

The Parochial Church Council of The
Ecclesiastical Parish of St John
Buckhurst Hill

year ended 31st December 2023

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BUCKHURST HILL

CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Members of the Parochial Church Council	Revd Dr Ian Farley	Rector	
	Steve Bacon	Church Warden	
	Veronica Turner	Church Warden	
	Peter David Gascoigne	Elected Member and Treasurer Resigned 21/04/2024	
	Edward Lindenberg	Elected Member and Treasurer Appointed 21/04/2024	
	Terence Owen	Elected Member	Resigned 30/04/2023
	Robert Smith	Elected Member	
	Robert Way	Elected Member	
	Katherine Loe	Co-opted Member	Resigned 30/04/2023
	Melanie Grant	Elected Member	
	Wendy Doye	Elected Member	
	Marie Thornton	Elected Member	Appointed 30/04/2023
	Paul Bickford	Elected Member	Appointed 30/04/2023
John Alligan	Elected Member	Appointed 30/04/2023	
	Terence Owen	Deanery Synod Rep	Appointed 30/04/2023
Charity Registration Number	1127607		
	The PCC is a registered charity within the Anglican Diocese of Chelmsford.		
Principal Address	St John's Church Parish Office		
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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BUCKHURST HILL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Members of the Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC'), who are the charity's trustees for the purposes of charity law, have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year.

Objects of the charity

The charity is responsible in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church be it pastoral, evangelistic, social or ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for maintaining church property situated within the parish.

The objective of the church is to follow Jesus Christ. To know what that means for us we pray and listen to Holy Scripture. The usual context for both these is corporate worship. Strategies for achieving this objective are:

- We encourage and expect our clergy to focus on prayer and the study of Holy Scripture so as to teach the congregation
- We encourage and expect church members to attend midweek discipleship groups
- We encourage and expect church members to be active in the exercise of their own gifts.
- We minister to our local community and school.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Active discipleship is encouraged through homegroups that meet throughout the week. We seek to persuade every Sunday worshipper to join such a group. Currently there are eight groups attracting about half the Sunday congregations. Bible study and prayer are the focal activities and we trust to see close friendships formed to enable help in time of need to be demonstrated. We have centralised our home groups so that all groups study the same material.

We are pleased, after several years of trying to have appointed a Children's and Youth Worker. We have seen the successful setting up of a regular youth group meeting on a Friday night. Significantly our worker has made very good relationships with schools other than our own church school and goes weekly to other schools, both Primary and Secondary.

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We seek to further deepen our understanding of the Christian faith and practical outworking of that faith in our lives through encouraging more special times of prayer. Almost every week a variety of prayer experiences are offered: Celtic prayer, Soaking in the spirit, Healing prayer. We also vary the way intercessions are done in the main morning service to include more of the congregation in the act of prayer.

We trust the growth in personal discipleship must overflow into acts of service in our local community. There is support for a local foodbank; volunteers help run a school for excluded children; other volunteers help run a group for dementia sufferers and their carers; other church members volunteer as trustees and governors for various charities and schools. We also support a debt counselling service.

Our acts of service also extends to the support of our overseas mission work. We have a Mission Matters team which actively displays information of the charities the church supports. The team also encourages church members to take a broader interest and support of mission activity. We have now focused our charitable activity on supporting those missions. For example our annual toy service collection is now in aid of supporting the Mothers of LIV Village to buy presents for the children in their care. We have been visited by two of the charities we support, with more planned for 2024.

Improving our communication has been a focus for 2023 and to this end we redesigned our website www.sjbh.org.uk to make it more user-friendly and appealing. We also launched a podcast stream on which we share our sermons. The purpose of this was to ensure that the full range of teaching is available to people in an accessible format. Our social media channels continue to be a really useful method of engagement with our community stakeholders and we intend to continue to grow this.

We welcomed Buckhurst Hill to St John's for our Harvest Open day in September. It provided a showcase for our local clubs and organisations to reach the community as well as an opportunity for people to donate to our local Food bank. Our social events have included music evenings, a trip to Hever Castle, a golf day and church family meals. We hosted our first 'Hoolie', a wonderful evening of ceilidh, which proved a great hit with all age groups. Once again we have been encouraged by the attendance of visitors alongside our regular congregants.

