THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHENIES & LITTLE CHALFONT

England & Wales · Charity number 1130134

Details

Other names	CHENIES & LITTLE CHALFONT PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-06-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Provides sacred places for prayer and contemplation. Undertakes pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaches Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Takes religious assemblies in local schools. Runs a youth club with a Christian ethos. Stages events and meetings to promote Christianity. Supports charities at home and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£241,059	£255,141	-	-
2023-12-31	£181,056	£146,265	-	-
2022-12-31	£113,629	£118,118	-	-
2021-12-31	£117,181	£103,346	-	-
2020-12-31	£229,853	£113,321	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Cummings		2017-04-20
BILL STOKES		
Dr John Nash		2023-04-02
GWEN MARY WOODBRIDGE		
Helen Tyers		2018-05-03
JO HERRERA		2013-11-01
Michael Charles Woodward		2021-07-14
PHIL CHAPMAN		
Philip Cummings		2018-04-19
Rev Brian Ludlow		2021-01-11
Rev David Whale		2018-11-28
Rev Peggy Ludlow		2021-01-11
Rev Victoria Kay Jones		2024-03-01
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Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF CHENIES & LITTLE CHALFONT
(Charity No: 1130134)
St Michael's Church, Chenies
St George's Church, Little Chalfont

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024

Incumbent

The Reverend David Whale
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CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

Mission Statement

- To know Jesus and to make Jesus known,
- through personal discipleship,
- through community action,
- through taking an active part in the church family

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Whale, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the upkeep of St George's and St Michael's churches and ancillary properties.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and have concluded that the activities, as set out under Achievements and performance, address the principles of identifiable public benefit, and demonstrate that fulfilment of the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance:

Fabric Report for St Michael's Church (Sandra Kemp, Churchwarden)

I report that all goods and ornaments are as recorded in the Terrier and Inventory.

The clock, fire extinguishers, organ and lightning conductor were all serviced as usual during the year, and the portable appliance test was carried out in February. Our five yearly quinquennial inspection also took place and thankfully raised no major concerns regarding the structure and fixtures at St Michael's. By the time you are reading this report, we will also have had an electrical installation inspection.

Our monthly charity coffee mornings have continued during 2024 thanks to Gwen and John Woodbridge who organise them and we held a wet but successful bank holiday event during which we were well entertained by the Bandoliers, a local youth band and tea and cake were served mainly by our friends from St George's who kindly came to help on the day. We were particularly thankful to Philip and Ann Cummings along with the Rector and the Ludlow's, who braved the rain to organise the parachuting of some very soggy teddy bears from the top of the tower.

Sadly, our congregation is getting older, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to

maintain the grass in the churchyard and New Graveyard. We would still welcome offers of help from anyone who feels they might be able to cut the grass from time to time. Please talk to Philip Cummings. We have mowers and a strimmer.

The major change during the year was the change in service times. The 8am BCP Holy Communion moved to 9am and the 11.15am Common Worship service is no longer running. Sadly, as a result, some of our worshippers moved to other local churches following the loss of this service but the regular BCP congregation accepted the move from 8am to 9am and have settled comfortably into the service, which now has the services of an organist every week and hymns are sung. You are welcome to join us if you wish.

We are very blessed to have a team of willing volunteers to maintain our church and its surroundings and welcome visitors and worshippers. I am particularly grateful to Philip Cummings, both for all the maintenance work that he does and for the help he gives to me as churchwarden. I must also acknowledge with gratitude the continuing support of my husband, Chris, without which it would be impossible to fulfil my role as churchwarden.

Fabric Report for St George's Church (Bill Stokes, Churchwarden)

This has been a quiet year for the church building, with no major works or disruptions to report. One notable change has been the relocation of the church office, which is now situated in the sacristy. The move has allowed us to repurpose the old office space for children's work, a change that we hope will better serve the needs of our congregation and community.

As ever, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in keeping the church building running smoothly over the past year. Many members of the congregation help with something whether it is cleaning, making coffees or ad hoc repairs. Your continued support is a real source of encouragement.

Deanery Synod (Dr J Nash)

Synod met four times in the year.

March 24 - 'What does a parish Development advisor do?' After a long presentation, it was unclear if the aim of the presentation had been achieved.

June 24 - Discussion to bring the new Diocesan initiative of Disciples Together to bring ministry with Children, Youth and Families (CYPF) into the heart of our mission.

November 19th, 24 - Visit from Bishop Steven Croft to the Amersham Deanery, which included time spent at St George's attending a Kingdom Kids service, followed in the evening by a talk and Q&A session on the 'Living in Love & Faith' C of E initiative.

November 28, 24 – An update from link mission partners, Steve, and Lyndsey Poulson, in Honduras. The main topic was parish share allocation, ending with a talk on Estates ministry by Rev V Jones

Safeguarding (Ann Cummings, Parish Safeguarding Officer)

The Safeguarding, Training and Activity registers have been updated for all the Facilitators and activities held on a regular basis in the Parish, being run by members of St George's and St Michael's Churches. Our volunteers and staff, comprising of members of our Clergy team, activity organisers, co-ordinators, activity helpers and PCC members have completed the required Safeguarding and Training courses, and the training register has been updated to reflect the dates of completion for the appropriate course for each person.

During this year our Parish Clerk, Becca Newman, has now taken on all the administrative work associated with the Safeguarding Role for the Parish and she has been very busy getting the diocese Dashboards updated online. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her sterling work.

No concerns or issues have been reported to the Diocese Safeguarding Team this year by the Parish.

The Little Chalfont Churches Together (Secretary)

The Churches Together coordinating committee has continued to meet regularly. This year they facilitated the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, a stall at the Little Chalfont Village Day, Remembrance Day service and Carols on the green.

There are hopes to plan more social activities so that there can be greater encouragement for the church members.

Oasis Café (Sue Nash)

The café has been a bit quieter during the back half of 2024, mainly due to several ladies now working, so not able to come. It still provides a safe space for families, and we have seen new faces, mainly directed from the Food Hub, who are now regular to the café. We have considered whether it is time to either stop running the cafe or change the agenda to make it more of a discussion group, but for the time being have decided to keep it going, as it is a good venue to "feed" people into the church community from other events.

The ladies have started cleaning the church too and have taken ownership, for now every other month and after they clean, we sit and have lunch together. This is a great step to belonging, not to mention helping the small, faithful team of cleaners. Thanks to Vic for organising this. It has been very successful.

The Roots and Fruits bible study group has stopped for the time being, as many of the mums who came regularly now work on a Friday. The intention is to try and reintroduce this group or something similar, either at another time in the week or when we have a new group interested.

Thank you to the faithful team, who support the café. It would not run so smoothly without you all.

Family Food Hub (Sue Nash)

We are pleased to also be able to support local children with a hot breakfast during the school holidays. Helping Hands at Bucks Council always keep in close contact with us and in July 2025 we received a further grant of £9,000 from Bucks Council. In addition to helping with food parcels, we have also been able to refer families to the Trussell Trust Food Bank and to CAP (Christians against poverty). Whilst the Food Hub is not directly a church event, we have been able to inform people, where appropriate, of church events like the Cafe, Kingdom Kids and Kingdom Tots.

Thank you to the team of faithful volunteers who help pack, serve in the kitchen, and contribute financially to this, sadly, much needed form of support.

The table below shows the numbers of people fed in 2024. We continue to open every Monday morning 9-11am even on Bank Holidays.

2024					
Month	Adults	Children	Total	Breakfasts made	New people
January	119	98	217		2
February	70	61	131	6 adults 12 children	1
March	53	31	84		
April	61	55	116	30 adults 39 children	1
May	49	40	89		
June	59	50	109		1
July	76	71	147	35 adults 47 children	3
August	65	54	119		3
September	77	66	143		3
October	80	53	133	12 adults 17 children	4
November	84	67	151		2
December	78	65	143	14 adults 18 children	1
Total	951	711	1,662	161	21

Kingdom Kids (Rev Vic Jones)

From 1st March, I was appointed as the Children & Families Minister, and it has been a full-on roller-coaster ride.

In April 2025, Kingdom Kids will celebrate its 2nd birthday. Over the last year we have seen it grow in number; every week we see numbers between 22-28. Kingdom Kids is a group where we gather together, have fellowship together through playing games and eating together, we worship together, we learn from the Bible together, we pray together, we hear from God together – We are church.

Kingdom Kids, like so many of our activities could not be possible without our amazing volunteers, who are incredibly committed and give up their time to minister to boys and girls in the community. So, firstly I'd like to thank those who give up their time, Sue, John, Jo, Gareth, Kathy, Penny, Chris, Sue and Bill. Without your commitment we would be unable to carry out what we do. THANK YOU.
Over the last year we have continued to build on what we set out to do back in 2023. We have seen the children grow in confidence, so many more of the children love to share their 'thank you' prayer each week. The children's understanding and faith is going from strength to strength. We now have a rota for children to sign up for tasks and they love any opportunity to belong.

For a season, we had 5 teenage girls who came after school to help, some out of choice and others for Duke of Edinburgh. It was a fruitful time; however, it again highlighted the fact that there is still a need for provision for the youth in the community.
This was our vision and prayer points last year:
Looking forward to 2024 our vision and prayer points:

- we seek to grow our group of volunteers.
- we continue to disciple the children.
- we grow our children's ministry.
- we look to start a group for the teenage girls.
- we look to start a parent group running alongside Kingdom Kids

A few of these points we have managed to work on, such as discipling the children, growing our children's ministry and starting a parent group running alongside Kingdom Kids.
As we step into 2025, our vision and prayer points will remain the same as in 2024. For us to step into more and grow, the church's building project will walk hand in hand with the Children and Families Minister role.

Kingdom Tots

September 2024, we launched Kingdom Tots, our baby and toddler group. This happens on a Tuesday 9am-10.30am. We are small in numbers however it has been a special time of building relationships and trust. In 2025, we will look to advertise and grow this little group.

Kingdom Builders

Also, in September 2024 we launched Kingdom Builders. A service aimed at our families that we minister to in the week, and for children who come to Kingdom Kids to bring their parents. We run every other week, one session finishes with a hot meal and the other session with cakes and pastries. This is a service where we go back to the beginning and build each other up, teach, learn, and share together. Our numbers range from 25-48. It has been a real blessing to see children and adults engaging and working together.

Kingdom Kids Holiday Club

We held our holiday club again in 2024. We saw 30 children each day. We looked at Psalm 23 throughout the week. We were supported by an amazing team of volunteers from the parish and the benefice, for which I am very thankful. It was a week full of fun, messy games, craft, singing, worship, snacks, and a whole lot of Jesus!

Below is a list of other activities and initiatives implemented in 2024
Lent course – (The church of tomorrow)
Prayer Breakfasts
Prayer walks
Pop up games in the park over the school holidays (July/August)
Transformed the altar into an Easter Garden and the stable scene at Christmas.
Carols by candlelight
Chalfont Valley (I am now the chair of the Ambassador)

St George's School – Collective Worship
Dr Challoner's – Spoken at their Christian Union
Supporting families in their homes and at the church
Local coffee shops
Supporting mums: - Emergency visits to the doctors and hospital – Emotional support
Doctors' appointments
Building team meetings
Volunteering at Restore Hope
Encouraging mums to be part of St George's cleaning rota

The Harbour (Jo Whale)

The Harbour has now become an online support group to better support local parents whose commitments as carers makes meeting in person impractical. The group continues to provide advice and support to parent carers from the local area.

Sunday school at St George's (Sharon Chapman)

This year has seen us retain the four families who were attending Sunday school on a regular basis last year and gain one more! Regular attendance has allowed us to build a good relationship with the children.

Scripture union Bubbles, Splash and Xtreme for the older group, is still our preferred material for planning sessions, although we occasionally may use other material to do themes not included in the Scripture Union material, such as when we were concentrating on the Sunday school values. We have continued with often separating off the children into two groups for part of the session, to allow the older children to access the bible at a higher level and to participate in more discussion. Stories in the bible are brought to life through drama, games and craft and there is always a healthy snack and prayer.

At the beginning of each new term, we have started providing a hot breakfast with games and craft to welcome children back to Sunday school which has proved extremely popular!

Going into 2025 we have just obtained a dressing up box for our bible-based-drama and hope to use more technology to show the children video clips.

As always, we are still looking for more Sunday school helpers which is particularly useful when our leaders and helpers take holidays.

Thank you to our wonderful Sunday school team for another wonderful year and for all their dedication and hard work.

St George's School and Pre-school (Julia Dawson – Co-Chair of Governors)

2024 has been another remarkably busy year at school, culminating in a SIAMS inspection in December. (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). These inspections are carried out by the church of England and explore ways in which a school's theologically rooted Christian vision

drives the work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school. This is something that the staff and governors have always held as a priority and have met regularly to ensure we are meeting all the requirements of the framework. We were delighted to receive a very favourable report which highlighted the many strengths of the school. Congratulations to all the staff.

2024 has also been a year of change. Mrs Accastello left in the summer after 7 years as our head teacher. During that time, she worked tirelessly to ensure that each child received the best start possible. She guided us through the difficult Covid times and the resultant home schooling and oversaw the opening of the thriving pre-school. We all wish her well in her new ventures.

The governing body was delighted to appoint Miss Victoria Harjette (deputy head) as our new head teacher and Mr Matthew Griffiths as her deputy. We also said goodbye to Mrs Pendergast, head of Early years and welcomed Miss Chelsea Williams in January as her replacement. I am looking forward to working with them all.

At St George's, the children continue to learn through a broad, rich curriculum to enable them to reach their full potential. School trips are one important way for children to experience new and exciting things and the trip to the pantomime was a resounding success. Special days are included when the entire school works together on a topic, such as the Easter story, or the meaning of our school vision. It is always a pleasure to take part in these days and see how much the children are enjoying their learning. The staff work hard to ensure the children are offered a range of experiences through Collective Worship, learning about the celebrations from a range of World faiths which is reflective of the pupils at the school. Acts of kindness are celebrated together with occasions when children have demonstrated one of the school values: commitment, compassion, courage, community, and love.

St George's continues to be a happy place, full of eager and enthusiast children together with hardworking and dedicated staff. I am very thankful for having the opportunity to work alongside them all as a governor.

Open the Book (Kathy Pierce, Amersham Area Coordinator)

Our Amersham-wide team has remained steady at about 26 members and goes into three schools weekly: St. George's C of E Infant School, Chalfont Valley E-Act Academy, and St. Mary's C of E Primary, Old Amersham. The team come from seven different churches locally!

All the Heads, including Chalfont Valley Headteacher Mr Kilyan, have been very encouraging and the children appear to really look forward to the assemblies.

We have now launched the new OTB material in our three schools this Autumn 2024. It is great to have a sequence of stories in the new material around a bible character and we have noticed the

children remember the story so well week by week. This last term we did the story of Joseph and this term we are doing the story of Moses.

St Mary's and St George's have always given us a very warm welcome. We are delighted that Peggy Ludlow has joined our OTB team at St George's School. St George's staff are sympathetic to our approach and the school assembly leader continues to add comments to the end of our assembly which can reinforce points we have gently made.

The OTB St George's Church members are me, Peggy Ludlow, Jo Herrera, Phil Chapman, Jo Bolton. Penny Quealy is also on the team when she is back in the UK. Jo Bolton continues to help when we are struggling to fill the rota, for which we are incredibly grateful. We all love the opportunity to go into these local schools and get immense joy out of seeing the children so absorbed in God's word.

Please pray for more members as we believe we could go into more schools if we had a bigger team. Please remember, nowadays most of the children in our area will have heard very few bible stories. We continue to pray before and after every assembly that God will use His word to plant seeds in the children and staff's hearts.

We continue to be grateful that St George's Church pays our individual membership fees to the Bible Society each July, and manages the update system for each DBS.

Financial Review: (Mrs Linda Dunning)

The General Fund deficit for the year under review was £6,816, compared to last year's surplus of £2,671 and this is despite £12,940 having been received from an American film company, who hired the use of St Michael's church and grounds for filming. Income for the year fell from £108,844 in 2023 to £106,254 in 2024. This drop has been partly due to the fall in rental income from normal church hall lettings. We had also received grants in 2023. As of 2024, these are now accounted for under restricted funds. Other income such as stewardship giving has remained stable, collections were down but general donations and legacies have increased from £7,722 in 2023 to £10,375 in 2024. Efforts continue to be made to increase the level of stewardship giving but this proves to be difficult, especially as we are also asking the congregations to give money, towards other ministry needs.

We are always incredibly grateful for the generous gifts and legacies from parishioners, past and present and to Latimer and Flaunden churches, who contribute towards the salary costs of our new Administrative Assistant, Rececca Newman.

Our expenditure has increased from £106,173 in 2023 to £113,070 in 2024 despite a fall in other staff expenses, from £12,316 in 2023 to £7,878 in 2024. The increase in the year is mainly due to a significant rise in the cost of our utility bills and church running costs, which include approximately £2,800 for expenses incurred in the removal and reinstating the organ before and after filming in St. Michael's church. Organist costs are also up from the previous year. Other costs have remained much the same as in the previous year. Our largest cost, the Parish Share was £71,317 for 2024, which was reduced by a deanery rebate and a 1% discount for paying by direct debit, resulting in a final sum of £69,611 paid for the year.

Designated Funds include St Michael's Restoration Fund, the Mission Fund, and a Specific Donations Fund.

St Michael's Restoration Fund benefitted from the rise in interest rates with investment income rising from £3.4k in 2023 to £5.8k in 2024. As with the General Fund there was an increase in church running costs for the year. As St Michael's Restoration Fund had reserves of £127,838, as of 31 December 2023, and no plans for any major repairs or improvements in the pipeline, a decision was made by the St Michael's Committee and approved by the PCC to donate £50,000 towards the salary of the new Family Minister, who has been employed to work with local children and their families to encourage them into the fold of the two churches and help to boost congregation numbers for future generations.

The Mission Fund was set up to account for all the income and expenditure relating to ministry work carried out by the Parish and has seen an increase in reserves from £20,332 in 2023 to £29,645 in 2024. A further donation of £25,000, for mission work, was received during the year from Trinity Baptist Church, of which £15,000 has been donated towards the salary of the family minister, whose employment commenced on 1 March 2024 to carry out mission work for both churches.

The Specific Donations Fund has a £Nil balance at the year end.

Restricted Funds as of 2024, include St George's Restricted Fund, the Food Hub Fund, and a Salaries Fund.

St George's Restricted Fund's reserves have decreased in the year from £90,091 in 2023 to £60,531 in 2024. Rental income from the car park has increased from £7,500 in 2023 to £8,600 in 2024 and dividend income of £2,694 (2023- £2,481) from investments held on behalf of the charity's trustees by the Oxford Diocese. During the year, St George's Fund has incurred legal & professional fees of £37k with regards to once more exploring the viability of developing the site on which St George's church stands and the renovation of the existing church and to obtain planning permission to achieve their mission plans for the future of the church.

Food Hub Fund has been reclassified as a restricted fund with reserves of £20,578 at the year end. During the year it received grants worth £12,230 from Buckinghamshire County Council and £1,000 donations from parishioners. It is anticipated that there will be even greater demand for the Food Hub in 2025.

The Salaries Fund was set up to monitor the management of grants and donations specifically given towards the salary of our newly appointed Family Minister and towards her salary as Food Hub administrator. The Family Minister salary is being covered by a monthly grant of £1,000, from the Diocese, which is to cover 5 years from 1st March 2024, donations of £15,000 from the Mission Fund and £50,000 from St. Michael's Fund, both of which were paid during 2024. Her role as Food Hub administrator has been covered by two grants of £500 and £6,680 from the Rothschild Foundation. The reserves at the year end were £58,513. Further grants have been promised in 2025, £12,000 from the Diocese and £,6,660 from the Rothschild Foundation.

Policy on Reserves:

Reserves will continue to be managed and invested in order that the short-term requirements of the two churches can be adequately met and funds made available to satisfy any needs, as and when they arise. The trustees will continue to aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately two and a half months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The balance held as unrestricted funds as of 31st December was £78,112, of which £20,472 are regarded as free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. On 31st December 2024, based on the anticipated expenditure for 2025, free reserves in the unrestricted funds equates to 2.1 months of charitable expenditure.

The trustees consider the reserves held in the designated and restricted funds to be adequate for their purpose.

Risk Management

Risk management is an on-going process as the PCC continues to monitor all risks relating to its various activities. These include registering those associated with young peoples' work in accordance with Government and Diocesan requirements. Health and Safety policies are available for both churches and risk Assessments are undertaken for specific events.

Future Plans

The parish continues its progress in redeveloping the site at St George's to be able to better facilitate ministry. There are hopes that in addition to other family focused ministries a youth group will soon be launched. At St Michael's we are soon to start Lego Church to compliment Muddy Church, which is difficult to run during winter months. It is hoped that together we will be able to gather some families who find Kingdom Kids too energetic.

We hope that other ministry opportunities will be discerned over the year and are praying that we will know which to give our energy and resources to.

Structure governance and management.

The PCC is a charity under the auspices of the Charity Commission, registration number 1130134. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Staff Team

At the beginning of 2024, our staff team consisted of our Rector, David Whale, Associate Ministers, Rev Brian & Rev Peggy Ludlow (with responsibilities particularly for Latimer & Flaunden), Rev Victoria Jones, as Food Hub Administrator, Laura Burgin, our Parish Administrator until 30th April 2024, and a Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader) Mrs Pat Ansell.

