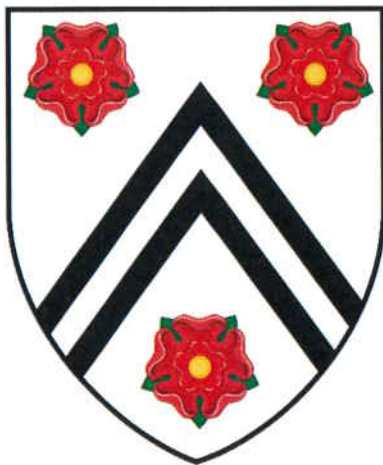




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## **Annual Report and Financial Statements** for the year ended **31 December 2023**



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Romford

(Charity No. 1128998)

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The Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Edward the Confessor (commonly called the Church of St Edward the Confessor, or St Edward's Church) is the sole place of worship in the Benefice and Parish of Romford. The parish is part of the Deanery of Havering, of the Archdeaconry of Barking, of the Barking episcopal area in the Diocese of Chelmsford, in the Church of England.

## Parochial Church Council

### Aims & Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (henceforth "PCC") has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar (David Simpson), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England, operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and structured, governed and managed in accordance with this and (until 1 January 2020) the Church Representation Rules 2017; it is also a charity registered with the Charity Commission, under the formal name "the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Romford", and the registered charity number 1128998. All members of the PCC are trustees of the charity and are corporately responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent; they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance under the Charities Act 2011 on public benefit when considering the Charity's objectives and activities.

The church's objectives and activities, achievements and performance are examined in the various annual reports following.

The PCC owns the curate's house.

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## PCC Meetings and Membership

The PCC had seven ordinary meetings during the year of 2023, at approximately two month intervals, with an extra one squeezed in. The dates of the PCC meetings were 18<sup>th</sup> January, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> November. All meetings took place in person in Church House with the July one held at the Vicarage. Unfortunately the weather did not allow us to sit in the garden but was held inside the vicarage. Larisa, the vicar's wife, had organised a wonderful Russian buffet supper for everyone. We were all very grateful to Larisa for organising this for us after a long meeting.

Mean attendance across all PCC meetings was 69.92% (2022: 71%) of members available with a marked drop in attendance in June (59.09%) whereas from September onwards attendance was around 72%.

The members of the parish House of Clergy during this calendar year were:

Revd David Simpson (Fr David)	Vicar; Chair
Revd David Perry (Fr Michael)	Associate Priest – ex officio

The lay members of the PCC this year who held their seats 'ex officio' (i.e. by virtue of another office) were:

Brian Sallery <b>Resigned 18 January 2023</b>	Churchwarden Deanery Synod Representative
Susan Ryan <b>Resigned 4 February 2023</b>	Churchwarden
Alexandra Quinn	Churchwarden (elected 2023)
Johanna Hardy-van den Beld	Deanery Synod Representative (elected 2023) PCC Secretary Electoral Roll Officer
Sue Arbon	Deanery Synod Representative (elected 2023)
Ann Dalgliesh	Deanery Synod Representative (elected 2023)

During this year, one lay member was co-opted onto PCC:

Danny Dixon	Hon. Treasurer
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The elected members of the parish House of Laity during this calendar year were:

Damola Aboaba	Assistant Churchwarden (elected 2022)
Jenny Card	Parish Safeguarding Officer (elected 2022)

Nicola Sharp	Foodbank Manager (elected 2023)
Georgina Olaniyan	elected 2021
Natalie Stump	elected 2021 – resigned September 2023
David Famakinwa	elected 2021
Lynne Trew	elected 2022
Dean Moran	elected 2022
Judy Shofolahan	elected 2022
Linda Rees	elected 2023
Simon Bravery	elected 2023
Nicola Bates	elected 2023
Peter Quinn	elected 2023
Paul Gambini	elected 2023
Joanne Sheppard	Social Media Lead - elected 2023

We started 2023 with two Churchwardens, Brian Sallery and Susan Ryan, but both resigned in January and February 2023 respectively. There was no Churchwarden until the APCM on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 when Alex Quinn was duly elected as Churchwarden. There were no other candidates.

### **Committees of the PCC**

The Financial & Standing Committee of the PCC consists of the Vicar & Chair, the churchwarden, the Hon. Treasurer, the PCC Secretary and the assistant churchwarden. The Standing Committee meets at least once a month.

The Financial Strategy Group is open to non-PCC members and we welcome anyone who would like to make a contribution towards new ideas for additional fundraising. The Group consists of the Vicar & Chair, the churchwarden, the Hon. Treasurer, the Stewardship Administrator and a member of our congregation.

The Music Project Group has continued to explore and make recommendations to the PCC for the future of our music offering at St. Edward's. The Group consists of the Vicar & Chair, the assistant churchwarden, the Acting Director of Music and our regular organist Stephen King.

The Fabric Committee was re-established in 2023 and consists of a number of PCC members, a member of our congregation who is a retired quantity surveyor and the Vicar & Chair.

Johanna Hardy – PCC Secretary  
March 2024



## Churchwarden Report

My term as churchwarden started at the APCM in May 2023 which has been both enjoyable and challenging in equal amounts. Churchwardens are elected each year but under the Church Representation Rules can only serve a maximum of 6 years continually and cannot then be re-elected until after a two-year period. This rule can be amended at each APCM by Resolution and a vote to take effect the following year.

2023 was another busy time for St. Edward's, we had the good news that a new boiler was installed late Autumn just in time for the winter cold weather. This project was helped by the generosity of the parishioners.

Our new caretaker, Paul Collins, joined us on 1<sup>st</sup> February, shortly followed by our new parish administrator, Angela Butt, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Both have been an enormous support in the past year to help run the parish.

