

# **St Michael's Church, Myland, Colchester**

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

**for the year ended 31st December 2023**



**Incumbent:**

The Reverend Raymond Gibbs  
Church House  
352 Mill Road  
Colchester

**Bankers:**

Santander plc  
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**Treasurer:**

Diocese of Chelmsford  
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# **Trustees' Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of St. Michael's Church, Myland, Colchester For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## **Aims and Purposes**

St Michael's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Raymond Gibbs, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church and halls complex of St. Michael, Mile End Road, Mile End, Colchester and for part of the year, The Community Room at Paprika House, Apprentice Drive, New Braiswick Park, Colchester.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Michael. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and especially the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and our community facilities.

As the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic wound through church life, and the significant challenges, which we were experiencing last year in 2022 hit home hard. It had affected our ability to undertake many of our past activities, particularly with our work with the young, and as the year wound, on it was becoming apparent that some things would have to be let go, or scaled back to fit, what was now for us, our "new normal".

## **Achievements and Performance**

I cannot emphasise enough the debt owed to Lesley and her team of helpers in enabling so many things to happen in 2023. The first Social events since Covid happened. The Easter and Christmas seasons almost doubled in comparison to that of 2022. The drop in congregation numbers has steadied, and by the end of the year, there were definite signs of growth. It is something to celebrate, and it has to be noted that so few raise so much money in a year to keep St Michaels running.

## **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC remains keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, and such services include traditional Holy Communion, quiet morning prayer, wholeness and healing, family worship, and celebrations or commemorations of significant dates and events.

## **Regular Services**

The pattern of services adopted in 2021 had now become our established pattern of worship by 2023. As part of that arrangement the mid-week services held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings were moved to the halls to save on heating costs, (roughly from October to April), but were church based in the summer months. We use the Church all year round for Sunday worship, and requested funerals, memorials and weddings. The prayer diary has been running for nearly four years now, and it contains a suggested daily Bible Reading and psalm with prayers for people to worship daily in their own home. We have not attempted to resurrect the on-line connection to Sunday's church service, the demand was not there, and there were too many technical issues, however, we have overcome some and mobile phone and card giving on a Sunday morning and at other fundraising events have become an option in 2023

All are welcome to attend our services, however, the numbers attending have been stubbornly low as I have already mentioned, and many regulars, whether they be weekly, monthly or seasonal have not returned at all, which is disappointing, but the latter half of the year showed signs of improvement. But the services remain of a high quality, and preaching has been often inspired. The demand for baptisms remains very high in comparison to other churches, and there appears to be a recovery in our weddings with a number being booked in for 2024 and 2025.

## **Church Electoral Roll**

At present there are 65 parishioners on the church electoral roll, of whom 18 reside outside the parish. Three names were removed since the last revision.

## **Milestone and Special Services**

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life, funeral services/burial of ashes/ memorials have carried on throughout 2023, and the demand for our services remains high, but I feel that it is an area in which the church is losing its grip. But there were glimmers of hope all around: the October Harvest Service produced a bumper crop of tinned and packet goods for the Foodbank, and the satellite Foodbank based in the hall foyer is now established, but will be reducing to one day (Friday) only in 2024. The November Remembrance Service, in church and at the memorial was again well attended, and very encouraging, but there is a worrying downward trend with regard to the uniformed groups parading, first reported in 2022, but it seems that each service or event has been a decline in 2023.

## **Music**

We continue to use music videos as well as our organists in Church. It was good to hear the choir again at Christmas. We are indebted to Joe and John who play so well for us.

## **Deanery Synod / Diocesan Synod / General Synod**

The wheels of Church Government turning above the PCC were back to normal in 2023. Finance is a big issue as church buildings and Parishes struggle to survive. The General Synod has passed legislation and published draft prayers for the blessing of same sex couples in church, this is a big step for those in favour and against such a move, and is now being debated at a Diocesan level, eventually this will come down to individual priests and parishes to decide upon.

