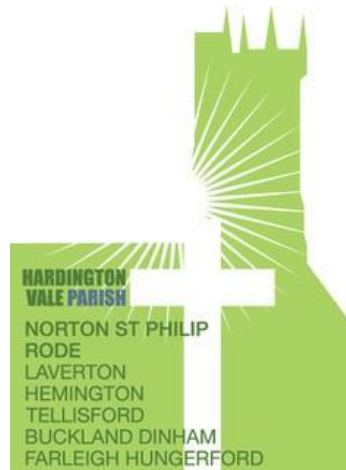


HARDINGTON VALE NEWS

Spring 2024



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Rector's Report

Our Dwelling in the Word passage for 2023 was Philippians 4 vv 4 - 13, the tension and complementarity of rejoicing and anxiety has been a theme that has run through many of our times of reflection and sharing at the start of a PCC or Ministry Team meeting. Across the benefice there is much to rejoice over in the midst of lives and a world that is very broken, in chaos and hurting.

Things to rejoice and thank God for over 2023 include:

Services We have a great team and I am privileged to be part of it all. Our team for 2023 included Revd Jo Robinson our Curate, Barbara Day, Michael Harrison and Fergus Stewart our Lay Readers and Revd Stephen Kivett PTO who helped with preaching and leading eucharist services. We are all ably supported by Ros Clarke doing all the parish admin. We have continued to see a steady growth in Breakfast church attendance and in the main Holy Communion services in both Norton St Philip and Rode. I am delighted that the idea of moving around the benefice for the different services has really embedded itself now and is thus proving a real encouragement to the different villages. Our preaching at the main services has focused on People of Prayer - looking at bible characters from the Old and New Testament. Breakfast church looked at The Lord's Prayer using material from the Pilgrim course. Attendances at all the Christmas services from crib to outdoor events and in our churches have reflected all this connectivity and growth in our communities.

Buckland Dinham: The Frome Deanery plan was approved by the Archdeacon Mission and Pastoral Group (AMPG) in April. The impact of this plan for Hardington Vale was that Buckland Dinham is becoming part of the benefice. They are joining us under the banner of Hardington Vale and as a Chapel of Ease. The implementing of this has gone remarkably smoothly. They are now well and truly part of the church family in all but legal terms. This has been largely helped by Jenny and Rob Waller and Jonny and Meg Griffiths. People from HV are enjoying supporting their creative services and third Saturday coffee mornings - not to mention the joy of the now robust bell ringing team - headed up by Andy Pickett and Jenny Middleton as going to Buckland Dinham gives them the opportunity to ring 10 bells. There is now an established bell ringing rota around the whole benefice on Sunday mornings.

Homegroups: Our Homegroups continue to grow and flourish. These groups are led by Fergus & Rachel Stewart, Michael Walker & Anne Harkness, Peter Yarker and Robin Campbell. Beth Harrison & Barbara Day's group has divided and Beth is now co leading with Becky Rhodes and Barbara with Vivienne Bolton. The exciting and positive thing about our Homegroups is that they welcome Christians in the villages who do not necessarily worship with us but who have a heart for fellowshiping together and praying for the people in the communities that we are all part of and we can now offer this opportunity on Monday through to Thursday evenings.

Curate: Jo Robinson continued to play a full part in services and other activities across the whole parish. Forget Me Not cafe has continued to have a loyal clientele and is much valued by those who attend. Jo has also drawn together teams to lead some very creative family services including a Mother's Day service, an Easter Trail on Holy Saturday and a Father's Day service not to mention the Lay Pastoral Assistant training that she, Mary Morrison and Barbara Day led and offered not just to Frome Deanery but also to Midsomer Norton Deanery.

Prayer: Prayer continues to be the central bedrock to all we do in parish life. For our parish weekend away in October we went to Sheldon and were blessed to have the teaching and ministry of Phil and Marian Moore for this time. Their teaching looked at what we can learn from the prayer life of Samuel and the Psalms.

Children and Youth Work: We have been blessed to have Maria Fleming take on (voluntarily) leading Tots and Toys. Muriel Duckett and Ros Lockley support her in this. Sue Cragg is also training up to be stand by for the weeks that Maria cannot do. Jo, Fergus, Revd Katie Thomas and I have been doing weekly assemblies in Rode and Norton St Philip schools and I have carried out Open the Book (with Jean Richardson joining towards the end of the year) at Hemington once a month. We employed Lydia Chancellor for 6 months a day a week

to research the way forward for Youth work in HV and across the Deanery. Her report highlighted the potential that there is and the need to have deanery-wide vision. Further talks have been held with Tony Cook from the Diocese and Paul Bennett from Youth For Christ to see how we shape this vision going forward. As a result of this we launched a tester Youth Space event at St Philip and St James Norton St Philip in October and 22 young people came and had a fun evening of pool, table tennis, badminton, skittles, pizza and hot chocolate. A good team of 13 people met to plan the way forward for this for 2024 in Dec.

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!' Philippians 4 v 4

Caroline, Rector

Curate's Report

Ongoing Ministries:

Forget me not Café – this is primarily for people living with dementia and their carers. We have a great café team and the café is attended by people from a wider area than just our parish.

School Assemblies - it's been great to be involved in these and also to bring the children to church for a special festival assembly or to learn about the meaning of baptism.

Other Ministries/Courses:

Baptism/Confirmation groups – in April-May 2023 four people attended the Emmaus Course and one was baptised and another is planning to be confirmed. This February (2024) two people are preparing for confirmation using the Start Course. It is encouraging to see people growing in faith and taking steps of commitment to Christ.

Lay Pastoral Assistants Course – this was a Diocesan course held at NSP that Mary Morrison, Barbara Day and I organised and ran in April-May 2023. 16 people came on the 8-week course, the majority of whom came from other parishes. It is great to have lay people trained and enthusiastic to do pastoral ministry.

Bereavement Journey Course – I supported Caroline in running the Bereavement Journey course at NSP for 8 people.

Prayer Ministry Training – I prepared and ran a morning to equip people to do prayer ministry after a Sunday service – 12 people attended.

One-off events in Rode including a cream tea in my garden and a Puddings and Prosecco evening and acting in a Murder Mystery play – both of these in the Memorial Hall. It has been good to include those on the fringes of church in these events and develop relationships with people in the village.

All-Age Services/events in NSP – last year we did three “messy church” style events – a Mother's day service, an Easter Trail and a Father's Day service. The first two were well attended, but the Father's Day wasn't! It was great to offer something that whole families could get involved with and we are building a team to continue these events.

Thank you! I am so grateful for my 4 years here at Hardington Vale. I have learnt so much from everyone here - especially about how to be an outward looking and hospitable church – inviting others to sit at the table and discover that God is good! Thank you so much for investing in my training and offering me fellowship and friendship!