At the time of writing this report, we received the sad news of Fr. David announcing his departure on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. As we enter an Interregnum, the church family will pull together to enable the church to continue running smoothly.

A special mention to Fr. David Perry, our Associate Priest, for his contribution to our church throughout 2023 which was far greater than the hours he was contracted to do, and his continued support at this time. We also have Archdeacon Chris Burke helping us through the Interregnum.

### Church Attendance

Church attendance has been steadily increasing including our children's services. Unfortunately, our Livestreaming of the 10am service was ceased due to lack of volunteers but expected to be back up and running during 2024.

Fr David introduced a monthly All Age service on Sundays at 10am which has become a popular service with many people and is one of the best attended.

Unfortunately, our Director of Music, Gary Cheung, departed at Easter 2023. We are very grateful for Claire & Andrew Morrisson for stepping in during the transition.

In June 2023 we hosted a Confirmation Service presided over by Bishop Lynne, the Bishop of Barking.

### Volunteers

We rely very much on the hard work, dedication and goodwill of volunteers to keep this church open, to continue to make it look beautiful and to offer support to those who need it. Our quest for offers of help with church activities and duties continues and the more volunteers we have the easier the workload on the current dedicated group of parishioners. We are always looking for more sides persons and people to help with refreshments. Those who feel called to participate more actively in the services may wish to consider becoming readers, intercessors or servers – your offer

to become part of the team of volunteers at church will be greatly appreciated and is a fantastic way of getting to know other people.

#### Fabric, goods and ornaments of the church

Routine maintenance has been carried out throughout the year including the installation of the new gas boiler following the total breakdown of the old boiler, updating the control panels for the church heating, fire extinguishers, fire alarm system, pest control, PAT testing and organ and piano tuning.

The curate's house at 54 Parkside Avenue remains rented out commercially and provides regular rental income. It should be mentioned that Paul Trew has worked tirelessly in ensuring our tenants are happy and we are conforming to appropriate legislations.

Works carried out / items purchased or donations during 2023 included:

- New photocopier contract
- Cleaning and repairs to the fabric of the altar fronts
- Paschal Candle stand donated by the Medcraft family in memory of Peter's long service to St Edward's church.
- The PA system is back fully functional including the loop system.

On behalf of the PCC, we would like to thank everyone for the help and support given to St. Edward's Church in 2023. We also thank Fr. David for his hard work, time and dedication to St. Edward's and wish him good luck in his new venture.

Alexandra Quinn  
Churchwarden  
February 2024



## Fabric report

I am sure we all enjoy spending time and fellowship, both on a Sunday and throughout the week, within our beautiful church building. Our church is a place of safety and a haven of peace and tranquility within a busy community, town and wider world. We have a moral duty and responsibility as Christians to preserve, protect and enhance our church buildings as a place of collective worship as well as the wider church estate. On this premise and for this reason the Fabric Group Committee has emerged as a dedicated and working group since September 2023. At present the membership consists of: Fr. David Simpson, Vincent Fitzmaurice, Tom Green, Dean Moran, Josh Scott and Lynne Trew. As has been communicated via the weekly news sheet, we are actively looking for further members to assist with our current and future plans. Please contact the Parish Administrator if this is something that interests you or you wish to find out more information. As a well-known supermarket says, 'Every little helps!'

We have nothing that was not given us. Our gifts are ultimately God's, we are only "stewards" – responsible for the prudent management of property that is not our own. Since its inception last autumn the Fabric Group has met every 6 weeks to prioritise fabric related work based on the quinquennial report (2020) and professional advice and guidance from Simon Marks (DipArch RIBA AABC), our architect.

At present the following premises related projects are being explored for future completion depending on budgetary constraints:

- West-end gable repairs
- Maintenance and upkeep of 54 Parkside Avenue
- Roofing repairs
- Site security (to deter anti-social behaviour)
- Church signage and outward facing publicity
- Potential car park refurbishment and potential income generation

All of the above and future projects rely heavily on generous giving as well as the active exploration of grant application funding strategies. The Fabric Group supported by the PCC will strive to use our limited resources (both physical and financial) to obtain good value for money and preserve and enhance the church for our current congregation and wider community as well as maintaining it for future generations.

Christians are called to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to His people – including time, talents and finances. In turn, Christians are to use His resources wisely and for His glory. When that happens, God promises to bless us with more (John 13:17).

Dean Moran – February 2024  
On behalf of the Fabric Group

## Eco Church report

This is a new venture for St Edward's and we have only been reviewing our "greenness" since the early summer, so have yet to make any significant progress. Over the last few months we have been establishing where we currently are so that we can decide what actions need to be taken to improve our position.

The first project carried out was the completion of the Diocesan Energy Toolkit which is used to measure our energy efficiency/carbon footprint. Using our 2022 gas and electric bills and taking into account the inefficient boiler that was in place at the time, we established that St Edwards's net CO2 emissions were very high and, currently, we have no renewables etc. to offset against this. However, a new condensing boiler was installed in September which should make some difference when we next complete the exercise. The other project we have been working on is an ECO Church Survey which comprises 100 questions in 5 sections; ↔ Worship & Teaching ↔ Buildings ↔ Land ↔ Community & Global Engagement ↔ Lifestyle

Our aim is to achieve an overall Bronze Award but to get this, we need to be at Bronze level on all 5 sections and, currently, we are quite a way from achieving that although we have achieved Silver for the Worship section!

The Diocese has been very supportive and we were fortunate to have Jason Frost, Havering Deanery Environmental Advocate, speak at the 08.00 and 10.00 services on 26th November 2023. Jason has also made suggestions on some of the small actions we can take to improve the sustainability of every day operations, many of which we are already implementing. Going forwards, we hope to review all areas of the church and the activities carried out within them to agree with relevant leaders any changes we can make to further improve our sustainability.

