

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL WOKINGHAM AND ST. NICHOLAS EMMBROOK

England & Wales - Charity number 1130325

Details

Other names ST. PAUL'S PCC WOKINGHAM

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: To promote the whole mission of the church in the community thorough; worship, prayer & contemplation; the provision of pastoral care within the parish and mission and outreach work. Our activities involve all age groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£203,774	£201,659	-	-
2024-12-31	£241,467	£204,817	-	-
2023-12-31	£201,489	£183,335	-	-
2022-12-31	£161,460	£159,290	-	-
2021-12-31	£167,920	£172,830	-	-
2020-12-31	£165,788	£153,771	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Crew		2026-04-26
Christopher Bruce Cipkin		2020-10-19
DAVID RICHARD RUDDOCK		2014-04-01
ELIZABETH ANN GALLAGHER		
FIONA ALBINSON		2015-04-23
Joanna Ledgerwood Brown		2024-04-28
LLEWELLYN JOHN AUSTEN		2012-10-12
MR ANDREW CLARK		2014-04-01
Mary Jean Cassidy		2022-04-25
Nigel Traylor		2026-04-26
PETER BRENDAN WELLS		2014-04-01
PHILIPPA SUTTON		2018-04-24
Rev Sam Christopher Tanna-Korn		2025-09-15
Richard Turner		2024-04-28
STUART CHARLES FAIRHEAD		2022-04-25
SUSAN ELIZABETH DAVENPORT		
Sian Gray		2025-04-27
Stefanie Cetin		2025-04-27
Sunny Pau		2024-04-28
TERESA AUSTEN		2014-04-01
VERNON LAWRENCE RILEY		

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Paul, Wokingham & St Nicholas, Emmbrook



Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2025

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St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook**

Administrative Information

The Parish is part of the Deanery of Sonning and of the Reading Area of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England and is comprised of three churches governed by two separate Church Councils. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham and St Nicholas, Emmbrook is responsible for the ministry and management of the two named churches whilst the third, Woosehill Community Church, is a Local Ecumenical Partnership with its own Church Council and is not, therefore, directly covered in this Annual Report nor in the Financial Statements that follow.

PCC Members

Ex-Officio

Clergy: Rector	Rev Sam Tanna-Korn (from 28 August 2025)
Assistant Priest	Rev Cara Smart (from 28 August 2025)
Permission to Officiate	Rev Judi Hattaway

Church Wardens:	Mr David Ruddock Mr Peter Wells
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Deputy Wardens:	Mrs Mary Cassidy Mrs Pippa Sutton
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Pro-Wardens (S Nicholas):	Mrs Fiona Albinson Mrs Elizabeth Gallagher
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Deanery Synod representatives:	Mr Paul Armitage Mrs Sally Dowling Mr John Sutton (<i>and Deanery Lay Chair</i>) Mr Peter Wells
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Elected Members:

Mr Llewellyn Austen
Mrs Teresa Austen
Mrs Joanna Brown
Mrs Stefanie Cetin
Mr Christopher Cipkin
Mr Andrew Clark
Mrs Susan Davenport
Mr Stuart Fairhead
Ms Sian Gray (appointed January 2025)
Mr Sunny Pau
Mr Vernon Riley
Mrs Pippa Sutton
Mr Richard Turner

<u>Co-opted Member:</u>	Mrs Mary Cassidy (<i>appointed April 2025 for 1 year</i>)
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Administrative Information (continued)

Address: St Paul's Parish Office
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Bank: Barclays Bank plc

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Charity Registration No: 1130325

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2025.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC cooperates with the Rector and Clergy to promote the whole mission of the church in the ecclesiastical Parish: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of St. Paul's Church and churchyard and for one house that it owns in Brook Close, Wokingham.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The PCC has two Approved Governing Documents issued by the Church of England:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended))

Composition of the PCC is fixed by resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Membership is for three years with one third elected in each year. If a member resigns for any reason before their three-year term is complete, the new member elected in that place serves the remainder of the previous member's term only.

In 1990 the Annual Meeting resolved to elect the St. Nicholas' Pro-Wardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC). Resolutions of 1979 and 1988 (ensuring that of the four members elected to Deanery Synod, one should be from St. Nicholas' congregation) were superseded by the 1990 resolution, which contained a similar intention.

The PCC generally meets every other month, with a Standing Committee assembling when necessary to discuss and draw up the agenda for the ensuing PCC meeting. The Standing Committee consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, Pro-Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; it sets the agenda for the PCC meetings and transacts business between those meetings where necessary. In addition to the Standing Committee, there are five PCC committees and a brief outline of the responsibilities of each is given below.

Worship Committee: Assists the Rector in planning services, arranges special musical events and proposes changes where necessary.

Mission Committee (now known as Mustard Seed): Maintains and supports the relationship between St Paul's and the local community, and between the church and those UK and key overseas charities that the Parish supports.

St. Nicholas' Council: Co-ordinates all matters relating to St. Nicholas' Church.

Social Committee: Arranges church social events to which all are welcome.

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Fabric Committee: Co-ordinates all matters relating to the fabric of the building and ensures the work identified in the quinquennial report is carried out.

The PCC works to ensure that each member is fully equipped to fulfil his or her specific role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The focus of the PCC is to promote the whole mission of the church in the community, through worship, prayer and contemplation, the provision of pastoral care within the Parish, and mission and outreach work. St. Paul's is an inclusive and welcoming community of faith, imposing no conditions on those who come through our doors, other than a willingness to be open to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are committed to welcoming as many people as possible to worship at our church, and involve all age groups from senior citizens, parents and young people to toddlers. We are increasingly conscious of and committed to our duty and call when it comes to Safeguarding. We have also made a commitment to set an example of good practice when it comes to addressing Domestic Abuse. Over the last few years much of our focus has been on recovering after the pandemic, which we have done with success and increasing confidence.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Although the beliefs, tenets and practices of Christianity meet the charity law definition of religion and are capable of being advanced for the public benefit, there is no longer a presumption of public benefit for charities whose aims include advancing religion. However, the PCC of St. Paul's actively advances religion for the benefit of the public in general, and of those of the wider Parish in particular, in a variety of ways:

The encouragement and facilitation of practising Christian faith, including:

- the provision and maintenance of the church and the Parish Rooms, (all of which are open to the community at large)
- the celebration of baptisms and marriages, and the conducting of funerals
- maintaining the public churchyard
- the saying of masses and other services open to the public
- the provision and maintenance of religious stained-glass windows within the church
- keeping St. Paul's open during daytime so that all may enter to pray and reflect

Raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices, including:

- promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and scriptures
- providing religious instruction and supervision to all within the Parish, including a range of Uniformed Groups from the area who come to visit the Church or have invited members of the Church along to their meetings
- supporting the local Primary and Secondary schools which provide education concerning Christian principles and practices, thus contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children
- promoting prayer, praise and study through the provision of Lent and Advent courses, and preparation for baptism, confirmation and marriage

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Missionary, outreach and pastoral work, including:

- encouraging and supporting pastoral work
- active participation in local ecumenical projects under the umbrella of Churches Together in Wokingham
- preparing couples for marriage
- visiting the sick
- offering ministry and services to local nursing and care homes
- administering the sacraments to the sick and dying
- providing comfort to the bereaved

Religious communication, including:

- providing Christian sermons, talks, and meetings
- recording and live streaming of regular services and masses, and the distribution of the same to those parishioners unable to attend church
- publishing a weekly email news sheet
- maintaining an active website covering all aspects of parish work

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll

Following a complete revision of the Electoral Roll, at 3rd April 2025 there were 179 parishioners registered on the Roll, a decrease on the previous year; (231 members at 31st March 2024).

Worship and Prayer

A wide range of services is offered throughout the year in order to uphold our aim of promoting the mission of the church in the community and providing spiritually uplifting worship.

Saint Paul's Church

St. Paul's is rooted in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England and offers a variety of styles of worship from the quiet contemplation of Evensong and Benediction to worship within the Parish and family masses. In addition to two or three Sunday services, morning and evening prayer are said during the week. We have been fortunate to be able to continue to live stream our services during the year.

The church has a strong musical tradition with a large choir of adults and children. We are also fortunate to have a committed and lively team of bellringers who ring for major masses, weddings and other special occasions as a way of announcing those services, thus giving glory to God and maintaining a great British tradition.

St. Paul's continues to be committed to building a single community made up of people of all ages and backgrounds. This sense of unity is focused on the way we meet with God together in prayer and worship, in singing and fellowship. Around this, we run groups for different stages of life.

We have a Sunday School which is popular and meets every week in term time. A weekly Coffee & Chat group, a fortnightly men's lunch group, and a walking group are all established. The Mothers Union meets monthly and there is a men's night every other month.

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At the heart of the Church of England is the Parish system – the fact that we exist to welcome all people and to be of service to the community of which we form a part. St. Paul's is open every day for all to enter, whether it be to attend our regular services, to celebrate a wedding or a baptism, to give thanks for the life of a loved one during a funeral, or just to reflect and pray. Festivals, such as those at Christmas and Easter, attract many people to the church who would not normally attend, and these occasions especially enable us to reinforce our commitment of welcome, service and community.

Saint Nicholas' Community Church

St. Nicholas' Community Church is a more informal church offering worship for both the young and not-so-young. A weekly family mass is held in Emmbrook village hall and a house mass is held monthly.

The church also runs social and fundraising events throughout the year and comes together with the congregation of St. Paul's on Mothering Sunday.

In addition to their contribution to, and support of, Parish committees and events the members of the congregation of St Nicholas' make a significant contribution to the life of the village of Emmbrook through their involvement in community groups such as the Townswomen's Guild, Emmbrook Senior Citizens Tea Club, the Link Visiting Scheme, a Christian Aid coffee morning, by supporting the local schools including through Governorship, and by visiting and helping those who are unable to attend church services.

Fellowship Groups

In addition to services at each church fellowship groups continue to meet regularly in person and via Zoom throughout the whole Parish for prayer, bible study, support and worship.

ST. PAUL'S IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Church is an established venue for concerts hosted by local schools, choral and musical societies amongst others. These have included West Forest Sinfonia, Wokingham Choral Society, South Berkshire Singers, and Reading Symphony Orchestra, Emmbrook School, St. Paul's (CE) Junior School and the Holt School.

Built 159 years ago by Mr John Walter III, St. Paul's is Grade II* Listed and in need of regular attention. The Quinquennial Inspection Report has identified a number of important works required to maintain the church in a sound condition, which will be carried out as soon as funds permit. The churchyard continues to be maintained by a dedicated team of parishioners with working parties meeting every other week. During the year the local Community Payback Scheme worked with the team and have made a significant input to the management and maintenance of the churchyard, reinforcing the valuable contribution that this scheme is able to make. Mown access is now available to all parts of the churchyard and the Payback group are starting to maintain and refurbish the graves. New trees and hedging have been planted, unsightly trees removed and existing trees pruned. In addition, there is continuing progress to install accessible paths throughout the churchyard. St Paul's Scouts have installed bird feeders.

The church is open daily for private prayer and contemplation. A display board with post-it notes is kept for visitors to share their thoughts or to make requests for prayers to be said on their behalf, the large number of entries illustrating the wide variety of people who visit.

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During the year the church has maintained its profile in the local community through its contribution to a number of local schemes and initiatives, such as the Wokingham Food Bank and Soulscape and supporting local care homes and nursing homes. Additionally, services continue to be streamed into local care and nursing homes, and for others who are unable to get to Church.

The Parish Rooms are set up as a separate Trust which is managed by the Parish Rooms Trust Committee.

SCHOOLS IN CHURCH

We are delighted to welcome schools and children to St Paul's. They come for special services and concerts. They come to understand more of the way Churches work and look and what happens inside them. They come to learn about Easter and about what it is to live as a Christian. They often pop in on their way from School, to sit quietly or play with the toys.

We are involved with 7 schools locally - The Holt Secondary School, Emmbrook Infants, Emmbrook Juniors, Evendons Primary, Holme Grange School, and our two Church of England Schools- St Cecilia's and St Paul's Juniors. Two other primary schools from further afield also use us as a place to visit and to find out more about the Christian faith and what it looks like when it is lived out. We are involved in a number of ways which vary with the school. They include taking assemblies, supporting the RE curriculum and governance.

We have excellent links with these Schools which means that people from St Paul's are involved in all of them in different ways (for example as Governors, leading assemblies, reading with individual pupils) and St Paul's Church is a place of quality encounter and deepening understanding, both in the context of understanding the place of the Christian faith in British society and encouraging every one of the pupils and staff and parents who come to School events in Church to experience something of holiness and space.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is provided to local care and nursing homes, the sick and the bereaved and those who cannot get to church for whatever reason. Baptism visitors visit those who are considering getting themselves or their children baptised. There are also two groups who meet socially on an occasional basis.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC TRADITION

The church has a very strong music tradition that is supported by a resident choir and organist, and ably led by a professional Director of Music. During the year the choir has continued to sing for all Sunday morning masses, major festivals and for Evensong once a month. It regularly numbers 1 child and 25 adults who work together well, and the PCC thanks all its members for their hard work, support and enthusiasm. Work to recruit more children into the choir has recently started and is showing signs of success.

The year's musical highlights once again included the choir's contribution to our Christmas and Easter services and successful trips to St Paul's Cathedral and Portsmouth Cathedral to sing Choral Evensong. These trips are well supported by members of the congregation who take part in them also.

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

During 2025, £9,405 was raised for our chosen charities: principally United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG), Homestart Wokingham, The Children's Society and Soulscape. Volunteers from the parish have continued to assist with the Foodbank, Soulscape and various other community projects. The PCC of St. Paul's continues to review ways of increasing outreach into the community and to establish additional pastoral links.

A Parish Email has continued to be published weekly which includes information on events and streamed services as well as articles, poems and photos with the aim of keeping everyone in touch as much as possible.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising has continued with further organ recitals to raise funds for the organ and a Sacristy Fund appeal to raise funds for consumables such as candles and communion wine. An Autumn Bazaar was held in early November.

DEANERY SYNOD

The PCC has four lay representatives to Deanery Synod who continue to provide an important link between the Parish and the wider structure of the church. Synod meetings have a recurring theme of Deanery finances and the difficulties faced by many Parishes in paying their Parish share. The adoption of the new Diocesan scheme for calculation of Parish share led to a lively debate, and eventually a decision to adopt the scheme with a 5-year transition period. The Deanery Mission Plan has continued to move forward, focusing on future levels of financial and numerical stability within the Deanery.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Links with other local Churches are very important to St. Paul's and St. Nicholas', both within the Anglican Deanery and with our ecumenical friends. St. Paul's and St. Nicholas' are a member of Churches Together in Wokingham (CTW) a group of about 20 local churches whose objectives are to draw those churches into greater understanding and unity, to enable them to bear a more united witness in the community and serve it more effectively, and to give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time-to-time be found desirable. Participation in CTW events provides an opportunity of sharing faith and reaching out to a wider community.

In 2012 the Parish boundaries were changed to include Woosehill Community Church as a Conventional District with its own Church Council and financial independence. Woosehill is an Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership, and because of this our ecumenical awareness and understanding is now greater, and our relationships with other churches, especially the local Methodist Circuit, even stronger and more important.

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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental part of the life of the Parish. We cannot be the Church unless everyone is safe and protected. Our Safeguarding Team works hard to ensure we follow best practice, create an environment and life which is safe for all and engages with the management of individual cases. Parish members are made aware of safeguarding processes and responsible persons from periodic reminders throughout the year at church services and notices displayed in church.

The PCC continues to follow the procedures in the Child Protection Manual. A review of the Safeguarding Policy is carried out annually in May each year which is agreed by PCC and signed and displayed in our buildings.

VOLUNTEERS

The community of St. Paul's and St. Nicholas continues to be blessed with many volunteers and the PCC thanks all who give their time and talents so willingly. In addition, and as a part of our regular outreach into the local community, we have continued to support a number of local charities with both resources and volunteers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A modest surplus of £2,115 was achieved in 2025: unrestricted funds, which are used for the day-to-day administration of the parish, recorded a small deficit of £1,392 whilst restricted funds generated a surplus of £3,507.

Across the General Fund planned giving, collections, donations and income tax recoverable were appreciably less than in the previous year, one which reflected active fundraising as well as some significant donations. The resulting income in 2025 was £182,750. Close monitoring and control of expenditure continued through the year and, with the benefit of a reduction in Parish Share occasioned during the vacancy, fell marginally to £184,142.

Activity within the Restricted Funds reflected a number of factors including fund-raising for church restoration, organ refurbishment and the new Sacristy Fund. Against this was substantial expenditure incurred on internal repairs to the church roof, improvements to the sound system and major work on the organ.

Total parish funds at the year-end stood at £563,916, of which £193,288 was restricted and £370,628 unrestricted. The bulk of the unrestricted funds (£240,000) is represented by the house provided for the Assistant Curate.

As in previous years sufficient reserves are maintained in current account funds which, at the present time, are equivalent to some six months' expenditure, a figure considered appropriate for the immediate future.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Paul, Wokingham with St
Nicholas, Emmbrook**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook, (the Charity), for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

Responsibilities and Basis of 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 2011 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.

Jason Searancke CA ANZ
90 London Road
Wokingham
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17th March 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestrict ed Fund	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	152,608	8,997	161,605	194,284
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	16,484	572	17,056	19,240
Other trading activities	2(c)	8,976	4,400	13,376	10,386
Investments	2(d)	4,657	7,055	11,712	12,689
Other income	2(e)	25	-	25	4,868
Total income		182,750	21,024	203,774	241,467
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	1,285	1,212	2,497	1,857
Charitable activities	3(b)	182,380	16,305	198,685	202,266
Other expenditure	3(c)	477	-	477	694
Total resources expended		184,142	17,517	201,659	204,817
Net income/(expenditure) before fund		(1,392)	3,507	2,115	36,650
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,392)	3,507	2,115	36,650
Total funds brought forward 1 January		372,020	189,781	561,801	525,151
Total funds carried forward 31 December		£ 370,628	£ 193,288	£ 563,916	£ 561,801

The notes on pages 15-20 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6	240,000	-	240,000	240,000
Total fixed assets		240,000	-	240,000	240,000
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	7	380	-	380	1,234
Short term deposits		110,336	179,679	290,015	276,594
Cash at bank and in hand		21,744	13,609	35,353	48,132
Total current assets		132,460	193,288	325,748	325,960
Creditors and Accruals	8	1,832	-	1,832	4,159
Net current assets		130,628	193,288	323,916	321,801
Total assets less current liabilities		370,628	193,288	563,916	561,801
NET ASSETS		£ 370,628	£ 193,288	£ 563,916	£ 561,801
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted Fund	9			370,628	372,020
Restricted Funds	9			193,288	189,781
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 563,916	£ 561,801

Approved by the PCC on 16th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev Sam Tanna-Korn

Mr Llewellyn Austen

The notes on pages 15-20 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds that may be designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 10.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by bazaars, fêtes, garden parties and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2,500 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual fixtures, fittings and office equipment with a purchase price of £2,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Assets with an individual purchase price of over £2,500 and a life in excess of one year are depreciated on a straight-line basis as follows:

Heating system - 10 years

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment - 4 years

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove un-collectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at Barclays Bank.