Jo Robinson, Curate

Electoral Roll Report

From the 164 names on the electoral roll as reported in March 2023 there have been the following additions during the year: Catherine Ashburner, Mark Baines, Timothy Davies, Thomas Sheppard, Caroline Vandridge-Ames, Bernard and Barbara Purrier and Jean and Paul Richardson. Only one name has been removed and that was Mhairi Milligan. There are currently 172 names on the electoral roll.

Ros Clarke, Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Report

The annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the year 2022/2023.

This report relates to the year April 2023 to March 2024. The PCC met in person three times. The Standing Committee met five times in person and once by email. It dealt with forthcoming PCC agenda items and matters that would otherwise have had a lengthy wait until the full PCC met.

Administrative information:

- The Parish of Hardington Vale in the Diocese of Bath & Wells includes the Churches of St Leonard (Farleigh Hungerford); St Mary's (Laverton); St Philip & St James (Norton St Philip); St Lawrence (Rode); All Saints (Tellisford) and the church of St Michael and All Angels, Buckland Dinham. The churchyard at St Mary's Hemington remains open and is under the care of the PCC.
- The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hardington Vale is a charity registered with the Charity Commission Reg No. 1128078.
- The Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members (Trustees) who have served during the year are shown below:

Incumbent	Revd. Caroline Walker	(Chair)	
Curate	Revd Jo Robinson	(occasional Chair)	
Readers	Barbara Day Michael Harrison	Fergus Stewart	
Secretary	Tony Day Until May 2023 and Lorna Powell from June 2023		
Parish Wardens	Geoff Banwell	(Rode) (Chair Finance Committee)	
	Fergus Stewart	(Norton St Philip)	
	David Lockley	(Norton St Philip)	
	Chris Cloke	(Norton St Philip)	
Chapel Wardens	Guy Hungerford	(Farleigh Hungerford)	
	Rachel Feilden ¹	(Tellisford)	
	Bob Hill	(Laverton)	
	Jenny Waller	(Buckland Dinham)	
Deputy Wardens	Murial Duckett	(Norton St Philip)	
	Sally Pickett	(Rode)	
Deanery Synod	Andrew Morrison	(Vice Chair) (Health & Safety)	
	Jenny Waller		
	Diana Lucas		
	Barbara Day		
	Mark Baines		
Elected Members	<u>3 years to run</u>	<u>2 years to run</u>	<u>1 year to run</u>
	Mark Baines	David Mayell	Anne Harkness

Anthony Powell	Peter Stratford	Sally Pickett
Andy Filkins	Diana Lucas	Rachel Stewart
Nicky Robinson Moore	Brenda Graham	Susie Filkins

Structure, governance and management

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

Objectives and activities

The PCC has responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical throughout the Parish as well as responsibility for the maintenance of the churches in the Parish.

In 2023/24, the average attendance at PCC meetings was 18 of a possible 27 with a minimum of 16.

The standing committee met six times to expedite the following matters:

July 5 in person post PCC meeting discussion of Lydia Chancellor's paper on mission to young people

September 7 in person The Sixth Bell Project at St Leonard's Farleigh Hungerford, the Visit of Bishop Michael on

September 11th and Extraordinary PCC meeting and the PCC Awayday on November 4th

October 19 by email decision to apply for a List B faculty to trim a few of the trees in the churchyard

November 20 in person Preparation for the sabbatical of the Rector from New Year until 4th March 2024 and the result of the Skills Audit undertaken by church members

At each meeting, the PCC received written reports: on Teamwork from the Rector and the Curate and from PCC members with specialist responsibilities, including Finance, Buildings and Churchyards, Safeguarding, Eco Church and Health and Safety. Meetings were held either in in NSP church or at St Lawrence church, Rode. Each meeting began with Susie or Andy Filkins leading the PCC in "Dwelling in the Word" using the passage Philippians 4:4-13.

The PCC agreed to the following appointments.

Andrew Morrison	Vice-Chair
Lorna Powell	Secretary
Nick Brown	Treasurer
Geoff Banwell	Chair of the Finance Committee
Rachel Stewart	Safeguarding Officer
Andrew Morrison	Health & Safety Officer
Ros Clarke	Electoral Roll Officer

At its meeting on **29 June, 20** of a possible 27 attended.

The PCC considered papers on *Developing our vision and strategy for ministry with young people and children* and on the *Mission Action Plan for Hardington Vale* (MAP) incorporating Partnership in Missional Church (PMC) and discussed plans for a longer than usual Awayday on November 4th.

Requested expenditure of £58,435 plus VAT on the church roof at Rode, supported by the paper *Note on St Lawrence Rode Roof Project*, was approved.

The PCC agreed to appoint Lorna Powell as Secretary and the following positions:

Acting Captain of Tower NSP: Jenny Middleton

Tower Captain St Lawrence Rode: Sally Pickett

Tower Captain St Leonard's Farleigh Hungerford: Sandy Wheeler

At its meeting on **18 September**, 19 of a possible 27 attended.

Jenny Waller from Buckland Dinham PCC was welcomed as an observer. Buckland Dinham had confirmed their willingness to become part of Hardington Vale benefice.

The PCC agreed to:

- the transfer of the parish of Buckland Dinham, in the benefice of Mells with Vobster with Buckland Dinham, Elm, Whatley and Chantry, to the benefice of Hardington Vale
- the union of the parish of Buckland Dinham and the parish of Hardington Vale, in the benefice of Hardington Vale
- the parish church of St Michael and All Angels, Buckland Dinham, to become a Chapel of Ease in the parish of Hardington Vale

Members were encouraged by the feedback from Bishop Michael following his visit to the benefice on 10th September.

Eco Church: Barbara Day presented a paper and the PCC agreed that surveys would be carried out in Tellisford, Rode and Norton St Philip churches. Eco Church would be a standing agenda item for the foreseeable future.

PCC meeting papers were now being displayed on an overhead screen, instead of being provided on paper, thereby saving trees, print and cartridge costs and electricity.

At its meeting on **30 November**, 16 of a possible 27 members attended.

As part of Mission, Fergus reported on a successful first evening for 22 teenagers held in the church in NSP, with the young people and some parents asking for it to be run again. The church aim is to reach out to young people 'on the margins' and to have some spiritual input.

Fergus summarised the key points from the 4 November Away Day and how, together with Dwelling in the Word feedback on the day, the PCC now had a sense of God's guidance. The day had informed PCC priorities and it was agreed to keep the resulting plans under review. The Mission Action Plan would therefore be on every PCC meeting agenda, focusing on one or two of the key priorities.

Safe Families was adopted as the charity the parish would support.

