

PARISH OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY



Annual Report

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2023

Incumbent:

Rev'd Elizabeth Burke
The Chaplaincy,
Church Road,
St Mary's,
Isles of Scilly.

Banks:

Lloyds Bank plc,
St Mary's,
Isles of Scilly.

Central Board of Finance
of the Church of England

Santander Bank

Independent Examiner:

Mr. B. Archer,
Anjeric,
St Mary's,
Isles of Scilly.

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Background

The Parish of the Isles of Scilly consists of six churches: two on St. Mary's; one on St. Agnes; one on Treco; one on St. Martin's and one on Bryher. The principal object of the PCC is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following the introduction of the Charities Act 2006 the PCC is registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1129954.

Members

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following persons served as members of the PCC:-

Incumbent:	Rev'd Elizabeth Burke	Chair
Churchwardens	Mrs. J. Chiverton Mr. D. Poynter	Vice Chairman from APCM 2023 Vice Chairman until APCM 2023
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mrs. S. Hodgson Mrs. G. Lowen Mrs. F. Maybrey	(until APCM 2023) (until APCM 2023) Treasurer
Elected Members:		
St. Mary's:	Mrs S.J.Ellery Mr. K. Grossett Mr. D. Maybrey Mrs. K. Phillips Mr. I. Stewart Mr B Payne	Secretary
St. Agnes:	Mrs. T. Hicks	
Bryher:	Mrs. K. Taylor	
St. Martin's:	Mrs. A. Williams	
Tresco:	Miss R. Young	
Co-opted:	Rev'd E. Martin Mr B Payne	(until APCM 2023) (until APCM 2023)

Committees

The PCC incorporated two committees this year.

Standing Committee:

It had power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by Council. The Standing Committee consisted of the Incumbent, the two Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the Treasurer and an off island member of the PCC.

Social Committee:

This committee is responsible for planning and co-ordinating social and fund raising events.

Church Attendance

Following a review of the electoral roll in 2023 there were 108 members across the 5 islands, which is fairly representative of the committed membership. During 2022 the baptisms, weddings, etc were as follows.

	Baptisms	Confirmation	Weddings	Funerals inc burial	Interment of ashes	Number of communicants
St Agnes	0	0	1	1	0	6
Bryher	0	0	0	0	0	4
St Martin	0	0	0	0	2	5
St Mary's & OT	5	1	2	6	2	30
Tresco	0	0	1	0	2	15
TOTAL	5	1	4	7	6	60

The attendance at services at St Mary the Virgin was typically around 30 in the winter months, rising to between 40 and 60+ during the season. The attendance at the Harvest service, combined with the Methodist congregation rose to 97. The Baptismal and Funeral services were all well attended with 60 -80 people being present. Attendance at special services were 51 for a celebration of the Coronation of King Charles 111 and 43 at a Crib Service. The evening candlelit Epilogue was re-commenced at Easter for the season, with an average attendance of around 20. The attendance at St Nicholas' Tresco in the season varies between 6 and 48, with an average of around 18 but in the winter there are no services other than a Carol Service and one on Christmas Day, both of which were well attended. For All Saints Bryher in the season there were typically 12 attendees and the only winter opening was for a Christmas Tree Festival where 51 were welcomed. For St Martin's the winter attendance was 8-10 at the monthly service, whereas in the season the average would be 20/25. For St Agnes the winter attendance was typically 5 and 14 in the season.

Review of the PCC

In 2023 the restrictions for COVID were finally relaxed. At the November PCC meeting it was decided to reinstate the processing of the elements and the use of the altar rail for the Eucharist.

The PCC met six times during the year and took place in either the Garden Pavilion or the Chaplaincy. The off island members either attended in person or on Zoom. The APCM took place in the Garden Pavilion in May. The Standing Committee met once in July.

No safeguarding issues were reported in 2023. In line with Church of England recommendations DBS (Enhanced) checks were in the process of being extended to include all PCC members.

A Parish retreat took place in March based in the St Martin's Parsonage. Short courses of study and reflection took place during Lent and Advent, the former in conjunction with the Methodist Church. During the summer the Chaplain instituted Godly Play sessions in the Parish Church. A service was held on the sand bar between Tresco and Bryher as a low tide event and it included the Eucharist and popular hymns.

The streaming of services was continued throughout the year but because of the limitations of the WiFi system the services were recorded and uploaded onto FaceBook.

