
- Accepting that, as a PCC, we are all responsible
- Actions that were commonplace before are no longer acceptable.
- There is a special focus on duty of care for the elderly and infirm.

Alan Mustoe and I are very willing to help and work with anyone who has concerns on any safeguarding issue and always within the bounds of confidentiality.

Finally a “thank you” to all who have helped in progressing to this point. **Mike**

10. Pastoral Care and Healing Ministry

During the past year we have been blessed with having a committed group of people who are aware of our extended communities, where-in some cases - people may be in need of occasional help. This community has many points of contact with opportunities to meet with people who are

alone which is a strength in this area. We as a team, are very grateful to our neighbourhoods for their kindness shown to many.

The healing ministry consists of a small group of people who meet under the banner of Christ's promise of wholeness of body, mind and spirit which is the essence of our remit – prayer is offered to people who seek moments of peace with one of our team in the Lady Chapel during the morning service.

We are always open to meeting anyone who may be interested in this ministry which is an important core of the Parish in Great Missenden. **Tricia**

11. Outreach

It was great that in 2022 we were able, once again, to begin our Outreach work for the Church - which had been put on hold for the period of the pandemic.

You will note that the word Fundraising has been replaced by Outreach as we feel although the Church always needs funds it is important that St Peter and St Paul is an integral part of the surrounding area.

With this thought in mind we have been making contact with the local schools and considering those people, locally, who may be in need. Food banks, Community Fridges, DofE, School projects, the Library etc have all been part of the ongoing communications we are having.

Cream Teas - always a popular event for the church - was once again running every Sunday from Easter until the end of September. This supplied the church with some much-needed revenue and also provided a good community space on a Sunday afternoon together with some wonderful music provided by local musicians who only requested a cup of tea and a piece of cake for their services.

Various events took place to raise monies for the church which were, in the main, successful although the feeling is that we need to get our act together with an advertising plan. If there is anyone out there who can help please be in touch with Harriet in the office. **Sue**

Contact with the staff at the Old Tea Warehouse has continued over the year with regular reviews to establish what support we are able to give. They continue to appreciate monthly donations of non-perishable food and toiletries; Christmas present, Easter eggs, and other donations as requested.

We hold £ 402 in Church accounts for us to draw on in a case of need or for an outing that would benefit most of the residents. **Jane**

12. Finance

The overall unrestricted accounts show a small surplus of £3k as a result of Little Hampden and Ballinger posting a net surplus of £5.5k.

Giving was increased after the Interregnum was over and fund raising was better than budgeted.

The PCC agreed to fix the Share at £66387.

Energy costs was up by £5k.

Special Collections were £4763.

The Oldham Hall had a £1.3k surplus after the investment in a new boiler and a doubling of energy costs.

Restricted Funds were reduced by £38k.

£29k was expended from the Watson Cottages Fund, as agreed by the PCC, as Vicarage improvements were paid from here as was a major proportion of the Porch and Window works at Ballinger.

A net £4k was expended from the Fabric Fund and £5k from the repairs and improvements fund. There were major boiler repairs as advised to the PCC and congregation. **Martyn**

Full Financial Reported is appended at the end of this report.

13. Youth

The youngest church group MAP (Making and Praising) aims to meet on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month and on special festivals such as Easter. We meet in the bell tower, rather than Oldham Hall, so that children have access to their family and can run backwards and forwards. The children are generally in school years from Reception to Year 4 but as there isn't an older IGNITE group at present the older siblings, who have come up through MAP, are welcomed and an effort is made to provide age-appropriate activities.

In March last year we visited Road Farm and Wendy gave the children a tour of the farm and they had a lovely time feeding the goats, donkeys and turkeys and fun searching for hens eggs. In October, we enjoyed a sunny afternoon at Peterley Farm to harvest pumpkins and had a delicious tea in the café afterwards. We hope to visit Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital in the summer and do some fruit picking at Peterley in the autumn. Sessions are usually themed and include a variety of activities including clay modelling, craft, baking, stories and games. As an Eco church, the children hope to work with Chris and get more involved in the natural environment around the church in the future, feeding the birds and hopefully growing some flowers and vegetables in a small patch of their own.

