

**The Parochial Church Council of St Marys
Eversley and Bramshill**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Aims and Purposes

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Lerys Campbell (prior to his resignation), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance St. Mary's Eversley and its associated church hall.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Marys Eversley and Bramshill. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We aim to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their 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 church building.

Review of the year

Rachel writes:

Sadly 2023 was a year where we lost several life-long members of St. Mary's and Bramshill Chapel, and I would like to pay particular respect to Alan and Gill Bulpitt (who died in 3 months of each other), Pete Tidy (who had run Children's Society collections and supported churchyard maintenance for years before ill health precluded it).

2023 was also a year dominated by the vacancy and prayerful search for our new Vicar, and we were delighted when Rev'd Faith Bailey arrived in the Benefice in early October.

Before that I was very grateful to the support of senior members of Diocesan clergy including Ven Richard Brand, Archdeacon of Winchester, as we sought to maintain regular services of Holy Communion. It was a particular delight to have three people Confirmed by Rt. Rev'd David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke, on 11th June, and we continue to pray for Mandy Coles, Joshua Godfrey and Charlotte Clark as they grow in faith and commitment within our fellowship. It was also lovely to welcome Rev'd Canon Tess Kuin Lawton, Canon Missioner of Winchester Cathedral, for our Patronal Festival in September.

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I was also hugely grateful to all those who helped maintain lay-led services, including particularly Jane Hughes (LLM), Mark Newman (BPP), Tim Ellis (Churchwarden), and Amanda and the Clark family, for their tireless hard-work and commitment.

Whilst the Institution of Rev'd Faith Bailey as our Benefice Vicar took place at our sister parish of St. Barnabas, it was lovely to have musicians from both churches working together, alongside Faith and others to create what was a truly joyous occasion that spoke strongly of God's faithfulness to the Benefice.

Due to my time commitments being stretched in the vacancy, the pre-Lunch Club Holy Communion was dropped back to only once a month (1st Friday), in line with the Communion services she continued to provide prior to St. Barnabas TOTS (their weekly lunch club) and for Hampshire Lakes (4th Fridays). This pattern continued after Faith's appointment.

We pray for 2024 that as we find new and renewed ways to reach out to the local community of Eversley and Bramshill, and adapt our services and building to make them more welcoming, we will see people starting to encounter the love of God and the integrity of worship at St. Mary's afresh.

Faith writes:

I would like to echo Rachel's thanks and gratitude to all those, including Rachel, who have given so much to the church over the last year, I know that an interregnum puts so much extra pressure on everybody. I must say, I still have to pinch myself every time I walk through the churchyard as I can't quite believe that I am the incumbent of such a wonderful church. I would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to all of you for making me feel so welcome, I have so enjoyed meeting you and beginning to get to know you and I am looking forward to getting to know you properly over the next year. I got a real taste of the church and the community over Christmas with the wonderful services and events that happened. I am so looking forward to the next year as we look to love God, love each other and love our community together.

Worship and Prayer

The departure of the Revd Lerys Campbell at the beginning of the year meant that the benefice was in vacancy and the responsibility for the maintenance of the current pattern of worship fell upon the warden, associate priest (Rachel Hartland) and licenced lay ministers. I would like to thank everyone for their support during this period of vacancy

During vacancy it was decided to make no changes to the monthly pattern of worship which remained as:-

1st Sunday 8a.m. BCP communion 10 a.m. Family service

2nd Sunday 10 a.m. Communion

3rd Sunday 8 a.m. BCP Communion 10 a.m. Morning worship

4th Sunday 10 a.m. Communion

5th Sunday 8 a.m. BCP Communion 10 a.m. Morning worship

During the summer evening services were held once a month at Bramshill Mission Chapel

The streaming of services online has continued

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As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 3 baptisms and 1 weddings and held 11 funerals in our church this year.

A committee was formed to produce the benefice profile to be used in the process of obtaining a new vicar. The committee consisted of members of both St Marys Eversley and St Barnabas Darby Green. The production of the profile took considerable effort, and once produced was approved by both St Marys and St Barnabas PCCs and also the diocese.

The selection process was successful and Faith Bailey joined the benefice as our new vicar in September.

We are excited to be working with Faith to move forward and expand the church.

Food Bank

The foodbank continues to be used by many in the local community and this can only happen due to the donations of the public and the time and commitment of all the wonderful volunteers.

We now have the community connectors team who are helping to signpost our clients so that they can move forward and find solutions to their problems.

