



St Mary's Ewell

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ewell

Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Approved by the PCC at their meeting 22nd April 2024

Registered Charity No 1128409

Administrative Information

St Mary the Virgin is the parish church of Ewell. It is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England. The postal address is St Mary's Ewell Parish Church, London Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 2AY.

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are trustees of the charity for the term of their appointment. Members serving on the PCC at the date of this report are:

Incumbent: Fr Mark Stafford - Chair
Wardens: Mrs Valerie Wood
Mr Nicholas Allsopp

Deputy Warden: Mrs Kathleen Burgess

Representatives on Deanery Synod: Cllr Humphrey Reynolds
Mrs Wendy Paxman
Mrs Valerie Smither (until May 2023)
Mr Steve Cox (from May 2023)

Other Members:

Rev Sue Ayling (co-opted)
Mrs Gill Bird
Mr Nigel Bird
Mrs Donna Boosey (treasurer)
Mr Ian Burgess
Mrs Helen Crossley
Ms Elizabeth Divall (co-opted)
Mr John Larkin
Mr Leo Morrell
Mr Hamish Reid
Mrs Gillian Reynolds
Miss Shelley Smith
Mrs Valerie Smither

Members until May 2023:

Mr David Boosey (Joint treasurer)
Mrs Barbara Gibson Sykes
Mr Andrew Sykes

Ms Elizabeth Divall was PCC secretary.

In 2023 St Mary's banked with Barclays Bank plc, Epsom, Metro Bank and Santander UK plc. The appointed examiners were L&F Accounting Ltd.

Day-to-day management is delegated to the incumbent and churchwardens.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission as The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ewell (alternative title The Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin Ewell), registered Charity Number 1128409.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend St Mary's and who qualify according to those Rules are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings. The committees are constituted to make full use of the professional expertise available within St Mary's and members are encouraged to attend Diocesan training as appropriate. The Vicar and churchwardens are ex officio members of all church committees. All major or contentious decisions are referred back to the full PCC.

Standing Committee: This statutory committee has a general power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance Committee: Oversees all expenditure and monitors income and investments.

Estates Committee: Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the church buildings and fabric, the churchyard, the church hall and the vicarage.

Children's Support Group: Co-ordinates activities involving children in the church and in the wider community.

Pro Musica: Co-ordinates the musical activities of the church, including the Parish Choir, St Mary's Singers, recitals, and the maintenance of the organ.

Social Committee: Devises and manages social events for the parish.

Eco Group: Encourages the members of St Mary's and our local community to better care for God's creation.

Ministry Team: The Ministry Team holds a pastoral meeting monthly.

Major Risks: The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage these risks. The assessment of the risks is documented and there is a process of regular review. Risk assessments have been produced for both the church and the church hall and a general risk-assessment document has been produced to cover staff-related risks. Risk assessments are produced for major parish events that may involve risk, e.g. children's fun days. A review was carried out in 2023 of the comprehensive document which sets out the financial management, banking and record keeping procedures used by the church and includes an assessment of the financial risks to which the PCC is exposed and the systems designed to mitigate those risks. St Mary's Safeguarding Policy Statement follows

the Diocese of Guildford's guidelines on child protection including the use of DBS checks as appropriate, and we ensure our policies and practices are kept up-to-date.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church and church hall, for the large churchyard extensions in Church Street, and for some internal decoration of the Vicarage. St Mary's vision is 'Sharing the love of Christ the Light of the World with the people of Ewell'.

In order to achieve these objectives St Mary's offers, among other things, regular services of worship, occasional offices, pastoral care, study courses, social activities, concerts and recitals, children's activities, charitable fundraising events, a monthly magazine 'Ewell Parish News', a website, the continuation of our monthly quizzes on Zoom and occasional quiet days and retreats. Many of these activities are described below and in the reports of the committees.

FROM THE VICAR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, for everything that you have achieved in the past year, 2023-24 has been a good year for us at St Mary's and we have a lot to be thankful for.

This year has been one of laying foundations, but also seeing some early signs of growth on those foundations. Early in the year, we as a community set about forming our mission action plan. Together, we reviewed where we were coming from and developed a new MAP to guide us to a sustainable future. We completed individual questionnaires, met as focus groups and had a whole parish thinking morning. From this, we pulled together our mission action plan. We have already achieved some of our objectives, which is great news, but we still have a few hills to climb!!

During 2023, we have had many great social events. We have had an Easter Garden party, the vicarage spring garden party, jazz on the lawn, parish dinners in the hall, singalongs, concerts and choral events and the Epiphany drinks party at the vicarage.

First and foremost, St Mary's is a Parish Church and our primary purpose is to provide a space where we can gather to worship, to be a community where faith is deepened and to be a place that welcomes others into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

As such, we have offered a wide range of worship. St Mary's has a great and rich musical tradition which continues to develop. Over the past year we have held services that hopefully offer something for all, some services are said, some choral, some traditional, some modern, some Eucharistic and some services of the word. I am really pleased that last year we added two new services to our offering. Messy Church goes wild, our monthly eco, outdoorsy family service, which is going from strength to strength (thank you Linda and the team) and also sung Mattins supported by the music department and St Mary's Singers. This service has attracted a good congregation, which is brilliant. I was recently discussing this with one of the diocesan team and they thought that we were possibly the only Church in the diocese to introduce a new service of Mattins!