We still struggle to compete with sport and children's birthday parties on a Sunday morning so attendance can be low. Leaders are DBS checked and attend safeguarding training however finding enough volunteers is, as ever a struggle. **Chloe**

14. Schools

14.1 Great Missenden Church of England Primary School. An Academy of the Great Learners Trust

This last academic year every fortnight Tricia and Lucy have done a joint Early Years and Reception story time with lots of singing and actions! Lucy adds to the occasions by playing her violin which the children find fun. Each term these classes come to Church (the walk being fun to enjoy the nature to talk about) and along with Ken, they tell relevant stories, have music and walking, dancing and singing round the Church. It is a valuable time spent with our children to bring them in contact with the God who loves them. **Tricia**

14.2 Activities with The Misbourne School

Members of the Church provide support to The Misbourne School, the local Upper School in many ways.

David Harris continues with his role of Trustee of the school with responsibilities for Careers and chair of the Curriculum Teaching and Care Committee. There have been some problems as the various restrictions were removed, but the school is doing very well and the new Head, Richard Peters is leading very well.

The Young Enterprise team in the academic year 21-22 did very well selling candles in recycled Gu jars. Martyn Green and David Harris continued their business adviser roles. A new team was established in September, again with Martyn and David as advisers. Unfortunately, with the pressures of academic work, they were unable to continue for the full year. They did, however, visit the Church Christmas Tree Festival with a number of other Misbourne students who were involved in other enterprise activities, where they sold many of their products. Misbourne staff are keen to encourage their students to be involved with the Church and the community, which we may be able to build on.

Active Work Experience: many members of the Church have provided career support to Misbourne students for many years. Activities have included practice interview days and CV workshops. This support is very valuable when they are going for real interviews, whether for further education or a change of school or for employment. **David**

14.3 Chiltern Way Academy School

The Chiltern Way academy school for autistic children, come to the church once a week to carry out general tidying up in the churchyard, as part of their D of E award scheme. They have also restored some stone steps and a stone terrace, plus a path leading to the top of the burial ground that were covered in ivy, leaf mould and moss. **Chris**

15. Oldham Hall

After Covid, lockdown and Vacancy, the hall is now beginning to recover. The coffee and tea mornings for the parents of school children has resumed on Monday and Friday for the time being. The parties are coming back, but the number of regular bookings is still down. Some of the problem relates to difficulty with parking after school hours. The hall is inevitably showing its age, and after some tiles fell off the wall in the disabled toilet, it was discovered that the whole back wall has a damp problem which is proving difficult to solve. Hopefully warmer weather will help the situation.

There was a leak through the flat roof of the Bromley Room, which is in the process of being repaired. The piano had a broken string, and while this was being repaired, it was noted that the dampers are worn and need to be replaced. A new gas boiler was installed in December as the previous one was beginning to develop problems after 15 years. In an effort to reduce running costs of the boiler, the temperature is kept lower, and the boiler is not on 24/7. The tree in the playground next to the hall is growing over the gutters and scraping the roof slates. Six months ago, I asked for it to be pruned, but so far nothing has happened despite visiting the school twice, and sending three e-mails. I believe Robin Brown, the caretaker, is trying to arrange something. **Sally**

16. Parish Office

2022 has felt more like the role I signed up for with the church returning to near normality after Covid and interregnum finishing with Rev'd Malcolm starting in July.

In the former part of the year, I continued to be part of a core team, where I have supported the weekly functioning of most aspects of church life. The office continued to operate out of 102 High Street in 2022, courtesy of Wright Funeral Service, with plans formulating at the end 2022 for a temporary move to the Baptist Church and final move to a room at the back of St Andrew's Bookshop in May 2023. The office hours change to help facilitate use of less energy getting to work completing the same number of hours over fewer days.

The office has continued to function with planning of some church events, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. Covering communications through email, phone and updating the website and sending out the weekly Friday and monthly advertising emails through Mailchimp.

- * Weddings in St Peter and St Paul Church: 7

- * Baptisms (Children): 7

- * Baptisms (Adult): 1

- * Funerals in St Peter & St Paul: 10

- * Funerals at Local Crematoriums: 5

- * Committals: 7

Events organised by St Peter & St Paul Church:

- * Hymns & Pimms

- * Four Lent Talks

- * Ukraine Talk in Church

- * Come and Sing with Bob Chilcott

- * Orlando Jopling Cello Concert

- * MAP Children's Summer Event

- * Science Festival

- * Christmas Tree Festival

Events that have been facilitated by the office for external organisations for free:

- * 3 'Other' Schools Visits

- * Car Park Use for U3A, Cycling, Walking & Running Events

- * One Ringer Event

- * One History Visit

- * Ride & Stride

Externally Organised Events have included:

- * Great Missenden School Easter, Harvest and Christmas Concerts

- * Great Missenden School Easter and Christmas Infants Service

- * Great Missenden Choral Society Spring and Christmas Concerts

- * Gateway School Christmas Concert

- * Chiltern Art Spring Concert

- * Firth Singers Summer Concert

- * Lighthouse Christmas Concert

Other activities in the office have been a Church Key Amnesty and recording of key holders, sorting the keys in the Vicar's Vestry and office; increase in publicity for church events; recording of statistic for the Diocese; learning to set up and use TicketSource for ticket sales; updating our church signs with Malcolm's details; and staying on top of general paperwork such as faculty register and

Diocese Fee changes. Following Malcolm's arrival, a big activity in the office has been the redesigning and printing of number of new seasonal service booklets.

Thanks again, goes again to Esther Rose who has covered the office when I am not here, to Emma Ife for doing the Newsheet every week. **Harriet**

17. PCC Secretary

The PCC met regularly during the year. Thanks are due to David Harris who acted as Chairman during the Interregnum. Katie Dunne (nee Shuster) and Margaret Gordon moved away and therefore resigned from the PCC. Lively discussions took place and hopefully the Parish was kept on an even keel during the Interregnum. We welcomed The Revd Malcolm Chalmers in July and have appreciated his Chairmanship since that time. **Rosemary**

18. Church Bells

We have had a great year recruiting new ringers and 4 have become new members at the branch AGM in March which took place at Great Missenden. Thanks to all our team of ringers here, especially Chris Potter who has been teaching alongside me, and also continues to do a fine job in keeping the belfry, bells and ropes in working and safe order. Since the autumn we have alternated our Monday practice with Little Missenden so we could help each other out, but we rather dominate the evening!! It does mean we have enough ringers now to ring at both churches.

We have been having a regular Saturday morning practice for learners during the last year too and it has attracted some other learners from towers such as Great Kimble and Amersham It has been so nice to hear ALL the bells ring on a Sunday morning (with the help of Martin Hatfield and his wife).

Almost forgetting we rang for the Queen and the Proclamation of King Charles (having to keep putting muffles on and off!) and will be ringing for the Coronation in May 2023. Also, on 1st May 2023 it's the Guild Ringing Day and the Chiltern Branch are hosting, so the bells at Great Missenden will be rung between 11.15 and 12.15 by ringers from all over the Oxford Guild! **Lucy**

19. Festivals

19.1 The Science Festival

The fourth Science Festival took place at St Peter and St Paul Church in October 2022. As well as the displays and experiments in the Church for people to read and try, there were a series of talks this year, and gravity propelled racers ran down Church Lane. The aim of the Festival is to celebrate the work of scientists and engineers and also to show that God is with us in every endeavour we do and that the inspiration and perseverance to develop and deliver all of humankind's best ideas is nurtured in faith. For the first year, the Festival was supported by a grant from the Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science organisation. The Festival was one of ten organisations to receive funds, other winners included St Albans Cathedral, York Minster and Chester Cathedral!

The subjects of the talks ranged from "What does Science and Faith mean to you?" to "Perspectives on the Future of our Church" and included two on climate change and sustainability and one from an HS2 archaeologist about the findings near Wendover. The presentations and FaceBook

recordings of the talks can still be seen on the news page of the Church web site www.missendenchurch.org.uk.

There was also a visit to the Great Missenden Church of England Combined School by the God and the Big Bang organisation. They met with about 60 year 6 students in Church and in school, and discussed science and faith with them. The feedback from this session was fascinating with comments like “opened my eyes to faith” and “I liked seeing things from different perspectives”

The Bishop of Oxford visited us on 6th November for a follow-on from the Festival. Bishop Steven is the Church of England lead on Faith and Science.

19.2 Christmas Tree Festival

Jane Ray and Kathleen & Alan Mustoe would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Christmas Tree Festival in December 2022 a success - not only nearly sixty helpers but also everyone who supported the two days in all sorts of ways.

Much was the same (if it ain't broke, don't fix it) but the enthusiastic contribution from Misbourne School; the return of the Walled Garden; the wood-turned items from Road Farm; the different Advent Wreaths & Christmas decorations... and the hot snacks and tray-bakes provided something new.