The PCC agreed that the Buckland Dinham's Friends Constitution would be incorporated into the Hardington Vale Structures and Responsibilities document. The aim of this overarching document would be to take

account of the individual nature of each church while ensuring consistency in approach and would be a living, working resource.

The PCC considered the Deanery Questionnaire on Communication - and communication from Parish to Deanery and vice versa. More use would in future be made of the Deanery leaflet; and Deanery meeting feedback would be published in Parish News, on Facebook and on the church website, along with the names of Deanery representatives.

On Finance, in relation to Giving and the Parish Share, the PCC noted the overall good financial picture but agreed to focus on building God's kingdom. It was agreed that the proposals in Geoff's paper 'PCC. Expenditure Limits' would apply across the parish.

Lorna Powell, Secretary
Hardington Vale PCC
21/02/2024

Home Groups

Our Homegroups continue to flourish and in the past year four have become five: one group grew big enough to seed another. It is heartwarming that there are now more than 50 Christians in the Parish regularly meeting, praying, studying the Bible and reflecting together, including people who don't necessarily worship with us. Fergus and Rachel Stewart's group (Tuesday evening) is currently using art linked to scripture as a basis for reflection and discussion; Peter Yarker and Robin Campbell's (Tuesday afternoon) is finding great riches in the Psalms; Michael Walker and Lorna Powell's (Tuesday evening) is studying a Bible Society course on Romans; both Beth Harrison and Miriam Bruggers's group (Wednesday evening) and the group run by Barbara Day with Vivienne Bolton (Thursday evening) are following the Ignatian contemplative model and include a scripture passage and time of silence. Groups generally meet once a fortnight. If you are interested in joining one of these, please do contact Robin Campbell robincampbell@gmail.com

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School Report



RODE AND NORTON ST PHILIP FIRST SCHOOL FEDERATION



The highlight of our Autumn term was our '**Museum of Me**' exhibition which we ran in Rook Lane Arts Centre in Frome. Photos and exhibits celebrated family members who were World War 2 heroes, spies, inventors, footballers, rugby players, prisoners of war, famous ballet dancers and even pigeon fanciers.

The Spring term kicked off with '**Wonderful Words Week**' where we explored writing poetry, adverts and song writing. During this week we also launched the national '**Poetry By Heart**' Competition which sees children learn two poems off by heart. Their performances are filmed, and the national winners get to perform at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. Fingers crossed!

We celebrated **World Book Day** on March 7th with a carousel of book themed workshops in different classrooms. One included writing (and mixing!) revolting recipes for 'The Spider and The Fly'. There were also several 'Mystery Readers' who visited the classes to read their stories dressed as 'The Princess and the Pea', a wolf and an old lady from a gingerbread house!

Our topic this term is '**Tales and Teeth**' and the children in all year groups have been learning about animals, their habitat, food and offspring. Two classes had a **visit from vet Chris Mangham** who brought in some animal skulls and teeth. Revolting! The children loved it!

Every class has been on trip this term to aid their learning. Reception went on a **Troll Hunt** in Rode and studied rivers and bridges. Year 1 and 2 visited **Longleat**. Year 3 spent **a day in Bath** at the Ladybird books exhibition in the Victoria Art Gallery and trying out experiments at the 'Brilliantly Engineered' workshop at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution. Year 4 journeyed to the new **Bristol Zoo**.

On March 13th our Toot and Dood players (a modern recorder/flute) took part in a **concert at the Frome Cheese and Grain** alongside other local schools and professional musicians. It provided a wonderful opportunity for them to play as part of an orchestra.

As I type excitement is building for next week's Design Technology project '**The Great Big Mini-Egg Challenge**'!

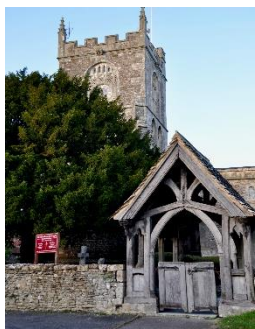


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Church Wardens' Reports

St Michael & All Angels, Buckland Dinham

In 2023, as part of a Deanery reorganisation, and following a lengthy period of consultation on both sides, St Michael's joined the Parish of Hardington Vale from the Mells Group benefice. As part of the reorganisation, St Michael's is no longer designated as a parish church with all the responsibilities that entails.



From September 2023, services have been coordinated with Hardington Vale, including the introduction of an evening service on the fourth Sunday of each month to increase the options available to worshippers. In early 2024, finances will be fully merged.

St Michael's has a small congregation, but is well supported in the village. Attendance at festival services is rising again post lockdown - appropriately for a farming village, the harvest service and produce auction is particularly well

supported.

In addition to three monthly services (two lay services based on Iona liturgy, and one communion service), the church holds a monthly coffee morning run by the Friends group which attracts around 40 people and acts as a vital opportunity for social contact in the community.

The church building is in a sound state. Over the last few decades a toilet, kitchen and audio system have been installed, the bells have been rehung and a small meeting room has been created. Removing several

rows of pews at the back of the church provides a flexible space for coffee mornings and other activities. The Buckland Dinham PCC also brings a healthy bank balance which should take care of regular maintenance needs for some time. This was helped by a recent legacy and a contract with Voneus, who operate a broadband transmitter from the tower.

The Buckland Dinham congregation has been delighted with the move, and has welcomed worshippers from across Hardington Vale. Similarly, Buckland Dinham members have been made to feel at home when they visit other churches in the parish.

The reorganisation has given us a new vision for the future of the church with new friends and new perspectives. Thank you to everyone at Hardington Vale who have given so generously of their time and interest to make us welcome.



St. Leonard's Church, Farleigh Hungerford

This has been a happy and productive year for St Leonard's. The monthly pattern of alternate communion and matins services has been maintained and over the year there have been two weddings and two memorial services. On a sunny day in May there was a very well attended garden party and buffet lunch and a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of St Leonard's. The Carol Service took place on the Sunday before Christmas.

The overall condition of the church remains good and steady progress continues on items of maintenance. Considerable enhancement has resulted from the installation of an electric under-pew heating system and by the fitting of comfortable cushion seating. A new Quinquennial Report will be due at the end of 2024. All improvements have been exclusively funded by the Friends to whom much gratitude is due.

Owing to a major and most generous donation, a faculty has been granted to completely reorganise and reform the arrangement of the bell tower, so that for the first time in the 580 year history of St Leonard's there will be a peal of six bells plus a tolling bell. It is hoped that this exciting project will be accomplished by the end of 2024

The terrier and log book are up to date and show the addition of six more velveteen stacking chairs.

