



2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT

**Our church vision
is to...**

**Love GOD
&
Love HOVE
like Jesus**

**to see our world
transformed
for the better**



ST ANDREW'S
HOVE





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LOVING GOD & LOVING HOVE WITH OUR BUILDINGS

A word from the Vicar

Last year we saw church buildings closed and yet church families worshipping and reaching out to their communities in new ways. Now 2021 has seen our building re-opening and as a church we're in a new place. We've looked at how we can grow some of the new ministries such as live-streaming and outdoor services, and how we can re-launch some things that had to stop like the Sunday morning children's work and our new Youth Group – StAC Youth!



It's a time of re-building. A time to look at where we are as a church and together, in God's strength, work to where we want to be. That's been our focus so far in 2022 as the PCC work on our 5 year Mission Action Plan and as we as a church look at our physical buildings and how they can better facilitate our vision. God is doing exciting things, so let's make this new song our prayer...

**"Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand,
Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire, win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here, we pray!"**

'Build Your Kingdom Here' – The Rend Collective



OUR VISION

At St. Andrew's we want to...

Love GOD & Love HOVE
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...to see our world transformed
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Sharing as a church family

When we gather together as a church family for worship 'we spur one another on towards love and good deeds' (Hebrews 10:24) and we want this spurring on to typify St. Andrew's so we can support, encourage and love one another as we strive for our vision.

Serving our community

Our vision is born out of Matthew 22:37 where Jesus commands us to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Our vision drives us into our community to Love Hove and we want this to show itself in our thoughts, our words and our actions.

Supporting our Diocese and beyond

We are part of something bigger than ourselves! 'The church is a worldwide company, from every nation and people, drawn together by the magnetic power of the Word of God' (Alec Motyer). While our vision begins in our city we want the ripples to spread!

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." - **Matthew 22:37-40**

MINISTRY

JUST SOME OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING...

Birdle



StAC YOUTH LAUNCHED!

During the pandemic our youth work had to scale back, however it gave us time to build a new team of leaders and in God's goodness Spring 2021 saw the launch of our new 'StAC Youth' group who are now getting ready for their first youth camp in May 2022. Pray for them...and the leaders!



WE SANG TOGETHER AGAIN!

In Summer 2021 we were allowed to sing in church together again. We focussed in on what the bible says about singing and how it strengthens our faith in a 'Sing!' sermon series.

Sing!

SORT-IT SATURDAYS!

Part of the financial impact of 2020 saw us having to end our gardener's contract. However, St. Andrew's rose to the challenge a team of volunteers from the church and the community took on the responsibility of maintaining the churchyard to help end the regular anti-social behaviour

and to offer the churchyard as a peaceful green space for everyone in the community.



TOWER HERITAGE GRANT

Serious damage to the top of our church tower was spotted (by the 'Teddy's Off The Tower' team at the Summer Fayre!) Amazing volunteers applied for a £24k grant from Historic England grant to make it safe.



CHRISTMAS 2021

Homes all around Hove joined our 'Advent Windows Trail' to spread joy to our community, and we also launched a 'mini-Christmas Craft Market' to support local artists and invite people into our church.



BIBLICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We commissioned a beautiful series of paintings showing the journey Jesus made to the cross (Painted and donated by Annelies Clarke). These are displayed in the church and help us and visitors to feel the weight of his sacrifice and yet the burden it lifts from us.

Christmas, especially with the impact of the pandemic, is often a time of sadness for many. This year we partnered with local funeral directors Attree & Kent to host a 'Lights of Love at Christmas' service to give people the space to grieve & to share the hope we have in Jesus.