The Fete was held in August but as a result of inclement weather took place in two sessions. The first session was in the Church Hall and included games, stalls and a raffle. The second session was based in the Garden Pavilion and its grounds and included some games, a barbecue and cakes etc. It concluded with the Teddy Bear Challenge which unfortunately required the use of a zip wire because of the high wind. The events raised a combined total of £5,600.

The Charity Shop was able to be open for the regular Tuesday and Saturday business and has again proved to be a significant source of income. The Tuesday session was extended to include the mornings and this provided a particular service to people who come shopping from the off islands. After many years of faithful service Mrs Sue Hodgson stepped aside from running the Charity Shop and grateful thanks were expressed. We are grateful to Mrs Sarah Jane Ellery now looks after the shop along with a group of enthusiastic volunteers. The "Coffee and Chat" sessions continued in the shop on Saturday mornings.

Plans for an extensive refurbishment of the Church Hall are being considered. These have been financially supported by the Archaeological Heritage Fund to RIBA Stage2. Plans are also underway for making the St. Mary's Parish Church entrance accessible to all.

The use of IT has developed through the year with the production of a website and an increased social media presence. A Facebook page has been set up for the Charity Shop. QR codes have been set up for the churches to improve the facilities for digital giving.

Payments amounting to £72,740 were made towards the MMF. This covered our share for this year and contributed a significant amount towards the shortfall from 2022.

On behalf of the PCC
Rev'd Elizabeth Burke (Chair)

Dated:

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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

	2023	2022
<u>Income</u>		
Collections, Donations and Fundraising	76,603	59,113
Legacies	127,914	0
Other Income	51,831	63,577
Total Revenue	256,348	122,690
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Cost of Trading	0	568
Total Expenditure	136,224	122,494
Major Capital Expenditure		0
Total Expenditure	136,224	123,062
Surplus / Loss of Expenditure over Income before		
Other Recognised Gains and Losses	120,124	-372
Movement in Value of Investments		
Gain on Long - Term Investment	6,316	-8,958
Gain on Short - Term Investment	692	280
Net Movement of Funds	127,132	-9,050
Balance b/fwd	128,034	137,084
Balance c/fwd	255,166	128,034

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

Fixed Assets		
Investments	73,457	67,141
Current Assets		
Stock	442	450
Debtors	9,686	10,775
Short Term Deposit	30,933	29,112
Cash at Bank and in Hand	145,034	30,512
Total Current Assets	186,095	70,849
Liabilities		
Creditors - Amounts falling due in One Year	4,386	9,956
Net Current Assets less Current Liabilities	181,709	60,893
Total Net Assets	255,166	128,034
Funds		
Unrestricted	169,615	35,683
Restricted	85,551	92,351
Total Funds	255,166	128,034

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf
Rev'd Elizabeth Burke

Dated:

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

	2023	2022
Major Capital Expenditure		
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	0	0
Major Repairs to Church Halls	0	0
Major Repairs to Parsonages	0	0
Major Repairs to St Martins Church Bell	0	0
Total Major Capital Expenditure	0	0
 Total Resources Expended	 136,224	 123,062
 Fixed Assets		
Investments		
Market Value 1st January	67,141	76,099
Less sums released during the year	0	0
Gains / Losses during the year	6,316	-8,958
Market Value 31st December	73,457	67,141
 Debtors		
Gift Aid Recoverable	3,568	5,900
Collection at Services Fees	860	1,349
Letting Income Church Hall	40	0
General Donations - General Funds ~ Bryher	941	0
Restricted Income - Tresco Fabric Fund	0	35
Funeral & Income Fees - Trenear	2,231	3,321
Charity Income - To be paid out to Charity	0	170
General Donations - General Funds ~ Legacies	1,610	0
Garden Pavillion Hire	435	0
Total Debtors	9,686	10,775
 Liabilities		
Bank Charges	41	20
Other Creditors	4,345	9,936
Total Liabilities	4,386	9,956
 Analysis of Net Assets		
Investment Fixed Assets	73,457	67,141
Current Assets	186,095	70,849
Liabilities (amount falling due in one year)	-4,386	-9,956
Total Net Assets	255,166	128,034

