



ST ANDREWS ST MICHAELS

The Parochial Church Council of the
Parish of St Michael's, Cofton Hackett
and St Andrew's, Barnt Green
(Reg Charity Number 1127031)

2024

2023 Annual Report & Accounts

The Parish of Cofton Hackett and Barnt
Green – Charity Number 1127031

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Annual Report for 2023

Background

The trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St. Michael's Cofton Hackett and St. Andrew's Barnt Green are pleased to present their financial report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting standard for Smaller Entities and Church Accounting Regulations. The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many as people as possible to find faith in God, to worship in our churches, and to become part of the Christian family.

When planning our activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We are an Anglican parish seeking in our own context to demonstrate the public benefits which local churches have brought to their communities for the last 2000 years. In particular, we try to nurture and spread the Christian faith among people of all ages through:

- Worship and prayer
- Teaching the Gospel
- Developing people's knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the churches and the Parish Centre.

Review of the year 2023

2023 has been a year of building up in more than one way!

For the first time in a number of years, 2023 was a 'normal' year – no pandemic, no interregnum etc! This has meant that work in all sorts of ways has been able to progress.

It was clear that the provision that we had for children and young people had been a little thin post-pandemic. This was no-one's fault, just a result of the disruption of the previous years. We have started to put into place groups and activities that begin to bridge some of the gaps. Early in the year, one of the young people requested a youth group. Since we had no active youth provision, seeking to set one up made sense and we now meet once a month. By chance, we spotted an idea for a new service aimed at young families. Whilst we didn't run with the original idea, we instead developed our own new service "First Church". Equally by chance, we learnt that an opportunity to transfer Lego Club from the Parish Centre to St. Andrew's school had emerged. Whilst I say chance, it feels more like the guiding hand of God.

Building in a literal sense has also been high on the agenda. We had a number of outstanding projects in our sights that we wanted to complete. Money from legacies has enabled us to repair and improve our sites. Dedicated work from our churchwardens has enabled a good number of these to be completed.

PCC has continued to meet and provide excellent support in governing and guiding the often unseen but so essential mechanisms of the parish. As ever, safeguarding is quite rightly a high priority as is keeping a careful hand and eye on finance. We are thankful that we are in a fortunate position which has enabled us to financially support Birmingham Diocese with a gift beyond what they ask for as a

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parish share as well as committing to support mission partners abroad. However, we would love to be able to return to our pre-pandemic levels of giving.

At the APCM, Peter Talbot and Betty Tilt stood down as churchwardens and Jonathon Lucas joined Jill Newton and Geoff Hall on the Churchwarden team. Together they have provided a wealth of experience and wisdom for the various tasks at hand.

In February, Tracey Lucas was licensed as a Lay Reader. Tracey, along with Lesley Brown, Pip Simkiss and Douglas Allenby have continued to be of immense help within the worshipping life of both churches. Each of them has a unique style bringing real variety to our Sunday worship and preaching.

It is with confidence then that we look forward to 2024. Not because of our own gifts and skills but because of him whom we believe in, worship and follow. God has been faithful to us throughout 2023 and we know he will be faithful to us in 2024. We continue to look to him for his leading and guiding hand in the year ahead.

Rev Andy Hobbs

Finance and Accounts

It is PCC policy to reserve legacy funds for projects and the accounts this year show legacies donated with no attached restrictions as designated funds. In the past, these have been included as unrestricted funds.

This year's results show a surplus of £2,226 on the unrestricted funds compared to a significant deficit in 2022. It is PCC policy to endeavour to keep a balanced budget on the unrestricted funds which we have achieved with this small surplus

The unrestricted income was 11.6% higher than in 2022. This included an increase in voluntary income of 6.8%, an increase in Parish Centre income of 22.4% and a significant contribution from interest due to higher interest rates. The increase in voluntary income was particularly pleasing as it follows three years of falling income. However, it is still nearly 7% below that of 2019 (pre-pandemic)

Unrestricted expenditure was 11.2% lower than 2022. This was primarily because we are no longer employing a Children and Families Missioner. This year we also made the decision to reduce our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund to ensure that we maintain a balanced budget. However, this remains by far our largest cost at £67,000 and still includes a voluntary element. Giving to missions and charities, from unrestricted funds, was a little higher than 2022 at £11,400, representing 10% of unrestricted voluntary income. Charitable donations of £4,010 were also made from Special Collections, mostly from collections at the Christmas services. This went to the Birmingham City Mission Food Bank.

Including all funds, the results show a deficit of just under £31,000 reflecting the significant investment made in our buildings and particularly St Michael's using both restricted and designated legacies. Project work using legacies has included creation of a new ashes area in St Michael's Churchyard, installation of pew heating in St Michael's Church, redecoration of St Michael's Church and work to improve the audio-visual experience in St Andrew's.

