



All Souls Church,
Tycoch, Swansea

Parish Report and
Annual Accounts 2022

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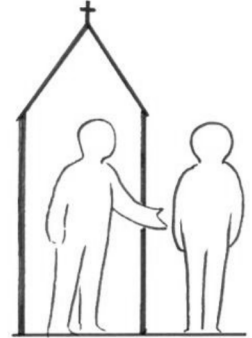
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MISSION STATEMENT

Through its worship and witness the parish seeks to advance:

1. The evangelistic,
2. The ecumenical,
3. The pastoral,
4. The social mission of the Church.



These respective aims we endeavor to achieve:

1. By proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by supporting, strengthening and encouraging the community of believers in the parish.
2. By co-operating and demonstrating our affinity with other Christian denominations in the parish.
3. By seeking to provide help and comfort to those in spiritual, mental and physical need in the parish.
4. By participating in and contributing to social life in the parish and advancing Christian principles as the basis of these activities.

DIOCESAN VISION PRAYER:

*Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon
and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit:*

Bless us as we gather in your name;

guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son;

lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others.

*God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life;
our beginning and our end.*

We pray through Jesus our Lord.

AMEN

Church Warden's Report

The year 2022 has been yet another of change and challenge. With a move to level zero (covid 19 restrictions) we were able to return to open seating and the need to book a place was finally removed. This was a blessing in many forms as we began our plans to celebrate the retirement of our Vicar, Canon Philip Gwynn, who had been in post at All Souls since 2000.

Planning for his service of celebration, held at All Souls, along with the post service 'party' at St Hilary's Parish Hall and a separate lunch time event at Gower Golf Club gave us plenty to think about and a golden opportunity to work closely with our neighbours and friends in the Parish of Killay.

At the beginning of 2022 we were tasked with the renewal of the Electoral Roll – another challenge - with several members of our congregation still not returning to attend Church services. However, with patience and the wonders of technology the updated version was available in time for the Annual Vestry meeting, the first meeting in person for two years.

At the Annual Vestry Meeting, on Sunday 13 March, we shared the planned timetable of services for the interregnum across the two parishes. Disappointment was clear. As we are one of three Churches administered by Canon Gwynn the plan activity included one Eucharist service per month at All Souls and St Martin's, St Hilary's celebrating a weekly communion service. Our lay led Family Worship would continue as before. As wardens we shared how we felt it was important to keep the doors of our Church open, and that our focus would be to maintain this in some form. This was supported by those in attendance.

The congregation came together at a meeting to discuss how to move forward. This meeting gave rise to a fresh idea of sharing 'our favourite hymns' as a form of Songs of Praise and has become our regular '4th Sunday' offering. Ably assisted by Lay leader Ken Ellis, the Church in Wales '*Simple Order for Morning Prayer*' was utilised to give a structure within which we fit our hymn choices. Grateful thanks to Celia Hall for the initial idea and for being the first to share a small sample of her favourite hymns, giving us all a taster of things to come.

Later in the year a visiting priest became available to deliver the occasional midweek Eucharist. This was very much appreciated by our congregation as each of our gatherings help us to maintain contact with each other as well as enjoying fellowship, which is an important part of our lay ministry during this time.

We are grateful and give thanks for the support of our Lay Team, the members of the Gower Ministry area team and Rev Robert Davis-Hannen and Sister Marian from the parish of Sketty.

We continued to bring the Parishes of Tycoch and Killay together for our fifth Sunday Joint Eucharist. At a meeting with the Area Dean it was suggested that Fifth Sunday services should be held at All Souls for the time being. This decision was supported by the Area Dean and wardens from all three Churches, agreeing that this arrangement would last as long as the interregnum period.

In the summer, after long and protracted discussions, we finally disposed of the old woodworm infested wooden chairs. With smart, comfortable and stackable seating the body of the Church is now a more flexible space. This has afforded us the opportunity to create a larger communal area at the rear of the nave. Here we enjoy post service refreshments, and the area has proved to serve its purpose when we gather with members of the parish of Killay and others. It will also provide a comfortable meeting space for discussion groups as and when required.

Over the year there have been several opportunities to join with the Parish of Killay, not only for worship, but also for social activities.

The service to celebrate the retirement of Canon Philip Gwynn, held at All Souls in April, was a great success and well attended by parishioners from all three Churches. During June an indoor 'street party' was organised to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Sadly, it was only a few months later the services of commemoration followed Her Majesty's death in September.

Further combined events with St Hilary's and St Martin's included a Harvest supper and quiz night in October and a Christmas concert with the Gwalia Singers in early December.