During the year, we have been able to recruit two wonderful members of staff. Becca Newman has taken up the post of Benefice Administrator after the departure of Laura Burgin. She has been able to adapt quickly to the quirks of parish life, getting to know the ins and outs of everything from weddings to DBS admin. We're really pleased to see how Becca has worked with people from across the benefice to make ministries run smoothly.

Soon after this we were able to appoint Rev Victoria Jones to the new role of Families' Minister. As can be read in her report she has been able to introduce new ministries and services, helping us to minister to a wider range of people. More crucially however, is the time she is giving to support vulnerable members of our community, deepening ties to families in need and living the love of God.

A Synopsis of the Year

The PCC held five meetings during 2024.

A Standing Agenda is used for meetings to ensure an oversight of Health, Safety and Child Protection issues. We also discussed: finance; gift aid; personnel; the fabric of our churches; St George's redevelopment progression; the contents of Parish Profile; charitable giving; stewardship campaigns; communication including the need for a more dynamic website; risk assessments; planned events; outreach; home groups; pastoral care.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees comprise the key personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 10 of the accounts.

Reference and administrative information
Trustees

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

The Incumbent:	Reverend David Whale, the Chairman
Associate Ministers:	Reverend Peggy Ludlow
	Reverend Brian Ludlow
Family Minister:	Reverend Vic Jones (from 1 March 2024)
The Churchwardens:	Mr William Stokes (St George's)
	Mrs Sandra Kemp (St Michael's)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Reverend Brian Ludlow
	Mrs Jo Herrera
	Dr John Nash

Elected Members of the PCC

Mr Phil Chapman
Mrs Ann Cummings
Mr Philip Cummings
Mrs Linda Dunning (Treasurer)
Mrs Sue Nash
Mrs Helen Tyers
Mrs Gwen Woodbridge
Mr Michael Woodward

Committees

Standing Committee: Comprising the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer; transacts urgent business of the PCC between meetings, subject to directions given by the full Council and is required by law.

Finance Committee: Comprising the Rector, Churchwardens and Treasurer; monitors the income, expenditure and budgeting of the Parish.

St Michael's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St Michael's.
Ann Cummings, Philip Cummings, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Kemp, Helen Tyers, Gwen Woodbridge and the Incumbent

St George's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St George's.
Jo Bolton, Phil Chapman, Jo Herrera, Sue Nash, John Nash, Bill Stokes, Reverend Vic Jones, and the Incumbent

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

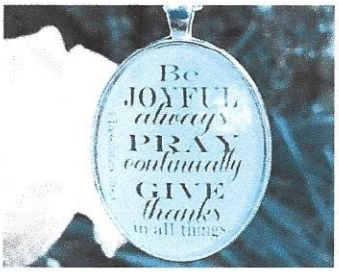
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 20 August 25 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. David Whale (Chairman)

Thank you.



The PCC would like to extend its grateful thanks to the many members of the congregation who give their time and skills resulting in churches that are well maintained and welcoming. Without you, our services would not run so smoothly. Thank you.

The time ahead will be one of change...as former Rector David always said, 'Change is a friendly word' and with the prayers, wisdom, and patience of the congregation, the PCC members will be equipped to guide our churches to the best of our ability, into the future.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2024 (cont.)
Appendix 1

Services and Occasional Offices

Service	8.00am (9.00am from 21st April 2024)	10.00am (10.15am from 21st April 2024)	11.30am (No service from 21st April 2024)	6pm	Thursday	Kingdom Builders
St. Michael's	18 adults		17 adults	10 adults		
St. George's		23 adults 8 children			13 adults	14 adults 15 children
Easter 2024	St Michael's 18 adults 1 child	St Georges 38 adults 22 children	St Michael's 15 adults	St Michael's 10 adults		
Christmas 2024	St Michael's 8 adults 1 child	St Georges 25 adults 13 children	No service	No service		

Other Christmas services – Adults: 40, Children: 13

Occasional Offices

Office	St. Michael's	St. George's	Totals
Funerals at Crematorium			0
Graveside funerals			0
Funerals in church	2	2	4
Interment of Ashes	3		3
Weddings	12	0	12
Service of Dedication after civil marriage	0	0	0
Baptisms	0	2	2

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2024 (cont.)
Appendix 2

Sidespersons 2024

St Michael's Church, Chenies	St George's, Little Chalfont
Naomi Faulkner	Jo Bolton
Chris Ingham	Phil Chapman
Chris Kemp	Sharon Chapman
Sandra Kemp	Julia Dawson
John Watkins	Linda Dunning
Sarah Watkins	Jo Herrera
Gwen Woodbridge	Sue Nash
John Woodbridge	Penny Quealy
	Lesley-Anne Simpson
Reserves	Bill Stokes
Margaret Nice	Sue Stokes

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2024 (cont.)
Appendix 3
Services in the Parish each month

St Michael's, Chenies

Every Sunday

8am (9am from 21st April) Traditional Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
6pm Traditional Evening Prayer (sung) from the Book of Common Prayer
1st & 3rd Sundays at **11.15am;** Morning Praise (No service from 21st April)
2nd & 4th Sundays at **11.15am;** Holy Communion (No service from 21st April)
Though attendance was irregular, there was always something to occupy the children at the **11.15am** services.

5th Sundays – please look for **11.15am** service details inside the church. (No service from 21st April)

St. George's, Little Chalfont

Every Sunday
10.00am (10.15am from 21st April)
1st & 3rd Sundays; Morning Praise including Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Sundays; Morning Praise
All services feature contemporary worship, Bible teaching and children's activities, with refreshments in the hall after the service.
5th Sunday often varies in style of services.

Alternate Sundays: 4.00pm – Kingdom Builders

Thursday: 12.30pm Holy Communion followed by lunch.

Details of parish services can be found on the Benefice Website.
www.cheniesbenefice.org

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2024
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations & legacies	2(a)	98,704	103,920	202,624	143,598
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	5,681	-	5,681	6,421
Income from investments	2(c)	21,460	11,294	32,754	31,037
Total		**125,845**	**115,214**	**241,059**	**181,056**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3(b)	171,255	81,266	252,521	143,645
Other – Depreciation	3(c)	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Total		**173,875**	**81,266**	**255,141**	**146,265**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(48,030)**	**33,948**	**(14,082)**	**34,791**
Transfer of reserves		**(15,583)**	15,583	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**(63,613)**	**49,531**	**(14,082)**	**34,791**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		248,689	90,091	338,780	303,989
Total funds carried forward		**185,076**	**139,622**	**324,698**	**338,780**

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no recognised gains and losses other than the result for the year.

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	4		57,640		60,260
CURRENT ASSETS					
Short term deposits	6	78,577		122,096	
Debtors	6	9,394		12,721	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	185,349		148,139	
TOTAL ASSETS		273,320		282,956	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	7	(6,262)		(4,436)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			267,058		278,520
NET ASSETS			324,698		338,780
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	8		78,112		84,928
Designated	8		106,964		163,761
Restricted	8		139,622		90,091
			324,698		338,780

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 20 August 25 and signed on their behalf by;

Rev. David Whale (Chair)

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2024
CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Net Cash provided (used in)/by Operating Activities	9	**(78,501)**	**39,438**	**(39,063)**	**7,260**
Interest and Rents from Investments	2(c)	21,460	11,294	32,754	31,037
Change in Cash & Cash Equivalents in period		**(57,041)**	**50,732**	**(6,309)**	**38,297**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning		179,944	90,291	270,235	231,938
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End		**122,903**	**141,023**	**263,926**	**270,235**
Short term deposits		70,016	8,561	78,577	122,096
Cash at bank and in hand		52,887	132,462	185,349	148,139
		122,903	**141,023**	**263,926**	**270,235**

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2024
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£), which is also the functional currency.

(b) Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property are excluded from the accounts by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(c) Funds' structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the church. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The St. George's Trust Fund is restricted and can only be used for the purposes for which the funds have been given.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 8.

(d) Incoming recognition

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income tax has been received. Any claimed since the year end is included in debtors on the Balance Sheet.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.

- Funds raised by a fete, garden party or similar event are accounted for gross.
- Unrestricted income can be used for the running the Parish or in whatever way is agreed by the PCC.
- Restricted income is to be used solely for the purpose for which it was donated.

(e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the goods or services. All costs have been directly attributed to various categories within the Statement of Financial Activities and as the churches are not registered for VAT, all expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

The parish share or diocesan quota is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid on 31st December is provided for as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

(f) Employee Pensions

The churches pay into a workplace pension scheme for its Admin Assistant, to which she initially contributed the minimum contribution as advised by the Pension Regulator but decided to increase her personal contribution during the year. The annual contributions paid to Nest are charged against income. The Food Hub administrator declined to join the workplace pension scheme.

(g) Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
(a) Donations and legacies					
Collections	2,103	347	-	2,450	4,338
Stewardships	58,785	-	-	58,785	57,546
Income Tax Recoverable (Gift Aid)	14,500	25	175	14,700	12,906
General donations & legacies	10,375	11,778	75,991	98,144	39,108
Grants received	-	-	27,743	27,743	28,855
Wall safe	-	541	-	541	626
Teaching & Parish Outreach	250	-	11	261	219
	86,013	12,691	103,920	202,624	143,598
(b) Income from charitable activities					
Service fees	4,408	240	-	4,648	4,734
Fundraising	242	791	-	1,033	1,687
	4,650	1,031	-	5,681	6,421
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest	181	5,869	2,694	8,744	6,020
Church hall lettings	15,410	-	-	15,410	17,517
Rental income	-	-	8,600	8,600	7,500
	15,591	5,869	11,294	32,754	31,037
TOTAL INCOME	**106,254**	**19,591**	**115,214**	**241,059**	**181,056**
TOTAL INCOME 2023	**108,844**	**62,231**	**9,981**	**181,056**	

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2024
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
(a) Raising funds					
Gift Aid envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Charitable Activities					
Diocesan Quota	69,611	-	-	69,611	68,879
Vicar's expenses	1,529	-	-	1,529	1,530
Other Staff expenses	7,878	-	-	7,878	12,316
Family Minister	-	-	31,128	31,128	-
Insurance	-	3,990	2,534	6,524	6,438
Legal & professional fees	1,912	840	37,653	40,405	5,977
Church utilities	15,409	-	-	15,409	13,258
Church running costs & minor repairs	7,765	3,428	1,679	12,872	12,912
Charitable donations – specific	-	540	-	540	1,527
Charitable donations – general	300	51,102	172	51,574	111
Printing, postage & stationary	907	-	-	907	894
Bank charges	144	-	-	144	145
Parish Outreach	577	905	8,100	9,582	17,028
Teaching	1,080	-	-	1,080	628
Sanctuary, organist & music	3,338	-	-	3,338	2,002
	110,450	60,805	81,266	252,521	143,645
(c) Other					
Depreciation of parsonage & hall	2,620	-	-	2,620	2,620
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**113,070**	**60,805**	**81,266**	**255,141**	**146,265**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2023	**106,173**	**32,579**	**7,513**	**146,265**	

Included in Charitable Activities are: -	2024	2023
Independent examiner's fees	1,290	1,200

4. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

Tangible fixed assets		Freehold land & buildings £
Gross Book Value	At 1st January 2024	131,000
	Additions	-
	At 31st December 2024	131,000
Depreciation	At 1st January 2024	70,740
	Charge for the year	2,620
	At 31st December 2024	73,360
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2024	57,640
	At 31st December 2023	60,260

The freehold land and buildings comprise the Hall extension to St George's Church and the curate's house. Gross book value of the former is the cost of construction in 1991/92 and the latter is at estimated historic cost in 1963.

5. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs

	Unrestricted/ Designated 2024 £	Unrestricted/ Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2024	Restricted 2023
Gross wages	7,346	12,113	30,348	-
Pension costs	224	203	780	-
Other costs, including expenses	5,028	1,530	1,888	-
	12,598	13,846	33,016	-

The average number employed around governance in the year was 2 (2023 – 2)

6. CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,230	64	3,294	3,220
Sundry debtors	5,753	-	5,753	8,955
Prepayments & accrued income	347	-	347	546
	9,330	64	9,394	12,721
Short Term Deposits				
CBF Church of Eng. Deposit Funds	70,016	8,561	78,577	122,096
Cash at bank and in hand				
NatWest account	52,887	132,462	185,349	148,139

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Accounts payable	4,387	135	4,522	2,586
Other creditors	410	1,330	1,740	1,850
Accruals	-	-	-	-
	4,797	1,465	6,262	4,436

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2024
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

8. FUND DETAILS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Balance at 1st Jan 24	Receipts	Payments	Transfers Etc.	Balance at 31st Dec 24
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	84,928	106,254	(113,070)	-	78,112
Total Unrestricted Funds	**84,928**	**106,254**	**(113,070)**	**-**	**78,112**
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	8	1,634	(1,642)	-	-
Mission Fund	20,332	10,265	(952)	-	29,645
Food Hub Fund	15,583	-	-	(15,583)	-
St Michael's Restoration Fund	127,838	7,692	(58,211)	-	77,319
Total Designated Funds	**163,761**	**19,591**	**(60,805)**	**(15,583)**	**106,964**
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	90,091	12,307	(41,867)	-	60,531
Food Hub Fund	-	13,266	(8,271)	15,583	20,578
Salaries Fund	-	89,641	(31,128)	-	58,513
Total Restricted Funds	**90,091**	**115,214**	**(81,266)**	**15,583**	**139,622**

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (PREVIOUS YEAR)	*Balance at 1st Jan 23*	*Receipts*	*Payments*	*Transfers*	*Balance at 31st Dec 23*
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	*82,257*	*108,844*	*(106,173)*	*-*	*84,928*
Total Unrestricted Funds	***82,257***	***108,844***	***(106,173)***	*-*	***84,928***
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	*-*	*1,645*	*(1,637)*	*-*	*8*
Mission Fund	*5,885*	*25,277*	*(10,830)*	*-*	*20,332*
Food Hub Fund	*-*	*30,204*	*(14,621)*	*-*	*15,583*
St Michael's Restoration Fund	*128,224*	*5,105*	*(5,491)*	*-*	*127,838*
Total Designated Funds	***134,109***	***62,231***	***(32,579)***	*-*	***163,761***
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	*87,623*	*9,981*	*(7,513)*	*-*	*90,091*
Total Restricted Funds	***87,623***	***9,981***	***(7,513)***	*-*	***90,091***

8. FUND DETAILS (continued)

The Designated Funds comprise of:

St. Michael's Restoration Fund was set up to raise funds for larger maintenance, refurbishment and insurance costs incurred in relation to St Michael's Church, Chenies.

Specific Donations Fund was set up to deal with monies raised or donated for specific external charities.

The Mission Fund was set up to record income and expenses relating to the Kingdom Kids Club, Kingdom Tots, Kingdom Builders, Oasis Cafe, and The Harbour. During the year Trinity Baptist church gave a second generous donation of £25,000 to help with ministry costs. A decision was made to transfer £15,000 of the £25,000 to help with employment costs of a Children's & Families minister, who commenced employment on 1st March 2024.

The Restricted Funds comprise of:

The Food Hub Fund was set up in 2023 when St George's church decided to run it directly, incorporating all the finances under the control of the Parish of Chenies & Little Chalfont. Income consists mainly of grants from Bucks. Council, which is spent on food supplies, and donations from the congregations, which covers baby nappies and other necessities.

St. George's Trust Fund. The main purpose for the fund is to use the income for the managing of the St George's church property, including major repairs and the insurance of the buildings. During the year £37,653 was paid towards re visiting the possibility of developing the site, renovating the existing church, and obtaining pre planning permission. After payment of these costs, the trustees may use the remaining income in furthering the religious and other charitable work in the parish of Chenies & Little Chalfont.

Salaries Fund was set up in 2024 to cover the salary paid to Rev. V Jones, in respect of her role as Family Minister, to which she was appointed in March 2024 and her role as Food Hub Administrator. The Family Minister salary is being covered by a monthly grant of £1,000, from the Diocese, which is to cover 5 years from 1st March 2024, donations of £15,000 from the Mission Fund and £50,000 from St. Michael's Fund, both of which were paid during 2024. Her role as Food Hub administrator has been covered by two grants of £500 and £6,680 received from the Rothschild Foundation.

9. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Net income/ (expenditure) for period (as per SOFA)	(48,030)	33,948	(14,082)	34,791
Depreciation charges	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Interest and Rents from Investments	(21,460)	(11,294)	(32,754)	(31,037)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	3,391	(64)	3,327	879
Increase in creditors	561	1,265	1,826	7
Transfers between reserves	(15,583)	15,583	-	-
Net cash (used in) /provided by operating activities	**(78,501)**	**39,438**	**(39,063)**	**7,260**

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

Stipends of the vicar are paid by the Diocese out of a fund raised from parishes charged to the PCC as part of the Parish Share. The Admin Assistant is paid from unrestricted funds, a breakdown of which is shown in note 5. All the other trustees give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration. During the year, the expenses reimbursed to the vicar, incurred on charity business, were £1,529 (2023 - £1,530), of which £665 related to the vicarage office telephone, which is paid directly to BT. Other vicar's expenditure was in relation to travel, stationery etc. In the year, 5 trustees claimed reimbursement of expenses of £5,387 (2023 - 6 trustees £2,871) in respect of minor repair costs, gardening and fencing fees of £1,679 re St Georges, church stands for TV - £1,113, for which we received a donation of £600, Kingdom Kids and other mission expenses and other sundry items. The trustees, other than Rev V Jones, who is now employed as a Lay Minister in the role of Family Minister and the Food Hub administrator, received no remuneration during the year.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 17 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis or report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Green

David Green MA (Cantab) FCA

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Date: 21 August 2025

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF CHENIES & LITTLE CHALFONT

(Charity No: 1130134)

St Michael's Church, Chenies
St George's Church, Little Chalfont

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023

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CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

Mission Statement

- To know Christ and to make Christ known,
- through personal discipleship,
- through community action,
- through taking an active part in the church family

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Whale, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the upkeep of St George's and St Michael's churches and ancillary properties.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and have concluded that the activities, as set out under Achievements and performance, address the principles of identifiable public benefit, and demonstrate that fulfilment of the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance:

Fabric Report for St Michael's Church (Sandra Kemp, Churchwarden)

I report that all goods and ornaments are as recorded in the Terrier and Inventory.

The clock, fire extinguishers, organ and lightning conductor were all serviced as usual during the year and the portable appliance test was carried out in February. We are due an electrical installation inspection next year in addition to our Quinquennial. It is to be hoped that neither raises any serious concerns.

Further work was carried out on the ash trees in the boundary hedge between the school playing field and the New Graveyard. The lime tree to the north of the church has been pollarded.

Our monthly charity coffee mornings have continued during 2023 thanks to Gwen and John Woodbridge who organise them and we held a successful social event to mark the Coronation with live music provided by two local youth bands and tea and cake mainly served by our friends from St George's who kindly came to help on the day.

New shelving has been fitted in the Preston Room in preparation for it becoming our vestry. We will continue to work on obtaining the Faculties for making the proposed changes to the south aisle and vestry/Preston Room.

Sadly, our congregation is getting older, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to maintain the grass in the churchyard and New Graveyard. If anyone feels they might be able to help with this, please talk to Philip Cummings. We have mowers and a strimmer. It may well be that we must employ someone to help but that will be costly as the work would be time consuming for one person.

We are blessed to have a team of willing volunteers to maintain our church and its surroundings and welcome visitors and worshippers. I am particularly grateful for Philip, both for all the maintenance work that he does and for the help he gives to me as churchwarden. I must also acknowledge with gratitude the continuing support of my husband, Chris, without which it would be impossible to fulfil my role as churchwarden.

Fabric Report for St George's Church (Bill Stokes, Churchwarden)

Limited changes to the fabric this year. Points of note are the acquisition of new chairs, thanks to Sue Nash for organising this. Also, the Family Food Hub has transitioned to being fully under the auspices of the PCC. Sue and Vic continue to perform sterling work in this area.

Work on the proposed building project continues. At this stage there are no concrete, costed plans that we can present to the church for their consideration. We expect to be able to provide a more detailed update early in the new year. As ever, I continue to be thankful for the support and assistance of many from St. George's, who help in so many ways to keep the fabric of the church in good order.

Deanery Synod (Rev. Dr B P Ludlow)

Our parish Lay Representatives are Dr J Nash, Mr P Lovegrove and Mrs J Herrera. All licenced clergy serving in the parish automatically have a seat on Deanery Synod, hence Rev. David, Rev. Brian and Rev. Peggy are all synod members. Rev. Victoria has also just been appointed to Synod having been elected as one of the representatives for Deanery Clergy holding Permission to Officiate.

Synod met three times in the year. As part of the Governance Structure of the Church of England, some routine administrative business is required at Deanery Synod meetings. However, Amersham Deanery is particularly keen that Synod meetings should also serve as a forum for sharing best practices between Parishes and Benefices, providing opportunities for networking and mutual support, and a chance to hear about thoughts, plans and even dreams in the wider Church. So, a guest speaker is invited to each Synod meeting. This year we heard firstly from Tsungai Muchegwa, the Area Safeguarding Officer about issues and developments in Safeguarding that are ensuring the Church systems are robust to enable our churches to be as safe as we can possibly make them. In November, Mr Sean Groombridge of Gerrards Cross led us into a small group discussion to explore

different ways that music can be used to enhance and support our worship.

