

Parish of Wickford and Runwell
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023

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Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wickford and Runwell is responsible for co-operating with the Team Rector, the Revd Jonathan Evens, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church buildings of the parish, St Andrew's, London Road, Wickford, St Catherine's, Southend Road, Wickford, and St Mary's, Runwell, and the St Andrew's Centre and the church halls associated with St Catherine's and St Mary's, and offers oversight to the District Councils of each of these churches, as they manage the day-to-day life of the buildings and congregations.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling worship in all three churches which resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We are committed, also, to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

We are seeking to be churches, and a team of churches, that are at the heart of the communities of Wickford and Runwell, while also being with those on the edge. We have joined HeartEdge and are utilising their mission model, the 4C's of compassion, culture, commerce and congregation, together with the idea of Being With, as an incarnational model of mission and ministry:

- **Compassion:** We are involved with our ecumenical partners in the Gateway Project, the local Foodbank hosted by the Salvation Army. We also collect for the local Women's Refuge and fundraise for our Kenya Link. We partnered with Kintsugi Hope in 2022 and set up a first Wellbeing Group in 2023. We also set up a Parent and Toddler Group at St Catherine's. Our coffee mornings and Meet and Make group provide warm spaces to local residents.
- **Culture:** We have further developed St Andrew's as a cultural centre for the town through our 'Unveiled' arts and performance evenings, an exhibition programme, and the arts festival that we led from 12-26 May 2023.
- **Commerce:** We hire out our Halls at all three of our churches and entered into a contract with NCP for rental of our car park at St Andrew's.
- **Congregation:** Our core activities include – Services; Messy Church; Mothers Union; Quiet Days (St Mary's); Pastoral Visitors; Educational opportunities (Bible Study groups, Lent Course, Being With courses); Prayer Circle; and Social/fundraising events.

For us, Being With others includes: Contemplative Commuters; Meet & Make (Craft group); Parent and Toddler Group; Rail/Street Pastors (Mike Tricker); Saturday Solace; Schools ministry; and Unveiled events.

We hope that in our three churches visitors and regulars will find:

- a warm welcome, whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whatever they bring, because all are made in God's image; and
- people in all their variety who try to live out God's transforming love for this parish and community.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Patterns of worship have been shaped by the Ministry Team led by the Team Rector, Revd Jonathan Evens, in conjunction with the PCC. Our pattern of services is for Sunday morning services at all three churches together with these being All-age services on the first Sunday in the month at St Andrew's, second at St Catherine's, and third at St Mary's.

Our average week attendance across the parish in October was 171, with 125 in our worshipping community and a usual Sunday attendance of 68 (and an additional 19 online). During that time our churches held their Harvest Festivals and we had a Messy Church for Harvest, we also had several baptisms, held our usual midweek (including home communions and care home services) and evening services, and hosted a School Harvest Service.

We held monthly services at five Care Homes (returning to The Laurels in the course of 2023) and held Messy Church on a bi-monthly basis. At Christmas we saw encouraging numbers at Christingle and Crib Services as well as for Midnight Mass and Advent as well as for Christmas as a whole. Numbers attending were close to pre-pandemic numbers.

There was a total of 48 baptisms in the year, of which nine were adults. Two adults were also confirmed. There were six weddings in the parish and our funeral ministry continued with 35 funerals conducted by our clergy, in either church or crematorium, and eight interments of ashes.

Occasions for sharing and exploring faith have been created through our education programme. We held our annual Parish Study Day in January, a Lent Course on Prayer written by our Ministry Team, a Parish Quiet Day at the Pleshey Retreat House, and a course on the Five Marks of Mission. We also held five Quiet Days at St Mary's. Several Bible Study groups have also met regularly during the year.

Mothers Union has had a full and interesting year's programme under the leadership of Caroline Wheeler. These included: a Beetle Drive; Services; a Lent Course; Talks; New Year Party; Quiz; a collage entitled "Way to the Coronation" displayed in St. Catherine's during the Coronation; a Coronation lunch; Christmas lunch; and a fish and chip supper.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, as well as our clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. There were four meetings in 2023. Speakers throughout the year have included: Revd Tim Brampton (St Martin's Basildon); Bishop Guli, Bishop of Chelmsford; Revd Canon Andy Griffiths, Lead Adviser for Formation and Wellbeing (Diocese of Chelmsford); and Rachael Phillips of Christians Against Poverty. Kat D'Arcy Cumber, our General Synod Link member, gave reports on Synod meetings.