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Note 2 Analysis of Income

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
2(a) Donations and Legacies	Planned giving	103,385	20	103,405	104,250
	Income tax recoverable	23,223	619	23,842	31,260
	Collections	2,913	-	2,913	4,530
	Grants	1,980	2,097	4,077	3,215
	Donations, appeals, etc.	21,107	6,261	27,368	51,029
	Total		152,608	8,997	161,605
2(b) Income from charitable	Fees	16,484	572	17,056	19,240
	Total	16,484	572	17,056	19,240
2(c) Other trading activities	Fund-raising, bazaars etc.	5,101	4,400	9,501	10,386
	Hire of church	3,875	-	3,875	-
	Total	8,976	4,400	13,376	10,386
2(d) Investments	Interest	4,657	7,055	11,712	12,689
	Total	4,657	7,055	11,712	12,689
2(e) Other income	Other ordinary income	25	-	25	220
	Insurance claims	-	-	-	4,648
	Total	25	-	25	4,868
TOTAL INCOME		£ 182,750	£ 21,024	£ 203,774	£ 241,467

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Note 3 Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
Analysis		£	£	£	£
3(a) Raising funds	Bazaar & fundraising costs	1,285	1,212	2,497	1,857
	Total	1,285	1,212	2,497	1,857
3(b) Charitable activities	Missionary and charitable giving	9,405	-	9,405	6,700
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	85,281	-	85,281	80,623
	Wedding, funeral and other fee:	8,014	160	8,174	9,987
	Other ministry costs	18,807	333	19,140	12,070
	Church running and maintenance	23,385	12,549	35,934	31,561
	Churchyard upkeep	239	103	341	18,447
	Hall hire	1,656	-	1,656	1,678
	Organist/music director	16,425	200	16,625	14,980
	Upkeep of services	2,129	2,960	5,088	9,027
	Printing and stationery	2,409	-	2,409	2,284
	Office equipment rental	1,070	-	1,070	1,070
	Administrative support	13,560	-	13,560	13,531
	Depreciation	-	-	-	308
	Total	182,380	16,305	198,685	202,266
3(c) Other expenditure	Governance and data protection	230	-	230	232
	Bank charges	247	-	247	462
	Total	477	-	477	694
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 184,142	£ 17,517	£ 201,659	£ 204,817

Note 4

4(a) Trustee expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses of £7,491 were reimbursed to 9 PCC members (including clergy) during the year; (2024: £8,514 by 9 members).

4(b) Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

No independent examiner's fee was charged for reporting on the accounts; (2024: nil).

Note 5 Staff costs

The PCC has no employees.

During the year payments of £16,625 were made to the Director of Music and church organists; (2024: £14,980).

A payment of £13,560 was made to St Paul's Parish Room Trust for administrative support; (2024: £13,531).

Members of the PCC are also Trustees of the St Paul's Parish Room Trust

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Note 6 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Fund			Restricted Funds	All Funds
	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total Unrestricted Fund	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January 2025	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Additions during year (none)	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 December 2025	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance brought forward 1 January 2025	-	9,036	9,036	33,177	42,213
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 December 2025	-	9,036	9,036	33,177	42,213
Net book value					
Brought forward 1 January 2025	240,000	-	240,000	-	240,000
Carried forward 31 December 2025	£ 240,000	£ -	£ 240,000	£ -	£ 240,000

The freehold land and buildings comprise the community priest's house at 13 Brook Close, Wokingham.

The title to the property is held on trust for the benefit of the PCC by Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd.

As the prime purpose of the property is to provide accommodation for clergy it is not treated as an investment asset.

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
Prepayments	-	-	-	374
Accounts receivable	380	-	380	860
Total	£ 380	£ -	£ 380	£ 1,234

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>				
Accruals & deferred income	270	-	270	167
Accounts payable	1,562	-	1,562	3,992
Total	£ 1,832	£ -	£ 1,832	£ 4,159

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Note 9

	Balance at 1st January 2025	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers between Funds	Balance at 31st December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General	372,020	182,750	(184,142)		370,628
	£ 372,020	£ 182,750	£ (184,142)	£ -	£ 370,628
Restricted Funds					
Restoration	78,196	5,382	(5,715)		77,863
Lighting	79,433	3,414	-		82,847
Lucky Numbers	6,987	2,463	(1,210)		8,240
Bell	3,737	352	(160)		3,929
Churchyard	3,166	1,535	(103)		4,598
Ordinand	3,062	228	-		3,290
Organ	10,632	4,724	(6,835)		8,521
Footsteps Group	434	-	(333)		101
Sacristy	-	2,400	(2,308)		92
St Paul's Music and Choir	1,632	403	(853)		1,182
St Nicholas Music	2,502	123	-		2,625
	£ 189,781	£ 21,024	£ (17,517)	£ -	£ 193,288
Total Funds	£ 561,801	£ 203,774	£ (201,659)	£ -	£ 563,916

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restoration	Major repairs to fabric of St Paul's (excluding routine maintenance)
Lighting	Major works to lighting within St Paul's church
Lucky Numbers	Established to raise money for restoration purposes
Bell	Maintenance of the bells and related items
Churchyard	Maintenance and improvement of St Paul's churchyard
Ordinand	For the support of an Ordinand
Organ	For the restoration of and upgrade to the church organ
Footsteps Group	Support for the church youth groups
Sacristy	To enable fund raising in order to purchase consumable items for sacristy
St Paul's Music and Choir	To support the music tradition within St Paul's Church
St Nicholas Music	To maintain and enhance the quality of music at St Nicholas Church

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Administrative Information

The Parish is part of the Deanery of Sonning and of the Reading Area of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England and is comprised of three churches governed by two separate Church Councils. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham and St Nicholas, Emmbrook is responsible for the ministry and management of the two named churches whilst the third, Woosehill Community Church, is a Local Ecumenical Partnership with its own Church Council and is not, therefore, directly covered in this Annual Report nor in the Financial Statements that follow.

PCC Members

Ex-Officio

Clergy: Rector	Rev Canon Richard Lamey (until July 2024)
Assistant Curate	Rev Cara Smart
Permission to Officiate	Rev Judi Hattaway

Church Wardens:	Mr David Ruddock Mr Peter Wells
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Deputy Wardens:	Mrs Mary Cassidy Mrs Pippa Sutton
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Pro-Wardens (S Nicholas):	Mrs Fiona Albinson Mrs Elizabeth Gallagher
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Deanery Synod representatives:	Mr Paul Armitage Mrs Sally Dowling Mr John Sutton (<i>and Deanery Lay Chair</i>) Mr Peter Wells
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Elected Members:

Mr Llewellyn Austen
Mrs Teresa Austen
Mrs Joanna Brown
Mrs Stefanie Cetin
Mr Christopher Cipkin
Mr Andrew Clark
Mrs Susan Davenport
Mr Tony Eggleston
Mr Stuart Fairhead
Ms Sian Gray (appointed January 2025)
Mr Sunny Pau
Mr Vernon Riley
Mrs Pippa Sutton
Mr Richard Turner

Co-opted Members:

Mrs Rhoda Hart (*appointed April 2024 for 1 year*)
Mrs Mary Cassidy (*appointed April 2024 for 1 year*)

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Administrative Information (continued)

Address:	St Paul's Parish Office Reading Road Wokingham RG41 1EH
Bank:	Barclays Bank plc
Independent Examiner:	Jason Searancke CA ANZ 90 London Road Wokingham RG40 1YF
Charity Registration No:	1130325

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Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2024.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC cooperates with the Rector and Clergy to promote the whole mission of the church in the ecclesiastical Parish: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of St. Paul's Church and churchyard and for one house that it owns in Brook Close, Wokingham.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The PCC has two Approved Governing Documents issued by the Church of England:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended))

Composition of the PCC is fixed by resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Membership is for three years with one third elected in each year. If a member resigns for any reason before their three-year term is complete, the new member elected in that place serves the remainder of the previous member's term only.

In 1990 the Annual Meeting resolved to elect the St. Nicholas' Pro-Wardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC). Resolutions of 1979 and 1988 (ensuring that of the four members elected to Deanery Synod, one should be from St. Nicholas' congregation) were superseded by the 1990 resolution, which contained a similar intention.

The PCC generally meets every other month, with a Standing Committee assembling when necessary to discuss and draw up the agenda for the ensuing PCC meeting. The Standing Committee consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, Pro-Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; it sets the agenda for the PCC meetings and transacts business between those meetings where necessary. In addition to the Standing Committee, there are five Parish sub-committees and a brief outline of the responsibilities of each is given below.

Worship Committee: Assists the Rector in planning services, arranges special musical events and proposes changes where necessary.

Mission Committee (now known as Mustard Seed): Maintains and supports the relationship between St Paul's and the local community, and between the church and those UK and key overseas charities that the Parish supports.

St. Nicholas' Council: Co-ordinates all matters relating to St. Nicholas' Church.

Social Committee: Arranges church social events to which all are welcome.

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Fabric Committee: Co-ordinates all matters relating to the fabric of the building and ensures the work identified in the quinquennial report is carried out.

The PCC works to ensure that each member is fully equipped to fulfil his or her specific role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The focus of the PCC is to promote the whole mission of the church in the community, through worship, prayer and contemplation, the provision of pastoral care within the Parish, and mission and outreach work. St. Paul's is an inclusive and welcoming community of faith, imposing no conditions on those who come through our doors, other than a willingness to be open to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are committed to welcoming as many people as possible to worship at our church, and involve all age groups from senior citizens, parents and young people to toddlers. We are increasingly conscious of and committed to our duty and call when it comes to Safeguarding. We have also made a commitment to set an example of good practice when it comes to addressing Domestic Abuse. Over the last few years much of our focus has been on recovering after the pandemic, which we have done with success and increasing confidence.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Although the beliefs, tenets and practices of Christianity meet the charity law definition of religion and are capable of being advanced for the public benefit, there is no longer a presumption of public benefit for charities whose aims include advancing religion. However, the PCC of St. Paul's actively advances religion for the benefit of the public in general, and of those of the wider Parish in particular, in a variety of ways:

The encouragement and facilitation of practising Christian faith, including:

- the provision and maintenance of the church and the Parish Rooms, (all of which are open to the community at large)
- the celebration of baptisms and marriages, and the conducting of funerals
- maintaining the public churchyard
- the saying of masses and other services open to the public
- the provision and maintenance of religious stained-glass windows within the church
- keeping St. Paul's open during daytime so that all may enter to pray and reflect

Raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices, including:

- promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and scriptures
- providing religious instruction and supervision to all within the Parish, including a range of Uniformed Groups from the area who come to visit the Church or have invited members of the Church along to their meetings
- supporting the local Primary and Secondary schools which provide education concerning Christian principles and practices, thus contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children
- promoting prayer, praise and study through the provision of Lent and Advent courses, and preparation for baptism, confirmation and marriage

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Missionary, outreach and pastoral work, including:

- encouraging and supporting pastoral work
- active participation in local ecumenical projects under the umbrella of Churches Together in Wokingham, such as the Wokingham Food Bank, Grub Club and the Town Night Shelter
- preparing couples for marriage
- visiting the sick
- offering ministry and services to local nursing and care homes
- administering the sacraments to the sick and dying
- providing comfort to the bereaved

Religious communication, including:

- providing Christian sermons, talks, and meetings
- recording and live streaming of regular services and masses, and the distribution of the same to those parishioners unable to attend church
- publishing a weekly email news sheet
- maintaining an active website covering all aspects of parish work

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll

At 31st March 2024 there were 231 parishioners registered on the Roll, an increase on the previous year; (227 members at 26th March 2023).

Worship and Prayer

A wide range of services is offered throughout the year in order to uphold our aim of promoting the mission of the church in the community and providing spiritually uplifting worship.

Saint Paul's Church

St. Paul's is rooted in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England and offers a variety of styles of worship from the quiet contemplation of Evensong and Benediction to worship within the Parish and family masses. In addition to two or three Sunday services, morning prayer is said during the week as well as one weekday house mass per month. We have been fortunate to be able to continue to live stream our services during the year.

The church has a strong musical tradition with a large choir of adults and children. We are also fortunate to have a committed and lively team of bellringers who ring for major masses, weddings and other special occasions as a way of announcing those services, thus giving glory to God and maintaining a great British tradition.

St. Paul's continues to be committed to building a single community made up of people of all ages and backgrounds. This sense of unity is focused on the way we meet with God together in prayer and worship, in singing and fellowship. Around this, we run groups for different stages of life.

We have a Sunday School which is popular and meets every week in term time. A weekly Coffee & Chat group, a fortnightly men's lunch group, and a walking group are all established. The Mothers Union meets monthly and there is a men's night every other month.

At the heart of the Church of England is the Parish system – the fact that we exist to welcome all people and to be of service to the community of which we form a part. St. Paul's is open

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every day for all to enter, whether it be to attend our regular services, to celebrate a wedding or a baptism, to give thanks for the life of a loved one during a funeral, or just to reflect and pray. Festivals, such as those at Christmas and Easter, attract many people to the church who would not normally attend, and these occasions especially enable us to reinforce our commitment of welcome, service and community.

Saint Nicholas' Community Church

St. Nicholas' Community Church is a more informal church offering worship for both the young and not-so-young. A weekly family mass is held in Emmbrook village hall.

The church also runs social and fundraising events throughout the year and comes together with the congregation of St. Paul's on Mothering Sunday.

In addition to their contribution to, and support of, Parish committees and events the members of the congregation of St Nicholas' make a significant contribution to the life of the village of Emmbrook through their involvement in community groups such as the Townswomen's Guild, Emmbrook Senior Citizens Tea Club, the Link Visiting Scheme, a Christian Aid coffee morning, by supporting the local schools including through Governorship, and by visiting and helping those who are unable to attend church services.

Fellowship Groups

In addition to services at each church fellowship groups continue to meet regularly in person and via Zoom throughout the whole Parish for prayer, bible study, support and worship.

ST. PAUL'S IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Church is an established venue for concerts hosted by local schools, choral and musical societies amongst others. These have included West Forest Sinfonia, Wokingham Choral Society, South Berkshire Singers, and Reading Symphony Orchestra, Emmbrook School, St. Paul's (CE) Junior School and the Holt School.

Built 159 years ago by Mr John Walter III, St. Paul's is Grade II* Listed and in need of regular attention. The Quinquennial Inspection Report has identified a number of important works required to maintain the church in a sound condition, which will be carried out as soon as funds permit. The churchyard continues to be maintained by a dedicated team of parishioners with working parties meeting every other week. During the year the local Community Payback Scheme worked with the team and have made a significant input to the management and maintenance of the churchyard, reinforcing the valuable contribution that this scheme is able to make. Mown access is now available to all parts of the churchyard and the Payback group are starting to maintain and refurbish the graves. New trees and hedging have been planted, unsightly trees removed and existing trees pruned. In addition, there is continuing progress to install accessible paths throughout the churchyard. St Paul's Scouts have installed bird feeders.

The church is open daily for private prayer and contemplation. A display board with post-it notes is kept for visitors to share their thoughts or to make requests for prayers to be said on their behalf, the large number of entries illustrating the wide variety of people who visit.

During the year the church has maintained its profile in the local community through its contribution to a number of local schemes and initiatives, such as the Wokingham Food Bank

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and supporting local care homes and nursing homes. Additionally, services continue to be streamed into local care and nursing homes, and for others who are unable to get to Church.

SCHOOLS IN CHURCH

We are delighted to welcome schools and children to St Paul's. They come for special services and concerts. They come to understand more of the way Churches work and look and what happens inside them. They come to learn about Easter and about what it is to live as a Christian. They often pop in on their way from School, to sit quietly or play with the toys.

We are involved with 7 schools locally - The Holt Secondary School, Emmbrook Infants, Emmbrook Juniors, Evendons Primary, Holme Grange School, and our two Church of England Schools- St Cecilia's and St Paul's Juniors. Two other primary schools from further afield also use us as a place to visit and to find out more about the Christian faith and what it looks like when it is lived out. We are involved in a number of ways which vary with the school. They include taking assemblies, supporting the RE curriculum and governance.

We have excellent links with these Schools which means that people from St Paul's are involved in all of them in different ways (for example as Governors, leading assemblies, reading with individual pupils) and St Paul's Church is a place of quality encounter and deepening understanding, both in the context of understanding the place of the Christian faith in British society and encouraging every one of the pupils and staff and parents who come to School events in Church to experience something of holiness and space.

PASTORAL CARE

In 2019, a pastoral care scheme was introduced called Tithings whereby those who wish to be involved are allocated to a group, often geographical or by common interest, which then meets three or four times per year and also provides pastoral oversight of those in the group between meetings. Around 70 members of the congregation have been involved in these groups. These groups have continued to meet up in person or on Zoom. There is also a Pastoral Care Team who visit those who cannot get to church for whatever reason.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC TRADITION

The church has a very strong music tradition that is supported by a resident choir and organist, and ably led by a professional Director of Music. During the year the choir has continued to sing for all Sunday morning masses, major festivals and for Evensong once a month. It regularly numbers 5 children and 28 adults who work together well, and the PCC thanks all its members for their hard work, support and enthusiasm.

The year's musical highlights once again included the choir's contribution to our Christmas services and successful trips to Bristol Cathedral and Southwark Cathedral to sing Choral Evensong.

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

During 2024, £6,700 was raised for our chosen charities: principally United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG), Homestart Wokingham, The Children's Society and Soulscape. Volunteers from the parish have continued to assist with the Foodbank and various community projects. The PCC of St. Paul's continues to review ways of increasing outreach into the community and to establish additional pastoral links.

A Parish Email, established during the Pandemic, has continued to be published weekly which includes information on events and streamed services as well as articles, poems and photos with the aim of keeping everyone in touch as much as possible.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising continued with the culmination of a series of organ recitals to raise funds to restore the pedal action of the organ and a sponsorship appeal and 'Songs of Praise' event to raise funds to purchase new hymnbooks. An Autumn Bazaar was held in early November.

