



The Church of England in Tenterden, Rother and Oxney

Appledore - Ebony - Newenden - Rolvenden - St Michael's
Smallhythe - Stone - Tenterden - Wittersham

2023 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mildred Tenterden

Aims and Purposes

Tenterden Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Rector, The Reverend Canon Lindsay Hammond, and the Team Vicar, The Reverend Jeanette Kennett, 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 Parish Church of St Mildred, Tenterden

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. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and considers ways in which the worship offered at Tenterden can complement the worship offered by the other eight churches in our benefice. 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 Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish and benefice community in the following areas:

- Worship and Prayer
- Children, Young People and Families
- Pastoral Care
- Continuing Discipleship
- Community and Partnerships

We implement the above in conjunction with members of the other churches in our benefice. To help us facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Parish Church of St Mildred.

Worship, Mission, and Ministry

Introduction

From our vantage point at the end of 2023, we look back and subject our church life to a bit of a health check. Which areas are strong and healthy and which are wheezing a bit?

We base our health assessment on the Seven Marks of A Healthy Church. A healthy church:

- is energised by faith;
- has an outward looking focus;
- seeks to find out what God wants;
- faces the cost of change and growth;
- operates as a community;
- makes room for all;
- does a few things and does them well.

So how are we doing?

Energised by Faith

We begin with online worship. We recorded more than 50,000 views of our online worship during 2023, and Beginning and Ending the Day with God has become a regular part of the lives of many people. The addition of the monthly Pause, Ponder, Pray at St Michael's increased what is already a very varied 'liturgical diet' still further.

The Advent and Lent Saturday morning reflective services, followed by breakfast, continue to grow in popularity. People say they enjoyed visiting the different churches of our group.

Sharon's Christian Meditation Group, which meets twice a month on a Wednesday evening, attracts a small but faithful following.

During 2023, members of our churches went on a week's retreat to Iona and enjoyed two quiet days (at West Malling and Aylesford Priory).

We have a number of home groups meeting across the benefice. These are perhaps the best kept secret of our churches. Whilst most of them are at maximum capacity, there are one or two who would welcome new members. We need to give them the oxygen of publicity!

We respond with great warmth, time and trouble to requests for baptism. As well as bringing children and families into contact with the presence of God, we see baptism – and indeed the other occasional offices – as a way of opening up connections with our churches and of serving the wider community with the things of faith.

We must find further ways of reaching out to children, young people and families, but also to older generations, and find ways of helping people to grow in, and share, their faith, and enable to build links between daily life and experience and Christianity.

We will address the bold outcomes that the diocese have set because we are committed, not to survival or to just keeping going, but to growth.

Outward-Looking Focus

Our churches are outward-looking in focus, and not just bound up with themselves. Examples of this would be the monthly Sunday and Wednesday lunches, offered to those who live alone; Cappuccinos, our monthly Saturday coffee get together with those who have been bereaved; post-funeral contact with those whose loved ones have died; and the monthly Pie and Pint group for bereaved men. The Little Sparrows Parent and Toddler Group is going well and giving us an interface with young families who are not regular churchgoers.

Flower festivals involved the wider community and the Rolvenden Church Clock Project has drawn in support from many people beyond the church. The Transformation of St Mildred's will enhance the life, both of the worshipping community and the town and district.

Our churches are deeply rooted in the local community, work in partnership with other denominations, secular groups and networks, and respond to human need by loving service.

We engage with the life of our newly-formed, newly-named, and much more cohesive, Vineyard Deanery. All sorts of possibilities present themselves but we must do better in our support of the deanery by finding people to represent our churches at deanery level. We work well with Churches Together in Tenterden and link with the other Christian denominations to arrange a number of events each year.

Seeks to Find Out What God Wants

We attempt to discern the Spirit's leaning rather than by trying to please everyone.

Since we 'took over' the nine churches in a more direct way, we have striven to make each church feel valued. We have adjusted patterns of worship, and grown as a ministry team. Now we have a more stable pattern of worship and a much better understanding of the parishes, we recognise the need to develop a prayerfully thought through vision for the nine churches. Grasping the Nettle was introduced to PCCs during the latter part of 2023 and will become an ongoing conversation among the parishes during 2024. We see this as a means of responding to the challenges we face and must address, and working with the parishes to chart a course for our benefice to follow.

Through this patient, prayerful exercise, we seek to explore what God wants us to be and do, to develop and communicate a shared sense of where we are going, and to set both immediate and long-term goals.