Our Churches and Halls

Our buildings are maintained diligently by our churchwardens and the DCCs, ensuring work is carried out promptly and appropriately, with all the necessary checks in place. All three churches received their latest quinquennial inspection in 2021, with varying amounts of work to be undertaken, particularly with the older buildings. The church halls and St Andrew's Centre are well

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maintained and either close to full usage or have increased usage. At St Andrew's the porch and soffits of the St Andrew's Centre were re-decorated. sensor lights were fitted to light the car park at night. At St Mary's CCTV cameras were fitted to the Hall. Urgent work to make St Catherine's safe and secure was undertaken following ground movement caused by the long dry summer of 2022. This resulted in subsidence of the foundations in the North West corner which caused a number of large cracks to appear in the walls and some stonework to fall. This urgent safety and weather protection work included: removing or temporarily fixing loose stonework; undertaking temporary roof repairs and loose filling of walls for weather protection; removal of loose internal plasterwork; temporary covering of affected windows; and the reinstatement of the lightning conductor. We raised £15,789.67 towards the £19,928.68 required for this work with the remaining £4,139.01 coming from our General Fund.

Our churchyards are well maintained. All three of our churches have gained the Bronze Eco Church Award, with St Mary's leading in this regard. Additionally, all our toilets have been twinned, again with St Mary's taking the lead on this initiative.

We enable our three churches and halls to function as hubs for the community. Between them activities and groups supported include: Coffee Mornings; Councillor Surgery; Art and Heritage Exhibitions; Floral Art; Gamblers Anonymous; Huff and Puff; Lace Makers; Ladies Support Group; Ladygate Scribblers; Martial Arts; Meditation; Meet & Make (Crafts Group); Mothers Union; Parent's 1st Group; Parent and Toddler Group; Phlebotomy Clinic; Rangers; Steps; U3A; Unveiled arts and performance evening; Warfarin Clinic; WI Craft Group; Wickford Chapter; Wickford Lodge; Wickford Women's Institute; and several Yoga Groups. These groups and activities provide a wide range of social, leisure, educational and wellbeing opportunities for the local community, as well as providing warm spaces that enable those attending to save on heating in their homes while attending. On a monthly basis, we estimate the groups meeting in our Halls benefit in excess of 750 local residents.

In addition, local schools regularly visit our buildings for educational opportunities, which this year have also included visits to our art exhibitions. Our Unveiled arts and performance evening (Fridays fortnightly) plus our new art and heritage exhibition programme deliver new cultural offers in Wickford. These seek to bring high quality art and performance to Wickford while also encouraging local talent by providing new platforms for local performers and artists. #

We also led on the One Beautiful World arts festival which was supported by many of the churches in Wickford and Runwell. This Arts Festival explored aspects of our one beautiful world from the creativity of human beings to the beauty of the natural world, while remembering the challenges that human activity poses to the planet. The Festival was a mix of art, dance, music, photography, poetry and spoken word. Churches provided venues for the Festival events and the Festival received funding from Essex County Council's Locality Fund.

We held a very successful and well attended Christmas Bazaar at St Andrew's for the parish which raised over £2,000. Each church and the Mothers' Union organized stalls. A grand draw was held and three school choirs sang to those who attended. Our thanks to everyone involved in the organization and running of the Bazaar, particularly those on the planning group.

Pastoral care

Much pastoral care within our congregations is informal and mutual. Our team of pastoral visitors and clergy continues to support individuals in need, and have once more been able to offer Home

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Communion. Visits to local care homes for services are happening monthly, including to The Laurels. A Prayer Circle operates when specific requests are made for those in need of prayer.

Mission and evangelism

Much of our mission and outreach, including Messy Church (bi-monthly on Saturdays), the Gateway foodbank (Ecumenical initiative), Open the Book (Schools work), ministry in care homes (monthly services in five homes), and other initiatives, is enabled by teams drawn from across our three churches. We have continued with mission initiatives related to our context including: Contemplative Commuters - a Facebook group for any commuter wanting quiet reflective time and content on their journeys to and from work; Saturday Solace - 10-minute reflection and Christian mindfulness sessions between 10.00 am & 12 noon on Saturdays at St Catherine's; and Unveiled – an arts and performance evening with events including artist talks, concerts, dance performances, exhibition viewings, heritage talks, lectures, and an Open Mic Night. We have also set up a successful Parent and Toddler Group with initial grants funding from

We ran the Being With enquirers course for the first time with a group of five attending. Two participants were baptized and one confirmed. We also ran a successful Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group, which resulted in two group members joining our churches.

