

# **ST AIDAN'S CHURCH, GRAVESEND – ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

Charity No. 1130169

## **Background**

St Aidan's parish occupies almost 1 sq. mile, containing a population of over 11,450 (estimated from the 2011 Census). The inhabitants are predominantly White British with a small Asian population of long standing and, in recent years, a growing African-Caribbean population. There is a Muslim cultural centre close to the church (formerly a public house). The church's buildings consist of the Hall (built 1954), Vicarage (built 1958) and Church (built 1963) of which the rear two window bays were converted in 2006 to the 'Powerhouse' consisting of a kitchen, two meeting rooms (which can be opened out to form an extension to the worship area, two toilets (one suitable for those with disabilities) and, on the accessible mezzanine floor, a computer room and balcony overlooking the worship area. All these buildings are adjacent to each other in the Westcourt area of the parish. The Christopher Centre (in the Riverview Park area of the parish) was once managed by St Aidan's but is now let on a long lease from the Diocese to the Christopher Centre Residents' Association – St Aidan's pays for any use during the week but has free use, if required, on Sundays. The PCC represents the congregation and supports the incumbent in maintaining the work and witness of the Church in the parish. The PCC takes responsibility for the fabric of the church buildings and ensures safeguarding policies and practices are adopted and maintained.

## **Membership**

During 2023, the following served as members of the PCC:

**Incumbent:** The Rev'd Michael Payne

**Lay Reader:** Dr Peter Harris (licensed 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

**Churchwardens:** Dennis Ashurst, Rob Hollands (elected 26/3/2023, sworn in 14/6/2023)

**Deanery Synod Reps:** Dr Peter Harris, Janet Morris (from 1/6/2023, elected 26/3/2023)

**Elected members:** Ann Ashurst, Mike Butler (from 26/3/2023), Daphne Lane (to 26/3/2023), Doreen McIntosh, Janet Morris (to 26/3/2023), Steve Kench-Cannon (from 26/3/2023), Jan Hollands (from 26/3/2023), Barbara Potter, David Rawlinson, Jenny Rawlinson, David Sisterson, Janet Trevor, Anne Welch, Michael Welch.

Mavis Prater (retired as a Licensed Reader on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022) but continued as Reader Emeritus.

Sylvia Munns (licensed as an Anna Chaplain on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022) continued in this role.

Dr Peter Harris held the Bishop's Certificate to preach at certain number of sermons each year and was licensed as a Lay Reader on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The APCM was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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## **Staff**

Services are taken by the Vicar.

## **Committees**

**The PCC** normally meets in alternate months. Matters of principle, and proposals for expenditure, are referred to the full Council.

**Standing Committee:** This committee (normally meeting a fortnight before most PCC meetings) undertakes the initial assessment of important issues. In an emergency it may make decisions on important matters which must then be submitted to the full Council for ratification.

**Fund Raising & Social Committee:** Organises fundraising and social activities.

**Nursery School Management Committee:** The Vicar is the chair of this committee. It is responsible for running the St Aidan's Nursery School on two sites on weekday mornings. It consists of 5 (currently 3) members of the PCC and 4 staff members.

**Pastoral Care Team** – Formed to consider the well-being of members of the congregation, and arranging visits or other communication with those in hospital and those sick at home or housebound for other reasons. Meetings are usually held about once a month.

**Church attendance:** At the APCM on 26<sup>th</sup> March, there were 63 names on the roll (unchanged compared to the previous year). There were 80 Easter communicants, 43 Christmas communicants (all home Communions excluded), 1 confirmation, 5 funerals 12 baptisms 1 wedding

## **FINANCE**

See separate report annexed which also gives information about 'away giving'.

## **REVIEW**

### **Church/Powerhouse Fabric**

In February the original windows & exterior door in the Vicar's Vestry were replaced with a new installation making the room draught-free and more secure.

### **Hall Fabric**

The Hall continues to give good service to the church and the community although it needs redecoration and the roof and hall floor are both in need of attention. The leaking water heater above the Ladies' toilet handbasin was replaced

### **Vicarage**

The house is in good repair. The fire in the lounge has had a new fireback fitted. There have been problems with mould due to the airflow. A new ventilation system has been fitted to remedy this. There have been problems with mice accessing the cavity walls; pest control experts have attended the property. In the garden, the large cherry tree was taken down due to a large cavity in the main trunk. The vicar is grateful to the diocesan property team for their support and attentiveness.