Donations to Charities

None These are now paid out directly through Mr A Trenear

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	2023	2022
Income		
Funeral & Wedding Income		
DBF Restricted - To be paid to DBF	1369	
Funeral income Fees - TRENEAR	3,873	
Restricted Funeral / Weddings Individuals - To be paid out	397	
Wedding & Funeral Donations	110	
Wedding Income Fees	3,618	
Total Funeral & Wedding Income	9,367	
General All Giving		
Gift Aid Recovery	8,065	
Other Giving Through Bank	1,107	
Planned Gift Aid Giving	5,765	
Planned Other Giving	180	
Total General All Giving	15,117	
General Collections		
Collection at Services ~ Bryher	638	
Collection at Services ~ Old Town	756	
Collection at Services ~ St Martin's	1,897	
Collection at Services ~ St Mary's	7,115	
Collection at Services ~ Tresco	4,070	
Collection at Services ~ St Agnes	646	
Total General All Giving	15,121	
General Donations		
General Funds ~ Old Town Church	2,742	
General Funds ~ Bryher	4,209	
General Funds ~ Legacies	127,914	
General Funds ~ St Agnes	1,559	
General Funds ~ St Martin's	1,706	
General Funds ~ St Mary's	4,665	
General Funds ~ Tresco	3,023	
Total General Donations	145,818	
General Fund Raising		
Charity Shop	18,137	
Concerts at St Mary's	1,337	
Fete	669	
Flower Festival	4,931	
Investment Interest	2,537	
Refreshments Income	850	
Total General Fund Raisng	28,461	
General Income From Buildings		
Church Hall Hire	3,463	
Letting Incme Garden Pavillion	2,065	
Retreat Income	420	
St Martin's Parsonage Income	10,340	
Tresco Parsonage Income	21,762	
Total General Income From Buildings	38,050	
Restricted Donations		
Restricted ~ Bell Fund	101	
Restricted ~ Church Music Fund	1,383	

Restricted ~ St Agnes fabric Fund	2,346	
Total Restricted Donations	3,830	
Restricted Income		
Restricted Charity Collections	583	
Total Restricted Income	583	
Total Incoming Resources	256,348	122,690
Expenditures:		
Administration Expenses		
Accountancy	1,857	
Digital Giving Fees	191	
Other	32	
Software Expenses	723	
Total Administration Expenses	2,803	
Chaplaincy Costs		
Broadband	1,186	
Total Chaplaincy Costs	1,186	
Diocesan Share		
MMF	72,740	
Total Diocesan Share	72,740	
General Building Expenditure		
Church Hall Expenses	2,239	
Garden Pavillion Expenses	135	
Retreat Expenses	148	
St Martin's Parsonage Expenses	9,728	
Tresco Parsonage Expenses	8,803	
Rathbone Close Expenses	1,774	
Professional and Legal Fees - Reversal of Creditor	-6,000	
Total General Building Expenditure	16,827	
General Church Expenditure		
General Expenditure ~ Bryher	4,663	
General Expenditure ~ Honararium	1,000	
General Expenditure ~ Old Town	6,816	
General Expenditure ~ St Agnes	264	
General Expenditure ~ St Martin's	1,228	
General Expenditure ~ St Mary's	2,451	
General Expenditure ~ Tresco	3,011	
Total General Church Expenditure	19,433	
General Fund Raising Expenditure		
Bank Charges	479	
Charity Shop Expenses	300	
Flower Festival Expenses	866	
Refreshment Expenses	503	
Total Fund Raising Expenditure	2,148	
Joint Church Running Expenditure		
Boat Travel	3,202	
Joint Church Running Costs	747	
Mission and Evangelism Expenses	513	
Stationery	696	
Travel Expenses	34	
Total Joint Church Running Expenditure	5,193	

Restricted Charity Donations

Donations to Other Charities	583	
Total Restricted Charity Donations	583	

Restricted Funds Expenditure

Bryher Fabric Fund Expenses	1,032	
Church Hall Fabric Fund Expenses	25	
Church Music Fund Expenses	966	
IT Expenses	8	
Old Town Church Fabric Fund	700	
St Agnes Fabric Fund	1,371	
St Martin's Fabric Fund	865	
St Mary's Fabric Fund	4,205	
Tresco Fabric Fund	1,458	
Total Restricted Funds Expenditure	10,630	

Wedding & Funerals Outgoings

Restricted DBF Fees	1,958	
Wedding / Funeral Outgoings	2,723	
Total Wedding & Funerals Outgoings	4,681	