There is also the community pantry, working alongside us on Thursdays enabling local people to cheaply purchase food that would otherwise have been wasted. A financial and ecological success.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod, Jane Hughes and Mark Newman. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church Building

Use of the church post pandemic is returning to previous levels, maintenance work has continued.

The annual inspection of the fire extinguishers at both the church and the mission hall has been carried out and those extinguishers that were approaching their expiry date have been replaced.

The movement of the 6 ton granite monument to enable investigations into the movement in the west wall continues to be problematical. The stonemason originally selected to move the monument has been unable to source the necessary equipment and has withdrawn.

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The church quinquennial inspection has been carried out by our new church architect. His report has not uncovered any new problems and we are currently working with him on two major projects

- a).The moving of the monument. The architect is investigating two options, the use of a crane which would fit through the lych-gate or the use of a forklift truck
- b) The replacement of the hall window. The architect has obtained quotes for a replacement and a contractor has been selected.

A replacement radio microphone system has been procured which is stored in the vestry and deployed in the church for services.

Our grateful thanks go to the maintenance and cleaning teams all of whom have given their time and practical expertise to keep the church and its environs looking cared for and running smoothly.

Safeguarding

The Parish has adopted the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church' Amanda Clark is our named Safeguarding Officer.

Financial Review

The accounts are prepared by our treasurer Neill Becker on an accruals basis. Total receipts in the year for the General Fund was £52,213 (2022: £47,788) of which £26,031 (2022: £25,483) was voluntary donations through collections, regular giving, and one-off gifts.

£41,445 (2022: £42,249) was spent from unrestricted funds to provide Christian ministry including a contribution to the diocesan common mission fund (CMF). In November the diocese agreed with the PCC a new multi-year agreement for the CMF to enable the parish to pay its share in full. The net result for the General Fund was an excess of receipts over payments of £7,993 (2022: £4,070).

Total funds at the end of 2023 are £146,933 (2022: £138,242).

Reserves Policy

The PCC does not currently have a formal reserves policy but informally we've been managing to at least 6 months in reserves and plan to formalise this in 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

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The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Marys' the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), our associate priest, LLM, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who are members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC meets every other month. More frequent meetings were held as required.

PCC Members

PCC members who served during 2023 were:

2020-2023

Susn Brooker

Martin Clark

Amanda Clark

2021-2024

Neill Becker

Iris Scammells

Jane Pickup

2022-2025

Sharon Brooker

Mick Hibble

Deanery Synod Reps

Mark Newman

Jane Hughes

Ex Officio Members

Rev Faith Bailey (Incumbent)

Tim Ellis (Churchwarden)

Rev Rachel Hartland (Associate Priest)

Jane Hughes (LLM)

Administrative Information

St Marys Eversley and Bramshill is situated at Church Lane Eversley, Hook RG27 0PX. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Barnabas Church, Brinns Lane, Camberley GU17 0BT. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1965, Church Representation Rules 2011).

Charity number 1128040

EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Boyett Mayes Limited
The Stables, Moneys Farm
Bottle Lane
Mattingley
Hampshire
RG27 8LJ

**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOME:						
Planned Givings:						
Standing Order	23,885			23,234		
Envelopes	512			410		
CAF	-			-		
Gift Aid Reclaim	1,634			1,839		
		26,031			25,483	
Other Donations:						
Collections	2,911			3,619		
Fundraising/Events	651			1,226		
Unspecified Donations	10,308			1,745		
		13,870			6,590	
Services:						
Rectory Room Hire	3,850			3,340		
Church Hall Hire	2,042			2,170		
Literature/Wall Safe	128			212		
Other	-			-		
		6,020			5,722	
Bramshill:						
Collections		161			132	
Other:						
Interest Received	356			144		
St Barnabas Contributions	-			-		
Other	5			-		
		361			144	
Fees Received:						
Weddings	977			5,627		
Funerals	3,769			3,567		
		4,746			9,194	
Collections for Charity:						
Special Collections		1,024			523	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>52,213</u>			<u>47,788</u>	
EXPENDITURE:						
To Diocese:						
Parish Share	24,500			24,000		
Fees Paid	1,326			2,224		
		25,826			26,224	
Work of the Church:						
Music/Organists	568			2,259		
Verger	568			500		
Curate/Rector's expenses	47			1,792		
Costs for Weddings & Funerals	1,079			-		
Costs for Fundraising & Events	563			-		
Leaflets, copying and printing	-			(35)		
Supplies for Service	634			120		
Searchers / Messy Church	-			289		
Local Outreach activities	-			-		
Postage, Envelopes, Etc	-			-		
		3,459			4,925	