Lynne Trew – February 2024

## Music report

Gary Cheung resigned as Director of Music at Easter 2023 having been in post for one year. Since then, the day-to-day responsibility for organising the choir and music has fallen to Andrew Morrisson as and when his other commitments allow. Stephen King from Brentwood Cathedral has also assisted on a number of occasions.

Unfortunately, over the last year, a number of the adult singers have resigned or reduced their commitment. This has meant that the opportunities to perform music in 4-part harmony have been limited. A positive outcome however has been the collaboration with the choir of All Saints, West Ham, and their director Jon Cullen. Due to a reorganisation of churches in their area, they have limited opportunity to

sing on Sunday evenings at their own church and choir members have been happy to join us for Choral Evensongs and the Fauré Requiem.

Successful funding applications, primarily to the Ouseley Trust and the Williams Church Music Trust, have allowed us to appoint two junior choral scholars. This has made a tremendous difference to the soprano line and the consequent support for the younger singers. Attempts to recruit a tenor and a bass choral scholar were not successful. Although a bass choral scholar was appointed briefly a change of accommodation made travel to Romford no longer viable.

Many of the Sunday services have been sung by the choristers only and they have acquitted themselves excellently. Several choristers are now working towards external examinations of the Royal School of Church Music with the assistance of Claire Morrisson. Notwithstanding smaller choir numbers, there have been some outstanding music services including the Fauré Requiem, Advent Carol Service, Nine Lessons and Carols and Midnight Eucharist.

We have been grateful for the involvement of Kristine Sheroyan who has been assisting with chorister training. It is hoped to formalise her involvement in the music now that her UK residency has been confirmed. A further aspect of the music has been the Ukrainian Children's Choir led by Tetiana Kliuiko who rehearse in the church on Sundays and have performed at several services. Two of the Ukrainian boys have joined the church choir. It is hoped to integrate further the Ukrainian children in the future and funding obtained from Havering Council will support this. Recruitment of choristers continues, and fruitful discussions have been held with Mawney Road School leading to several enquiries about joining the church choir. It is planned to strengthen links with the school through an outreach initiative. Attempts to appoint a new Director of Music have been ongoing and it is anticipated that there will be positive news early in the New Year. It is also the intention to resurrect the St Edward's Music Society in order to promote the church as a venue for concerts and to raise funds for the music of the church.

Andrew Morrisson  
January 2024

## Deanery Synod

Havering Deanery Synod is a church council which is convened jointly by the Area Dean and the Lay Chair of the Synod. It consists of all clergy licensed to a benefice within the Deanery plus elected lay members. It acts as an intermediary between the parochial church councils of each parish in its Deanery and the Synod of the Diocese. Deanery Synod representatives from St Edward's Church are: Johanna Hardy, Sue Arbon and Ann Dalgliesh. We still have one vacancy.

Synod meets 4 times per year, usually in January, May, September and November. Meetings include:

- An opening act of Worship • Visiting speakers, sometimes from the Diocese, sometimes from other organisations • Reports from Diocesan and General Synods • Sharing of new developments and good practice • The Deanery's Action Plan • Financial matters including Parish Share.

The first meeting of the year took place at St George, Harold Hill on 20 February 2023. The following topics were discussed:

- Deanery Synod Representative elections in June 2023 – number of representatives from each parish are based on Electoral Roll figures declared at the 2022 APCM.
- Grant monies available from London Over the Border (LOB) and Mission Opportunity Fund (MOF). LOB monies have not gone to Havering for some time as criteria for funding are based on the Church Urban Fund deprivation rating. Very few parishes in Havering qualify. The MOF has been re-framed as agreed by Diocesan Synod, and the criteria require that the grant should benefit the whole or a large part of the Deanery. The maximum annual grant per Deanery is £15,650.
- New Energy Footprint Tool
- Parish Share Scheme
- Living in Love and Faith and the discussion and vote at General Synod
- Travelling Well Together
- Youth Synod
- Speaker was Monica Abdala from Street and Rail Pastors.

The second Meeting was held at St Luke's Cranham on 19th June 2023 and the following topics were discussed:

- Update on Parish Share calculations
- Diocesan Net Zero Action Plan
- Speaker was Revd Phil Wright who leads the Hospital Chaplaincy team at our local Trust hospitals

The third meeting took place at St Andrew's Hornchurch on 18th September 2023. Topics discussed were:

- 2024 Parish Share figures. Our total Havering Deanery request for 2024 is £1.4M spread over 23 parishes.
- Substantial increase in Energy Footprint Tool submissions from Havering.
- Prayers for Love and Faith: an update was provided as these will be discussed at General Synod in November 2023. Although there are many



differences in theological views on these prayers, the common aim is to preserve the unity of the Church of England.

The fourth and final meeting took place at All Saints Cranham on 20th November 2023 and the following topics were discussed:

- LLF was a major topic at this meeting following the Church of England's General Synod motion welcoming the proposal that would enable same-sex couples to come to church after a civil marriage or partnership to give thanks, dedicate their relationship to God and receive God's blessing. Please note that more details are on the Diocesan website.
- Our speaker that evening was Bishop Lynne Cullens, the Bishop of Barking, who spoke on this topic.

Sue Arbon  
Deanery Synod Representative  
March 2024

## Electoral Roll 2023

St. Edward's Church Electoral Roll 2023 currently includes a total of 217 names, of which 141 are non-parish and 76 are parish members (64.98%/35.02% split). This compares to a similar number of 215 reported at last year's APCM (the number was 211 in the 2022 Annual report). We had 11 new members added to the Electoral Roll and 9 members removed during 2023. It is encouraging that we have new members joining our church throughout the year but most tend not to live in our parish.

