

Anglican Catholic Church (Original Province)
Diocese of the United Kingdom

Annual Trustees' Report
Year ended 31 December 2022

Charity registration number 1068168

TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the Financial Statements of the Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2023.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Anglican Catholic Church (Original Province) Diocese of the United Kingdom, hereinafter referred to also as 'the Diocese', is a charity.

The charity registration number is **1068168**

The Diocese's principal address and office is

**ACC Diocesan Office,
St Nicholas House,
42-48 High Street,
Lydd,
Romney Marsh,
Kent TN29 9AN**

The Diocese is an autonomous member of the international Anglican Catholic Church (Original Province).

The Anglican Catholic Church is part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, faithfully continuing the Anglican tradition. We practise and uphold the historic Catholic Faith, Apostolic Order, Orthodox Worship, and Evangelical Witness of the traditional Anglican Church.

In 1977 an international congress of nearly 2,000 Anglican bishops, clergy and lay people met in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, to take the actions necessary to establish an orthodox jurisdiction in which traditional Anglicanism would be maintained, by returning to the fullness of the Faith of the undivided Catholic Church. Acting according to the principles determined by the seven great Ecumenical Councils of the ancient Church and adopting initially the name "Anglican Church of North America," they placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the retired Episcopal bishop of Springfield, Illinois, the Right Reverend Albert Chambers.

In 1978 Internationally the Church adopted the name 'Anglican Catholic Church' adding the 'Original Province' when in 1984 the historic Church of India (Anglican) was received and constituted as the Second Province of the Anglican Catholic Church.

Today the Anglican Catholic Church (Original Province) is a worldwide body. It has churches in the U.S., the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, Haiti, Central and South America, Pakistan, The Philippines, and much of sub-Saharan Africa.

NATURE & WORK OF THE DIOCESE

Established in 1992, the Diocese represents and co-ordinates the common work of a network of different Anglican Catholic Congregations, numbering in 2023: **5 Churches, 3 Missions, 2 Provisional Missions and 2 House Groups** (which we hope will develop into Missions) in Great Britain. Together they serve members of the ACC and many non-members, regular attenders and other supporters, benefactors and visitors who come from a range of backgrounds.

The Diocese also oversees centrally:

- the provision of spiritual and material assistance to Anglican Catholic Parishes and Missions and projects that are not self-supporting

- Promotes fellowship and co-operation amongst Anglican Catholics and other Traditional Anglicans through education, mission and worship
- Provides information about the Anglican Catholic Church's Faith and Practice
- Produces Publicity Material
- Is engaged in operating the "Father Timothy Perkins Theological Library" (founded in memory of one of the clergy of the Diocese) to maintain a collection of books and resources to help the clergy and laity of the Church in their education.

HOW THE DIOCESE IS ADMINISTERED

The Diocese is administered by the Bishop Ordinary, by virtue of his office as a Bishop in the Church of God, in Apostolic Succession, and as member of the International College of Bishops of the Anglican Catholic Church (Original Province). He is assisted and advised by the Bishop's Council of Advice (who, when the See is vacant, i.e., when there is no Bishop Ordinary, administer the Diocese in his place as the 'Guardians of the Spiritualities').

The Members of the Bishop's Council of Advice are, in accordance with the Diocesan Code of Canon Law either elected by the Diocese Meeting in Synod annually or appointed by the Bishop Ordinary at that Synod.

BISHOPS COUNCIL OF ADVICE

In 2023 the Council was constituted by the following Officers and Members:

Bishop Ordinary & Chairman: **The Right Reverend Damien Mead**

Diocesan Secretary: **The Revd Mark Morgan**

Diocesan Treasurer: **Mr Michael Smales,**

House of Clergy:

- **The Rev Dr Miles Maylor**, [Until 2024] (*St Deiniol and St Asaph, with St Giles, Pembroke, Wales*)
- **The Rev Andrew Scurr**, [Until 2025] (*Our Lady of Walsingham & St Francis, Rochester, Kent*),
- **The Reverend Gordon Tall**, [Until 2026] (*St Deiniol and St Asaph, with St Giles, Pembroke, Wales*)
- **Bishop's Nominee – The Revd Mark Morgan**, [until Synod 2024] (*St Alban the Martyr, Salford, Greater Manchester*)

House of Laity:

- **Mr Matthew Satterthwaite** [until 2024] (*The Good Shepherd and St Tudwal, Conwy, Wales*)
- **Mr Michael Smales** [until Synod 2025] (*The Good Shepherd and St Tudwal, Conwy, Wales*)
- **Mr Roy Hipkiss**, CQSW, [Until 2026] (*St Augustine, Painters Forstal, Kent*)
- **Bishop's Nominee – Mr Ronald Holme** [Until Synod 2024] (*St Alban the Martyr, Salford, Greater Manchester*)

Ex OFFICIO:

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are ex officio members of the Council. The Secretary and Treasurer may also be elected members.