Faces the Cost of Change and Growth

It became apparent that the status quo is not an option for any of our churches – and this perception is what has led to Grasping the Nettle. We cannot avoid change and so should not try to resist it. We decided to adopt a faith-filled approach, to venture courageously and to risk failure.

For example, we signed up for Launchpad, a diocesan initiative that teaches church leaders to initiate youth work in their churches. For various reasons this wasn't appropriate for us but we tried it and move on without recrimination or regret. While embracing the past, we dare to take on new ways of doing things, taking risks, admitting when things are not working, and learning from experience, and responding creatively to challenges that face the church and community.

As we face the challenges identified through Grasping the Nettle, we are going to have to be people of vision, courage and faith.

Operates as a Community

We are not a club or religious organisation. We exist for what we call 'mission', to announce to the world that Jesus is its Lord. We fulfil this purpose as communities of faithful Christians. We value the contributions that different groups and individuals make to the life of our churches. We have tried to be contexts in which relationships are nurtured, where people feel accepted and are helped to grow in faith and service. In which lay and ordained work as a team to develop further these seven marks of a healthy church. In which the different gifts, experiences and faith journeys of all are welcomed and given expression in and beyond the life of the church.

Makes Room for All

Theologian, Tom Wright, has written:

'The church was the original multicultural project, with Jesus as its only point of identity. It was known, and was for this reason seen as both attractive and dangerous, as a worship-based, spiritually renewed, multi-ethnic, polychrome, mutually supportive, outward-facing, culturally creative, chastity-celebrating, socially responsible invented kinship group, gender-blind in leadership, generous to the poor and courageous in speaking up for the voiceless.'

During 2023, we held the multi-session Living in Love and Faith course and reflected on identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. We met with Samuel Keeler-Walker and discussed with him ways in which we might become more inclusive churches.

We want children, young people and families to feel especially welcome. Every week, 400 children come to church for collective worship. Last year we ran 'Experience Days', to which year groups from our schools came and explored aspects of Christian faith. Well attended craft mornings drew really good attendances, and Little Sparrows, our Parent and Toddler Group, continues to thrive. Last year, Godly Play was introduced into the life of St Michael's School and is greatly valued.

To enable everybody to participate, we provide large print versions of all our service sheets, and copies of the readings, sermon and prayers for those whose hearing is impaired.

We have worked to include newcomers into the life of the church, but will do more to help children and young people to feel that they belong, to value their contribution, and to nurture them in their faith. We have encouraged enquirers to explore and experience faith in Christ, but accept that we could do more.

We believe that diversity - different social and ethnic backgrounds, mental and physical abilities, and ages – is a strength.

Does a Few Things and Does Them Well

One of the benefits of working (near the end of 2023 and onwards into 2024) to the Bold Outcomes, is that we will have a focussed future. Throughout 2023 we have attempted to do the basics well: especially public worship, pastoral care, occasional offices and administration. We have always hoped to be good news as a church, in our attitudes and ways of working, enjoying what we do and relaxed about what is not being done.

The Bold Outcomes appear at the top of Connect Up! each day and they are: *To increase the number of children and young disciples in our churches; to find new ways of encouraging more people to cross the threshold of the community of those who follow Jesus Christ; to be churches which show signs of revitalisation.*

Conclusion

Our conclusion is that the patient is doing more than just breathing. Much good work has been done throughout last year, and we thank Caroline Baker, the Churches Co-ordinator, our team of ministerial colleagues, churchwardens, secretaries, treasurers, and all the members of our PCCs, and the many, many people who do a hundred and one things. Without you, our churches would not be the communities that they are. So, thank you to all of you. One big moment last year was Andrew's priesting, a moment of great rejoicing for Andrew and for all of us. Sharing in that occasion reminds us that we must not give up on each other. That we must do our utmost to support one another.

Grasping the Nettle has identified some serious challenges, and these are being faced by parish churches up and down the land. Facing these challenges constructively will demand of us all a breadth of vision and a willingness to work together much more closely, setting aside the trivialities and petty arguments which drain time and energy.

How we respond comes down to a matter of choice. It is not inevitable that we respond positively, but nor is it inevitable that we respond negatively. And it is our choices – said Professor Dumbledore – which show what we most truly are, far more than our abilities. We are people of God and because God is as he is in Jesus, we have hope. The choices and the decisions that lie ahead are yours and ours.