Total Expenditures	136,224	123,062
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Profit or Loss	120,125	-372
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DEBTORS

Date Paid In	Customer	Detail	Amount	Heading Posted To
02/01/2024	Brownies	Dec 23 Church Hall Hire	40.00	Letting Income Church Hall
04/01/2024	Alfred Trenear	Final Fees for 2023	2,231.00	Funeral & Income Fees - Trenear
05/01/2024	HMRC Gift Aid	Gift Aid Recovery - 01.08.23 to 31.10.23	2,982.38	General All Giving - Gift Aid Recovery
TBC	HMRC Gift Aid	Gift Aid Recovery - 01.11.23 to 31.12.23	585.90	General All Giving - Gift Aid Recovery
04/01/2024	Collections	Old Town Carol Service	94.25	General Collections - Collection at Services - Old Town
04/01/2024	Collections	St Mary's Collections	140.75	General Collections - Collection at Services - St Mary's
08/01/2024	Collections	Tresco Collections	624.87	General Collections - Collection at Services - Tresco
23/01/2024	Sales	Bryher Table Sales	941.00	General Donations - General Funds - Bryher
		Surplus Funds re sale of Rathbone Close -		
TBC	Legacies - Howells Solicitors	as advised by Elizabeth	1,610.49	General Donations - General Funds - Legacies
Various Jan 24	Various	Garden Pavillion Hire	435.00	General Income from Buildings - Letting Income Garden Pavillion
TOTAL			9,685.64	

CREDITORS

Date Paid	Supplier	Detail	Amount	Heading Posted To
15/01/2024	Steamship Company	Charity Shop Freight	42.34	General Building Expenditure - Church Hall Expenses
15/01/2024	Jacque Foster	Cleaning of Church Hall	84.00	General Building Expenditure - Church Hall Expenses
17/01/2024	Corona Energy	Settlement of Inv & Credit Notes to Dec 23	-106.04	General Building Expenditure - Church Hall Expenses
17/01/2024	Corona Energy	Settlement of Inv & Credit Notes to Dec 23	429.05	General Building Expenditure - St Martin's Parsonage Expenses
22/01/2024	Corona Energy	Settlement of Inv & Credit Notes to Dec 23	32.76	General Church Expenditure - General Expenditure - Bryher
22/01/2024	Matthews Rogers	Old Town Church Yard July to Dec 23	1,795.20	General Church Expenditure - General Expenditure - Old Town
17/01/2024	Corona Energy	Settlement of Inv & Credit Notes to Dec 23	-52.28	General Church Expenditure - General Expenditure - St Agnes
17/01/2024	Corona Energy	Settlement of Inv & Credit Notes to Dec 23	-42.88	General Church Expenditure - General Expenditure - St Martin's
17/01/2024	Corona Energy	Settlement of Inv & Credit Notes to Dec 23	-117.98	General Church Expenditure - General Expenditure - St Mary's
17/01/2024	Corona Energy	Settlement of Inv & Credit Notes to Dec 23	-46.27	General Church Expenditure - General Expenditure - Tresco
15/01/2024	Tresco Estate	Boating	85.00	Joint Church Running Expenditure - Boat Travel
15/01/2024	St Agnes Boating	Boating	178.75	Joint Church Running Expenditure - Boat Travel
15/01/2024	Sibleys Fuel & Marine	Fire Extinguisher Service	44.02	Joint Church Running Expenditure - Joint Church Running Costs
TBC	Howells Solicitors	Final Expenses of Rathbone Close	1,774.33	Repairs to Rathbone Close
15/01/2024	Jane Chiverton	Verger Fees	140.00	Weddings & Funerals Outgoings - Wedding / Funeral Outgoings
15/01/2024	Elizabeth Burke	Subsistence Fee	10.00	Weddings & Funerals Outgoings - Wedding / Funeral Outgoings
15/01/2024	Rachel Young	Verger Fees	95.00	Weddings & Funerals Outgoings - Wedding / Funeral Outgoings
26/01/2024	Bank Charges	Bank Charges	40.92	General Fund Raising Expenditure - Bank Charges
TOTAL			4,385.92	

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC (the charity) and the Independent Examiner

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.

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 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. That 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements (a) to keeping accurate records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or (b) 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.

Barry Archer

Barry Archer

Anjeric, Lower Strand, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0PS

Dated: 9/3/24