DEANERY SYNOD

The PCC has four lay representatives to Deanery Synod who continue to provide an important link between the Parish and the wider structure of the church. Synod meetings have a recurring theme of Deanery finances and the difficulties faced by many Parishes in paying their Parish share. The adoption of the new Diocesan scheme for calculation of Parish share led to a lively debate, and eventually a decision to adopt the scheme with a 5-year transition period. The Deanery Mission Plan has continued to move forward, focusing on future levels of financial and numerical stability within the Deanery.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Links with other local Churches are very important to St. Paul's and St. Nicholas', both within the Anglican Deanery and with our ecumenical friends. St. Paul's and St. Nicholas' are a member of Churches Together in Wokingham (CTW) a group of about 20 local churches whose objectives are to draw those churches into greater understanding and unity, to enable them to bear a more united witness in the community and serve it more effectively, and to give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time-to-time be found desirable. Participation in CTW events provides an opportunity of sharing faith and reaching out to a wider community.

In 2012 the Parish boundaries were changed to include Woosehill Community Church as a Conventional District with its own Church Council and financial independence. Woosehill is an Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership, and because of this our ecumenical awareness and understanding is now greater, and our relationships with other churches, especially the local Methodist Circuit, even stronger and more important.

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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental part of the life of the Parish. We cannot be the Church unless everyone is safe and protected. Our Safeguarding Team works hard to ensure we follow best practice, create an environment and life which is safe for all and engages with the management of individual cases. Parish members are made aware of safeguarding processes and responsible persons from periodic reminders throughout the year at church services and notices displayed in church.

The PCC continues to follow the procedures in the Child Protection Manual. A review of the Safeguarding Policy is carried out annually in May each year which is agreed by PCC and signed and displayed in our buildings.

VOLUNTEERS

The community of St. Paul's and St. Nicholas continues to be blessed with many volunteers and the PCC thanks all who give their time and talents so willingly. In addition, and as a part of our regular outreach into the local community, we have continued to support a number of local charities with both resources and volunteers, including the Wokingham Food Bank project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

An exceptional surplus of £36,650 was made during the year principally through successful fundraising efforts. Unrestricted funds, which are used for the day-to-day administration of the parish, made up £19,608 of this figure whilst restricted funds generated a surplus of £17,042.

Planned giving, collections, donations and income tax recoverable were substantially higher than in the previous year, supported by active fundraising as well as an increase in deposit account interest. Against this, and despite continuing cost controls, the expenses of running the church rose by over £17,600. Once again, the largest item of expenditure was Parish Share which this year amounted to £80,623.

Activity across the Restricted Funds reflected a number of factors including higher interest income together with some generous donations for church restoration work, music and choir resources and churchyard maintenance, the latter focussed on funding the very substantial costs of felling an elderly cedar tree in the churchyard.

Total parish funds at the year-end stood at £561,801, of which £189,781 was restricted and £372,020 unrestricted. The bulk of the unrestricted funds (£240,000) is represented by the house provided for the Assistant Curate.

As in previous years sufficient reserves are maintained in current account funds which, at the present time, are equivalent to some six months' expenditure, a figure considered appropriate given the very real likelihood of higher costs in 2025 and beyond.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook, (the Charity), for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

Responsibilities and Basis of 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").

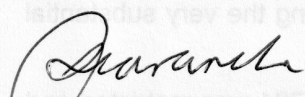
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



Jason Searancke CA ANZ
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18th March 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	177,663	16,621	194,284	163,415
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	18,360	880	19,240	14,759
Other trading activities	2(c)	4,491	5,895	10,386	8,936
Investments	2(d)	4,797	7,892	12,689	9,879
Other income	2(e)	1,770	3,098	4,868	4,500
Total income		207,081	34,386	241,467	201,489
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	693	1,164	1,857	1,990
Charitable activities	3(b)	185,972	16,294	202,266	180,716
Other expenditure	3(c)	694	-	694	629
Total resources expended		187,359	17,458	204,817	183,335
Net income before fund transfers		19,722	16,928	36,650	18,154
Transfers between funds		(114)	114	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		19,608	17,042	36,650	18,154
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2024		352,412	172,739	525,151	506,997
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2024		£ 372,020	£ 189,781	£ 561,801	£ 525,151

The notes on pages 15-20 form part of these accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6	240,000	-	240,000	240,308
Total fixed assets		240,000	-	240,000	240,308
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	7	1,234	-	1,234	8,894
Short term deposits		105,679	170,915	276,594	223,415
Cash at bank and in hand		29,266	18,866	48,132	55,696
Total current assets		136,179	189,781	325,960	288,005
Creditors and Accruals	8	4,159	-	4,159	3,162
Net current assets		132,020	189,781	321,801	284,843
Total assets less current liabilities		372,020	189,781	561,801	525,151
NET ASSETS		£ 372,020	£ 189,781	£ 561,801	£ 525,151

Parish Funds

Unrestricted Fund	9	372,020	352,412
Restricted Funds	9	189,781	172,739
TOTAL FUNDS		£ 561,801	£ 525,151

Approved by the PCC on 17th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Peter Wells

Mr Llewellyn Austen

The notes on pages 15-20 form part of these accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Note 1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds that may be designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 10.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by bazaars, fêtes, garden parties and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2,500 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual fixtures, fittings and office equipment with a purchase price of £2,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Assets with an individual purchase price of over £2,500 and a life in excess of one year are depreciated on a straight-line basis as follows:

Heating system - 10 years

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment - 4 years

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove un-collectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at Barclays Bank.

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Note 2 Analysis of Income

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
2(a) Donations and Legacies	Planned giving	104,250	-	104,250	94,465
	Income tax recoverable	30,238	1,022	31,260	25,578
	Collections	4,530	-	4,530	3,689
	Grants	1,715	1,500	3,215	3,198
	Donations, appeals, etc.	36,930	14,099	51,029	36,485
	Total	177,663	16,621	194,284	163,415
2(b) Income from charitable	Fees	18,360	880	19,240	14,759
	Total	18,360	880	19,240	14,759
2(c) Other trading activities	Fund-raising, bazaars etc.	4,491	5,895	10,386	8,936
	Total	4,491	5,895	10,386	8,936
2(d) Investments	Interest	4,797	7,892	12,689	9,879
	Total	4,797	7,892	12,689	9,879
2(e) Other income	Other ordinary income	200	20	220	4,500
	Insurance claims	1,570	3,078	4,648	-
	Total	1,770	3,098	4,868	4,500
TOTAL INCOME		£ 207,081	£ 34,386	£ 241,467	£ 201,489

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 3 Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
Analysis		£	£	£	£
3(a) Raising funds	Bazaar & fundraising costs	693	1,164	1,857	1,990
	Total	693	1,164	1,857	1,990
3(b) Charitable activities	Missionary and charitable giving	6,700	-	6,700	10,532
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	80,623	-	80,623	80,770
	Wedding, funeral and other fees	9,187	800	9,987	5,226
	Other ministry costs	12,070	-	12,070	10,734
	Church running and maintenance	27,320	4,241	31,561	21,364
	Churchyard upkeep	7,336	11,111	18,447	17,568
	Hall hire	1,678	-	1,678	1,520
	Organist/music director	14,980	-	14,980	11,955
	Upkeep of services	8,885	142	9,027	4,882
	Printing and stationery	2,284	-	2,284	1,900
	Office equipment rental	1,070	-	1,070	1,070
	Administrative support	13,531	-	13,531	12,667
	Depreciation	308	-	308	528
	Total	185,972	16,294	202,266	180,716
3(c) Other expenditure	Governance and data protection	232	-	232	243
	Bank charges	462	-	462	386
	Total	694	-	694	629
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 187,359	£ 17,458	£ 204,817	£ 183,335

Note 4

4(a) Trustee expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses of £8,514 were reimbursed to 9 PCC members (including clergy) during the year; (2023: £7,131 by 10 members).

4(b) Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

No independent examiner's fee was charged for reporting on the accounts; (2023: nil).

Note 5 Staff costs

The PCC has no employees.

During the year payments of £14,980 were made to the Director of Music and church organists; (2023: £11,955).

A payment of £13,531 was made to St Paul's Parish Room Trust for administrative support; (2023: £12,667).

Members of the PCC are also Trustees of the St Paul's Parish Room Trust

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 6 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Fund			Restricted Funds	All Funds
	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total Unrestricted Fund	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January 2024	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Additions during year (none)	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 December 2024	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance brought forward 1 January 2024	-	8,728	8,728	33,177	41,905
Depreciation charge for year	-	308	308	-	308
Balance carried forward 31 December 2024	-	9,036	9,036	33,177	42,213
Net book value					
Brought forward 1 January 2024	240,000	308	240,308	-	240,308
Carried forward 31 December 2024	£ 240,000	£ -	£ 240,000	£ -	£ 240,000

The freehold land and buildings comprise the community priest's house at 13 Brook Close, Wokingham. The title to the property is held on trust for the benefit of the PCC by Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. As the prime purpose of the property is to provide accommodation for clergy it is not treated as an investment asset.

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
Prepayments	374	-	374	439
Accounts receivable	860	-	860	8,455
Total	£ 1,234	£ -	£ 1,234	£ 8,894

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>				
Accruals & deferred income	167	-	167	83
Accounts payable	3,992	-	3,992	3,079
Total	£ 4,159	£ -	£ 4,159	£ 3,162

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Note 9

	Balance at 1st January 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers between Funds	Balance at 31st December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General	352,412	207,081	(187,359)	(114)	372,020
	£ 352,412	£ 207,081	£ (187,359)	£ (114)	£ 372,020
Restricted Funds					
Restoration	76,079	5,751	(3,634)		78,196
Lighting	75,603	3,830	-		79,433
Lucky Numbers	5,554	2,548	(1,115)		6,987
Bell	3,657	880	(800)		3,737
Churchyard	2,235	12,042	(11,111)		3,166
Ordinand	2,853	209	-		3,062
Organ	1,671	8,976	(15)		10,632
Footsteps Group	434	-	-		434
St Paul's Music and Choir	2,252	21	(641)		1,632
St Nicholas Music	2,379	123	-		2,502
St Nicholas Development	22	6	(142)	114	-
	£ 172,739	£ 34,386	£ (17,458)	£ 114	£ 189,781
Total Funds	£ 525,151	£ 241,467	£ (204,817)	£ -	£ 561,801

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restoration	Major repairs to fabric of St Paul's (excluding routine maintenance)
Lighting	Major works to lighting within St Paul's church
Lucky Numbers	Established to raise money for restoration purposes
Bell	Maintenance of the bells and related items
Churchyard	Maintenance and improvement of St Paul's churchyard
Ordinand	For the support of an Ordinand
Organ	For the restoration of and upgrade to the church organ
Footsteps Group	Support for the church youth groups
St Paul's Music and Choir	To support the music tradition within St Paul's Church
St Nicholas Music	To maintain and enhance the quality of music at St Nicholas Church
St Nicholas Development	For the pastoral development of St Nicholas church

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Administrative Information

The Parish is part of the Deanery of Sonning and of the Reading Area of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England and is comprised of three churches governed by two separate Church Councils. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham and St Nicholas, Emmbrook is responsible for the ministry and management of the two named churches whilst the third, Woosehill Community Church, is a Local Ecumenical Partnership with its own Church Council and is not, therefore, directly covered in this Annual Report nor in the Financial Statements that follow.

PCC Members

Ex-Officio

Clergy: Rector	Rev Canon Richard Lamey (Chairman)
Assistant Curate	Rev Cara Smart
Permission to Officiate	Rev Canon John Edwards
	Rev Judi Hattaway
	Rev Jane Kraft

Church Wardens:	Mr David Ruddock
	Mr Peter Wells

Deputy Wardens:	Mrs Mary Cassidy
	Mrs Pippa Sutton

Pro-Wardens (S Nicholas):	Mrs Fiona Albinson
	Mrs Elizabeth Gallagher

Deanery Synod representatives:	Mr Paul Armitage
	Mr John Sutton (<i>and Deanery Lay Chair</i>)
	Mr Peter Wells

Elected Members:

Mrs Susanna Allen
Mr Llewellyn Austen
Mrs Teresa Austen
Mrs Stefanie Cetin
Mr Christopher Cipkin
Mr Andrew Clark
Mrs Susan Davenport
Mrs Sally Dowling
Mr Stuart Fairhead
Mr Alan Harrison
Mr Sunny Pau (from May 2023)
Mr Vernon Riley
Mrs Pippa Sutton

Co-opted Members:

Mrs Rhoda Hart (*appointed July 2023 for 1 year*)
Mrs Mary Cassidy (*appointed July 2023 for 1 year*)

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Administrative Information (continued)

Address: St Paul's Parish Office
Reading Road
Wokingham
RG41 1EH

Bank: Barclays Bank plc
31 Market Place
Wokingham
RG40 1AR

Independent Examiner: Jason Searancke CA ANZ
90 London Road
Wokingham RG40 1YF

Charity Registration No: 1130325

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2023.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC cooperates with the Rector and Clergy to promote the whole mission of the church in the ecclesiastical Parish: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of St. Paul's Church and churchyard and for one house that it owns in Brook Close, Wokingham.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The PCC has two Approved Governing Documents issued by the Church of England:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended))

Composition of the PCC is fixed by resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Membership is for three years with one third elected in each year. If a member resigns for any reason before their three-year term is complete, the new member elected in that place serves the remainder of the previous member's term only.

In 1990 the Annual Meeting resolved to elect the St. Nicholas' Pro-Wardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC). Resolutions of 1979 and 1988 (ensuring that of the four members elected to Deanery Synod, one should be from St. Nicholas' congregation) were superseded by the 1990 resolution, which contained a similar intention.

The PCC generally meets every other month, with a Standing Committee assembling when necessary to discuss and draw up the agenda for the ensuing PCC meeting. The Standing Committee consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, Pro-Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; it sets the agenda for the PCC meetings and transacts business between those meetings where necessary. In addition to the Standing Committee, there are five Parish sub-committees and a brief outline of the responsibilities of each is given below.

Worship Committee: Assists the Rector in planning services, arranges special musical events and proposes changes where necessary.

Mission Committee (now known as Mustard Seed): Maintains and supports the relationship between St Paul's and the local community, and between the church and those UK and key overseas charities that the Parish supports.

St. Nicholas' Council: Co-ordinates all matters relating to St. Nicholas' Church.

Social Committee: Arranges church social events to which all are welcome.

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Fabric Committee: Co-ordinates all matters relating to the fabric of the building and ensures the work identified in the quinquennial report is carried out.

The PCC works to ensure that each member is fully equipped to fulfil his or her specific role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The focus of the PCC is to promote the whole mission of the church in the community, through worship, prayer and contemplation, the provision of pastoral care within the Parish, and mission and outreach work. St. Paul's is an inclusive and welcoming community of faith, imposing no conditions on those who come through our doors, other than a willingness to be open to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are committed to welcoming as many people as possible to worship at our church, and involve all age groups from senior citizens, parents and young people to toddlers. We are increasingly conscious of and committed to our duty and call when it comes to Safeguarding. We have also made a commitment to set an example of good practice when it comes to addressing Domestic Abuse. Over the last few years much of our focus has been on recovering after the pandemic, which we have done with success and increasing confidence.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Although the beliefs, tenets and practices of Christianity meet the charity law definition of religion and are capable of being advanced for the public benefit, there is no longer a presumption of public benefit for charities whose aims include advancing religion. However, the PCC of St. Paul's actively advances religion for the benefit of the public in general, and of those of the wider Parish in particular, in a variety of ways:

The encouragement and facilitation of practising Christian faith, including:

- the provision and maintenance of the church and the Parish Rooms, (all of which are open to the community at large)
- the celebration of baptisms and marriages, and the conducting of funerals
- maintaining the public churchyard
- the saying of masses and other services open to the public
- the provision and maintenance of religious stained-glass windows within the church
- keeping St. Paul's open during daytime so that all may enter to pray and reflect

Raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices, including:

- promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and scriptures
- providing religious instruction and supervision to all within the Parish, including a range of Uniformed Groups from the area who come to visit the Church or have invited members of the Church along to their meetings
- supporting the local Primary and Secondary schools which provide education concerning Christian principles and practices, thus contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children
- promoting prayer, praise and study through the provision of Lent and Advent courses, and preparation for baptism, confirmation and marriage

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Missionary, outreach and pastoral work, including:

- encouraging and supporting pastoral work
- active participation in local ecumenical projects under the umbrella of Churches Together in Wokingham, such as the Wokingham Food Bank, Grub Club and the Town Night Shelter
- preparing couples for marriage
- visiting the sick
- offering ministry and services to local nursing and care homes
- administering the sacraments to the sick and dying
- providing chaplaincy to Wokingham Hospital
- providing comfort to the bereaved

Religious communication, including:

- providing Christian sermons, talks, and meetings
- recording and live streaming of regular services and masses, and the distribution of the same to those parishioners unable to attend church
- publishing a weekly email news sheet
- maintaining an active website covering all aspects of parish work

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll

At 26th March 2023 there were 227 parishioners registered on the Roll, an increase on the previous year; (224 members at 27th March 2022).

Worship and Prayer

A wide range of services is offered throughout the year in order to uphold our aim of promoting the mission of the church in the community and providing spiritually uplifting worship.

Saint Paul's Church

St. Paul's is rooted in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England and offers a variety of styles of worship from the quiet contemplation of Evensong, healing services and Benediction to worship within the Parish and family masses. In normal times, in addition to two or three Sunday services, morning prayer is said during the week as well as one weekday house mass per month. We have been fortunate to be able to continue to live stream our services during the year.

The church has a strong musical tradition with a large choir of adults and children. We are also fortunate to have a committed and lively team of bellringers who ring for major masses, weddings and other special occasions as a way of announcing those services, thus giving glory to God and maintaining a great British tradition.

St. Paul's continues to be committed to building a single community made up of people of all ages and backgrounds. This sense of unity is focused on the way we meet with God together in prayer and worship, in singing and fellowship. Around this, we run groups for different stages of life.

We have an online group for those in Y5,6,7 and 8 and a Sunday School which is popular and meets every week in term time. A weekly Coffee & Chat group, a fortnightly men's lunch group, and a walking group are all established. The Mothers Union meets monthly and there is a men's night every other month.

