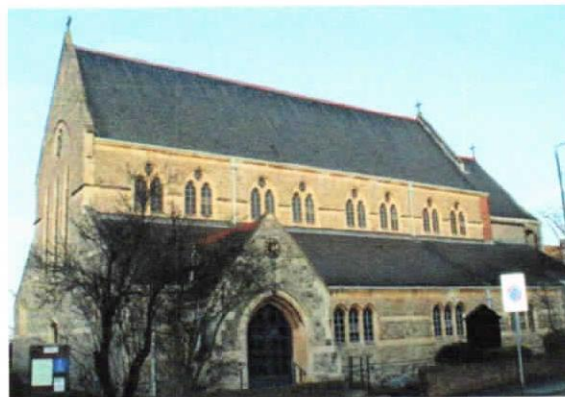


**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of  
Christ Church Sidcup**

Registered Charity No. 1127351

**Christ Church Sidcup PCC  
Annual Report  
and  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**



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# The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Sidcup

## Christ Church, Sidcup PCC Annual Report for 2023

### Administrative information

Christ Church is situated in Christchurch Road, Sidcup. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 16 Christchurch Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7HE. Christ Church, Sidcup PCC is registered with the Charity Commission No. 1127351.

### Objectives

Christ Church, Sidcup PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev Thomas Parsons, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Hall, Woodside Crescent, Sidcup. Further details are provided in Achievements and Performance later in this report.

### PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

#### Ex officio members:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Rev Thomas Parsons	Chairman
<i>Curate:</i>	Rev Adam Curtis	Resigned 31 August 2023
<i>Youth Minister</i>	Mr Kevyn Oliver	
<i>Reader:</i>	Mr Andrew Young	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mr Tom McMahon	
	Miss Sam Maxwell	

#### Deanery Synod Representatives:

	Mr Stephen England	Until APCM 2026
	Mr Andrew Young	" " "
<i>Elected members:</i>	Mr Mike Barrett	Until APCM 2024
	Mr Howard Bunting	" " "
	Mr Leigh Evans	" " "
	Mrs Jenny Rutter	" " "
	Mr Daniel Beckley	Until APCM 2025
	Ms Carole Hazelgrove	" " "
	Ms Desi Lambina	" " "
	Mr Stan Codling	" " "
	Mr Paul Atkinson	Until APCM 2026
	Mr Greg Farrell	" " "
	Mrs Diane McMahon	" " "
	Mrs Alison Summers	" " "
<i>Co-opted members:</i>	Ms Caroline Bunting	Until APCM 2024
	Mr Robin Younghusband	" " "
<i>PCC Secretary</i>	Mr Robin Younghusband	

## **PCC Committees**

The PCC is assisted by three committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

### ***Standing Committee:***

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

### ***Mission Committee:***

Attends to matters relating to the support of mission and relief agencies worldwide.

### ***Fabric Committee:***

Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the church buildings and fabric, the churchyard, the Vicarage and the Church Hall, Woodside Crescent, Sidcup

PCC Members are encouraged to develop their knowledge and understanding of the aims and objectives of the Church by also participating on one or more of the committees. Newly elected PCC members receive induction training according to their needs and previous experience with this or other charities.

## **Parochial Organisations**

These accounts include the operation of Church Parochial Organisations that have their main allegiance to the PCC but which are managed independently by respective committees using facilities of the Church and Church Hall and have their accounts presented to the PCC on an annual basis.

The Parochial Organisations are:

Group Name	Audience	Meeting dates	Location
Mothers and Toddlers	0-5 & Carers	Thursday am term time	Church Hall
Tiny Tots	0-5 & Carers	Tuesday am term time	Church Hall
Christchurch Playgroup	Pre-School	Mon, Wed, Fri am term time	Church Hall
Boys Brigade	School Age	Fridays pm term time	Church Hall
Bumps and Babies	0-1 & Carers	Thursdays am weekly	West Wing
Contact Club	Over 60's	Tuesday am weekly	Fellowship Rooms

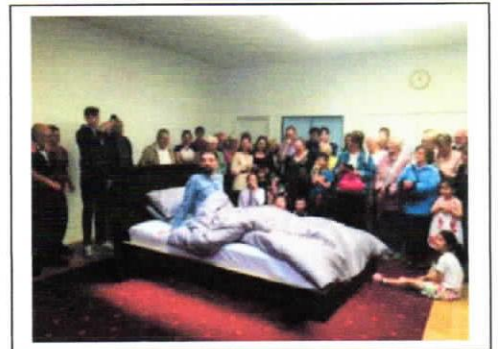


## Achievements and Performance

### Review of the year

2023 was a year of growth at Christ Church. It was very encouraging to see a steadier stream of newcomers into the church services and activities than we have known for many years. Some of these new people have been committed followers of Jesus who are moving into the area; several have very little church background and have come to do what the inscription over Christ Church's doorway recommends: to seek the Lord.