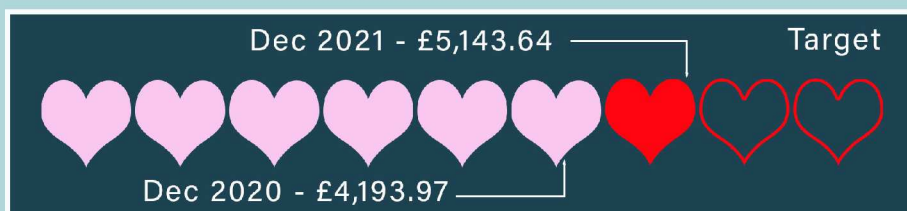


FINANCES

& THE FUTURE OF ST. ANDREW'S

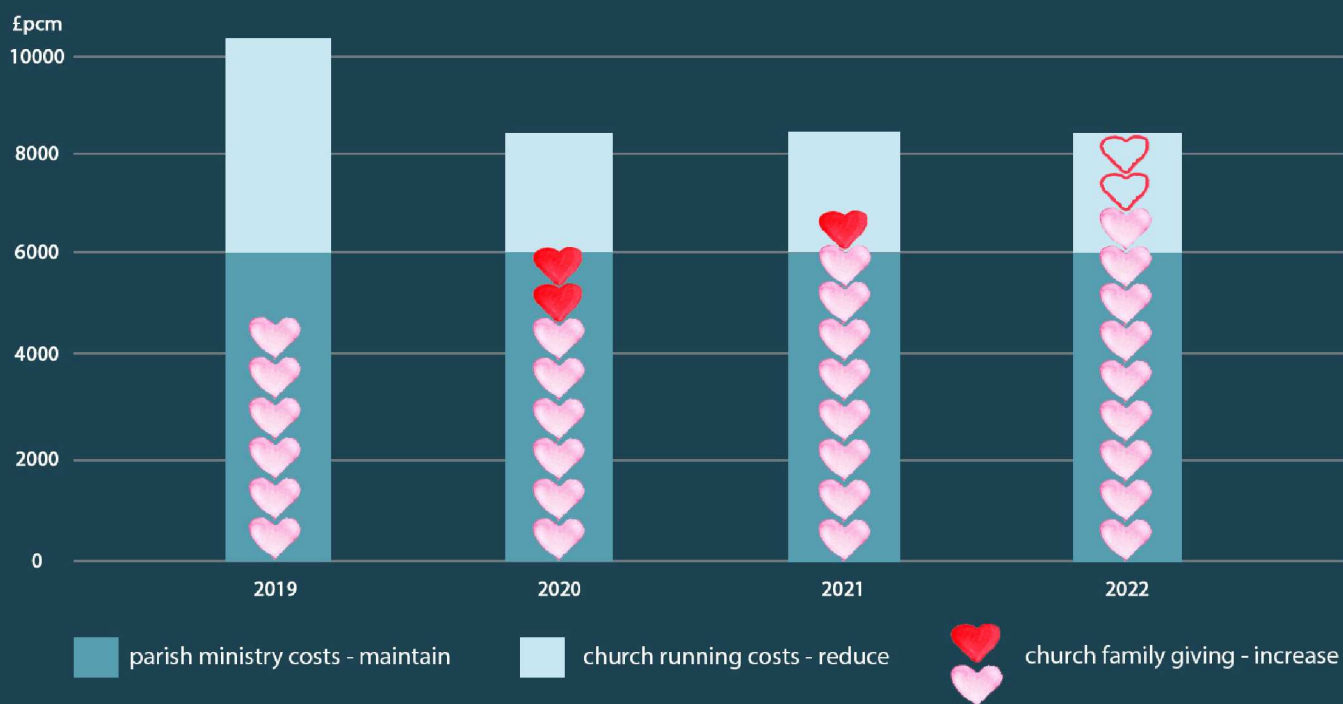
Church Family Giving

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) donations



As a church family PGS is by far the best way we can support our ministry and give money back to God. To start your giving by PGS or to change the amount please visit: standreshove.org/giving or call the Parish Office

The **whole church family** of St. Andrew's is working together so that we can **love God & love Hove** like Jesus



As a church family, we are continuing to make great progress in our three year financial plan to give more generously each year. 56 households now give monthly by PGS and many give much more now than previously.

THANK YOU!

We want to be a church which fully funds our vision so that we can make the best use of our buildings and do more than ever to serve the community around us.

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WHAT THEY HAVE
DECIDED IN THEIR
HEART TO GIVE,
NOT RELUCTANTLY
OR UNDER COMPULSION,
FOR GOD LOVES
A CHEERFUL GIVER**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

LOVING
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LOVING
HOVE

...with the buildings
we've been given



To ensure that the resources we've been blessed with are maximised to enable us to Love God and Love Hove like Jesus and to see our world transformed for the better

What's the plan?

Respecting & enhancing the heritage of our buildings and land we will...

- 1** Better facilitate worship and church activities
- 2** Create flexible, welcoming space for ministry in the community
- 3** Ensure ecological sustainability

So what might it look like?

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A more flexible
space with seating
& table options?

Office/
Vestry/
Creche/
Meeting rooms?

Catering
facilities?

A more
welcoming
building?

A better
stage area?

Toilets



Worship and Mission

St. Andrew's is a living church.

We are open for visitors throughout the week, for mid-week services, for Sunday worship, for adult and children's choirs, for baptisms, weddings, funerals, various children's activities and many other kinds of ministry. Art, music and singing are big parts of our church life and ministry in the community.

Ecology

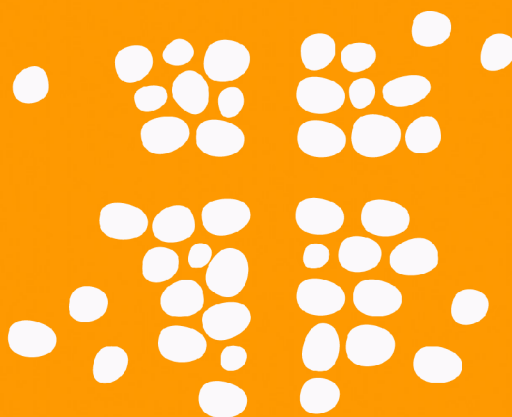
St Andrew's is committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 and will publish its carbon reduction roadmap as part of this reordering project.

As a main part of the roadmap STAC seeks to generate more of its energy on site and also eliminate the use of fossil fuels by converting the space and domestic hot water heating to a low carbon heat source. An underfloor heat emitting system matched to a low temperature heat source could help create an ecological, sustainable and welcoming environment.

Community

We have links with local schools and a strong relationship of mutual support with our closest school, St Andrew's C of E Primary at which we aim to serve the children, families and staff and foster the growth of the church, school and local communities. St. Andrew's is prominent in the centre of Hove and brings the community the opportunity to engage with heritage, culture and faith.

We have been a part of the Brighton & Hove Churches Night Shelter who open our doors to homeless people in the city through the winter months and now we're looking to move this work into weekly meal provision with possibilities to expand.







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