We are fortunate to have so much dedicated support in the maintenance of the Church and churchyard and my warm thanks are due particularly to Mike Smith, Sallie Neill, John Davidson, Robin and Deborah Allen, Rex Eastment, Sue Bevan and Claire Covill for the great contribution they have made throughout the year to the smooth running of worship and to the wellbeing of the Church and the immaculate Churchyard.

We all appreciate the lively brilliance of the flowers arranged by Deborah Allen, Dilys MacKechnie and Catriona Murfitt.

Guy Hungerford, Chapel Warden



St Mary's, Laverton

Mhairi Milligan

Our report starts by featuring this amazing Laverton resident. For several years a Churchwarden, for her care of the churchyard she earned the title Gardening Angel. An actress, she drove herself to auditions, often held in Bristol, and played in productions in Frome. In church, the expressiveness of her readings was unequalled. "It's all I have left" she would say rather sadly. She came to Laverton in 1997 and in 2018 moved from Row Court to live with her eldest son Mark, and Lou. She died in September 2023, aged 97. The service of thanksgiving for her life, held in Norton St Philip, was attended by 160 people: more than twice the capacity of St Mary's Laverton, in

whose churchyard her ashes were interred in a family service taken by the Revd Barry Davies on 10 October 2023. Mark and Lou, and Max, Melissa, Amber, Archie, Wil, Holly Whiting, Lara Delmage, Amy Thorns and Sherry Falconer were present.

Wedding

On 21 October 2023, Trafalgar Day, Jenny Hill (erstwhile of this parish) and Simon Reitter were married in a service taken by the rector Revd Caroline Walker. The church was filled by 39 of their personal guests and 12 from the village and regular congregation. Mary Martin played the organ, Simon's sons Will and Teddy were the Best Men, and Lexi the lurcher paid close attention throughout. The bride arrived, and bride and groom departed in a 1937 Alvis provided and driven by Chris Haynes.

Repair Completions

The final repair of the 2019 Quinquennial Inspection: "Take down and rebuild the northeast corner of the churchyard boundary wall" was completed in this final year of the 5. The 2024 Quinquennial Inspection will be undertaken by architect Rob Toal of Benjamin & Beauchamp.

The long running saga of recovery from the damage caused by mice inside the organ finally ended with the completion by Brian Hooper of the work specified by Dominic Gwynn. It was completed in time for the organ to be used for the 21 October Reitter-Hill wedding.

In June, the church clock striking auto-wind ceased to work properly. Nathan Coffin took it to his workshop, stripped and cleaned the unit, replaced two seized roller bearings and renewed the micro switches. The clock now works well.

Church Services

The pattern of services remained: Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and lay led morning service on the next 3 Sundays. There was the customary large congregation for the Carol Service which for the second year featured the lovely harpist Yvaine Su who played two carols, also Indy Bass who sang a Fisherman Friends song.

Terrier, Inventory & logbook

The documents have been reviewed. All is present and correct. The logbook is up to date.

Sir Robert Hill, Chapel Warden

St Philip & St James, Norton St Philip



Worship

We are blessed in that our worshipping congregations continue to grow. Our service pattern includes Holy Communion services twice a month a Breakfast gathering on the first Sunday of the month and a time of informal praise and worship on the third Sunday. Morning Prayer is held each Monday and a period of silent prayer on Thursday evenings. Our Palm Sunday procession, led by Bert the donkey, from the George Inn to the Church was well attended as was our Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday. Our Easter celebration began with a Sunrise Service in the churchyard at dawn on Easter Day, always a very special occasion, followed by breakfast.

Our Christmas celebrations included a candle-lit carol service (with our new candle holders around the pillars), a Christingle Service, the midnight communion on Christmas Eve and the Family service on Christmas Day. It was wonderful to see so many young families and children at some of these services.

We are also fortunate to have an *ad hoc* choir under the leadership of Caroline Whitehead singing at Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas.

Other Activities

The church has hosted 'Tots and Toys' every Wednesday between 9 and 11 am and on the third Monday of each month, a 'Forget-Me-Not' cafe has welcomed people suffering from dementia and their carers for conversation and a cup of tea. A course on Bereavement was held in the church during the autumn and in November, an exhibition of photographs and information about former villagers who had served in the armed forces during the war was presented by Tony Day to commemorate the centenary of the Norton St Philip Branch of the Royal British Legion. Children from the school also used the church for their Christmas productions.

The Building

Care of the church building is funded from the Fabric and Friends Fund. Michael Walker has worked tirelessly completing maintenance tasks identified in the last Quinquennial Inspection but in August, our architect carried out the most recent inspection. Her report has identified many areas requiring attention, although thankfully, nothing too serious. We will however need to work hard to raise more money during the coming year. In October, the annual meeting of the Friends of St Philip & St James was held and we were treated to a very interesting talk by Nick Sorensen about the visit of the diarist Samuel Pepys who visited the church in 1668. A new projector was also purchased this year.

Fund Raising

Our main focus on fund raising has been the organisation of concerts, thanks largely to Nick Sorensen. We have continued to hold Lunchtime Concerts every month (except December) and several evening events which included a concert by the talented Sarah McQuaid in April, the return of the American folk duo 'Hungrytown' in October and a most amusing evening with the 'Magnificent AKs' in November. Other fund raising events included a cream tea for the King's Coronation in May and the popular Christmas Fair in December. These events have raised a total of £3,633 for the year. Thanks to our flexible space in the church, we can also hire out the building for parish meetings, wedding receptions, birthday parties and anniversary celebrations and this has raised £770 this year.



The Churchyard

Mowing the churchyard has been undertaken by a new contractor and this seems to be working well but costs have increased. Working parties have been assembled in the spring and autumn under the leadership of Duncan Barley to control the growth of nettles and ivy etc. We are grateful to the parish council for their annual grant to help pay for the upkeep of the churchyard.

Thanks

Our grateful thanks go to our faithful bell ringers, the clock winders, the people who lock and unlock the church, the flower group, the people who provide refreshments at services and concerts and our church cleaners. We do appreciate all that you do.

Church wardens, Muriel Duckett, David Lockley

Norton St Philip Warden Report (Strategy)

The PCC away day in November was a useful opportunity to discuss our strategy. We employed the “Seeking God’s Way Together” approach to find answers to the question: **What is God saying to us as a parish for the next 12 months (and beyond)?** Our discussion then crystallised into an updated Mission Action Plan, with the following key priority areas:

- **Planning** around families and young people (and other parts of our demographic we may not be reaching as well as we should)
- **Prophetic** challenge to care for our environment
- **Practising** hospitality
- **Praying** and praising together
- **Projecting** our faith

We realised that these priorities can be thought of as a kind of checklist of things we should be considering at all the points we touch people’s lives.