During the summer, Christ Church said goodbye to Rev Adam Curtis, who left us after completing his curacy in Sidcup. Adam's contribution to the life and growth of our parish was huge and he is missed now that he has taken up his role as Associate Vicar at St Mary's, Maidenhead. His departure was marked with a memorable weekend of events, and it was a joy to give him an oversize bed as a gift from the church. It was the first time in his adult life he had fitted into a bed! The frame and bedding were made by various church members.



Adam made a very significant contribution to an event which, for many, was high point of the year. He played the role of Jesus in The Mark Drama. This dramatized presentation of Mark's Gospel was facilitated by Andrew Page, who came to us for a weekend and drilled a cast of thirteen church members to deliver two very powerful performances in March. Another of Adam's contributions was a series of apologetics evening session in January. Speakers from Christianity Explored and The Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics addressed questions about faith, science, suffering and meaning. The series was named The Glass Room, to express our aim to be transparent in our presentation of the Christian Faith, and to refer to the glass-fronted West Wing.



It has been good to engage in these ways with those seeking answers to the big questions. We have also hosted three evangelistic courses for enquirers during the year, including an autumn Christianity Explored Course, which was one of the best attended of our recent past. We were also privileged to welcome Speak Life's Nate Morgan Locke in November. He spoke evangelistically in the morning service and led an excellent seminar in the evening that pursued the theme of God and story.

It has been encouraging to see Kevyn Oliver, our Children, Youth and Family Minister, get into his stride during 2023 – having only joined the staff team in late 2022. He and Adam ran a February half-term holiday club which helped us build good links to local families. In addition, parties at Easter and December, along with a weekly series of outdoor events on summer Saturdays, have built bridges.



Work with children and young people has continued across the range of ages. Boys' Brigade numbers have been excellent, and their activities raised a record contribution for their chosen charity of the year: Demelza Hospice. Sunday children's groups have been well led by a strong team of volunteers, and the weekday activities for preschool children (Bumps and Babies, Tiny Tots and Mums and Toddlers) are thriving.



The past year has not been a straightforward in the wider Church of England, after the General Synod voted in February to introduce liturgy to bless same-sex sexual relationships. This led to Christ Church's Church Council taking the decision to write to our Bishop to inform him that we intend to hold to the established teaching of the Church. This was a demanding process. We were helped in it by Adam who, in his capacity as a representative of the organisation Living Out, led us in two seminars on being a biblically inclusive church.

These discussions serve to highlight the complexity of the times we live in, and we are trying not to shy away from them. An example of that desire to engage honestly in contemporary challenges was an evening seminar we hosted in the autumn led by Owain Jenkins. Owain, a local friend of our church, also speaks for the organisation Naked Truth. He helped us to think through the contemporary challenges related to pornography.

Another priority of this year has been building relationships within the church. With this in mind, our Church Day Away in September was very positive. As before, we used the excellent facilities at St Nicholas' Church, Sevenoaks. Around 70 church members gathered for teaching from The Revd Carl Chambers, Vicar of Wilmington, and for plenty of spare time to talk.

Another relationship-building initiative was the Holy Week of Hospitality. Ten church members opened their homes in the week leading up to Easter to anyone who wanted to come. It was very encouraging to see new connections made.

During the year, there were the usual range of pastoral offices: funerals, baptisms and a wedding. It is always a privilege to be involved in such events – although 2023 did see more than the usual number of church-related funerals. As for baptisms, we held one very uplifting summer Sunday evening service at Sidcup Baptist Church as three Christ Church members were baptised by full immersion.



evident in the accounts below.

One remarkable feature of the growth we witnessed during 2023 is that it was visible at all three of the Sunday services, and not just the 10:30 am. The 9:00 am service of Holy Communion has proved a gateway into church life for some, and the evening service has also gained momentum. This growth is reflected in our current financial position, as will be

This sense that the church is growing was encapsulated at the service of Carols by Candlelight in December. For the first time in living memory, there were well over 300 people in church, and the choir has grown to the point where it is hard to know how to fit all the members into the chancel!