TRUSTEES

The Office Holders of Bishop Ordinary, Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Treasurer are the Trustees of the charity. By virtue of said offices the Bishop will be the Chairman and the Diocesan Secretary the Deputy Chairman. Together the Trustees are responsible for the governance of the Diocese as a Charity.

The Trustees during 2023 were:

Chair: **The Right Revd Damien Mead**

Deputy Chair: **The Revd Mark Morgan**

Other Trustees: **Mr Michael Smales**

New and retiring Trustees
None

EXPERIENCE OF TRUSTEES

The Right Revd Damien Mead is a Company Director and Member of the Institute of Directors
The Revd Mark Morgan is a Business Development Executive.
Mr Michael Smales is a retired Retail Store Manager

The Trustees and Council of Advice meet quarterly to review the current budget and management accounts. They are also well briefed on the Diocesan strategy and activities. Each Trustee is provided with a copy of *'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know'*, produced by the Charity Commission. All Trustees are sent email reminders to access the most recent edition of the newsletter of the Charity Commission, which helps them to keep abreast of relevant issues and concerns. Trustees receive a copy of 'Governance - Essential information for effective Trustees', which is published six times a year. Other relevant publications or articles are given to Trustees as appropriate.

OTHER DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Diocesan Chancellor - **Dr Frank Wiswall**,
Historian and Archivist - **Mrs Margaret Mead**
Diocesan Bookkeeper – **Mrs Kerry Scott**
Safeguarding Officer (Children and Vulnerable Adults) – **The Revd Robert McBride**
Assistant Safeguarding Officer (Children and Vulnerable Adults) – **Mr Ronald Holme**
Diocesan Risk Assessment Officer – **The Very Revd Andrew Scurr**
Chairman of the Board of Ministry: **The Venerable Raymond Thompson**,
Secretary to the Board of Ministry: **The Very Revd Dr Jonathan Munn**,

PRINCIPAL EXTERNAL ADVISERS

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GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The Council is governed in accordance with the Diocesan Code of Canon Law and the Canon Law of the Original Province. Together with the Constitution of the Diocese, as submitted to the Charity Commissioners.

ANNUAL SYNOD

Every year the Diocese convenes a Synod Meeting to which each Mission or Parish is entitled to send 2 (or more - depending on the size of Parish Membership) representative delegates. It is at this gathering that the Council of Advice Members are elected, appointed, or have their appointments ratified, by Synod. Annual Accounts are presented each year to the Synod.

EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS

The Clergy and Officers of the Diocese are all volunteers and non-stipendiary although they may receive reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. During 2023 the Diocese had 1 Bishop, 9 Priests, 1 Deacon, with **No** Lay Readers, under the Bishops Licence.

All Clergy and Officers are appointed subject to **Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Checks**, the latter are repeated every 3 years.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES & INSURANCE

The Council of Advice ensures that the Diocese has comprehensive Employers Liability and Public Liability Insurance. Each Mission and Parish, the Diocese and other groups contribute to the cost of these. This is reviewed every year.

Our insurance is with **Towergate Underwriting Group Ltd** and covers Property Damage, Money and Assault, Goods In Transit, Business All Risks, Business Interruption, Employers' Liability, Public and Products Liability, Commercial Legal Protection, Commercial Crime, Group Personal Accident. The Diocese is registered with the **Information Commissioner** and operates Data Protection Policies and Procedures.

The Diocese takes seriously the need for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. We operate a comprehensive Policy and Procedure in conjunction with our registration with **thirtyone:eight** (formerly The Churches Child Protection Advisory Service).

The Diocese operates a financial policy for the operation of the **Diocesan Endowment Fund**.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (ORIGINAL PROVINCE)

The Diocese sends delegates elected by the Diocesan Annual Synod to attend the world-wide Church's Provincial Synod held every 2 years, usually in North America.

The Bishop Ordinary is a full member of the Anglican Catholic Church (Original Province) College of Bishops which governs the whole of the Original Province and a Trustee of the Church Corporation as understood by US Federal Law.

The Original Province operates The Missions Society of St Paul which acts on behalf of the Original Province's constituent Dioceses in humanitarian assistance and development work.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To advance the Christian Religion by the propagation of the faith and instruction of the public in its practices primarily through its Parishes and Missions.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Though the Anglican Catholic community in the United Kingdom is small and is widely dispersed, we believe the Diocese makes a significant and beneficial impact in various ways, both in this country and beyond these shores. Various Information leaflets summarising Anglican Catholic belief about theological, moral and ethical questions are produced and distributed. The Diocesan web site (www.anglicancatholic.org.uk) includes current news about the Diocese's work and activities and dedicated pages for resources spiritual and practical. The Diocesan and Provincial Canons are available for download. And a full range of links to other Diocese worldwide in the Anglican Catholic Church are provided. According to statistics from the website we receive an average of between 40 and 50 new and unique visitors every day on the website with around 2000 'hits' per day.