We continue to support the ecumenical Gateway Project, the local foodbank, with congregation members continuing to give generously in kind.

Clergy and laity support the work of local schools as governors and in taking assemblies. Assemblies have been taken at ten local schools, with our clergy going back into Grange and Hilltop Schools. We also hold school services in our churches for schools including Wickford Church of England School, Wickford Primary School and Beauchamps School. Lessons on Easter and Christmas take place at Beauchamps School and there is also input to Interfaith Week lessons and an Interfaith panel for the Sixth Form. Several schools visited our churches in the course of the year, with some coming to see the art exhibitions at St Andrew's. The Open the Book Team, who tell Bible stories in dramatic form, are using technology to video the stories and send them to the schools, thus enabling a new school to be added.

The churches have a strong tradition of hospitality to the local community, especially through coffee mornings and social events. Coffee mornings are held at all three churches and Meet and Make sessions in St Andrew's continue to reach out to those on the fringe of and beyond our congregations.

Our three churches have a commitment to supporting the charity Positive Life Kenya. PLK works to break the cycle of poverty by educating and empowering marginalised families to build healthy environments for their children to thrive and create lasting change. We are currently committed to raising and sending at least US\$ 250 each quarter. Each of our three churches respond to particular appeals, such as The Children's Society and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Our Facebook Group has continued to increase in membership and we have created the Contemplative Commuters Facebook group which has 30+ members. Our Facebook Group, Pages and website are kept up to date with news and schedules as well as livestreamed Morning prayer three days a week. St Mary's include their news and views in the regular Runwell newsletter that goes to every house in Runwell.

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Ecumenical relationships

The churches in Wickford and Runwell are responsible for jointly supporting the Gateway Project Foodbank that is run out of the local Salvation Army premises and staffed by volunteers from across the churches under their supervision. A minsters' group meets every two months to discuss this and other projects and for mutual support. Together we arrange the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday and the Church's choir for the Town Christmas event. Funding was gained from the Locality Fund to run the One Beautiful World Arts Festival in May 2023 using the churches as venues.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted (including designated) funds were £132,746 including £17,794 tax recovered from Gift Aid. Restricted donations of £16,719 were also received, mostly donated to the St Catherine's Restoration Fund.

Planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme increased by 15.0%. Total income, including tax recovered and the donations to St Catherine's Restoration Fund, went up by 41.8% compared to last year. Income from the use of the Car Park at St Andrew's doubled after its management was contracted to NCP.

We paid £50,004 towards our Parish Share. This was 51.2% of our allocated share of £97,644 requested. Last year we paid £42,968 which was 60% of our allocated share of £71,464.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £4,232 on unrestricted (including designated) funds. Restricted funds increased by £16,719. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on all these funds totalled £94,221.

During the year our reserves were used to meet the £19,929 cost of essential work to investigate probable subsidence at St Catherine's and complete work to keep the building watertight. At the end of the year the reserves were largely replenished from the successful fund raising programme by transferring £14,502 from the St Catherine's Restoration Fund (restricted) to the PCC General Fund (unrestricted). The next phase is currently being investigated.

The Treasurer would like to thank the many people who all work together to support him in maintaining the PCC finances.

Reserves policy

We aim to maintain reserves of £25,000, replenishing/adjusting each year as necessary. We need this money to be immediately available to:

- meet contractual and expected commitments including our Parish Share
- cover adverse cash flows including funding paid in arrears
- fund initial investigations into maintenance projects, development projects and fund raising activities
- fund smaller projects to extend our mission
- meet unexpected/unbudgeted expenditure including essential repairs.

Other information

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Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities they are, in particular our churchwardens, our lay ministers in various roles, those who sit on our committees and help with our outreach teams. In addition to our Trustees, we have 23 volunteers regularly assisting with committees and outreach/pastoral teams. However, all of our congregations provide volunteer support in a variety of different ways.