The King's Coronation in May provided an opportunity for us to join in with the Parish Council's Coronation event at the football club. Our Christmas celebrations were extremely well attended with both our family carol service and Christmas Eve nativity full. It was very rewarding to see neighbours and people we have chatted with at other events attend these services.

Most the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers and the charity could not operate effectively without their efforts.

In planning the activities the PCC have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission and operates under the Charities Act 2011. The governing documents for the charity are the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by, and set out in, the Church Representation Rules. The PCC comprises ex-officio members (which includes clergy and churchwardens), elected members and co-opted members. The PCC organise elections annually before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to fill vacancies.

Responsibility for setting policy and for determining the parameters within which the charity should operate rests with the PCC who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a management team led by the incumbent.

Financial review

During 2023 the charity's income increased by £50K to £383K and expenditure increased by £20k, to £380K. As a result the surplus for the year was £3k (2022: deficit £27K) and the charity's net assets increased by £3K to £2,471K.

Grant making policies

The PCC is committed to the Biblical Tithe of 10% of gross income. This amount is set aside each year and used primarily to fund regular and ad hoc grants to Christian mission work at home and overseas.

Reserves policy

The PCC have determined that the charity should aim to hold cash in unrestricted funds of no less than £66k (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted general fund running cost) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held a reserve of £21,000 specifically designated for unexpected charity expenditure. The total unrestricted funds cash held at the year end was £1,886k, therefore the Trustees are confident they are complying with the reserves policy.

The unrestricted designated funds include £1,709k which is held in a Site Development fund, created from the proceeds of the sale of a property in 2018. The Building Committee are discussing initial plans for a building project with architects; this project is likely to span several years.

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Plans for the Future

Our focus is to move on with the re-development of the site to make it suitable for the ministry we wish to pursue. This building programme will include new rooms within the church at the East End and a replacement of the current church halls with a new two storey church centre.

With such a lot of activity on site it is still planned to develop the church and church centre into spaces more suited for the life of the church today. Consultation across the church has been held and a Building committee set up to explore options. Initial faculties have been submitted to open up our options for this project and this will be ongoing work throughout the year ahead and beyond.

We have booked a Parish Weekend away for September 2024 at Ashburnham Place, and are looking forward to being together as a church family.

Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The PCC review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Other matters

With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

The last quinquennial inspection was held in August 2019 for which all significant works required to be actioned by the Trustees have now been completed.

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Statement of Responsibilities of the Members of the Parochial Church Council

The PCC is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).


Charity law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by:


I D Farley (Sep 24, 2024 11:46 GMT+1)
REV. IAN FARLEY

Date: Sep 24, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BUCKHURST HILL
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 9 to 20 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 11 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the [Trust / Charitable Incorporated Organisation] 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 Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

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 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.

Sarah Crispin
Sarah Crispin (Sep 24, 2024 16:10 GMT+1)
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Date: Sep 24, 2024

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BUCKHURST HILL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies	3	191,255	24,705	-	215,960	202,834
Charitable activities	4	82,220	1,997	-	84,217	96,089
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	-	10,200
Investments	6	82,333	-	-	82,333	23,157
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments		355,808	26,702	-	382,511	332,280
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities	8	368,970	10,983	-	379,953	359,745
Total expenditure		368,970	10,983	-	379,953	359,745
Net income/(expenditure)		(13,162)	15,719	-	2,557	(27,465)
Transfers between funds	15	20,618	(20,618)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,456	(4,900)	-	2,557	(27,465)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		2,219,762	248,235	850	2,468,847	2,496,312
Total funds carried forward	15	2,227,219	243,336	850	2,471,404	2,468,847

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

Rounding differences of £1 may appear in these accounts.