The Deanery National Synod representatives provide a report to each Deanery Synod meeting which often triggers topics for debate on our own business agenda. LLF has exercised the debate across the Church of England over the last year. Moving forward Oxford Diocese will be focussing on Youth and Children's Work for the coming years and we are delighted that since the year end, we have appointed Rev V Jones, as Family Minister for the Parish.

The Treasurer reported that delays in payment of some Parish Share by the due date led to a reduction in the rebate paid to the Deanery, so in consequence future Share Allocation needed to be recalculated. The new (slightly modified) model for calculating Parish Share has limited the overall increase and some Parishes have now seen a slight fall in their contribution.

The Deanery has continued to support Steve and Lindsey Poulson's mission work in Honduras and received two reports from them during 2023, one in person whilst the couple were in the UK on furlough and one by video link.

The Deanery congratulated the Treasurer on her appointment as a Lay Canon to Christ Church Cathedral in recognition for all her work at Parish, Deanery and National Church levels. The year has seen clergy vacancies in three Parishes, some of which have now been filled. In addition, several of the clergy within the Diocese have retired or moved on and Rev D Oades (Amersham on the Hill) is on long term sick leave and hopefully will be back at work soon. We pray for all these clergy.

Safeguarding (Ann Cummings, Parish Safeguarding Officer)

The Safeguarding, Training and Activity registers have been updated for all the Facilitators and activities held on a regular basis in the Parish, being run by members of St George's and St Michael's Churches. Our volunteers and staff, comprising of members of our Clergy team, activity organisers, co-ordinators, activity helpers and PCC members have completed the required Safeguarding and Training courses, and the training register has been updated to reflect the dates of completion for the appropriate course for each person. The Diocese Dashboard has also been updated online. No concerns or issues have been reported to the Diocese Safeguarding team this year.

We were delighted to be joined by our Area Safeguarding Officer, Tsungai Muchegwa, on Monday 13th November at St George's Church for a talk about the importance of Safeguarding in our Church family and the outreach work we do to support people in our communities. The invite was extended to all PCC members and activity organisers, not just in our parish, but to the whole Benefice. It was a very informative afternoon, and we hope to repeat it again in 2024.

The Little Chalfont Churches Together (Secretary)

The Churches Together coordinating committee has continued to meet regularly. This year they facilitated the Walk Witness on Good Friday, a stall at the Little Chalfont Village Day, Remembrance Day service and Carols on the green.

There are hopes to plan more social activities so that there can be greater encouragement for the church members. Otherwise, the plans are to continue with these same activities in 2024.

The Benefice Prayer Tree (Phil Chapman)

The Prayer Tree has been sparsely used this year as many people are using the WhatsApp prayer group. However, the Prayer Tree remains available for confidential requests when required. Phil Chapman, from St George's, is the co-ordinator for the Tree and can be contacted on 01494 585181.

Oasis Café (Sue Nash)

The café continues to be held on a Friday morning, followed by a group of ladies who stay for our Root and Fruit bible study group and a light lunch. We have a committed core group who come every week and a group who come more sporadically. We have had several new people join us this year mainly introduced via other regulars. We have also been visited by Mr Kilyan, the Headmaster of Chalfont Valley School, and Mrs Ahmed, one of his staff. We have also had a visit from Mrs Accastello, the headmistress of St George's School, who introduced us to one of the mums from the school, who was new to the area. Recently, Emma Dyer, a local PCSO and committed Christian visited the café. All good community links. The café continues to be a safe place for people to meet and hopefully will continue to be a springboard into other church related activities.

Thank you to all the team, who faithfully support the café. We couldn't run it without all your hard work and dedication.

Family Food Hub (Sue Nash)

The Family Food Hub is not a church-run event, but falls under the church accounting umbrella, health, safety, and safeguarding. The Hub is run every week of the year, with reduced hours on Bank Holidays. It is open every Monday from 9-11am. The Hub offers emergency top-up food provision for families who are struggling financially. The volunteer team run the kitchen offering hot drinks and light snacks. During the school holidays, we provide a hot breakfast. We are supported by Helping Hands at Bucks Council with a budget for foodstuffs and we rely on donations for all toiletries, cleaning products and baby accessories. During the last year, the Hub has fed 1,272 adults and 1,454 children, a total of 2,726 and we have fed 183 adults and 240 children during the holidays. This is an increase of 546 people from the previous year, when it was run by another local charity.

Kingdom Kids (Rev Vic Jones)

Kingdom Kids launched in April 2023. We stepped into a need for an after-school provision as many clubs come with an expensive price tag, where many of the families are unable to afford them. Although the words "after school provision" is used, we are more than that. We are a group where we gather, have fellowship together through playing games and eating together, worship together,

learn from the Bible together, prayer together and hear from God together – We are church.

Over the last year we have looked at the Armour of God, Christmas Story, the life of Joseph in the holiday club, Jesus "I am" sayings and are currently looking at the Lord's prayer, how to pray, when to pray and how we can hear from God.

I am so thankful for the small, committed group of volunteers that give up their time every week. We would be unable to carry this on without them. We have 30 children on the register but see between 21-25 children a week. We have also attracted a small group of teenage girls, who come every week to help serve and be part of our team. I am keen to start something to disciple these young girls and have age-appropriate teaching for them, as we are such a small team, I don't want to overstretch the workload that our volunteers already do, which is one of the reasons this hasn't happened yet.

Each session starts with a time of relaxing, snacks and playing games as the children come straight from school. All our volunteers join in, and it has been a successful way to build good relationships between the children and the volunteers. We then enter the church for worship, bible reading and prayer. We have seen the children grow in confidence with praying out loud and remembering scripture through memory verses.

We do have challenging sessions and sometimes they don't go to plan! However, we have had very special times, where God has spoken through the children and times where I've been shocked by the questions asked by the children e.g. Where is heaven? What does heaven look like? Why did Jesus die? How did God create the world? But who created God if he created the world?

Plans and prayers for 2024 include seeking to grow our group of volunteers; continuing to disciple the children; grow our children's ministry; look to start a group for the teenage girls; and look to start a parent group running alongside Kingdom Kids.

The Harbour (Jo Whale)

The Harbour meets twice a month during school terms and is led by a small team from St George's. Our purpose is to provide a relaxed and welcoming space for local parent carers to find the opportunity to talk through some of the challenges they are facing. We have a small but regular group (around 10 individuals across the year) who attend the meeting and have recently welcomed a few new members.

We also run a WhatsApp group with some members, who are unable to attend meetings in person but who are known to our team. Prayer, as always, is appreciated. Most of the families we support are facing the uphill battle of ensuring their children receive an appropriate education, and it is a time-consuming and tiring role.

All in @4 (Rev David Whale)

Our All in @4 services, which began towards the end of 2021, continued being held once a month typically on the second Sunday of the month. These services are specifically designed to draw people on the borders of our community deeper into worship. This is done through a thoughtful diversity of activity, but always focused on worship rather than fun. The services follow a simple pattern which has evolved over the year but continues to give all who come an opportunity to explore the Bible passage being studied more deeply. My thanks to the All in Team, whose dedication and enthusiasm to serving at All in @4 make it possible for these services to take place.

Sunday school at St George's (Kathy Pierce)

Our Sunday school has continued to grow in numbers, reaching 18 on some occasions! Due to the now wider age range of children attending (4-11), we now split into two groups for the story and sometimes the crafts too, so that we can do more age-appropriate activities to keep all our children engaged. After a short spell trying out Mustard Seeds Resources, which were very wordy and did not have good quality printable craft resources, we have returned to using Scripture Union Bubbles and Splash and may also try out Scripture Union Extreme for our older age group in the future.

We are keeping to the same format for each session, of register, introductory chat/game, snack with story, discussion and prayer followed by one or two crafts depending on the length of the service. Children are encouraged to go into church during the last hymn to show their "makes" to the congregation, with one or two pre-nominate children from each age group explaining the theme of the bible story for the session.

Due to the increased number of children attending Sunday school, we often have at least 3 adults helping to run Sunday school: 1 running each age group and an additional helper. Now we are just managing with our help rota, but this can be stretched at times, and we would like to recruit more people happy to lead or help. After careful thought and discussion, we have proposed a behaviour policy for our Sunday school, to be introduced in 2024, which we think is fair, and hopefully will allow sessions to run more smoothly when there are large numbers of children.

My thanks go to our wonderful team of Sunday school leaders and helpers, who have seen our Sunday school grow from strength to strength during 2023.

St George's School: (Julia Dawson, Foundation Governor)

The school vision – Inspire, Believe, Achieve, with God all things are possible is the foundation of all that happens at St George's and can be seen in the daily life at school.

In November, I was privileged to take part in whole school Vision Day where the children considered

the meaning of the vision and how it is relevant in their education. I am always amazed by the enthusiasm, understanding and confidence of the children. They are a real credit to the staff who work tirelessly to give each one, the best possible start.

Last year, we opened the Pre School, taking children from the age of 3. The numbers have increased, and the reception staff have already seen what a great difference this provision is making to the children who then join the school at the age of 4.

Continuous improvements are made to the school resources with new outdoor play equipment and a beautifully refurbished library, funded by a very hard-working PTA. Parents continue to generously donate items from the school wish lists.

The Open the Book team are welcomed into school with children looking forward to the opportunity to act out Bible stories and the RE curriculum has included topics of incarnation, creation, and the Easter story. Rev Peggy will be leading an Easter day for the whole school and the children will be attending an end of service in church.

The Governors were very sad to accept the resignation of our wonderful Head Teacher, Mrs Accastello, who will be leaving at the end of the summer term after nine years at the school. The whole community will also be very sad to see her leave and I would like to take this opportunity to recognise her hard work and dedication to the school.

Mrs Accastello has guided the school for the last seven years, with commitment, passion, and a true dedication to ensuring each child reaches their potential during their time with us. She led us through the challenging times of Covid, ensuring the children continued to learn through an excellent programme of distance learning. She took the brave decision to open our Pre-school which resulted in a huge amount of additional work. She has always been determined to do what she believes is right for the school and our community. We owe her our very grateful thanks and wish her every happiness in the future.

While periods of change are always unsettling, we look forward to the net chapter in the story of St George's with hope and optimism. We will start the recruitment process as soon as possible with the intention of having a new Head Teacher in place at the beginning of the new academic year and would value your prayers as we undertake this important task.

Open the Book (Kathy Pierce, Amersham Area Coordinator)

This past year has seen a big change for Open the Book nationwide, as the Bible Society launched their new OTB material (after about 20 years) and a new membership system where volunteers must pay a subscription each year. We really appreciate that the 7 Amersham churches with OTB members, including our own, have agreed to take on the payment of this individual membership subscription from 2024. We plan to launch the new material either in summer term or autumn term 2024.

The other change is that St Leonard's church, Chesham Bois has decided to run its own programme, that they are calling Open the Bible at Chesham Bois school. They would like to have more freedom for the style and content of the assemblies in their own church school. We pray God will bless their endeavours. As a result, our Amersham team is reduced to 26 members who go into three schools weekly: St Mary's C of E school, Old Amersham, St George's C of E Infant school, and Chalfont Valley E-Act Academy. The team come from 7 different churches locally.

Chalfont Valley Headteacher, Mr Kilyan, has been very encouraging and the children appear to really look forward to the assemblies. St Mary's and St George's have always given us a very warm welcome.

We are delighted that Peggy Ludlow has joined our OTB team at St George's school. The staff are sympathetic to our approach and the school assembly leader continues to add comments to the end of our assembly which can enforce points we have gently made.

The regular St George's church members are Jo Herrera, Phil Chapman, and me. Penny Quealy is also on the team when she is back in the UK. We were sad that Sue & John Nash left the team after many years of service, at the end of the autumn term, due to other commitments. We will all miss John's very entertaining and dramatic style of acting! Jo Bolton has stepped back a bit and now helps when we are struggling to fill the rota, for which we are very grateful. We all love the opportunity to go into these local schools and get great joy out of seeing the children so absorbed in God's word.

Please pray for more members, as we believe we could go into more schools if we had a bigger team. Please remember that nowadays most of the children in our area will have heard very few bible stories. We continue to pray before and after every assembly that God will use his word to plant seeds in the children and staff's hearts.

Financial Review: (Mrs Linda Dunning)

The General Fund surplus for the year under review was £2,671, compared to last year's deficit of £9,077. This turnaround in the year is due entirely to a windfall of £12,500 received from an American film company, who hired the use of St Michael's church and grounds for filming. We have once again seen a drop in our stewardship giving, from £58,795 in 2022 to £57,546 in 2023, which also leads to an inevitable drop in gift aid recoverable. The gap between the older and younger congregations has not diminished but there are many plans going forward to encourage many more young families into the churches, including the appointment of a new Families Minister in early 2024. We may not however see the benefits of this for some years to come. Efforts continue to be made to increase the level of stewardship giving but this proves to be difficult, especially as we are also asking the congregations to give money, towards other ministry needs. We received a grant of £4,500 from the Rothschild Foundation in 2023 to cover the salary of a Food Hub administrator during the year, for which we are extremely grateful. Church hall lettings are once again up compared to 2022, due to an increased demand for the use of St George's church hall. As in previous years, we are very grateful for the generous gifts and legacies from parishioners, past and present. We are also grateful to Latimer and Flaunden churches, who contribute towards the salary costs of our Administrative Assistant, Laura Burgin. Overall, our income in the year is up from £92,046 in 2022 to £108,844 in 2023 because of the matters mentioned above. Our expenditure has increased from £101,123 in 2022 to £106,172 in 2023, this is mainly due to an increase in salary costs, which have been covered by the £4,500 grant, included under grants received and an increase in utility costs. Other costs have remained much the same as in the previous year.

Our largest cost, the Parish Share was £71,317 for 2023, which was reduced by a deanery rebate of £1,725 and a 1% discount of £713 for paying by direct debit, resulting in a final sum of £68,879 paid for the year.

Designated Funds include St Michael's Restoration Fund, a Mission Fund, (formerly named All in @ 4), a Food Hub Fund, a Re-Development Fund, and a Specific Donations Fund.

There has been little movement in the reserves of St Michael's Restoration Fund, which is a designated fund, in the year decreasing from £128,224 as of 31st December 2022 to £127,838 as of 31 December 2023. Income from donations and legacies were down slightly during the year but investment income has risen due to the increase in interest rates towards the second half of the year. Expenditure has been kept to a minimum, with no major work taking place during 2023.

The Mission Fund was set up to account for all the income and expenditure relating to ministry work carried out by the Parish and has seen an increase in reserves from £5,885 in 2022 to £20,332 in 2023. Income comes from donations during the year of which £25,000 was received from Trinity Baptist Church, of which £10k was allocated to expenditure on equipment such as chairs,

kitchen equipment etc and the balance of £15k has been set aside to help fund the employment of a Family Minister, who has now been employed, starting on 1 March 2024.

The Food Hub Fund was set up in 2023, as the charity who ran the Food Hub from St George's church shut down and the decision was taken for the church to bring the Food Hub under the church accounting umbrella. The Fund received grants of just over £24k from Bucks. County Council and around £5.5k from donations. At the year end the Food Hub has reserves of £15,583 to carry forward to the next financial year.

The Re-Development Fund has a nil balance at the year-end as a decision to write back the outstanding balance of £13,294 deferred expenditure was taken at the end of the previous financial year. Development plans are still in progress, but no final decisions have yet been made.

The Restricted Fund's reserves have increased in the year from £87,623 in 2022 to £90,091. Rental income, of £7,500 from the car park remained the same and dividend income of £2,481 (2022-£2,319) was received from investments held on behalf of the charity's trustees by the Oxford Diocese.

Policy on Reserves:

Reserves will continue to be managed and invested in order that the short-term requirements of the two churches can be adequately met and funds made available to satisfy any needs, as and when they arise. The trustees will continue to aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately two and a half months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The balance held as unrestricted funds as of 31st December was £84,928, of which £24,668 are regarded as free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. On 31st December 2023, based on the anticipated expenditure for 2024, free reserves in the unrestricted funds equates to 2.6 months of charitable expenditure.

The trustees consider the reserves held in the designated and restricted funds to be adequate for their purpose.

Risk Management

Risk management is an on-going process as the PCC continues to monitor all risks relating to its various activities. These include registering those associated with young peoples' work in accordance with Government and Diocesan requirements. Health and Safety policies are available for both churches and risk Assessments are undertaken for specific events.

Future Plans

The plans for the churches to grow the church family had already begun in 2023, with our increased ministry work in the parish, which gives special attention to local families in need of support, especially in this hard economic climate. This work is to be extended even further in 2024. Thanks to the generous donation from Trinity Baptist Church, pledges from parishioners', and from the wider benefice, we have appointed a Families Minister as from March 2024, whose main role is to encourage the growth of the younger church family for the future of the Parish.

The future development of the church site and potential redevelopment of the existing church building is still in progress and will be explored thoroughly in the coming year.

Structure governance and management

The PCC is a charity under the auspices of the Charity Commission, registration number 1130134. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Staff Team

The staff team consists of our Rector, David Whale, Associate Ministers, Rev Brian & Rev Peggy Ludlow (with responsibilities particularly for Latimer & Flaunden), Food Hub Administrator, Rev Vic Jones, and a Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader) Mrs Pat Ansell.

A Synopsis of the Year

The PCC held five meetings during 2023.

A Standing Agenda is used for meetings to ensure an oversight of Health, Safety and Child Protection issues. We also discussed: finance; gift aid; personnel; the fabric of our churches; St George's redevelopment progression; the contents of Parish Profile; charitable giving; stewardship campaigns; communication including the need for a more dynamic website; risk assessments; planned events; outreach; home groups; pastoral care.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees comprise the key personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 10 of the accounts.

Reference and administrative information
Trustees

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

The Incumbent:	Reverend David Whale, the Chairman
Associate Ministers:	Reverend Peggy Ludlow
	Reverend Brian Ludlow
The Churchwardens:	Mr William Stokes (St George's)
	Mrs Sandra Kemp (St Michael's)
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Reverend Brian Ludlow
	Mrs Jo Herrera
	Dr John Nash

Elected Members of the PCC

Mr Phil Chapman
Mrs Ann Cummings
Mr Philip Cummings
Mrs Linda Dunning (Treasurer)
Mrs Sue Nash
Mrs Helen Tyers
Mrs Gwen Woodbridge
Mr Michael Woodward
Mr Philip Lovegrove (resigned 2/4/23)

Committees

Standing Committee: Comprising the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer; transacts urgent business of the PCC between meetings, subject to directions given by the full Council and is required by law.

Finance Committee: Comprising the Rector, Churchwardens and Treasurer; monitors the income, expenditure and budgeting of the Parish.

St Michael's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St Michael's.
Ann Cummings, Philip Cummings, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Kemp, Helen Tyers,
Gwen Woodbridge and the Incumbent

St George's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St George's.
Jo Bolton, Phil Chapman, Jo Herrera, Sue Nash, Lesley-Anne Simpson,
Penny Quealy, Bill Stokes, Gill Seymour, Kathy Pierce, and the Incumbent

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

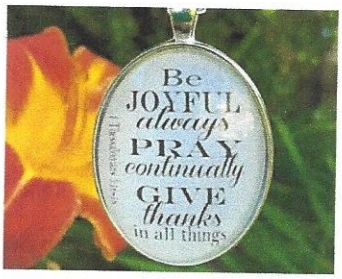
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 4 Sept. 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. David Whale (Chairman)

Thank you.



The PCC would like to extend its grateful thanks to the many members of the congregation who give their time and skills resulting in churches that are well maintained and welcoming. Without you, our services would not run so smoothly. Thank you.

The time ahead will be one of change...as former Rector David always said, 'Change is a friendly word' and with the prayers, wisdom, and patience of the congregation, the PCC members will be equipped to guide our churches to the best of our ability, into the future.

Appendix 1

Services and Occasional Offices

Service	8am	10.00am	11.15am (11.30 from 1st June)	6pm	Thursday
St. Michael's	18 adults		17 adults	10 adults	
St. George's		24 adults 10 children			9 adults
Easter 2023	St Michael's 13 adults	St Georges 45 adults 25 children	St Michael's 12 adults	St Michael's 9 adults	
Christmas 2023	St Michael's 8 adults	St Georges 18 adults 9 children	St Michael's 15 adults	No service	

Occasional Offices

Office	St. Michael's	St. George's	Totals
Funerals at Crematorium			4
Graveside funerals			0
Funerals in church	5	1	6
Interment of Ashes	4		4
Weddings	8	0	8
Service of Dedication after civil marriage	0	0	0
Baptisms	3	1	4

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2023 (cont.)

Appendix 2

Sidespersons 2023

St Michael's Church, Chenies	St George's, Little Chalfont
Naomi Faulkner Chris Ingham Chris Kemp Sandra Kemp John Watkins Sarah Watkins Gwen Woodbridge John Woodbridge **Reserves** Margaret Nice	Jo Bolton Phil Chapman Sharon Chapman Julia Dawson Linda Dunning Jenny Evason Pauline Godden Jo Herrera Sue Nash Tim Phillips Penny Quealy Lesley-Anne Simpson Bill Stokes Sue Stokes

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2023 (cont.)