Structure, governance and management

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

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC consists of the incumbent(s), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregations who are on the electoral role of the churches.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has established DCCs (District Church Councils), the purpose of which is to carry out in relation to a specified district in the parish in which there is at least one church or building licensed for public worship, such functions of the PCC as are delegated to it.

The PCC have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a member of the PCC and speaks regularly to that standing agenda item for each meeting, ensuring that the safeguarding policy is reviewed and agreed annually, that appropriate DBS checks are up to date, and that each PCC member is aware of their responsibilities and required training. All the Ministry Team are trained to Leadership level via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Administrative information

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell is situated in South Essex. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Mary's Vicarage, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, Essex SS11 7JQ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The registered charity number is 1128199 and the registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickford and Runwell'.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

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Ex officio members:

Team Rector: The Reverend Jonathan Evens (Chair)

Team Vicar (House for Duty) : The Reverend Sue Wise

Associate Minister: The Reverend Steven Lissenden

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mrs Angela Wagstaff (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mr Oluseye Abiodun

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Richard Feldwick (Vice-chair PCC, also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Andrew Morl until 21st May 2023

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Alan Jones (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Stephen Hunter until 21st May 2023

Mrs Emma Doe, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) and St Catherine's representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Michael Tricker, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Elected members:

Mrs Yvonne Branson, St Mary's representative on Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Marjorie Stanford, St Andrew's representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Marina Bailey, PCC Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Coral Upham, PCC Secretary until 21st May 2023

Mr Roger Tyler, PCC Treasurer

Mr Stephen Talbot, Trustee (St Catherine's)

Ms Alison Davies, Trustee (St Andrew's) from 21st May 2023

Approved by the PCC on 8th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Jonathan Evens (PCC Chair).



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parish of Wickford and Runwell Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 142(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (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 Commissioners (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 report

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 you as 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with 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 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, with the one exception of an unusual transfer of £14,502 from the restricted St Catherines Restoration Fund to the general unrestricted fund. This arose due to the expenditure associated with the restricted fund being allocated to the unrestricted fund rather than to the restricted. I am however satisfied that the closing balances on the respective funds are correct.

Carol Harmsworth 17th May 2024

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	71,298.10	19,495.07	—	90,793.17	52,530.74
Income from charitable activities	11,580.10	—	—	11,580.10	18,058.53
Other trading activities	34,402.46	479.72	—	34,882.18	31,478.26
Investments	11,928.99	85.79	—	12,014.78	5,687.01
Other income	3,536.62	—	—	3,536.62	—
Total income	132,746.27	20,060.58	—	152,806.85	107,754.54
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	226.65	1,350.00	—	1,576.65	357.90
Expenditure on charitable activities	127,512.84	1,400.00	—	128,912.84	85,412.27
Other expenditure	775.04	591.60	—	1,366.64	602.13
Total expenditure	128,514.53	3,341.60	—	131,856.13	86,372.30
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,231.74	16,718.98	—	20,950.72	21,382.24
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	69,956.07	2,150.74	—	72,106.81	38,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(57,332.31)	(14,774.50)	—	(72,106.81)	(38,000.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	16,855.50	4,095.22	—	20,950.72	21,382.24
Total funds brought forward	239,684.94	15,567.41	—	255,252.35	233,870.11
Total funds carried forward	256,540.44	19,662.63	—	276,203.07	255,252.35
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	36,509.00	—	—	36,509.00	25,346.55
Designated					
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	76,000.00	76,000.00
St Andrew's General Fund	9,908.18	—	—	9,908.18	3,893.72
St Catherine's General Fund	3,267.41	—	—	3,267.41	4,270.34
St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,892.25	—	—	2,892.25	4,702.89
St Mary's General Fund	8,037.59	—	—	8,037.59	5,243.33
St Mary's Hall Fund	9,626.01	—	—	9,626.01	10,128.11
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	300.00	—	—	300.00	100.00
Restricted					
Arts Festival 2023	—	362.38	—	362.38	—
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	—	3,555.34	—	3,555.34	4,639.03
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	—	1,855.11	—	1,855.11	1,855.11
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	—	921.91	—	921.91	853.91
St Catherine's Music Fund	—	127.21	—	127.21	127.21
St Catherine's Organ Fund	—	436.16	—	436.16	432.03
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	—	423.93	—	423.93	419.91
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	—	1,018.80	—	1,018.80	908.35
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	—	750.00	—	750.00	—
St Mary's Organ Fund	—	73.83	—	73.83	73.13
St Mary's Restoration Fund	—	10,137.96	—	10,137.96	6,258.73