Lindsay Hammond, Team Rector
Jeanette Kennett, Team Vicar
Andrew Tapsell, Assistant Curate

St Mildred's Church and Hall Buildings Team Annual Report - 2023

This report covers the 12 months period until 31st December 2023. Major Works The year began with major water ingress on both sides of the tower essentially where the Nave roof abuts the tower. We expected that the leak on the north side would be corrected when Rye Roofing replaced the north side shingles. That work was completed in the summer at a cost of £80,998 (£67,494 net of vat - £790 over budget). We gratefully received grant support for this work from Friends of St Mildred's, Marshalls Charity and Friends of Kent Churches. VAT was recovered on the cost of the works. Further investigations by Rye Roofing into the leak revealed that a fissure in the tower masonry itself was the cause of the leak on the north side. A temporary fix was made to keep the water out and a mason is appointed to replace the broken masonry this spring. Separately, Rye Roofing stopped the leak on the south side by repairing the mix of slate and lead guttering on the south slope. As reported last year we expect to replace the south side shingles in about 4 years time. The work to replace the increasingly unreliable boiler was also completed in the summer by RG Williams at a cost of £51,915 (£43,262 net of vat - on budget) and after some initial teething problems as we became used to the controls and different temperature sensitivities, the new Vaillant boiler has heated the church well. The cost of the work was covered by funds set aside for the Transformation Project as we expect the new boiler to be relocated and to provide the back up gas fired heat source for the new air source heat pumps that are to be installed to work the proposed underfloor heating system. Transformation Project 2023 was a particularly busy and encouraging time for the project. We received the most generous offer of grant support of £500,000 for the project from the Uren Foundation. Together with other donations and through our own specific fundraising efforts we now have sufficient funds to complete Phase 1b of our Transformation Project. This phase of works comprises the installation of a raised floor, underfloor heating in the church and a new air source heat pump in the churchyard. Enabling work for Phase 1b will begin in the churchyard this year but the main work in the church is expected to be undertaken between 13th January - August 2025 when the church will be closed. If funds permit, we also hope to replace the lighting and upgrade the sound system. The Clergy are leading a Team which is remitted to managing worship and ensuring, where possible, that church uses continue during the works. Further briefings about this will be made in due course. Separately, we have been working with Helen and Bruce Whitehead of Price Whitehead, a local firm of Chartered Surveyors, Designers and Town Planners who have now drawn up a design for an extension at the rear of the church on a no fee basis. This phase of the works is known as Phase 2 and comprises much needed wc's, storage and office space. We have consulted informally with Heritage England and expect to submit applications to both the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and Ashford Borough Council for their respective approvals to this part of the project. Fundraising for Phase 2 can now begin in earnest. The Tenterden Vicarage Development We have received the good news that the Diocese will pass the net proceeds arising from the development of the Tenterden Vicarage as a contribution to the cost of Phase 2. The Diocese applied for planning permission for the Vicarage development project during the year. Members of the PCC and others had collaborated carefully and closely with the Diocesan planning team and were rather surprised when the application was refused by Ashford Borough Council.

That application has been appealed whilst a slightly amended application has been submitted to Ashford Borough Council in the hope they will see it through fresh eyes as an enabling development for public facilities actually identified long ago as necessary, in the publicly commissioned and widely consulted, Lipton Report. Further briefings will be made during 2024 about both the progress of Phase 2 of the Transformation Project and about the Vicarage Development. Churchyard As our churchyard is classified as a “closed” churchyard it is maintained by Ashford Borough Council. We are seeking a clear summary about the works which we may and may not expect ABC to undertake for us but I think we may have to set up working parties to ensure the churchyard is kept in as good a shape as it can be. We are very grateful to the Tenterden Horticultural Society who look after the flower beds that border the south path. I should like to express our thanks to members of the Society who undertake this work for us. Halls The Glebe Hall continues to provide a venue for the highly successful Tenterden Men’s Shed which supports the local community. Similarly the Church Hall is another important focus for many community groups of all ages. Work has started on identifying a permanent solution to the ground humidity that causes the wooden floor in the Church Hall to rise and make the space unsafe to use for many groups. It is hoped that action will be implemented during Summer 2024. Thanks It is evident from what is written in this report that we rely hugely on the generosity of local organisations who support us and on the generosity of local people that give their time, expertise and who help us fund both daily activities and our projects. We could not function without this support and we record our thanks for all the help. Our plans for St Mildred’s Church are ambitious but with everyone's support, we can do it!

Financial Review

2023 saw regular giving increase by 13% enabling us to meet our increase in parish share and increased costs arising from high inflation. While Electricity and Gas prices remained flat benefiting from being under a fixed term 4 year contract this ends in 2024 with costs likely to increase significantly going forward.