Over the last few years we have been fortunate to receive a number of legacies and in 2023 we benefitted from a further unrestricted legacy of £5,000 and a total of £2,297 of legacies restricted to expenditure for St Michael's. With higher interest rates, the interest on our legacy funds has also been significant, totalling £4,840.

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Reserves

Our policy is to place surplus funds with the CBF C of E Deposit Fund. On 31st December 2023 we held £143,346 on short term deposit with the CBF, £5,797 in an HSBC deposit account and £18,258 in 'Cash at Bank and in Hand' giving a total of £167,401. From the total funds available £22,572 is restricted and £87,842 is from unrestricted legacies which PCC have agreed should only be spent on special projects, leaving £56,987 of unrestricted liquid reserves. It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds equal to at least 3 months running costs (approx. £37,500), to cover emergency situations.

Julia Powell

Reference and administrative details

The PCC is a registered charity, Number 1127031, governed by the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Rev. Andy Hobbs in promoting throughout the parish the whole mission of the Church, including worship, evangelism, pastoral care and social and ecumenical responsibility. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St Andrew's Church, St Michael's Church and Churchyard and the Parish Centre. The secretary, Mrs Nicola Denning, can be contacted at the Parish Office, Sandhills Road, Barnt Green, Birmingham B45 8NR on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 8.30am to 1.30pm. Telephone Number 0121 447 7097.

Membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the 31st December 2023 are:

Incumbent:	Rev. Andy Hobbs	Chair
Readers:	Mrs Lesley Brown Mr Douglas Allenby Mrs Philippa Simkiss Mrs Tracey Lucas	(From February 2023)
Wardens:	Mr Geoff Hall Mrs Jill Newton Mr Jonathan Lucas	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Hugh Edwards Mr David Milford Mr Mike Powell	<i>Date Elected</i> 16/4/23 16/4/23 16/4/23 (Vice Chair)
Elected members	Mr Douglas Allenby Mrs Rosemary Aveyard Mrs Sue Hall Mrs Julia Powell Mrs Katie Leaver Mr Brian Partridge Mrs Gabrielle Sedgewick Mrs Gwen Onyon Mrs Diane Milford Mrs Judith Stephenson	24/04/22 16/04/23 13/04/21 24/04/22 (Treasurer) 24/04/22 13/04/21 (resigned 11/9/23) 05/10/20 (resigned 19/1/23) 16/04/23 24/04/22 16/04/23
Secretary to PCC	Mrs Nicola Denning	

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Committees

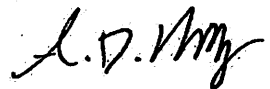
The PCC operates through a number of sub-committees which meet with varying frequency between full meetings of the PCC. The activities of each sub-committee are detailed in a separate Report.

Church Attendance

The Electoral Roll at 15th February 2024 was 226.

Average Sunday Attendance, including children, was 90

Approved by the PCC 7 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev. Andrew David Hobbs.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	114,730	5,000	8,263	127,993	204,186
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	28,277	-	-	28,277	23,146
Income from investments	2(c)	1,710	3,776	1,121	6,607	1,385
Church activities	2(d)	5,069	-	-	5,069	5,338
Other Income	2(e)	1,632	-	2,245	3,877	1,923
TOTAL		151,418	8,776	11,629	171,823	235,978
EXPENDITURE ON						
Church Activities	3(a)	129,310	20,146	33,663	183,119	170,690
Raising funds	3(b)	19,390	-	-	19,390	19,331
Other	3(c)	492	-	-	492	646
TOTAL		149,192	20,146	33,663	203,001	190,667
NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		2,226	(11,370)	(22,034)	(31,178)	45,311
NET (LOSS)/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	5(b)	-	-	179	179	(254)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,226	(11,370)	(21,855)	(30,999)	45,057
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		(100,333)	100,333	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(98,107)	88,963	(21,855)	(30,999)	45,057
Total funds brought forward		242,344	-	50,454	292,798	247,741
Total funds carried forward		144,237	88,963	28,599	261,799	292,798

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	92,800	98,600
Investment Assets	5(b)	2,080	1,901
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	14,183	20,447
Short term Deposits		149,143	163,988
Cash at Bank and in Hand		18,258	30,938
		<u>181,584</u>	<u>215,373</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	<u>14,665</u>	<u>23,076</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		166,919	192,297
NET ASSETS	6	<u>261,799</u>	<u>292,798</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	6	144,237	242,344
Designated	6	88,963	-
Restricted	6	28,599	50,454
		<u>261,799</u>	<u>292,798</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1(a) The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair" provisions.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Financial Reporting Standard 102-reduced disclosure exemptions:

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, permitted by FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

-the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

1(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds are monies received without any restrictions as to their use but which the PCC has decided to set aside for specific purposes. They are a part of general funds and can be re-designated as general funds by the PCC at any time. At present the intention is that the money will be used for special projects and not to defray day to day running expenses of the parishes.