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Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
	186,000.00	186,000.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	94,221.24	73,308.74
	94,221.24	73,308.74
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,018.17	4,056.39
	4,018.17	4,056.39
Net current assets less current liabilities	90,203.07	69,252.35
Total assets less current liabilities	276,203.07	255,252.35
Total net assets less liabilities	276,203.07	255,252.35
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	36,509.00	25,346.55
Designated		
St Andrew's General Fund	9,908.18	3,893.72
St Catherine's General Fund	3,267.41	4,270.34
St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,892.25	4,702.89
St Mary's General Fund	8,037.59	5,243.33
St Mary's Hall Fund	9,626.01	10,128.11
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	300.00	100.00
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	76,000.00
Restricted		
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	750.00	—
St Mary's Organ Fund	73.83	73.13
St Mary's Restoration Fund	10,137.96	6,258.73
Arts Festival 2023	362.38	—
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	3,555.34	4,639.03
St Catherine's Organ Fund	436.16	432.03
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	423.93	419.91
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	921.91	853.91
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	1,018.80	908.35
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	1,855.11
St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	127.21
Funds of the church	276,203.07	255,252.35

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Tangible assets		
St Catherine's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund (Designated) -	110,000.00	110,000.00
	110,000.00	110,000.00
St Mary's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Mary's Fund (Designated) -	76,000.00	76,000.00
	76,000.00	76,000.00
Total for Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
St Andrew's Current A/c 9572		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	9,159.45	3,152.08
St Andrew's Fabric Fund (Restricted) -	3,555.34	4,639.03
Agency collection (Restricted) -	145.80	—
	12,860.59	7,791.11
St Catherine's Current A/c 4693		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	3,267.41	4,269.76
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund (Restricted) -	1,855.11	1,855.11
Agency collection (Restricted) -	18.55	18.55
	5,141.07	6,143.42
St Catherine's Deposit A/c 0455		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	—	0.58
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	918.80	908.35
St Catherine's Music Fund (Restricted) -	127.21	127.21
	1,046.01	1,036.14
St Catherine's HearneG CBF A/c 3009D		
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund (Restricted) -	—	853.91
	—	853.91
St Catherine's Organ CBF A/c 3007D		
St Catherine's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	—	432.03
	—	432.03
St Catherine's Rectory CBF A/c 3008D		
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund (Restricted) -	—	419.91
	—	419.91
St Andrew's CBF A/c 5001D		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	—	741.64
	—	741.64
PCC Barclays Current A/c 9154		
Arts Festival 2023 (Restricted) -	362.38	—
General fund (Unrestricted) -	36,509.00	25,346.55
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	100.00	—
Agency collection (Restricted) -	3,853.82	4,037.84
	40,825.20	29,384.39
St Catherine's Hall Current A/c 4715		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	1,072.59	2,900.39
	1,072.59	2,900.39
St Catherine's Hall Deposit A/c 4731		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	1,819.66	1,802.50
	1,819.66	1,802.50

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St Mary's Current A/c 7351

St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund (Restricted) -	750.00	—
St Mary's General Fund (Designated) -	8,037.59	5,243.33
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	10,000.00	6,122.00
St Mary's Vicarage Fund (Designated) -	300.00	100.00
	19,087.59	11,465.33

PCC Merged Funds CBF A/c CB3022391

St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	748.73	—
St Catherine's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	436.16	—
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund (Restricted) -	423.93	—
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund (Restricted) -	921.91	—
St Mary's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	73.83	—
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	137.96	136.73
	2,742.52	136.73

St Mary's Hall Current A/c 2051

St Mary's Hall Fund (Designated) -	9,626.01	10,128.11
	9,626.01	10,128.11

St Mary's Organ CBF A/c 90003D

St Mary's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	—	73.13
	—	73.13

Total for Cash at bank and in hand	94,221.24	73,308.74
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Agency accounts

Agency collections

Agency collection (Restricted) -	(4,018.17)	(4,056.39)
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Total for Agency accounts	(4,018.17)	(4,056.39)
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Grand total	276,203.07	255,252.35
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Parish of Wickford and Runwell