### **Nursery School**

The Nursery School successfully continued to operate from the Church Hall and the Christopher Centre throughout the year making full use of the enclosed Woodland Garden which they had created at the side of the Hall.

### **Ministry & Mission**

The regular pattern of services was as follows:

**Sundays:** Common Worship Sung Parish Eucharist (BCP used about 4 times p.a.) On the fifth Sunday the service included anointing for healing and wholeness for those who wished it. The Sunday morning service is usually live-streamed although this is temporarily suspended whilst better equipment is sourced which will significantly improve transmission quality.

**Wednesdays:** Common Worship said Morning Prayer; Common Worship said Eucharist (BCP once per month)

**Fridays:** The Holy Rosary (once per month)

Starting during the first Covid Lockdown, the Vicar's weekly on-line 'Reflection' communiqués (with paper copies for those not on-line) which included commentaries on Sunday's readings by several regular contributors, continued. On-line services and, on several days of the week, Facebook Night Prayer, continued and attracted some viewings far beyond the parish boundary. On Tuesday & Wednesday mornings from 10<sup>th</sup> January the Lounge and West Room of the Church were open to all as a Warm Space, with refreshments available and with local Councillors in attendance. A Grant was received from Gravesend Borough Council towards the cost of heating the premises and we received a score of '5' from their Food Safety department. From Easter onwards, the session on Wednesday was discontinued and that on Tuesday was renamed A Place of Welcome – this was discontinued after the end of June due to low demand.

The Ash Wednesday Eucharist was held, followed by the liturgies for Maundy Thursday & Good Friday and Easter Day. The Eucharist on 7<sup>th</sup> May commemorated the King's coronation the previous day.

The much appreciated All Souls' Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November. A short Service of Remembrance was held at the site of RAF Gravesend on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Powerhouse**

The computer suite is run by a volunteer but only on one morning each week because of a reduced number of attendees. Digital Skills courses run by *The Gr@nd* continued in the early part of the year and *Pixel* ran a course to improve employment prospects for those without work in January.

### **Safeguarding & Children's Work**

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (appointed 15/11/2018) and her details are displayed in the Church & Church Hall and were sent to the Diocesan Office. The ***Promoting A Safer Church – Safeguarding Policy Statement*** is displayed in the Church and the Hall. The ***Formal Statement of Adoption*** of this policy was agreed and signed at the APCM and a copy is displayed in the Church. Posters are displayed to raise domestic abuse awareness. The work of the PSO continued to be demanding during the year.

Sunday School was held once a month during morning services but from May was held twice each month and our thanks go to Mrs Ann Ashurst, Mrs Amy Payne and Dr Peter Harris.

The Vicar was a governor of both Tymberwood Academy (Primary) and Chairman of Governors at St George's C of E Secondary school.

### **Safety & Security**

The Church's Data Protection Officer continued to ensure that personal data is held only in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR. Regular yearly fire/risk assessments were undertaken and recommendations acted upon. Thrice-yearly safety inspections of the Church/Powerhouse and Hall were undertaken and reports acted upon. Fire extinguishers were professionally checked in April and lift maintenance and the Hall gas boiler were also properly serviced. The electrical installations in both church & hall were professionally checked. In the Spring, spiked plates (as approved by Kent Police) were fixed to the edges of the porches to deter young people from accessing the adjacent flat roof and it was hoped that this would make removal of these porches unnecessary. (The summer heat caused the glue holding the strips in place to melt and they were then refixed more permanently). All exterior steps had their white-line edging renewed prior to the darker evenings.

### **Music**

The small choir sung during the Sunday morning services (except during the monthly All Age-format service) although the organist played at all Sunday morning services. Two new adult members joined the choir during the year. The choir performed a number of seasonal carols at the Advent Sunday and the Nine Lessons Services.

### **Social & other events**

Aidan Ladies held monthly meetings throughout the year. An Agapé meal was held in Holy Week. A local litter-picking event was held after the morning service on 21<sup>st</sup> May, followed by a bring and share picnic. There were no Christian Aid door to door collections but bucket collections were held at a local supermarket and a Plant Sale and Bring and Buy Sale, with refreshments, (to benefit Christian Aid) was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Coffee Mornings were held during the year on the first Wednesday of the month after the morning service. A Quiz Evening was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July. A very well attended Light Party for young people and their families was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October and proved a good outreach opportunity. The Marlowe Singers gave a concert in church on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

St Aidan's continued to have contact with the work of the Hope Gardens in Tamil Nadu, South India and some individuals, and the Church collectively sponsored several children there. Also, as a result of a brother of a member of the congregation being consecrated a Bishop in Sierra Leone, we have links with his work there. Thirty-seven shoe boxes were filled and passed to *Amen* in November for sending to Romania. Several church members knitted hats and squares for blankets which were donated to the Salvation Army. The well attended Christmas Fair was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Because of the lack of volunteers willing to close the Hall after late evening parties the Hall was only let to responsible groups who would be lock up after they had finished.