The notes on page 11 - 19 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	10	315,755	216,219	-	531,974	533,202
		<u>315,755</u>	<u>216,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>531,974</u>	<u>533,202</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	11	60,677	-	-	60,677	25,242
Cash at bank and in hand	12	1,886,268	27,117	850	1,914,235	1,927,363
		<u>1,946,945</u>	<u>27,117</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>1,974,912</u>	<u>1,952,605</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(35,482)	-	-	(35,482)	(16,960)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>1,911,463</u>	<u>27,117</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>1,939,430</u>	<u>1,935,645</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>2,227,218</u>	<u>243,336</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>2,471,404</u>	<u>2,468,847</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Unrestricted Funds	15					
General funds		5,661	-	-	5,661	13,150
Designated funds		2,221,557	-	-	2,221,557	2,206,612
		<u>2,227,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,227,218</u>	<u>2,219,762</u>
Restricted Funds		-	243,336	-	243,336	248,235
Endowment Funds		-	-	850	850	850
		<u>2,227,218</u>	<u>243,336</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>2,471,404</u>	<u>2,468,847</u>

Rounding differences of £1 may appear in these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

I D Farley
I D Farley (Sep 24, 2024 11:46 GMT+1)

REV. IAN FARLEY

Sep 24, 2024

Date

Charity number: 1127607

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BUCKHURST HILL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Statutory Information

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Buckhurst Hill is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all activities for which the PCC is legally responsible; the activities of informal gatherings of church members and groups that owe their main affiliation to another body and are excluded.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with The Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the 'Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)' ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The PCC have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The PCC have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the PCC have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The PCC have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

In making this assessment the trustees have considered the ongoing impacts of Covid-19 and have concluded that its impact on net income will not be material.

b) Income

Income (which includes planned giving, collections and other donations) is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part income is generally recognised when it is received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes recoverable gift aid, which is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects.

Income from other trading activities represents income receivable from activities undertaken to generate funds for the charity.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

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2 Accounting Policies continued

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Contributions in respect of the diocesan parish share are included in the Statement of Financial Activities for all amounts agreed to being payable for the financial year.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in these financial statements by virtue of s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Movable church furnishings held by the incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are capitalised in accordance with the policy set out below. These items are regarded as inalienable property and are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time. Inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 has not been capitalised as there is insufficient cost information available.

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land	Is not depreciated (because it is not consumed by use)
Freehold buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Leasehold improvements	Over the lease term or, if shorter, expected useful life
Equipment	Over 3 to 7 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Leased assets

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the charity are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees (NEST). Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

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2 Accounting Policies continued

h) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The members of the PCC do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	189,429	176,166
Other grants receivable	1,520	-
Income tax recoverable	25,011	26,668
	<u>215,960</u>	<u>202,834</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
St Johns Heating contribution	2,750	2,250
Church activities including Church Weekend Away	4,077	14,092
Statutory Income	4,460	5,905
Hall Hire	72,929	73,842
	<u>84,216</u>	<u>96,089</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Letting of residential property	<u>-</u>	<u>10,200</u>

6 Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>82,333</u>	<u>23,157</u>

7 Other income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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8 Charitable expenditure

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
a Church Activities		
Church development	12,120	140
Parish share	99,995	108,412
Hall administration	8,788	8,309
Other expenditure	-	1,602
Churchyard and grounds	6,287	4,238
Utilities	40,563	32,426
Insurance and security	9,167	8,709
Depreciation	9,982	7,793
Repairs and maintenance	16,378	31,723
Cleaning and caretaking	23,279	21,325
Clergy housing expenses	246	15,838
Sunday school and youth work	24,407	1,361
Clergy and ministry expenses	37,565	21,009
Evangelism & community events	9,317	19,512
Church and hall Equipment	4,213	641
	<u>302,307</u>	<u>283,037</u>
Grants payable (note 8c)	28,998	27,979
	<u>331,306</u>	<u>311,016</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,220	2,160
Parish office costs (including salaries)	46,427	46,569
	<u>48,647</u>	<u>48,729</u>
Total expenditure	<u>379,953</u>	<u>359,745</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for examining the accounts was £2,220 (2022: £2,160).