Fund movement summary

Fund balances	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries Carried forward	Fund
StM-Godolp - St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	—	750.00	—	—	—	—	750.00
ArtsFest - Arts Festival 2023	—	2,303.98	1,941.60	—	—	—	362.38
General - General fund	25,346.55	29,484.63	77,721.33	59,399.15	—	—	36,509.00
StA-Gen - St Andrew's General Fund	3,893.72	33,805.89	12,354.33	(15,437.10)	—	—	9,908.18
StA-Fab - St Andrew's Fabric Fund	4,639.03	316.31	1,400.00	—	—	—	3,555.34
StC-Gen - St Catherine's General Fund	4,270.34	19,320.32	10,530.96	(9,792.29)	—	—	3,267.41
StC-Organ - St Catherine's Organ Fund	432.03	4.13	—	—	—	—	436.16
StC-Hall - St Catherine's Hall Fund	4,702.89	5,275.18	4,085.82	(3,000.00)	—	—	2,892.25
StC-RecDc - St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	419.91	4.02	—	—	—	—	423.93
StC-Hearn - St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	853.91	68.00	—	—	—	—	921.91
StC-Rest - St Catherine's Restoration Fund	908.35	14,612.21	—	(14,501.76)	—	—	1,018.80
StC-CYard - St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	—	—	—	—	—	1,855.11
StC-Music - St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	—	—	—	—	—	127.21
StM-Gen - St Mary's General Fund	5,243.33	24,568.75	9,696.49	(12,078.00)	—	—	8,037.59
StM-Hall - St Mary's Hall Fund	10,128.11	20,291.50	14,125.60	(6,668.00)	—	—	9,626.01
StM-Organ - St Mary's Organ Fund	73.13	0.70	—	—	—	—	73.83
StM-Rest - St Mary's Restoration Fund	6,258.73	2,001.23	—	1,878.00	—	—	10,137.96
StM-Vic - St Mary's Vicarage Fund	100.00	—	—	200.00	—	—	300.00
HallV-StC - Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	110,000.00
HallV-StM - Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	76,000.00
Totals	255,252.35	152,806.85	131,856.13	—	—	—	276,203.07

Parish of Wickford and Runwell

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank (inc PGS Donation)	—	31,805.89	—	—	31,805.89	27,657.70
Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
Other planned giving eg Payroll giving	185.94	—	—	—	185.94	810.00
Loose plate collections	—	7,878.53	—	—	7,878.53	7,938.78
Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	175.00
Non Gift Aid Giving	—	1,110.00	—	—	1,110.00	760.00
One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	1,000.00
Donations appeals etc	3,626.12	2,257.63	6,381.65	—	12,265.40	5,750.64
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (inc PGS GA)	10,611.18	7,182.96	—	—	17,794.14	6,334.62
Legacies	—	—	2,750.00	—	2,750.00	—
Recurring grants	—	1,800.00	—	—	1,800.00	1,800.00
Non-recurring one-off grants	4,143.99	—	7,408.42	—	11,552.41	—
Other fund raising	214.40	481.46	2,955.00	—	3,650.86	299.00
Total	18,781.63	52,516.47	19,495.07	—	90,793.17	52,530.74
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals (inc Heat	7,637.00	120.00	—	—	7,757.00	12,903.53
Fees for Banns and Certificates	591.00	45.00	—	—	636.00	797.00
Fees for Photo-Video	200.00	—	—	—	200.00	280.00
Charity Collections	—	77.60	—	—	77.60	—
Church hall lettings - objectives	—	2,909.50	—	—	2,909.50	4,078.00
Total	8,428.00	3,152.10	—	—	11,580.10	18,058.53
Other trading activities						
Bazaars/Fayres/Concerts etc	2,275.00	765.20	467.72	—	3,507.92	2,336.33
Plant & Cake Sales	—	—	12.00	—	12.00	—
100 Club	—	388.00	—	—	388.00	506.00
Coffee Mornings	—	3,397.80	—	—	3,397.80	3,088.71
Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	297.44	—	—	297.44	457.72
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	27,279.02	—	—	27,279.02	25,089.50
Total	2,275.00	32,127.46	479.72	—	34,882.18	31,478.26
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	—	26.41	85.79	—	112.20	37.01
Rent from PCC lands/buildings (Car Pk)	—	11,902.58	—	—	11,902.58	5,650.00
Total	—	11,928.99	85.79	—	12,014.78	5,687.01
Other income						
Insurance claims	—	3,536.62	—	—	3,536.62	—
Total	—	3,536.62	—	—	3,536.62	—
INCOME TOTAL	29,484.63	103,261.64	20,060.58	—	152,806.85	107,754.54