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At the heart of the Church of England is the Parish system – the fact that we exist to welcome all people and to be of service to the community of which we form a part. St. Paul's is open every day for all to enter, whether it be to attend our regular services, to celebrate a wedding or a baptism, to give thanks for the life of a loved one during a funeral, or just to reflect and pray. Festivals, such as those at Christmas and Easter, attract many people to the church who would not normally attend, and these occasions especially enable us to reinforce our commitment of welcome, service and community.

Saint Nicholas' Community Church

St. Nicholas' Community Church is a more informal church offering worship for both the young and not-so-young. Services have been held in Emmbrook village hall and include a weekly family mass and a slightly less formal monthly 'See! Hear! Live!' service on the first Sunday of each month. An annual Christingle service takes place with children leading prayers and readings.

The church also runs social and fundraising events throughout the year and comes together with the congregation of St. Paul's on Mothering Sunday.

In addition to their contribution to, and support of, Parish committees and events the members of the congregation of St Nicholas' make a significant contribution to the life of the village of Emmbrook through their involvement in community groups such as the Townswomen's Guild, Emmbrook Senior Citizens Tea Club, the Link Visiting Scheme, Christian Aid collections, by supporting the local schools through Chaplaincy and Governorship, and by visiting and helping those who are unable to attend church services.

Fellowship Groups

In addition to services at each church fellowship groups continue to meet regularly in person and via Zoom throughout the whole Parish for prayer, bible study, support and worship.

ST. PAUL'S IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Church is an established venue for concerts hosted by local schools, choral and musical societies amongst others. These have included West Forest Sinfonia, Wokingham Choral Society, South Berkshire Singers, and Reading Symphony Orchestra, Emmbrook School, St. Paul's (CE) Junior School and the Holt School.

Built 159 years ago by Mr John Walter III, St. Paul's is Grade II* Listed and in need of regular attention. The Quinquennial Inspection Report has identified a number of important works required to maintain the church in a sound condition, which will be carried out as soon as funds permit. The churchyard continues to be maintained by a dedicated team of parishioners with working parties meeting every other week. During the year the local Community Payback Scheme worked with the team and have made a significant input to the management and maintenance of the churchyard, reinforcing the valuable contribution that this scheme is able to make. Mown access is now available to all parts of the churchyard and the Payback group are starting to maintain and refurbish the graves. New trees and hedging have been planted, unsightly trees removed and existing trees pruned. In addition, there is continuing progress to install accessible paths throughout the churchyard. St Paul's Scouts have installed bird feeders.

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The church is open daily for private prayer and contemplation. A display board with post-it notes is kept for visitors to share their thoughts or to make requests for prayers to be said on their behalf, the large number of entries illustrating the wide variety of people who visit.

During the year the church has maintained its profile in the local community through its contribution to a number of local schemes and initiatives, such as the Wokingham Food Bank and supporting local care homes and nursing homes. Additionally, services continue to be streamed into local care and nursing homes, and for others who are unable to get to Church.

SCHOOLS IN CHURCH

We are delighted to welcome schools and children to St Paul's. They come for special services and concerts. They come to understand more of the way Churches work and look and what happens inside them. They come to learn about Easter and about what it is to live as a Christian. They often pop in on their way from School, to sit quietly or play with the toys.

We are involved with 10 schools locally - The Holt Secondary School, Emmbrook Infants, Emmbrook Juniors, Walter Infants, Foundry College, Evendons Primary, Holme Grange School, Windmill Primary, and our two Church of England Schools- St Cecilia's and St Paul's Juniors. Two other primary schools from further afield also use us as a place to visit and to find out more about the Christian faith and what it looks like when it is lived out. We are involved in a number of ways which vary with the school. They include taking assemblies, supporting the RE curriculum and governance.

We have excellent links with these Schools which means that people from St Paul's are involved in all of them in different ways (for example as Governors, leading assemblies, reading with individual pupils) and St Paul's Church is a place of quality encounter and deepening understanding, both in the context of understanding the place of the Christian faith in British society and encouraging every one of the pupils and staff and parents who come to School events in Church to experience something of holiness and space.

PASTORAL CARE

In 2019, a pastoral care scheme was introduced called Tithings whereby those who wish to be involved are allocated to a group, often geographical or by common interest, which then meets three or four times per year and also provides pastoral oversight of those in the group between meetings. Around 70 members of the congregation have been involved in these groups. These groups have continued to meet up in person or on Zoom.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC TRADITION

The church has a very strong music tradition that is supported by a resident choir and organist, and ably led by a professional Director of Music. During the year the choir has continued to sing for all Sunday morning masses, major festivals and for Evensong once a month. It regularly numbers 6 children and 28 adults who work together well, and the PCC thanks all its members for their hard work, support and enthusiasm.

The year's musical highlights once again included the choir's contribution to our Christmas services and a successful trip to Chichester Cathedral to sing Choral Evensong.

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MISSION AND OUTREACH

During 2023, over £5,867 was raised for our chosen charities: principally United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG), Homestart Wokingham, The Children's Society and Soulscape. Volunteers from the parish have continued to assist with the Foodbank and various community projects. The PCC of St. Paul's continues to review ways of increasing outreach into the community and to establish additional pastoral links.

A Parish Email, established during the Pandemic, has continued to be published weekly which includes information on events and streamed services as well as articles, poems and photos with the aim of keeping everyone in touch as much as possible.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising has been resumed with a series of organ recitals to raise funds to restore the pedal action of the organ. An Autumn Bazaar was held in early November.

DEANERY SYNOD

The PCC has four lay representatives to Deanery Synod who continue to provide an important link between the Parish and the wider structure of the church. Synod meetings have a recurring theme of Deanery finances and the difficulties faced by many Parishes in paying their Parish share. The adoption of the new Diocesan scheme for calculation of Parish share led to a lively debate, and eventually a decision to adopt the scheme with a 5-year transition period. The Deanery Mission Plan has continued to move forward, focusing on future levels of financial and numerical stability within the Deanery.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Links with other local Churches are very important to St. Paul's and St. Nicholas', both within the Anglican Deanery and with our ecumenical friends. St. Paul's and St. Nicholas' are a member of Churches Together in Wokingham (CTW) a group of about 20 local churches whose objectives are to draw those churches into greater understanding and unity, to enable them to bear a more united witness in the community and serve it more effectively, and to give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time-to-time be found desirable. Participation in CTW events provides an opportunity of sharing faith and reaching out to a wider community.

In 2012 the Parish boundaries were changed to include Woosehill Community Church as a Conventional District with its own Church Council and financial independence. Woosehill is an Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership, and because of this our ecumenical awareness and understanding is now greater, and our relationships with other churches, especially the local Methodist Circuit, even stronger and more important.

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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental part of the life of the Parish. We cannot be the Church unless everyone is safe and protected. Our Safeguarding Team works hard to ensure we follow best practice, create an environment and life which is safe for all and engages with the management of individual cases. Parish members are made aware of safeguarding processes and responsible persons from periodic reminders throughout the year at church services and notices displayed in church.

The PCC continues to follow the procedures in the Child Protection Manual A review of the Safeguarding Policy is carried out annually in May each year which is agreed by PCC and signed and displayed in our buildings.

VOLUNTEERS

The community of St. Paul's and St. Nicholas continues to be blessed with many volunteers and the PCC thanks all who give their time and talents so willingly. In addition, and as a part of our regular outreach into the local community, we have continued to support a number of local charities with both resources and volunteers, including the Wokingham Food Bank project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

An overall surplus of £18,154 was made during the year. Unrestricted funds, which are used for the day-to-day administration of the parish, generated a small increase of £1,704 whilst restricted funds increased by £16,450 as summarised below.

Planned giving, collections, donations and income tax recoverable were a little higher than in the previous year, supported by additional fundraising as well as an increase in deposit account interest. Against this, and despite continuing cost controls, the expenses of running the church rose at a similar rate. Once again, the largest item of expenditure was Parish Share which this year amounted to £80,770.

Activity across the Restricted Funds reflected a number of factors including higher interest income together with some generous donations for church restoration work, music and choir resources and churchyard maintenance, the latter focussed substantially on funding the very substantial costs of felling an ancient oak tree in the churchyard.

Total parish funds at the year-end stood at £525,151, of which £172,739 was restricted and £352,412 unrestricted. The bulk of the unrestricted funds (£240,000) is represented by the house provided for the Assistant Curate.

As in previous years sufficient reserves are maintained in general funds which, at the present time, are equivalent to some eight months' expenditure, a figure considered appropriate given the very real prospect of higher utility and other costs in 2024 and beyond.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Paul, Wokingham with St
Nicholas, Emmbrook**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook, (the Charity), for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

Responsibilities and Basis of 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").

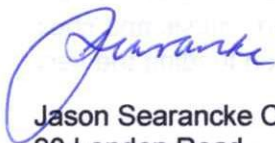
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



Jason Searancke CA ANZ
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19th March 2024

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook**

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	143,918	19,497	163,415	139,937
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	14,711	48	14,759	13,300
Other trading activities	2(c)	3,287	5,649	8,936	4,285
Investments	2(d)	3,269	6,610	9,879	2,779
Other income	2(e)	4,500	-	4,500	1,159
Total income		169,685	31,804	201,489	161,460
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	252	1,738	1,990	1,297
Charitable activities	3(b)	167,100	13,616	180,716	157,199
Other expenditure	3(c)	629	-	629	794
Total resources expended		167,981	15,354	183,335	159,290
Net income before fund transfers		1,704	16,450	18,154	2,170
Transfers between funds					
Net income/(expenditure)		1,704	16,450	18,154	2,170
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2023		350,708	156,289	506,997	504,827
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2023		£ 352,412	£ 172,739	£ 525,151	£ 506,997

The notes on pages 15-20 form part of these accounts

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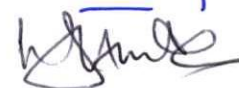
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6	240,308	-	240,308	240,836
Total fixed assets		240,308	-	240,308	240,836
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	7	7,644	1,250	8,894	3,469
Short term deposits		70,597	152,818	223,415	213,611
Cash at bank and in hand		36,446	19,250	55,696	52,363
Total current assets		114,687	173,318	288,005	269,443
Creditors and Accruals	8	2,583	579	3,162	3,282
Net current assets		112,104	172,739	284,843	266,161
Total assets less current liabilities		352,412	172,739	525,151	506,997
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year					
NET ASSETS		£ 352,412	£ 172,739	£ 525,151	£ 506,997
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted Fund	9			352,412	350,708
Restricted Funds	9			172,739	156,289
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 525,151	£ 506,997

Approved by the PCC on 18th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Richard Lamey



Mr Llewellyn Austen

The notes on pages 15-20 form part of these accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds that may be designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 10.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by bazaars, fêtes, garden parties and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from Investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2,500 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual fixtures, fittings and office equipment with a purchase price of £2,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Assets with an individual purchase price of over £2,55 and a life in excess of one year are depreciated on a straight-line basis as follows:

Heating system - 10 years

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment - 4 years

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove un-collectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at Barclays Bank.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 2 Analysis of Income

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
2(a) Donations and Legacies	Planned giving	94,465	-	94,465	92,837
	Income tax recoverable	23,988	1,590	25,578	22,207
	Collections	3,689	-	3,689	2,515
	Grants	2,198	1,000	3,198	3,656
	Donations, appeals, etc.	19,578	16,907	36,485	18,722
	Total	143,918	19,497	163,415	139,937
2(b) Income from charitable activities	Fees	14,711	48	14,759	13,300
	Total	14,711	48	14,759	13,300
2(c) Other trading activities	Fund-raising, bazaars etc.	3,287	5,649	8,936	4,285
	Total	3,287	5,649	8,936	4,285
2(d) Investments	Interest	3,269	6,610	9,879	2,779
	Total	3,269	6,610	9,879	2,779
2(e) Other income	Other ordinary income	4,500	-	4,500	254
	Insurance claims	-	-	-	905
	Total	4,500	-	4,500	1,159
TOTAL INCOME		£ 169,685	£ 31,804	£ 201,489	£ 161,460

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 3 Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
Analysis		£	£	£	£
3(a)	Raising funds				
	Bazaar & fundraising costs	252	1,738	1,990	1,297
	Total	252	1,738	1,990	1,297
3(b)	Charitable activities				
	Missionary and charitable giving	10,532	-	10,532	8,604
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	80,770	-	80,770	76,186
	Wedding, funeral and other fees	5,226	-	5,226	7,237
	Other ministry costs	10,611	123	10,734	7,705
	Church running and maintenance	20,896	468	21,364	20,538
	Churchyard upkeep	4,984	12,584	17,568	1,243
	Hall hire	1,520	-	1,520	1,457
	Organist/music director	11,955	-	11,955	11,020
	Upkeep of services	4,441	441	4,882	5,555
	Printing and stationery	1,900	-	1,900	1,429
	Office equipment rental	1,070	-	1,070	1,070
	Administrative support	12,667	-	12,667	11,864
	Depreciation	528	-	528	3,291
	Total	167,100	13,616	180,716	157,199
3(c)	Other expenditure				
	Governance and data protection	243	-	243	188
	Deanery levies	-	-	-	175
	Bank charges	386	-	386	431
	Total	629	-	629	794
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 167,981	£ 15,354	£ 183,335	£ 159,290

Note 4

4(a) Trustee expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses of £7,131 were reimbursed to 10 PCC members (including clergy) during the year; (2022: £6,481 by 11 members).

4(b) Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

No independent examiner's fee was charged for reporting on the accounts; (2022: nil).

Note 5 Staff costs

The PCC has no employees.

During the year payments of £11,955 were made to the Director of Music and church organists; (2022: £11,020).

A payment of £12,667 was made to St Paul's Parish Room Trust for administrative support; (2021: £11,864).

Members of the PCC are also Trustees of the St Paul's Parish Room Trust

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 6 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Fund		Restricted Funds	All Funds
	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total Unrestricted Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January 2023	240,000	9,036	249,036	282,213
Additions during year (none)	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 December 2023	240,000	9,036	249,036	282,213
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance brought forward 1 January 2023	-	8,200	8,200	41,377
Depreciation charge for year	-	528	528	528
Balance carried forward 31 December 2023	-	8,728	8,728	41,905
Net book value				
Brought forward 1 January 2023	240,000	836	240,836	240,836
Carried forward 31 December 2023	£ 240,000	£ 308	£ 240,308	£ 240,308

The freehold land and buildings comprise the community priest's house at 13 Brook Close, Wokingham.

The title to the property is held on trust for the benefit of the PCC by Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd.

As the prime purpose of the property is to provide accommodation for clergy it is not treated as an investment asset.

Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
Prepayments	439	-	439	1,007
Accounts receivable	7,205	1,250	8,455	2,462
Total	£ 7,644	£ 1,250	£ 8,894	£ 3,469

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>				
Accruals & deferred income	83	-	83	1,083
Accounts payable	2,500	579	3,079	2,199
Total	£ 2,583	£ 579	£ 3,162	£ 3,282

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Note 9

	Balance at 1st January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers between Funds	Balance at 31st December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General	350,708	169,685	(167,981)	-	352,412
	£ 350,708	£ 169,685	£ (167,981)	£ -	£ 352,412
Restricted Funds					
Restoration	44,429	12,710	(1,060)	20,000	76,079
Lighting	72,451	3,152	-	-	75,603
Lucky Numbers	24,212	2,482	(1,140)	(20,000)	5,554
Bell	3,609	48	-	-	3,657
Churchyard	4,196	10,625	(12,586)	-	2,235
Ordinand	2,685	243	(75)	-	2,853
Organ	534	1,140	(3)	-	1,671
Toddler Group	36	-	(36)	-	-
Footsteps Group	483	-	(49)	-	434
St Paul's Music and Choir	1,322	1,162	(232)	-	2,252
St Nicholas Music	2,146	233	-	-	2,379
St Nicholas Development	186	9	(173)	-	22
	£ 156,289	£ 31,804	£ (15,354)	£ -	£ 172,739
Total Funds	£ 506,997	£ 201,489	£ (183,335)	£ -	£ 525,151

Note: During the year a transfer of £20,000 was made from the Lucky Numbers Fund to the Restoration Fund

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restoration	Major repairs to fabric of St Paul's (excludes routine maintenance)
Lighting	Major works to lighting within St Paul's church
Lucky Numbers	Established to raise money for restoration purposes
Bell	Maintenance of the bells and related items
Churchyard	Maintenance and improvement of St Paul's churchyard
Ordinand	For the support of an Ordinand
Organ	For the restoration of and upgrade to the church organ
Toddler Group	Support for church work with pre-school children; (closed April 2023)
Footsteps Group	Support for the church youth groups
St Paul's Music and Choir	To support the music tradition within St Paul's Church
St Nicholas Music	To maintain and enhance the quality of music at St Nicholas Church
St Nicholas Development	For the pastoral development of St Nicholas church

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of St Paul, Wokingham & St Nicholas, Emmbrook



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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Administrative Information

The Parish is part of the Deanery of Sonning and of the Reading Area of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England and is comprised of three churches governed by two separate Church Councils. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham and St Nicholas, Emmbrook is responsible for the ministry and management of the two named churches whilst the third, Woosehill Community Church, is a Local Ecumenical Partnership with its own Church Council and is not, therefore, directly covered in this Annual Report nor in the Financial Statements that follow.

PCC Members

Ex-Officio

Clergy:	Rector	Rev Canon Richard Lamey (Chairman)
	Assistant Curate	Rev Cara Smart
	Permission to Officiate	Rev Judi Hattaway
		Rev Jane Kraft

Church Warden: Mr Peter Wells

Deputy Wardens: Mrs Mary Cassidy
Mrs Pippa Sutton

Pro-Wardens (S Nicholas): Mrs Fiona Albinson
Mrs Elizabeth Gallagher

Deanery Synod representatives: Mr Paul Armitage
Mr David Ruddock
Mr John Sutton (*and Deanery Lay Chair*)
Mr Peter Wells

Elected Members: Mrs Susanna Allen
Mr Llewellyn Austen
Mrs Teresa Austen
Mrs Stefanie Cetin (*from April 2022*)
Mr Christopher Cipkin
Mr Andrew Clark
Mrs Susan Davenport
Mrs Sally Dowling
Mr Stuart Fairhead (*from April 2022*)
Mr Alan Harrison
Mr Vernon Riley
Mrs Pippa Sutton

Co-opted Members: Mrs Rhoda Hart (*appointed July 2022 for 1 year*)
Mrs Mary Cassidy (*appointed July 2022 for 1 year*)

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Administrative Information (continued)

Address: St Paul's Parish Office
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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
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Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2022.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of St. Paul's Church and churchyard and for one house that it owns in Brook Close, Wokingham.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The PCC has two Approved Governing Documents issued by the Church of England:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended))

Composition of the PCC is fixed by resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Membership is for three years with one third elected in each year. If a member resigns for any reason before their three-year term is complete, the new member elected in that place serves the remainder of the previous member's term only.