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	28,975	-	28,975
Grants for the relief of poverty	-	23	23
	<u>28,975</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>28,998</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2022 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	27,761	-	27,761
Grants for the relief of poverty	-	218	218
	<u>27,761</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>27,979</u>

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8c Grants payable continued

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Mill Grove	-	800
LIV Village	6,979	6,557
IJM	-	1,200
Sparks - Worth Unlimited	3,000	3,000
Five Talents	6,050	4,800
Open Doors	6,050	4,800
Forest Churches Night Shelter	6,596	5,000
Other grants individually less than £1,000	300	1,604
	<u>28,975</u>	<u>27,761</u>

9 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	82,069	42,925
Social security	461	-
Pension costs	4,261	2,228
	<u>86,791</u>	<u>45,153</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 4 (2022: 2.4). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Ian Farley (who is the clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese and so is not an employee; some of the Parish Share paid to the Diocese is used to help meet the cost of these stipends. Ian Farley was provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and the cost of this accommodation to the PCC was £80 (2022:£3,299). The charity also reimbursed clergy expenses totalling £702 (2022:£2,127) to Ian Farley.

No other member of the PCC received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total 2023 £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	716,916	85,865	802,781
Additions	-	8,754	8,754
At 31 December 2023	<u>716,916</u>	<u>94,619</u>	<u>811,535</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	185,739	83,840	269,579
Charge for the year	7,118	2,864	9,982
At 31 December 2023	<u>192,857</u>	<u>86,704</u>	<u>279,561</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>524,059</u>	<u>7,916</u>	<u>531,974</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>531,177</u>	<u>2,025</u>	<u>533,202</u>

Land and Buildings comprise:

	Cost £	Accumulated Depreciation £	NBV at 31.12.23 £
Residential property held for use by clergy	307,000	-	307,000
St John's Hall	54,000	54,000	-
St Stephen's Hall	<u>355,916</u>	<u>138,857</u>	<u>217,059</u>
	<u>716,916</u>	<u>192,857</u>	<u>524,059</u>

The trustees consider the residual value of the residential property to be very high and have concluded that any provision for depreciation would be immaterial. Consequently no depreciation has been charged.

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax recoverable	7,933	10,924
Other debtors	11,249	8,711
Accrued income	24,494	-
Prepayments	<u>17,001</u>	<u>5,607</u>
	<u>60,677</u>	<u>25,242</u>

12 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	87,830	27,357
Deposit Accounts	1,826,400	1,899,903
Petty cash	<u>5</u>	<u>104</u>
	<u>1,914,235</u>	<u>1,927,364</u>

13 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	27,292	10,830
Taxation and social security	3,817	-
Other creditors	729	2,087
Accruals and Deferred Income	<u>3,643</u>	<u>4,043</u>
	<u>35,482</u>	<u>16,960</u>

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14 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £4,261 (2022: £2,228) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. The pension contributions owing at the balance sheet date were £429 (2022: £270).

15 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

		Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
Designated Funds						
Clergy Housing		307,000	-	-	-	307,000
Site Development Fund		1,639,909	81,170	(12,120)	-	1,708,959
Pastoral Care Fund		1,980	-	-	-	1,980
Associate Minister Fund	c	186,000	-	-	(54,585)	131,415
Clergy Discretionary Fund		5,868	-	-	-	5,868
Tithe Fund	a	9,321	-	(26,831)	27,464	9,953
Reserve Fund		21,000	-	-	-	21,000
Parish Halls Activities	a	35,534	75,679	(68,264)	(7,568)	35,381
		<u>2,206,612</u>	<u>156,849</u>	<u>(107,215)</u>	<u>(34,689)</u>	<u>2,221,557</u>
General Unrestricted Funds	a b c d e	<u>13,150</u>	<u>198,959</u>	<u>(261,755)</u>	<u>55,307</u>	<u>5,661</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds		<u>2,219,762</u>	<u>355,808</u>	<u>(368,970)</u>	<u>20,618</u>	<u>2,227,218</u>
Restricted Funds						
East Wing Development Fund		10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Parish Halls		223,337	-	(7,118)	-	216,219
Wardrobe		1,498	-	-	-	1,498
Organ Repair Fund		735	-	-	-	735
Senior Men's Fellowship		2,037	1,111	(1,729)	-	1,419
Staffing Fund	b e	3,125	23,200	-	(20,232)	6,093
Other restricted funds	d	7,504	2,391	(2,135)	(386)	7,373
		<u>248,235</u>	<u>26,702</u>	<u>(10,983)</u>	<u>(20,618)</u>	<u>243,336</u>
Endowment Fund		<u>850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>850</u>
Aggregate of funds		<u>2,468,847</u>	<u>382,510</u>	<u>(379,954)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,471,404</u>

