

**PCC St Michaels Theydon Mount with St Mary's Stapleford Tawney**  
**Treasurer's Annual Report for the year 2022**

As you will see from the accompanying statement of Accounts, we are in a better place financially at the end of 2022 than we were at the end of 2021.

However, we cannot be complacent about these figures, as £15,000 of this figure (detailed as Donations) has come from bequests.

Additionally, we benefitted from Gift Aid of £3500 in 2022, (£8000 in 2021) which again covers more than one year, and I would again like to thank Anne Padfield for all the work she does in monitoring and claiming the Gift Aid payments. After a couple of years of "catch up" I believe we are almost up to date with this.

Sadly, additional income has been seen from funerals in the past year too.

In general income and expenses have remained much the same across 2022, with exceptions being purchase of oil in 2022, where none was bought in 2021 (there was less use of the church in 2021 due to the restrictions of Covid 19) and an increase in organist fees paid, due to an increased number of services being held in 2022.

Building work was undertaken at St Michael's during the year, as maintenance, which accounts for the large increase in the cost in this category.

As usual we paid the majority of our Parish Share as a standing order, and the balance was paid in January 2023, so does not show in this set of accounts.

For the coming year, 2023, we are paying the full amount in instalments, by standing order.

The Hatchment funds were completed in 2021, and we have completed the project successfully, with great input from fundraisers and grants, so there is no income or expenditure for that item in 2022.

We received monies from both Parish Councils in 2022 for Grounds maintenance (totalling £1200) but you will note that we have not yet paid for the work that has been done on the grounds.

This money will be paid in the near future, once the invoice for 2022 has been received.

We understand that there may not be further contributions from at least one of the Parish Councils in the future, so this may be a further call on our finances in future years.

The Deposit funds that are held for each church are at last accruing a little more interest, and remain in place for necessary work on either of the buildings, should it be required, which is a safety net/cushion, should we have major expenses for the buildings (as with decorating and renovation at St Michael a few years ago) saving our general fund from major depletion.

No doubt there will be calls on our finances over the coming year, as the cost of maintenance as well as utilities all continue to rise, so it is very positive that these funds are in place.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who help with raising funds, donating to help raise funds, donating time and effort as well as regular monetary contributions, to enable the work of this Parish to continue. On a personal note, thank you to all those who help me to carry out the role of Treasurer. It is much appreciated.