In terms of the first priority, we have continued discussions around a deanery-wide approach to work with young people and families. After an encouraging meeting with local clergy, the Diocese Go team and Youth for Christ (south west), we identified the launching of a youth provision in this parish as the initial step towards the wider vision. After an exploratory event in November, which was very well attended, we have now established a monthly “Youth Space” for secondary age young people. This is held in the church in Norton St Philip on every 4th Monday in the month but is open to youngsters across the parish. We have a committed team of volunteers and a good measure of goodwill from parents and young people. This encouraging start helps keep alive the vision of a wider ministry, sharing resources across other parishes in the deanery. Meanwhile, attendance at the weekly Tots and Toys continues to be strong and there has been a good response to family-orientated services such as Christingle and Mothering Sunday.

Fergus Stewart, Church Warden

St Lawrence, Rode



Services

We continue to have Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays in the month, Breakfast church on the second Sunday and Informal worship on the fourth Sunday. We are always delighted to welcome our friends from other parts of the parish to any of these services.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who provide the delicious breakfasts on the second Sundays as well as the refreshments at the other services.

The Church Building

The major item on the agenda continues to be the re-covering of the roof. Following a tendering process a contract for the first phase (South Aisle plus South side of Nave) was entered into with West Country tiling. Work could not start immediately because of the need to wait for the departure of the bats in the Autumn. The bat survey alone cost £4,500 and the roofing contract for this phase is over £120,000. At the time of writing the South side of the Nave is complete and work is continuing on the South Aisle roof. This phase should be finished by the end of March 2024. The roofers will then depart so that the bats can return for the summer.

The second phase (North Aisle and Porch plus North side of Nave) has gone out to tender recently. It is hoped that work on that phase will commence in the Autumn of 2024 if a supply of new stone tiles can be secured. The suppliers of these have a backlog of orders and some delay may arise.

The third and final phase (Chancel and Vestry) will be carried out over the winter of 2025-26 if the balance of the necessary funds can be raised and all goes according to plan.

Turning to fund raising for this project, an appeal to Rode residents has so far raised £23,617.50 (including gift aid). One resident has matched this with an equal amount of so that the total received from the village is £47,235.00. Grants totalling £26,000 have been obtained, and, as mentioned previously, the trustees of the Richard Oatley Foundation have pledged £300,000 without which the work could not have been contemplated. We are most grateful for the continuing support of the trustees of the Foundation. However, we still are significantly short of the total required to complete the whole roof project and further donations and grants will be sought.

The Churchyard

The Churchyard has been regularly mown and kept in good order. We are grateful to Rode Parish Council for the annual grant they provide towards the cost of maintenance.

Terrier and Log Book

The Terrier and Log Book are up to date.

Fund Raising

Fund raising specifically for the roof project has been mentioned under “The Church Building” above. Apart from that there are other regular and other donations, funds to pay for maintenance and insurance of St Lawrence are raised by the Heart of Rode committee. During the year the money raised by the committee was as follows: Murder Mystery £659, Rode Roxy (6) £1287, Tombola at the Chapel £111, Raffle at Pudding and Prosecco £170 and Harvest Supper £302 making a total of £2529.

Occasional Offices

During the year there were two baptisms, no marriages and two funerals at St Lawrence.

Geoff Banwell and Sally Pickett, Churchwardens

All Saints Tellisford

Tellisford's Church of All Saints became a Chapel of Ease in June 2017, so each year the congregation and the Fabric Committee elect a Chapel Warden (currently Rachel Feilden), and the Deputy Warden is Helen Curwen. The regular pattern of services changed in 2023 as the last Lay Led Matins was held in August. The congregation continues to meet in the church for Holy Communion at 9am on the fourth Sunday of each month, and Evening Prayer every Tuesday fortnight at 5pm. Some communicants still opt for intincted wafers as Covid cases continue in the community.

Special services included our patronal festival on 1st November celebrating both All Saints' Day and All Souls (2nd November), and Nativity Poems and Carols held inside the church for the first time since 2019.

Our church is open to visitors during daylight hours throughout the year. The team of seven flower arrangers kept the church looking cared for and welcoming. Comments in the Visitors' Book reflect how much our visitors value finding this small church open, and enjoying its peace and beauty. A footpath passes through the churchyard, and from visitors' comments we are evidently on a pilgrimage route linking Wells, Frome and Bath.

Tellisford's Millenium Bench was moved into the churchyard when a Jubilee Bench replaced it at the crossroads. All 62 headstones were checked for stability, of which 11 required attention; these were stabilized in August. There were two burials and an interment of ashes, and the churchyard plan is up to date. The Fabric Committee's mowing pattern continues to be a fortnightly mow including paths connecting to the footpath, a late summer mow of longer growth, and strimming the edges in Autumn. In late September we undertook another inventory of plants, identifying 64 with the help of two knowledgeable people from Hemington.

The electrical appliances were PAT-tested on 25th May and 8th June 2023 on a schedule in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Fire extinguishers were inspected on schedule in June. We have inspected the Terrier, and all church goods and chattels therein are in place. The Log Book and Register of Services are up to date.

Occasional Offices

Burial of Philip Pobjoy, 8th July 2023 (following funeral at Chatley Farm)

Baptism of Daisy Dawson, 6th August 2023

Burial of Patricia Myers, 20th September 2023

Funeral of Raymond Ramm, 13th October 2023

Interment of Jenny Arney's ashes, 26th October 2023

All Saints and All Souls, Wednesday 1st November 2023

Memorial Service for Simon Morrell, 11th December 2023

Nativity Poems and Carols, Saturday 23rd December 2023

Rachel Feilden and Helen Curwen, Churchwardens

Safeguarding Report



Safeguarding Action Plan

We are gradually working through our compliance and are showing as having made 45% progress on the dashboard. We can now add DBS checks onto the Safeguarding Hub which sits alongside the dashboard.

Safeguarding concerns

All safeguarding concerns have been addressed and we have had good support from our Diocesan Safeguarding Manager.

I have provided information about how to access safeguarding training and we have discussed appropriate boundaries in interacting with children and other adults with volunteers for the Youth Space and Pastoral prayer ministry.

All helpers have been asked to cover the first 2 levels of safeguarding training.

A training Update will be requested from our Administrator, Ros Clarke so we can see what training is currently outstanding for PCC members and activity helpers.

Rachel Stewart, Safeguarding Officer

Music

We continue to enjoy regular organists for the Holy Communion services with Andrew Morrison playing



at Norton St Philip and David Thomas playing for St Lawrence, Rode, along with various pianists, including Caroline Whitehead, Ros Clarke and Anthony Powell and Sally Pickett helping with other services on an ad hoc basis. There is a mixture of recorded and live playing for the informal services. Caroline Whitehead rehearsed and conducted a choir made up of local volunteers from around the parish for the Easter and Christmas services. We are fortunate to have Nick Sorensen in our community who continues to compose pieces for this choir. Anyone who would like to be involved with helping lead music and worship at any services or to sing in the

choir should contact Ros Clarke (admin@hardingtonvale.org.uk) for the Holy Communion services and Fergus Stewart (fandrstewart1985@gmail.com) for breakfast church and informal services.