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- Annually the PCC sets aside a proportion of its income (a tithe) for specific purposes; in this respect £19,896 (2022: £21,622) has been transferred from unrestricted general funds, £7,568 (2022: £7,384) from the Parish Halls Activities Fund.
- The Staffing Fund contributed £22,282 towards the cost of the newly appointed Youth Worker in 2023.
- The Associate Minister Fund transferred £54,585 (2022: £27,000) to the General Fund to cover the employment costs, including housing and expenses costs of the Associate Minister during 2023.
- Other Restricted Funds transferred monies to the General Fund to cover expenses incurred with that fund that relate to the purposes of the restricted funds. (Little Fishes £386 (2022: Little Fishes £684, Julias Fund £650))
- The general fund transferred £2,050 to the staffing fund representing the gift aid claimed on donations to that fund.

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15 Funds continued

Purposes of the various funds:

Designated funds

- a) The **Clergy Housing Fund** represents the carrying value of the charity's residential property. This property is owned so that it can be occupied by clergy however, whilst the post of Associate Clergy is vacant, it is being let.
- b) The **Site Development Fund** is holding monies raised from the sale of the St Elisabeths site in 2018, and will be used to finance future developments on the St Johns Church and Halls sites.
- c) The **Pastoral Care Fund** represents funds set aside to help meet expenses incurred by the pastoral care team.
- d) The **Clergy Discretionary Fund** represents funds set aside for use by clergy to help parishioners in need.
- e) The **Tithe Fund** represents funds set aside from annual income (a tithe) for distribution to chosen charities; it is anticipated that the balance on the fund at the year end will be distributed during the following year.
- f) The **Parish Halls Activities Fund** has been created from income from hall hire, which the trustees have set aside to meet hall hire expenses and general maintenance.
- g) The **Associate Minister Fund** was created by a PCC vote to transfer from the General Funds to create a fund to resource the appointment of a Associate Minister for at least three years.
- h) The **Reserve Fund** has been created by a PCC vote in 2022 to create a fund to hold £21,000 for any future unexpected expenditure needs of the charity.

Restricted Funds

- a) The **East Wing Development Fund** was created from a donation received specifically for future works on the East Wing of the Church building.
- b) The **Parish Halls Restricted Fund** was created from donations received for the construction of Parish halls; the carrying balance on the fund is being reduced annually by charges for depreciation.
- c) The **Wardrobe Restricted Fund** was created from donations received to help meet the cost of Clergy and Choir ceremonial clothing.
- d) The **Organ Repair Fund** was created from donations received to help meet the cost of repairing and maintaining the church organ.
- e) The **Senior Men's Fellowship Fund** represents income received by the Men's Fellowship solely for use by this group.
- f) The **Staffing Fund** has been created from donations received specifically for ministry staff roles in the Parish.
- g) The **Rector's Discretionary Fund** represent monies held for use by the Rector to help parishioners in need.
- h) **Other restricted funds** comprise a variety of other small restricted funds. The most significant is the Julia Bacon Youth Fund, which was created from funds raised to help meet the cost of activities organised for youth in the parish; the balance on this fund at the year end was £4,454(2022:£4,454). The remainder of the year end fund balance is represented by funds held for other church run groups.

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	Endowment	2023
	General funds	Designated funds	funds	funds	
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	8,755	307,000	216,219	-	531,974
Debtors	48,605	12,072	-	-	60,677
Cash at bank and in hand	(27,154)	1,913,422	27,117	850	1,914,235
Creditors falling due within one year	(24,545)	(10,937)	-	-	(35,482)
	<u>5,661</u>	<u>2,221,557</u>	<u>243,336</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>2,471,403</u>