We have had at least one act of worship in Church most days of the year and these have been broadcast via our Facebook page. This online offering has been well received and has opened up to us a worshipping community far beyond our parish boundaries and also enabled those who are unable to attend Church to continue to worship with us at home.

We have seen our congregations grow and have welcomed new people into Church, and into our choir. We have seen people grow in their discipleship, taking on new roles, and exploring new ministries. We continue to have a steady stream of Confirmation candidates and this year we witnessed 5 people publicly confirming their faith.

As a Church we continue to offer enrichment and a deepening of discipleship through a series of Bible study gatherings in Church.

In addition, we have welcomed into Church the Beavers and Brownies as they have completed badge work and helped us litter pick the Church yard. As well as school assemblies and activities we have welcomed into Church well over 1500 young people from local schools for activity mornings, services, and assemblies.

We have continued to minister to the parish through the occasional offices and have also welcomed people back into Church for special guest services for those who have been married here and also been alongside others as they remembered loved ones at All souls and Remembrance Sunday.

In addition to regular preachers, we have enjoyed listening to a wide range of guest speakers.

St Mary's has also kept in mind those who are less fortunate. We have continued to support the foodbank, we have had special collections for those in need, we have helped people closer to home through our partnership with Acts435, food4kids and the warm hub initiative.

Ewell Hall has been well used this year providing a home for our Church Brownies, Guides, JAM and weekday toddler group. The hall is also a well-used village resource, that is commercially successful and well supported.

2023-2024 has been a year of activity, change and challenge, but a year that reflects our hopes and endeavours to be a Church in the ascendant, that has nurtured those who believe, provided for those who surround and welcomed those who enquire.

However, there is more to be done! We have to look at our financial situation. As in 2023- 24 we continued running at a deficit and are planning a giving campaign in the new ecclesiastical year.

I would like to finish as I started by thanking you all for the hard work you have put into making our Church the place it has become. It is a great honour and privilege to be part of the Church family at St Mary's Ewell, Thank you.

Fr Mark Stafford

Achievements and Performance

There were 157 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at the time of its presentation to the APCM 2023.

Regular Services: Every Sunday we offer a Said Eucharist at 8.00am and a Sung Eucharist at 9:30am in church and online. Additional services on a monthly pattern include Choral Mattins and Choral Evensong. In addition, there is Holy Communion on Tuesdays and many festivals.

Pastoral offices: In 2023, St Mary's celebrated 8 baptisms and 2 weddings, with the attendant preparation meetings and courses. 12 funerals took place in church, clergy and readers officiated at many more funerals at local crematoria and burials in the churchyard and at local cemeteries.

THE JULIAN GROUP:

Rev Sue Ayling:

During the past twelve months the Julian Group has met on the third Monday evening of every month (apart from August) via Zoom. We continue to enjoy spending time being still and quiet in God's presence via Zoom because not all members live locally – one outcome of the COVID lockdowns was that people joined from further afield. Ten of us regularly meet together from five different churches. Themes have included 'seeing' – about having open eyes to what God offers both around us and within us and 'Emmanuel and light'. New members are always welcome.

A DAY FOR ALL- 10th ANNIVERSARY

Rev Sue Ayling:

This popular annual community event was held on Saturday 30th September and many people said it was the best ever. How wonderful as 2023 was the 10th anniversary of the event! The theme of the day was 'Ring out the bells!' and Ewell ringers rang the bells of St Mary's to launch the day with the bell pads and wooden sticks of Ewell St Mary's Morris Men continuing the theme. There was a display of interesting bells on loan from some church members and the 1st Ewell Village (St Mary's) Brownies and Guides were kept busy with helping a constant stream of young visitors make wooden bell shakers and origami bells.

Needless to say, the return of the two Shetland ponies, with their small friends – guinea pigs, rabbits, ducklings and a bearded dragon – proved extremely popular in the church yard as did all the regular activities that have become firm favourites over the years - the Children's Craft Activity, the SWOP shop, the Prayer Corner, the Mouse Trail and the Prayer Trail. As always, those serving (free) refreshments during the day and the bread and soup lunch were kept very busy! More people entered the Photo competition and the Dog Show than last year.

Many thanks to the members of the planning team for all their time given to the planning and to the many helpers who helped on the Friday and on the day itself.

The notes of a planning meeting for the 2014 A Day for All record that "The aim of the Parish Day is to encourage people from the village, as well as members of St Mary's, to come and enjoy spending time in and around our beautiful church – maybe to have fun, to learn something, to make new friends, to eat and/or drink, to pray or to simply relax." That aim was certainly fulfilled during the 2023 A Day for All!

DEANERY SYNOD

Wendy Paxman

Humphrey Reynolds

Valerie Smither (until May 2023)

Steve Cox (from May 2023)

At the summer meeting the topic was 'Sharing Faith Stories' looking at having confidence and how we might share our own faith story.

We were given starter questions which might be thought provoking and relevant to different age groups and then listened to some interviews that had been structured around these questions.

Members were also given a questionnaire to practise constructing a personal testimony.

In October the main topic was a motion from St Martins Epsom concerning the Church and same sex marriage. There was a written ballot with the agreement to wait for the subject to be discussed at the General Synod later in the year.

On February 1st Deanery Synod met at All Saints, West Ewell, where the topic was Community Engagement.

Paul Dever from St Paul's gave a presentation about activities at St Barnabas which had been close to closure. He showed how progress had been made by focusing on what they had as a parish and what were the local needs.

The Diocese Mission Enabler - Communities continued with practical ideas for parish engagement and gave information on helpful resources.