This year we also lost two of our dear friends, Dorothy Daulby and Wilf Jones. Both loyal supporters, good friends and faithful souls, they will be deeply missed. May you both rest in peace and rise in glory.

It was a great pleasure to enjoy the return to the Friday evening Christingle service. An invite was issued to members of the Rainbows and Guides to take an active part. The service was led by Rev Judith Phillips, and it was a delight to see many new faces. And what an emotional sight to see the darkened Church filled with light as the circle of Christingles was completed. Many thanks to the Guides for the preparation of the Christingles, to the Rainbows for sharing '*This little light of mine*', and to all who helped to make this service a success. The youth lay ministry team leaders once again hosted the afternoon Crib service on Christmas eve. This afternoon service, aimed at young people and their families, gives us an opportunity to remind families and friends in the local area that we are still here and still part of the community.

The early evening Christmas Eve service saw a good number of new faces amongst the congregation. The highlight, however, was the unexpected last-minute drop in by five young lads, who simply wanted to feel a bit festive. They arrived just in time for the last carol of the service but joined in the singing and thanked us as they left, complete with an invitation to join us next year.....This small interaction ended our year on a very positive note.

The Church in Wales has now moved forward with the formation of Ministry Areas
And as we move into 2023 and begin our membership of the Gower Ministry Area we
look forward to meeting, and sharing worship and fellowship with new friends.

The challenges of this past year have highlighted the importance of friendship and of
working together.

We give thanks to everyone who has supported us through this time.

**Howard Richards and
Alayne Jenkins
Church Wardens**



Christingle Service – Friday 16 December 2022



New Chairs - August 2022

Parochial Church Council

This past year has probably been the most challenging that I have known for the Parish. As well as trying to find the new normal after the Covid-19 pandemic, we have been without a Vicar since the Reverend Canon Phillip Gwynn retired last April. As we continue through a period of interregnum, many members of the congregation have stepped forward to help us keep our church doors open. The prospect of no service on some Sundays has led to many people helping with lay led services, private prayer and 'our favourite hymns'. The determination to keep our Church open every Sunday has been supported by those who regularly attend each of these services and not just the Eucharist.

The PCC has been unable to meet as a formal council without a member of the clergy in attendance but we have congregated on five occasions as a parish committee, during which we have dealt with the usual church matters. The old wooden chairs in the church have been replaced with new ones, necessary drainage works have been carried out in the church grounds and our finances are in good order. We have paid our parish share in full this year and we have good prospects for the income from the church hall.

In addition to the parish committee meetings, several members have attended joint PCC meetings with the Parish of Killay during which we have been able to discuss matters with the clergy in attendance at these meetings. The Parishes of Tycoch and Killay continue to come together for joint services and social fundraising events, and we look forward to continuing this partnership as we go into the future as part of the Gower Ministry Area. Our Parish profile has been advertised alongside that of Killay's and so we also look forward to the appointment of a new Vicar. After several challenging years, we have many reasons to be hopeful for our Church's future.

Jenna Evans
Parish Secretary

Parochial Church Council Members

Vicar's Warden – Howard Richards
Treasurer – Ken Ellis

People's Warden – Alayne Jenkins
Parish Secretary - Jenna Evans

Marilyn Barker
Jenna Evans
Andrew Morrish

Dave Coffey
Celia Hall
Hazel Richards

Dorothy Daulby
Alayne Jenkins
Howard Richards

Ken Ellis
David Jenkins
Pam Williams

Ministry Area Report

In the summer of 2022, The Rev Justin Davies moved from being the Vicar of South West Gower and became Vicar of St Mary's Swansea, and Ministry Area leader for Swansea as well. This left us with a vacancy on Gower and also a vacancy for the role of Ministry Area leader. As Area Dean I have taken on the role temporarily until we appoint to South West Gower in the near future, and of course that person will also be the Ministry Area Leader for the newly formed Ministry Area.

We have welcomed this year the churches serving Tycoch and Killay into our Ministry Area fold, and it has been good to see how they have settled in our midst. They too are currently in vacancy but it is hoped we will be appointing shortly to that post as well.

The Gower magazine has gone from strength to strength and has been reporting on all the events that have been taking place, such as the licensing of new Lay Worship Leaders, and the wonderful impact that the Gower Pilgrimage Trail has had on our churches and places to stay here on Gower.

The Pilgrimage Trail has been a real blessing thanks to the work of a dedicated group headed up by David and Ann Pope, and I know they have plans for 2023 as well as once more, Arthur Bear sets off to meet up with his fellow bears in each church!