In 1990 the Annual Meeting resolved to elect the St. Nicholas' Pro-Wardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC). Resolutions of 1979 and 1988 (ensuring that of the four members elected to Deanery Synod, one should be from St. Nicholas' congregation) were superseded by the 1990 resolution, which contained a similar intention.

The PCC generally meets every other month, with a Standing Committee assembling when necessary to discuss and draw up the agenda for the ensuing PCC meeting. The Standing Committee consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, Pro-Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; it sets the agenda for the PCC meetings and transacts business between those meetings where necessary. In addition to the Standing Committee, there are six Parish sub-committees and a brief outline of the responsibilities of each is given below.

Finance Committee: Oversees the finances of the PCC.

Worship Committee: Assists the Rector in planning services, arranges special musical events and proposes changes where necessary.

Mission Committee (now known as Mustard Seed): Maintains and supports the relationship between St Paul's and the local community, and between the church and those UK and key overseas charities that the Parish supports.

St. Nicholas' Council: Co-ordinates all matters relating to St. Nicholas' Church.

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Social Committee: Arranges church social events to which all are welcome.

Youth and Children's Committee: Ensures that the voices of children and young people are heard in the Parish, and that they are cared for and involved at the heart of the life of the church and given the chance to grow in faith.

The PCC works to ensure that each member is fully equipped to fulfil his or her specific role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The focus of the PCC is to promote the whole mission of the church in the community, through worship, prayer and contemplation, the provision of pastoral care within the Parish, and mission and outreach work. St. Paul's is an inclusive and welcoming community of faith, imposing no conditions on those who come through our doors, other than a willingness to be open to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are committed to welcoming as many people as possible to worship at our church, and involve all age groups from senior citizens, parents and young people to toddlers. We are increasingly conscious of and committed to our duty and call when it comes to Safeguarding. We have also made a commitment to set an example of good practice when it comes to addressing Domestic Abuse. Over the last few years much of our focus has been on recovering after the pandemic, which we have done with success and increasing confidence.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Although the beliefs, tenets and practices of Christianity meet the charity law definition of religion and are capable of being advanced for the public benefit, there is no longer a presumption of public benefit for charities whose aims include advancing religion. However, the PCC of St. Paul's actively advances religion for the benefit of the public in general, and of those of the wider Parish in particular, in a variety of ways:

The encouragement and facilitation of practising Christian faith, including:

- the provision and maintenance of the church and the Parish Rooms, (all of which are open to the community at large)
- the celebration of baptisms and marriages, and the conducting of funerals
- maintaining the public churchyard
- the saying of masses and other services open to the public
- the provision and maintenance of religious stained-glass windows within the church
- keeping St. Paul's open during daytime so that all may enter to pray and reflect

Raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices, including:

- promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and scriptures
- providing religious instruction and supervision to all within the Parish, including a range of Uniformed Groups from the area who come to visit the Church or have invited members of the Church along to their meetings
- supporting the local Primary and Secondary schools which provide education concerning Christian principles and practices, thus contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children

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- promoting prayer, praise and study through the provision of Lent and Advent courses, and preparation for baptism, confirmation and marriage

Missionary, outreach and pastoral work, including:

- encouraging and supporting pastoral work
- active participation in local ecumenical projects under the umbrella of Churches Together in Wokingham, such as the Wokingham Food Bank, Grub Club and the Town Night Shelter
- preparing couples for marriage
- visiting the sick
- offering ministry and services to local nursing and care homes
- administering the sacraments to the sick and dying
- providing chaplaincy to Wokingham Hospital
- providing comfort to the bereaved

Religious communication, including:

- providing Christian sermons, talks, and meetings
- recording and live streaming of regular services and masses, and the distribution of the same to those parishioners unable to attend church
- publishing a weekly email news sheet
- maintaining an active website covering all aspects of parish work

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll

At 27th March 2022 there were 224 parishioners registered on the Roll, an increase on the previous year; (216 members at 6th June 2021).

Worship and Prayer

A wide range of services is offered throughout the year in order to uphold our aim of promoting the mission of the church in the community and providing spiritually uplifting worship.

Saint Paul's Church

St. Paul's is rooted in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England and offers a variety of styles of worship from the quiet contemplation of Evensong, healing services and Benediction to worship within the Parish and family masses. In normal times, in addition to three Sunday services, morning and evening prayer are said during the week as well as one weekday mass. We have been fortunate to be able to continue to live stream our services during the year when meeting in church was not always possible. When we were able to return to in person services, we continue to offer a live stream as well.

The church has a strong musical tradition with a large choir of adults and children. We are also fortunate to have a committed and lively team of bellringers who ring for major masses, weddings and other special occasions as a way of announcing those services, thus giving glory to God and maintaining a great British tradition.

St. Paul's continues to be committed to building a single community made up of people of all ages and backgrounds. This sense of unity is focused on the way we meet with God together in prayer and worship, in singing and fellowship. Around this, we run groups for different stages of life.

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We have two groups for those in Y5,6,7 and 8 (one online and one in person), and a Sunday School which is popular and meets every week in term time. A weekly Coffee & Chat group, a fortnightly men's lunch group, a sewing group and a group for those in their 20s and 30s have all been established. There are also two new informal groups which have started in the last year- one a weekly walking group which is designed to be a safe way of including those who have been bereaved and the other a coffee gathering for men working from home. The Mothers Union meets monthly and there is a men's night every other month.

At the heart of the Church of England is the Parish system – the fact that we exist to welcome all people and to be of service to the community of which we form a part. St. Paul's is open every day for all to enter, whether it be to attend our regular services, to celebrate a wedding or a baptism, to give thanks for the life of a loved one during a funeral, or just to reflect and pray. Festivals, such as those at Christmas and Easter, attract many people to the church who would not normally attend, and these occasions especially enable us to reinforce our commitment of welcome, service and community.

Saint Nicholas' Community Church

St. Nicholas' Community Church is a more informal church offering worship for both the young and not-so-young. Services have been held in Emmbrook village hall and include a weekly family mass and a slightly less formal monthly 'See! Hear! Live!' service on the first Sunday of each month. An annual Christingle service takes place with children leading prayers and readings.

The church also runs social and fundraising events throughout the year and comes together with the congregation of St. Paul's on Mothering Sunday.

In addition to their contribution to, and support of, Parish committees and events the members of the congregation of St Nicholas' make a significant contribution to the life of the village of Emmbrook through their involvement in community groups such as the Townswomen's Guild, Emmbrook Senior Citizens Tea Club, the Link Visiting Scheme, Christian Aid collections, by supporting the local schools through Chaplaincy and Governorship, and by visiting and helping those who are unable to attend church services.

Fellowship Groups

In addition to services at each church fellowship groups continue to meet regularly in person and via Zoom throughout the whole Parish for prayer, bible study, support and worship.

ST. PAUL'S IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Church is an established venue for concerts hosted by local schools, choral and musical societies amongst others. These have included West Forest Sinfonia, Wokingham Choral Society, South Berkshire Singers, and Reading Symphony Orchestra, Emmbrook School, St. Paul's (CE) Junior School and the Holt School.

Built 159 years ago by Mr John Walter III, St. Paul's is Grade II* Listed and in need of regular attention. The Quinquennial Inspection Report has identified a number of important works required to maintain the church in a sound condition, which will be carried out as soon as funds permit. The churchyard continues to be maintained by a dedicated team of parishioners with working parties meeting twice a month. During the year the local Community Payback Scheme worked with the team and have made a significant input to the management and maintenance of the churchyard, reinforcing the valuable contribution that this scheme is able to make. Mown

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access is now available to all parts of the churchyard and the Payback group are starting to maintain and refurbish the graves. New trees and hedging have been planted, unsightly trees removed and existing trees pruned. In addition, there is continuing progress to install accessible paths throughout the churchyard. St Paul's Scouts have installed bird feeders.

The church is open daily for private prayer and contemplation. A display board with post-it notes is kept for visitors to share their thoughts or to make requests for prayers to be said on their behalf, the large number of entries illustrating the wide variety of people who visit.

During the year the church has maintained its profile in the local community through its contribution to a number of local schemes and initiatives, such as the Wokingham Food Bank and supporting local care homes and nursing homes. Additionally, services continue to be streamed into local care and nursing homes, and for others who are unable to get to Church.

SCHOOLS IN CHURCH

We are delighted to welcome schools and children to St Paul's. They come for special services and concerts. They come to understand more of the way Churches work and look and what happens inside them. They come to learn about Easter and about what it is to live as a Christian. They often pop in on their way from School, to sit quietly or play with the toys.

We are involved with 10 schools locally - The Holt Secondary School, Emmbrook Infants, Emmbrook Juniors, Walter Infants, Foundry College, Evendons Primary, Holme Grange School, Windmill Primary, and our two Church of England Schools- St Cecilia's and St Paul's Juniors. Two other primary schools from further afield also use us as a place to visit and to find out more about the Christian faith and what it looks like when it is lived out. We are involved in a number of ways which vary with the school. They include taking assemblies, supporting the RE curriculum and governance.

We have excellent links with these Schools which means that people from St Paul's are involved in all of them in different ways (for example as Governors, leading assemblies, reading with individual pupils) and St Paul's Church is a place of quality encounter and deepening understanding, both in the context of understanding the place of the Christian faith in British society and encouraging every one of the pupils and staff and parents who come to School events in Church to experience something of holiness and space.

PASTORAL CARE

In 2019, a new pastoral care scheme was introduced called Tithings whereby those who wish to be involved are allocated to a group, often geographical or by common interest, which then meets three or four times per year and also provides pastoral oversight of those in the group between meetings. Around 70 members of the congregation have been involved in these groups. These groups have continued to meet up in person or on Zoom. They are probably due a reset and a relaunch in the next six months.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC TRADITION

The church has a very strong music tradition that is supported by a resident choir and visiting organists, and ably led by a professional Director of Music. During the year the choir has

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continued to sing for all Sunday morning masses, major festivals and for Evensong once a month. It regularly numbers 6 children and 28 adults who work together well, and the PCC thanks all its members for their hard work, support and enthusiasm.

The year's musical highlights once again included the choir's contribution to our Christmas services and a successful trip to Tewkesbury Abbey to sing Choral Evensong.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

During 2022, over £6,100 was raised for our chosen charities: principally United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG), Homestart Wokingham, The Children's Society and Soulscape. Volunteers from the parish have continued to assist with the Foodbank and various community projects. The PCC of St. Paul's continues to review ways of increasing outreach into the community and to establish additional pastoral links. We also made a donation of £1,350 to the DEC to support charity work in Ukraine.

A Parish Email, established during the Pandemic, has continued to be published weekly which includes information on events and streamed services as well as articles, poems and photos with the aim of keeping everyone in touch as much as possible.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising was severely curtailed by the pandemic and the PCC are actively looking at ways to increase this.

DEANERY SYNOD

The PCC has four lay representatives to Deanery Synod who continue to provide an important link between the Parish and the wider structure of the church. Synod met on Zoom during the year, with a recurring theme of Deanery finances and the difficulties faced by many Parishes in paying their Parish share. The adoption of the new Diocesan scheme for calculation of Parish share led to a lively debate, and eventually a decision to adopt the scheme with a 5-year transition period. The Deanery Mission Plan has continued to move forward, focusing on future levels of financial and numerical stability within the Deanery.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Links with other local Churches are very important to St. Paul's and St. Nicholas', both within the Anglican Deanery and with our ecumenical friends. St. Paul's and St. Nicholas' are a member of Churches Together in Wokingham (CTW) a group of about 20 local churches whose objectives are to draw those churches into greater understanding and unity, to enable them to bear a more united witness in the community and serve it more effectively, and to give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time-to-time be found desirable. Participation in CTW events provides an opportunity of sharing faith and reaching out to a wider community.

In 2012 the Parish boundaries were changed to include Woosehill Community Church as a Conventional District with its own Church Council and financial independence. Woosehill is an

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Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership, and because of this our ecumenical awareness and understanding is now greater, and our relationships with other churches, especially the local Methodist Circuit, even stronger and more important.

SAFEGUARDING

Following approval by the PCC in 2012 of a new Child Protection Manual the updating and implementation of safeguarding arrangements in the Parish continued during the year. An audit, commissioned by the PCC, confirmed that child protection arrangements met the requirements of the Manual and were being effectively implemented. In May 2022, the PCC reviewed its Safeguarding Policy which was agreed and signed and displayed in our buildings.

Safeguarding Team: safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental part of the life of the Parish. We cannot be the Church unless everyone is safe and protected. Our Safeguarding Team works hard to ensure we follow best practice, create an environment and life which is safe for all and engages with the management of individual cases.

VOLUNTEERS

The community of St. Paul's and St. Nicholas continues to be blessed with many volunteers and the PCC thanks all who give their time and talents so willingly. In addition, and as a part of our regular outreach into the local community, we have supported a number of local charities with both resources and volunteers, the most recent being the Wokingham Food Bank project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Unrestricted Fund is in place to pay for the day-to-day administration of the parish. Overall giving within the Fund in 2022 was marginally lower than in the previous year, giving rise to a near break-even situation in the year. Based upon reduced expenditure for fabric restoration the Restricted Funds generated a small surplus, supported by a similar decrease in capital expenditure in the churchyard account.

Looking at parish income across all Funds our total giving, donations, Gift Aid recoverable, fund-raising activities, parish fees and other items amounted to £161,460. During the year continuing cost controls and reduced activities led to parish expenditure falling by just under 8%. As on previous occasions the largest item of annual expenditure was the Parish Share payable to the Diocese of Oxford, which amounted £76,186, and was once again paid in full and on time.

Total parish funds at the year-end stood at £506,997, of which £156,289 was restricted and £350,708 unrestricted. The bulk of the unrestricted funds (£240,000) was represented by the house provided for the Assistant Curate.

Despite the relatively low activity levels within the parish during the year and the challenges presented it is appropriate to note that prudent management has continued to reinforce the stability of our finances. In parallel, sufficient resources are maintained

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in general funds which currently cover some nine months' expenditure. Nevertheless, steps have been taken to ensure that expenses will continue to be kept under tight control through 2023, not least accompanied by the prospect of substantial repair and restoration costs to St Paul's Grade II* listed church.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas,
Emmbrook**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook, (the Charity), for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

Responsibilities and Basis of 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 2011 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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24th March 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	134,607	5,330	139,937	142,748
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	13,150	150	13,300	16,216
Other trading activities	2(c)	1,467	2,818	4,285	2,450
Investments	2(d)	924	1,855	2,779	110
Other income	2(e)	915	244	1,159	6,396
Total income		151,063	10,397	161,460	167,920
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	258	1,039	1,297	1,318
Charitable activities	3(b)	150,429	6,770	157,199	170,952
Other expenditure	3(c)	794	-	794	560
Total resources expended		151,481	7,809	159,290	172,830
Net income/(expenditure) before fund transfers		(418)	2,588	2,170	(4,910)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(418)	2,588	2,170	(4,910)
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2022		351,126	153,701	504,827	509,737
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2022		£ 350,708	£ 156,289	£ 506,997	£ 504,827

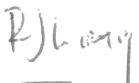
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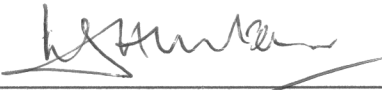
Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7	240,836	-	240,836	244,127
Total fixed assets		240,836	-	240,836	244,127
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	3,449	20	3,469	4,549
Short term deposits		67,328	146,283	213,611	211,307
Cash at bank and in hand		42,222	10,141	52,363	50,785
Total current assets		112,999	156,444	269,443	266,641
Creditors and accruals	9	3,127	155	3,282	5,941
Net current assets/(liabilities)		109,872	156,289	266,161	260,700
Total assets less current liabilities		350,708	156,289	506,997	504,827
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		£ 350,708	£ 156,289	£ 506,997	£ 504,827
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted Fund - General	10			350,708	351,126
Restricted Funds	10			156,289	153,701
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 506,997	£ 504,827

Approved by the PCC on 20th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Richard Lamey



Mr Llewellyn Austen

The notes on pages 16-21 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds that may be designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 10.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by bazaars, fêtes, garden parties and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual fixtures, fittings and office equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Assets with an individual purchase price of over £1,000 and a life in excess of one year are depreciated on a straight-line basis as follows:

Heating system - 10 years

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment - 4 years

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove un-collectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at Barclays Bank.

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Note 2 Analysis of Income

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
2(a) Donations and Legacies	Planned giving	92,837	-	92,837	97,267
	Income tax recoverable	21,994	213	22,207	22,863
	Collections	2,515	-	2,515	2,238
	Grants	1,614	2,042	3,656	4,929
	Donations, appeals, etc.	15,647	3,075	18,722	15,451
	Total		134,607	5,330	139,937
2(b) Income from charitable activities	Fees	13,150	150	13,300	16,216
	Total	13,150	150	13,300	16,216
2(c) Other trading activities	Fund-raising, bazaars etc.	1,467	2,818	4,285	2,450
	Total	1,467	2,818	4,285	2,450
2(d) Investments	Interest	924	1,855	2,779	110
	Total	924	1,855	2,779	110
2(e) Other income	Other ordinary income	10	244	254	612
	Insurance claims	905	-	905	5,784
	Total	915	244	1,159	6,396
TOTAL INCOME		£ 151,063	£ 10,397	£ 161,460	£ 167,920

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Note 3 Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
Analysis		£	£	£	£
3(a) Raising funds	Bazaar & fundraising costs	258	1,039	1,297	1,318
	Total	258	1,039	1,297	1,318
3(b) Charitable activities	Missionary and charitable giving	8,604	-	8,604	6,030
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	76,186	-	76,186	78,627
	Wedding, funeral and other fees	7,237	-	7,237	8,088
	Other ministry costs	7,705	-	7,705	16,572
	Church running and maintenance	18,855	1,683	20,538	27,359
	Churchyard upkeep	228	1,015	1,243	3,428
	Hall hire	1,457	-	1,457	602
	Organist/music director	11,020	-	11,020	10,065
	Upkeep of services	4,246	1,309	5,555	2,373
	Printing and stationery	1,429	-	1,429	1,600
	Office equipment rental	1,070	-	1,070	1,204
	Administrative support	11,864	-	11,864	11,712
	Depreciation	528	2,763	3,291	3,292
	Total	150,429	6,770	157,199	170,952
3(c) Other expenditure	Governance and data protection	188	-	188	40
	Deanery levies	175	-	175	140
	Bank charges	431	-	431	380
	Total	794	-	794	560
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 151,481	£ 7,809	£ 159,290	£ 172,830

Note 4

4(a) Trustee expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses of £6,481 were reimbursed to 11 PCC members (including clergy) during the year; (2021: £5,996 by 12 members).