In 2019 the General Synod passed the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019. This took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. One of the specific key changes was the simplification of the rules regarding revision and preparation of the Electoral Rolls. The Roll may now be published electronically, as an alternative to paper form. Electoral Rolls, when they are published, must only display the names of those individuals who have been entered on the roll. No personal data will be displayed. At St. Edward's we have continued to display the names on the Roll on the notice board at the back of Church for a number of weeks prior to the APCM rather than publishing the Roll electronically.

The Electoral Roll enables us to communicate with our church members quickly and easily. All members on the Church Electoral Roll were sent the weekly notice sheet by email in the past year.

Johanna Hardy  
Electoral Roll Officer  
March 2024

## Sidespeople Report

The Sidesperson stands at the Church door, ready to greet and give you a Service sheet, and is always happy to find you just the right seat.

There have been some large funerals in 2023 which have been interesting involving horses, lorries and numerous gold Cadillacs. The seats are all used leaving standing room only, and the services involve readings, looking at photos or watching videos of the deceased.

My thanks to all the Sidespeople for their support but we need more!  
I have asked the PCC to reappoint all current Sidespeople for the next year.

David Hawker  
Sidespeople Coordinator  
February 2024

## Mothers' Union Branch Report

Morning meetings, arranged and led by Mary Leach, were held monthly, with corporate communion in Church followed by refreshments and fellowship. We welcomed Rose Gorton, our Diocesan Vice President, in June; and our President, Maxine Paul in November.

We have enjoyed monthly evening meetings in members' homes. We have had discussions about 'MU projects', quizzes and a meeting to discuss and celebrate Lady Day and International Women's Day.

Our branch AGM was held in May. Reverend David Simpson conducted a communion service and chaired the meeting.

Michelle Harper hosted a Pancake Party at her home in February.

A summer party was hosted by Jane Olley in July.

Two trips to The Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch in June and November were well-attended, and a Christmas lunch and evening meal at local restaurants were enjoyed in December.



Although some of our older members have found it increasingly difficult to attend meetings this year, we have continued to communicate by telephone and distribute regular newsletters and programme information. Our Whatsapp group is our main channel of communication for keeping us connected and informed. It has proved invaluable in allowing us to share information of, not only branch activities, but especially of Diocesan information and the work of the Mothers' Union globally.

We had 35 members during 2023.

Jane Olley  
February 2024

## Flower Arrangers Report

Very many thanks to members of the congregation for your generous support with dedications and donations to the flower fund. This enables us to continue to have flowers in church on a weekly basis although we are now having to scale down the number of arrangements at some of the main church festivals due to lack of help.

There are still only two dedicated flower arrangers, Rosemary Clayton and Sylvia Clay, and two more people who are willing to help on occasions. Unless anyone comes forward to lend a hand, we are only able to provide one large pedestal by the choir stalls and flowers in the Lady Chapel as often as we can. We can only reiterate that it may not be possible to fulfil requests for dedications on specific dates but we will always do our best.

If you are interested in helping to arrange flowers, please contact Rosemary or Sylvia.

Rosemary Clayton  
January 2024

## Phoenix Club

The Phoenix club has had another successful year, we have got 30 members. In March Theresa who had run the club for 14 years decided to retire, but fortunately Pat Harris who had been a member for several years agreed to help in the running of the club.

In February St Edward's Primary School invited 12 of us to go along to tell the pupils what our childhood had been like and what we had done for a living. The pupils were amazed to hear that one person had been awarded the MBE and brought photos along, and that another person was a Red Beret and had done several parachute jumps in the Army, we were then taken on a tour of the school finishing up with afternoon tea.

At Easter we made a collage for the Church notice board and had hot cross buns and an Easter egg.

In May we had a Coronation party to celebrate our new king and followed that by having a party to celebrate Wimbledon with Eton Mess and spritzers to drink. The police came and gave us a talk about safety and how to watch out for scammers. Fr David gave us a very interesting talk and slide show about his life as a naval chaplain.

We had a very successful bring and buy and a lovely Harvest ploughman's lunch in October.

We ended the year with our Christmas party where we put our Christmas collage on the church notice board.

Throughout the year we have had our quizzes and bingo, so if you would like to join us we are a club for the over 50's, we meet every Thursday in St Edward's church from 1-30 till 3-30, the subs are £2.00 a week for two cups of tea or coffee a biscuit and a cake, just come along, contact the parish office or me and you will be made most welcome.

Phyllis Dearsley – January 2023

## “Walking the Talk” Report

Following our successful Lent study group in 2023 we decided to continue to meet. We are called 'Walking the Talk' as we aim to reflect on what we learn from Bible study in real and practical ways. This will help us to actually know how to apply our faith in our lives as we grow as disciples through reflecting on God's word.

We meet each month at 8pm in Church House. All are welcome, whether you are new to faith or feel you know the Bible inside out. We aim to learn from God's word as it is in the text, but also as God has revealed Himself in each of our lives. We learn a lot from the observations and experiences we share with each other as we discuss the text and the topics it raises. People are welcome to drop in and out, so attendance has varied from twelve to six. This isn't a problem – we recognise that life happens and are just glad to see whoever comes.

We have reflected on the seven letters to the churches from the Book of Revelation this year and are going to consider what God has to say about our duty to the environment and God's creation next. Before that however we will pause as we will again run a weekly Lent Course in 2024.

Fr Michael - January 2024

## Junior Church Report

Junior Church meets every Sunday during the 10.00 service in term time. Children attending are aged from 5 to 11 years and most sessions welcome approximately 6 children, mainly under 7 years of age. They enjoy fellowship in an atmosphere that

promotes love, inclusion and acceptance. Our aim is to encourage their personal and spiritual growth through Bible study, music, prayer, games and craft activities. During the session they have a drink and snack and have the opportunity to share their own experiences in a relaxed environment.