Eco Church

The Eco church group has met 3 times this year. Norton St Philip church has almost reached Bronze Award level. Since then we have put up bird boxes in the churchyard and begun to identify small spaces with lots of interesting flora that can be left undisturbed by strimmers. We plan to put up notices in the churchyard and a display at the back of church as helpful educational information about our intentions. How to make our heaters more effective is under discussion. We applaud Rachel Feilden about Tellisford's bio diverse churchyard. We would love to see other churches in our Parish take an interest in this endeavour.

Barbara Day

Parish Clergy Contacts

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(day off normally Friday)

CURATE

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PARISH OFFICE

Parish Administrator, Ros Clarke, Office Opening Times: Mon-Wed 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

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Notice of Meeting

The Parish of Hardington Vale

Buckland Dinham, Farleigh Hungerford, Hemington, Laverton, Norton St Philip, Rode, Tellisford

Notice of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 25 April 2024 at 19:30

To be held in St Lawrence Church, Rode

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer and Dwelling in the word.
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 30th March 2023
4. Matters arising from the Minutes

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

(note: All residents of the Parish of Hardington Vale and all those on the Electoral Roll may vote)

1. Election of churchwardens (Parish Wardens)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(note: only those on the Electoral Roll may vote)

1. To receive the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023
2. To appoint an external examiner
3. To receive Annual Reports (as published in Hardington Vale News 2024)
4. Deanery Synod Report
5. To elect representatives to the Deanery Synod (see note over page)
6. To receive the Electoral Roll Report
7. To elect members of the Parochial Church Council (see note over page)
8. Rector's remarks

Lorna Powell, Secretary to the Parochial Church Council

Hardington Vale

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2023

Registered Charity No 1128078

Prepared by
N J Brown FCCA
Treasurer

Reviewed by
Anthony Day
FCCA (Retired)

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12 Months Accounts to 31st December 2023

12 Months 12 Months

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Friends Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	103,239		107,500	29,163	239,902	156887
Grant							
Activities for generating Funds	2(b)				7,431	7,431	7697
Parish Magazines	2(c)		16,228			16,228	13474
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		103,239	16,228	107,500	36,594	263,561	178058
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Common Fund		58,517			4,799	63,316	62873
Charitable Donations		2,590			232	2,821	2173
Ministry Expenses		12,603			1,007	13,610	10022
Family Worker		2,947				2,947	7607
Electricity, Gas, Oil & Water		3,285			642	3,927	6824
Admin Expenses News Letters			14,372			14,372	9432
Maintenance & Cleaning				70,286	14,536	84,823	14119
Heritage Grant							33618
Music, Audio & Visual		612			5,785	6,397	1437
Church Activities		731				731	808
Architects Fees				8,218	331	8,549	7000
Finance & Insurance		545			6,728	7,273	6364
NSP Bells				60		60	60
Flower Fund				22		22	44
Roundings						2	-1
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		81,830	14,372	78,587	34,061	208,852	162380
<i>Appendix</i>		<i>B</i>	<i>H + G</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>D</i>		
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES		21,409	1,856	28,913	2,534	54,710	15,678
Transfers							
Actual income current year		<u>21,409</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>28,913</u>	<u>2,534</u>	<u>54,710</u>	<u>15,678</u>
BALANCE B/FWD 1 JANUARY		23,060	19,955	74,266	38,032	155,315	139637
BALANCE C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		44,469	21,811	103,179	40,566	210,025	155,315
Market Value of Investments		24,189			22,379	46,568	42531
Net Total Including Investments		68,657	21,811	103,179	62,945	256,592	197,846

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	2022	2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments	6,463	10,403
Investments	42,531	46,568
Cash at bank and in hand	154,579	206,495
	<u>203,573</u>	<u>263,466</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	5,727	6,873
Total Net Assets	<u>197,846</u>	<u>256,592</u>
Parish Funds		
Unrestricted	45,151	68,658
Restricted - Friends Funds	58,473	83,714
Restricted - Specific Funds	74,266	82,408
Designated	19,956	21,813
	<u>197,846</u>	<u>256,592</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council 9th March 2024
G Banwell (Chairman of Finance Sub Committee))

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of Hardington Vale

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6 and the supporting schedules, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Charities Act 2011(the Act)

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Act.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the 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 Charities 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.

Anthony Day
FCCA (Retired)
Signed

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Designated Funds may be set aside out of an unrestricted fund for a specific purpose, such as the replacement of vestments or

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized with the incoming resource to which they relate and are accrued. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Notes:

1. The income & expenditure has been fully accrued or prepaid into the period to which it relates.

2. Funds not under the direct control of the PCC have been excluded

2(a) Voluntary Income

Appendix

Collections & Envelopes
Income Tax Rebate
Donations, Awards, Grants & Bequests
Dividends & Bank Interest
Fees
Revaluation of Investments
Others

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Friends Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
(A)	(F)	(E)	(C)		
72057		24098	13009	109164	73094
16591		4943	3891	25425	19606
3052		78047	9719	90819	46049
3485		412	1071	4968	1859
8054				8054	6552
			1473	1473	-666
103239		107500	29163	239902	156887

2(b) Activities for generating Funds

16228	7431	23659	21171
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2(c) Parish Magazines

Income
Expenses
Surplus/ (shortfall in Year)
Balance B/fwd
Total before transfer
Transfer to General Fund
Prior Year Adjustment
Balance C/fwd
Appendix G

The Link	Parish News	Total
5953	10275	16228
4737	9635	14372
1215	640	1856
9689	6224	15913
10904	6864	17769
10904	6864	17769

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

Accounts for the period

1st January 2022 - 31st December 2023

Parish Funds	January 1st	Change In Year	Movement between Funds	December 31st
Unrestricted				
Investment	HV 22091	2098		24189
General Fund	0-7 23,060	21,409		44,469
	45,151	23,507		68,658

Restricted Funds

Restricted Friends Funds

Investment - NSP	20,440	1,939		22,379
Farleigh Hungerford	10 339	38		377
Hemington	11 -207			-207
Laverton	12 16,244	143		16,387
Norton St Philip	13 16,590	-493		16,097
St Lawrence Rode	14 4,820	2,295	19,640	26,755
All Saints Tellisford	15 247	-180		67
Hemington Churchyard	18 1,131	665		1,796
St Michaels Buckland Dinham	19	64		64
	59,604	4,470	19,640	83,714