4(b) Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

No independent examiner's fee was charged for reporting on the accounts; (2021: nil).

Note 5 Staff costs

The PCC has no employees.

During the year payments of £11,020 were made to the Director of Music and church organists; (2021: £10,065).

A payment of £11,864 was made to St Paul's Parish Room Trust for administrative support; (2021: £11,712).

Note 6 Other expenditure

A fee of £35 was paid to the Information Commissioner's Office for data protection registration; (2021: £40).

Levies of £175; (2021: £140) were paid to Sonning Deanery.

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Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Fund			Restricted Funds	All Funds
	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total Unrestricted Fund	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January 2022	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Additions during year (none)					
Balance carried forward 31 December 2022	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance brought forward 1 January 2022	-	7,672	7,672	30,414	38,086
Depreciation charge for year	-	528	528	2,763	3,291
Balance carried forward 31 December 2022	-	8,200	8,200	33,177	41,377
Net book value					
Brought forward 1 January 2022	240,000	1,364	241,364	2,763	244,127
Carried forward 31 December 2022	£ 240,000	£ 836	£ 240,836	£ -	£ 240,836

The freehold land and buildings comprise the community priest's house at 13 Brook Close, Wokingham. The title to the property is held on trust for the benefit of the PCC by Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. As the prime purpose of the property is to provide accommodation for clergy it is not treated as an investment asset.

Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
Prepayments	1,007	-	1,007	447
Accounts receivable	2,442	20	2,462	4,102
Total	£ 3,449	£ 20	£ 3,469	£ 4,549

Note 9 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>				
Accruals & deferred income	1,083	-	1,083	405
Accounts payable	2,044	155	2,199	5,536
Total	£ 3,127	£ 155	£ 3,282	£ 5,941

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Note 10

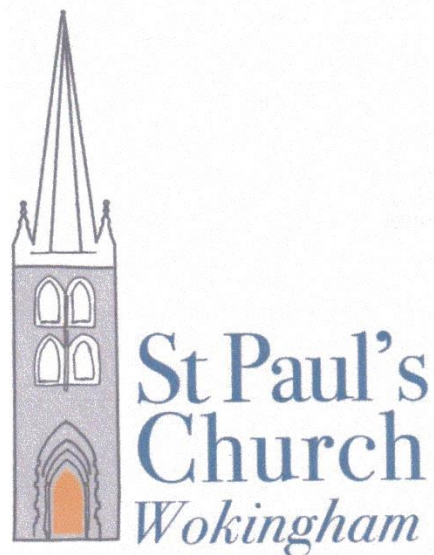
	Balance at 1st January 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31st December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General	351,126	151,063	(151,481)	350,708
	£ 351,126	£ 151,063	£ (151,481)	£ 350,708
Restricted Funds				
Restoration	44,747	3,945	(4,263)	44,429
Lighting	71,485	966	-	72,451
Lucky Numbers	22,654	2,553	(995)	24,212
Bell	3,429	180	-	3,609
Churchyard	4,022	1,189	(1,015)	4,196
Ordinand	2,631	54	-	2,685
Organ	612	150	(228)	534
Toddler Group	61	-	(25)	36
Footsteps Group	483	-	-	483
St Paul's Music and Choir	1,243	1,280	(1,201)	1,322
St Nicholas Music	2,068	78	-	2,146
St Nicholas Development	266	2	(82)	186
	£ 153,701	£ 10,397	£ (7,809)	£ 156,289
Total Funds	£ 504,827	£ 161,460	£ (159,290)	£ 506,997

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restoration	Major repairs to fabric of St Paul's (excludes routine maintenance)
Lighting	Major works to lighting within St Paul's church
Lucky Numbers	Established to raise money for restoration purposes
Bell	Maintenance of the bells and related items
Churchyard	Maintenance and improvement of St Paul's churchyard
Ordinand	For the support of an Ordinand
Organ	For the restoration of and upgrade to the church organ
Toddler Group	Support for church work with pre-school children
Footsteps Group	Support for the church youth groups
St Paul's Music and Choir	To support the music tradition within St Paul's Church
St Nicholas Music	To maintain and enhance the quality of music at St Nicholas Church
St Nicholas Development	For the pastoral development of St Nicholas church

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended

31 December 2021

Charity Registration No. 1130325

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Administrative Information

The Parish is part of the Deanery of Sonning and of the Reading Area of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England and is comprised of three churches governed by two separate Church Councils. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham and St Nicholas, Emmbrook is responsible for the ministry and management of the two named churches whilst the third, Woosehill Community Church, is a Local Ecumenical Partnership with its own Church Council and is not, therefore, directly covered in this Annual Report nor in the Financial Statements that follow.

PCC Members

Ex-Officio

Clergy:	Rector	Rev Richard Lamey (Chairman)
	Assistant Curate	Rev Cara Smart
	Licensed to Officiate	Rev Judi Hattaway
		Rev Roy Holmes
		Rev Jane Kraft

Church Wardens:	Mr David Ruddock
	Mr Peter Wells

Pro-Wardens (S Nicholas):	Mrs Fiona Albinson
	Mrs Elizabeth Gallagher

Deanery Synod representatives:	Mr Paul Armitage (<i>from July 2021</i>)
	Mr David Ruddock
	Mr John Sutton
	Mr Peter Wells

<u>Elected Members:</u>	Mrs Susanna Allen (<i>from July 2021</i>)
	Mr Llewellyn Austen
	Mrs Teresa Austen
	Mr Christopher Cipkin
	Mr Andrew Clark (<i>from July 2021</i>)
	Mrs Susan Davenport
	Mrs Sally Dowling (<i>from July 2021</i>)
	Mr Alan Harrison
	Mr Vernon Riley
	Mr Anthony Roberts
	Mrs Pippa Sutton
	Mrs Jean Vaughan (<i>until July 2021</i>)

<u>Co-opted Members:</u>	Mrs Rhoda Hart (<i>appointed July 2021 for 1 year</i>)
	Mrs Mary Cassidy (<i>appointed July 2021 for 1 year</i>)

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Administrative Information (continued)

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Charity Registration No: 1130325

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Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2021.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of St. Paul's Church and churchyard and for one house that it owns in Brook Close, Wokingham.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The PCC has two Approved Governing Documents issued by the Church of England:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended))

Composition of the PCC is fixed by resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Membership is for three years with one third elected in each year. If a member resigns for any reason before their three-year term is complete, the new member elected in that place serves the remainder of the previous member's term only.

In 1990 the Annual Meeting resolved to elect the St. Nicholas' Pro-Wardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC). Resolutions of 1979 and 1988 (ensuring that of the four members elected to Deanery Synod, one should be from St. Nicholas' congregation) were superseded by the 1990 resolution, which contained a similar intention.

The PCC generally meets every other month, with a Standing Committee assembling when necessary to discuss and draw up the agenda for the ensuing PCC meeting. The Standing Committee consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, Pro-Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; it sets the agenda for the PCC meetings and transacts business between those meetings where necessary. In addition to the Standing Committee, there are six Parish sub-committees and a brief outline of the responsibilities of each is given below.

Worship Committee: Assists the Rector in planning services, arranges special musical events and proposes changes where necessary

Mission Committee: Maintains and supports the relationship between St Paul's and the local community, and between the church and those UK and key overseas charities that the Parish supports

St. Nicholas' Council: Co-ordinates all matters relating to St. Nicholas' Church

Social Committee: Arranges church social events to which all are welcome

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Youth and Children's Committee: Ensures that the voices of children and young people are heard in the Parish, and that they are cared for and involved at the heart of the life of the church, and given the chance to grow in faith.

The PCC works to ensure that each member is fully equipped to fulfil his or her specific role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The focus of the PCC is to promote the whole mission of the church in the community, through worship, prayer and contemplation, the provision of pastoral care within the Parish, and mission and outreach work. St. Paul's is an inclusive and welcoming community of faith, imposing no conditions on those who come through our doors, other than a willingness to be open to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are committed to welcoming as many people as possible to worship at our church, and involve all age groups from senior citizens, parents and young people to toddlers. We are increasingly conscious of and committed to our duty and call when it comes to Safeguarding. We have also made a commitment to set an example of good practice when it comes to Domestic Abuse.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Although the beliefs, tenets and practices of Christianity meet the charity law definition of religion and are capable of being advanced for the public benefit, there is no longer a presumption of public benefit for charities whose aims include advancing religion. However, the PCC of St. Paul's actively advances religion for the benefit of the public in general, and of those of the wider Parish in particular, in a variety of ways:

The encouragement and facilitation of practising Christian faith, including:

- the provision and maintenance of the church and the Parish Rooms, (all of which are open to the community at large)
- the celebration of baptisms and marriages, and the conducting of funerals
- maintaining the public churchyard
- the saying of masses and other services open to the public
- the provision and maintenance of religious stained-glass windows within the church
- keeping St. Paul's open during daytime so that all may enter to pray and reflect

Raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices, including:

- promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and scriptures
- providing religious instruction and supervision to all within the Parish, including a range of Uniformed Groups from the area who come to visit the Church or have invited members of the Church along to their meetings
- supporting the local Primary and Secondary schools which provide education concerning Christian principles and practices, thus contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children
- promoting prayer, praise and study through the provision of Lent and Advent courses, and preparation for baptism, confirmation and marriage

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Missionary, outreach and pastoral work, including:

- encouraging and supporting pastoral work
- active participation in local ecumenical projects under the umbrella of Churches Together in Wokingham, such as the Wokingham Food Bank, Grub Club and the Town Night Shelter
- preparing couples for marriage
- visiting the sick
- offering ministry and services to local nursing and care homes
- administering the sacraments to the sick and dying
- providing chaplaincy to Wokingham Hospital
- providing comfort to the bereaved

Religious communication, including:

- providing Christian sermons, talks, and meetings
- recording of regular services and masses, and the distribution of the same to those parishioners unable to attend church
- publishing and distribution of "Spire" magazine throughout the Parish
- maintaining an active website covering all aspects of parish work

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll

At 6th June 2021 there were 216 parishioners registered on the Roll, a small decrease on the previous year; (220 members at 27 September 2020).

Worship and Prayer

A wide range of services is offered throughout the year in order to uphold our aim of promoting the mission of the church in the community and providing spiritually uplifting worship.

Saint Paul's Church

St. Paul's is rooted in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England and offers a variety of styles of worship from the quiet contemplation of Evensong, healing services and Benediction to worship within the Parish and family masses. In normal times, in addition to three Sunday services, morning and evening prayer are said during the week as well as one weekday mass. We have been fortunate to be able to continue to live stream our services during the year when meeting in church was not always possible. When we were able to return to in person services, we continue to offer a live stream as well.

The church has a strong musical tradition with a large choir of adults and children. We are also fortunate to have a committed and lively team of bell-ringers who ring for major masses, weddings and other special occasions as a way of announcing those services, thus giving glory to God and maintaining a great British tradition.

St. Paul's continues to be committed to building a single community made up of people of all ages and backgrounds. This sense of unity is focused on the way we meet with God together in prayer and worship, in singing and fellowship. However, around this, we would normally run groups for different stages of life although all have been suspended due to the pandemic. We have groups for pre-School Children, a group for those in Y6 and Y7 moving from primary to secondary education, and a Sunday School. A weekly Coffee & Chat group, a fortnightly men's

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lunch group, a sewing group and a group for those in their 20s and 30s have all been established.

At the heart of the Church of England is the Parish system – the fact that we exist to welcome all people and to be of service to the community of which we form a part. St. Paul's is open every day for all to enter, whether it be to attend our regular services, to celebrate a wedding or a baptism, to give thanks for the life of a loved one during a funeral, or just to reflect and pray. Festivals, such as those at Christmas and Easter, attract many people to the church who would not normally attend, and these occasions especially enable us to reinforce our commitment of welcome, service and community.

Saint Nicholas' Community Church

St. Nicholas' Community Church is a more informal church offering worship for both the young and not-so-young. Services have been held in Emmbrook village hall when permitted and include a weekly family mass and a slightly less formal monthly 'See! Hear! Live!' service on the first Sunday of each month. An annual Christingle service takes place with children leading prayers and readings.

The church would also normally run social and fundraising events throughout the year and come together with the congregation of St. Paul's on Mothering Sunday.

The congregation of St. Nicholas' Church have suspended events for much of 2021 due to the pandemic, although several members have continued to be involved with Partnership for Missional Church and the Mission Innovation team whose aim is to engage with residents of the new housing estate off Matthewsgreen Road.

In addition to their contribution to, and support of, Parish committees and events the members of the congregation of St Nicholas' make a significant contribution to the life of the village of Emmbrook through their involvement in community groups such as the Townswomen's Guild, Emmbrook Senior Citizens Tea Club, the Link Visiting Scheme, Christian Aid collections, by supporting the local schools through Chaplaincy and Governorship, and by visiting and helping those who are unable to attend church services.

Fellowship Groups

In addition to services at each church fellowship groups continue to meet regularly via Zoom throughout the whole Parish for prayer, bible study, support and worship.

ST. PAUL'S IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Church is an established venue for concerts hosted by local schools, choral and musical societies amongst others. These have included West Forest Sinfonia, Wokingham Choral Society, South Berkshire Singers, and Reading Symphony Orchestra, Emmbrook School, St. Paul's (CE) Junior School and the Holt School.

Built 157 years ago by Mr John Walter III, St. Paul's is Grade II* Listed and in need of regular attention. The Quinquennial Inspection Report has identified a number of important works required to maintain the church in a sound condition, which will be carried out as soon as funds permit. The churchyard continues to be maintained by a dedicated team of parishioners with working parties meeting twice a month. During the year the local Community Payback Scheme worked with the team and have made a significant input to the management and maintenance

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of the churchyard, reinforcing the valuable contribution that this scheme is able to make. Mown access is now available to all parts of the churchyard and the Payback group are starting to maintain and refurbish the graves. New trees and hedging have been planted, unsightly trees removed and existing trees pruned. In addition, there is continuing progress to install accessible paths throughout the churchyard. St Paul's Scouts have also started working in the churchyard and have installed bird feeders.

The church is open daily for private prayer and contemplation. A prayer book is kept for visitors to share their thoughts or to make requests for prayers to be said on their behalf, the large number of entries illustrating the wide variety of people who visit.

During the year the church has maintained and indeed raised its profile in the local community through its contribution to a number of local schemes and initiatives, such as the Wokingham Food Bank and leading the support of local care homes and nursing homes on behalf of Wokingham Borough Council. Additionally, services were streamed into local care and nursing homes as we were not able to visit them.

SCHOOLS IN CHURCH

We are delighted to welcome schools and children to St Paul's when possible. They come for special services and concerts. They come to understand more of the way Churches work and look and what happens inside them. They come to learn about Easter and about what it is to live as a Christian.

We are involved with 9 schools locally - The Holt Secondary School, Emmbrook Infants, Emmbrook Juniors, Walter Infants, Hawthorns Primary, Evendons Primary, Holme Grange School, Windmill Primary and St Paul's Juniors. Two other primary schools from further afield also use us as a place to visit and to find out more about the Christian faith and what it looks like when it is lived out. We are involved in a number of ways which vary with the school. They include taking assemblies, supporting the RE curriculum and governance. These links have continued throughout the pandemic – assemblies have been recorded every fortnight for local schools to use and classes, which could not come into the church physically, were able to do so through the creative use of technology, and asked lots of questions.

We have excellent links with these Schools which means that people from St Paul's are involved in all of them in different ways (for example as Governors, leading assemblies, reading with individual pupils) and St Paul's Church is a place of quality encounter and deepening understanding, both in the context of understanding the place of the Christian faith in British society and encouraging every one of the pupils and staff and parents who come to School events in Church to experience something of holiness and space.

PASTORAL CARE

As a result of the pandemic all groups that met socially in the past are currently suspended, although we have found new ways of supporting each other through things like Saturday at 4 which happened on Zoom and was an excellent way of coming together to learn a new skill or do an activity.

During 2019, a new pastoral care scheme was introduced called Tithings whereby those who wish to be involved are allocated to a group, often geographical or by common interest, which then meets three or four times per year and also provides pastoral oversight of those in the

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group between meetings. Around 70 members of the congregation are now actively involved in these groups. These groups have continued to meet up on Zoom.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC TRADITION

The church has a very strong music tradition that is supported by a resident choir and visiting organists, and ably led by a professional Director of Music. During the year the choir has continued to sing for all Sunday morning masses, major festivals and for Evensong twice a month. It regularly numbers 5 children and 25 adults who work together well, and the PCC thanks all its members for their hard work, support and enthusiasm.

The year's musical highlights once again included the choir's contribution to our Christmas services. The pandemic significantly curtailed our ability to sing as a choir and we have been grateful to individuals and small groups who have continued to provide live and recorded music where possible.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

During 2021, over £6,030 was raised for our chosen charities: principally United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG), The Children's Society and Soulscape. Volunteers from the parish have continued to assist with the Foodbank and various community projects. Collection have been made of gifts for the hospital staff and care homes. The PCC of St. Paul's continues to review ways of increasing outreach into the community and to establish additional pastoral links.

The Parish Magazine ("Spire") has not been printed during the pandemic but a Parish Email has been established which included information on streamed services as well as articles, poems and photos with the aim of keeping everyone in touch as much as possible. This went out at least three times a week and sometimes daily through the pandemic.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising has been severely curtailed by the pandemic and the PCC are actively looking at ways to increase this.

DEANERY SYNOD

The PCC has four lay representatives to Deanery Synod who continue to provide an important link between the Parish and the wider structure of the church. Synod met on Zoom during the year, with a recurring theme of Deanery finances and the difficulties faced by many Parishes in paying their Parish share. The adoption of the new Diocesan scheme for calculation of Parish share led to a lively debate, and eventually a decision to adopt the scheme with a 5-year transition period. The Deanery Mission Plan has continued to move forward, focusing on future levels of financial and numerical stability within the Deanery.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

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Links with other local Churches are very important to St. Paul's and St. Nicholas', both within the Anglican Deanery and with our ecumenical friends. St. Paul's and St. Nicholas' are a member of Churches Together in Wokingham (CTW) a group of about 20 local churches whose objectives are to draw those churches into greater understanding and unity, to enable them to bear a more united witness in the community and serve it more effectively, and to give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time-to-time be found desirable. Participation in CTW events provides an opportunity of sharing faith and reaching out to a wider community.