## Diddy Disciples Report

Diddy Disciples is a new branch of our children's ministry designed for pre-school children (0-5 years). This is not a crèche, but a real opportunity to engage with our faith in ways that are meaningful for young children. This means there are lots of simple songs and actions; lots of moving and doing and not too much listening. It happens on the first and last Sunday of each month outside of school holidays and major feasts where opportunities for ministry for children are already available. We have had six sessions so far looking at how much God loves us and who He is. We have also commemorated All Saints Day and Remembrance. We link our activities with the church calendar and so will be marking Lent together and celebrating what Easter means for us. We learn to sing and pray and worship together. We have between four and eight families each week and children are accompanied by an adult. We meet in the family area and, after being blessed at the start of the service, move to Church House and returning in order to take part in the Eucharist. I plan and lead the session and parents support their child. It will help the group be more sustainable and perhaps to grow if and when parents begin to feel confident to share the responsibility to lead the group occasionally, using my preparation and planning to support them.

Fr Michael – January 2024

## Playgroup Report

During 2023 our membership has grown, we are not back to pre-covid numbers but in a very healthy position. We are still attracting new members weekly, so a steady growth.

Advertising through St Edward's Church new Facebook page and our social media, I feel has helped.

Many of our members are multi-national including many from Ukraine, it is great that we can welcome everyone to come and join us every week.

Every year we try to introduce different things for the children to do, last year we bought two very large Fuzzy Felts that you can hang on a wall, put on a table or lay on the floor, one is Animals at the Zoo, the other one is Creatures of sea. They were a great success.

We also purchased a very large wooden Noah's Ark with all the characters and the animals.

Throughout the year we provided crafts and activities for the children to do. Chalking pictures, felt dinosaurs pictures, Mothering Sunday cards, Easter rabbits, rainbows, Christmas decorations to name a few. Plus play dough which is always a favourite.

We supported Lennox Children's Cancer Charity throughout the year by having Name the Teddy and donations.

My thanks to Fr Michael who comes to Playgroup most weeks or when possible. The children love him as he spends a lot of time playing and interacting with them, he also chats with the parents and carers. He is a big part of our team.

Last year we introduced holding a lunch for all the playgroup helpers at the end of each term, Easter, Summer and Christmas. These took place in the hall after we had cleared up after Playgroup.

It's important that we thank everybody, discuss plans and events and work together as a team.

My thanks and gratitude to the playgroup team for all they do throughout the year.

Jenny Card  
Playgroup Coordinator  
January 2023

## Caterpillars

Caterpillars has continued to meet in church weekly on a Tuesday (term time) with lots of fun being had as we come together to encourage pre-school children and their parents/carers to participate and learn about God in a very relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Our weekly sessions last an hour and are packed with songs, bible stories/themes, crafts, sensory activities and prayers as well as time for refreshments, a chat and playtime.

Throughout the year we have delivered some Old Testament favourites such as Daniel, Moses and Noah and also covered the events of the Church year with Shrove Tuesday, Easter, Pentecost, the Ascension and Christmas, of course. There were some new themes such as Making a Joyful Noise and Rain where the sensory activity involved cotton wool balls, shaving foam and food colouring thanks to the creative talents of Amy!

We revisited the story of the Three Trees and thought about Children of the World and People who Help Us.



Our children choose the songs we sing and we have especially enjoyed “Wind the Bobbin Up”, “My God is so Big”, and of course “the Wiggle Song”, where we sing that wiggling for Jesus is for everyone!

What’s in the Box element continues to stimulate interest and is linked to our theme or story and this year has included hand bells for a joyful noise, a donkey for Palm Sunday, biscuits, hand puppets and a globe.

Sensory time has included dressing up as the Wise Men, cake decorating to represent Moses and the Red Sea, pine cones and leaves, Skittle sweets in water for our rainbow theme and a visit from Jane’s tortoise.

This year, we introduced our Butterfly Certificate which is presented to those graduating from Caterpillars and moving on to nursery/school.

The team (myself, Jenny, Jane, Lorna, Theresa, Amy, Helen and Carolyn) were joined by Kerry towards the end of the year and we continue to lead sessions on a rota basis. Thanks to all for the time they give.

It is wonderful that our average attendance remains around 12 children each week and is a mix of regulars and adhoc visitors. We are grateful that our children are accompanied by a wonderful group of parents, grandparents and carers who readily join in so thank you to them.

Please do come and join us if you are free.

Sarah Cansell  
March 2024

## Evolve

Evolve, the weekly youth group has seen numbers go up and down from September 2023. We started with about 10 and some weeks were even getting 14 but it wasn’t consistent. With the weather being good at the start of the Autumn term, activities like Netball (the Evolve version) or archery happened in the church yard. With the weather getting colder activities like Mafia or Splat took place. We also had a bake off where they were challenged with making and decorating a cake and these were sold at the Christmas Bazaar and £27 was raised. In November we started the Living Christianity Series which challenged them to think about how they live out their lives as Christians through short videos, bible readings and group discussions.

The leaders from September were Ian, Robert, Liz, Nikky, Alex and Petrina. We also had Efuwa join us later in the term.

The Youth arrive at 16.00 and leave at 18.00. However, a few of the Youth are involved in the choir so leave around 17.45. We encourage the Youth to help tidy away after an activity or after the meal. We also ask them to contribute to the prayers so they can pray on world issues that they have been thinking about. It has been

great to see the friendships forming in Evolve and how they interact with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Petrina Richardson  
Evolve Leader since September 2023  
March 2024

## Safeguarding

“The Diocese of Chelmsford is committed, as part of the Christian church living in the spirit of the gospels, to protect and care for everyone and we aim to be a beacon in best practice in safeguarding, ensuring that its volunteers, clergy, advisers and lay people achieve the standards laid down in the Safeguarding Policies of the Church of England.” This is the opening paragraph on the Diocese of Chelmsford Safeguarding website.