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15 Funds continued

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2022 £	Incoming resources 2022 £	Outgoing resources 2022 £	Transfers in the year 2022 £	Closing balance 2022 £
Designated Funds					
Clergy Housing	307,000	-	-	-	307,000
Site Development Fund	1,619,383	22,962	(140)	(2,296)	1,639,909
Pastoral Care Fund	2,480	-	(500)	-	1,980
Associate Ministers Fund	213,000	-	-	(27,000)	186,000
Clergy Discretionary Fund	6,000	-	-	(132)	5,868
Tithe Fund	4,175	-	(26,157)	31,303	9,321
Reserve Fund	-	-	-	21,000	21,000
Parish Halls Activities	65,348	73,842	(75,272)	(28,384)	35,534
	<u>2,217,386</u>	<u>96,805</u>	<u>(102,069)</u>	<u>(5,510)</u>	<u>2,206,612</u>
General Unrestricted Funds	<u>25,855</u>	<u>228,320</u>	<u>(247,736)</u>	<u>6,711</u>	<u>13,150</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u><u>2,243,241</u></u>	<u><u>325,124</u></u>	<u><u>(349,805)</u></u>	<u><u>1,202</u></u>	<u><u>2,219,762</u></u>
Restricted Funds					
East Wing Development Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Parish Halls	230,456	-	(7,118)	-	223,337
Wardrobe	1,498	-	-	-	1,498
Organ Repair Fund	735	-	-	-	735
Senior Men's Fellowship	2,125	1,213	(1,300)	-	2,037
Rector's discretionary fund	86	-	(218)	132	-
Staffing Fund	-	3,125	-	-	3,125
Other restricted funds	7,322	2,819	(1,304)	(1,334)	7,504
	<u>252,222</u>	<u>7,156</u>	<u>(9,940)</u>	<u>(1,202)</u>	<u>248,235</u>
Endowment Fund	<u>850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>850</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u><u>2,496,313</u></u>	<u><u>332,280</u></u>	<u><u>(359,745)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,468,847</u></u>

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,864	307,000	223,337	-	533,201
Debtors	15,774	9,468	-	-	25,242
Cash at bank and in hand	9,363	1,892,252	24,898	850	1,927,363
Creditors falling due within one year	(14,851)	(2,109)	-	-	(16,960)
	<u>13,150</u>	<u>2,206,612</u>	<u>248,235</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>2,468,847</u>

16 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £29,037 (2022: £24,765) from related parties (which includes members of the PCC, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).

Except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity, or incurred when serving as clergy or as employees, no expenses were paid to (or for) the members of the PCC.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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	Note	Unrestricted funds					Unrestricted funds				
		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:											
Donations and legacies	3	191,255	-	24,705	-	215,960	197,671	-	5,163	-	202,834
Charitable activities	4	6,541	75,679	1,997	-	84,217	20,253	73,842	1,994	-	96,089
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	-	-	10,200	-	-	-	10,200
Income from Investments	6	1,163	81,170	-	-	82,333	195	22,962	-	-	23,157
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments		<u>198,959</u>	<u>156,849</u>	<u>26,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382,510</u>	<u>228,320</u>	<u>96,805</u>	<u>7,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332,280</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:											
Charitable Activities	8	261,755	107,215	10,983	-	379,953	247,736	102,069	9,940	-	359,745
Total Expenditure		<u>261,755</u>	<u>107,215</u>	<u>10,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>379,953</u>	<u>247,736</u>	<u>102,069</u>	<u>9,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359,745</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(62,796)	49,634	15,719	-	2,557	(19,416)	(5,265)	(2,784)	-	(27,465)
Transfers between funds	15	55,307	(34,689)	(20,618)	-	0	6,711	(5,510)	(1,202)	-	(0)
Net movement in funds		<u>(7,489)</u>	<u>14,945</u>	<u>(4,900)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,557</u>	<u>(12,705)</u>	<u>(10,774)</u>	<u>(3,986)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,465)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:											
Total funds brought forward		13,150	2,206,612	248,235	850	2,468,847	25,855	2,217,386	252,221	850	2,496,312
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>5,661</u>	<u>2,221,557</u>	<u>243,335</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>2,471,404</u>	<u>13,150</u>	<u>2,206,612</u>	<u>248,235</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>2,468,847</u>

Rounding differences of £1 may occur










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