Peter Townsend has been first class with MA finances' and the website, and I am also grateful to Nigel, Frances and Co for their diligent work on the production and financing of the magazine.

Of course like everywhere we are faced with challenges to our finances and our buildings but we will meet them with courage and diligence as well as prayer. To all of you on Gower wherever you worship....my thanks for all you do.

Peter Brooks
Acting Ministry Area leader.

Lay Worship Leaders

It has been a busy year for the lay worship leader. We are a group of five, Gareth, Babs, Ken, Mike and myself and I must, first of all, thank each of them for their work, support, and guidance over the year.

As we are in an interregnum there have been more services that the group have covered and a special thanks to Ken, who with the congregation at All Souls, hold 'private prayer' and 'our favourite hymns' services to fill the gaps that would usually have a Eucharist. We have also amended the service book to include the beatitudes and the '*ash grove*' Gloria.

At St Martin's we have seen the return of the community carol service, this year it included the children from Pen Y Fro school, and we are happy to say that the school also took part in the family service in March. From a musical perspective, our young organist Milly King is expanding her repertoire. I must also thank Julie Lambert for Stepping in when Milly or Martin have not been able to play for us.

In St. Hilary's Mike and Babs have been slowly returning to the style of service that we had before covid, inviting schools and guests to come into the service to talk to the congregation. This included a guest from Matt's place and the local primary school. Following a meeting in February, we will be looking to alter this service trying to encourage more people to attend and make it easier to follow when we have guests in the congregation.

Overall, it has been a challenging year for the five of us and especially when some are working or on holiday. Can I take this opportunity to say a massive thank you once again to the four other worship leaders, and to put a call-out for anyone who thinks they can help either by reading the prayers or, if you wish, to undertake the training and joining us in becoming a worship leader. Any help is gratefully received.

Simon Davies

Lay worship leader coordinator.

Church Attendance

The Annual Vestry Meeting 2022 was held on Sunday 13 March 2022.

At that time there were 38 names on the electoral roll.

The interregnum began in April 2022. Our service structure changed to accommodate availability of visiting clergy. Attendance at the alternative forms of worship, including Private Prayer and Morning Worship with our Favourite Hymns are listed for information. The total number of services are included in brackets.

Average attendance at Sunday Eucharist Services was 20. (19 services)

Average attendance at Wednesday morning Eucharist services was 10. (26)

Average attendance at Family/Lay worship services was 17. (9)

Joint Eucharist Services with the Parish of Killay average attendance was 43. (5)

90 people attended the joint service to celebrate Canon Philip Gwynn's retirement.

Average attendance at Private Prayer on Sunday and Wednesday was 10 (23)

Average attendance at Morning Worship with 'Our Favourite Hymns' was 15 (6)

Attendance at Easter Day = 26. Trinity Sunday (Private Prayer) = 9.

Christingle Service = 69. Crib Service = 18 and The Nativity of our Lord = 37

Church Fabric

In the last Parish Report (2021) I reported that the 5 year Quinquennial Survey had been carried out by the Brecon Diocese dedicated surveyor, mid-year 2020.

To date, that report has never been received at All Souls despite efforts by our then vicar, Canon Phillip Gwynn to obtain a copy of that report. I also approached Reverend Peter Brooks during 2022 to highlight the problem.

Unfortunately, there is no progress with this matter to date.

Opportunities have therefore been missed and All Souls is now in dire need of external maintenance if the main church building is to weather the two years before the next Quinquennial Report is due!!

Howard Richards

Sanctuary Flowers

This year we have made the big decision to use artificial flowers in some of our Church decoration. On special Sundays i.e. Easter, Harvest, Christmas etc. we shall continue to buy fresh flowers in liturgical colours as before.

However, we have been able to find some good artificial hydrangeas, roses, and chrysanthemums, and also foliage in subtle colours. These are very realistic and have been admired. They also have the big advantage of being maintenance free.

Our thanks as usual to those who still contribute to the Flower Fund, and also to our small team of 'flower people' especially Pam and Hazel.

Celia Hall

Fund Raising and Social

We began the year with discussions between our two parishes about planned events leading up to the retirement of Canon Gwynn. With a lunch at Clyne Golf Club, the valedictory service at All Souls, the parish shared lunch at St Hilary's, plus organising a monetary collection towards a presentation gift, there was plenty to keep us occupied.