Should you wish any further information, please contact me or one of the other representatives.

Wendy Paxman

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP (CSG)

Chair: Linda Staff

Since the last annual report, albeit requests for Baptism are currently down, it is good to be able to note that activities for families and children have been steadily growing across all areas from our links with local schools, our local uniformed organisations, and other community events.

Our weekly Toddler Group continues to show increased numbers attending on a regular basis with some families also engaging in other events, such as the occasional family cinema.

The number of children in JAM has increased since September but now vary between 8 and 16 each week. They, and their parents, are enthusiastic, enjoy learning, and creating Bible story reinforcements through craft activities.

As usual The Arrival at Bethlehem Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm was well supported with a full church. This service gave two children from Jam, and three others from past First Communion and Confirmation classes, the opportunity to read from the Pulpit. The service had a surprise ending with the Muppets Christmas Story – Bohemian Rhapsody – Queen 3 on the big screen.

A new addition has been Messy Church goes Wild, our once per month Saturday afternoon eco- church activity, which commenced in October. As with our Toddler Group and JAM, it is currently attracting families with very young children but there are clear links between the three groups which is hugely encouraging.

Enormous thanks must go to the very small group of people who continue to run and support these groups on a weekly basis, year in and year out. The team of people now involved with our families has been greatly reduced since the pandemic, and folk indeed are getting older! It would be good to be able to welcome new volunteers to the team, so do speak to the Vicar if you are interested in helping in any way.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Rosemarie Henson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2023

The purpose of the Committee is to arrange social gatherings that the congregation and friends can attend and enjoy.

The Committee continue to arrange the usual yearly events and help, when they can, with any new ones that may be arranged. In the last year with had sufficient surplus in our account to transfer £1,000 to main Church Funds and any raffle monies or donations also go into the main Church.

The following social events were held in 2023:-

January 21 st	Board Games Afternoon
February 12 th	Valentines Reception
May 7 th	Coronation Picnic
May 13 th	“Put Out The Flags” Dinner
June 10 th	Mamma Mia Sing-a-Long
June 24 th	Vicarage Garden Party
July 2 nd	25 th Anniversary of Sue’s Ordination Reception
July 30 th	Ice Cream Sunday
August 6 th	Frozen – Sing-a-long
August 13 th	Ice Cream Sunday
August 19 th	Jazz On the Lawn & BBQ
December 2 nd	Deck The Halls – Christmas Dinner

Many thanks to those who help support these socials events and we would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the committee.

ESTATES COMMITTEE

Chair: George Jarrett

Estates Committee. Chair. George Jarrett.

Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church buildings and fabric, the churchyard, the Church Hall and the Vicarage.

Works undertaken by the Estates Committee during 2023.

The following items are in addition to our commitments of the routine, but very essential maintenance, carried out by Estates Committee members, including weekly changing of heating settings in the Church and Church Hall, replacing light bulbs internally and externally, general maintenance of all matters electrical, supervising the cleaning, clearing blockages in gulleys, etc; dealing with the D.A.C. and insurance matters where appropriate, checking and initially authorising all contractors’ invoices for works undertaken.

Churchyards Nos. 1, 2 & 3 are maintained by the Borough Council, but have, this year, been assisted in some areas, including general clearance and spreading gravel along churchyard paths, again by Estates Committee members.

Church.

Engaging contractor for lightning conductor check. Arranging for inspection and maintenance of toilet pumping system. Inspecting, and then engaging a carpenter to fit new overhead door closer to lobby door to prevent door slamming. Assisting with the wiring and lighting for the Christmas tree in front of the church. Due to problems associated with church bell No.2, inspection by Nicholson Engineering was

authorised, the inspection made, and the necessary repairs carried out. Appointing contractor to clean the exterior of all church windows (except where protected by wire mesh). Meeting with boiler contractor for annual inspection, servicing and necessary maintenance. Meeting with a contractor to discuss proposed works necessary to re-level part of the floor between the front pews and the Chancel screen where cracking had taken place to the tiled floor, and making visits and enquiries to various suppliers of floor tiles try to find suitable matching tiles. Engaging contractor to remove wasp nest above kitchen roof. Replacement of failed hot-water boiler in disabled toilet. Obtaining quotations for required inspection of the electrical installation and placing instructions for necessary repairs to same, and this work now completed. New wireless microphone fitted to lectern. Arranging with the Church Architect for the required Quinquennial Inspection to be carried out, and rendering any assistance necessary during the inspection, and receiving the architect's Report, and whose Summary of Condition states that 'the church continues to be well looked after and maintained'. There were no items of "Utmost Urgency" stated therein, but the usual list of items requiring attention during the "next 18 months", during the "next Quinquennium", and "long term or desirable".

Church Hall.

Meeting in Hall with other members of the congregation to discuss the installation of new blinds for the main and side windows. Obtaining quotation for inspection of the electrical installation and placing instructions for all necessary repairs to be carried out, and this work now completed. Engaging contractor to clean the exterior of Hall windows.

Additional works have been carried out within and outside by members of the Hall Committee for which the Estates Committee are very grateful.

Churchyard No. 4.