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
(continued)**

	£	£	2022 £	£
Buildings:				
St Mary's Insurance	2,671		2,649	
Heating Oil	1,492		1,565	
Electricity	2,832		2,832	
Water	216		90	
Broadband	457		471	
Church & Hall Cleaning	1,806		2,140	
Heating Maintenance	-		-	
Church Maintenance	81		120	
Hall/Rectory Room Electricity & Insurance	648		-	
Hall/Rectory Room Maintenance	534		35	
		10,738		9,902
Bramshill:				
Insurance	139		131	
Electricity	144		144	
Maintenance	72		78	
		355		353
Other:				
Sundry	707		525	
Accountancy	360		320	
Misc contributions to Church Costs	-		-	
		1,067		845
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		41,445		42,249
Givings:				
Donations to Charity (Note 1)		2,776		1,469
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		44,220		43,718
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		7,993		4,070
SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD		138,243		132,118
Investments encashed		-		-
Net movement in Restricted Funds		697		2,055
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		146,933		138,243

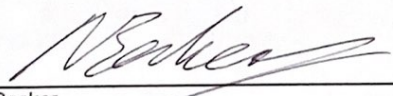
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	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2023			RESTRICTED FUNDS 2022		
	Church Fabric	Other	Total	Church Fabric	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME:						
Donations Received	1,500		1,500	1,500		1,500
CAF / Interest Received	609		609	192		192
GiftAid Refunds	280		280	363		363
Total Income	2,389	-	2,389	2,055	-	2,055
EXPENDITURE:						
Electrical Work / Maintenance	-		-	-		-
Building Works and Architects Fees	1,692		1,692	-		-
Other Expenses			-	-		-
	1,692	-	1,692	-	-	-
Movement in year	697	-	697	2,055	-	2,055
Restricted Funds b/fwd	113,441	-	113,441	111,386	-	111,386
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds						
Restricted Funds c/fwd	114,138	-	114,138	113,441	-	113,441

**EVERSLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities (Note 2)	<u>5,043</u>		<u>7,595</u>	
Total Liabilities		5,043		7,595
ASSETS				
Debtors (Note 3)	1,380		1,360	
Cash at Bank - Main PCC Account	24,999		20,029	
Cash at Bank - No. 2 Account	18,940		18,382	
Cash at Bank - Shawbrook Bank	53,408		53,408	
Cash at Bank - Nationwide	41,791		41,555	
Cash at Bank - CCLA	<u>11,460</u>		<u>11,104</u>	
Total Cash and Debtors		151,976		145,838
Office Equipment	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total Assets		<u>151,976</u>		<u>145,838</u>
Total Net Assets as at 31st December 2023		<u><u>146,933</u></u>		<u><u>138,242</u></u>

Approved by:



Niell Becker
Treasurer

Dated:

21st April '24.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

NOTE 1: CHARITABLE GIVING

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bibles for Charles Kingsley School leavers	495	435
Compassion UK	352	336
Royal British Legion	159	153
Children's Society	479	345
Causeway	300	0
Hart Food Banks	397	200
Diocesan Ordinands Fund	559	0
Others - From Collection	35	0
	<u>2,776</u>	<u>1,469</u>

NOTE 2: ACCRUALS / PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Additional contribution to Common Mission Fund	0	2,000
Weddings, Funerals and Church Services Fees	1,548	3,182
Donations to be paid to Charity	1,074	698
Insurance	0	0
Accountants Fee	360	360
Cleaning	1,062	150
WDBF Contribution to 2023 Utility Bill Increase	1,000	1,000
Other	0	205
	<u>5,044</u>	<u>7,595</u>

NOTE 3: RECONCILIATION OF RESTRICTED FUNDS TO BANK ACCOUNTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Restricted Funds as reported	114,138	113,441
Loan from Main PCC account		
Pending Transfer from Restricted Funds	0	-96
	<u>114,138</u>	<u>113,345</u>
Cash at Bank - No. 2 Account	18,940	18,382
Cash at Bank - Shawbrook Bank	53,408	53,408
Cash at Bank - Nationwide	41,791	41,555
	<u>114,138</u>	<u>113,345</u>

Independent examiner's report to Eversley PCC

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the "Regulations") and s145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

21st March 2024

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