Appendix 3

Services in the Parish each month

St Michael's, Chenies

Every Sunday

8am Traditional Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

6pm Traditional Evening Prayer (sung) from the Book of Common Prayer

1st & 3rd Sundays at **11.15am;** Morning Praise

2nd & 4th Sundays at **11.15am;** Holy Communion

Though attendance is irregular, there is always something to occupy the children at the 11.15am services.

5th Sundays – please look for 11.15am service details inside the church.

St. George's, Little Chalfont

Every Sunday

9.30am

1st & 3rd Sundays; Morning Praise including Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sundays; Morning Praise

All include traditional and contemporary worship, Bible teaching and children's activities.

with refreshments in the hall prior to the service.

The 5th Sunday varies in style of services.

12.30pm, every Thursday, Holy Communion followed by lunch

4.00pm, 2nd Sunday each month, All in @4

Details of parish services can be found on the Benefice Website.

www.cheniesbenefice.org

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations & legacies	2(a)	143,598	-	143,598	92,781
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	6,421	-	6,421	6,370
Income from investments	2(c)	21,056	9,981	31,037	14,478
Total		**171,075**	**9,981**	**181,056**	**113,629**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3(b)	136,132	7,513	143,645	115,498
Other – Depreciation	3(c)	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Total		**138,752**	**7,513**	**146,265**	**118,118**
Net income/(expenditure)		**32,323**	**2,468**	**34,791**	**(4,489)**
Write back deferred expenditure		-	-	-	(13,294)
Net movement in funds		**32,323**	**2,468**	**34,791**	**(17,783)**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		216,366	87,623	303,989	321,772
Total funds carried forward		**248,689**	**90,091**	**338,780**	**303,989**

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no recognised gains and losses other than the result for the year.

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	4		60,260		62,880
CURRENT ASSETS					
Short term deposits	6	122,096		118,304	
Debtors	6	12,721		13,600	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	148,139		113,634	
TOTAL ASSETS		282,956		245,538	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	7	(4,436)		(4,429)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			278,520		241,109
NET ASSETS			338,780		303,989
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	8		84,928		82,257
Designated	8		163,761		134,109
Restricted	8		90,091		87,623
			338,780		303,989

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 4 Sept 2024 and signed on their behalf by;

Rev. David Whale (Chair)

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2023

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Net Cash provided (used in)/by Operating Activities	9	**14,773**	**(7,513)**	**7,260**	**(13,515)**
Interest and Rents from Investments	2(c)	21,056	9,981	31,037	14,478
Change in Cash & Cash Equivalents in period		**35,829**	**2,468**	**38,297**	**963**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning		144,115	87,823	231,938	230,975
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End		**179,944**	**90,291**	**270,235**	**231,938**
Short term deposits		113,967	8,129	122,096	118,304
Cash at bank and in hand		65,977	82,162	148,139	113,634
		179,944	**90,291**	**270,235**	**231,938**

The notes on pages 20 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£), which is also the functional currency.

(b) Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property is excluded from the accounts by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(c) Funds' structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the church. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The St. George's Trust Fund is restricted and can only be used for the purposes for which the funds have been given.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 8.

(d) Incoming recognition

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income tax has been received. Any claimed since the year end is included in debtors on the Balance Sheet.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.
- Funds raised by a fete, garden party or similar event are accounted for gross.
- Unrestricted income can be used for the running the Parish or in whatever way is agreed by the PCC.
- Restricted income is to be used solely for the purpose for which it was donated.

(e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the goods or services. All costs have been directly attributed to various categories within the Statement of Financial Activities and as the churches are not registered for VAT, all expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

The parish share or diocesan quota is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid on 31st December is provided for as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

(f) Employee Pensions

The churches pay into a workplace pension scheme for its Admin Assistant, to which she initially contributed the minimum contribution as advised by the Pension Regulator but decided to increase her personal contribution during the year. The annual contributions paid to Nest are charged against income. The Food Hub administrator declined to join the workplace pension scheme.

(g) Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
(a) Donations and legacies					
Collections	3,817	521	-	4,338	3,568
Stewardships	57,546	-	-	57,546	58,795
Income Tax Recoverable (Gift Aid)	12,608	298	-	12,906	14,265
General donations & legacies	7,722	31,386	-	39,108	15,449
Grants received	4,500	24,355	-	28,855	-
Wall safe	-	626	-	626	481
Teaching	219	-	-	219	223
	86,412	57,186	-	143,598	92,781
(b) Income from charitable activities					
Service fees	4,409	325	-	4,734	6,002
Fundraising	400	1,287	-	1,687	368
	4,809	1,612	-	6,421	6,370
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest	106	3,433	2,481	6,020	3,753
Church hall lettings	17,517	-	-	17,517	2,325
Rental income	-	-	7,500	7,500	8,400
	17,623	3,433	9,981	31,037	14,478
TOTAL INCOME	**108,844**	**62,231**	**9,981**	**181,056**	**113,629**
TOTAL INCOME 2022	**92,046**	**10,864**	**10,719**	**113,629**	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Raising funds					
Gift Aid envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Charitable Activities					
Diocesan Quota	68,879	-	-	68,879	69,621
Vicar's expenses	1,530	-	-	1,530	2,565
Other Staff expenses	12,316	-	-	12,316	6,847
Associate Minister	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	3,953	2,485	6,438	5,833
Legal & professional fees	1,794	-	4,183	5,977	4,724
Church utilities	13,258	-	-	13,258	11,009
Parsonage running costs	-	-	-	-	1,500
Church running costs & minor repairs	1,805	10,262	845	12,912	6,475
Charitable donations – specific	-	1,527	-	1,527	876
Charitable donations – general	-	111	-	111	93
Printing, postage & stationary	894	-	-	894	1,880
Bank charges	145	-	-	145	208
Parish Outreach	445	16,583	-	17,028	1,421
Teaching	628	-	-	628	737
Sanctuary, organist & music	1,858	144	-	2,002	1,709
	103,552	32,580	7,513	143,645	115.498
(c) Other					
Depreciation of parsonage & hall	2,620	-	-	2,620	2,620
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**106,172**	**32,580**	**7,513**	**146,265**	**118,118**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2022	**101,123**	**8,076**	**8,919**	**118,118**	

Included in Charitable Activities are: -	2023	2022
Independent examiner's fees	1,200	1,110

4. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land & buildings
Tangible fixed assets		£
Gross Book Value	At 1st January 2023	131,000
	Additions	-
	At 31st December 2023	131,000
Depreciation	At 1st January 2023	68,120
	Charge for the year	2,620
	At 31st December 2023	70,740
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2023	60,260
	At 31st December 2022	62,880

The freehold land and buildings comprise the Hall extension to St George's Church and the curate's house. Gross book value of the former is the cost of construction in 1991/92 and the latter is at estimated historic cost in 1963.

5. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross wages	12,113	6,631
Pension costs	203	216
Other costs, including expenses	1,530	2,565
	13,846	9,412

The average number employed in the area of governance in the year was 2 (2022 – 1)

These costs are included in unrestricted funds.

6. CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,220	-	3,220	3,527
Sundry debtors	8,955	-	8,955	8,570
Prepayments & accrued income	546	-	546	1,503
	12,721	-	12,721	13,600
Short Term Deposits				
CBF Church of Eng. Deposit Funds	113,967	8,129	122,096	118,304
Cash at bank and in hand				
NatWest account	65,977	82,162	148,139	113,634

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Accounts payable	2,586	-	2,586	2,303
Other creditors	1,650	200	1,850	498
Accruals	-	-	-	1,628
	4,236	200	4,436	4,429

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

8. FUND DETAILS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Balance at 1st Jan 23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers Etc.	Balance at 31st Dec 23
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	82,257	108,844	(106,173)	-	84,928
Total Unrestricted Funds	**82,257**	**108,844**	**(106,173)**	**-**	**84,928**
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	-	1,645	(1,637)	-	8
Mission Fund (formerly All in @ 4)	5,885	25,277	(10,830)	-	20,332
Food Bank Fund	-	30,205	(14,622)	-	15,583
St Michael's Restoration Fund	128,224	5,105	(5,491)	-	127,838
Total Designated Funds	**134,109**	**62,232**	**(32,580)**		**163,761**
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	87,623	9,981	(7,513)		90,091
Total Restricted Funds	**87,623**	**9,981**	**(7,513)**		**90,091**

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (PREVIOUS YEAR)	*Balance at 1st Jan 22*	*Receipts*	*Payments*	*Transfers*	*Balance at 31st Dec 22*
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	*91,334*	*92,046*	*(101,123)*		*82,257*
Total Unrestricted Funds	***91,334***	***92,046***	***(101,123)***		***82,257***
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	-	*939*	*(939)*	-	-
All in at 4	*204*	*6,757*	*(1,076)*	-	*5,885*
Re-Development Fund	*13,294*	-	-	*(13,294)*	-
St Michael's Restoration Fund	*131,117*	*3,168*	*(6,061)*	-	*128,224*
Total Designated Funds	***144,615***	***10,864***	***(8,076)***	***(13,294)***	***134,109***
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	*98,547*	*10,719*	*(8,919)*	*(12,724)*	*87,623*
Total Restricted Funds	***98,547***	***10,719***	***(8,919)***	***(12,724)***	***87,623***

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

8. FUND DETAILS (continued)

The Designated Funds comprise of:

St. Michael's Restoration Fund was set up to raise funds for larger maintenance, refurbishment and insurance costs incurred in relation to St Michael's Church, Chenies.

Specific Donations Fund was set up to deal with monies raised or donated for specific external charities.

The Mission Fund (formerly All in @4 Fund) was originally set up to record income and expenses relating to the running of the All in @4 services, which includes providing meals for the families who attend the services. The Mission Fund now covers the Kingdom Kids Club, Oasis Cafe and The Harbour. During the year Trinity Baptist church gave a generous donation of £25,000 to help with the procurement of chairs, kitchen equipment and the balance to help with employment costs of a Families Minister, who we have now employed since the year end.

The Food Hub Fund was set up in 2023 when St George's church decided to run it directly, incorporating all the finances under the control of the Parish of Chenies & Little Chalfont. Income consists mainly of grants from Bucks. Council, which is spent on food supplies, and donations from the congregations, which covers baby nappies and other necessities.

The Re-Development Fund was set up, as the Trust is looking at plans of the best way of developing the site of St George's church and to carry out major refurbishment work on the church building. At the year-end there is a Nil balance in the Fund.

The Restricted Fund is St. George's Trust Fund. The main purpose for the fund is to use the income for the managing of the St George's church property, including major repairs and the insurance of the buildings. After payment of these costs, the trustees may use the remaining income in furthering the religious and other charitable work in the parish of Chenies & Little Chalfont.

9. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Net income/ (expenditure) for period (as per SOFA)	32,323	2,468	34,791	(4,489)
Depreciation charges	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Interest and Rents from Investments	(21,056)	(9,981)	(31,037)	(14,478)
Decrease in debtors	879	-	879	824
Increase in creditors	7	-	7	2,008
Net cash provided/(used in) by operating activities	**14,773**	**(7,513)**	**7,260**	**(13,515)**

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

Stipends of the vicar are paid by the Diocese out of a fund raised from parishes charged to the PCC as part of the Parish Share. The Admin Assistant is paid from unrestricted funds, a breakdown of which is shown in note 5. All the other trustees give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration. During the year, the expenses reimbursed to the clergy, incurred on charity business, were £1,530 (2022 - £2,565), of which £561 related to the vicarage office telephone, which is paid directly to BT. Other clergy expenditure was in relation to travel, stationery etc. In the year, 6 trustees claimed reimbursement of expenses of £2,871 (2022 - 3 trustees £1,126) in respect of minor repair costs, food for wedding couples lunch, a website fee, Kingdom Kids expenses and other sundry items. The trustees, other than the clergy and the Food Hub administrator, received no remuneration during the year. Expenses reimbursed to the Food Hub administrator did not relate to her paid employment.

11. CONTINGENCIES & COMMITMENTS

The operating lease for the office photocopiers was cancelled during the year. The minimum lease commitments under an operating lease for 2022 was £2,167.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 17 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis or report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Green MA (Cantab) FCA

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Date: 9 September 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHENIES & LITTLE CHALF

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Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF CHENIES & LITTLE CHALFONT
(Charity No: 1130134)

St Michael's Church, Chenies
St George's Church, Little Chalfont

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022

Incumbent

The Reverend David Whale
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CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

Mission Statement

- To know Christ and to make Christ known,
- through personal discipleship,
- through community action,
- through taking an active part in the church family

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Whale, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the upkeep of St George's and St Michael's churches and ancillary properties.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and have concluded that the activities, as set out under Achievements and performance, address the principles of identifiable public benefit, and demonstrate that fulfilment of the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance:

Fabric Report for St Michael's Church (Sandra Kemp, Churchwarden)

I report that all goods and ornaments are as recorded in the Terrier and Inventory.

The clock, fire extinguishers, organ and lightning conductor were all serviced as usual during the year and the portable appliance test was carried out in February.

2022 was another quiet year at St Michael's although our service pattern returned to normal after the upheaval of Covid and most people returned to worship in our church. Our monthly charity coffee mornings started again. They have been well attended and provide welcome fellowship in addition to raising money for local charities and other good causes.

Storm Eunice on 18th February brought down a large part of an ash tree in the boundary between the New Graveyard and the school playing field. There was extensive damage to 2 graves and emergency work was needed to clear the debris and make the area safe. Further work on the trees in this area was carried out in November.

Several areas of broken and damaged tiles on the church floor have been repaired by Philip Cummings, to whom I offer heartfelt thanks for all the work he voluntarily does around the church.

Progress on plans for changes to the interior of the church proceed slowly but, during the early part of 2023, it is intended to start work on the Preston Room with the fitting of new shelving and cupboards. This is work that can be undertaken without the need for a faculty.

We are blessed to have a team of willing volunteers, who help with services and who look after the church and graveyards to ensure St Michael's is welcoming to visitors and worshippers alike. I also record my gratitude to my husband, Chris, for his constant support, without which it would be impossible to fulfil my role as churchwarden.

Fabric Report for St George's Church (Bill Stokes, Churchwarden)

A busier year at St George's as the pandemic restrictions are now fully eased. The year saw the launching of the Family Food Hub, which while being run under the auspices of a separate charity, is strongly supported by our congregation and also across the rest of the Benefice. It is pleasing to note that this, along with All in at 4, the Oasis Café, the Harbour and Café 22 ensure that the church buildings are seeing greater use than they have for some considerable time.

Work on the proposed building project continues although at a slower pace. At this stage there are no concrete, costed plans, that we can present to the church for their consideration.

As ever, I continue to be thankful for the support and assistance of many from St. George's, who help in so many ways to keep the fabric of the church in good order.

Deanery Synod (Rev. Dr B P Ludlow)

Deanery Synod met formally three times in the last year. Each meeting had a major theme, with a guest presentation that was deliberately geared to be of interest to or challenging for each Parish in the Deanery. Each meeting started with a short act of worship led by the host venue; Amersham on the Hill, Chalfont St Giles and Gerrards Cross.

Deanery business was naturally covered each time, but the main themes were deliberately scheduled to take the lions share of the allocated time. Moreover, the meetings were open to all. The Deanery Leadership Team are keen that the Synod should be both fun and functional, covering its statutory purpose but also offering/sharing good ideas and best practices between Parishes.

The three main themes this year were: Eco church, led by Hannah Mann from the Diocesan Team, supplemented with input from Parish eco-reps about how their parishes were achieving the various awards; Living in Love and faith led by Doral Hayes, one of the Diocese's regional LLF coordinators; Lastly, Parish Share, where Julie Dziegiel explained the new model being adopted to calculate the Parish Share. With the Diocesan 'cap' operating, no-one saw their share increase by more than 2% and many Parishes learned that their share would be reduced for the next financial year.

Additional presentations were given updating us on the Deanery work of support in Honduras, and on General Synod; how it operates and the main business to be conducted.

Lastly and by no means least, we hosted a visit from Bishop Steven on 5th May who met and worshipped with a number of groups during the day, culminating with a Deanery evening service followed by Q & A at St. Mary's, Chesham

Safeguarding (Ann Cummings, Parish Safeguarding Officer)

The Safeguarding, Training and Activity registers have been updated for all the Facilitators and activities held on a regular basis in the Parish, being run by members of St George's Church. The majority of staff, comprising members of the Clergy team, activity organisers, co-ordinators, activity helpers and PCC members have completed the required Safeguarding Training courses and the training register has been updated to reflect the dates of completion for the appropriate course for each person.

There have been some community safeguarding issues reported this year, but as these had nothing to do with activities run in our churches and as they have already been addressed by third parties i.e. Police or Social Services, there were no actions/interventions required for any of our church officers. However, a confidential log is kept.

The Little Chalfont Churches Together (Secretary)

The Little Chalfont Churches Together Committee met three times during 2022, The following events took place during the year.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held at the Roman Catholic Church of St Aiden's on 4th March. It was a good service and was followed by refreshments. The Lent courses were curtailed by Covid, but the Walk of Witness on Good Friday started at St George's Church and processed to Little Chalfont village green, where they stopped for prayers. They returned to St George's Church for a service followed by coffee and hot cross buns. There was also a Remembrance Sunday service, which was well attended, on Little Chalfont village green led by Rev Adam Wells of the Methodist Church with various people taking part in the prayers, readings etc. Tis service was well attended.

Rev David Whale led the Carol Service on the village green on Saturday 10th December. It was a bitterly cold day and unfortunately not as many people as usual joined in. However, those who braved the cold weather, enjoyed the service and the brass band was very good.

The Benefice Prayer Tree (Phil Chapman)

The Prayer Tree has been running for a year and during this time we have prayed for many situations. The current team consists of ten members of the Benefice. If you have need for prayer cover or feel that this ministry may be something you would like to join, please contact me (01494 585181) and I will pass your request to the members of the Tree; any request will remain confidential within the team unless you request otherwise.

Oasis Café (Sue Nash)

Oasis café is held every Friday during term time from 9-11am followed by an informal Bible study group (Roots and Fruit) from11.15, after which we have lunch together.

The café continues to be a popular place for mainly young mums and pre-school children to gather. We have had quite a few new people joining us in the last year and we are pretty much running on full capacity. Several families have joined the Sunday service as a result of attending the Roots and Fruit group and wish to have their children come to Sunday School. The majority of families who come to Oasis also come to All in at 4 Services.

We see this as a growing ministry, which needs to be developed if we are to disciple these families. Our vision would be to employ someone to concentrate on developing this area of our ministry at St George's.

The café is supported by a very committed team of volunteers and an excellent cake baker, all of whom are really appreciated by the mums and children, who come each week. Thank you, team, you are amazing!

The Harbour (Jo Whale)

The Harbour meets twice a month during school terms and is led by a small team from St George's. Our purpose is to provide a relaxed and welcoming space for local parent carers to find an opportunity to talk through some of the challenges they are facing. We have a small but regular group (around 10 individuals across the year) who attend the meeting and have recently welcomed a few other members and others, some of whom we knew before the pandemic and have recently returned.

We also run a WhatsApp group with some members, who are unable to attend in person but who are known to our team. Prayer, as always, is appreciated. Most of the families we support are facing the uphill battle of ensuring their children receive an appropriate education, and it is a time-consuming and tiring role.

All in @4 (Rev David Whale)

Our All in @4 services, which began towards the end of 2021, are being held once a month typically on the second Sunday of the month. These services are specifically designed to draw people on the borders of our community deeper into worship. This is done through a thoughtful diversity of activity, but always focused on worship rather than fun. The services follow a simple pattern and gives all who come an opportunity to explore the Bible passage being studied more deeply. The services culminate with sung worship and then we move into the hall to share a meal together. My thanks to the All in Team, whose dedication and enthusiasm to serving at All in @4 make it possible for these services to take place.

Sunday school at St George's (Sharon Chapman, Sunday School Administrator)

It has been wonderful to see Sunday School attendance slowly increase over the year, and we now have the regular attendance of 12 children per week. If this number continues to increase, we will have to consider recruiting more helpers in our sessions to assist the younger children with their craft activities. We have continued using Scripture Union Bubbles and we also use Splash (again Scripture Union) which caters for the next age range up and allows us to choose a good selection of activities for our children who range in age and ability.

A typical session involves an introductory game, healthy snacks with a Bible story, prayer and one or two craft activities. The children are encouraged to go into church at the end of the service and show off their artwork, telling the congregation what they have learnt.

We are blessed to have such a committed group of Sunday School leaders and helpers and we pray that our Sunday School continues to grow both in numbers and spiritually.

St George's School: (Julia Dawson, Foundation Governor)

It has been my pleasure and my privilege to remain a governor of St George's School for another busy, exciting, and productive year. We are fortunate to have been joined by Rev. Peggy Ludlow as a second foundation governor and we are all grateful for her time and wisdom.

As always, we need to thank Mrs Accastello and the staff team for their dedication and enthusiasm to ensure that each and every child at the school has the best possible start to their education. They really do go the extra mile.

One of the main events of the year has been the opening of the St George's Preschool setting for children aged 3 and over. A huge amount of work was done to ensure the premises were ready to welcome the children in September 2022 and we are introducing new children each term, as they turn 3. Also, a major refurbishment of the outside play area has taken place in the Early Year's playground with the new equipment enjoyed by all.

Parents were able to attend the Christmas production for the first time in three years and the children excelled themselves with beautiful singing and very clear reciting of their lines. In addition, termly walks to church for a service were enjoyed by everyone, with a crocodile of 180 very well-behaved little ones marching along the White Lion Road.