We are aiming to grow in three directions: deeper in faith, wider into our community and younger in our average age as a church family. Rising numbers is not the only measure of our health. We long to experience a deepening worship and love, understanding and commitment. We would love to connect more widely with people in our parish and area. We pray for more meaningful impact in the lives of young people. But we end the year grateful to God for everything he has given us and, with the complexity of the times and the fractious state of the wider church in mind, we can only go forward with in prayer and trust.

### **Church attendance**

The previous Church Electoral Roll contained 153 names. 7 names were added during the year and 4 were removed. Therefore, the new Roll contains 156 names of which 49 live in the Parish and 107 live outside the Parish. The average weekly attendance at services during October was 143 aged over 16 and 20 under 16. This number increases at festivals.

### **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 and its duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our safeguarding work is led by Parish Safeguarding Officer Dawn Watson.

### **Financial review**

We remain forever thankful for the generosity of the congregation. This year, total regular giving including the value of tax credits was £149,371, (2022: £137,718). The increase follows the growth in church attendance coupled with a move to regular contributions by way of standing order, routine bank transfer or payment via Stewardship of Charities Aid Foundation.

Designated contributions to support the installation of a new boiler in Church amounted to £7,006 (2022: £5,068).

Collections through the plate increased to £8,312 (2022: £6,503) including the associated tax credit.

The Church benefitted from two legacies in the year amounting to £15,500. These occasional, one off gifts provide the PCC with additional financial resource to renovate aged equipment or in the current case invest in deepening our Ministry with target groups. The PCC have agreed to the transfer of £7,000 annually from the Legacy reserve, until exhausted, to support youth work in the Church.



Regular users have been established in the Church Hall and West Wing and Fellowship rooms. Our Parochial organisations, Playgroup, Mothers & Toddlers, TOTS, Brownies, Boys Brigade, and Contact Club all make valuable contributions, together with external groups like the New Eltham Dance School, Zumba, Slimming World and Barclays Bank who have committed for another year.

Added to those, there are numerous occasional bookings for meetings or training and party hire. Together we have benefitted by £25,236 (2022: £20,123)

The Diocese continued to support the cost of accommodation for our Curate, until the end of his term in August.

Our Parochial Organisations continue to operate effectively. A decline in the birth rate, COVID, Brexit and other factors led to fewer numbers in the Playgroup. The Management Committee restructured the staffing to mitigate this temporary reduction in income. Another smaller deficit was registered in 2023 but finances are now more evenly balanced. The PCC remain reassured that each of the Parochial organisations has sufficient reserves to meet their liabilities and is able to continue operating effectively.

Mission giving remains an important focus at Christ Church. Fundraising provided gifts of £11,772 including £1,770 from Boys Brigade and Mothers and Toddlers (2022: £11,197). The Agencies and Charities in receipt of our support are disclosed on page 15 of these accounts.

At the end of December 2023, a total of £17,000, from the original loan to install the boiler, remains to be repaid over the next 3 years and we will continue with specific fundraising and appeals in order to lessen any draw upon general reserves.

### **Going Concern**

After making appropriate enquiries the PCC has concluded that it has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it has continued to adopt the going concern basis for the preparation of these accounts.

### **Reserves policy**

The PCC reviewed its reserves policy and has concluded that ideally undesignated unrestricted reserves should match the average value of unrestricted payments in a year. This will cover emergency situations that may arise and provide a sensible working capital for the needs of the PCC.

By completing the boiler works ahead of receiving funding there is a short term adverse reserve of £14,384 for which future fundraising will be needed to bring this project back into balance.

At the end of the current year general reserves, excluding the boiler deficit, remain at some 50% of that ideal target.

Designated reserves are set aside principally to meet repairs and improvements to the Church and Hall. These are reviewed on a 5-yearly basis in line with recommendations from the Diocesan Surveyor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Parsons', written in a cursive style.