We think Saturday's footfall was 358 while Sunday clocked up 464. The Friends' stall raised just over £900 and nearly £3000 was divided between the Church and The Wycombe Refugee Partnership.

Alan

20. Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No: 1067435)

In 2022, life began to open up at last after Covid. We very sadly lost Jennifer Moss, our excellent Secretary for almost 20 years, on 1st July 2022 and pay tribute to her in our own 2022 Annual Report. Our AGM was held in the Parish Church on 14th May.

The “Friends” had many successful and enjoyable fundraising events:

- “Charing Cross to China” by Jo Laurie in April.
- “High Wycombe: Buckinghamshire’s Premier Town” by Julian Hunt in July.
- The Damon Singers concert in October.
- Tabletop Sales with preserves and other items held in June and September.
- Participation in the Church’s Science Festival in October and at the Christmas Tree Festival.
- Preserves were offered at Sunday Cream Teas and also at three Farmers’ Markets at the C of E Combined School
- A stand, with a gazebo, at the village Platinum Jubilee Fete in June.
- The Church School Summer Fair in July.
- The Christmas Tree Festival stand in the Lady Chapel, with Preserves, books, tabletop items and our church models.

Fundraising events are booked throughout 2023 and into 2024.

Income: £17,442 was raised. A huge “Thank You” to the Committee, our members, local shops, businesses and so many other supporters for kind fundraising help, publicity, and support. Especial thanks to Harriet Lemon at the Parish Office, Anna & Odette at the Railway Station, Julie Chandler &

to Graham How of Wytham Stores, Oxford for preserves' sales. Committee members do not take admin. expenses so that all proceeds go towards grants to the PCC for Fabric restoration and repairs, which now total over £158,000 since 2000.

Legacies in aid of our charity are greatly appreciated and we thank those who have supported our fundraising work in this way including the recent: Bequest and donations in memory of Jennifer Moss of £3250 and a Bequest from Chris Paine's estate of £2843.

Preserves & some other tabletop items raised £6359 in 2022 including: Cream Teas: £1516; Events: £985; Tabletop Library sales: £688; Platinum Jubilee Fete: £558; Christmas Tree Festival: £891; The Pantry/Taxi Office at the Railway Station: £490; School Farmers' Markets & the Summer Fair: £483. Donations of fruit and sugar and the re-cycling of jam jars and lids have been most helpful. Thank you!

Grants of £8730 were made to the PCC in 2022: the second tranche of stonework repairs to the Tower & South wall: £7190; Signage alterations on three boards with the Vicar's name: £940; 2 grants for Gutter and downpipe maintenance: £600.

Membership. We welcomed eighteen new members but sadly said farewell to others. Membership support is vital and we need to add to our number – do tell your friends of our important fundraising work and activities and invite them to join!

Committee. Avril Cobham kindly volunteered to take over as Secretary at the 2022 AGM and Malcolm Chalmers, our Vicar, joined us in September 2022: both are warmly welcomed. We are a very effective "Merrie Bande" and I thank the Committee members (Hon. Treasurer: Nevil Coulson, Ann Biscoe-Taylor, Jill Burton, Di Denney, Norma Gardner, Paula Kitching, Jill Pateman & Esther Rose.) and other kind helpers for all their support and hard work: our Afternoon Teas, after very interesting Talks or concerts, and with all their delicious and generously donated food, have become very popular and much-praised.

Our charity's aim is to ensure that this sacred building continues to be a vital centre for Christian worship and other community activities. **Vivienne**

**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
Parish of Great Missenden Year ended 31 December 2022**

Administrative Information

- The parish comprises the churches of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden, St Mary's Ballinger, and the Church at Little Hampden. It also acts as the managing trustees of the Oldham Hall, a registered charity (1063630), which owns this parish hall.
- The Vicarage is at 2 Walnut Close, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 9AL. The Church telephone number is 01494 862352.
- The Parochial Church Council (the PCC) is a registered charity (1129874), registered with the Charity Commission.
- The members of the PCC who served from 1 January 2022 until this report was approved are:
 - Chairman: Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers, Vicar
 - Licensed Lay Minister Emeritus: Patricia Neale
 - Churchwardens: Positions Vacant.

A small team of Former Wardens and PCC members cover relevant work required, and meet regularly.

- Deanery Synod Representative: Sue O'Farrell
- Elected Members: Christopher Figg, David Harris [Vice Chairman], Philippa Howells, Sally Clark, Guy Priestley, Helen Biggerstaff, Wendy Harris, Laurence Clark, Jamie Gairdner, Sue O'Farrell, John Jeapes, Christopher Nickless, Rosemary Ladd [Secretary], Graeme Petrie-Brown, Stephen Tanno.