Parish of Wickford and Runwell

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	226.65	—	1,350.00	—	1,576.65	357.90
Total	226.65	—	1,350.00	—	1,576.65	357.90

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving - relief and development agencies	—	120.00	120.00	—	240.00	—
Secular charities	18.55	5.00	—	—	23.55	5.00
Parish Share	50,004.00	—	—	—	50,004.00	37,000.00
Working expenses of clergy	4,020.11	—	—	—	4,020.11	2,040.26
Parsonage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	500.00
Parish training and mission	—	220.00	—	—	220.00	712.77
Church running - insurance	—	4,935.51	—	—	4,935.51	4,710.31
Organ/piano tuning	—	454.00	—	—	454.00	595.00
Church maintenance	—	7,229.64	—	—	7,229.64	4,637.54
Church cleaning	—	1,123.72	—	—	1,123.72	1,352.24
Upkeep of services (inc Vrgr & Orgnst)	1,043.86	1,562.65	—	—	2,606.51	2,791.05
Upkeep of churchyard	—	7,181.75	—	—	7,181.75	6,268.35
Printing, postage & stationery	1,600.99	41.97	—	—	1,642.96	1,619.52
Catering costs	25.00	121.10	—	—	146.10	89.19
Visiting speakers / locums	20.25	—	—	—	20.25	—
Church running - electric, oil & gas	—	8,959.51	—	—	8,959.51	5,838.59
Church running - water	—	262.81	—	—	262.81	250.81
Other Church Running Expenses	—	275.42	—	—	275.42	1,880.41
Magazine & books expenses - PCC objects	—	15.95	—	—	15.95	25.69
Hall running - electricity	—	3,423.07	—	—	3,423.07	3,276.28
Hall running - insurance	—	1,257.76	—	—	1,257.76	1,172.21
Hall running - bins	—	605.56	—	—	605.56	694.80
Hall running - maintenance	—	9,149.34	1,280.00	—	10,429.34	3,652.51
Hall running - cleaning	—	3,153.14	—	—	3,153.14	3,063.74
Hall running - telephone	—	34.00	—	—	34.00	—
Hall running - water	—	460.00	—	—	460.00	543.00
Hall running - rent	—	186.00	—	—	186.00	145.00
Independent examination (or audit costs)	73.50	—	—	—	73.50	55.00
Church major repairs - structure	19,928.68	—	—	—	19,928.68	—
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	2,493.00
Total	76,734.94	50,777.90	1,400.00	—	128,912.84	85,412.27

Other expenditure

Church Equipment	759.74	15.30	591.60	—	1,366.64	602.13
Total	759.74	15.30	591.60	—	1,366.64	602.13
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	77,721.33	50,793.20	3,341.60	—	131,856.13	86,372.30

GRAND TOTAL	(48,236.70)	52,468.44	16,718.98	—	20,950.72	21,382.24
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction

The General Fund is unrestricted and can only be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted Funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the freehold halls at St Catherine's and St Mary's.
3. The Fund Movement Summary includes the restricted funds. As at 31st December 2023 they were as follows.

St Andrew's Fabric Fund is to be spent on anything affecting the church building and probably the hall as that was the original Mission Church building.

St Catherine's Churchyard Fund is to be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard.

St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Hearne family's grave.

St Catherine's Music Fund is to be spent on providing music at St Catherine's.

St Catherine's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Catherine's Organ.

St Catherine's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Catherine's ongoing restoration work.

St Catherine's Rectory Redecoration Fund is for redecorating the Rectory as necessary.

St Mary's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Mary's Organ.

St Mary's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Mary's ongoing restoration work.

St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Godolphin grave.

Arts Festival Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on Arts Festival events.

4. During the year the 6 CCLA A/cs were merged together into the St Mary's Restoration CBF A/c 900001D and renamed as PCC Merged Funds. Due to administration changes made by CCLA, this A/c was later given the new A/c Number of CB3022391. The existing Funds and their values were retained.

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