**Approved by the PCC on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and signed on their behalf by  
Tom Parsons Vicar.**



**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of  
Christ Church Sidcup**  
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total	Total
		Undesignated	Designated	Fund	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2(a)	173,183	59,217	11,739	244,139	210,900
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	33,284	0	0	33,284	25,322
Income from investments	2(c)	1,412	827	0	2,239	341
Other incoming resources	2(d)	0	6,088	0	6,088	14,127
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>207,879</b>	<b>66,132</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>285,750</b>	<b>250,690</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Church activities	3(a)	159,736	59,096	11,739	230,571	189,986
Church management and admin	3(b)	20,666	0	0	20,666	19,831
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(c)	11,988	0	0	11,988	12,062
Fund-raising trading costs		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>192,390</b>	<b>59,096</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>263,225</b>	<b>221,879</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>15,489</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,525</b>	<b>28,811</b>
Transfers between reserves		(7,019)	7,019	0	0	0
<b>Movement for the Year</b>		<b>8,470</b>	<b>14,054</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,525</b>	<b>28,811</b>
Balances B/F 01 January	8	72,006	22,555	1,125	95,686	66,875
Balances C/F 31 December	8	<b>80,476</b>	<b>36,609</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>118,211</b>	<b>95,686</b>

There are no gains or losses on investment assets and there has been no revaluation of fixed assets reported in these accounts.

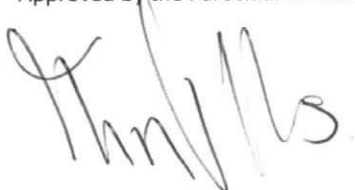
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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of  
Christ Church Sidcup**

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	5	0	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	6(b)	9,619	15,212
Short term deposits	6(c)	102,387	77,630
Cash at bank and in hand	6(d)	31,598	40,996
		<u>143,604</u>	<u>133,838</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - falling due in one year	7	<u>(14,393)</u>	<u>(21,152)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		129,211	112,686
Creditors falling due after one year		(11,000)	(17,000)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>118,211</b></u>	<u><b>95,686</b></u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
	8		
Unrestricted - Undesignated General		66,933	66,963
Unrestricted - Undesignated Legacy		13,543	5,043
		<u>80,476</u>	<u>72,006</u>
Unrestricted - Designated Repair Funds		24,876	17,030
Unrestricted - Designated Church Building		(14,384)	(21,390)
Unrestricted - Parochial Organisations		26,118	26,915
		<u>36,610</u>	<u>22,555</u>
Restricted - Parish Hall Land		1,125	1,125
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><b>118,211</b></u>	<u><b>95,686</b></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev. Tom Parsons - Vicar



Tom McMahon - Church Warden

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of this account

# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Sidcup**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

## **1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Preparation of Accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention using the accruals accounting basis. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in Law. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

Unrestricted funds comprise all reserves other than those restricted funds. General funds and legacies can be used by the PCC for any purpose. Some unrestricted funds have a designated use for the repair of the Church or Church Hall or by the Parochial Organisations. The PCC has additionally designated a building fund for the West Wing Annexe. The restricted fund has arisen following the sale of a small parcel of land adjacent to the Church Hall.

### **Incoming Resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when the incoming resources to which they relate is received. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Resources Expended**

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Going Concern**

The PCC assess whether the use of going concern in the preparation of these accounts is still appropriate. The PCC assess whether there are material risks, uncertainties, events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the ability of the PCC to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives and meet its liabilities as they fall due as a going concern. The PCC make this assessment for a period of 1 year from the date of approval of these accounts.

### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. Major new equipment purchased for use within the Church and Hall is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £5,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.



## The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Sidcup

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

### 2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total	Total
	Undesignated	Designated	Fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2(a) Voluntary income</b>					
Planned giving: Gift aid donations	111,851			111,851	104,774
Tax recoverable	26,248			26,248	25,045
Other	11,272			11,272	7,899
Collections on the plate inc GASDS	8,312			8,312	6,503
Donations and appeals		7,006		7,006	5,067
Legacies	15,500			15,500	0
Mission gift days and other giving			9,969	9,969	10,997
Parochial organisations general		57,711	1,770	59,481	50,615
<b>Voluntary Income 2023</b>	<b>173,183</b>	<b>59,217</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>244,139</b>	<b>210,900</b>
<i>Voluntary income 2022</i>	<i>144,221</i>	<i>55,482</i>	<i>11,197</i>	<i>210,900</i>	
<b>2(b) Activities for generating funds</b>					
Bookstall	0			0	0
Contact magazine	0			0	0
Church fees	2,476			2,476	2,739
Ministry fees	2,284			2,284	1,778
Church hall and fellowship room lettings	25,236			25,236	20,123
Sundry income	3,288			3,288	682
<b>Activities generating funds 2023</b>	<b>33,284</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,284</b>	<b>25,322</b>
<i>Activities generating funds 2022</i>	<i>25,322</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>25,322</i>	
<b>2(c) Income from investments</b>					
<b>Interest receivable 2023</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>827</b>		<b>2,239</b>	<b>341</b>
<i>Interest receivable 2022</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>341</i>	
<b>2(d) Other income 2023</b>		<b>6,088</b>		<b>6,088</b>	<b>14,127</b>
<i>Other income 2022</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14,127</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14,127</i>	
<b>Total Incoming Resources 2023</b>	<b>207,879</b>	<b>66,132</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>285,750</b>	<b>250,690</b>
<i>Total Incoming Resources 2022</i>	<i>169,771</i>	<i>69,722</i>	<i>11,197</i>	<i>250,690</i>	