Its aim is to protect and care for everyone by following best practice and standards laid down in the safeguarding policies and are our guidelines here at St Edward's Church and all other churches in the Church of England.

As a Safeguarding team here we have strict guidelines, procedures and policies that we have to follow and adhere to.

It is essential that we protect and safeguard our children and young people; likewise we also need to protect and safeguard everyone who works with them, whether paid or a volunteer.

Everybody working with our children and young people must hold an Enhanced DBS Certificate (police check).

Everybody also has to complete two online safeguarding training courses, Basic and Foundation.

DBS Certificates and safeguarding training courses must now be renewed every three years.

Last year all churches in the Chelmsford Diocese and all Dioceses across England were asked to complete an online survey.

The Future of Church Safeguarding.

The Future of Church Safeguarding Programme was set up to help Professor Alexis Jay CBE to recommend a model for fully independent safeguarding within the Church of England.



Professor Jay has found the church needs to take action urgently to restore trust and confidence in its safeguarding, by victims, survivors, those wrongly accused and the general public.

Safeguarding is paramount and must always be at the forefront at St Edward's, for the protection of our children, young people, vulnerable adults and the people who help and assist with our children's work.

Jenny Card  
Parish Safeguarding Officer  
March 2024

## Collier Row & Romford Foodbank

The Trussell Trust foodbank franchise was transferred over to the Romford Baptist Church on 20th September 2023 due to the retirement of the Project Manager. RBC runs the foodbank in the same way with the 3 different distribution centres. St Edward's Church still hosts foodbank distribution sessions on Wednesday mornings in the Wykeham Centre and this will continue.

The foodbank has continued to run well with a dedicated team of hardworking volunteers.

Since the beginning of 2023 food donations have dropped dramatically and numbers of clients have increased putting a strain on resources.

During the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, we fed as follows:

3240 adults

2172 children

Total 5412

This is an increase over the previous year (2022) of 35%.

Nicola Sharp  
January 2024

## Social Media Group Report

### Background:

- i. In light of some changes in the Parish Community, we set up a new Social Media Team at the beginning of September.
- ii. We followed this up by setting up a new Facebook Account, (St Edwards Church, Romford) and a You Tube account.
- iii. We were then asked to look at A Church Near You – the recognised platform for the Diocese, which is part of the Chelmsford Diocese Comms Team Strategic Aims for the year.

### St Edward's Social Media Strategy:

- Our Strategic Aim is to make St Edward's Church the "most welcoming church in Romford" – we often use the strapline, "A Warm Welcome Awaits".

### Phase 1:

- Initially we started with 7 followers, we aimed to increase this by ensuring that we had a volume of content on Facebook, and we had three broad areas we looked at to build the content:
  1. Pictures of the congregation – to introduce people before they arrived at St Edward's to create a sense of welcoming and so they know key figures in the community.
  2. A source of sharing information – updates on special services, community groups etc.
  3. History of the church.
- By checking the analytics we have seen these types of post have the most reach and create the most engagement.

### Phase 2:

- Once we had in place some content – we started routinely sharing this with further bigger Romford groups (Lets all go to Romford 4.8K members), Romford Residents 8.7K members).
- A Church Near you is now routinely updated with all our services, news items, and live links. This has seen some improved analytics.

**Phase 3:**

We have now widened our reach by collaborating with Romford Business Improvement District, making links with Lennox Childrens' Cancer Trust and regular liaison with the Havering Council Communications Team, St. Francis Hospice, Romford Drum & Trumpet Corps and the Diocese Communications Team.

**The Analytics are as follows:****Facebook: 1**

137 Followers (Jan 2024) - We reached 8.9K people in the last 28 days

1.2K engaged with our post (clicked on it to view it)

We had 345 people view our video reel (two reels in the last 28 days, our choir, and Zuriel's interview)

We have 137 followers as of today (3.8% are aged 18-24, 7.6% aged 25-34, 21.4% aged 35-44, 19% aged 45-54, 14% aged 55-64, 19% aged 65+) of these 74% are women and 26% men.

We have one follower in Australia and one in Kenya. The rest are in the UK.

**A Church Near You (as of 12/1/2023):**

243 Views for St Edwards, past 7 days

1248 Page Views for St Edwards, past 30 days

8398 Page Views for St Edwards, past 365 days

Joanne Sheppard  
February 2024

## Financial review

### St. Edward's Church Romford Treasurer's Report on Accounts for year 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### Financial Activities

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the church. This report complies with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 and the regulations made under it and with the guidance of the Archbishops' Council.

Total income for 2023 was £212,293. Total expenditure was £203,086, giving a surplus of £9,207. This compares with a deficit of £31,787 in 2022.

There has been a decrease in parish share to the Diocese of Chelmsford from £104,284 to £86,035. This was due to a new method of calculating parish share from parishes in 2023.

#### Taxation Status

The PCC is an exempt charity for taxation purposes as a church defined as a place of worship under the Places of Worship Act 1855.

#### Reserves

The PCC policy is to try to retain reserves of a sum equivalent to three months' unrestricted payments (about £45,000). The closing balance on the General fund is £123,430 (£294,283 for 2022) and designated funds £179,589 (£0 for 2022) due to the PCC designating £100,000 in relation to the Fabric of the church and £75,000 for Music and Youth Outreach.

The financial activities of the PCC are set out in the attached financial statements.

Mr. Simon Bravery  
May 2024

Approved by the PCC on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Revd David Perry  
Associate Priest & PCC Chair



Johanna Hardy-van den Beld  
PCC Secretary

**ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR THE PARISH CHURCH OF ROMFORD  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report to the trustees of the PCC on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 25 to 34.