Members who resigned during the period: Margaret Gordon, Katherine Shuster

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC members are elected in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Regular worshippers are encouraged to register on the electoral roll.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is responsible for cooperating with the Vicar and Clergy to promote the whole mission of the Church in the Parish, and for managing the Oldham Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This is set out in detail in the ensuing sections of the annual report

Financial Review

This is also set out in the annual report. The annual accounts form part of the annual report.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to 6 months expenditure to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. However, it has not been possible to adhere to this policy every year because of the pressures on income and expenditure, especially the parish share. Six months expenditure is approximately £65,000/£70,000. Overall liquid funds of the Parish at 31st December 2022 amounted to £215,823. [2021 £243,421]. See Notes 10 & 16 to the Accounts. However, £162,522 [2021-£199,815] funds are restricted.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents.

Approved by the PCC on th March 2023, and signed on their behalf by Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers (Chairman)

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of the Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

The PCC 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 PCC 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.

Edward House

th February 2023

Great Missenden

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden					
		Churches		Oldham Hall		CONSOLIDATED FUNDS	
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS	Note						
Freehold property				1	1	1	1
Piano	7	1	1			1	1
Lighting System	7	1	1			1	1
Accounting & Office Systems	7	1	255			1	255
CCTV	7	1	1			1	1
Sound System	7	1,028	3,537			1,028	3,537
Camera Streaming System	7	3,996	5,327			3,996	5,327
		5,028	9,122	1	1	5,029	9,123
INVESTMENT ASSETS	11	21,249	22,174	19,910	21,085	41,159	43,259
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	8	20,218	16,988	0	0	20,218	16,988
Charibonds and Charifunds	16	60,000	60,000	0	0	60,000	60,000
Cash at Bank and In Hand	16	155,823	183,421	0	773	155,823	184,193
		236,041	260,409	0	773	236,041	261,181
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	-18,264	-14,345	0	-305	-18,264	-14,650
NET CURRENT ASSETS		217,777	246,064	0	468	217,777	246,532
Intra-parish balances		-8,206	-6,367	8,206	6,367	0	0
NET ASSETS		<u>235,848</u>	<u>270,993</u>	<u>28,117</u>	<u>27,921</u>	<u>263,965</u>	<u>298,914</u>
FUNDS							
Unrestricted		52,077	49,004			52,077	49,004
Restricted	10	162,522	199,815	8,207	6,836	170,729	206,651
Endowment	11	21,249	22,174	19,910	21,085	41,159	43,259
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>235,848</u>	<u>270,993</u>	<u>28,117</u>	<u>27,921</u>	<u>263,965</u>	<u>298,914</u>

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

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden					
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022					
		Church			
		2022		2021	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
Incoming Resources	Note				
Incoming resources from donors	2a	98,648	4,796	83,082	2,640
Income from operating activities	2b	19,301	0	12,206	0
Income from investments	2c	4,228		3,335	
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	4,302		4,231	
Grant from the Oldham Hall	2e	80		204	
Total Incoming Resources		126,559	4,796	103,058	2,640
Resources Used					
Grants	3a	0		0	
Activities directly related to the work of the church	3b	105,700	42,089	95,717	2,766
Fund-raising and publicity	3c	2,193		1,473	
Church management and administration	3d	15,585		13,309	
Total Resources Used		123,478	42,089	110,499	2,766
Net Incoming /(Outgoing) Resources		3,081	-37,293	-7,441	-126
Prior year adjustment		-8			
Net movement in funds		3,073	-37,293	-7,441	-126
Balances brought forward at 1 January		49,004	199,815	56,445	199,941
Balances carried forward at 31December		52,077	162,522	49,004	199,815