### 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total	Total
	Undesignated	Designated	Fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>3(a) Church activities</b>					
Ministry costs	49,795	6,088		55,883	25,208
Parish share	78,176			78,176	73,853
Church running expenses	17,231			17,231	18,832
Other church maintenance	3,442			3,442	(3,075)
Upkeep of services	3,802			3,802	2,124
Contact magazine & website	763			763	1,540
Support groups & Outreach	6,057			6,057	5,323
Subscriptions	147			147	107
Sundries	23			23	159
Missionary giving and grants	300		9,969	10,269	11,097
Parochial organisations general		53,008	1,770	54,778	54,819
<b>Church activities 2023</b>	<b>159,736</b>	<b>59,096</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>230,571</b>	<b>189,987</b>
<i>Church activities 2022</i>	<i>110,044</i>	<i>68,746</i>	<i>11,197</i>	<i>189,987</i>	

## The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Sidcup

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

### 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total	Total
	Undesignated	Designated	Fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>3(b) Church management</b>					
Administrator	18,693			18,693	17,673
Printing and photocopying	1,973			1,973	2,158
Bank and other sundry charges				0	0
<b>Church management 2023</b>	<b>20,666</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,666</b>	<b>19,831</b>
<i>Church management 2022</i>	<i>19,831</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>19,831</i>	
<b>3(c) Cost of generating voluntary income</b>					
Hall running costs	11,155			11,155	8,126
Other hall maintenance	833			833	3,936
<b>Cost of generating income 2023</b>	<b>11,988</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,988</b>	<b>12,062</b>
<i>Cost of generating income 2022</i>	<i>12,062</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>12,062</i>	
<b>3(d) Fund raising costs</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended 2023</b>	<b>192,390</b>	<b>59,096</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>263,225</b>	<b>221,880</b>
<i>Total Resources Expended 2022</i>	<i>141,937</i>	<i>68,746</i>	<i>11,197</i>	<i>221,880</i>	

### 4 STAFF COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total	Total
	Undesignated	Designated	Fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>4(a) Wages and salaries</b>					
Gross payments	58,582	29,260		87,842	62,052
Social security costs	0	0		0	0
Employers Stakeholder pension	1,141	101		1,242	539
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries 2023</b>	<b>59,723</b>	<b>29,361</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89,084</b>	<b>62,591</b>
<i>Wages &amp; Salaries 2022</i>	<i>31,266</i>	<i>31,325</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>62,591</i>	
<b>Church</b>					
Families and Youth worker	32,175			32,175	5,100
Cooordinator	18,330			18,330	17,340
Verger	6,162			6,162	5,868
Hall Cleaners & Caretaker	1,210			1,210	1,443
Occasional Organists	705			705	1,060
<b>Parochial Organisations</b>					
Playgroup leaders		29,260		29,260	31,241
	<b>58,582</b>	<b>29,260</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87,842</b>	<b>62,052</b>

During the year our Coordinator managed the Church, a Cleaner and a Caretaker managed the hall, an Organist conducted occasional duties. Employer social security costs did not reach the de-minimis level to require payment for the year.

An Ofsted registered Playgroup, a Mothers and Toddlers group and a Tots group operate from the church hall. These Parochial Organisations employed 5 part time Playgroup leaders. No payment to an employee was large enough to attract employer social security costs. Together these employees amount to approximately 2 full time employee.

Expenses of £992 ( 2022: £790) were reimbursed to the Incumbent for telecoms, books, travelling and church resources. Expenses of £743( 2022: £678) were reimbursed to the Curate for telecoms, books, travelling and church resources. Expenses and reimbursements of £2,117 were made to the Youth Minister telecoms, for books, travelling and church resources. The Buntings, members of the PCC, received £7,200 (2022: £10,800) from the Church in rent for the Curate's flat at approximately 75% of the open market rate. No payment of fees or expenses were made to PCC Members or persons closely connected with them or to any related parties for their services as PCC charity Trustees.