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees 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. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow 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 this 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 statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention in connection with examination

1. giving 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 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.

Ms K T Lee, ACMA  
Mawney Accountancy  
1 Beech Street  
Romford  
Essex  
RM7 7LA

Signed:



Date:

2/6/24

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

### For the Year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>INCOME</b>						
Voluntary income	2a	151,761	5,000	18,041	174,802	165,437
Activities for generating funds	2b	4,411	-	5,331	9,741	9,562
Income from investments	2c	25,976	-	-	25,976	20,342
Church activities	2d	1,774	-	-	1,774	2,236
Other incoming resources	2e	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>183,921</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>23,372</b>	<b>212,293</b>	<b>197,577</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Church activities	3a	173,608	13,999	9,313	196,920	223,961
Costs of raising funds	3b	6,166	-	-	6,166	5,402
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>179,774</b>	<b>13,999</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>203,086</b>	<b>229,364</b>
<b>NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>4,147</b>	<b>- 8,999</b>	<b>14,059</b>	<b>9,207</b>	<b>- 31,787</b>
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		<b>- 175,000</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>- 170,853</b>	<b>166,001</b>	<b>14,059</b>	<b>9,207</b>	<b>- 31,787</b>
Total funds brought forwards	8	294,283	404,353	2,154	700,790	
Total funds carried forward	8	<b>123,430</b>	<b>570,354</b>	<b>16,213</b>	<b>709,997</b>	



## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5	425,394	404,353
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and Prepayments	6	12,231	3,812
Short term deposits	6	226,466	220,161
Cash at bank and in hand	6	56,040	83,109
		<u>294,737</u>	<u>307,082</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	10,134	10,685
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>284,603</u>	<u>296,397</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>709,997</b></u>	<u><b>700,750</b></u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	8	123,430	294,283
Designated Funds	9	179,589	-
Designated Fixed Asset Funds	9	398,012	404,353
Restricted Funds	9	8,965	2,154
		<u><b>709,997</b></u>	<u><b>700,790</b></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19 May 2024, and signed on their behalf by



The Reverend David Perry  
Associate Priest & Chair



Johanna Hardy-van den Beld  
PCC Secretary

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a. Accounting Convention

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

#### b. Fund accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

**Unrestricted funds** are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

**Designated funds** are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

**Restricted funds comprise** (a) income from trusts or endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

#### c. Incoming Resources

##### **Voluntary Income**

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receiving is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

##### **Income from Investments**

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

##### **All Other Income**

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

**d. Resources Used**

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross, apart from independent reviewer's remuneration and accountancy and grants and donations which are accounted for when paid over, or when rewarded where the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Support costs are apportioned to activities in proportion to the estimated proportion of time spent on those activities by the Parish Administration.

***Church Activities***

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

**e. Fixed Assets**

***Consecrated and benefice property***

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of 'charity' by Section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

***Moveable church furnishing***

Moveable church furnishings are not included in the accounts unless sufficient cost information is available, but all items are included in the Church's inventory.

***Tangible Fixed Assets used by Charity,***

All expenditure on consecrated or benefice buildings and other fixed assets costing under £1,000 are written off in the year they are incurred.

The freehold land and buildings held during the year consists of the Curatage at Parkside Avenue and fixtures and fittings used in the church.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line, 5 years
Computer equipment	33% straight line, 3 years

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial. An impairment review is carried out at each year-end and any resultant loss identified included in expenditure for the year.

**f. Current Assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

***Short Term Deposits***

These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank.

## 2. INCOME

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>a. Voluntary income</b>					
Regular giving - Bank	44,822	-	2,000	46,822	52,136
Regular giving - Envelopes	9,090	-	598	9,688	7,799
Other giving - Sum Up	1,420	-	-	1,420	1,652
Loose plate collections	15,987	-	174	16,160	18,008
Sum up & Good Box	340	-	-	340	380
Good box collections	2,985	-	-	2,985	3,247
Giving through church boxes	5,364	-	-	5,364	5,301
One off gift aid gifts	2,000	-	10	2,010	6,629
Wykeham Trust contribution to expense	47,800	-	-	47,800	47,300
Special collections	3,099	-	2,442	5,541	2,778
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	16,954	-	319	17,273	16,209
Legacies	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Non recurring grants	1,900	-	12,498	14,398	3,999
	<b>151,761</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>18,041</b>	<b>174,802</b>	<b>165,437</b>
<b>b. Activities for generating funds</b>					
Book shop income	166	-	-	166	-
General fundraising	4,245	-	5,331	9,575	9,562
	<b>4,411</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>9,741</b>	<b>9,562</b>
<b>c. Income from investments</b>					
Bank and building society interest	6,925	-	-	6,925	2,342
Rent from Curatage	19,051	-	-	19,051	18,000
	<b>25,976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,976</b>	<b>20,342</b>
<b>d. Income from charitable activities</b>					
PCC Fees for weddings, funerals	1,014	-	-	1,014	589
Church Hire - Objectives	580	-	-	580	200
Choir	180	-	-	180	1,447
	<b>1,774</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>2,236</b>
<b>e. Other incoming resources</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>183,921</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>23,372</b>	<b>212,293</b>	<b>197,577</b>

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to use of the resources, their ultimate receipts is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### 3. EXPENDITURE