General supervision of grass cutting and tree lopping contracts. Following earlier correspondence with the local authority tree officer for permission to reduce the height of 36 conifers at the rear of the churchyard, receiving same, and engaging a contractor for the work; distribution of notices to all shop-owners, and tenants in the flats above, in the shop parade in Epsom By-pass at the rear of the churchyard, to inform them of the proposed works to the churchyard conifers (and later general supervision of the works whilst in progress). Extensive clearance of the churchyard was undertaken by our Garden Contractor and members of the Committee, assisted by and with thanks, to other members of the congregation, on a number of days. Agreeing with donors the positioning/location of new benches within the churchyard. Arranging for the collection of the churchyard tractor for servicing and return.

Churchyard No. 1.

Various meetings with local authority employees in connection with churchyard matters.

It having been earlier decided to clean the War Memorial, and clean and re-level the surrounding paving slabs, the cleaning of the memorial and the removal of the over-grown corner shrubbery, and over-hanging branches along the paths, was undertaken by members of the committee and congregation. In addition, church members did a small amount of path clearance and grass cutting, mainly around the church and in connection with the annual fair. Following E-mail correspondence, and a recent meeting, with the officer commanding the local Air Training Corps unit, they have volunteered, and it has been agreed, that they will, in future, carry out an

annual cleaning of the War Memorial and its surrounds prior to Remembrance Sunday.

Vicarage.

No works have been required to the vicarage by the committee during this period.

Works intended during 2024.

There remain a number of items referred to in the Quinquennial Report requiring both our attention, and some of a contractor, during the next five years, and some fairly soon, and we shall endeavour to complete these in accordance with the schedule, as always depending on weather, unexpected events, and availability of labour. In addition, we have recently received instructions from the P.C.C. for our volunteers to place 'hedgehog' bristles into the lower, accessible gutters around the Church and Church Hall, in order to keep them clear of leaves from adjacent trees.

Finally, I wish to extend my thanks to all members of the Estates Committee for their much appreciated and generous support over the past year, in the maintenance of the church estate, and also to others who have kindly given their time and assistance during this period. New members to the Committee would, of course, be most welcome.

REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Churchwardens: Valerie Wood and Nicholas Allsopp

The Church Building, Church Hall, Churchyard No. 4 and the Garden of Remembrance continue to be well maintained, thanks to the attention by the Estates Committee.

Churchyards Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are maintained by the Borough Council

All items held in the Church and Hall, including Vestments, Silver, books, furniture and furnishings, A/V and sound equipment, are documented and regularly checked.

Health & Safety and Fire Risk Assessments of the buildings and churchyard are continually assessed and updated as necessary, including Risk Assessments for any events held.

PRO MUSICA COMMITTEE:

Chair: Linda Staff

Director of Music: Jonathan Holmes

Choir Administrator: David Crick

"Pro Musica" continues to meet termly and to be a useful forum to discuss issues for the betterment of the department and its major function to enhance the worship of the parish church's congregation.

The Parish Choir takes the work of ministry in music seriously and we try to ensure there is a balance of styles over the course of a year to suit as many tastes as possible. With the standard of choir, the parish is exceptionally fortunate to have, the music list is deliberately challenging, as this is what keeps interest going. Support from the congregation is very much appreciated.

Jonathan Holmes continues to lead the department and encourages the highest possible standards of performance, and the Choir Administrator gives invaluable help with the music lists, conducting and in making the music department run smoothly. It has been so good to be able to continue to sing Choral Mattins and Choral Evensong regularly and the congregations are always very complimentary.

The choir has enjoyed two cathedral trips in the year (Worcester over Pentecost [27/28 May] and Guildford [26/27 August]). They were highly successful, and we were invited back by them both.

We were delighted to engage William Brooke as Organ Scholar not-the-least because we had been without one for eight years. He has fitted into the team well and has proved himself to be a very able musician. We are grateful to our occasional singers and organists who do a wonderful job and deserve our thanks.

St Mary's Singers are of a quality that most churches would be delighted to have as their main choir and, in that, St Mary's should be very grateful. They continue to sing Baptism services and bring another dimension to the musical life of the church. They can always do with some further recruits from the congregation, especially those who can sing tenor or bass.

2023 saw another successful concert season that has provided high-quality entertainment, as well as contributing to the funds at the disposal of the department for organ work. The Tuesday lunchtime concerts are attracting a growing number of enthusiasts, which is very pleasing. The organ is the subject of a separate report.

We live in hope that suitable volunteers will come forward to sing in one choir or the other, and to the congregation's support in our remaining 2024 cathedral visits (Wells at the beginning of June and Llandaff at the end of July; the latter including singing for Canon Hanford's jubilee weekend).

THE ORGAN:

Director of Music: Jonathan Holmes

The organ has had no major work this year apart from a replacement solenoid on the Great Large Open Diapason and repair to the Swell Lieblich Bourdon which had stopped working due to warping on the slider chest.

Works required: re-leathering of concussion bellows (small bellows which steady the wind supply), cleaning of Great and Swell Organs, restore ivory keys and plastic pistons on console, restore front to original colours.

Next year the organ (built in 1889 for St Augustine's Highbury Park) will have been in St Mary's for 50 years so we plan some special celebrations to mark its Golden Jubilee. It replaced an earlier equally grand Willis Organ of 1865 after the 1973 fire at St Mary's.

We continue to raise funds through our comprehensive offering of concerts on Tuesdays (Bach) and Saturdays and contributions to the Arthur Mathews Organ Fund enable us to keep this marvellous example of Victorian organ building in the work of 'Father' Henry Willis in good order. We are fortunate to have one of the finest instruments in the Diocese and it continues to be central to the quality of music in our services and ministry, and to be well loved by visiting recitalists, choirs and an increasing number of the next generation of young organists.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023:

Safeguarding Officer for Children and Vulnerable Adults: Helen Crossley

At St Mary's, we take the protection of the children and vulnerable adults in our care very seriously.