N St P Flower Fund	20 444	-2		442
NSP Bell Fund	22 431	165		597
N St P Garden of Remembrance	23 2,341			2,341
St Lawrence Rode HOR Appeal	29 19,640		-19,640	
St Lawrence Roof Appeal(Oatley)	30 15,500	-15,500		0
St Lawrence Bell Fund	31 5,078	158		5,236
St Lawrence Rode Appeal	32 3,047	40,009		43,056
St Lawrence Roof Grants	33	2,941		2,941
Woolverton Trust	35 6,469	412		6,881
Tellisford Bell Appeal	36 83	54		137
HV Family Worker	57 6,134	675		6,809
N St P Choir Fund	40 131			131
N St P Lighting Fund	41 53			53
St Lawrence Rode Reserve Fund	32a 13,784			13,784

73,135	28,913	-19,640	82,408
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Designated Funds

The Link	10,796	1,216	12,012
Parish News	9,160	641	9,801
	19,956	1,856	21,813

Total Funds	197,846	58,746	256,592
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Accounts for the period

1st January 2022 - 31st December 2023

Represented by

	2022	2023
Bank Accounts		
HV Current Account Nat West	105,950	154,030
Nat West NStP	490	703
CCLA - Hardington Vale CB3020108	23,902	25,956
CCLA - Investment Rode CB3019596	2,235	2,517
TSB Bank 00132904	3,531	3,531
TSB Bank 00146975	5,541	6,444
CCLA Investment Fund - Woolverton CB3058754	3,345	3,657
Scottish Widows Treasury Tracker Laverton	9,586	9,656
	<u>154,580</u>	<u>206,495</u>

Debtors & Prepayments

Debtors	Note 1 below	6,463	10,403
Investments		42,531	46,568
		<u>48,994</u>	<u>56,971</u>

Creditors & Accruals

Creditors	Note 2 Below	5,727	6,873
Year End Movement		<u>5,727</u>	<u>6,873</u>

Total

<u>197,847</u>	<u>256,592</u>
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The General Fund and the Friends of Norton St Philip have the benefit of dividend income from shares in a CBF investment fund which at the 31st December 2023 had a collective market value of £46568

Being made up of -	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023
Hardington Vale Investment GB3020109	£15,562	19752	22592	19944	21837
Hardington Vale Investment CB30220110	£1,675	2126	2432	2147	2351
Jackson Bequest - NSP Friends CB3020111	£15,385	19527	22334	19717	21588
EM Bell Bequest NSP Churchyard CB3020112	£564	716	819	723	791
	<u>£33,186</u>	<u>£42,121</u>	<u>£48,177</u>	<u>£42,531</u>	<u>£46,568</u>

Note 1

Debtors

Laverton Recharge	1238.58
CAF Voucher	50.00
HMRC Dec S/O	2306.37
Laverton HMRC	1439.86
Farleigh Hungerford Christmas Charities	205.00
Rode Roof VAT Recovery	5162.49
	<u>10402.30</u>

Note 2

Creditors and Accruals

HMRC PAYE/NI	139.40
Christmas Charities Paid Out January	2127.72
Parish News Subs 2024	986.00
Smiths of Derby	313.20
British Gas NSP Electric	472.10
British Gas NSP Gas	69.54
Parish News Adverts 2023	256.00
Rode Hall	100.00
Telliford Brit Gas	39.46
BT	134.17
Office Evolution	446.76
Chedburn	1657.08
Cleaners	132.00
	<u>6873.43</u>

Year Ended 31.12.2023

Appendix A

General Fund

	0 Joint Activities	01 General - Farleigh Hungerford	02 General - Hemington	03 General - Laverton	04 General - Norton St Philip	05 General - Rode St	06 General - Tellisford	07 General - Buckland Dinham	Total 2023	Year 2022
Income										
4000 Envelopes										28
4001 Envelope Gift Aided	261								261	
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided		744			38,200	16,781	2,659	475	58,859	52,414
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided					7,755	125			7,880	5,925
4020 Collections		793			1,723	1,772	714		5,002	4,423
4021 GiftAided Cash Collections						5			5	54
4030 Offertory Box					49				49	
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid	612	384			9,993	4,540	843	119	16,591	15,358
Collections & Envelopes	873	1,921			57,722	23,322	4,216	594	88,647	78,202
4100 Donations	192	100			170				462	1,147
4099 General Fund Appeal										
4101 Bequests & Legacies										
4110 Donations for Charities		315		155	1,452	493	175		2,590	1,906
4120 Baker Trust/Tellisford										
4140 Grant										1,250
Donations & Bequests	192	415		155	1,622	493	175		3,052	4,303
4200 Dividends	1,344								1,344	962
4820 Revaluation of Investments										
4210 Bank Interest Received	1,911								1,911	168
4300 Fund Raising Events										
4310 Card Reader					39				39	
4320 Misc Income	192								192	
4500 Magazine Subscription										
4510 Magazine Adverts										
	3,447				39				3,485	1,130
4600 Wedding Fees		600		310	818	36			1,764	2,058
4610 Funeral Fees	75	807	414	234	2,248	415	1,398		5,591	3,993
4620 Baptism Fees					68				68	16
4630 Diocesan Fees	-4,020	753	166	273	1,487	693	769		121	
4640 Organist Fees										
4650 Verger fees		150			224	50	86		510	485
4690 Other Fees & Expenses										
4700 Income from Activities (e.g. Weekend away)	-3,945	2,310	580	817	4,845	1,194	2,253		8,054	6,552
	566	4,646	580	972	61,227	25,009	6,644	594	103,239	90,187

Appendix B

	0 Joint Activities	01 General - Farleigh Hungerford	02 General - Hemington	03 General - Laverton	04 General - Norton St Philip	05 General - Rode St	06 General - Tellisford	07 General - Buckland Dinham	Total 2023	Year 2022
Expenditure										
5000 Common Fund	58,517								58,517	58,107
5100 Charitable Donations	2,590								2,590	1,981
5200 Travelling Expenses	1,638								1,638	733
5210 Secretarial	8,152								8,152	6,028
5211 Stationery	42								42	28
5220 Postage	38								38	30
5225 Computer Equipment & Software	539								539	1,117
5230 Telephones	1,871								1,871	965
5238 Clergy Expenses, Training & Development	324								324	362
5240 Other Expenses										
5241 Room Hire										23
5270 Lay Reader Licence Fees										18
5281 Childrens & Families Worker	2,947								2,947	5,107
Ministry Expenses	76,657								76,657	74,499
5300 Electricity					2,379	478	281		3,139	4,614
5310 Gas					13				13	1,417
5315 Water & Sewerage	127					7			134	186
	127				2,392	484	281		3,285	6,217
5600 Organ Tuning & Repairs										
5650 Licences					517	95			612	416
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc										
5700 Communion Wine & Wafers	300								300	
5701 Service Equipment	15								15	
5710 Candles	416								416	258
5720 Certificates Books etc for Baptisms										17
5740 Other Service Aids										61
5830 Advertising										
5900 Bank Charges	545								545	519
	1,276				517	95			1,888	1,271
81338										
Total expenditure	78,060				2,910	579	281		81,830	81,987
Net Change for the year	-77,494	4,646	580	972	61,318	24,430	6,363	594	21,409	8,200