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden	
Form of Accounts Great Missenden and the Oldham Hall charity (the Oldham Hall), a charity under the control of the PCC who are the managing trustees. Separate Oldham Hall accounts have been prepared. To account for the activities of the whole parish, separate and consolidated balance sheets are included; the income and expenditure for the Oldham Hall have not been consolidated but shown by way of note (12).	Gains and Losses on Investments Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments as at 31 December. Resources Used <i>Grants</i> Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or when an amount is set aside pending imminent payment.
1. Accounting Policies accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and the statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.	Fixed Assets <i>Consecrated Land and Buildings and movable church furnishings</i> Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are inspected annually by the Deanery. For inalienable property acquired prior to January 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. No such property has been acquired since January 2000.
Funds may be used – either for the restricted or unrestricted purpose for which the endowment was established. Restricted funds, which may be capital or income funds, are funds that are subject to specific wishes from a donor at the time of the gift or the terms of a public appeal. Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used by the PCC for general purposes, and may include funds that have been designated by the PCC for particular purposes.	under £1,000 or the repair of removable church furnishings acquired before January 2000 is written off. <i>Freehold Property</i> The property of the Oldham Hall is included in the Balance Sheet at the nominal value of £1 as the cost and effort of obtaining a valuation is not justified for the purposes of any additional clarity or for the better understanding of these financial statements.
Incoming Resources <i>Voluntary income and Capital Sources</i> Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised, entitlement and the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Sales of books and magazines from the church book-stall are accounted for gross, accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.	Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment The Piano gifted in 2005 has been written off, and has a nominal value of £1. The CCTV system (purchased halfway through 2013) has been written off and has a nominal value of £1 The sound system (purchased in 2013 and deck in 2018) is being written off over 10 years. The accounting system software/laptop (purchased early 2016 and 2018) is being written off over 3 years, as is the laptop for the Office acquired in 2020. The lighting system installed in 2017 has been written off and has a nominal value of £1 The newly installed camera system for livestreaming is being depreciated over 5 years from 2021 <i>Investments</i> Investments are valued at market value at 31st December 2022.
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Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Churches			
	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
2 Incoming Resources				
2a Incoming resources from donors				
Bank Giro Credits	58,980	3,925	53,701	2,570
Envelopes	865		285	
Donations, Good box & Website donations	13,849	660	9,990	70
Bequests				
Income tax (to be) recovered	18,988		15,930	
Collection at all services	5,550		2,582	
Wallsafe	416		594	
	<u>98,648</u>	<u>4,585</u>	<u>83,082</u>	<u>2,640</u>
2b Income from operating activities				
Fees	13,098		17,596	
Less: Fees expended	-7,852		-11,764	
Cream Teas	7,687		3,512	
Other fundraising	6,164		2,686	
Bookstall	204		176	
Newsletter/magazine				
	<u>19,301</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,206</u>	<u>0</u>
2c Income from investments and deposits				
Investment income	4,228		3,335	
	<u>4,228</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,335</u>	<u>0</u>
2d Other ordinary incoming resources				
Miscellaneous	4,302	211	4,231	
	<u>4,302</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>4,231</u>	<u>0</u>
2e Grant from the Oldham Hall	80		204	
Total Incoming Resources	<u>126,559</u>	<u>4,796</u>	<u>103,058</u>	<u>2,640</u>

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Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden							
Statement of Financial Activities							
for the year ended 31 December 2022							
				Churches			
3 Resources Used				2022		2021	
				Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
3a Grants	Now shown in Note 13	Note					
Mission Giving		13					
Charities (inc. Spec. Collections)		13					
Donations		13					
				0	0	0	0
3b Activities directly related to the work of the Church							
Ministry	Parish share			66,387		66,387	
	Priest's expenses			312		238	
	Assistant clergy					132	
Junior church					143		476
Organists+Musical Director & Organ		5		7,036		6,165	60
Choir robes & Music							
Altar requisites				284		62	
Flowers				221			317
Maintenance & Repairs, Cleaning		10		8,535	38,559	4,764	-2,435
	Contributions re fabric from the Church Friends						0
Churchyards				1,926		2,391	
Energy & Water				10,154		5,261	
Insurance				5,857		5,628	
Printing, Stationery & Postage				2,331		1,998	
Newsletter/Magazine							
Depreciation of Lighting							961
Depreciation of Streaming System							1,332
Depreciation of Accounting and Office Systems				707		534	
Depreciation of Sound Deck						454	
Depreciation of Sound System/Streaming System					3,387		2,055
Bookstall				337		116	
GM Vicarage				72		96	
Miscellaneous				1,541		1,491	
				105,700	42,089	95,717	2,766
3c Fundraising & Publicity							
	Cream teas & other Fund Raising expenses			2,193		1,473	
				2,193	0	1,473	0
3d Church Management & Administration							
	Office Rent & Expenses			1968		328	
	Administration, Telephones & IT		5	13,617		12,981	
				15,585	0	13,309	0
	Total Resources used			123,478	42,089	110,499	2,766
							Notes p 3

Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021			2022	2021
		£	£			£	£
4	Trustee Expenses			7	Fixed Assets		
	Number of Trustees who were paid expenses	2	1		Piano at historic cost	5,284	5,284
	Nature of Expenses:				Depreciation to date	-5,283	-5,283
	Travel, course, clergy expenses					1	1
		£	£		Lighting system at historic cost	4,810	4,810
	Total amount paid	312	238		Depreciation to date	-4,809	-4,809
						1	1
5	Related Party Transactions				Accounting & Office Systems	4,818	4,818
	The only Charity Trustee who received remuneration from the charity was Wendy Harris, who received £6000 for her role as Church Organist.				Depreciation to date	-4,817	-4,563
						1	255
					CCTV at historic cost	2,695	2,695
					Depreciation to date	-2,694	-2,694
						1	1
6	Investments				Sound System at historic cost	22,825	22,825
	The Gentle Bequest fund comprises 3077.68 units held in the Black Rock Charishare Fund, which is an Equity Fund.				Depreciation to date	-21,797	-19,288
						1,028	3,537
	The Church Hall Charity (Oldham Hall) Fund comprises 1354.88 units held in the M&G Charifund, which is an Equity Fund.				Camera Streaming System	6,659	6,659
					Depreciation to date	-2,663	-1,332
						3,996	5,327
					Total Fixed Assets	5,028	9,122
		2022	2021				
		£	£				
8	Debtors					2022	2021
	Income Tax Recovered	18,612	15,798			£	£
	Unrestricted						
	Restricted						
	Sundry	1,606	1,190	9	Liabilities		
	Unrestricted				Expense Creditors	12,587	8,129
	Restricted				Charities - inc. special collections	5,677	6,216
		20,218	16,988				
						18,264	14,345
	The Income Tax refund was received on 6th February 2023.				Oldham Hall [inc. in Expense Creditors]	0	305
					£908 energy costs and £152 office costs and new boiler £3342. The Oldham Hall bookkeeping now integrated with Xero Church system.		

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021			2022	2021
		£	£			£	£
10	Restricted Funds			11	Endowments		
	Watson Cottages Sale Proceeds	61,039	90,149		[Value at the end of the year]		
	Fabric Fund (see Note 14)	4,392	8,579		Gentle Bequest	21,249	22,174
	Repair and Improvements Appeal	58,889	63,124		Church Hall Charity	19,910	21,085
	Other	38,202	37,963				
		162,522	199,815		The endowment funds are:		
	Oldham Hall	8,207	6,836		(a) Gentle Bequest, of which the income is to be used for the		
		170,729	206,651		General purposes of Great Missenden and Parish Church		
	The principal Restricted Funds are to be used for:				(b) Church Hall Charity (Oldham Hall) , of which the income is to be		
	used for promoting the religious education of persons who are resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden.						
	Watson Cottages funds may be used for a house for a curate or caretaker or for any other ecclesiastical purpose in the Parish. Spend this year was re the Vicarage and the work at St Mary's Ballinger.						
	Fabric Fund the improvement and maintenance of St Peter & Paul Church.						
	Repair and Improvements Appeal the funding of capital projects, some of which were identified in the 2010 Appeal literature						
					12 Oldham Hall		
					The income and expenditure of this is attached as part of this report package. All transactions are separately identified, however, following the closure of TSB Great Missenden, banking is carried out within the PCC bank accounts.		