We follow the Church of England 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy statement, national policies and practice guidance approved by the House of Bishops.

At our first PCC meeting following the APCM, the PCC adopts our Parish Safeguarding Policy.

We work to ensure that all our Church Officers are up to date with the relevant Safeguarding training for their role as set out by the Diocese and we ensure that DBS checks have been completed on those whose roles require it.

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2022 - 2023:

Data protection compliance officer: David Dance

The PCC is committed to protecting personal data and respecting the rights of our data subjects; the people whose personal data we collect and use. We value the personal information entrusted to us and we respect that trust, by endeavouring to comply with the law governing the control and use of personal data as set out in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, EU 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and other relevant legislation and by adopting good practice.

The PCC is thus committed to protecting personal data from being misused, getting into the wrong hands as a result of poor security, being shared carelessly or being inaccurate.

The following are in place:

data protection policies and procedures

data protection training for key church members

register of activities which gather, store and use personal data

general data privacy notices and data privacy notices for rôle holders (those with one or more specific roles within our church). These are available on our website and from the Parish Office.

a data protection compliance officer appointed by the PCC

data protection is an item on all PCC meeting agendas, and an update is provided whenever appropriate.

The data protection compliance officer regularly discusses data protection issues with the incumbent or churchwardens. This includes consideration of changes in how we collect, store and use personal data, ensuring that our documentation is up-to-date and reviewing all forms used to collect personal data before they are put into use. An important part of this process is to regularly update and review our data protection policies and procedures and to supplement these as appropriate. During the past year we have supplemented our documentation in relation to our use of CCTV in the church and in Ewell Hall and have reviewed our main data protection policy and data privacy notices. The revised documentation is available for download on our website.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Health & Safety Officer: Charles Johnson

The church defibrillator is no longer under warranty but is being maintained with new pads and batteries for as long as it is still passing self-tests. We have been investigating the possibility of having a new public access defibrillator outside the Ewell Hall as a facility for the community as well and this is now being purchased if there are still subsidised units available.

I am not aware of any accidents being reported over the last year; both church and hall remain low-risk with regard to routine activities within them. Risk assessments are carried out for some special events but even those present little risk of significant harm to anyone.

Due to the weather, the 2023 Ewell Village Fair was held in the church. Risks were assessed dynamically due to the short notice and everything ran smoothly. As future

fairs are now intended to be in the church, a planned risk assessment will be completed for 2024 based on this experience.

The annual inspection of fire extinguishers was carried out in December and whilst a query over the test of the pressure gauges has been referred to the supplier, there is no reason to be concerned about them.

THE ECO GROUP:

Chair: Rev Sue Ayling

The Eco Group's contribution to the Annual Report for 2022 concluded by saying 'In 2023 our aim is for St Mary's to obtain their first Eco Church Award under the scheme run by A Rocha UK.' The good news is that last year we obtained not just A Rocha's Bronze Award, but also the Silver Award! Many congratulations to the team of eight members for their time and commitment, as well as for their contribution of different ideas and perspectives.

In January's EPN the Vicar encouraged readers to have a New Year's motto of 'Recycle, Reuse and Reduce' and at their January meeting the PCC agreed to adopt an Environmental Policy to be considered alongside decisions made by the PCC. (The Policy is now on the church website.)

A new initiative has been the collection of used pens, pencils, felt tips and highlighters as well as other writing materials which are sent off for re-cycling rather than going to landfill. We have continued the monthly litter pick and the regular Eco tips and articles in EPN.

We are already working towards obtaining the Eco Church Gold Award.

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2023

Treasurer: Donna Boosey

Stewardship Recorder: Sarah Holmes

Chair of Finance Committee: Fr Mark Stafford

Dear friends of St. Mary's Ewell,

It has been another difficult year of conflicts around the world but after the initial shocks reverberating from Covid-19 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine we have seen inflation begin to settle, as we also all settle into a new normal. Father Mark and his wife Lucy have settled into the parish and I'm sure their energy along with a re-energised congregation is felt by us all. There will be many challenges in 2024 with a slowing economy and technical recession at the end of 2023, plus the many political elections around the world, but I'm sure that with faith and devotion we will be ready to rise to the occasion and continue our good work.

Introduction

The financials for 2023 show a vastly improved position compared to prior years as St. Mary's works hard to reach a break-even position. However, we continue to overspend and therefore must continue to work hard to understand and reduce costs and consider how we can all best support the church going forward. This year's deficit comes to £28k compared to 2022's deficit of £76k, a huge improvement of £48k. Even better when we consider that the deficit in 2021 was £90k and that the improvement seen this year is not wholly dependent on one off legacy income or exceptional donations.

Our cash at bank stands at £367k at year end, which based on our deficit for this year, means that without extraordinary donations or significant legacies the church has 9 years before it will run out of cash. This is a huge improvement on the 4-5

years we calculated last year but this does rely on us not going backwards and continuing to increase income, whilst keeping expenses to a minimum.

Our costs are inflexible and can be difficult to predict year on year. Outside of designated projects the church has run a simple budgetary policy of only incurring costs where necessary or will lead to additional sources of net income. Our total costs, including Diocesan share, stand at £198k in 2023, this means that in a 365-day year St. Mary's Ewell requires £543 per day to keep running.