The new Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has worked well and helps with administration and the quicker recovery of gift aid. The majority of givers are now using PGS but the current standing order and envelope schemes will still be available to those preferring to give in that way. Our Gift Aid Secretary, Rob Easto, will happily supply details of the Parish Giving Scheme to anyone who would like to support the ministry of St Mildred's

Unsurprisingly we expect costs to increase in 2024 although our Parish Share is only increasing by 2.6% following last year's large increase. We are budgeting for our income to increase to meet the extra costs and if possible build up funds to enable us to replace the south roof and allow for the next redecoration of the church building.

Our Mission Giving continued to be focused on 6 charities for the second year running. The charities were:

3 Home: Tenterden Social Hub (Day Centre), Tenterden Counselling Service, Maidstone Homeless Care

3 Overseas: Mission Aviation Fellowship, Tear Fund, Zimbabwe Aids Fund

They each benefited to the tune of £2700

In addition generosity has been in much evidence with other donations being received for the Food Bank and Christmas Cheer.

The repairs to one side of the roof were completed with funds from the PCC supplemented with generous support from the Friends of St Mildred's. We thank the Friends for their ongoing support which helps with our building maintenance and in keeping our lovely building in good order.

The Transformation team have had a number of very successful activities raising funds for the next phase which encompasses replacing our flooring and the ancient & unreliable heating with a climate friendly alternative. The first stage resulted in the replacement of our unreliable and inefficient boiler in 2023. A big thank you to all who have so generously made donations, organised and attended events. We are delighted that substantial grants are anticipated in 2024 which will enable us to move the project forward.

Shared benefice expenses are administered by Chris Northen who obtains reimbursement from the other Parishes.

Especial thanks to:

Chris Northen, our Treasurer, for keeping track of all the many aspects of our finances – not a mean task.

Rob Easto, our Gift Aid Secretary

Rev Richard Williams, our Accounts Examiner

Reserves Policy

Our Reserves Policy is to retain a minimum of 6 months general expenses in reserve.

Safeguarding

Shirley Docker, Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, completed Leadership Training last year. The Safeguarding Manual is now online and can be accessed through the Diocesan website.

Anyone who holds any position within the church needs to do the Basic and Foundation course. Domestic abuse is another online course that should be completed. All members of the PCC are required to do all 3.

Safeguarding training is available through the following link:

<HTTPS://safeguardingtraininga.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>

An audit was carried out with the Bellringers to give the Diocese an overview of the training.

There have been regular network meetings for the Parish Safeguarding Officers run by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team providing opportunities to discuss issues and get advice. These have been very interesting and thought provoking.

DBS checks are ongoing and up to date.

In October the Church of England introduced the new safeguarding standards which are to be found on their website.

Shirley is available in church most Sundays at the 9.30 service to discuss issues on safeguarding.

Electoral Roll

Liz Parker our Electoral Roll Officer reports:

The new Electoral Roll for St Mildred's Church this year stands at 188, of which 130 people live within the parish and 58 live outside of the parish.

7 members of the congregation have sadly passed away this year.

No new names have been added.

Next year all names will be removed and a new Electoral Roll will be compiled, as is the requirement of the Church of England every 7 years

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the many volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We want to mention particularly our churchwardens, Caroline Salmon and Chris Brown who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mildred, the membership of the PCC consists of the Team Rector, the Team Vicar and Assistant Curate, churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services 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. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%. The PCC is represented on the benefice Worship, Mission and Ministry Team and the gathering of churchwardens, treasurers, and safeguarding officers. These groups are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative Information

The Parish Church of ***St Mildred*** is situated in Church Road Tenterden. It is part of the Diocese of Canterbury and Deanery of Romney and Tenterden within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Church Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6AT. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

The Reverend Canon Lindsay Hammond (Co-Chairperson)

The Reverend Jeanette Kennett (Co-Chairperson)

The Reverend Andrew Tapsell

Church Wardens: Caroline Salmon, Chris Brown

Deanery Synod Representatives: Neil de Villiers, Nick Hudd

Elected Members:

Chris Brown, Chris Cheesman, Nick Hudd, Chris Northen, Caroline Salmon, Neil de Villiers

Robin Lovell, Shirley Docker, David Dodds, Clive Smith, Richard Archer, John Badcock &

Tessa Badcock

The Financial Statements and Examiner's Report for the Year are set out on the following 4 pages.



Lindsay Hammond Team Rector



Jeanette Kennett Team Vicar

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of St Mildred's Tenterden

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the pages following.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 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 Independent Examiner's Statement

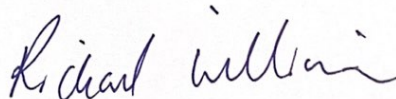
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; 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.