# *M J Welch*

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PCC Secretary     xx/x/2024

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) OF ST AIDAN, GRAVESEND**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr. Keith Scudder  
42 Frobisher Way,  
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23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

## **FINANCE – 2023**

### **General**

The accounts for the year show a loss on the General Fund of £371 which leaves a balance on the General Fund of £3,197 which is still well below the reserves policy amount.

Gift Aid for the year was £5,301 (2022: £5,281). The Powerhouse made a loss of £209 (2022: £1,047) and the Hall made a profit of £3,867 (2022: Profit £1,723). Unfortunately during the year we lost 2 of our regular hirers so now we only have 3 hirers and 2 of those, although regular, do not hire it for long each week.

The Nursery School showed a profit of £21,826 (2022: Loss £18,174) after the transfer of funds for the rent of the Church Hall. The fund balance now stands at £68,993.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is the PCC's policy to try to maintain free reserve funds equal to 3 months' expenditure. The restrictive funds are excluded from this policy.

### **Explanation of Funds**

The PCC has a General Fund through which all transactions relating to normal income and expenditure on the Ministry, the Church building and the general activities of the PCC pass. The Church and Church Hall Repair Fund contain funds set aside to meet repair expenditure to the buildings consequent upon a quinquennial review, or to meet large items of repair or replacement as they arise. The uses of these funds are restricted to those purposes only.

There are two Stipend Funds to be used as necessary to ensure that the cost of the incumbent's stipend can be met should the General fund be unable to meet the whole cost in any year. The Restrictive Fund is to be used for this purpose only, but the Designated Fund can be used for any clergy of the parish.

The Nursery School restrictive fund covers the financial affairs of the Nursery School. The school is to be self supporting, but is enabled to contribute to the General Fund of the PCC. The school meets at the Christopher Centre and the Church Hall 5 mornings a week.

**ST AIDANS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Registered Charity No:1130169**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

									2023	2022
		General	Dedicated	Restrictive Funds					Total	Total
		Fund	Fund	Building	Grants	Stipend	Mothers&	Nursery Sch. Development		
		£	Stipend	£	£	£	Toddlers	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	note		£							
Giving	1	30,554							30,554	29,163
Ordinary Income	2	972		3,319				259,413	263,704	237,346
Fund Raising	3	2,082							2,082	1,630
Charity Appeals		635							635	495
Legacies&Other Incom	4	9,483							9,483	12,390
Grants Received					1,150				1,150	0
Interest		1,692		90				484	2,267	500
Total		45,419	0	3,409	1,150	0	0	259,897	309,875	281,524
<b>Outgoing Resources</b>										
The Ministry	5	24,034							24,034	26,568
The Church	6	18,095							18,095	7,871
Ordinary Expenditure	7	4,422						232,371	236,794	245,930
Charitable Donations		986							986	1,101
Grant Expenditure					864				864	860
Other Expenditure	8	14,873							14,873	15,037
Total		62,409	0	0	864	0	0	232,371	295,645	297,367
Net Incoming										
Resources		(16,991)	0	3,409	286	0	0	27,526	14,230	(15,843)
Fund Transfers		16,620	(4,520)	(6,400)				(5,700)	0	0
Net movement of Funds in Year		(371)	(4,520)	(2,991)	286	0	0	21,826	14,230	(15,844)
Balance Brought Fwd		3,568	5,252	6,053	1,855	46,006	0	47,167	109,901	125,744
Balance Carried Fwd		3,197	732	3,062	2,141	46,006	0	68,993	124,131	109,900