## **St. Michael's Church and Myland Parish Halls**

2023 has seen all the church buildings back in action, and I cannot lie, the Covid years have been tough. There has only been enough money to do the basic emergency repairs, and the 'quinquennial' (a detailed structural survey of both buildings) carried out every five years is due in 2023. Both reports are going to make grim reading, and are going to make a headache for the PCC as they struggle to finance an ever increasing quota to the Diocese, as well as keeping the buildings in good repair. Above all, we need you. Too much is being demanded of too few, and it deflates the spirits, we really need everyone to examine themselves and the time, talent and money that we have all been given, which leads us to the next paragraph and subject.

## **Pastoral Care**

In 2023 it is now so obvious that we are smaller as a congregation, and that attendance regularity has shrunk, and also that all of a sudden we have been left as an ageing congregation, (but there are signs of change). It means that more than ever before, we have to look after each other in the year ahead, and nurture and befriend those new to the faith.

Our chaplaincy visits to the care homes in the Parish has now normalised and Ray has a weekly communion service in Woodland View. The planned information / memorial plaque at the site of the old Myland church in Rectory Close was installed in 2023. Our regular pre-Covid coffee mornings, are now down to just one, the Sunday after Church, illness and a lack of support ended the Wednesday coffee morning.

The Clergy and churchwarden remained contactable at all times, with telephone numbers readily available, including on the website and in newsletters.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

Our Parish Mission Statement continues to be: "Following Jesus' Great Commission, we will continue the ministry of Jesus and live the message of Jesus in the manner of Jesus". This mission takes us out into the community; a community that is diverse, dynamic and an ever-growing in population.

Our mission to the schools in the parish continues, we re-established with New Braiswick Park this Christmas, but the link to Camulos has not happened despite our overtures to them, which is a great shame. We did manage to restore our Christmas programme with Myland and Queen Boudicca, and New Braiswick Park schools with 14 Posadas making the rounds, plus Christingle services in all three schools, and two carol concerts in church, which was wonderful. Continuing on the positive side, the annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, although smaller in number, happened, and the Lent lunches were back too in 2023, and Children's Society box appeal, so not everything was lost.

The church is a 'hub' to which many people are drawn for a variety of reasons, but we hope and pray for new opportunities to arise for us to develop new ways to encourage parish newcomers, as well as more longstanding residents to be aware of our presence, our mission and the fellowship we offer.

## ***New Braiswick Park Mission***

The future of the Community Room was more complicated than it first appeared, it does not help that as a Parish the Diocese appears to have locked itself in to a 150 year lease. To stop the hemorrhaging of our funds the Diocese have taken over the responsibility for the payment of the service charge, but we still have the day to day Standing charges for power to fund until the Borough, the Diocese and Taylor Wimpey agree the Property's future.

## **The North Colchester Family of Churches**

The North Colchester Family of Churches consists of rural group called the '6 parishes' with their own vicar, an associate priest and a curate in training together with the urban Parishes of Myland with a Vicar and associate Priest, and St Lukes with a vicar and 6 or 7 clergy assisting. I repeat what I said in 2022: 'with regard to Myland and St Lukes I think nothing will happen until either I retire or the Vicar of St Lukes moves on, whichever is the sooner, and the Bishop has room for manoeuvre advertising for a new Incumbent.' You now know that I will be the first to leave.

## **Ecumenical Relationships**

The church is a member of Churches Together in Myland (CTIM), and has re-committed itself to working in unity in 2023.

## **Financial Review (*Important - Please read it*)**

The financial review is provided within the attached Treasurer's Report on Page 8.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is our policy to invest our current funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, and longer term monies with the CCLA Central Board Investment Fund.

## **Further Information**

We are thankful for all those who continued to support our mission and ministry here in Myland through what has been another very difficult year. We hope to encourage greater stewardship so that we may build on our work here, expand our activities across needs and age groups, and enable St. Michael's Church to continue to serve the parish of Myland in the future.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2022. At St Michael's, the membership of the PCC consists of ex-officio positions, namely our clergy team, churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives as well as members elected by those of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. Other members are co-opted when appropriate. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are 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.

During 2023, the PCC held seven meetings. The average attendance was 75.3%.

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022 Rule M5 (3), the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

## **Administrative Information**

St Michael's Church is situated in Mile End, Colchester. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Myland Parish Church Office, Myland Parish Halls, Mile End Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5DY.