In 2012 the Parish boundaries were changed to include Woosehill Community Church as a Conventional District with its own Church Council and financial independence. Woosehill is an Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership, and because of this our ecumenical awareness and understanding is now greater, and our relationships with other churches, especially the local Methodist Circuit, even stronger and more important.

SAFEGUARDING

Following approval by the PCC in 2012 of a new Child Protection Manual the updating and implementation of safeguarding arrangements in the Parish continued during the year. An audit, commissioned by the PCC, confirmed that child protection arrangements met the requirements of the Manual and were being effectively implemented. In May 2021, the PCC reviewed its Safeguarding Policy which was agreed and signed and displayed in our buildings.

Safeguarding Team: safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental part of the life of the Parish. We cannot be the Church unless everyone is safe and protected. Our Safeguarding Team works hard to ensure we follow best practice, create an environment and life which is safe for all and engages with the management of individual cases.

VOLUNTEERS

The community of St. Paul's and St. Nicholas continues to be blessed with many volunteers and the PCC thanks all who give their time and talents so willingly. In addition, and as a part of our regular outreach into the local community, we have supported a number of local charities with both resources and volunteers, the most recent being the Wokingham Food Bank project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The function of the Unrestricted Fund is to account for the day-to-day administration of the parish. Overall giving within the Fund in 2021 was 0.5% lower than in the previous year and, despite continuing controls over expenditure, resulted in a modest deficit of some £1,016. In parallel the Restricted Funds generated a deficit of just under £4,000, predominantly through a further increase in expenditure to restore the fabric of the church building.

Looking at parish income across all Funds our total giving, donations, Gift Aid recoverable, parish fees and other items amounted to £167,920. However, there was no income in 2021 from either social activities, fund-raising or parish magazine sales. As in previous years the

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largest item of expenditure was the Parish Share payable to the Diocese of Oxford, which amounted £78,627; this was once again paid in full and on time.

Total parish funds at the year-end stood at £504,827, of which £153,701 was restricted and £351,126 unrestricted. The bulk of the unrestricted funds (£240,000) was represented by the house provided for the Assistant Curate.

Covid-related restrictions substantially impacted the parish's ability to operate in 2021 and, as a consequence, resulted in a challenging fiscal environment. Nevertheless all possible steps were taken in an attempt to minimise the resulting financial effects, and the reported outcome bears testimony to this.

RESERVES

The bulk of unrestricted income comes from generous donations by parishioners with the balance from Parish Fees that include, but are not restricted to, weddings and funerals. The church's policy is to maintain unrestricted cash reserves sufficient to cover a minimum of two months' net running costs.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Paul, Wokingham with St
Nicholas, Emmbrook**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook, (the Charity), for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

Responsibilities and Basis of 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 2011 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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24th March 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	135,977	6,771	142,748	139,525
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	15,976	240	16,216	12,571
Other trading activities	2(c)	5	2,445	2,450	4,246
Investments	2(d)	35	75	110	9,306
Other income	2(e)	6,256	140	6,396	140
Total income		158,249	9,671	167,920	165,788
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	133	1,185	1,318	1,190
Charitable activities	3(b)	158,572	12,380	170,952	151,775
Other expenditure	3(c)	560	-	560	806
Total resources expended		159,265	13,565	172,830	153,771
Net income/(expenditure) before fund transfers		(1,016)	(3,894)	(4,910)	12,017
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,016)	(3,894)	(4,910)	12,017
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2021		352,142	157,595	509,737	497,720
Total funds carried forward 31 December		£ 351,126	£ 153,701	£ 504,827	£ 509,737

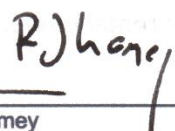
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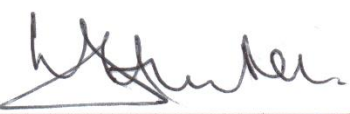
Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7	241,364	2,763	244,127	247,419
Total fixed assets		241,364	2,763	244,127	247,419
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	4,449	100	4,549	3,507
Short term deposits		66,879	144,428	211,307	210,729
Cash at bank and in hand		39,485	11,300	50,785	51,533
Total current assets		110,813	155,828	266,641	265,769
Creditors and accruals	9	1,051	4,890	5,941	3,451
Net current assets/(liabilities)		109,762	150,938	260,700	262,318
Total assets less current liabilities		351,126	153,701	504,827	509,737
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year					
NET ASSETS		£ 351,126	£ 153,701	£ 504,827	£ 509,737
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted Fund - General	10			351,126	352,142
Restricted Funds	10			153,701	157,595
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 504,827	£ 509,737

Approved by the PCC on 21st March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Richard Lamey



Mr Llewellyn Austen

The notes on pages 16-21 form part of these accounts

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Notes on the Accounts

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds that may be designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 10.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by bazaars, fêtes, garden parties and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual fixtures, fittings and office equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Assets with an individual purchase price of over £1,000 and a life in excess of one year are depreciated on a straight-line basis as follows:

Heating system - 10 years

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment - 4 years

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove un-collectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at Barclays Bank.

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Note 2 Analysis of Income

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
2(a) Donations and Legacies	Planned giving	97,267	-	97,267	95,478
	Income tax recoverable	22,540	323	22,863	23,042
	Collections	2,238	-	2,238	1,900
	Grants	1,844	3,085	4,929	1,949
	Donations, appeals, etc.	12,088	3,363	15,451	16,906
	Legacies	-	-	-	250
	Total		135,977	6,771	142,748
2(b) Income from charitable activities	Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	821
	Fees	15,976	240	16,216	11,750
	Total	15,976	240	16,216	12,571
2(c) Other trading activities	Fund-raising, bazaars etc.	5	2,445	2,450	3,309
	Parish magazine advertising	-	-	-	937
	Total	5	2,445	2,450	4,246
2(d) Investments	Rental income	-	-	-	8,472
	Dividends and interest	35	75	110	834
	Total	35	75	110	9,306
2(e) Other income	Other ordinary income	472	140	612	140
	Insurance claims	5,784	-	5,784	
	Total	6,256	140	6,396	140
TOTAL INCOME		£ 158,249	£ 9,671	£ 167,920	£ 165,788

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Note 3 Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
Analysis		£	£	£	£
3(a) Raising funds	Bazaar & fundraising costs	133	1,185	1,318	1,190
	Total	133	1,185	1,318	1,190
3(b) Charitable activities	Missionary and charitable giving	6,030	-	6,030	7,941
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	78,627	-	78,627	80,597
	Wedding, funeral and other fees	8,088	-	8,088	6,716
	Other ministry costs	16,388	184	16,572	5,990
	Church running and maintenance	21,252	6,107	27,359	19,058
	Churchyard upkeep	566	2,862	3,428	496
	Hall hire	602	-	602	808
	Organist/music director	10,065	-	10,065	9,265
	Upkeep of services	1,910	463	2,373	3,767
	Printing and stationery	1,600	-	1,600	2,028
	Office equipment rental	1,204	-	1,204	1,070
	Administrative support	11,712	-	11,712	11,074
	Depreciation	528	2,764	3,292	2,965
	Total	158,572	12,380	170,952	151,775
3(c) Other expenditure	Governance and data protection	40	-	40	40
	Deanery levies	140	-	140	392
	Bank charges	380	-	380	374
	Total	560	-	560	806
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 159,265	£ 13,565	£ 172,830	£ 153,771

Note 4

4(a) Trustee expenses

Out of pocket expenses of £5,996 were reimbursed to 12 PCC members (including clergy) during the year; (2020: £4,785 by 7 members)

4(b) Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

No independent examiner's fee was charged for reporting on the accounts; (2020: nil).

Note 5 Staff costs

The PCC has no employees.

During the year payments of £10,065 were made to organists and a Director of Music; (2020: £9,265)

A payment of £11,712 was made to St Paul's Parish Room Trust for administrative support; (2020: £11,074).

Note 6 Other expenditure

A fee of £40 was paid to the Information Commissioner's Office for data protection registration; (2020: £40)

Levies of £140; (2020: £392) were paid to Sonning Deanery.

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Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Fund			Restricted Funds	All Funds
	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total Unrestricted Fund	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January 2021	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Additions during year (none)					
Balance carried forward 31 December 2021	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance brought forward 1 January 2021	-	7,144	7,144	27,650	34,794
Depreciation charge for year	-	528	528	2,764	3,292
Balance carried forward 31 December 2021	-	7,672	7,672	30,414	38,086
Net book value					
Brought forward 1 January 2021	240,000	1,892	241,892	5,527	247,419
Carried forward 31 December 2021	£ 240,000	£ 1,364	£ 241,364	£ 2,763	£ 244,127

The freehold land and buildings comprise the community priest's house at 13 Brook Close, Wokingham.

The title to the property is held on trust for the benefit of the PCC by Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. As the prime purpose of the property is to provide accommodation for clergy it is not treated as an investment asset.

Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
Prepayments	447	-	447	90
Accounts receivable	4,002	100	4,102	3,417
Total	£ 4,449	£ 100	£ 4,549	£ 3,507

Note 9 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>				
Accruals	405	-	405	552
Accounts payable	646	4,890	5,536	2,899
Total	£ 1,051	£ 4,890	£ 5,941	£ 3,451

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Note 10

	Balance at 1st January 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31st December 2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General	352,142	158,249	(159,265)	351,126
	£ 352,142	£ 158,249	£ (159,265)	£ 351,126
Restricted Funds				
Restoration	51,424	2,194	(8,871)	44,747
Lighting	71,448	37	-	71,485
Lucky Numbers	21,428	2,411	(1,185)	22,654
Bell	3,289	140	-	3,429
Churchyard	3,343	3,541	(2,862)	4,022
Ordinand	2,808	2	(179)	2,631
Organ	372	240	-	612
Toddler Group	41	25	(5)	61
Footsteps Group	483	-	-	483
St Paul's Music and Choir	461	1,080	(298)	1,243
St Nicholas Music	2,067	1	-	2,068
St Nicholas Development	431	-	(165)	266
	£ 157,595	£ 9,671	£ (13,565)	£ 153,701
Total Funds	£ 509,737	£ 167,920	£ (172,830)	£ 504,827

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restoration	Major repairs to fabric of St Paul's (excludes routine maintenance)
Lighting	Major works to lighting within St Paul's church
Lucky Numbers	Established to raise money for restoration purposes
Bell	Maintenance of the bells and related items
Churchyard	Maintenance and improvement of St Paul's churchyard
St Paul's Legacies	Historic fund set up from legacies to St Paul's church
Ordinand	For the support of an Ordinand
Organ	For the restoration of the church organ
Toddler Group	Support for church work with pre-school children
Footsteps Group	Support for the church youth groups
St Paul's Music and Choir	To support the music tradition within St Paul's Church
St Nicholas Music	To maintain and enhance the quality of music at St Nicholas Church
St Nicholas Development	For the pastoral development of St Nicholas church

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Administrative Information

The Parish is part of the Deanery of Sonning and of the Reading Area of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England and is comprised of three churches governed by two separate Church Councils. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham and St Nicholas, Emmbrook is responsible for the ministry and management of the two named churches whilst the third, Woosehill Community Church, is a Local Ecumenical Partnership with its own Church Council and is not, therefore, directly covered in this Annual Report nor in the Financial Statements that follow.

PCC Members

Ex-Officio

Clergy:	Rector	Rev Richard Lamey (Chairman)
	Associate Priest	Rev Patrick Mukholi (<i>until June 2020</i>)
	Assistant Curate	Rev Cara Smart (<i>from September 2020</i>)
	Licensed to Officiate	Rev Judi Hattaway
		Rev Roy Holmes
		Rev Jane Kraft

Church Wardens:	Mr David Ruddock
	Mr Peter Wells

Pro-Wardens (S Nicholas):	Mrs Fiona Albinson
	Mrs Elizabeth Gallagher

Deanery Synod representatives:	Miss Geraldine Lea (<i>until October 2020</i>)
	Mr David Ruddock
	Mr John Sutton
	Mr Peter Wells

<u>Elected Members:</u>	Mr Llewellyn Austen
	Mrs Teresa Austen
	Mrs Christine Barker (<i>until October 2020</i>)
	Mr Christopher Cipkin (<i>appointed October 2020</i>)
	Mr Andrew Clark (<i>until October 2020</i>)
	Mr Kenneth Davenport (<i>until October 2020</i>)
	Mrs Susan Davenport
	Mr Anthony Eggleston (<i>until October 2020</i>)
	Mr Stuart Fairhead (<i>until October 2020</i>)
	Mr Alan Harrison
	Mr Vernon Riley
	Mr Anthony Roberts
	Mrs Pippa Sutton
	Mrs Jean Vaughan

<u>Co-opted Members:</u>	Mrs Rhoda Hart (<i>appointed October 2020 for 1 year</i>)
	Mr Andrew Clark (<i>appointed October 2020 for 1 year</i>)

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Address: St Paul's Parish Office
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Wokingham
RG41 1EH

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Wokingham
RG40 1AR

Independent Examiner: Deidrie Geise ACMA
21 Brookfields
West Wellow
Romsey
SO51 6GS

Charity Registration No: 1130325

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Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2020.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of St. Paul's Church and churchyard and for one house that it owns in Brook Close, Wokingham.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The PCC has two Approved Governing Documents issued by the Church of England:

The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended)

The Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended))

Composition of the PCC is fixed by resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Membership is for three years with one third elected in each year. If a member resigns for any reason before their three-year term is complete, the new member elected in that place serves the remainder of the previous member's term only.

In 1990 the Annual Meeting resolved to elect the St. Nicholas' Pro-Wardens (who are ex-officio members of the PCC). Resolutions of 1979 and 1988 (ensuring that of the four members elected to Deanery Synod, one should be from St. Nicholas' congregation) were superseded by the 1990 resolution, which contained a similar intention.

The PCC generally meets every other month, with a Standing Committee assembling when necessary to discuss and draw up the agenda for the ensuing PCC meeting. The Standing Committee consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, Pro-Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary; it sets the agenda for the PCC meetings and transacts business between those meetings where necessary. In addition to the Standing Committee, there are six Parish sub-committees and a brief outline of the responsibilities of each is given below.

Finance Committee: Oversees the finances of the PCC

Worship Committee: Assists the Rector in planning services, arranges special musical events and proposes changes where necessary

Mission Committee: Maintains and supports the relationship between St Paul's and the local community, and between the church and those UK and key overseas charities that the Parish supports

St. Nicholas' Council: Co-ordinates all matters relating to St. Nicholas' Church

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Social Committee: Arranges church social events to which all are welcome

Youth and Children's Committee: Ensures that the voices of children and young people are heard in the Parish, and that they are cared for and involved at the heart of the life of the church, and given the chance to grow in faith.

The PCC works to ensure that each member is fully equipped to fulfil his or her specific role.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The focus of the PCC is to promote the whole mission of the church in the community, through worship, prayer and contemplation, the provision of pastoral care within the Parish, and mission and outreach work. St. Paul's is an inclusive and welcoming community of faith, imposing no conditions on those who come through our doors, other than a willingness to be open to the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are committed to welcoming as many people as possible to worship at our church, and involve all age groups from senior citizens, parents and young people to toddlers. We are increasingly conscious of and committed to our duty and call when it comes to Safeguarding. We have also made a commitment to set an example of good practice when it comes to Domestic Abuse.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Although the beliefs, tenets and practices of Christianity meet the charity law definition of religion and are capable of being advanced for the public benefit, there is no longer a presumption of public benefit for charities whose aims include advancing religion. However, the PCC of St. Paul's actively advances religion for the benefit of the public in general, and of those of the wider Parish in particular, in a variety of ways:

The encouragement and facilitation of practising Christian faith, including:

- the provision and maintenance of the church and the Parish Rooms, (all of which are open to the community at large)
- the celebration of baptisms and marriages, and the conducting of funerals
- maintaining the public churchyard
- the saying of masses and other services open to the public
- the provision and maintenance of religious stained-glass windows within the church
- keeping St. Paul's open during daytime so that all may enter to pray and reflect

Raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices, including:

- promoting the study of Christian teaching, practices and scriptures
- providing religious instruction and supervision to all within the Parish, including a range of Uniformed Groups from the area who come to visit the Church or have invited members of the Church along to their meetings
- supporting the local Primary and Secondary schools which provide education concerning Christian principles and practices, thus contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children

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- promoting prayer, praise and study through the provision of Lent and Advent courses, and preparation for baptism, confirmation and marriage

Missionary, outreach and pastoral work, including:

- encouraging and supporting pastoral work
- active participation in local ecumenical projects under the umbrella of Churches Together in Wokingham, such as the Wokingham Food Bank, Grub Club and the Town Night Shelter
- preparing couples for marriage
- visiting the sick
- offering ministry and services to local nursing and care homes
- administering the sacraments to the sick and dying
- providing chaplaincy to Wokingham Hospital
- providing comfort to the bereaved

Religious communication, including:

- providing Christian sermons, talks, and meetings
- recording of regular services and masses, and the distribution of the same to those parishioners unable to attend church
- publishing and distribution of "Spire" magazine throughout the Parish
- maintaining an active website covering all aspects of parish work

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll

At 27th September 2020 there were 220 parishioners registered on the Roll, a small increase on the previous year; (204 members at 14 March 2019).

Worship and Prayer

A wide range of services is offered throughout the year in order to uphold our aim of promoting the mission of the church in the community and providing spiritually uplifting worship.

Saint Paul's Church

St. Paul's is rooted in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England and offers a variety of styles of worship from the quiet contemplation of Evensong, healing services and Benediction to worship within the Parish and family masses. In normal times, in addition to three Sunday services, morning and evening prayer are said during the week as well as one weekday mass. We have been fortunate to be able to live stream our services during the year when meeting in church was not possible. When we were able to return to in person services, we continued to offer a live stream as well.

The church has a strong musical tradition with a large choir of adults and children. We are also fortunate to have a committed and lively team of bell-ringers who ring for major masses, weddings and other special occasions as a way of announcing those services, thus giving glory to God and maintaining a great British tradition.