# Notes on Statement of Financial Activities

Income		2023	2022
note 1	Giving	£	£
	Free Will Offering	20,724.20	19,518
	Collection	3,424.06	3,035
	Income Tax recovered - Gift Aid	5,301.01	5,281
	Donations	1,104.39	1,329
		30,553.66	29,163
note 2	Ordinary Income		
	PCC fees	972.00	1,554
		972.00	1,554
note 3	Fund Raising	2,082.43	1,630
		2,082.43	1,630
note 4	Legacies	0.00	0
	Grants: TOG Student	0.00	0
	Insurance Claims	300.00	512
	Other	0.00	0
	* Church Hall Rents	8,033.00	10,754
	Powerhouse Rents	1,145.31	1,099
	Pilot Sales	0.00	0
	Book of Remembrance	5.00	25
		9,483.31	12,390
	* Additionally £5,700 (2022: £5,012) paid by the Nursery School is treated as a Funds Transfer		
	Interest	1,692.49	416
Expenditure			
note 5	The Ministry		
	Stipend	19,492.00	22,394
	Vicars expenses	77.74	0
	Curate	0.00	0
	TOG Student	0.00	0
	Vicarage	4,464.29	4,174
		24,034.03	26,568
note6	The Church		
	Services	455.11	111
	Organist Fees	0.00	0
	Organ Maintenance	907.20	846
	Heat & Light etc.	2,095.48	2,422
	Repairs & Maintenance	12,244.88	3,173
	Grounds	498.00	20
	Insurance	1,893.93	1,300
		18,094.60	7,872
note 7	Ordinary Expenditure		
	Parish Share	0.00	0
	Building Repair Fund	2,300.00	2,300
	Administration	2,122.19	1,774
	Young Peoples Work	0.00	65
		4,422.19	4,139
note8	Other Expenditure		
	FWO	31.96	31
	Subscriptions	708.20	696
	Church Hall Expenses	12,009.68	12,063
	Independent Examiners Fee	140.00	100
	Other Costs	628.50	0
	Powerhouse Expenses	1,354.36	2,146
	Other	0.00	0
		14,872.70	15,037

ST AIDAN'S NURSERY SCHOOLS  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>							
Cash at bank - current account	8384.27	20230.08	15418.93	16000.18	32122.81	2608.46	30044.33
Cash at bank - deposit account	86321.9	55237.54	75745.16	70174.01	47393.98	75941.70	40100.70
Petty cash / floats	115.61	87.57	36.17	135.47	134.42	361.09	97.38
Debtors & prepayments	0.00	0.00	52.20	290.00	924.58	5.61	182.92
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>94821.78</b>	<b>75555.19</b>	<b>91252.46</b>	<b>86599.66</b>	<b>80575.79</b>	<b>78916.86</b>	<b>70425.33</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>							
Creditors (Money owed - rent, auditor etc)	1338.39	1342.6	594.55	1428.19	1826.99	394.39	1817.68
Other - donations (unallocated petty cash)	42.5	42.5	42.5	42.50	42.50	42.50	
Other (including deferred income)	24448.05	27003.08	25274.54	25706.55	24690.60	25050.30	25229.16
<b>Total creditors</b>	<b>25828.94</b>	<b>28388.18</b>	<b>25911.59</b>	<b>27177.24</b>	<b>26560.09</b>	<b>25487.19</b>	<b>27056.84</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>68992.84</b>	<b>47167.01</b>	<b>65340.87</b>	<b>59422.42</b>	<b>54015.70</b>	<b>53429.67</b>	<b>43368.49</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>							
Reserves brought forward as at 1st January	47167.01	65340.87	59422.42	54015.70	53429.67	43368.49	42301.36
Surplus (deficit) for the period	21825.83	-18173.86	5918.45 From TP	5406.72	586.03	10061.18	1067.13
<b>Reserves carried forward as at 31st December</b>	<b>68992.84</b>	<b>47167.01</b>	<b>65340.87</b>	<b>59422.42</b>	<b>54015.70</b>	<b>53429.67</b>	<b>43368.49</b>

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ST AIDAN'S NURSERY SCHOOLS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023



**ST AIDAN'S NURSERY SCHOOLS  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**WITH ACCRUALS FROM TRIAL BALANCE TOTALS**