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Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden						
Statement of Financial Activities						
for the year ended 31 December 2022						
13 Special Collections and Donations (Restricted)	2022	2021	14 Commitment under the Fabric Fund			
	£	£	There were no commitments at 31st December 2022.			
<i>Home Mission and other Church Societies</i>						
Childrens' Society - Christingle is 2023	0	0	15 Donations			
			£1539 has been donated by 'The Friends' and has offset the cost of certain ongoing maintenance.			
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				
<i>Secular Charities</i>						
Bucks Historic Churches Trust	90		16 Churches - Deposits, Investments , Bank and Cash Balances			
Hope Secondary School [Bethlehem]		300		2022	2022	2021
Save The Children	139			£	£	£
Chesham Sick Poor Fund		300	Virgin Money Deposit		0	0
Ukraine Hilltop Villages Project	674		see below			
Road Farm	885		Charibond	30,000		30,000
Abraham's Children in Crisis [ACIC]		50	Charifund	30,000	60,000	30,000
Wycombe Homeless Connection	1,146	300				
Old Tea Warehouse	28	90	Bank Current/Deposits	155,190		183,019
Royal British Legion	334		Petty Cash and Floats	633	155,823	402
Wycombe Refugee Charity	1,467	1,493				
	<u>4,763</u>	<u>2,533</u>	Churches Liquid Funds		<u>215,823</u>	<u>243,421</u>
Total	4,763	2,533	Charibond value 31-12-22	£31,693	[2021 £34783]	
			Charifund value 31-12-22	£31,939	[2021 £33823]	
There are small donations of goods by parishioners each year, mainly to the Old Tea Warehouse. The value of these goods is neither valued nor reflected above.						
There will be further payment to ACIC regarding the recipe books when further sales are possible.						
Also see Note 9, Liabilities, where any such Special Collections and Donations not paid out at 31st December are held as Restricted Funds liability.						
These values have not been reflected in the Balance Sheet as values can rise and fall daily. Income from these investments is reflected in the Accounts.						
The Virgin Money Deposit was closed during 2021 and the £25000 placed in a CAFBank deposit account reflected above.						
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Great Missenden Church Hall Charity				
(operating as "The Oldham Hall")				
Income and Expenditure Account- Year to 31st December 2022				
		Note	2022	2021
Hall Income				
	Rental charges		14,423	7,916
	Donations			
	Fund raising			
	Net proceeds of refreshment sales - opening			
			14,423	7,916
Hall costs				
	Cleaning and Caretaker		3,139	2,262
	Light, Heat and Water		3,742	1,944
	Insurance	5	938	941
	Restoration, repairs, equipment and Fees		5,081	1,382
	Administration and Sundries		152	60
			13,052	6,589
Net Hall Income/(Deficit)			1,371	1,327
Interest and Investment Income			1,124	634
			2,495	1,961
Grant to St Peter & Paul PCC			-1,124	-634
Transfer from/to Maintenance Fund				
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year			1,371	1,327

Great Missenden Church Hall Charity (operating as "The Oldham Hall")			
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022			
	Note	2022	2021
Fixed Assets			
Freehold Property		1	1
Investment Assets		19,910	21,085
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash at Bank and in hand see note 12 PCC accounts		0	773
		0	773
Current Liabilities			
		0	305
Net Current Assets			
		0	468
Intra-Parish Balances			
		8,206	6,367
		<u>28,117</u>	<u>27,921</u>
Funds			
General Fund 1st January 2021		6,836	5,509
Net surplus/deficit for the year		1,371	1,327
		8,207	6,836
Maintenance Fund			
Endowment Fund		19,910	21,085
		<u>28,117</u>	<u>27,921</u>
Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers Chairman		Mr E House	
For and on behalf of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden		Independent Examiner	
Managing Trustee of the Charity		February 2023	

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

- a Accounting Convention - these accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention using the accruals basis to bring them in line with the accounting policies required under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005
- b Freehold Property - the property of The Oldham Hall is included in the Balance Sheet at the nominal value of £1 as the cost and effort of obtaining a valuation is not justified for the purpose of any additional clarity or for the better understanding of these financial statements
- c Investment Assets- Investment Assets are revalued at the end of the year using the closing mid-market valuation
- d Maintenance Fund- the Maintenance Fund was established for the purpose of setting aside monies to meet future maintenance expenditure of a substantial nature. This has now been closed after extensive refurbishment of the Hall.

2 Freehold Property

	2022	2021
See note 1	1	1

3 Endowment Fund

	2022	2021
Balance 1st January	20,185	18,596
Unrealised loss/profit for the year	-1,175	2,489
Balance 31st December	<u>19,010</u>	<u>21,085</u>

4 Intra Parish Balances

	2022	2021
Current Account with St Peter & St Paul Church.	8,206	6,367
The Oldham Hall Bank Account at TSB was closed in early 2022 after the GM Branch closed. Closing balance was transferred to the PCC CafBank in early 2022. The book-keeping is now integrated with the Church Xero accounting system.	<u>8,206</u>	<u>6,367</u>

5 Insurance

The Insurers [EIO] combined St Mary's Ballinger and Oldham Hall Insurance, and the Premium has been paid and charged within the overall Parish Church Accounts. The correct apportionment of the 2022 Premium has been reflected in the 2022 Accounts.