The 'Open the Book' team continues to visit and read Bible stories to the children, which includes the children having the opportunity to take part in a re-enactment of the passages, which they have read. The children love these sessions and are fully engaged throughout.

On a more serious note, Mrs Accastello received an Ofsted phone call just before Christmas, to say that an inspector would be visiting the next day. Fortunately, the staff were all well prepared and keen to show off the school. As a result of the inspection, the school was rated good. I urge you to read the report, which can be found on the school website or the Ofsted website. It is only three pages long and it is very positive about the education the children receive. My favourite comment is "The school's Christian values are central to the actions of leaders and staff".

If you are interested in visiting the school to find out more, please let me know and I can arrange for you to pop into a collective worship.

Open the Book (Kathy Pierce, Amersham Area Coordinator)

The pandemic meant we lost some members of our Amersham wide team, but we are gradually growing again and going into new schools or back into some we used to be in.

Last summer, 2022, the Amersham wide OTB team of 29 members from 7 different churches, were delivering weekly assemblies to St Mary's C of E School, Chesham Bois C of E School and St George's Infant School, and occasional assemblies in Coleshill C of E Infant School.

That has continued, and from September 2022, we thank God that we have also been able to return to Chalfont Valley E-Act Academy in Bell Lane for weekly assemblies! The new Headteacher, Mr Kilyan, has been very encouraging and the children appear to really look forward to the assemblies.

The staff at St George's C of E Infant School make us feel particularly welcome and we very much feel part of the school life there. They are really sympathetic to our approach and the assembly leader often adds comments to the end of our assembly, which reinforces points we have made.

Also, last November, we went into Heatherton House School again after a gap of a few years. We told the story if The Good Samaritan and the children were completely absorbed and those who acted loved the dressing up! We are doing the full story of Easter at an assembly there on 15th March.

The following 7 members of St George's Church have been faithful team members: Sue & John Nash, Jo Bolton, Jo Herrera, Penny Quealy, Phil Chapman and myself. We love it and get great joy out of

Seeing the children so absorbed in God's work.

Please pray for more members as we believe we could go into more schools. Please remember, nowadays, most of the children in our area will have heard very few bible stories. We pray before and after every assembly that God will use his word to plant seeds in the hearts of the children and the staff.

Financial Review: (Mrs Linda Dunning)

The General Fund deficit for the year under review was £9,077, compared to last year's deficit of £2,418. We have once again seen a drop in our stewardship giving, from £62,793 in 2021 to £58,795 in 2022, due mainly to the fact that our congregation is made up of an ageing population and although a lot of work is in progress trying to attract younger families into the churches, we may not reap the benefits of this for some years to come. Further efforts will have to made over the next few years to address the consistent fall in our stewardship giving since 2015, to prevent any further decline of the General Fund reserves. We did, however, see a rise in service fees, mainly due to the increase in weddings in 2022 and also a rise in church hall lettings, which again is due to a greater demand for the use of the hall following the end of covid restrictions. As in previous years, we are very grateful for the generous gifts and legacies from parishioners, past and present. We are also grateful to Latimer and Flaunden churches, who contribute towards the salary costs of our Administrative Assistant, Laura Burgin. Our income in the year is down from £94,196 in 2021 to £92,046 in 2022, but our expenditure has increased from £96,614 in 2021 to £101,123 in 2022. A large part of this increase in expenditure is due to the rise in utility costs, together with the increased usage of the church buildings. Other costs have remained much the same as in the previous year.

Our largest cost, the Parish Share was £73,471 for 2022, which was reduced by a deanery rebate and a 1% discount for paying by direct debit, resulting in a final sum of £69,621 paid for the year. The Parish Share for 2023 has been reduced to £71,317 and will reduced further by an expected deanery rebate of £1,725 and a 1% discount of £713 for paying by direct debit.

There has been little movement in the reserves of St Michael's Restoration Fund, which is a designated fund, in the year decreasing from £131,117 as of 31st December 2021 to £128,224 as of 31 December 2022. Income from donations and legacies were down in the year and expenditure was kept to a minimum, as work scheduled for the church is now due to take place in 2023.

The Re-development Fund, another designated fund, took the decision to write back the balance of £13,294 deferred expenditure shown on their Balance Sheet. Talks are still in progress concerning the proposed development and we had hoped that a decision could have been made in 2022, as to how to proceed with the development, but this will now have to be reached in the current financial year.

The Restricted Fund's reserves have decreased in the year from £98,547 in 2021 to £87,623. Rental income, of £8,400 from the car park remained the same and dividend income of £2,319 (2021-£2,206) was received from investments held on behalf of the charity's trustees by the Oxford Diocese. The decision to write back the balance of £13,294 of deferred expenditure at the end of the financial year, left a bank overdraft of £12,724 in the Development fund. It was agreed by the PCC that this overdraft should be paid off and a transfer was made from the St. George's Restricted Fund to clear the overdraft.

Policy on Reserves:

Reserves will continue to be managed and invested in order that the short-term requirements of the two churches can be adequately met and funds made available to satisfy any needs, as and when they arise. The trustees will continue to aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately two and a half months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The balance held as unrestricted funds as of 31st December was £82,257, of which £19,377 are regarded as free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. On 31st December 2022, based on the anticipated expenditure for 2023, free reserves in the unrestricted funds equates to 2.4 months of charitable expenditure.

The trustees consider the reserves held in the designated and restricted funds to be adequate for their purpose.

Risk Management

Risk management is an on-going process as the PCC continues to monitor all risks relating to its various activities. These include registering those associated with young peoples' work in accordance with Government and Diocesan requirements. Health and Safety policies are available for both churches and risk Assessments are undertaken for specific events.

Future Plans

In 2023, the plans for the churches to grow the church family has already begun, with our increased ministry work in the parish, which gives special attention to local families in need of support, especially in this hard economic climate. This work is to be extended in 2023 and we would like to

thank Latimer Church for their generous donation, of £5,000, which was given to help finance the ministry work which St George's Church wishes to help even more families and individuals in need, in the current financial year.

Structure governance and management

The PCC is a charity under the auspices of the Charity Commission, registration number 1130134. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Staff Team

The staff team consists of Priest in Charge (Rector from 18th December) David Whale, Associate Ministers, Rev Brian & Rev Peggy Ludlow (with responsibilities particularly for Latimer & Flaunden), and a Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader) Mrs Pat Ansell.

A Synopsis of the Year

The PCC held five meetings during 2022.

A Standing Agenda is used for meetings to ensure an oversight of Health, Safety and Child Protection issues. We also discussed: finance; gift aid; personnel; the fabric of our churches; St George's redevelopment progression; the contents of Parish Profile; charitable giving; stewardship campaigns; communication including the need for a more dynamic website; risk assessments; planned events; outreach; home groups; pastoral care.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees comprise the key personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 10 of the accounts.

Reference and administrative information
Trustees

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

The Incumbent:	Reverend David Whale, the Chairman
Associate Ministers:	Reverend Peggy Ludlow
	Reverend Brian Ludlow
The Churchwardens:	Mr William Stokes (St George's)
	Mrs Sandra Kemp (St Michael's)
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Philip Lovegrove,
	Mrs Jo Herrera
	Dr John Nash

Elected Members of the PCC

Mr Phil Chapman
Mrs Ann Cummings
Mr Philip Cummings
Mrs Linda Dunning (Treasurer)
Mrs S Nash
Mrs Helen Tyers
Mrs Gwen Woodbridge
Mr Michael Woodward

Committees

Standing Committee: Comprising the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer; transacts urgent business of the PCC between meetings, subject to directions given by the full Council and is required by law.

Finance Committee: Comprising the Rector, Churchwardens and Treasurer; monitors the income, expenditure and budgeting of the Parish.

St Michael's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St Michael's.
Ann Cummings, Philip Cummings, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Kemp, Helen Tyers, Gwen Woodbridge and the Incumbent

St George's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St George's.
Jo Bolton, Phil Chapman, Jo Herrera, Sue Nash, Lesley-Anne Simpson, Penny Quealy, Bill Stokes, Gill Seymour, Kathy Pierce, and the Incumbent

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

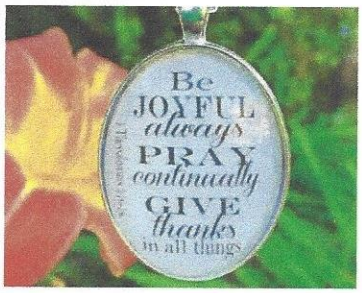
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 3 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. David Whale (Chairman)

Thank you.



The PCC would like to extend its grateful thanks to the many members of the congregation who give their time and skills resulting in churches that are well maintained and welcoming. Without you, our services would not run so smoothly. Thank you.

The time ahead will be one of change...as former Rector David always said, 'Change is a friendly word' and with the prayers, wisdom, and patience of the congregation, the PCC members will be equipped to guide our churches to the best of our ability, into the future.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2022 (cont.)

Appendix 1

Services and Occasional Offices

Service	8am	9.30am	11.15am	6pm	Thursday
St. Michael's	14 adults		23 adults	8 adults	
St. George's		21 adults 7 children			12 adults
Easter 2022	St Michael's 9 adults	St Georges 26 adults 9 children	St Michael's 23 adults	No service	
Christmas 2022	St Michael's 13 adults	St Georges 15 adults 1 child	St Michael's 22 adults 4 children	No service	

Occasional Offices

Office	St. Michael's	St. George's	Totals
Funerals at Crematorium			4
Graveside funerals			0
Funerals in church	5	1	6
Interment of Ashes	2		2
Weddings	9	2	11
Service of Dedication after civil marriage	0	0	0
Baptisms	4	1	5

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2022 (cont.)

Appendix 2

Sidespersons 2022

St Michael's Church, Chenies	St George's, Little Chalfont
Naomi Faulkner	Jo Bolton
Chris Ingham	Phil Chapman
Chris Kemp	Sharon Chapman
Sandra Kemp	Julia Dawson
John Watkins	Linda Dunning
Sarah Watkins	Jenny Evason
Gwen Woodbridge	Pauline Godden
John Woodbridge	Jo Herrera
	Sue Nash
Reserves	Tim Phillips
Margaret Nice	Penny Quealy
	Lesley-Anne Simpson
	Bill Stokes
	Sue Stokes

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TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2022 (cont.)

Appendix 3

Services in the Parish each month

St Michael's, Chenies

Every Sunday

8am Traditional Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

6pm Traditional Evening Prayer (sung) from the Book of Common Prayer

1st & 3rd Sundays at **11.15am;** Morning Praise

2nd & 4th Sundays at **11.15am;** Holy Communion

Though attendance is irregular, there is always something to occupy the children at the 11.15am services.

5th Sundays – please look for 11.15am service details inside the church.

St. George's, Little Chalfont

Every Sunday

9.30am

1st & 3rd Sundays; Morning Praise including Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sundays; Morning Praise

All include traditional and contemporary worship, Bible teaching and children's activities.

with refreshments in the hall prior to the service.

The 5th Sunday varies in style of services.

12.30pm, every Thursday, Holy Communion followed by lunch

4.00pm, 2nd Sunday each month, All in @4

Details of parish services can be found on the Benefice Website.

www.cheniesbenefice.org

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations & legacies	2(a)	92,781	-	92,781	101,340
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	6,370	-	6,370	4,710
Income from investments	2(c)	3,759	10,719	14,478	11,131
Total		**102,910**	**10,719**	**113,629**	**117,181**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3(b)	106,579	8,919	115,498	103,346
Other – Depreciation	3(c)	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Total		**109,199**	**8,919**	**118,118**	**105,966**
Net (expenditure)/income		**(6,289)**	**1,800**	**(4,489)**	**11,215**
Write back deferred expenditure		**(13,294)**	-	**(13,294)**	(13,294)
Transfer between Funds		**12,724**	**(12,724)**	**-**	**-**
Net movement in funds		**(6,859)**	**(10,924)**	**(17,783)**	**(2,079)**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		223,225	98,547	321,772	323,851
Total funds carried forward		**216,366**	**87,623**	**303,989**	**321,772**

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no recognised gains and losses other than the result for the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	4		62,880		65,500
CURRENT ASSETS					
Short term deposits	6	118,304		116,769	
Debtors	6	13,600		27,718	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	113,634		114,206	
TOTAL ASSETS		245,538		258,693	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	7	(4,429)		(2,421)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			241,109		256,272
NET ASSETS			303,989		321,772
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	8		82,257		91,334
Designated	8		134,109		131,891
Restricted	8		87,623		98,547
			303,989		321,772

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 3 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by;

Rev. David Whale (Chair)

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2022

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Net Cash provided (used in)/by Operating Activities	9	**(4,596)**	**(8,919)**	**(13,515)**	**5,492**
Interest and Rents from Investments	2(c)	3,759	10,719	14,478	11,131
Change in Cash & Cash Equivalents in period		**(837)**	**1,800**	**963**	**16,623**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning		132,228	98,747	230,975	214,352
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End		**131,391**	**100,547**	**231,938**	**230,975**
Short term deposits		110,427	7,877	118,304	116,769
Cash at bank and in hand		20,964	92,670	113,634	114,206
		131,391	**100,547**	**231,938**	**230,975**

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£), which is also the functional currency.

(b) Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property is excluded from the accounts by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(c) Funds' structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the church. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The St. George's Trust Fund is restricted and can only be used for the purposes for which the funds have been given.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 8.

(d) Incoming recognition

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income tax has been received. Any claimed since the year end is included in debtors on the Balance Sheet.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.
- Funds raised by a fete, garden party or similar event are accounted for gross.
- Unrestricted income can be used for the running the Parish or in whatever way is agreed by the PCC.
- Restricted income is to be used solely for the purpose for which it was donated.

(e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the goods or services. All costs have been directly attributed to various categories within the Statement of Financial Activities and as the churches are not registered for VAT, all expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

The parish share or diocesan quota is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid on 31st December is provided for as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

(f) Employee Pensions

The churches pay into a workplace pension scheme for its Admin Assistant, to which she contributes the minimum contribution as advised by the Pension Regulator. The annual contributions paid to Nest are charged against income.

(g) Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Donations and legacies					
Collections	2,812	756	-	3,568	2,532
Stewardships	58,795	-	-	58,795	62,793
Income Tax Recoverable (Gift Aid)	14,228	37	-	14,265	16,167
General donations & legacies	7,807	7,642	-	15,449	19,353
Wall safe	-	481	-	481	153
Teaching	223	-	-	223	342
	83,865	8,916	-	92,781	101,340
(b) Income from charitable activities					
Service fees	5,602	400	-	6,002	3,785
Fundraising	211	157	-	368	925
	5,813	557	-	6,370	4,710
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest	43	1,391	2,319	3,753	2,206
Church hall lettings	2,325	-	-	2,325	525
Rental income	-	-	8,400	8,400	8,400
	2,368	1,391	10,719	14,478	11,131
TOTAL INCOME	**92,046**	**10,864**	**10,719**	**113,629**	**117,181**
TOTAL INCOME 2021	**94,196**	**12,417**	**10,568**	**117,181**	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Raising funds					
Gift Aid envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Charitable Activities					
Diocesan Quota	69,621	-	-	69,621	70,943
Vicar's expenses	2,565	-	-	2,565	1,086
Other Staff expenses	6,847	-	-	6,847	6,781
Associate Minister	-	-	-	-	1,257
Insurance	-	3,594	2,239	5,833	4,877
Legal & professional fees	1,124	-	3,600	4,724	3,419
Church utilities	11,009	-	-	11,009	7,234
Parsonage running costs	-	-	1,500	1,500	-
Church running costs & minor repairs	2,428	2,467	1,580	6,475	3,088
Charitable donations – specific	-	876	-	876	167
Charitable donations – general	30	63	-	93	-
Printing, postage & stationary	1,853	27	-	1,880	1,768
Bank charges	208	-	-	208	153
Parish Outreach	372	1,049	-	1,421	151
Teaching	737	-	-	737	640
Sanctuary, organist & music	1,709	-	-	1,709	1,782
	98,503	8,076	8,919	115,498	103,346
(c) Other					
Depreciation of parsonage & hall	2,620	-	-	2,620	2,620
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**101,123**	**8,076**	**8,919**	**118,118**	**105,966**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2021	**96,614**	**4,747**	**4,605**	**105,966**	

Included in Charitable Activities are: -	2022	2021
Independent examiner's fees	1,110	1,050

4. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land & buildings
Tangible fixed assets		£
Gross Book Value	At 1st January 2022	131,000
	Additions	-
	At 31st December 2022	131,000
Depreciation	At 1st January 2022	65,500
	Charge for the year	2,620
	At 31st December 2022	68,120
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2022	62,880
	At 31st December 2021	65,500

The freehold land and buildings comprise the Hall extension to St George's Church and the curate's house. Gross book value of the former is the cost of construction in 1991/92 and the latter is at estimated historic cost in 1963.

5. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages	6,631	7,827
Pension costs	216	211
Other costs, including expenses	2,565	1,086
	9,412	9,124

The average number employed in the area of governance in the year was 1 (2021 – 1)

These costs are included in unrestricted funds.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

6. CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,527	-	3,527	6,115
Sundry debtors	8,570	-	8,570	3,445
Prepayments & accrued income	1,503	-	1,503	4,864
Deferred expenditure	-	-	-	13,294
	13,600	-	13,600	27,718
Short Term Deposits				
CBF Church of Eng. Deposit Funds	110,427	7,877	118,304	116,769
Cash at bank and in hand				
NatWest account	33,689	79,945	113,634	114,206

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Accounts payable	2,303	-	2,303	884
Other creditors	298	200	498	385
Accruals	1,628	-	1,628	1,152
	4,229	200	4,429	2,421

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

8. FUND DETAILS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Balance at 1st Jan 22	Receipts	Payments	Transfers Etc.	Balance at 31st Dec 22
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	91,334	92,046	(101,123)	-	82,257
Total Unrestricted Funds	**91,334**	**92,046**	**(101,123)**	**-**	**82,257**
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	-	939	(939)	-	-
All in at 4 Fund	204	6,757	(1,076)	-	5,885
Re-Development Fund	570	-	-	(570)	-
St Michael's Restoration Fund	131,117	3,168	(6,061)	-	128,224
Total Designated Funds	**131,891**	**10,864**	**(8,076)**	**(570)**	**134,109**
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	98,547	10,719	(8,919)	(12,724)	87,623
Total Restricted Funds	**98,547**	**10,719**	**(8,919)**	**(12,724)**	**87,623**

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (PREVIOUS YEAR)	*Balance at 1st Jan 21*	*Receipts*	*Payments*	*Transfers*	*Balance at 31st Dec 21*
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	*93,752*	*94,196*	*(96,614)*		*91,334*
Total Unrestricted Funds	***93,752***	***94,196***	***(96,614)***		***91,334***
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	-	*167*	*(167)*	-	-
All in at 4	-	*355*	*(151)*	-	*204*
Re-Development Fund	*7,614*	*6,250*	-	*(13,294)*	*570*
St Michael's Restoration Fund	*129,901*	*5,645*	*(4,429)*	-	*131,117*
Total Designated Funds	***137,515***	***12,417***	***(4,747)***	***(13,294)***	***131,891***
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	*92,584*	*10,568*	*(4,605)*	-	*98,547*
Total Restricted Funds	***92,584***	***10,568***	***(4,605)***	**-**	***98,547***

8. FUND DETAILS (continued)

The Designated Funds comprise of:

St. Michael's Restoration Fund was set up to raise funds for larger maintenance, refurbishment and insurance costs incurred in relation to St Michael's Church, Chenies.

Specific Donations Fund was set up to deal with monies raised or donated for specific external charities.

The All in @4 Fund was set up to record income and expenses specifically relating to the running of the All in @4 services, which includes providing meals for the families who attend the services. St George's Church is working to extend this ministry in other forms and as such the fund is to be renamed the Ministry Fund in 2023. During the year Latimer PCC gave a generous donation of £5,000 for procuring food to support the supplementary ministry and assistance to the wider congregation and user group that is developing in the church.

The Re-Development Fund has been set up, as the Trust is planning to sell off part of the land on which St George's Church, Little Chalfont stands and to carry out major refurbishment work on the existing church building. Planning permission was granted, but no building work was commenced, as the decision to go ahead with the development had not yet been agreed. As a result, costs incurred in preparing plans and submitting them for planning permission were carried forward in debtors, as deferred expenditure. A balance of costs, £13,294, which had been carried forward as deferred expenditure, have now been written back in the accounts.

The Restricted Fund is St. George's Trust Fund. The main purpose for the fund is to use the income for the managing of the St George's church property, including major repairs and the insurance of the buildings. After payment of these costs, the trustees may use the remaining income in furthering the religious and other charitable work in the parish of Chenies & Little Chalfont.

9. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for period (as per SOFA)	(6,289)	1,800	(4,489)	11,215
Depreciation charges	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Interest and Rents from Investments	(3,759)	(10,719)	(14,478)	(11,131)
Decrease in debtors	824	-	824	2,355
Increase in creditors	2,008	-	2,008	433
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	**(4,596)**	**(8,919)**	**(13,515)**	**5,492**

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

Stipends of the vicar are paid by the Diocese out of a fund raised from parishes charged to the PCC as part of the Parish Share. The Admin Assistant is paid from unrestricted funds, a breakdown of which is shown in note 5. All the other trustees give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration. During the year, the expenses reimbursed to the clergy, incurred on charity business, were £2,565 (2021 - £1,086), of which £650 related to the vicarage office telephone, which is paid directly to BT. Other clergy expenditure was in relation to travel, stationery etc. In the year, 3 trustees claimed reimbursement of expenses of £1,126 (2021 2 trustees £568) in respect of minor repair costs, a freezer, a website fee and other sundry items. The trustees, other than the clergy, received no remuneration during the year.