CODE		C/C 2023 £	C/H 2023 £	Central Costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>INCOME</b>					
1x01	Fees received	15783.80	3760.00		19543.80
1x02	Funding received	119105.15	116054.51		235159.66
1x03	NEST refunds				0.00
1x04	Fundraising	892.47	680.69	86.33	1659.49
1x05	Grants: Salary Equipment / Training				0.00
1x06	Interest Income			484.36	484.36
1x07	Donations			1600.00	1600.00
1x11	Other income ( incl Snack Fees)	850.00	600.00		1450.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>136631.42</b>	<b>121095.2</b>	<b>2170.69</b>	<b>259897.31</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
2x01 & 2	Salaries (including Employer's NIC)	117650.89	67194.60	12109.26	196954.75
2x03	Rent	7311.00	5700.00		13011.00
2x04	Subscriptions	95.71		94.99	190.70
2x05	Mobile Phone			772.45	772.45
2x06	Course Fees	218.00	250.00	125.50	593.50
2x07	Stationery	76.15	41.48	766.55	884.18
2x08	Printing and Photocopying	217.88	198.88	86.00	502.76
2x09	Postage	20.00			20.00
2x10	Craft Materials	91.22	13.98	384.00	489.20
2x11	Books	1.99	5.94	200.12	208.05
2x12	Equipment	295.19	814.09	3678.38	4787.66
2x13	Repairs & Renewals	50.00			50.00
2x14	Christmas Party/ Entertainers		6.58	440.00	446.58
2x15	Consumables	1155.21	693.33	1172.06	3020.60
2x16	Auditors Renumeration			140.00	140.00
2x17	Insurance			2000.62	2000.62
2x18	Membership Fees			536.05	536.05
2x19	Bank Charges				0.00
2x20	KCC Inspection Fees				0.00
2x21	Other Staff Costs	91.00	88.99	1945.20	2125.19
2x22	Recruitment Costs			300.00	300.00
2x23	Ex-Gratia Payments				0.00
2x24	Donations by Nursery				0.00
2x25	Promotion of Nursery				0.00
2x26	Ofsted Costs				0.00
2x27	NEST Costs			100.00	100.00
	Float / Adjustment (In year movement)unalloc petty cash			10938.19	10938.19
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>127274.24</b>	<b>75007.87</b>	<b>35789.37</b>	<b>238071.48</b>
	Surplus / (Deficit) before Central Costs	9357.18	46087.33	-33618.68	21825.83
	<b>Allocation of Central Costs</b>				
	Christopher Centre - 90%	-30256.81		-30256.81	
	Community Hall - 10%	-20899.63	42725.46	0.00	21825.83

**SAINT AIDAN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**Registered Charity No:1130169**  
**BALANCE AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

2022		2023	2023
£		£	£
	Fixed Asset:		
892	Investment at cost: Held at Diocese		892
	Current Assets		
46,005	Investments-National Savings	46,005	
9,587	-Held at Diocese	6,595	
1,525	Cash		
60,489	-at Diocese	1,665	
21,752	-on Deposit	87,055	
2,773	-Current Account	10,516	
	Debtors & Prepayments	1,578	
<u>142,131</u>		<u>153,414</u>	
	Current Liabilities		
(33,122)	Sundry Creditor	(30,174)	
<u>109,009</u>			123,240
<u>109,901</u>			<u>124,131</u>
	Net Current Assets		
	Total Net Assets		
			<u>124,131</u>
	Represented by:-		
3,568	General Fund	3,197	
5,252	Designated Stipend fund	732	
	Restricted Funds:		
1,855	Grants	2,141	
6,053	Building Repair Fund	3,062	
46,006	Stipend Fund	46,006	
0	Mothers & Toddlers	0	
47,167	Nursery School	68,993	
0	Development Fund	0	
<u>109,901</u>			<u>124,131</u>



23/2/2024

Hon Treasurer

**ST.AIDANS PCC**  
**Statement of Away Giving**

Charity	Balance 2022	In 2023	Out 2023	Now Due
Demelza House	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ellenor/Lions Foundation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Great Ormond Street	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Blood Runners	0.00	43.00	43.00	0.00
Rhema Trust (Hope Garden)	0.00	18.00	200.00	(182.00)
Food Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sanctuary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Making Memories	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Smartie Lent Appeal	0.00	249.57	249.57	0.00
House of Mercy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Aid	0.00	39.70	39.70	0.00
Street Pastors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poverty & Hope.	0.00	61.00	0.00	61.00
Make a Wish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Urban Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Friends of the Holy Land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cancer Research	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RNLI	0.00	69.65	69.65	0.00
Air Ambulance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diocese of Bo	77.00	154.00	400.00	(169.00)
Bliss	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	77.00	634.92	1,001.92	(290.00)
Accrual	61.00			

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) OF ST AIDAN, GRAVESEND

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' or 'Z' shape with a horizontal line through it.

Mr. Keith Scudder  
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23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024