Review

Preliminary analysis of the figures throws up some interesting trends.

Income:

Overall income has risen to £170k compared to £130k in the prior year, and expenses have decreased from £204k to £198k.

The increase in income is made up of these main items:

In December 2023, Ewell Castle donated £10k for the use of the church for the school year 23/24. This will be an ongoing annual donation.

There was also a one-off donation of £5.5k from Ewell Castle for the use of the church since Covid up to September 2023.

Legacy income increased from £1k last year to £6k this year. St Marys has relied greatly on legacies to keep us going over the last few years and they are why our reserves are in such a good position. Without the kindness and generosity of legacies we would have run out of reserves many years ago.

Other donations (including Gift Aid) have risen by around £8.5k between 2023 and 2022.

We welcomed back an extremely windy Summer Fair which brought in income of £6k. Due to the increases seen in interest rates, our interest income has increased by £5k this year. We should see a benefit from the increased rates in 2024 as well, especially as the depletion of reserves has slowed down.

The return of the Summer Fair was a welcome source of income as well as a great event for the community. The fair made a net profit of £5k. The Fair profit may be lower than in previous years but considering the last-minute change to have the Fair in the church due to and weather, it was very well supported. As well as bringing in funds to the church, the Fair also raises the profile of the church in the local community.

Ewell Hall continues to be a source of income; however, income fell by £2k this year and costs increased by £4k so the profit fell from £9.5k in 2022 to £3.5k in 2023. The main increase in costs is due to church utilities doubling from £3.5k in 2022 to £7k in 2023. We will need to discuss this with the Hall committee to see what can be done regarding this, as church utilities have stayed roughly the same as last year and so the increased cost must be due to usage.

Expenditure:

Overall, expenditure has decreased by around £6k in 2023 compared to 2022. There are no significant changes to any area but maintenance costs across the board are lower. Unfortunately, we have little control over this, and the cost can change significantly each year, depending on what issues arise. We continue to expect costs to generally rise but at a lower rate compared to prior years.

Summary

2023 marks a big difference to 2022 and 2021 and we hope this continues a trend to the point where the church can be financially stable. We have enjoyed seeing all the energy and activity in the church during 2023 and it really feels like we are going in the right direction. We take joy in seeing lots of familiar and new faces in the

congregation, young and old. However, we must continue the hard work of being vigilant on costs, particularly around energy consumption whilst we continue raising activity and church attendance numbers.

As ever, we look forward to the rest of 2024 with optimism and faith, as the church continues to spread the Christian message of faith, hope and love to those around us.

Yours faithfully,
Donna Boosey

The Finance Committee oversee all expenditure and monitor income and investments. During the year the Finance Committee were in regular communication regarding finance matters, they met numerous times to discuss the performance of the Church finances and to review financial procedures.

Contact: Finance Team – financeteam@stmarysewell.com

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Fr Mark Stafford (Vicar)

22nd April 2024

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
EWELL**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF EWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
2a	Donations and legacies	107,703	1,590	-	109,293	79,884
2b	Income from Church activities	12,992	6,654	-	19,646	16,262
2c	Other trading activities	29,981	-	-	29,981	26,341
2d	Income from investments	9,668	665	1,359	11,692	6,603
	TOTAL INCOME	160,344	8,909	1,359	170,612	129,090
	EXPENDITURE					
3a	Expenditure on Church activities	194,384	1,792	-	196,176	198,196
3b	Raising funds	2,057	-	-	2,057	6,300
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	196,441	1,792	-	198,233	204,496
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS	- 36,097	7,117	1,359 -	27,621 -	75,406
	NET (LOSSES)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	4	-	-	4 -	322
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AFTER INVESTMENT (LOSSES)/ GAINS	- 36,093	7,117	1,359 -	27,617 -	75,728
	TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	2,000 -	2,000	-	-	-
	NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	- 34,093	5,117	1,359 -	27,617 -	75,728
	TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	322,934	41,323	42,618	406,875	482,603
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	288,841	46,440	43,977	379,258	406,875

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form part of these financial statements

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF EWELL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes		2023	2022
	Fixed Assets		
5	Tangible Assets	80	80
6	Investment assets	5,618	5,614
		5,698	5,694
	Current Assets		
7	Debtors	14,500	11,808
8	Cash at Bank and in hand	366,978	397,565
		381,478	409,373
	Liabilities		
9	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7,275	7,549
	NET CURRENT ASSETS	374,203	401,824
	NET ASSETS	379,901	407,518
11	FUNDS		
	Unrestricted General	72,033	80,732
	Designated	216,808	242,202
	Restricted	46,440	41,323
	Endowments	43,977	42,618
		379,258	406,875

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form part of these financial statements

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF EWELL

CASH FLOW STATEMENT AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2023	2022	2022
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	-	42,279	-	86,359
Cash flows from investing activities				
Dividends, interest and rental income	11,692		6,603	
Proceeds of tangible fixed asset investments	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>11,692</u>		<u>6,603</u>
Changes in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	-	30,587	-	79,756
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		397,565		477,321
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u>366,978</u>		<u>397,565</u>
Reconciliation of net income before investment gains				
Net income before investments gains on 31 December	-	27,621	-	75,406
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation charges		-		-
Dividends, interest and rental income	-	11,692	-	6,603
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	-	2,692	-	4,116
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	-	274	-	234
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>-</u>	<u>42,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,359</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF EWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes

1 **Accounting policies**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102(2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes, which entail many aspects of the activities across the Church. The balances of these funds held are provided in note 11.