1(c) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income

Collections and planned giving are recognised only when received

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is received.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of the Parish Centre and fees from weddings, funerals etc are recognised when due.

Income from Investments

Interest and dividends are recognised when received.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December in each year.

1(d) Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

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Church Activities.

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for as an operational (though not a legal) liability, and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. All other expenses are accounted for when they become due.

1(e) Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated property and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10 (2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable 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 listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

There is insufficient cost information available in relation to inalienable property acquired prior to 2001, and therefore such items are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings, and individual items under £500 or such other amount as the PCC considers appropriate in the circumstances, is written off.

Depreciation is provided over the currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis using the following rates:

Buildings (Parish Centre):	2% on cost
Organ	fully depreciated
Audio equipment	fully depreciated
Furnishings	fully depreciated
Fittings	fully depreciated

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December

1(f) Current assets

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank

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2 Income and endowments	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving				
Gifts	87,964	-	-	87,964
Tax Recoverable	21,311	-	-	21,311
Collections and other giving	3,821	-	-	3,821
Special Collections	-	-	3,541	3,541
Donations	858	-	1,925	2,783
Coffee Break contributions	776	-	-	776
Legacies	-	5,000	2,297	7,297
Grants	-	-	500	500
	<u>114,730</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>8,263</u>	<u>127,993</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Church Hall lettings	27,239	-	-	27,239
Church lettings	1,038	-	-	1,038
	<u>28,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,277</u>
2(c) Income from investments				
Dividends	-	-	57	57
Interest on short term deposits	1,710	3,776	1,064	6,550
	<u>1,710</u>	<u>3,776</u>	<u>1,121</u>	<u>6,607</u>
2(d) Church activities				
Fees	5,069	-	-	5,069
	<u>5,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,069</u>
2(e) Other Income				
Sundry Income	391	-	-	391
Monday Fellowship	814	-	-	814
VAT recoverable	427	-	2,234	2,661
Wayleave	-	-	11	11
	<u>1,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,245</u>	<u>3,877</u>

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2. Income and endowments	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving				
Gift Aid	84,251	-	-	84,251
Tax Recoverable	20,482	-	-	20,482
Collections and other giving	1,712	-	-	1,712
Special Collections	-	-	2,990	2,990
Donations (including tax recovered)	311	-	50	361
Coffee Break contributions	707	-	-	707
Legacies	63,683	-	30,000	93,683
	<u>171,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,040</u>	<u>204,186</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Church Hall lettings	22,250	-	-	22,250
Church lettings	896	-	-	896
	<u>23,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,146</u>
2(c) Income from investments				
Dividends	-	-	56	56
Interest on short term deposits	1,154	-	175	1,329
	<u>1,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>1,385</u>
2(d) Church activities				
Fees	5,338	-	-	5,338
	<u>5,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,338</u>
2(e) Other Income				
Sundry Income	736	-	-	736
Monday Fellowship	1,056	-	-	1,056
VAT recoverable	120	-	-	120
Wayleave	-	-	11	11
	<u>1,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1,923</u>

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3	Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
3(a)	Church Activities				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	Overseas	4,300	-	-	4,300
	Home	7,100	-	-	7,100
	Payments from Special Collections	-	-	4,010	4,010
	Coffee Break donations	516	-	-	516
		<u>11,916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>15,926</u>
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	67,004	-	-	67,004
	Clergy expenses	1,311	-	-	1,311
	Church running costs	10,658	-	300	10,958
	Church maintenance and repair	12,626	20,146	29,164	61,936
	Support costs	4,118	-	-	4,118
	Upkeep of churchyard	3,441	-	189	3,630
	Depreciation	5,800	-	-	5,800
	Office administrator	9,523	-	-	9,523
	Other office expenses	2,283	-	-	2,283
	Independent examination fee	630	-	-	630
		<u>129,310</u>	<u>20,146</u>	<u>33,663</u>	<u>183,119</u>
3(b)	Raising funds				
	Parish Centre running costs	19,300	-	-	19,300
	Sundry expenses	90	-	-	90
		<u>19,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,390</u>
3(c)	Other				
	Monday Fellowship	423	-	-	423
	Coffee Break	69	-	-	69
		<u>492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>492</u>