St. Paul's continues to be committed to building a single community made up of people of all ages and backgrounds. This sense of unity is focused on the way we meet with God together in prayer and worship, in singing and fellowship. However, around this, we would normally run groups for different stages of life although all have been suspended due to the pandemic. The

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monthly Welcome Club for those who are retired is a great gift to the community and vastly over-subscribed. We have two groups for pre-School Children, a Sunday School and a Youth Group. A weekly Coffee & Chat group, a fortnightly men's lunch group, a sewing group and a group for those in their 20s and 30s have all been established. In November we also started a social group on Zoom, which also includes conversation around faith, for those aged 11 or 12, which we have called 6s and 7s because of the names of their school years.

At the heart of the Church of England is the Parish system – the fact that we exist to welcome all people and to be of service to the community of which we form a part. St. Paul's is open every day for all to enter, whether it be to attend our regular services, to celebrate a wedding or a baptism, to give thanks for the life of a loved one during a funeral, or just to reflect and pray. Festivals, such as those at Christmas and Easter, attract many people to the church who would not normally attend, and these occasions especially enable us to reinforce our commitment of welcome, service and community.

Saint Nicholas' Community Church

St. Nicholas' Community Church is a more informal church offering worship for both the young and not-so-young. Services have been held in Emmbrook village hall when permitted and include a weekly family mass and a slightly less formal monthly 'See! Hear! Live!' service on the first Sunday of each month. An annual Christingle service takes place with children leading prayers and readings.

The church would also normally run social and fundraising events throughout the year and come together with the congregation of St. Paul's on Mothering Sunday.

The congregation of St. Nicholas' Church have suspended events for 2020 due to the pandemic, although several members have continued to be involved with Partnership for Missional Church and the Mission Innovation team whose aim is to engage with residents of the new housing estate off Matthewsgreen Road.

In addition to their contribution to, and support of, Parish committees and events the members of the congregation of St Nicholas' make a significant contribution to the life of the village of Emmbrook through their involvement in community groups such as the Townswomen's Guild, Emmbrook Senior Citizens Tea Club, the Link Visiting Scheme, Christian Aid collections, by supporting the local schools through Chaplaincy and Governorship, and by visiting and helping those who are unable to attend church services.

Fellowship Groups

In addition to services at each church fellowship groups continue to meet regularly via Zoom throughout the whole Parish for prayer, bible study, support and worship.

ST. PAUL'S IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Church is an established venue for concerts hosted by local schools, choral and musical societies amongst others. These have included West Forest Sinfonia, Wokingham Choral Society, South Berkshire Singers, and Reading Symphony Orchestra, Emmbrook School, St. Paul's (CE) Junior School and the Holt School.

Built 157 years ago by Mr John Walter III, St. Paul's is Grade II* Listed and in need of regular attention. The Quinquennial Inspection Report has identified a number of important works

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required to maintain the church in a sound condition, which will be carried out as soon as funds permit. The churchyard continues to be maintained by a dedicated team of parishioners with working parties meeting twice a month. During the year the local Community Payback Scheme worked with the team and have made a significant input to the management and maintenance of the churchyard, reinforcing the valuable contribution that this scheme is able to make. Mown access is now available to all parts of the churchyard and the Payback group are starting to maintain and refurbish the graves. New trees have been planted, unsightly trees removed and existing trees pruned. In addition, there is continuing progress to install accessible paths throughout the churchyard. St Paul's Scouts have also started working in the churchyard and have installed bird feeders.

The church is open daily for private prayer and contemplation. A prayer book is kept for visitors to share their thoughts or to make requests for prayers to be said on their behalf, the large number of entries illustrating the wide variety of people who visit.

During the year the church has maintained and indeed raised its profile in the local community through its contribution to a number of local schemes and initiatives, such as the Wokingham Food Bank and leading the support of local care homes and nursing homes on behalf of Wokingham Borough Council. Additionally, services are streamed into local care and nursing homes as we are not currently able to visit them.

SCHOOLS IN CHURCH

We are delighted to welcome schools and children to St Paul's when possible. They come for special services and concerts. They come to understand more of the way Churches work and look and what happens inside them. They come to learn about Easter and about what it is to live as a Christian.

We are involved with 9 schools locally - The Holt Secondary School, Emmbrook Infants, Emmbrook Juniors, Walter Infants, Hawthorns Primary, Evendons Primary, Holme Grange School, Windmill Primary and St Paul's Juniors. Two other primary schools from further afield also use us as a place to visit and to find out more about the Christian faith and what it looks like when it is lived out. We are involved in a number of ways which vary with the school. They include taking assemblies, supporting the RE curriculum and governance. These links have continued throughout the pandemic – assemblies have been recorded every fortnight for local schools to use and classes, which could not come into the church physically, were able to do so through the creative use of technology, and asked lots of questions.

We have excellent links with these Schools which means that people from St Paul's are involved in all of them in different ways (for example as Governors, leading assemblies, reading with individual pupils) and St Paul's Church is a place of quality encounter and deepening understanding, both in the context of understanding the place of the Christian faith in British society and encouraging every one of the pupils and staff and parents who come to School events in Church to experience something of holiness and space.

PASTORAL CARE

As a result of the pandemic all groups that met socially in the past are currently suspended, although we have found new ways of supporting each other through things like Saturday at 4 which happened on Zoom and was an excellent way of coming together to learn a new skill or do an activity.

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During 2019, a new pastoral care scheme was introduced called Tithings whereby those who wish to be involved are allocated to a group, often geographical or by common interest, which then meets three or four times per year and also provides pastoral oversight of those in the group between meetings. Around 70 members of the congregation are now actively involved in these groups. These groups have continued to meet up on Zoom.

ST. PAUL'S MUSIC TRADITION

The church has a very strong music tradition that is supported by a resident choir and visiting organists, and ably led by a professional Director of Music. During the year the choir has continued to sing for all Sunday morning masses, major festivals and for Evensong twice a month. It regularly numbers 5 children and 25 adults who work together well, and the PCC thanks all its members for their hard work, support and enthusiasm.

The year's musical highlights once again included the choir's contribution to our Christmas services. The pandemic significantly curtailed our ability to sing as a choir and we have been grateful to individuals and small groups who have continued to provide live and recorded music where possible.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

During 2020, over £7,265 was raised for our chosen charities: principally United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG), The Children's Society and Soulscape. Volunteers from the parish have continued to assist with the Foodbank and various community projects. Collection have been made of gifts for the hospital staff and care homes. The PCC of St. Paul's continues to review ways of increasing outreach into the community and to establish additional pastoral links.

The Parish Magazine ("Spire") has not been printed during the pandemic but a Parish Email has been established which included information on streamed services as well as articles, poems and photos with the aim of keeping everyone in touch as much as possible. This went out at least three times a week and sometimes daily through the pandemic.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising has been severely curtailed by the pandemic and the PCC are actively looking at ways to increase this.

DEANERY SYNOD

The PCC has four lay representatives to Deanery Synod who continue to provide an important link between the Parish and the wider structure of the church. Synod met on Zoom during the year, with a recurring theme of Deanery finances and the difficulties faced by many Parishes in paying their Parish share. The adoption of the new Diocesan scheme for calculation of Parish share led to a lively debate, and eventually a decision to adopt the scheme with a 5-year transition period. The Deanery Mission Plan has continued to move forward, focusing on future levels of financial and numerical stability within the Deanery.

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ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

Links with other local Churches are very important to St. Paul's and St. Nicholas', both within the Anglican Deanery and with our ecumenical friends. St. Paul's and St. Nicholas' are a member of Churches Together in Wokingham (CTW) a group of about 20 local churches whose objectives are to draw those churches into greater understanding and unity, to enable them to bear a more united witness in the community and serve it more effectively, and to give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time-to-time be found desirable. Participation in CTW events provides an opportunity of sharing faith and reaching out to a wider community.

In 2012 the Parish boundaries were changed to include Woosehill Community Church as a Conventional District with its own Church Council and financial independence. Woosehill is an Anglican/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership, and because of this our ecumenical awareness and understanding is now greater, and our relationships with other churches, especially the local Methodist Circuit, even stronger and more important.

SAFEGUARDING

Following approval by the PCC in 2012 of a new Child Protection Manual the updating and implementation of safeguarding arrangements in the Parish continued during the year. An audit, commissioned by the PCC, confirmed that child protection arrangements met the requirements of the Manual and were being effectively implemented. In May 2020, the PCC reviewed its Safeguarding Policy which was agreed and signed and displayed in our buildings.

Safeguarding Team: safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental part of the life of the Parish. We cannot be the Church unless everyone is safe and protected. Our Safeguarding Team works hard to ensure we follow best practice, create an environment and life which is safe for all and engages with the management of individual cases.

VOLUNTEERS

The community of St. Paul's and St. Nicholas continues to be blessed with many volunteers and the PCC thanks all who give their time and talents so willingly. In addition, and as a part of our regular outreach into the local community, we have supported a number of local charities with both resources and volunteers, the most recent being the Wokingham Food Bank project.

We worked with other local churches to provide a Night Shelter for homeless people in Wokingham during January and February 2020.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Unrestricted Fund exists to pay for the day-to-day administration of the parish. Whilst overall giving within the Fund in 2020 was some 4.3% lower than in the previous year, it is

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gratifying to note that, despite this, a surplus of £13,538 was recorded. Conversely the Restricted Funds generated a small deficit, predominantly through an increase in expenditure to restore the fabric of the church building.

Looking at parish income across all Funds, our total giving, donations, Gift Aid recoverable, fund-raising activities, parish fees and other items amounted to £165,788. During the year continuing cost controls and reduced activities led to parish expenditure falling by 9.4%. As on previous occasions the largest item of annual expenditure was the Parish Share payable to the Diocese of Oxford, which amounted £80,597, and was once again paid in full and on time.

Total parish funds at the year-end stood at £509,737, of which £157,595 was restricted and £352,142 unrestricted. The bulk of the unrestricted funds (£240,000) was represented by the house provided for the Assistant Curate.

Despite the enforced and much lower activity levels within the parish it is apposite to note that prudent management has helped to reinforce the stability of our finances. Nevertheless, steps have been taken to ensure that expenses will continue to be kept under tight control through 2021, not least accompanied by the prospect of substantial repair and restoration costs to St Paul's Grade II* listed church.

RESERVES

The bulk of unrestricted income comes from generous donations by parishioners with the balance from Parish Fees that include, but are not restricted to, weddings and funerals. The church's policy is to maintain unrestricted cash reserves sufficient to cover a minimum of two months' net running costs.

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Wokingham with St Nicholas, Emmbrook, (the Charity), for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 14 to 21.

Responsibilities and Basis of 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 2011 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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27th May 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	136,445	3,080	139,525	212,390
Income from charitable activities	2(b)	12,391	180	12,571	20,156
Other trading activities	2(c)	1,525	2,721	4,246	7,984
Investments	2(d)	8,753	553	9,306	7,636
Other income	2(e)	-	140	140	180
Total income		159,114	6,674	165,788	248,346
Resources Expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	20	1,170	1,190	1,393
Charitable activities	3(b)	144,750	7,025	151,775	163,661
Other expenditure	3(c)	806	-	806	964
Total resources expended		145,576	8,195	153,771	166,018
Net income/(expenditure) before fund transfers		13,538	(1,521)	12,017	82,328
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		13,538	(1,521)	12,017	82,328
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2020		338,604	159,116	497,720	415,392
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2020		£ 352,142	£ 157,595	£ 509,737	£ 497,720

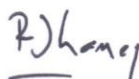
The notes on pages 16-21 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7	241,892	5,527	247,419	248,291
Total fixed assets		241,892	5,527	247,419	248,291
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	3,507	-	3,507	6,451
Short term deposits		66,375	144,354	210,729	164,904
Cash at bank and in hand		42,663	8,870	51,533	81,093
Total current assets		112,545	153,224	265,769	252,448
Creditors and accruals	9	2,295	1,156	3,451	3,019
Net current assets/(liabilities)		110,250	152,068	262,318	249,429
Total assets less current liabilities		352,142	157,595	509,737	497,720
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		£ 352,142	£ 157,595	£ 509,737	£ 497,720
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted Fund - General	10			352,142	338,604
Restricted Funds	10			157,595	159,116
TOTAL FUNDS				£ 509,737	£ 497,720

Approved by the PCC on 24th May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Richard Lamey



Mr Llewellyn Austen

The notes on pages 16-21 form part of these accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds that may be designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 10.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by bazaars, fêtes, garden parties and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable, and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Resources used

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Individual fixtures, fittings and office equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Assets with an individual purchase price of over £1,000 and a life in excess of one year are depreciated on a straight-line basis as follows:

Heating system - 10 years

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment - 4 years

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove un-collectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at Barclays Bank.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 2 Analysis of Income

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
2(a) Donations and Legacies	Planned giving	95,478	-	95,478	99,545
	Income tax recoverable	22,855	187	23,042	24,591
	Collections	1,900	-	1,900	6,059
	Grants	1,387	562	1,949	1,000
	Donations, appeals, etc.	14,575	2,331	16,906	14,509
	Legacies	250	-	250	66,686
	Total	136,445	3,080	139,525	212,390
2(b) Income from charitable activities	Parish magazine sales	821	-	821	1,207
	Fees	11,570	180	11,750	18,949
	Total	12,391	180	12,571	20,156
2(c) Other trading activities	Fund-raising, bazaars etc.	588	2,721	3,309	6,558
	Parish magazine advertising	937	-	937	1,426
	Total	1,525	2,721	4,246	7,984
2(d) Investments	Rental income	8,472	-	8,472	6,486
	Dividends and interest	281	553	834	1,150
	Total	8,753	553	9,306	7,636
2(e) Other income	Other ordinary income	-	140	140	180
	Total	-	140	140	180
TOTAL INCOME		£ 159,114	£ 6,674	£ 165,788	£ 248,346

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 3 Analysis of Expenditure

		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
Analysis		£	£	£	£
3(a)	Raising funds				
	Bazaar & fundraising costs	20	1,170	1,190	1,393
	Total	20	1,170	1,190	1,393
3(b)	Charitable activities				
	Missionary and charitable giving	7,941	-	7,941	7,884
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	80,597	-	80,597	87,375
	Wedding, funeral and other fees	6,716	-	6,716	8,900
	Other ministry costs	5,840	150	5,990	8,791
	Church running and maintenance	15,507	3,551	19,058	15,809
	Churchyard upkeep	221	275	496	1,949
	Hall hire	808	-	808	1,332
	Organist/music director	9,265	-	9,265	9,485
	Upkeep of services	3,482	285	3,767	4,813
	Printing and stationery	2,028	-	2,028	4,993
	Office equipment rental	1,070	-	1,070	980
	Administrative support	11,074	-	11,074	8,586
	Depreciation	201	2,764	2,965	2,764
	Total	144,750	7,025	151,775	163,661
3(c)	Other expenditure				
	Governance and data protection	40	-	40	40
	Deanery levies	392	-	392	440
	Bank charges	374	-	374	484
	Total	806	-	806	964
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 145,576	£ 8,195	£ 153,771	£ 166,018

Note 4

4(a) **Trustee expenses**

Out-of-pocket expenses of £4,785 were reimbursed to 7 PCC members (including clergy) during the year; (2019: £3,785 by 9 members).

4(b) **Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

No independent examiner's fee was charged for reporting on the accounts; (2019: nil).

Note 5 **Staff costs**

The PCC has no employees.

During the year payments of £9,265 were made to the Director of Music and church organists; (2019: £9,485).

A payment of £11,074 was made to St Paul's Parish Room Trust for administrative support; (2019: £8,586).

Note 6 **Other expenditure**

A fee of £40 was paid to the Information Commissioner's Office for data protection registration; (2019: £40).

Levies of £392; (2019: £440) were paid to Sonning Deanery.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Unrestricted Fund			Restricted Funds	All Funds
	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total Unrestricted Fund	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	240,000	6,943	246,943	33,177	280,120
Additions during year		2,093	2,093		2,093
Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	240,000	9,036	249,036	33,177	282,213
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance brought forward 1 January 2020	-	6,943	6,943	24,886	31,829
Depreciation charge for year	-	201	201	2,764	2,965
Balance carried forward 31 December 2020	-	7,144	7,144	27,650	34,794
Net book value					
Brought forward 1 January 2020	240,000	-	240,000	8,291	248,291
Carried forward 31 December 2020	£ 240,000	£ 1,892	£ 241,892	£ 5,527	£ 247,419

The freehold land and buildings comprise the community priest's house at 13 Brook Close, Wokingham. The title to the property is held on trust for the benefit of the PCC by Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. As the prime purpose of the property is to provide accommodation for clergy it is not treated as an investment asset.

Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
Prepayments	90	-	90	90
Accounts receivable	3,417	-	3,417	6,361
Total	£ 3,507	£ -	£ 3,507	£ 6,451

Note 9 Creditors and accruals

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>				
Accruals	552	-	552	908
Accounts payable	1,743	1,156	2,899	2,111
Total	£ 2,295	£ 1,156	£ 3,451	£ 3,019

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 10

	Balance at 1st January 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31st December 2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General	338,604	159,114	(145,576)	352,142
	£ 338,604	£ 159,114	£ (145,576)	£ 352,142
Restricted Funds				
Restoration	55,786	998	(5,360)	51,424
Lighting	70,190	1,258	-	71,448
Lucky Numbers	20,069	2,529	(1,170)	21,428
Bell	3,328	140	(179)	3,289
Churchyard	3,352	266	(275)	3,343
St Paul's Legacies	151	-	151	-
Ordinand	2,958	-	(150)	2,808
Organ	-	997	(625)	372
Toddler Group	96	-	(55)	41
Footsteps Group	483	-	-	483
St Paul's Music and Choir	63	455	(57)	461
St Nicholas Music	2,058	9	-	2,067
St Nicholas Development	582	22	(173)	431
	£ 159,116	£ 6,674	£ (8,195)	£ 157,595
Total Funds	£ 497,720	£ 165,788	£ (153,771)	£ 509,737

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Restoration	Major repairs to fabric of St Paul's (excludes routine maintenance)
Lighting	Major works to lighting within St Paul's church
Lucky Numbers	Established to raise money for restoration purposes
Bell	Maintenance of the bells and related items
Churchyard	Maintenance and improvement of St Paul's churchyard
St Paul's Legacies	Historic fund set up from legacies to St Paul's church
Ordinand	For the support of an Ordinand
Organ	For the restoration of the church organ
Toddler Group	Support for church work with pre-school children
Footsteps Group	Support for the church youth groups
St Paul's Music and Choir	To support the music tradition within St Paul's Church
St Nicholas Music	To maintain and enhance the quality of music at St Nicholas Church
St Nicholas Development	For the pastoral development of St Nicholas church