Endowment funds are funds where the capital must be retained, and details of the funds held are in note 11.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the donation is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due can be measured with sufficient reliability and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments as at each 31 December.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF EWELL

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Notes

1 cont. Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with s.10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are regarded as inalienable property unless consecrated and are not valued in the financial statements.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 and the repair of movable church furnishings is written off. No items costing in excess of £1,000 were purchased during the year.

Other extras, fittings and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £7,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value as at each 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the end of the year in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Cash at bank includes bank current accounts and cash held on short- term deposit (less than 101 days notice) with the CBF Church of England Funds, banks and building societies.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes	Income and Endowments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
2a	Donations and legacies					
	Planned giving - gift aided	45,390	-	-	45,390	42,341
	Planned giving - not gift-aided	131	-	-	131	131
	Loose plate collections - gift aided	6,275	52	-	6,327	6,499
	Loose plate collections - not gift aided	3,497	442	-	3,939	4,742
	Appeals & special collections	1,141	-	-	1,141	481
	Donations	26,431	96	-	26,527	8,722
	Grants	1,000	1,000	-	2,000	1,844
	Grants received on projects	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacies	5,750	-	-	5,750	1,000
	Gift Aid recovered	18,088	-	-	18,088	14,124
		£107,703	£1,590	-	£109,293	£79,884
2b	Income from Church activities					
	Ewell Parish News - sale of magazines	180	-	-	180	561
	Fees	7,332	-	-	7,332	6,549
	Children's activities	-	300	-	300	300
	Social events	660	875	-	1,535	2,130
	Coffees & refreshments	417	-	-	417	1,045
	Recitals and concerts	-	5,379	-	5,379	2,027
	Sundries	4,403	100	-	4,503	3,650
		£12,992	£6,654	-	£19,646	£16,262
2c	Other trading activities					
	Church hall lettings	21,061	-	-	21,061	22,911
	Ewell Parish News - adverts	1,616	-	-	1,616	893
	Summer fair	6,467	-	-	6,467	-
	Sundries	837	-	-	837	2,537
	Insurance claim (re burglary)	-	-	-	-	-
		£29,981	-	-	£29,981	£26,341
2d	Income from investments					
	Interest and dividends	6,668	665	1,359	8,692	3,603
	Rental Income	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
		£9,668	665	£1,359	£11,692	£6,603
	Total Income	£160,344	£8,909	£1,359	£170,612	£129,090

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes	Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
3a	Expenditure on Church activities					
	Missionary and charitable giving	806	-	-	806	1,116
	Ministry - Diocesan parish share	25,761	-	-	25,761	25,003
	Incumbent's Expenses	65,300	-	-	65,300	63,494
	Other ministry costs	25,940	-	-	25,940	25,939
	Church running expenses	24,161	-	-	24,161	24,475
	Church maintenance & decoration	5,741	-	-	5,741	1,564
	Publicity project	-	-	-	-	-
	Car park resurfacing & notice board project	-	-	-	-	-
	New toilets project	-	-	-	-	-
	Organ & piano maintenance	1,829	502	-	2,331	4,509
	Upkeep of services	1,337	31	-	1,368	2,081
	Audio visual running costs	419	-	-	419	2,761
	Security running costs	131	-	-	131	4,221
	Churchyard	15,460	-	-	15,460	16,966
	Music department costs	1,186	320	-	1,506	1,170
	Ewell Parish News	-	-	-	-	-
	Church hall running expenses	15,693	-	-	15,693	12,676
	Church hall maintenance	1,826	-	-	1,826	617
	Children's activities	-	14	-	14	34
	Children and family worker project	-	-	-	-	1,052
	Church socials	205	907	-	1,112	1,901
	Publicity running costs	823	-	-	823	296
	Miscellaneous gifts and fees	188	-	-	188	300
	Sundry costs	1,923	-	-	1,923	1,578
	Training costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Telephone, stationery & postage	1,594	18	-	1,612	2,073
	Copying & printing	1,708	-	-	1,708	1,561
	IT costs	740	-	-	740	1,000
	Bank Charges	133	-	-	133	329
	Depreciation of photocopier	-	-	-	-	-
	Accountancy fees	480	-	-	480	480
	Other legal and professional costs	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
		194,384	£1,792	-	£196,176	£198,196
3b	Raising funds					
	Summer fair expenses	1,201	-	-	1,201	0
	Stewardship costs	-	-	-	-	0
	Other Fund Raising Expenses	856	-	-	856	6,300
		2,057	-	-	2,057	6,300
	Total Expenditure	196,441	£1,792	-	£198,233	£204,496

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4 (a) Salaries and Wages	2023	2022
Salaries and Wages	£35,779	£37,468
Average no of employees during the year	4.0	4.1

There were no social security costs payable and no employee earned more than £60,000.

Fees were paid to organists and choristers during the year, these are not included in salaries and wages.

4 (b) Related Parties

In the year to 31 December 2023, four members of the PCC had expenses reimbursed totalling £859.
The nature of the reimbursements being costs related to general operating expenditure and maintenance, and hospitality costs.

5 Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land (Church hall)	Equipment	Total
Cost			
At 1st January 2023	80	7,899	7,979
Additions	-	-	-
At 31st December 2023	<u>80</u>	<u>7,899</u>	<u>7,979</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2023	-	7,899	7,899
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 31st December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>7,899</u>	<u>7,899</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2023	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2022	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>

The Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance are custodian trustees of the Church Hall and the PCC are managing trustees. Freehold Land has been included at the original cost.