Two editions of the Diocesan Magazine 'ACC UK' were produced during the year. It is the Council's newsletter for clergy, members and other interested Christians in Britain, and ecumenical and international contacts. A directory of Anglican Catholic Parishes Missions and Clergy is updated annually. The Diocese responds to enquiries received by post, telephone and email concerning various aspects of the Anglican Catholic Church. These include requests for information about the location of Anglican Catholic churches in particular towns or regions; Anglican Catholic teaching and practices; and Anglican Catholic beliefs on particular moral or ethical questions.

Summary of Indicators or Measures to assess achievement:

- Many enquiries received annually, via post email or telephone, and most enquiries dealt with within a day.
- Visitors to Website – including Guest Book Comments and Feedback
- The continued use and development of a Social Media presence for both the Diocese and its respective congregations.

- Informal feedback indicates booklet, newsletter, social media and web site provide useful information to the Anglican Catholic community and wider readership.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources. The principal source of income is plate collections, public and individual donations and planned giving. However, much of this is restricted funds for disbursement in the form of grants to the Missions and Congregations within the Diocese.

Reserves policy It is the policy of the Council of Advice to maintain sufficient reserves to meet its financial commitments as and when they fall due, at the same time respecting the donor intentions for the disbursement of restricted funds. An Endowment Fund was established to help safeguard the future of the Diocese. A policy relating to this, and the deposits made to this fund has been adopted.

CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY

The Trustees of the Charity are also the official custodians of the Pro-Cathedral Church of St Augustine of Canterbury, Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU. In accordance with the spirit of the AFFIRMATION OF ST LOUIS (1977), a foundational document for the Anglican Catholic Church establishing guiding and governing principles, namely: "The right of congregations to control of their temporalities should be firmly and constitutionally recognized and protected." The Trustees and Diocese hold in trust the said church, but ownership and rights, responsibilities legal, financial and/or otherwise remain with the congregation. This property is not, for the purposes of this return and the accounts herein examined, an asset. The congregation insure the building through the Diocesan Policy with an estimated rebuild value of £514,509 and a market value of £250,000.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Diocese continues to act in all the areas described above and the Trustees will continue to oversee and govern the Charity according to the above and will continue to consider how the Diocese can best serve the Anglican Catholic and wider community in Britain in the coming years.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees Date **25th September 2024**



The Right Revd Damien Mead (Bishop Ordinary & Chairman)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Anglican Catholic Church DUK

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the Officers of the ACC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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,
- • To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and,
- • To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees 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 matter has 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 s130 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 to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Philip P. James, Sr. Accountant, ASS

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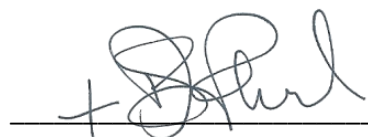
Receipts & Payments Account (1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023)

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Voluntary Receipts	1,230			-	1,230	2,287
Regular Giving				-		
Receipts from Donors				-		
Planned Giving			29,782	-	29,782	30,326
Income tax recovered			8,239	-	8,239	9,885
Receipts from Church Activities	39,007		446	-	39,452	8,588
	40,237		38,467		78,703	51,085
Payments						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Grants			27,382	-	27,382	48,097
Provincial Tithe	8,715			-	8,715	-
Charitable Giving				-	-	-
Other Payments	42,854		8,757	-	51,611	95,547
	51,569	-	36,140		87,708	143,643
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(11,332)	-	2,327	-	(9,005)	10,167
Transfer between funds	2,327	-	(2,327)	-	-	-
	(9,005)	-	-		(9,005)	
Bank Account at (Beginning of Year)	12,341	-		-	12,341	2,174
Bank Account (End of year)	3,336	-	0		3,336	12,341
Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
Cash funds						
Bank Current Amount	3,336	-	0	-	3,336	12,341
Savings Account	16,488	-	-	-	16,488	25,011
Investment Assets						
Endowment Fund	-	-	-	439	439	17,602
Savings bond				62,000	62,000	-
Insured Asset Retained for Church use						
St. Augustine's Church (see note 1a)			Rebuild 514,509			

Note 1a: Retained assets for church use is St. Augustine's Church, Painter Forstal, Kent. Asset is being held in simple trust for congregation as a fixed and protected asset. The congregation are responsible for all expenses and liabilities for this asset. Estimated rebuild value: £514,509 (for insurance purposes)

The attached notes form part of these Financial Statements

This information was approved by the Trustees, 25th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Chairman on the date below.



25th September 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1) The financial statements of the ACC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Receipts and Payments Basis.
- 2) The movements in the Restricted Funds during the year were to the Endowment Fund and in Grants to Congregations in accordance with the wishes of Gift Aid Donors for the year under review.