11. CONTINGENCIES & COMMITMENTS

Minimum lease commitments under a non-cancellable operating lease for the office photocopiers amounted to £2,167 (2021 - £3,697).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 15 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis or report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Green MA (Cantab) ACA

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF CHENIES & LITTLE CHALFONT
(Charity No: 1130134)

St Michael's Church, Chenies
St George's Church, Little Chalfont

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

1 January 2021 - 31 December 2021

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CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

Mission Statement

- To know Christ and to make Christ known,
- through personal discipleship,
- through community action,
- through taking an active part in the church family

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Whale, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the upkeep of St George's and St Michael's churches and ancillary properties.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and have concluded that the activities, as set out under Achievements and performance, address the principles of identifiable public benefit, and demonstrate that fulfilment of the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance:

Fabric Report for St Michael's Church (Sandra Kemp, Churchwarden)

I report that all goods and ornaments are as recorded in the Terrier and Inventory.

The clock, fire extinguishers, organ and lightning conductor were all serviced as usual during the year. The flagpole was repaired in May and the flag of St George has been flying. Although the flagpole had not been repaired at the time of the death of Prince Philip in April, we were able to fly the Union Jack at half mast, thanks to Philip Cumming's ingenuity.

Repairs are also still needed to the louvres in the bell chamber and Peter Sippitt, our Tower Captain, will be obtaining quotations for the necessary repairs during the next couple of months. We will also be seeking quotations for fitting a sound-control system to the louvres. We held a face-to-face meeting with a representative of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) in August during which we discussed the detail of what we wish to do within the church. This meeting was very productive and helpful. Philip Cummings has now produced clear sketches of what we intend to do. The next step

will be to obtain the technical drawings for the work, in what is now the vestry, so we can move on with the necessary Faculty process.

As usual, I must thank all our volunteers who provide their time and skills to make the running of St. Michael's as smoothly as possible. Without their help, it would be impossible for our church, to be as well-kept and as welcoming as it is. Thank you to each one of you.

Fabric Report for St George's Church (Mr. Bill Stokes)

Another quiet year for the fabric of the church as, for much of the time, church activities were restricted by the pandemic.

Background work continues towards a possible re-development of the church, and we are now in the process of obtaining a properly costed plan that we can present to the congregation, hopefully in the next couple of months.

I continue to be thankful for the support and assistance of many from St. George's, who help in so many ways to keep the fabric of the church in good order. Their quiet, often unnoticed, support is a real blessing.

Deanery Synod (Rev. Dr B P Ludlow)

2021 has been an interesting year for the Deanery. Not only have there been seven parishes simultaneously in vacancy, but 2/3rds of the Deanery leadership team has also changed. Following Rev. Tim Harper's retirement as Vicar of Amersham and Co-Area Dean, Rev. Peggy Ludlow was appointed to his vacant post in April. Shortly thereafter, Rev. Martin Williams stood down as the other Co-Dean due to increased pressures of work. Bishop Alan and Archdeacon Guy decided not to replace him, leaving Rev. Peggy as Area Dean.

Fortunately, five of the seven vacancies are now filled or are well on route to being filled, with the remaining two vacancies going to advert or interview soon. We are grateful for the support and tolerance of Latimer and Flaunden parishes and for changing some service times to allow Rev. Peggy to work elsewhere in the Deanery since the summer. We are looking forward to this commitment decreasing over the next few months.

It is recognised that the Deanery is an important part of the C of E's governance, so there is inevitably some business that must be conducted each meeting. However, mindful that Deanery Synod meetings are sometimes regarded as a chore rather than an opportunity for worshipping together, sharing ideas and best practice, enthusing our co-workers, and learning new things, the Deanery leadership opted to take advantage of being able to meet in person once again to introduce a visiting speaker to each Synod meeting. So far, we have had a presentation on the Faith based aspects and ways to recognise and react to added stressors following Pandemic and a presentation on how the Deanery Mission Support funding is being used in support of projects in Honduras.

We look forward to the next speaker enthusing us at parish level to grapple with the complex and sometimes contentious issues raised by the Churches Living in Love and Faith initiative.

We are, also as a Deanery, looking forward to a visit by Bishop Steven on 5th May, and a variety of events are being planned around the parishes, culminating with a joint worship service and 'time to quiz the bishop' to end the day.

Pastoral Care Team (Jo Herrera and Rev. Ruth Boughton)

The Pastoral Care team ceased to exist during the Pandemic when meetings were not allowed. We have, however, kept in contact with the older members of our congregations and those who have been, and in some cases still are, uncomfortable meeting sociably due to the ongoing prevalence of Covid. Jo and Ruth have regularly phoned those known to them and Gwen Woodbridge does the same for St Michael's congregation.

The Thursday Holy Communion re-started in September, after a long break, and due partly to Covid and a lack of manpower (or personpower!) everyone has brought their own packed lunch. All the clergy take it in turns to lead the service. Numbers are lower than before the Pandemic, usually about six, but it is much appreciated, as they are the ones who live alone and have missed the fellowship very much

Safeguarding (Ann Cummings, Parish Safeguarding Officer for Chenies & Little Chalfont)

An updated register has now been produced for all activities held on a regular basis in the parish being run by members of St George's Church. There were no regular activities added to the register during the year for St Michael's, due to Covid restrictions. Most of the staff, comprising of our Clergy team, activity organisers, coordinators, helpers, and PCC members have now completed Safeguarding Training Courses and the training register has been updated to reflect dates of completion for the appropriate courses for each person.

Chess Valley Churches Together (Brenda Johnson)

The Ecumenical Committee did not meet in person at all during 2021 and we had our first meeting for two years in January 2022. We did however keep in touch and took part in the Remembrance Sunday Service on Little Chalfont Village Green on 14th November, which was led by Rev. Adam Wells from the Methodist Church. On Saturday 11th December there was a Carol Service, also on the Village Green, which Rev. David Whale led, and this was mainly organised by St. George's. Phil Chapman arranged for the brass band to play and there were carols and readings. The Guides etc also took part.

Outreach & Events:

Once again, in the early part of the year, our churches were closed for onsite worship and events. Our first services were held outside on Palm Sunday, at both St Michael's and St George's. Holy

Communion and Morning Worship resumed on a regular basis on Easter Sunday. Evensong at Chenies restarted after congregations were once more allowed to sing together.

David and Jo Whale arranged a tea party, for both churches, in the garden of the Rectory in early August and this opportunity to gather, sit and talk was much appreciated by those who felt comfortable with meeting socially again.

The two churches worked together to hold the bank holiday party at St Michael's at the end of August, with stalls and games in the churchyard and tea and cake was served in the church. This was yet another happy occasion, when we welcomed visitors, as well as members of our congregations and their friends. It also provided an opportunity to raise money for the General Fund.

St Michael's was unable to host the Harvest Supper, but a Bring-your-own harvest lunch was held at St George's and a collection for BBC Children-in-Need was held in place of the usual Chenies Quiz, as in 2020.

Prayer Tree (Phil Chapman)

During 2021, members of the existing Prayer Chain and the Pastoral Care Team retired. Towards the end of the year however, Philip accepted the challenge of reforming the group and the Benefice Prayer Tree went live at the start of February, this year. The Tree is a vehicle by which prayer, for any situation, can be requested from a team of dedicated 'pray-ers'. The ministry is Benefice-wide, and all requests are kept confidential within the team, unless otherwise requested. At the present time, there are ten members of the team, all from our Parish.

Oasis Café (Sue Nash)

Oasis café continues to be a popular venue on Friday mornings and although numbers fluctuate, we have many ladies who have been coming since the start and others, who have now gone back to work, are missing coming. We continue to focus mainly on the adults but provide a safe and loving environment for the children. We had to adapt our style in 2021 due to Covid, with volunteers serving so that there was less movement to keep the potential transmission risk as low as possible. We have been offering a series of Bible study followed by a light lunch, which have proved popular. In 2021 we looked at several of the Parables in Luke's gospel and currently we are reading Mark's gospel up to Easter. We have been thinking of ways to reconnect with the ladies who can no longer come to the café and to that end we had a social evening at the back end of 2021, when Penny Quealy gave her testimony and told her story of walking the Camino.

On 15th August, we took the St George's flag to West Wittering beach with several families. We would have liked to have travelled by coach all together but, due to Covid, decided to travel in separate family units. Nonetheless, we had great fun at the beach, and it gave us an opportunity to

spend time with some of the dads too.

In 2022 we have decided to introduce Oasis breakfasts on a Saturday morning, the first one will be on 19th March. We will invite a speaker to these events and hope to have a time of testimony too.

These events could not be run without the faithful commitment of the team so, many thanks to Jenny Evason, Kathy Pierce, Jo Bolton, Terry Neale (from St Leonard's) who prepares the lunches, Penny Quealy and other members of St George's who so readily step in when we are short.

The Harbour

The Harbour was able to start meeting again in early summer, with a small group gathering each week in the Little Chalfont Nature Reserve. At the start of September, we returned to fortnightly meetings in St George's Church Hall. We have a steady, small group of people attending the sessions, but with increasing publicity and growing links with other local services we are hoping that we will be able to support more families in the future. In the autumn of 2021 Joanna Whale was able to attend a leader's training for @ When Dreams Change, a four-session course designed to help parent carers process the experience of parenting a disabled child. This has now been delivered through 'The Harbour'. Jo was delighted to be able to co-lead the group with Dr Denise Challis, from St Andrew's, Chorleywood – an opportunity for them both to lead the course for the first time with someone else. We have also been pleased to welcome several guest speakers, such as Kelly from Carer's Bucks, to share their expertise in SEN and navigating the bureaucracies of local government. It is hoped we shall be able to introduce more speakers to our programme over the coming months. Thank you to Jo H, Sue S, Donna and Gill, the Harbour team, without whom it would not be possible to run this ministry.

All in @4 (Rev David Whale)

Our All in @4 services began in the run up to Christmas. These services are specifically designed to draw people on the borders of our community deeper into worship. This is done through a thoughtful diversity of activity, but always focused on worship rather than fun. The services follow a simple pattern and gives all who come an opportunity to explore the Bible passage being studied more deeply. The services culminate with sung worship and then we move into the hall to share a meal together. Through the Advent season we saw a little over 40 people at each service, the majority of whom do not otherwise attend services on Sunday. The hope is that these services continue this year, being held once a month typically on the second Sunday of the month. My thanks to the All in Team, whose dedication and enthusiasm to serving at All in @4 makes it possible for this service to take place.

Sunday school at St George's

Sunday School re-commenced when St George's re-opened for gathered worship in 2021. The team is still co-ordinated by Sharon Chapman, who has put in a large amount of work to ensure that the new team was recruited in line with the latest Diocesan guidelines on safer recruitment. The team use Scripture Union resources, pray together, and enjoy a snack.

We thank Sue Stokes, Jo Herrera, and Gill Seymour, who have stepped back from regularly leading sessions, after many years of dedicated service. Sue Nash and Jo Bolton have also stepped down as leaders, but still help during sessions. We are also grateful to Jenny Evason, Kathy Pierce, and Laura Burgin, who have now joined Polly Godden and regularly lead and help on Sunday mornings.

St George's School: (Julia Dawson, Governor)

St George's School continues to be a wonderful happy place of learning, serving children in the local community. The school vision 'Inspire, Believe, Achieve – With God all things are possible' shapes the curriculum, and is recognised by all children and staff. The core Christian values of community, compassion, courage, commitment, and love are at the heart of school life. In November, the children enjoyed a whole day focusing on the vision, with each year group taking one of the words and exploring its meaning to ensure the vision is understood by every pupil! At the end of the autumn term, the children were able to visit St George's for a Christmas service, which was greatly appreciated. This termly visit had been halted by the Pandemic and it was wonderful to attend this important and valued service again. Walking 180 children, aged 4-7 along White Lion Road involved considerable planning for which we were fortunate to have plenty of parent helpers and volunteers from the church, to ensure the safety of these little ones. A collective sigh of relief was breathed when they were all safely back at school.

Mrs Accastello and the staff have shown tremendous commitment and courage coping with the enormous pressures that the Pandemic has brought. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children's education continues uninterrupted as much as possible with online classrooms taking place, in addition to in school lessons for children of key workers. This created considerable extra work and we are truly blessed to have such an outstanding team.

The 'Open the Book' team visits the school on Tuesday mornings, bringing Bible stories to life and the children thoroughly enjoy these sessions, as do the staff. Thank you to them for generously giving up their time for this valuable work.

Hopefully there will be opportunities for visitors to pop into school, in the future, to experience for themselves what a joyful place St George's is. As a governor, I feel privileged to be part of it.

Open the Book (Kathy Pierce, Amersham Area Coordinator)

A loyal team of volunteers from St George's Church belong to the wider Amersham Area team of Open the Book. Open the Book is run by the Bible Society and is a nationwide programme of assemblies in primary schools.

For much of 2021, we were unable to go into schools, due to Covid, so we continued to offer schools videos of Bible stories, acted out by different teams around the UK and sometimes, these were shared on their 'Home School' platforms for the children to watch and engage with at home. From September 2021, things came back to some sort of normality. Our number of volunteers, however, were reduced as people were cautious about going back into schools. Now, our teams are visiting three schools on a weekly basis: St George's C of E, St Mary's C of E, Old Amersham, and Chesham Bois C of E. We once more share in interactive Bible stories with the children and those who act can dress themselves in tabards, so long as they stay at a safe distance from us. The children are very enthusiastic and so we pray that we can get back to proper engagement with them soon. Leaders check with each school on Covid levels before going in and there have been some weeks when we couldn't go in.

Please pray that we can find new volunteers to join our team so that, next September, we can ask to return to Chalfont Valley E-Act Academy occasionally, as well as Heatherton House and possibly Woodside School. Our heart is to share Bible stories with children, who might otherwise never hear God's written word.

Financial Review: (Mrs Linda Dunning)

The General Fund deficit for the year under review was £2,418, compared to last year's deficit of £6,025. The easing of Covid restrictions and the re-opening of the churches for worship has resulted in an increase in collections at services but, unfortunately, we have once again seen a drop in stewardship giving in the year. This will be partly due to members of the congregation who are sadly no longer with us, but it also reflects the fact that Covid has had a knock-on effect on people's income. As in previous years, we have had to rely more and more on the generous gifts and legacies from parishioners, past and present. We are also grateful to Latimer and Flaunden churches, who

contribute towards the salary costs of our Administrative Assistant, Laura Burgin. Despite the decrease in our income in the year down from £100,198 in 2020 to £94,196 in 2021, our expenditure has also decreased from £106,223 to £96,614 in 2021. A large part of this drop in expenditure is due to the retirement of our Associate Minister, Rev. Ruth Boughton in January 2021, which has reduced our staff costs significantly. Other costs have remained much the same as in the previous year.

Our largest cost, the Parish Share was £73,471 for 2021, which had not been increased from 2020 and was reduced by a deanery rebate and a 1% discount for paying by direct debit, resulting in a final sum of £70,943 paid for the year. The Parish Share for 2022 remains at £73,471, which will reduce again by an expected deanery rebate of £2,020 and a 1% discount of £735 for paying by direct debit.

There has been little movement in the reserves of St Michael's Restoration Fund, which is a designated fund, in the year increasing from £129,901 as of 31 December 2020 to £131,117 as of 31 December 2021. Most of their income came from donations or legacies and expenditure was kept to a minimum, as work scheduled for the church is due to take place in 2022.

The Re-development Fund, another designated fund, took the decision to write back £13,294 of the deferred expenditure shown on their Balance Sheet. These costs related to expenditure incurred on applying for planning permission for the proposed development of the St George's site several years ago. The balance of the deferred expenditure of £13,294 might be written back in 2022, as the final decision as to the development of the site will be made within the first six months of 2022.

The Restricted Fund's reserves have increased in the year from £92,584 in 2020 to £98,547. Rental income from the car park was up by £900 in the year and dividend income of £2,206 (2020- £2,170) was received from investments held on behalf of the charity's trustees by the Oxford Diocese.

Policy on Reserves:

Reserves will continue to be managed and invested in order that the short-term requirements of the two churches can be adequately met and funds made available to satisfy any needs, as and when they arise. The trustees will continue to aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately two and a half months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The balance held as unrestricted funds as of 31st December was £91,334, of which £25,835 are regarded as free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. On 31st December 2021, based on the anticipated expenditure for 2022, free reserves in the unrestricted funds equates to 3.2 months of charitable expenditure.
The trustees consider the reserves held in the designated and restricted funds to be adequate for their purpose.

Risk Management

Risk management is an on-going process as the PCC continues to monitor all risks relating to its various activities. These include registering those associated with young peoples' work in accordance with Government and Diocesan requirements. Health and Safety policies are available for both churches and risk Assessments are undertaken for specific events.

Future Plans

Due to the knock-on effect of Covid, the development plans for St George's Church have made slow progress during 2021. The building team have met with Kelvin Sampson from Leap Architects and preliminary plans have been drawn up for discussion. The next step is to employ a consultancy firm to produce a feasibility study to highlight the potential costings of several options available to us. This study will not be available for another couple of months, but it will determine whether we progress with the development at this stage.

Structure governance and management

The PCC is a charity under the auspices of the Charity Commission, registration number 1130134. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Staff Team

The staff team consists of Priest in Charge (Rector Designate) David Whale, Associate Minister (with responsibility for Flaunden) Rev. Ruth Boughton, who took retirement at the end of January 2021; House for Duty Minister, (vacancy filled in January 2021 by Brian & Peggy Ludlow), and a Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader) Mrs Pat Ansell.

A Synopsis of the Year

The PCC held five meetings during 2021 but due to Covid 19, we did not make available a précis of the main business of each meeting for the parishioners.

A Standing Agenda is used for meetings to ensure an oversight of Health, Safety and Child Protection issues. We also discussed: finance; gift aid; personnel; the fabric of our churches; St George's redevelopment progression; the contents of Parish Profile; charitable giving; stewardship campaigns; communication including the need for a more dynamic website; risk assessments; planned events; outreach; home groups; pastoral care.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees comprise the key personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 10 of the accounts.

Reference and administrative information
Trustees

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

The Incumbent:	Reverend David Whale, the Chairman
Associate Ministers:	Reverend Peggy Ludlow
	Reverend Brian Ludlow
The Churchwardens:	Mr William Stokes (St George's)
	Mrs Sandra Kemp (St Michael's)
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Philip Lovegrove,
	Mrs Jo Herrera
	Dr John Nash (from August 2021)

Elected Members of the PCC

Mr Phil Chapman
Mrs Ann Cummings
Mr Philip Cummings
Mrs Linda Dunning (Treasurer)
Mrs S Nash
Mrs Helen Tyers
Mrs Gwen Woodbridge
Mr Michael Woodward (elected July 2021)

Committees

Standing Committee: Comprising the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer; transacts urgent business of the PCC between meetings, subject to directions given by the full Council and is required by law.

Finance Committee: Comprising the Rector, Churchwardens and Treasurer; monitors the income, expenditure and budgeting of the Parish.

St Michael's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St Michael's.
Ann Cummings, Philip Cummings, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Kemp, Helen Tyers,
Gwen Woodbridge and the Incumbent

St George's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St George's.
Jo Bolton, Phil Chapman, Jo Herrera, Sue Nash, Lesley-Anne Simpson,
Penny Quealy, Bill Stokes, Gill Seymour, Kathy Pierce, and the Incumbent

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

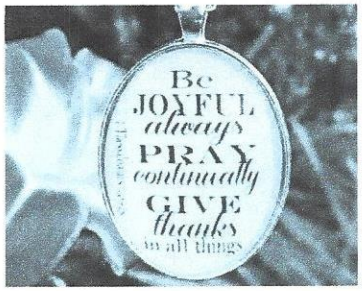
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 4 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. David Whale (Chairman)

Thank you.



The PCC would like to extend its grateful thanks to the many members of the congregation who give their time and skills resulting in churches that are well maintained and welcoming. Without you, our services would not run so smoothly. Thank you.

The time ahead will be one of change...as former Rector David always said, 'Change is a friendly word' and with the prayers, wisdom, and patience of the congregation, the PCC members will be equipped to guide our churches to the best of our ability, into the future.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2021 (cont.)

Appendix 1

Services and Occasional Offices

Service	8am	9.30am	11.15am	6pm	Thursday
St. Michael's	12 adults		18 adults	8 adults	
St. George's		15 adults 1 child			9 adults
Easter 2021	St Michael's 9 adults	St Georges 16 adults 4 children	St Michael's 23 adults	No service	
Christmas 2021	St Michael's 13 adults	St Georges 14 adults 4 children	St Michael's 22 adults 4 children	No service	

Occasional Offices

Office	St. Michael's	St. George's	Totals
Funerals at Crematorium			4
Graveside funerals			0
Funerals in church	5	1	6
Interment of Ashes	2		2
Weddings	9	0	9
Service of Dedication after civil marriage	0	0	0
Baptisms	2	0	2

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2021 (cont.)