6 Fixed Assets	2023	2022
Investment Fixed Assets		
Carrying value at 1 January 2023	5,614	5,936
Increase/(decrease) in value of investments	4 -	322
Carrying value at 31 December 2023	5,618	5,614

7 Debtors	2023	2022
Income tax recoverable	-	-
Fees	-	-
Other accrued income and debtors	14,104	11,391
Prepayments	396	417
	14,500	11,808

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8	Cash at bank and in hand including short term deposits	2023	2022
	Barclays - Main Current Account	23,529	52,350
	Barclays - Premium Account	-	-
	Santander - Summer Fair Current Account	-	-
	Santander - Children's Activities Current Account	-	-
	Santander - Social Events Current Account	-	-
	Metro Bank - Current Account	2,500	7,927
	CBF-Treasurer's Deposit Account	2,100	2,100
	CBF-Choral & Scholar Fund Deposit Account	10,644	10,313
	CBF-Arthur Mathews Organ Fund Deposit Account	10,586	10,258
	CBF-William Gray Fund Deposit Account	38,440	37,246
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	-	-
	Redwood Bank Deposit Account	46,255	46,255
	Cambridge & Counties Bank Deposit Account	50,945	49,639
	Shawbrook Bank Deposit Account	-	-
	Teachers Building Society Deposit Account	-	-
	United Trust Bank Deposit account	85,000	85,000
	Family Building Society - Outings Group Deposit Account	634	629
	Hampshire Trust Bank - Deposit Account	86,028	85,000
	Metro Bank - Hall Account	2,500	10,848
	Cash in hand	7,817	-
		£366,978	£397,565

9	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	Accrued expenses	6,510	6,799
	Deferred income	765	750
		£7,275	£7,549

10	Analysis of Net Assets by Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	Tangible Fixed Assets	80	-	-	80
	Investment Fixed Assets				
	Lloyds Shares	81	-	-	81
	Rice Grave Trust	-	-	3,285	3,285
	Marshall Grave Trust	-	-	2,252	2,252
		£161	-	£5,537	£5,698
	Current Net Assets	288,680	46,440	38,440	373,560
	Net Assets	£288,841	£46,440	£43,977	£379,258

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11	Funds	At 1st Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Market Gains	At 31st Dec 2023
	Unrestricted Funds:						
	General Funds	80,732	160,344 -	196,441	27,394	4	72,033
	Designated Funds	242,202	-	- -	25,394		216,808
	Total Unrestricted Funds	322,934	160,344 -	196,441	2,000	4	288,841
	- Music Scholarship Fund	10,313	1,331 -	320			11,324
	- The Arthur Mathews Organ & Piano Fund	16,688	6,293	-			22,981
	- St Mary's Singers	131	100	-			231
	- Choir	4,500	-	-			4,500
	- Children's activities	4,791	300 -	63			5,028
	- Social events	2,719	880 -	907 -	1,000		1,692
	- Outings group	629	5	-			634
	- Jeel al Amal Boys Home & Lazarus home for girls Bethany	502	- -	502			-
	- R Saunders Hymn Books	50	-	-			50
	- Falls - Altar, lectern & pulpit Falls	1,000	-	- -	1,000		-
	Total Restricted Funds	41,323	8,909 -	1,792 -	2,000	-	46,440
	Endowment Funds:						
	Fixed Assets						
	Rice Grave Trust	3,187	98	-			3,285
	Marshall Grave Trust	2,185	67	-			2,252
		5,372	165	-	-	-	5,537
	Current Assets						
	William Gray Fund	37,246	1,194	-		-	38,440
	Total Endowment Funds	42,618	1,359	-	-	-	43,977
	Total Funds	406,875	170,612 -	198,233	-	4	379,258

At year end unrestricted designated funds were transferred to the general fund of £25,394.

This maintains a 25% to 75% split of the unrestricted funds between unrestricted general and unrestricted designated funds.

12	Missionary and charitable giving	2023	2022
	Tearfund	221	
	McCabe Educational Trust	251	
	A Rocha UK	125	
	Friends Of Lazarus House	251	
	Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network	310	
	Hope Shoebox appeal	100	
	Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers	50	50
	Christian Aid		220
	St Paul's Church, Howell Hill		150
	The Bishop Of Guildford's Charity		220
	MERU		476
		£1,308	£1,116

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13	Legacies	2023	2022
	P Jenkins	750	-
	J E Lucken	5,000	
	M Rao		1,000
		£5,750	£1,000

14 **PRIOR PERIOD COMPARITIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies	76,812	3,072		79,884
Income from Church activities	11,705	4,557		16,262
Other trading activities	26,341			26,341
Income from investments	5,826	271	506	6,603
TOTAL INCOME	120,684	7,900	506	129,090
EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure on Church activities	194,945	3,251		198,196
Raising funds	6,300			6,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	201,245	3,251	-	204,496
NET INCOME(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS	- 80,561	4,649	506 -	75,406
NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	- 4	-	318 -	322
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AFTER INVESTMENT GAINS	- 80,565	4,649	188 -	75,728
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	- 858	121	737	-
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	- 81,423	4,770	925 -	75,728
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	404,357	36,553	41,693	482,603
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	322,934	41,323	42,618	406,875

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF EWELL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on Pages 17 to 27.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(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
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matters have come to my attention

- (1) which give 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; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

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29 APRIL 2024