We continue to support the Parish of Killay at various events throughout the year. Beginning with a St David's day social - A Welsh themed quiz with Bara Brith and Welsh cakes, they then playing host to the parish shared lunch for Canon Gwynn's retirement. It was also great fun to join together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and at Harvest a quiz night and Shared Supper at Duvant Club. These communal activities have continued to bond our friendships.

The sales of homemade products continue with Jam's, Chutney's and Celia's eagerly anticipated marmalade. The 100 club, now shared between the two parishes, also continues to be a regular source of income.

A welcome sight was the return of after service morning coffee, welcomed by all. Grateful thanks to the team for providing our weekly refreshments and keeping the biscuit barrel full! With the enforced absence of this time we have realized the importance of being able to offer fellowship and conversation to members of our congregation.

A group of regulars from All Souls still enjoy tea and teacakes at the local Bluebell Café, where we also joined together for what is becoming a regular event, a pre-Christmas afternoon tea.

Hazel Richards



Christmas afternoon tea at the Bluebell Café - December 2022

All Souls Online – www.parishoftycoch.co.uk

The parish website has always proved an effective way of communicating with members of the congregation and the wider public, searching for information and inspiration.

All Souls Facebook page continues to share information with a regular following. At Christmas it was decided to try a social media campaign to attract attention to what was going at our Churches. Whilst the traditional posters were still located at local shops and post offices, the online campaign seemed to do its work well and we were pleased to see an increased attendance at our services.

In 2023 we will be working towards bringing the websites of both the Parish of Killay and Tycoch together into one Benefice site. This, we hope, will create an opportunity to share, in one location, all the good news about our Churches, our faith and our continued good relationship.

5th Sketty (All Souls) Rainbows

2022 for the 5th Sketty Rainbows has been a fantastic year.

The girls have had a fun and busy time. We have completed our 'Know Myself' badge and 'Innovate' badge. The girls have worked hard at home and 14 interest badges have been completed by various girls over the year, including badges for nature, fruit and vegetable, helping others and learning about their family tree.

We've enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, St. David's Day, Easter, Mothering Sunday, Father's Day and Christmas. We collaborated with 2nd Sketty Rainbows and Brownies to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the Summer term with a fun party. The Rainbows took part in a competition to support the RSPCA and one of our Rainbows was highly commended and received a rosette prize.

We have been fortunate to have been joined by new leaders during the last year. We welcomed two University students, who were supported to complete their adult leadership award whilst with us. We have also been joined by a Duke of Edinburgh student and we are currently supporting a young leader to complete her leadership award. We are delighted to be able to mentor others to continue in their Guiding journey as an adult.

We are always extremely grateful and thankful for the support All Souls Church provides our Rainbow group, including updating the hall equipment and ensuring it is clean and safe for our girls to use weekly. We were pleased to be part of the Christingle service, where our girls sang 'This little light of mine' and our families joined together to celebrate.

Stephanie Dalton
Rainbow Guider

5th Sketty (All Souls) Guides

During another (thankfully short lived) lockdown at the start of 2022, 5th Sketty Guides celebrated Chinese New Year on zoom. One of our Guide parents taught us all how to cook a traditional Chinese egg meal, each working in our own kitchen!

The rest of the year was filled with a wide variety of activities both indoors and out. The girls completed badges, learning new skills such as confectionery, upcycling and navigation. In March the Guides celebrated International Women's Day. The girls rotated around a range of activities covering topics such as gender stereotypes, women's rights across the globe and inspirational women.

The spring term was generally quite energetic. A visitor from Swansea Squash Club delivered a taster session in the church hall! One of our older Guides then gained a 'Sports Educator' award for delivering sports sessions to her peers. We rounded off the term with a sponsored swim at the Wales National Pool. The girls swam a total distance of 4.5km and raised over £300. The money raised will help one of our older girls travel to the International Scout Jamboree in 2023.

As usual we made the most of the lighter nights during the summer. The guides cooked on fires and built dens in the woods. They even did some pond dipping in Singleton Park. In August it was fantastic to camp once again. Nineteen girls experienced their first ever Guide camp, on the Gower Peninsular. The weather was amazing. We enjoyed several campfires, an archery session and visited the beach. The girls gained points by working on challenges within their patrols and an award ceremony was held on the last evening.

In the Autumn term, we held a parents open evening in the church hall. Each patrol ran a stall, selling craft, tea and cake or a game. We showed pictures from our guide camp and sang some songs to entertain our visitors. Two of our members, who are due to attend international events, talked about their fundraising and trip preparation.