Yours sincerely



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11/04/24

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31/12/23

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Regular Giving					
Planned Giving		131800		131800	109422
Collections etc.		13749		13749	15938
Tax Recovered		26225		26225	26909
Total		171774		171774	152269
Other voluntary receipts	5a	8589	141755	150344	87492
Fund generating activities	5b	10340	0	10340	10651
Receipts from church activities	5c	4700	25382	30082	46923
Other Income	5d	1276	0	1276	333
Total		196679	167137	363816	297668
Payments					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share		103280		103280	87275
Other Payments	5e	87804	196488	284292	154910
Total		191084	196488	387572	242185
Excess Receipts over Payments		5595	-29351	-23756	55483
Bank Accounts 1/01/23		110265	238605	348870	293387
Bank Accounts 31/12/23		115860	209254	325114	348870
Statement of Assets & Liabilities					
Cash Funds					
Bank		115860	195012	310872	339111
Hall Bank Account			14242	14242	9759
Total		115860	209254	325114	348870
Other Assets					
CBF Investment	2			21240	19883
Church Hall	3			59624	59624

Notes on Financial Statements

1. Prepared on Receipts and Payments basis under Church Accounting Regs
2. CBF investment relates to the Hukin's Bequest for Church Fabric
3. Hall on 999 year lease from 27/02/1995
4. Reserves Policy is to retain a minimum of 6 months general expenses in reserves. Currently they Stand at approximately 7 months of projected 2024 spend.

5. Receipts & Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
(a) Other voluntary receipts				
Legacies				
Donations	8589	54332	62921	4221
Choir			0	0
For Foodbank		210	210	1380
For Christmas Cheer		5202	5202	8112
For Fegans		0	0	0
Reordering (Transformation)		50080	50080	69562
Live Streaming		2263	2263	837
Flower Festival		9634	9634	
Iona		20034	20034	3380
Total	8589	141755	150344	87492
(b) Fund generating activities				
Bookstall	1350		1350	1426
Magazine	4602		4602	3741
Sundry Events	4388		4388	5484
Total	10340	0	10340	10651
(c) Receipts from church activities				
Fees	4700	0	4700	8606
Hall Hire		25382	25382	38317
Total	4700	25382	30082	46923
(d) Investment & Other Income				
Interest	1006		1006	112
CBF Dividend	270		270	221
Contribution from sale of land			0	
Total	1276	0	1276	333
(e) Church Activities Payments				
Charitable Giving	16685		16685	16200
Other Charitable Giving		12146	12146	
For Foodbank			0	8650
Choir		0	0	1484
For Christmas Cheer		9876	9876	7170
Other Funds			0	2552
Mission & Ministry	8220		8220	4971
Church Expenses	46865		46865	41580
Building Repairs	7628	75300	82928	3036
Reordering (Transformation)		59179	59179	10779
Hall Expenses		20899	20899	35101
Bookstall	0		0	0
Magazine	4942		4942	5758
Youth		0	0	100
Administration	13892		13892	12287
Recharge of Benefice Expenses	-11858		-11858	
Live Streaming		0	0	167
Deposits Paid		19088	19088	4637
Other	1430	0	1430	438
Total	87804	196488	284292	154910

6 Summary of Transformation Project

Balance 1/01/22 170444

Receipts

Donations 22318

Fund Raising 11234

Bank Interest 1622

Total Receipts 35174

Payments

New heating 43263

Consultancy 1010

Total Payments 44273

Balance 31/12/23 161345

7. Funds collected and held in the bank account on behalf of other recipients are included in the Movement of Funds Statement .

	1st Jan 2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31st Dec 2023
Movement of Funds					
Youth	4368		0		4368
Transformation	170444	50080	59179		161345
Foodbank	3627	210			3837
Christmas Cheer	3410	5202	9876	1988	724
Live Streaming	1443	2263			3706
Redecoration Fund	2000			2000	4000
Roof Repair Fund	40000	54332	75300	3000	22032
Other Funds	8341		2512	-5829	0
Deposits Paid	-4787	20034	19088	3841	0
Flower Festival		9634	9634		0
					0
Hall	9759	25382	20899		14242
Total	238605	167137	196488	5000	214254

Movement of General Reserves

Opening Balances 1/01/22 **110265**

Increase in General Reserves in Year 5595

Transfer to: Redecoration -2000

Repairs -3000

Closing Balance 110860

Total Cash Funds at 31/12/23 325114

Invested Funds at 31/12/22 Note 2 Market Price 21240

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