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3	Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
3(a)	Church Activities				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	Overseas	5,550	-	-	5,550
	Home	5,249	-	-	5,249
	Payments from Special Collections	-	-	3,197	3,197
	Coffee Break donations	490	-	-	490
		<u>11,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,197</u>	<u>14,486</u>
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	80,004	-	-	80,004
	Clergy expenses	2,829	-	-	2,829
	CFM Salary and expenses	24,869	-	-	24,869
	Church running costs	9,723	-	-	9,723
	Church maintenance and repair	3,739	-	-	3,739
	Support costs	9,000	-	67	9,067
	Upkeep of churchyard	6,585	-	1,222	7,807
	Depreciation	5,800	-	-	5,800
	Office administrator	9,145	-	-	9,145
	Other office expenses	2,591	-	-	2,591
	Independent examination fee	630	-	-	630
		<u>166,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,486</u>	<u>170,690</u>
3(b)	Raising funds				
	Parish Centre running costs	19,234	-	-	19,234
	Sundry expenses	97	-	-	97
		<u>19,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,331</u>
3(c)	Other				
	Monday Fellowship	575	-	-	575
	Coffee Break	71	-	-	71
		<u>646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>646</u>

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4 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	17,100	38,676
Social Security	53	2,033
Pension	44	474
	<u>17,197</u>	<u>41,183</u>
 Average number of employees	 3	 4

During the year the PCC employed an administrator and two cleaners. All are part-time. None received a salary of £60,000 or more. The social security and pension costs are in respect of the administrator.

The PCC members (the trustees) consider themselves to be the key management personnel. No remuneration was paid to them in either year

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5a Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment and Furnishings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	294,190	22,164	316,354
At 31 December 2023	<u>294,190</u>	<u>22,164</u>	<u>316,354</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	195,590	22,164	217,754
Charge for year	5,800	-	5,800
At 31 December 2023	<u>201,390</u>	<u>22,164</u>	<u>223,554</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>92,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,800</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>98,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,600</u>

5b Investment Fixed Assets

	£
Movement in year	
Market Value at 1 January 2023	1,901
Unrealised gain	179
Market Value at 31 December 2023	<u>2,080</u>

Investments comprise 92 shares in CBF Church of England Investment Fund (for Churchyard)

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6 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets for Church use	92,800	-	-	92,800
Investment fixed assets	-	-	2,080	2,080
Current assets	63,589	88,963	29,032	181,584
Current liabilities	(12,152)	-	(2,513)	(14,665)
Fund balance	144,237	88,963	28,599	261,799

7 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	4,449	3,953
Legacies receivable	-	5,000
Prepayments	2,353	6,818
Other debtors	7,381	4,676
	14,183	20,447

8 Liabilities falling Due within 1 year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals for utilities and other costs	1,331	802
Creditors for goods and services	454	21,506
Other creditors	12,880	768
	14,665	23,076

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9 Restricted Funds

Fund	Fund as at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Gain on Investment (Unrealised) £	Transfers Between Funds £	Fund as at 31 December 2023 £
St Michaels Churchyard (endowment)	1,901	-	-	179	-	2,080
St Michaels Churchyard (income)	72	118	(189)	-	-	1
Building and Fabric Fund	13,097	1,927	(13,097)	-	-	1,927
MA Palmer (St Michaels Building and Fabric)	25,000	4,689	(15,687)	-	-	14,002
JD Tucker (St Michaels Building and Churchyard)	5,000	(1,021)	(180)	-	-	3,799
Mike Duman Fund	3,750	-	(550)	-	-	3,200
Grant - St Andrews Windows	180	-	-	-	-	180
Grant - U18's work	751	-	-	-	-	751
Grant - Drive repair	-	500	(500)	-	-	-
Special collections	703	5,416	(3,460)	-	-	2,659
	50,454	11,629	(33,663)	179	-	28,599

Special collections						
Shoe Boxes	443	1,027	(947)	-	-	523
Orchard	248	-	-	-	-	248
Other restricted	12	4,389	(2,513)	-	-	1,888
	703	5,416	(3,460)	-	-	2,659

9 Designated Funds

Fund	Fund as at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Gain on Investment (Unrealised) £	Transfers Between Funds £	Fund as at 31 December 2023 £
B Lucas - Legacy	-	3,749	(20,146)	-	100,333	83,936
D Cresswell - Legacy	-	5,027	-	-	-	5,027
	-	8776	(20,146)	-	100,333	88,963

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10 Related Parties

Donations made to the church and other funds by members of the PCC were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
General funds	39,706	33,107
Teams 4 U	750	500
Foodbanks (Christmas Collections)	125	125
Dishwasher	1,875	-
	<u>42,456</u>	<u>33,732</u>

A small, immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as Chairman of the PCC. No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or to related parties, except as follows:

K Leaver, a member of the PCC received £225 as recognition for co-ordinating the music and playing the piano in Church.

11 Leasing Commitments

At 31 December the PCC had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Leases terminating within 2 to 5 years	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,998</u>
	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,998</u>

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and
All Angels, Cofton Hackett and St Andrew Barnt Green**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 5 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the church's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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9 April 2024