At Christmas All Souls' were able to return to a Friday evening Christingle service, at which our Guides and Rainbows were able to take part. It was great to be able to reintroduce a favourite activity of putting together the Christingle Oranges in preparation for this service, and to be involved in the distribution of the Oranges during the service. The girls very much enjoyed this. Thank you to all at All Souls' Church for support of our group and for the continued use of the hall.

Liz John
Guide Leader

**ALL SOULS CHURCH,
TYCOCH,
SWANSEA.**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SOULS CHURCH, TYCOCH.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 145(5) of the Charities Act 2011, I have examined the receipts and payments account of All Souls Church, Tycoch, Swansea set out on the following pages relating to the year ended 31st December 2022. This examination did not extend to a comprehensive audit of such accounts or statements.

I confirm that the accounts and statements accord with the accounting records of the church and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain proper understanding of the accounts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. L. R. Jenkins', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

D. L. R. JENKINS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

GORSEINON
SWANSEA

Date: 28 February 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Our Parish Share for 2022 (£14,391) was paid in full, with the assistance of a grant of £1,439 from the Diocese. Income from collections has fallen again this year but income from hall lettings increased significantly. We were able to pay a further £4,240 off our historical debt.

The Exceptional Expenditure of nearly £3,000 was for the replacement of the chairs in church. The old wooden chairs had become infested with woodworm and following professional advice, the PCC agreed to replace them.

The closing balance at 31st December 2022 on all accounts was £32,809.85 which is made up as shown below.

	PURPOSE	THIS YEAR 2022	LAST YEAR 2021
Unrestricted			
Cash	General	£62.55	£43.99
Bank	General	£6,536.48	£6,675.39
Total		£6,599.03	£6,719.38
Restricted			
Cash	Altar Flowers	£76.62	£8.27
Bank	Good Causes including		
	Faith in Families	£224.56	£52.15
	Mission and Maintenance	£24,097.93	£25,864.92
	Altar Flowers	£476.87	£666.87
	Disabled Access	£1,287.19	£1,287.19
	Garden of Remembrance	£47.65	£47.65
Total		£26,210.82	£27,927.05
Grand Total		£32,809.85	£34,646.43

I want to thank Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Howard Richards, Mr. Andrew Morrish and Mr. David Coffey for their wise counsel and constant support throughout the year. My thanks also go to the Independent Examiner, Mr. D. L. Jenkins, formerly of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. The time he gives so freely to carry out a meticulous scrutiny of the accounts is greatly appreciated.

Ken Ellis
Treasurer

PARISH OF ALL SOULS, TYCOCH, SWANSEA
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	THIS YEAR 2022		LAST YEAR 2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Direct Giving				
i. Planned Envelopes	13,271		14,668	
ii. Open Plate	1,272		577	
		14,543		15,245
Indirect Giving				
HMRC Charities		1,996		2,432
Special Collections				
Various		172		52
Money Raising				
Fetes, Raffles, Outings, Socials, Fund Raising				
Group Events (incl. Monthly Draw) and Sponsors		1,805		2,594
Other Income				
i. Exceptional Income				
Legacies & In Memoriam	0		500	
ii. Donations & Gifts	370		1,725	
iii. Other Income	1,727		487	
iv. Bank Interest (gross)	31	2,128	3	2,715
Hall Income		7,831		3,816
Vicar's Retirement		3,236		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		31,711		26,854
PAYMENTS				
Mission				
i. Local (incl. Sunday School)	26		161	
ii. World	0	26	0	161
Maintenance of the Ministry				
Parish Share and Locums		17,192		14,825
Maintenance of the Church				
Heat, Light, Water and Insurance	704		1,922	
Maintenance and Repairs (incl. Grounds)	1,877	2,581	2,509	4,431
Maintenance of Services				
Altar Requisites, Organist, Choir, Organ		2,293		1,303
Parochial Expenses of Clergy				
Travel, Vicarage incl. Telephone (Proportion), Books and Courses.		384		1,072
General Parish Expenses				
Stationery, Printing, Photocopying, Postage and Office Sundries.		324		242
Cost of Money Raising		720		390
Hall Outgoings		3,853		3,048
Exceptional Costs		2,853		0
Vicar's Retirement		3,321		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS		33,547		25,472
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(1,836)		1,382
1st January 2022 Bank Balances	34,594		33,217	
1st January 2022 Cash Balances	52	34,646	47	33,264
		32,810		34,646
31st December 2022 Bank Balances	32,671		34,594	
31st December 2022 Cash Balances	139	32,810	52	34,646
		32,810		34,646

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Retirement party and
service of celebration
for
Canon Philip Gwynn
April 2022