Appendix C

	10 Friends of Farleigh Hungerford	11 Friends of Hemington	12 Friends of Laverton	13 Friends of Norton St Philip	14 Friends of Rode	15 Friends of Tellisford Fabric Fund	18 Hemington Church Yard	19 Friends of Buckland Dinham	Total 2023	Year 2022
Restricted Funds - Friends of Income										
4001 Envelope Gift Aided										
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided			3,638	1,855	1,575		795	3	7,865	5,284
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided			2,000		240				2,240	665
4020 Collections			2,122						2,122	2,466
4030 Fabric Donations				609		173			782	1,131
4021 Gift Aid Cash Collections GADS			7,759	2,464	1,815	173	795	3	13,009	9,546
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid			1,364	1,034	1,186	110	199		3,891	3,658
4099 Special Appeal										1,920
4100 Donations			2,000	722	464	266			3,452	10,687
4101 Bequests & Legacies				1,026	48				1,074	
4110 Donations for Charities			232				1,250		1,482	192
4140 Grants	1,011		850	1,000	650		200		3,711	5,160
	1,011		4,445	3,782	2,348	376	1,649		13,611	21,617
4200 Dividends				710	282				992	588
4210 Bank Interest Received			70	8					78	20
			70	718	282				1,071	608
4300 Fund Raising Events			1,200	3,694	2,537				7,431	5,033
4310 Card Reader				66				61	128	
4320 Misc Income			60	1,135	150				1,345	10,393
4820 Revaluation of Investments										-226
4903 Insurance Claims										
	1,011		13,535	11,860	7,132	549	2,444	64	36,594	46,971

Appendix D

	10 Friends of Farleigh Hungerford	11 Friends of Hemington	12 Friends of Laverton	13 Friends of Norton St Philip	14 Friends of Rode	15 Friends of Tellisford Fabric Fund	18 Hemington Church Yard	19 Friends of Buckland Dinham	Total 2023	Year 2022
Restricted Funds - Expenditure										
5000 Common Fund			4,799						4,799	4,766
5100 Charitable Donations			232						232	192
5211 HV-Admin Recharge			1,007						1,007	717
5220 Postage										
5225 Computer Equipment & Software										
5230 Telephones										
5231 Hospitality										
5238 Clergy Expenses, Training & Development										
5300 Electricity			602	40					642	607
5315 Water & Sewerage										
5500 Maintenance - Building			85	7,861	872	78	0		8,897	11,425
5501 Building Projects										33,618
5510 Maintenance - Church Wall			398						398	67
5516 Wages for Grass Cutting				772	1,260		1,575		3,607	1,640
5530 Cleaning Costs				1,634					1,634	664
5600 Organ Tuning & Repairs			5,710	75					5,785	130
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc										891
5800 Insurance	974		559	1,970	2,371	650	204		6,728	5,646
5810 Architects Fees					331				331	
Total	974		13,392	12,353	4,834	728	1,779		34,061	60,363
Net Change	38	0	143	-493	2,298	-180	665	64	2,534	-13,395

Appendix E

	20 NStP Flower Fund	22 NStPBellr Fund	29 St Lawrence Heart of Rode Appeal	30 St Lawrenc e Roof Fund	31 St Lawrence Bell Fund	32 St Lawrence Roof Appeal	33 St Lawrence Roof Appeal Grants	35 Woolverton Trust	36 Tellisford Bells	57 Families Worker
Restricted Funds - Income										
4001 Envelope Gift Aided				0		750				
4010 Bankers Order - Gift Aided				0		23,305				
4011 Bankers Order - Non Gift Aided									43	
4020 Collections									11	125
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid		45				4,762				
4100 Donations	20	181		32,350	115	18,788	0			550
4101 Bequests & Legacies					43					
4110 Donations for Charities		0			0					
4120 Baker Trust/Tellisford										
4101 Bequests & Legacies										
4140 Grant				0			26,000			
4200 Dividends		0						412		
4300 Fund Raising Events										
4310 Card Reader				0						
4320 Misc Income										
4820 Revaluation of Investments										
	20	226		32,350	158	47,604	26,000	412	54	675
Restricted Funds - Expenditure										
5241 Room Hire										
5281 Family Worker										
5300 Electricity										
5315 Water & Sewerage										
5400 Printing										
5401 Misc Magazine Expenses										
5410 Paper for printing										
5415 Copier/Printer for Magazine Printing										
5420 Photocopier maintenance										
5500 Maintenance - Building				16,122						
5501 Building Projects				27,271		3,834	23,059			
5510 Maintenance - Churchyards										
5515 Petrol for Grass Cutting										
5516 Wages for Grass Cutting										
5520 Maintenance - Equipment										
5530 Cleaning Costs										
5600 Organ Tuning & Repairs										
5610 Organists Fees										
5640 Audio Visual										
5650 Licences										
5655 Bells - Assoc fees etc		60								
5750 Flowers	22									
5800 Insurance										
5810 Architects Fees				4,457		3,761				
5950 Fund Raising Activities										
	22	60		47,850		7,595	23,059			
Net Change	-2	166		-15,500	158	40,009	2,941	412	54	675

Appendix F

	45 DF The Link	46 DF Parish News	Total 2023	Year 2022
Designated Funds - Income				
4040 Income Tax Rebate & Gift Aid	473	1,055	1,528	1,463
4500 Magazine Subscription	1,894	4,223	6,116	5,685
4510 Magazine Adverts	3,586	4,702	8,288	6,326
4520 Magazine Other		296	296	
	5,953	10,275	16,228	13,474
Designated Funds - Expenditure				
5400 Printing	4,687		4,687	4,810
5401 Misc Magazine Expenses	50	228	278	338
5410 Paper for printing		2,201	2,201	1,690
5415 Copier/Printer for Magazine Printing		7,207	7,207	2,595
5420 Photocopier maintenance				
	4,737	9,635	14,372	9,433
Net Change	1,215	640	1,856	4,041



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of Hardington Vale

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1128078

Set out on pages

1-6 and Appendices A-F

(remember to include the page numbers of any other reports)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

12/4/24

Name:

ANTHONY J DAY

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.