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>5 FIXED ASSETS</b>		
<b>5(a) Tangible assets</b>		
Freehold land and buildings		
<b>Cost / valuation</b>		
As at 1 January	357,856	357,856
Additions (disposals)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
As at 31 December	357,856	357,856
<b>Depreciation</b>		
As at 1 January	357,856	357,856
Charge (released on disposals)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
As at 31 December	357,856	357,856
<b>Net book values</b>		
As at 31 December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprise the Church Hall, Woodside Crescent, Sidcup. The book value is an amount estimated by the PCC as at 25 December 2000, for insurance purposes and has been fully depreciated.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>6 CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>6(b) Debtors</b>		
Tax recoverable	7,738	9,737
Other debtors	723	4,405
Prepayments	1,158	1,070
Parochial Organisation Other debtors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total debtors	9,619	15,212

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>6(c) Short term deposits</b>		
Diocese of Rochester accounts		
General loan account	23,489	22,717
Legacy account	19,639	19,028
Sale of Parish Hall land	1,125	1,125
Church repair account	26,845	20,163
Hall repair account	<u>5,709</u>	<u>4,546</u>
	76,807	67,579
Santander deposit account	25,580	10,051
Total short term deposits	<u>102,387</u>	<u>77,630</u>



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	2023 £	2022 £
<b>6(d) Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Santander - current account	4,781	8,220
Santander - gift aid account	89	2,067
Commercial Banks - parochial organisations	26,728	30,709
	<u>31,598</u>	<u>40,996</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>7 CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Sundry creditors	707	972
Accruals	7,076	9,386
Boiler loan repayable	6,000	6,000
Parochial Organisation & fees in advance	610	4,794
	<u>14,393</u>	<u>21,152</u>

**8 FUNDS**

	Balance at January £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Reserves Transfers £	Balance at 31 December £
<b>8(a) Undesignated un-restricted reserves</b>					
General reserves	66,963	192,379	(192,390)	(19)	66,933
Legacy reserves	5,043	15,500		(7,000)	13,543
	<u>72,006</u>	<u>207,879</u>	<u>(192,390)</u>	<u>(7,019)</u>	<u>80,476</u>

**8(b) Designated un-restricted reserves**

Diocesan grants	0			0	0
Curate accommodation	0	6,088	(6,088)	0	0
Church repair reserves	12,017	682	0	6,000	18,699
Church hall repair reserves	5,013	145	0	1,019	6,177
Church building fund reserves	(21,390)	7,006	0	0	(14,384)
Parochial organisations reserves	26,915	52,211	(53,008)	0	26,118
Balance at 31 December	<u>22,555</u>	<u>66,132</u>	<u>(59,096)</u>	<u>7,019</u>	<u>36,610</u>

**8(c) Restricted reserves**

Mission giving	0	11,739	(11,739)	0	0
Sale of Hall Land reserve	1,125	0	0	0	1,125

<b>Total Reserves</b>	<u>95,686</u>	<u>285,750</u>	<u>(263,224)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>118,211</u>
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**9 FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE**

Christ Church PCC does not hold any funds as a "Custodian Trustee" on behalf of any other Individual, Company or Organisation.

## **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Sidcup**

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees - The PCC of Christ Church Sidcup Charity Number 1127351**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above named charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Respective Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. (the Act)

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake this examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

I have completed the requisite examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



**Ms Emilie Ann Radley BSc ACA**  
**11 March 2024**

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Mission & Charity Giving Analysed

	2023 £	2022 £
<b><u>Overseas Agencies</u></b>		
Crosslinks	1,708	3,915
Bible Society	2,287	1,917
Christian Aid	1,183	505
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	0	125
	<hr/> 5,178	<hr/> 6,462
<b><u>Home Agencies</u></b>		
Church Pastoral Aid Society	1,725	1,455
Lark in the Park	1,142	1,257
CRIBS	1,624	1,266
	<hr/> 4,491	<hr/> 3,978
<b><u>Other Charities</u></b>		
Macmillan Nurses	250	200
Greenwich & Bexley Hospice	0	412
UK Cost of living support payments	300	0
Ukraine	0	145
Demelza Hospice	1,520	0
	<hr/> 2,070	<hr/> 757
<b>Total Mission Giving</b>	<hr/> <b>11,739</b>	<hr/> <b>11,197</b>
<b><u>Grants by the PCC</u></b>		
Evangelical Alliance	150	100
Hope and Poverty	150	0
	<hr/> 300	<hr/> 100
<b>Grand Total</b>	<hr/> <b>12,039</b>	<hr/> <b>11,297</b>