Appendix 2

Sidespersons 2021

St Michael's Church, Chenies	St George's, Little Chalfont
Naomi Faulkner	Jo Bolton
Chris Ingham	Phil Chapman
Chris Kemp	Sharon Chapman
Sandra Kemp	Julia Dawson
John Watkins	Linda Dunning
Sarah Watkins	Jenny Evason
Gwen Woodbridge	Pauline Godden
John Woodbridge	Jo Herrera
	Sue Nash
Reserves	Tim Phillips
Dennis Darling	Jan Phillips
Brenda Johnson	Penny Quealy
Margaret Nice	Gill Seymour
	Jim Seymour
	Lesley-Anne Simpson
	Bill Stokes
	Sue Stokes
	Peter Sutton
	Susan Sutton
	Alan Turner
	Vera Turner

Lay members Pastoral Care team: In abeyance during 2021 due to Covid restrictions.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2021 (cont.)

Appendix 3

Services in the Parish each month (pre Covid lockdowns)

St Michael's, Chenies

Every Sunday

8am Traditional Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

6pm Traditional Evening Prayer (sung) from the Book of Common Prayer

1st & 3rd Sundays at **11.15am;** Morning Praise

2nd & 4th Sundays at **11.15am;** Holy Communion

Though attendance is irregular, there is always something to occupy the children at the 11.15am services.

5th Sundays – please look for 11.15am service details inside the church.

St. George's, Little Chalfont

Every Sunday

9.30am

1st & 3rd Sundays; Morning Praise including Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sundays; Morning Praise

All include traditional and contemporary worship, Bible teaching and children's activities.

with refreshments in the hall prior to the service.

The 5th Sunday varies in style of services.

12.30pm, every Thursday, Holy Communion followed by lunch

4.00pm, 2nd Sunday each month, All in @4 (from December 2021)

7.30 for 8pm 1st Friday; Praise night

Details of parish services can be found on the Benefice Website.

www.cheniesbenefice.org

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations & legacies	2(a)	101,320	20	101,340	218,065
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	4,710	-	4,710	2,030
Income from investments	2(c)	583	10,548	11,131	9,758
Total		**106,613**	**10,568**	**117,181**	**229,853**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3(b)	98,741	4,605	103,346	113,321
Other – Depreciation	3(c)	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Total		**101,361**	**4,605**	**105,966**	**115,941**
Net income		**5,252**	**5,963**	**11,215**	**113,912**
Write back deferred expenditure		(13,294)	-	**(13,294)**	(8,470)
Net movement in funds		**(8,042)**	**5,963**	**(2,079)**	**105,442**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		231,267	92,584	323,851	218,409
Total funds carried forward		**223,225**	**98,547**	**321,772**	**323,851**

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no recognised gains and losses other than the result for the year.

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	4		65,500		68,120
CURRENT ASSETS					
Short term deposits	6	116,769		123,707	
Debtors	6	27,718		43,367	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	114,206		90,645	
TOTAL ASSETS		258,693		257,719	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	7	(2,421)		(1,988)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			256,272		255,731
NET ASSETS			321,772		323,851
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	8		91,334		93,752
Designated	8		131,891		137,515
Restricted	8		98,547		92,584
			321,772		323,851

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 4 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by;

Rev. David Whale (Chair)

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2021

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Net Cash provided by/ (used in) Operating Activities	9	**10,077**	**(4,585)**	**5,492**	**99,758**
Interest and Rents from Investments	2(c)	583	10,548	11,131	9,758
Change in Cash & Cash Equivalents in period		**10,660**	**5,963**	**16,623**	**109,516**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning		121,568	92,784	214,352	104,836
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End		**132,228**	**98,747**	**230,975**	**214,352**
Short term deposits		108,995	7,774	116,769	123,707
Cash at bank and in hand		23,233	90,973	114,206	90,645
		132,228	**98,747**	**230,975**	**214,352**

The notes on pages 19 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as it applies from 1 January 2020. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£), which is also the functional currency.

(b) Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property is excluded from the accounts by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(c) Funds' structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the church. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The St. George's Trust Fund is restricted and can only be used for the purposes for which the funds have been given.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 8.

(d) Incoming recognition

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income tax has been received. Any claimed since the year end is included in debtors on the Balance Sheet.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.
- Funds raised by a fete, garden party or similar event are accounted for gross.
- Unrestricted income can be used for the running the Parish or in whatever way is agreed by the PCC.
- Restricted income is to be used solely for the purpose for which it was donated.

(e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the goods or services. All costs have been directly attributed to various categories within the Statement of Financial Activities and as the churches are not registered for VAT, all expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

The parish share or diocesan quota is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid on 31st December is provided for as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

(f) Employee Pensions

The churches pay into a workplace pension scheme for its Admin Assistant, to which she contributes the minimum contribution as advised by the Pension Regulator. The churches no longer contribute towards our Associate Minister's defined pension scheme as she has opted to take her pension. The annual contributions paid to Nest are charged against income.

(g) Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	2020 £
(a) Donations and legacies					
Collections	2,432	100	-	2,532	1,688
Stewardships	62,793	-	-	62,793	65,003
Income Tax Recoverable (Gift Aid)	14,917	1,250	-	16,167	15,593
General donations & legacies	8,978	10,355	20	19,353	135,462
Wall safe	-	153	-	153	57
Parish Outreach	-	-	-	-	-
Teaching	342	-	-	342	262
Second collection donations	-	-	-	-	-
	89,462	11,858	20	101,340	218,065
(b) Income from charitable activities					
Service fees	3,410	375	-	3,785	1,291
Fundraising	758	167	-	925	739
	4,168	542	-	4,710	2,030
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest	41	17	2,148	2,206	2,170
Church hall lettings	525	-	-	525	88
Rental income	-	-	8,400	8,400	7,500
	566	17	10,548	11,131	9,758
TOTAL INCOME	**94,196**	**12,417**	**10,568**	**117,181**	**229,853**
TOTAL INCOME 2020	**100,198**	**120,052**	**9,603**	**229,853**	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Raising funds					
Gift Aid envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Charitable Activities					
Diocesan Quota	70,943	-	-	70,943	71,017
Vicar's expenses	1,086	-	-	1,086	815
Other Staff expenses	6,781	-	-	6,781	6,794
Associate Minister	1,257	-	-	1,257	13,350
Insurance	-	3,462	1,415	4,877	4.988
Legal & professional fees	1,085	-	2,334	3,419	1,355
Church utilities	7,234	-	-	7,234	4,888
Parsonage running costs	-	-	-	-	-
Church running costs & minor repairs	1,265	967	856	3,088	4,654
Major repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable donations – specific	-	167	-	167	1,620
Charitable donations – general	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, postage & stationary	1,768	-	-	1,768	1,917
Bank charges	153	-	-	153	176
Advertising	-	-	-	-	399
Parish Outreach	-	151	-	151	169
Teaching	640	-	-	640	359
Sanctuary, organist & music	1,782	-	-	1,782	820
	93,994	4,747	4,605	103,346	113,321
(c) Other					
Depreciation of parsonage & hall	2,620	-	-	2,620	2,620
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**96,614**	**4,747**	**4,605**	**105,966**	**115,941**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2020	**106,223**	**6,690**	**3,028**	**115,941**	

Included in Charitable Activities are: -

	2021	2020
Independent examiner's fees	1,050	1,020

4. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land & buildings
Tangible fixed assets		**£**
Gross Book Value	At 1st January 2021	131,000
	Additions	-
	At 31st December 2021	131,000
Depreciation	At 1st January 2021	62,880
	Charge for the year	2,620
	At 31st December 2021	65,500
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2021	65,500
	At 31st December 2020	68,120

The freehold land and buildings comprise the Hall extension to St George's Church and the curate's house. Gross book value of the former is the cost of construction in 1991/92 and the latter is at estimated historic cost in 1963.

5. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages	7,827	19,791
Pension costs	211	211
Other costs, including expenses	1,086	957
	9.124	20,959

The average number employed in the area of governance in the year was 1 (2020 – 2)

These costs are included in unrestricted funds.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

6. CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Income tax recoverable	6,115	-	6,115	3,462
Sundry debtors	3.445	-	3,445	8,781
Prepayments & accrued income	4,864	-	4,864	4,536
Deferred expenditure	13,294	-	13,294	26,588
	27,718	-	27,718	43,367
Short Term Deposits				
CBF Church of Eng. Deposit Funds	108,995	7,774	116,769	123,707
Cash at bank and in hand				
NatWest account	23,233	90,973	114,206	90,645

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Accounts payable	884	-	884	330
Other creditors	185	200	385	852
Accruals	1,152	-	1,152	806
	2,221	200	2,421	1,988

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

8. FUND DETAILS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Balance at 1st Jan 21	Receipts	Payments	Transfers Etc.	Balance at 31st Dec 21
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	93,752	94,196	(96,614)	-	91,334
Total Unrestricted Funds	**93,752**	**94,196**	**(96,614)**	**-**	**91,334**
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	-	167	(167)	-	-
All in at 4	-	355	(151)	-	204
Re-Development Fund	7,614	6,250	-	(13,294)	570
St Michael's Restoration Fund	129,901	5,645	(4.429)	-	131,117
Total Designated Funds	**137,515**	**12,417**	**(4,747)**	**(13,294)**	**131,891**
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	92,584	10,568	(4,605)	-	98,547
Total Restricted Funds	**92,584**	**10,568**	**(4,605)**	**-**	**98,547**

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (PREVIOUS YEAR)	*Balance at 1st Jan 20*	*Receipts*	*Payments*	*Transfers*	*Balance at 31st Dec 20*
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	*86,277*	*100,198*	*(106,223)*	*13,500*	*93,752*
Total Unrestricted Funds	***86,277***	***100,198***	***(106,223)***	***13,500***	***93,752***
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	-	*1,620*	*(1,620)*	-	-
Re-Development Fund	*16,084*	-	-	*(8,470)*	*7,614*
St Michael's Restoration Fund	*30,039*	*118,432*	*(5,070)*	*(13,500)*	*129,901*
Total Designated Funds	***46,123***	***120,052***	***(6,690)***	***(21,970)***	***137,515***
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	*86,009*	*9,603*	*(3,028)*	-	*92,584*
Total Restricted Funds	***86,009***	***9,603***	***(3,028)***	**-**	***92,584***

8. FUND DETAILS (continued)

The Designated Funds comprise of:

St. Michael's Restoration Fund was set up to raise funds for larger maintenance, refurbishment and insurance costs incurred in relation to St Michael's Church, Chenies.

Specific Donations Fund was set up to deal with monies raised or donated for specific external charities.

The All in @4 Fund was set up to record income and expenses specifically relating to the running of the All in @4 services.

The Re-Development Fund has been set up, as the Trust is planning to sell off part of the land on which St George's Church, Little Chalfont stands and to carry out major refurbishment work on the existing church building. Planning permission was granted, but no building work was commenced, as the decision to go ahead with the development had not yet been agreed. As a result, costs incurred in preparing plans and submitting them for planning permission were carried forward in debtors, as deferred expenditure. In 2021 further costs relating to obtaining planning permission were written back in the accounts and the balance of costs carried forward as deferred expenditure might be written back in 2022.

The Restricted Fund is St. George's Trust Fund. The main purpose for the fund is to use the income for the managing of the St George's church property, including major repairs and the insurance of the buildings. After payment of these costs, the trustees may use the remaining income in furthering the religious and other charitable work in the parish of Chenies & Little Chalfont.

9. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for period (as per SOFA)	5,252	5,963	11,215	113,912
Depreciation charges	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Interest and Rents from Investments	(583)	(10,548)	(11,131)	(9,758)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	2,355	-	2,355	(5,626)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	433	-	433	(1,390)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	**10,077**	**(4,585)**	**5,492**	**(99,758)**

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

Stipends of the vicar are paid by the Diocese out of a fund raised from parishes charged to the PCC as part of the Parish Share. The associate minister (Ruth Boughton), now retired, and the Admin Assistant are paid from unrestricted funds, a breakdown of which is shown in note 5. All the other trustees give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration. During the year, the expenses reimbursed to the clergy, incurred on charity business, were £1,086 (2020 - £957), of which £571 related to the vicarage office telephone, which is paid directly to BT. Other clergy expenditure was in relation to travel, stationery etc. In the year, 2 trustees claimed reimbursement of expenses of £568 (2020 3 trustees £1,268), in respect of minor repair costs and other sundry items. The trustees, other than the clergy, received no remuneration during the year.

11. CONTINGENCIES & COMMITMENTS

Minimum lease commitments under a non-cancellable operating lease for the office photocopiers amounted to £3,697 (2020 - £5,227).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 16 to 27.

Responsibilities and basis or report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Green

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12 July 2022

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF CHENIES & LITTLE CHALFONT
(Charity No: 1130134)

St Michael's Church, Chenies
St George's Church, Little Chalfont

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

Incumbent

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CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2020

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

Mission Statement

- To know Christ and to make Christ known,
- through personal discipleship,
- through community action,
- through taking an active part in the church family

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Whale, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the upkeep of St George's and St Michael's churches and ancillary properties.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance published by the Charity Commission and have concluded that the activities, as set out under Achievements and performance, address the principles of identifiable public benefit and demonstrate that fulfilment of the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance:

Fabric Report for St Michael's Church (Sandra Kemp, Churchwarden)

I report that all goods and ornaments are as recorded in the Terrier and Inventory.

The clock, fire extinguishers, organ and lightning conductor were all serviced as usual during the year. The flag of St George has not been flown owing to the damage to the flagpole caused by a gale in 2019. As with so much else during 2020 it was not possible to arrange its repair due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Repairs are also still needed to the louvres in the bell chamber and unfortunately no progress has been made on our plans for changes to the internal arrangements in the church. A face-to-face meeting with representatives of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) is needed to discuss the detail of what we wish to do, and no such meetings have been possible. We shall restart the process required to get the necessary permissions for these changes during 2021.

For so much of the year St Michael's was locked and unvisited. A sad statement to have to write and which probably last happened during the 1700s when the church was in a semi-derelict state and chancel roof had collapsed. We were eventually allowed to open the church twice a week for private prayer and some of our services resumed but without the social interaction and fellowship which is so important a part of our community life.

However, as in past years I must thank those who, despite the difficulties, kept our church clean and the churchyard and new graveyard tidy with the grass mown and autumn leaves cleared away. More generally I thank you all for your help and support during a difficult year.

May God bless you all.

Fabric Report for St George's Church (Mr. Bill Stokes)

No major items of note relating to the fabric were undertaken at St George's in 2020.

The church house remained in use by Simon Parry and supported his work on 'All Star Kids Club'. Simon has since moved out. We undertook a review of the building to see if remedial works were appropriate. The conclusion was that if we were to do so and then rent out the property, the likely payback is likely to be about 10 years. Given the likely re-development of the site we determined that it was not appropriate to undertake remedial works at this time.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to extend my thanks to the dedicated team of individuals that keep the church running and support me in my role as churchwarden. This is especially so this year, which has proved to be an unusual and difficult period for many of us.

Deanery Synod

The synod meets four times a year at one of the churches represented in the large Amersham Deanery. Regular topics of discussion include: - mission of local churches, training and resources, stewardship and the parish share. Members can be elected to General Synod to participate at national level.

Pastoral Care Team (Brenda Johnson)

The Pastoral Care team usually meets about every two months but were unable to do so during 2020 because of Covid 19. The members of the team have however kept in touch with various members of the congregation during this difficult time.

Chess Valley Churches Together (Brenda Johnson)

Due to Covid 19 the Ecumenical Committee has been unable to meet in person since January 2020. The majority of the joint events, which we normally hold, were all cancelled.

We did, however, manage to hold a Remembrance Sunday service on Little Chalfont Village Green which was organised by Little Chalfont Parish Council. This was led by Philip Lovegrove.

Carols on the Green, on Saturday 12th December, also went ahead socially distanced. The event was well attended with Bible readings and the Brass Band played carols, but no singing was permitted. The service was led by Rev. David Whale.

Outreach & Events:

General

There were few outreach and charity events during 2020, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. As a direct result most of the planned events had to be cancelled because of restrictions and lockdowns.

We managed two charity coffee mornings at St. Michael's, in February and early March, before the first lockdown began and after that nothing happened for the rest of the year and indeed at the time of writing (May 2021), we still have not been able to put any firm plans in place.

As we were unable to hold the Chenies Quiz to raise money for BBC Children in Need, Gwen and John Woodbridge did collect donations for the charity and over £250 was raised.

It should also be mentioned that members of the congregations were most generous with gifts of money and food for the foodbank and Sue Nash has organised distribution to families known to the churches, who needed help throughout the pandemic.

Online content and community

With the arrival of lockdown our online content grew from the weekly "Garage Theology" sermons to online services and reflections. We published 41 "Sunday Services" and more than 100 short reflections "Dave's Desk". In total the channel had over 8,000 views over the year. Thank you to everyone who recorded readings or prayers, and kept these services going.

These videos have provided a vital link for many across the benefice who could not gather to worship in a building, either due to lockdowns or extreme clinical vulnerability. They have provided an opportunity for worship and reflection on the Word, when for many it was most needed.

In addition to the one-way content found on YouTube there were also a range of opportunities for activities with two-way interaction. Zoom coffee mornings, and later afternoons, were used by many to talk and chat through that week's highs and lows. We are incredibly grateful for Sue and John Nash who hosted those conversations so well for so many weeks. When we could not leave our homes, these were precious moments to remember that we were still in community. On Facebook, the Chenies benefice group provided a useful point of contact and updates on church life.

In the Autumn we ran our first Alpha Online. This was a successful course, and we were able to welcome guests from inside and outside of our congregations. The format of the course, while occasionally challenging on the technical front, did make it easier for some to attend, there was no need for babysitters or to rush out on cool autumn evenings. This course has directly led to further courses in 2021.

Video call facilities have also been vital in the continuation of church business, as they have been used to enable us to "meet" and work through the challenges of the year, both ordinary and extraordinary. Thank you to everyone who used time and resources so that you could attend meetings this way.

The Harbour

The Harbour began in the autumn of 2019, meeting on a monthly basis. It is a support group for parents of children who have additional needs, which is run by a team at St George's. By January 2020, we had an established group of regular attenders who met together to discuss the highs and lows of parenting a child with a disability. At our final meeting in February 2020, we had approximately 15 attending, not including volunteers. Sadly, this group ceased at the start of the first lockdown, and virtual meetings were not possible due to the home-schooling commitments of many of our members. We have now restarted, temporarily meeting weekly (to account for missed weeks due to weather!) in the Little Chalfont Nature Reserve. We will be establishing a prayer support group in the near future, so watch this space.

Oasis Café (Sue Nash)

There were sadly not many café meetings in 2020 due to the pandemic. When we were able to open between the first and second lockdown, numbers were limited to keep meeting as safe as possible. We did however keep in touch with many of the families in supporting them with food deliveries. We increased our collections from Marks & Spencer during the first lockdown to picking up 4 times a week. Our church family at St. George's and across the Benefice were very generous in making financial donations and delivering food stuffs for families in need of support.

This not only provided practical support but also gave the opportunity to meet on doorsteps. We also set up an Oasis café group on social media and had some lively conversations on Friday mornings when we could not meet in person.

Thank you everyone who has supported these families, practically and prayerfully and to the team of volunteers who run the café when we are able to. We hope to open again very soon and look forward to reconnecting with the regular families and meeting new ones.

Sunday school at St George's (Sharon Chapman, Sunday school teacher and administrator)

The beginning of the year started well with three families attending on a regular basis in the age range of 3 to 7 years.

We continued basing our sessions on resources from the Scripture Union Bubbles bible. Our structured session would start with an introductory game or craft, followed by a bible story, snack and prayer and ending with craft. We also chose a handful of very popular children's praise songs to teach the children which would be used in the All Age services. It was also decided to have extra activities available to engage older children, mainly boys who get bored with some of the craft activities. This would be in the form of a junk modelling materials box, to allow junk modelling to be carried out on a different table following the session theme.

Unfortunately, Sunday school sessions at St George's stopped when we went into lockdown and no further sessions were held in 2020. Short thirty-minute zoom sessions are now being held on zoom with two families every fortnight where we do a simple craft based on a bible story. These have been going well, although the success can very much depend on the broadband provision of the area, which is not the best in Chenies!

There will be a new team of planners and helpers when we eventually start face to face Sunday school sessions again, as several have decided to step down. I would like to thank them for their years of dedication and commitment to our Sunday School.

St George's School: (Julia Dawson Governor)

The past year has certainly been a challenging and very different year for the staff and pupils of St George's. However, thanks to the dedication, ingenuity, positivity and concern for each and every child, the school has continued to thrive and remains a beacon of learning and joy. The school certainly lives up to its vision of *Inspire, Believe, Achieve, with God all things are possible,* and the school values of Courage, Commitment, Compassion, Community and Love have been demonstrated beyond doubt during the lockdown period.

One of the initiatives which the staff worked extremely hard on was setting up a virtual learning environment for the children using Google Classroom. I had the pleasure of watching some of the online lessons and could see how much effort had been put into providing an engaging and

comprehensive curriculum for the children. Work could be sent in daily, and the staff worked long and hard to ensure feedback was given promptly and children felt that their efforts were being valued. This virtual format required many additional hours of work, and the staff deserve our heartfelt thanks for their dedication. I know how delighted everyone was to welcome the children back to school after Easter and the children themselves are as happy and lively as always.