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>a. Church activities</b>					
Mission and Outreach	215	-	-	215	170
Ministry costs: Diocesan Parish Share	86,035	-	-	86,035	104,284
Other ministry costs	2,116	-	-	2,116	2,513
Salaries and pension costs	29,020	-	-	29,020	33,670
Youth work expenses	789	-	278	1,067	2,118
Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	-
Church upkeep of services	4,122	-	-	4,122	3,806
Organ, choir and music	11,985	-	378	12,363	17,306
Administration	6,991	-	-	6,991	10,729
Printing and photocopying	2,971	-	-	2,971	3,830
Bank charges	52	-	-	52	0
Parish office telephone and broadband	3,019	-	-	3,019	2,025
Card fees	142	-	-	142	149
Depreciation	-	13,588	8,657	22,245	13,588
Equipment expensed	50	-	-	50	2,171
Church maintenance	4,216	411	-	4,626	10,909
Church insurance	7,787	-	-	7,787	5,953
Church utilities	11,567	-	-	11,567	8,391
Accountancy	1,197	-	-	1,197	1,435
Independent examiners remuneration	1,335	-	-	1,335	915
	<b>173,608</b>	<b>13,999</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>196,920</b>	<b>223,961</b>
<b>b. Costs of raising funds</b>					
Costs of stewardship campaign	288	-	-	288	68
Costs of fetes & other events	2,178	-	-	2,178	2,565
Parkside Rental Management Costs	3,700	-	-	3,700	2,769
	<b>6,166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,166</b>	<b>5,402</b>
	<b>179,774</b>	<b>13,999</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>203,086</b>	<b>229,364</b>

#### 4. STAFF COSTS AND RELATED PARTIES

##### a. Staff costs and numbers

	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	28,566	33,219
Social security and Pension costs	454	450
	<u>29,020</u>	<u>33,670</u>
Average number of employees	2	2

Some employees provide services for both the Church and the Wykeham Centre and Church House, a connected charity. During the year the Wykeham Centre made contributions towards these costs. The wages, salaries, social security and pensions represent the total amount paid and are not shown net of these contributions.

There were no employee benefits paid to personnel in the previous or current years.

No employee was paid more than £60,000

##### b. Related parties' transactions.

One employee, Nicola Sharp was paid in accordance with their terms of employment during the year. Nicola is a Trustee and member of the PCC . She was not paid for being a trustee or member of the PCC. Measures are in place to ensure no conflicts of interest arise.

The stipendiary Clergy were reimbursed for working expenses, it is considered that no material part of this relates to their duties as trustees.

Unconditional donations from those identified as related parties amounted to £11,714 during the year made up of regular giving.



## 5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Curates House £	Church P&M £	Church FF&E £	Total £
<b>Actual/deemed cost</b>				
At 1 January 2023	350,000	-	80,478	430,478
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	43,286	-	43,286
At 31 December 2023	<b>350,000</b>	<b>43,286</b>	<b>80,478</b>	<b>473,764</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2023	-	-	26,125	26,125
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	8,657	13,588	22,245
At 31 December 2023	-	<b>8,657</b>	<b>39,713</b>	<b>48,370</b>
<b>Net book amounts</b>				
At 31 December 2023	<b>350,000</b>	<b>34,629</b>	<b>40,765</b>	<b>425,394</b>
At 31 December 2022	<b>350,000</b>	-	<b>54,353</b>	<b>404,353</b>

## 6. CURRENT ASSETS

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	2,997	2,745
Prepayments & accrued income	9,234	1,067
	<b>12,231</b>	<b>3,812</b>

## 7. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals & deferred income	7,955	9,670
Independent Examination	1,400	1,015
Agency	779	-
	<b>10,134</b>	<b>10,685</b>

## 8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Bal f/fwd. 01/01/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers Other gains & losses	Bal c/fwd. 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
PCC General fund	294,283	183,921	- 179,774	- 175,000	123,430
	<b>294,283</b>	<b>183,921</b>	<b>- 179,774</b>	<b>- 175,000</b>	<b>123,430</b>
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>					
Fabric	-	-	- 411	100,000	99,589
Legacies Held	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Youth/Musical Outreach	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>- 411</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>179,589</b>
<b>DESIGNATED FIXED ASSET FUNDS</b>					
Curatage	350,000	-	-	-	350,000
Church FF&E	54,353	-	- 13,588	-	40,765
Church P&M (Boiler)	-	15,905	- 8,657	-	7,247
	<b>404,353</b>	<b>15,905</b>	<b>- 22,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398,012</b>
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
Organ	1,759	-	-	-	1,759
Choir	395	5,230	- 378	-	5,247
Youth Work Fund	-	437	- 278	-	159
Ukraine Choir	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
	<b>2,154</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>- 656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,965</b>
	<b>700,790</b>	<b>212,293</b>	<b>- 203,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>709,997</b>

## 9. SUBSIDIARY FUNDS

A number of members of the congregation give freely and generously of their time in promoting activities to raise funds for the church; credit is taken in these financial statements as and when donations are received from promoters of these activities.

There are also a number of organisation associated with the church whose accounts are quite separate form these financial statements.

## 10. DIOCESAN QUOTA

Payment of £86,035 was achieved in 2023, (2022 - £104,284).

## 11. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INTANGIBLE INCOME

The Parochial Church Council is particularly grateful to the Trustees of The Wykeham Centre and Church House for their waiver of charges in respect of the Centre and Office. Further thanks are due to many members of the Church family for a variety of services provided.

## 12. CONNECTED CHARITIES

The Wykeham Centre and Church House is a connected charity, registered number 291485, owning and administered from, property adjacent to the Church for the purposes of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parish of Romford.

This charity produces its own annual Accounts which are independently examined.

### 13. INSURANCE VALUATION OF THE BUILDINGS

The properties owned and managed by the PCC are currently valued for insurance purposes as

Building	Description	Insurance Valuation
		£
St Edwards the Confessor	Church	19,280,000
54 Parkside Avenue	Curates House	414,070

The policy also includes trustees indemnity insurance for the sum of £250,000