The PCC is a body corporate (Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1130020.

PCC members who served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Incumbent (Priest-in-Charge):	The Reverend Raymond Gibbs (Chair)
Associate Priest:	The Reverend Hazel Greenland

Churchwarden:	Mrs Lesley Hindle
Representative on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs June Chandler

### **Elected Members**

Treasurer:	Chelmsford Diocesan Support
PCC Secretary:	Vacancy (Acting: Mrs Sarah King)
Other Members:	Mrs Jillian Bollen Mr Roger Smith Mrs Sue Smith Mr Joe Richardson Mr Andrew Ayton

**THIS REPORT WAS APPROVED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE CHAIR, THE REVEREND RAYMOND GIBBS**

# Independent examiner's report to The PCC of St Michael's Myland, Colchester on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

## Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the 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 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 Independent Examiners 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 account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee 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 opinion on the accounts.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.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.

**Signed:**



**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

John Mehen  
Treasurer, Great Horkesley PCC  
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## Parochial Church Council of St. Michael's Myland

### Treasurer's Report for the year 2023

I need to say on behalf of the PCC a *huge 'thank you'* for all that you have given, continue to give, and fund raise, because without *your effort*, we would be floundering. Many outside of the church believe that we are government funded, but that is simply not the case, we get the same as any charity: "gift aid" on what is given, and that is our perk, but what is given is what you put in the plate, the jar, the envelope or banker's order, without your giving there is nothing. Nothing at all. The fact that we are able to raise so much is down to you all.

Once again, it seems strange to write a Treasurer's report when I am not one, (this is my second year), but having said that, I, like you know the difference between being in the black and being in the red. I think it fair to say that since Covid, we, like most churches and charities, have struggled to balance the books, and to keep out of the red. Each month has been a balancing act, as we attempt to pay all our bills on time and in full, but it has been a struggle for both church and halls all year long

We are indebted to book-keeping service that the Diocese provide (and as we have no willing volunteer(s), being a church treasurer is not an easy task by any means), we have to pay the cost of that service, and also of payroll, with some of the practical back up stuff divided amongst the staff team, it is not ideal, but needs must...

For accountancy purposes the Church and Halls are divided, but in practical terms they are now one entity, we simply do not possess the people power to run them as separate operations. How are they doing? It is an uphill battle to keep us afloat, and that is literally what we are doing, keeping ourselves afloat: the upkeep, the repairs, aging buildings, and a small congregation trying to keep the church going, and charities like ourselves contributing to the hall income. The five yearly inspection of both the halls and church (the quinquennial) has thrown some potential nasty problems our way, but they are to be 2024 issues.

These remain hard times for everyone, and the church is no exception. We have cut where we can cut, and continued to make economies when we can. The cost of electricity limits our ability to use the Church during weekdays in the colder months, it is now £40 an hour to heat, light and power the church, and with a ceiling that high, it takes many hours for it to make an impact at congregation level, so we continue to use an unlet room in the hall, although not ideal, it has meant that we have been able to meet regularly and comfortably.

As you can see from the accounts, 'The Parish Share' is by far our biggest bill, which we pay monthly, and I have to say that it has been touch and go for some months, as our cash flow dipped, and although we set out with the target of paying it all, we failed to do so. We have the same hopes for 2024, and we will do our best, but it is going to take something special from us all to achieve everything financially demanded of us.

So, I end this report with the same words as last year: 'the once 'new hall project' is actually over a decade old, and each hall with up to 3, sometimes 4 lettings a day, for roughly 350 days a year for 10+ years has taken a hammering. The Church, nearly 170 years old, is beginning to crack and creak from carpet to ceiling up to the top of the tower'. The PCC will be faced with some difficult financial choices and decisions in the coming year, so we will need each other, and we will all have to look at what we give individually, and together in supporting each other at fundraising events.

Modern life has so many draws on our time, our skills and our money, but what is our priority? 'Giving' for the church has always been a sacrifice, it is like Lent for 365 days a year. We know "the why", but getting there, is the sacrifice.

Revd Ray Gibbs, Priest In Charge.



## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Planned giving	34,430	—	125	—	34,555	34,909
Collections and other giving	2,528	—	—	—	2,528	1,547
Other voluntary receipts	16,224	972	575	—	17,772	15,388
Gift Aid recovered	9,088	—	—	—	9,088	8,863
Other receipts	60	—	—	—	60	14
Activities for generating funds	4,206	314	—	—	4,520	2,474
Investment Income	343	323	—	—	667	486
Receipts from church activities	4,731	34,355	—	—	39,087	31,586
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>71,611</b>	<b>35,965</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>108,276</b>	<b>95,266</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Cost of generating funds	613	—	—	—	613	743
Missionary and Charitable Giving	—	612	—	—	612	—
Parish Share	46,932	—	—	—	46,932	53,774
Clergy and Staffing costs	9,904	—	—	—	9,904	9,494
Church Running Expenses	12,590	360	32	—	12,981	10,649
Hall Running Costs	—	36,243	1,064	—	37,308	30,740
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>70,038</b>	<b>37,216</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>108,350</b>	<b>105,399</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>(1,251)</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(74)</b>	<b>(10,133)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	43	—	—	—	43	4,626
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(43)	—	—	(43)	(4,626)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>(1,294)</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(74)</b>	<b>(10,133)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>(1,294)</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>(11,122)</b>
<b>All assets at 01 January 2023</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>12,356</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>4,337</b>	<b>27,837</b>	<b>38,960</b>
<b>All assets at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>10,151</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>28,172</b>	<b>27,837</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	10,151	—	—	—	10,151	8,535
<b>Designated</b>						
Fabric/Restoration Fund	—	6,804	—	—	6,804	6,643
Halls Fund	—	4,257	—	—	4,257	5,343
United Church Project	—	—	—	—	—	369
<b>Restricted</b>						
Friends of St Michael's Church	—	—	2,810	—	2,810	2,610
New Braiswick Park Mission	—	—	(1,064)	—	(1,064)	—
Youth Group initiative 2023	—	—	468	—	468	—
<b>Endowment</b>						
Canon Bolsin Fund	—	—	—	4,745	4,745	4,337
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>10,151</b>	<b>11,061</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>28,172</b>	<b>27,837</b>

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown.

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**Reverend Ray Gibbs Chair**

## Statement of assets and liabilities

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Investments</b>							
CBIFS 6B3022485-01 Bolsin -		—	—	—	4,745	4,745	4,337
<b>Totals</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>4,337</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>							
Santander Current Account -		3,198	636	2,514	—	6,347	7,343
CCLA CB3022484-01 -		6,953	10,426	—	—	17,380	16,713
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10,151</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>23,727</b>	<b>24,055</b>
<b>Liabilities - Agency accounts</b>							
Agency collections		—	—	300	—	300	555
<b>Totals</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>555</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>10,151</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>28,172</b>	<b>27,837</b>

## Analysis of income and expenditure

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Planned giving</b>							
Gift Aid - Bank		27,982	—	125	—	28,107	25,870
Gift Aid - Envelopes		5,139	—	—	—	5,139	8,394
Other planned giving		1,309	—	—	—	1,309	645
<b>Total</b>		<b>34,430</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>34,555</b>	<b>34,909</b>
<b>Collections and other giving</b>							
Loose plate collections		2,528	—	—	—	2,528	1,547
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,528</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>1,547</b>
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>							
Giving through church boxes		93	—	—	—	93	—
Donations appeals etc		15,276	312	575	—	16,164	15,388
Non-recurring one-off grants		855	660	—	—	1,515	—
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,224</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>17,772</b>	<b>15,388</b>
<b>Gift Aid recovered</b>							
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		9,088	—	—	—	9,088	8,863
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,088</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,088</b>	<b>8,863</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>							
Other funds generated		60	—	—	—	60	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>							
General Fundraising		4,206	314	—	—	4,520	2,474
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,206</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,520</b>	<b>2,474</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>							
Dividends		130	—	—	—	130	218
Bank and building society interest		214	323	—	—	537	267
<b>Total</b>		<b>343</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>486</b>
<b>Receipts from church activities</b>							
Fees for weddings and funerals		4,731	—	—	—	4,731	5,057
Church hall lettings		—	34,355	—	—	34,355	26,529
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,731</b>	<b>34,355</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>39,087</b>	<b>31,586</b>
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>		<b>71,611</b>	<b>35,965</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>108,276</b>	<b>95,266</b>

## EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>						
Costs of fetes & other events	613	—	—	—	613	743
Total	613	—	—	—	613	743
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving</b>						
Giving - relief and development agencies	—	612	—	—	612	—
Total	—	612	—	—	612	—
<b>Parish Share</b>						
Parish Share	46,932	—	—	—	46,932	53,774
Total	46,932	—	—	—	46,932	53,774
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs</b>						
Salary of parish administrator	9,904	—	—	—	9,904	9,494
Total	9,904	—	—	—	9,904	9,494
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>						
Parish training and mission	50	326	32	—	408	—
Church running - insurance	2,039	—	—	—	2,039	1,926
Organ / piano tuning	340	—	—	—	340	334
Church maintenance	923	—	—	—	923	1,067
Cleaning	—	—	—	—	—	174
Upkeep of services	1,725	—	—	—	1,725	1,869
Upkeep of churchyard	350	—	—	—	350	275
Cremated remains area	81	—	—	—	81	382
Administration	3,089	34	—	—	3,123	2,506
Church running - electric	3,848	—	—	—	3,848	2,052
Church running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	15
Church running - water	144	—	—	—	144	48
Total	12,590	360	32	—	12,981	10,649
<b>Hall Running Costs</b>						
Hall running - electricity	—	2,634	1,132	—	3,766	4,379
Hall running - gas	—	6,418	(68)	—	6,351	626
Hall running - insurance	—	562	—	—	562	2,236
Hall running - maintenance	—	3,390	—	—	3,390	3,994
Halls Cleaning	—	12,813	—	—	12,813	11,114
Halls Booking Clerk	—	8,243	—	—	8,243	6,329
Halls Cleaning Materials	—	122	—	—	122	48
Hall running - telephone	—	1,200	—	—	1,200	1,133
Hall running - water	—	861	—	—	861	881
Total	—	36,243	1,064	—	37,308	30,740
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>70,038</b>	<b>37,216</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>108,350</b>	<b>105,399</b>
<b>EXCESS/ (DEFICIT) TOTAL</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>(1,251)</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(74)</b>	<b>(10,133)</b>

## Fund movement summary

Fund and type	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
<b>Unrestricted</b>							
General - General fund	8,535	71,611	70,038	43	—	—	10,151
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>71,611</b>	<b>70,038</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10,151</b>
<b>Designated</b>							
Charity - Charity Collections	—	612	612	—	—	—	—
United - United Church Project	369	—	326	(43)	—	—	—
Fabric - Fabric/Restoration Fund	6,643	161	—	—	—	—	6,804
Halls - Halls Fund	5,343	35,191	36,277	—	—	—	4,257
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>12,356</b>	<b>35,965</b>	<b>37,216</b>	<b>(43)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11,062</b>
<b>Restricted</b>							
Friends - Friends of St Michael's Church	2,610	200	—	—	—	—	2,810
Youth - Youth Group initiative 2023	—	500	32	—	—	—	468
NBPM - New Braiswick Park Mission	—	—	1,064	—	—	—	(1,064)
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,214</b>
<b>Endowment</b>							
Bolsin - Canon Bolsin Fund	4,337	—	—	—	408	—	4,745
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>4,337</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,745</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,837</b>	<b>108,276</b>	<b>108,350</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>28,172</b>

## Notes

- The Community Room on New Braiswick Park made a loss of £1264.16 in the year. Due to leasehold issues the Community Room Maintenance Charges and Ownership has switched to the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance. However, this still leaves the Parish responsible for the Electricity & Gas Standing Charges and a small amount electricity usage due to a live defibrillator. This will remain until the leasehold and issues between Colchester City Council, the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance and Taylor Wimpey have been resolved. As in the past this account will be cleared by transfer from the halls fund.
- We took Corona Energy to the ombudsman over an issue with charging on the gas supply to the halls. There were a number of false/unknown entries on the bills received. This was resolved in December 2023 in our favour.