One event which showed the enthusiasm of children and their parents, was the celebration of St George's day with some truly wonderful costumes arriving at school. If you would like to see some pictures of this happy day, they are available on the school website.

And so, the staff and pupils at St George's may have had a different year from the one they anticipated, but they have risen to the challenge and come through unscathed, ready to begin another year. We are truly blessed to have them as part of our community.

Financial Review: (Mrs Linda Dunning)

The General Fund deficit for the year under review was £6,025, compared to last year's deficit of £2,722. Due to Covid 19 and the churches being closed for open worship there has been a sharp decline in collections at services. We have also seen a fall in stewardships in the year, due mainly to members of the congregation moving away and the sad passing of some of our parishioners. Donations to the General Fund, however, were up during the year, due to generous gifts and legacies from parishioners, past and present and donations from Latimer and Flaunden churches, towards the salary costs of the Associate Minister, Ruth Boughton and our Administrative Assistant, Laura Burgin. Despite the increase in our Parish Share Quota and additional salary costs in the year, the expenditure of the General Fund remained much the same as in the previous year. This again was due to the impact of Covid 19, with the closure of the churches, resulting in a reduction in running costs.

Our largest cost, the Parish Share was £73,471 for 2020, which was reduced by a deanery rebate and a 1% discount for paying by direct debit, resulting in a final sum of £71,017 paid for the year. The Parish Share for 2021 remains at £73,471, which will reduce again by an expected deanery rebate of £1,793 and a 1% discount of £735 for paying by direct debit.

The General Fund reserves have been given an additional boost during the year, as St Michael's Restoration Fund transferred £13,500 of their designated funds into the General Fund. The Restoration Fund, following the receipt of a large legacy received during the year, took the decision that they had more than sufficient funds to meet any current and future restoration projects.

The reserves of St Michael's Restoration Fund, which is a designated fund, increased by £99,862 during 2020. This was mainly due to a very generous legacy of over £115,000 from the Estate of one of St Michael's deceased parishioners.

The Re-development Fund, another designated fund, took the decision to write back £8,470 of the deferred expenditure shown on their Balance Sheet. These costs related to expenditure incurred on applying for planning permission for the proposed development of the St George's site several years ago. The balance of the deferred expenditure has been carried forward, as in 2021, it was decided to revisit the possibility of developing the site and using some of the original plans drawn up by the architect in the previous planning process. A new architect has been appointed and a decision will be made in 2021 as to whether the proposed development will go ahead or be put to rest for the foreseeable future.

The Restricted Fund's reserves have increased in the year from £86,009 in 2019 to £92,584. Rental income from the car park was very slightly down in the year and dividend income of £2,070 (2019-£2,068) was received from investments held on behalf of the charity's trustees by the Oxford Diocese. There was a fall in expenditure, as little money was spent on the upkeep of the church house during the year compared to the previous year.

Policy on Reserves:

Reserves will continue to be managed and invested in order that the short-term requirements of the two churches can be adequately met and funds made available to satisfy any needs, as and when they arise. The trustees will continue to aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately two and a half months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

The balance held as unrestricted funds as of 31st December was £93,752, of which £25,632 are regarded as free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets. On 31st December 2020, based on the anticipated expenditure for 2021, free reserves in the unrestricted funds equates to 3.5 months of charitable expenditure. The anticipated expenditure for 2021 has taken into account reduced salary costs, due to the retirement of our Associate Minister in January 2021.

The trustees consider the reserves held in the designated and restricted funds to be adequate for their purpose.

Risk Management

Risk management is an on-going process as the PCC continues to monitor all risks relating to its various activities. These include registering those associated with young peoples' work in accordance with Government and Diocesan requirements. Health and Safety policies are available for both churches and risk Assessments are undertaken for specific events.

Future Plans

In February 2020, the building team met with Kelvin Sampson from Leap Architects. This was a positive discussion and Kelvin put forward a clear plan to help us define the feasibility of a total redevelopment of the St George's site.

This progress then paused until the autumn. In the final months of the year the building team grew, adding Penny Steven and Linda Dunning to the group. At this point, a plan was put in place to return to the project in the early part of 2021.

This plan was approved by the PCC and the team are now working with Leap Architects to carry out a consolation and feasibility assessment. Additionally, Sharon Chapman and Laura Burgin have joined the team, with Revs Peggy and Brian sharing their experience.

Structure governance and management

The PCC is a charity under the auspices of the Charity Commission, registration number 1130134. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The Staff Team

The staff team consists of Priest in Charge (Rector Designate) David Whale, Associate Minister (with responsibility for Flaunden) Rev. Ruth Boughton, who took retirement at the end of January 2021; House for Duty Minister, in vacancy during 2020 (vacancy filled in January 2021 by Brian & Peggy Ludlow), two Licensed Lay Ministers (Lay Readers) Mrs Pat Ansell, and Mr Philip Lovegrove, who retired part way through 2020.

A Synopsis of the Year

The PCC held five meetings during 2020 but due to Covid 19, we did not make available a précis of the main business of each meeting for the parishioners.

A Standing Agenda is used for meetings to ensure an oversight of Health, Safety and Child Protection issues. We also discussed: finance; gift aid; personnel; the fabric of our churches; St George's redevelopment progression; the contents of Parish Profile; charitable giving; stewardship campaigns; communication including the need for a more dynamic website; risk assessments; planned events; outreach; home groups; pastoral care.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees comprise the key personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 10 of the accounts.

Reference and administrative information
Trustees

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

The Incumbent:	The Reverend David Whale, the Chairman
Associate Minister:	The Reverend Ruth Boughton
The Churchwardens:	Mr William Stokes (St George's)
	Mrs Sandra Kemp (St Michael's)
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Jo Herrera, Mr Philip Lovegrove,

Elected Members up to the APCM 2020.

Mr Phil Chapman, Mission Co-Ordinator	Mrs Julia Dawson, Child Protection Officer
Mrs Linda Dunning, Treasurer	Mrs Sue Nash
Mrs Ruth Lawrie, Secretary	Mrs Gwen Woodbridge

Elected Members from the APCM 2020

Mr Phil Chapman, Mission Co-Ordinator	Mrs Ann Cummings
Mr Philip Cummings	Mrs Linda Dunning, Treasurer
Mrs Jo Herrera	Mrs Sue Nash
Mr Philip Lovegrove	Mrs Helen Tyers
Mrs Gwen Woodbridge	

Committees

Standing Committee: Comprising the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer; transacts urgent business of the PCC between meetings, subject to directions given by the full Council and is required by law.

Finance Committee: Comprising the Rector, Churchwardens and Treasurer; monitors the income, expenditure and budgeting of the Parish.

St Michael's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St Michael's.
Ann Cummings, Philip Cummings, Pat Dite, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Kemp, Helen Tyers, Gwen Woodbridge and the Incumbent

St George's Committee meets regularly to discuss matters relating to St George's.
Jo Bolton, Phil Chapman, Jo Herrera, Sue Nash, Lesley-Anne Simpson
Penny Steven, Bill Stokes, Gill Seymour and the Incumbent

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. David Whale (Chairman) 13-9-21

Thank you.

The PCC would like to extend its grateful thanks to the many members of the congregation who give their time and skills resulting in churches that are well maintained and welcoming. Without you, our services would not run so smoothly. Thank you.

The time ahead will be one of change...as former Rector David always said, 'Change is a friendly word' and with the prayers, wisdom, and patience of the congregation, the PCC members will be equipped to guide our churches to the best of our ability, into the future.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2020 (cont.)

Appendix 1

Services and Occasional Offices

Midnight Communion, St Michael's service cancelled due to Covid 19.

Service	8am	11.15am	11.15am	6pm	Thursday
St. Michael's	15		20 adults	9 (Jan, Feb and March only)	
St. George's		15 adults 1 child			17
Easter 2020	No services	No services	No services	No services	
Christmas 2020	13 adults	30 adults 1 child	6 adults	No service	

Occasional Offices

Office	St. Michael's	St. George's	Totals
Funerals at Crematorium			9
Graveside funerals			0
Funerals in church	3	0	3
Interment of Ashes	3		3
Weddings	1	0	1
Service of Dedication after civil marriage	0	0	0
Baptisms	2	0	2

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TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2020 (cont.)

Appendix 2

Side's persons 2020

St Michael's Church, Chenies	St George's, Little Chalfont
Dennis Darling	Jo Bolton
Pat Dite	Martin Bull
Ron Dite	Rita Bull
Chris Ingham	Phil Chapman
V J Irons	Sharon Chapman
Brenda Johnson	Julia Dawson
Chris Kemp	Linda Dunning
Sandra Kemp	Jenny Evason
Margaret Nice	Pauline Godden
Joan Parton	Jo Herrera
John Watkins	Ruth Lawrie
Sarah Watkins	Sue Nash
Gwen Woodbridge	Tim Phillips
John Woodbridge	Jan Phillips
Keith Wright	Gill Seymour
Lesley Wright	Jim Seymour
	Lesley-Anne Simpson
	Penny Steven
	Bill Stokes
	Sue Stokes
	Peter Sutton
	Susan Sutton
	Alan Turner
	Vera Turner

Lay members Pastoral Care team: Brenda Johnson, Pat Dite, Gwen Woodbridge, Pat Ansell, Ken Ansell, and Jo Herrera.

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TRUSTEES REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2020 (cont.)

Appendix 3

Services in the Parish each month (pre Covid lockdowns)

St Michael's, Chenies

Every Sunday

8am Traditional Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

6pm Traditional Evening Prayer (sung) from the Book of Common Prayer

1st & 3rd Sundays at **11.15am;** Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sundays at **11.15am;** Morning Praise

Though attendance is irregular, there is always something to occupy the children at the 11.15am services.

5th Sundays – please look for 11.15am service details inside the church.

St. George's, Little Chalfont

Every Sunday

11.15am

1st & 3rd Sundays; Morning Praise

2nd & 4th Sundays; Morning Praise including Holy Communion.

All include traditional and contemporary worship, Bible teaching and children's activities.

with refreshments in the hall prior to the service.

The 5th Sunday varies in style of services.

12.30pm, every Thursday, Holy Communion followed by lunch

7.30 for 8pm 1st Friday; Praise night

Details of parish services can be found on the Benefice Website.

www.cheniesbenefice.org

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations & legacies	2(a)	218,065	-	218,065	103,195
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	2,030	-	2,030	6,810
Income from investments	2(c)	155	9,603	9,758	11,556
Total		**220,250**	**9,603**	**229,853**	**121,561**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3(b)	110,293	3,028	113,321	118,489
Other – Depreciation	3(c)	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Total		**112,913**	**3,028**	**115,941**	**121,109**
Net income		**107,337**	**6,575**	**113,912**	**452**
Write back deferred expenditure		**(8,470)**	-	**(8,470)**	-
Net movement in funds		**98,867**	**6,575**	**105,442**	**452**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		132,400	86,009	218,409	217,957
Total funds carried forward		**231,267**	**92,584**	**323,851**	**218,409**

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no recognised gains and losses other than the result for the year.

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

CHENIES AND LITTLE CHALFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	4		68,120		70,740
CURRENT ASSETS					
Short term deposits	6	123,707		23,607	
Debtors	6	43,367		46,211	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	90,645		81,229	
TOTAL ASSETS		257,719		151,047	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	7	(1,988)		(3,378)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			255,731		147,669
NET ASSETS			332,851		218,409
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	8		93,752		86,277
Designated	8		137,515		46,123
Restricted	8		92,584		86,009
			323,851		218,409

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by;

13-9-21.

Rev. David Whale (Chair)

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Net Cash provided by/ (used in) Operating Activities	9	**102,786**	**(3,028)**	**99,758**	**(13,377)**
Interest and Rents from Investments	2(c)	155	9,603	9,758	11,556
Change in Cash & Cash Equivalents in period		**102,941**	**6,575**	**109,516**	**(1,821)**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning		18,627	86,209	104,836	106,657
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End		**121,568**	**92,784**	**214,352**	**104,836**
Short term deposits		115,937	7,770	123,707	23,607
Cash at bank and in hand		5,631	85,014	90,645	81,229
		121,568	**92,784**	**214,352**	**104,836**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st December 2020

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as it applies from 1 January 2020. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£), which is also the functional currency.

(b) Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficial property is excluded from the accounts by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £3,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(c) Funds' structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the church. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The St. George's Trust Fund is restricted and can only be used for the purposes for which the funds have been given.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 8.

(d) Incoming recognition

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income tax has been received. Any claimed since the year end is included in debtors on the Balance Sheet.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Rental income from the letting of the church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Dividends and interest are accounted for when received.
- Funds raised by a fete, garden party or similar event are accounted for gross.
- Unrestricted income can be used for the running the Parish or in whatever way is agreed by the PCC.
- Restricted income is to be used solely for the purpose for which it was donated.

(e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the goods or services. All costs have been directly attributed to various categories within the Statement of Financial Activities and as the churches are not registered for VAT, all expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

The parish share or diocesan quota is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid on 31st December is provided for as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

(f) Employee Pensions

The churches pay into a workplace pension scheme for its Admin Assistant, to which she contributes the minimum contribution as advised by the Pension Regulator. The churches no longer contribute towards our Associate Minister's defined pension scheme as she has opted to take her pension. The annual contributions paid to Nest are charged against income.

(g) Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	2019 £
(a) Donations and legacies					
Collections	1,611	77	-	1,688	5,395
Stewardships	65,003	-	-	65,003	68,597
Income Tax Recoverable (Gift Aid)	15,593	-	-	15,593	16,107
General donations & legacies	16,108	119,354	-	135,462	11,255
Wall safe	-	57	-	57	877
Parish Outreach	-	-	-	-	-
Teaching	262	-	-	262	843
Second collection donations	-	-	-	-	121
	98,577	119,488	-	218,065	103,195
(b) Income from charitable activities					
Service fees	1,291	-	-	1,291	3,930
Fundraising	199	540	-	739	2,880
	1,490	540	-	2,030	6,810
(c) Income from investments					
Dividends and interest	43	24	2,103	2,170	2,186
Church hall lettings	88	-	-	88	770
Rental income	-	-	7,500	7,500	8,600
	131	24	9,603	9,758	11,556
TOTAL INCOME	**100,198**	**120,052**	**9,603**	**229,853**	**121,561**
TOTAL INCOME 2019	**104,066**	**6,827**	**10,668**	**121,561**	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Raising funds					
Gift Aid envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Charitable Activities					
Diocesan Quota	71,017	-	-	71,017	68,403
Vicar's expenses	815	-	-	815	1,945
Other Staff expenses	6,794	-	-	6,794	1,852
Associate Minister	13,350	-	-	13,350	13,826
Insurance	-	3,498	1,490	4,988	5,328
Legal & professional fees	1,055	-	300	1,355	1,561
Church utilities	4,888	-	-	4,888	9,161
Parsonage running costs	-	-	-	-	243
Church running costs & minor repairs	1,844	1,572	1,238	4,654	5,436
Major repairs	-	-	-	-	2,000
Charitable donations – specific	-	1,620	-	1,620	2,040
Charitable donations – general	-	-	-	-	563
Printing, postage & stationary	1,917	-	-	1,917	2,085
Bank charges	176	-	-	176	247
Advertising	399	-	-	399	-
Parish Outreach	169	-	-	169	129
Teaching	359	-	-	359	717
Sanctuary, organist & music	820	-	-	820	2,953
	103,603	6,690	3,028	113,321	118,489
(c) Other					
Depreciation of parsonage & hall	2,620	-	-	2,620	2,620
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**106,223**	**6,690**	**3,028**	**115,941**	**121,109**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2019	**106,788**	**8,006**	**6,315**	**121,109**	

Included in Charitable Activities are: -	2020	2019
Independent examiner's fees	1,020	630

4. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land & buildings
Tangible fixed assets		£
Gross Book Value	At 1st January 2020	131,000
	Additions	-
	At 31st December 2020	131,000
Depreciation	At 1st January 2020	60,260
	Charge for the year	2,620
	At 31st December 2020	62,880
Net Book Value	At 31st December 2020	68,120
	At 31st December 2019	70,740

The freehold land and buildings comprise the Hall extension to St George's Church and the curate's house. Gross book value of the former is the cost of construction in 1991/92 and the latter is at estimated historic cost in 1963.

5. PAID EMPLOYEES

Staff costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gross wages	19,791	15,072
Pension costs	211	20
Other costs, including expenses	957	586
	20,959	15,678

The average number employed in the area of governance in the year was 2 (2019 – 2)

These costs are included in unrestricted funds.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont.)

6. CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,462	-	3,462	3,958
Sundry debtors	8,781	-	8,781	6,554
Prepayments & accrued income	4,536	-	4,536	641
Deferred expenditure	26,588	-	26,588	35,058
	43,367	-	43,367	46,211
Short Term Deposits				
CBF Church of Eng. Deposit Funds	115,937	7,770	123,707	23,607
Cash at bank and in hand				
NatWest account	5,631	85,014	90,645	81,229

7. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Accounts payable	330	-	330	2,577
Other creditors	652	200	852	653
Accruals	806	-	806	148
	1,788	200	1,988	3,378

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8. FUND DETAILS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Balance at 1st Jan 20	Receipts	Payments	Transfers Etc.	Balance at 31st Dec 20
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	86,277	100,198	(106,223)	13,500	93,752
Total Unrestricted Funds	**86,277**	**100,198**	**(106,223)**	**13,500**	**93,752**
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	-	1,620	(1,620)	-	-
Re-Development Fund	16,084	-	-	(8,470)	7,614
St Michael's Restoration Fund	30,039	118,432	(5,070)	(13,500)	129,901
Total Designated Funds	**46,123**	**120,052**	**(6,690)**	**(21,970)**	**137,515**
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	86,009	9,603	(3,028)	-	92,584
Total Restricted Funds	**86,009**	**9,603**	**(3,028)**	**-**	**92,584**

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (PREVIOUS YEAR)	*Balance at 1st Jan 19*	*Receipts*	*Payments*	*Transfers*	*Balance at 31st Dec 19*
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	*88,931*	*104,066*	*(106,788)*	*68*	*86,277*
Total Unrestricted Funds	***88,931***	***104,066***	***(106,788)***	***68***	***86,277***
Designated Funds					
Specific Donations Fund	*-*	*2,223*	*(2,155)*	*(68)*	*-*
Re-Development Fund	*16,084*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*16,084*
St Michael's Restoration Fund	*31,286*	*4604*	*(5,851)*	*-*	*30,039*
Total Designated Funds	***47,370***	***6,827***	***(8,006)***	***(68)***	***46,123***
Restricted Funds					
St George's Fund	*81,656*	*10,668*	*(6,315)*	*-*	*86,009*
Total Restricted Funds	***81,656***	***10,668***	***(6,315)***	***-***	***86,009***

8. FUND DETAILS (continued)

The Designated Funds comprise of:

St. Michael's Restoration Fund was set up to raise funds for larger maintenance, refurbishment and insurance costs incurred in relation to St Michael's Church, Chenies.

Specific Donations Fund was set up to deal with monies raised or donated for specific external charities.

The Re-Development Fund has been set up, as the Trust is planning to sell off part of the land on which St George's Church, Little Chalfont stands and to carry out major refurbishment work on the existing church building. Planning permission was granted, but no building work was commenced, as the decision to go ahead with the development had not yet been agreed. As a result, costs incurred in preparing plans and submitting them for planning permission were carried forward in debtors, as deferred expenditure. In 2020 costs relating to obtaining planning permission were written back in the accounts and a decision relating to the balance of costs carried forward as deferred expenditure will be made in 2021. This will be dependent on the final decision as to whether the development of the site will take place or whether it should be shelved for the foreseeable future.

The Restricted Fund is St. George's Trust Fund. The main purpose for the fund is to use the income for the managing of the St George's church property, including major repairs and the insurance of the buildings. After payment of these costs, the trustees may use the remaining income in furthering the religious and other charitable work in the parish of Chenies & Little Chalfont.

9. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted/ Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for period (as per SOFA)	107,337	6,575	113,912	452
Depreciation charges	2,620	-	2,620	2,620
Interest and Rents from Investments	(155)	(9,603)	(9,758)	(11,556)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(5,626)	-	(5,626)	(3,902)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(1,390)	-	(1,390)	(991)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	**102,786**	**(3,028)**	**99,758**	**(13,377)**

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

Stipends of the vicar are paid by the Diocese out of a fund raised from parishes charged to the PCC as part of the Parish Share. The associate minister (Ruth Boughton) and the Admin Assistant are paid from unrestricted funds, a breakdown of which is shown in note 5. All the other trustees give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration. During the year, the expenses reimbursed to the clergy, incurred on charity business, were £957 (2019 - £2,531), of which £569 related to the vicarage office telephone, which is paid directly to BT. Other clergy expenditure was in relation to travel, stationery etc. In the year, 3 trustees claimed reimbursement of expenses of £1,268 (2019 4 trustees £568), in respect of minor repair costs and other sundry items. The trustees, other than the clergy, received no remuneration during the year.

11. CONTINGENCIES & COMMITMENTS

Minimum lease commitments under a non-cancellable operating lease for the office photocopiers amounted to £5,227 (2019 - £6,757).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

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for the year ended 31st December 2020

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 14 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis or report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 14 September 2021