

Benefice of THE ELHAM VALLEY GROUP
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Acrise with Swingfield, Denton, Elham, Lyminge with Paddlesworth, Postling,
Stanford and Wootton

2024 Report and Accounts
for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary & St Ethelburga, Lyminge

Aims and Purposes

Lyminge PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, The Reverend CAROL BATES, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Parish Church of St Mary & St Ethelburga

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and considers ways in which the worship offered at Lyminge can complement the worship offered by the other eight churches in our benefice. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, we seek to build relationships with our church schools and the wider community. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish and benefice community in the following areas:

- Worship and Prayer
- Schools
- Children and families
- Pastoral Care
- Discipleship e.g. Regular Bible studies
- Community and Partnerships

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

Rector's Report (June - Dec 2024)

In early December 2024 I organised a benefice party, hosted at St Mary's Elham to thank all those who volunteer in many different ways in the service and life of the churches across the benefice. It was the only way I could think of to include everyone - from those who are worship leaders, church officers, PCC members, those who help with services, cleaners, flower arrangers, bell ringers, door openers and lockers, those who help with resourcing and organising events. As well as the regular up-front work, there are so many who support the work of the church behind the scenes. I want to re-iterate my thanks for your welcome, encouragement and support for me as Rector which is reflected in the service and love you give to your churches and to the wider community.

A regular monthly pattern of services has been established across the benefice to ensure worship and prayer is at the heart of each parish. Without the dedication of the Benefice Ministry Leadership Team (MLT): Revd Stephen and Revd Sharon, Licenced Lay Readers - Bill, Diana and Janet, Authorised Lay minister - Paul Sharman and Worship Leaders - Mike, Gary, Katherine, Peter and Sarah regular services would not take place. My prayer is that we can encourage congregation members to gather together in smaller prayer groups throughout the week to grow in prayerfulness and obedience to God.

The benefice now has designated Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) in each parish and is committed to doing all we can to be a safe place for all. PSOs and other church officers such as Treasurers, Wardens, PCC Secretaries and MLT have met together. My hope is that we can establish clear ways of working and communicating within our churches and across the benefice.

I am thankful to Janet and Lesley, Lay ministers who lead weekly Christian collective worship in each of the benefice schools (Elham, Lyminge and Selsted). I am getting to know each of the schools and this year, schools have come for services at Acrise, Lyminge and Elham. Moving forward, I hope to also have school services at additional churches in the benefice.

I look forward to getting to know you and learning more from your villages in the coming year. There is much I need to learn from you and I count it a privilege to serve the people living within the Elham Valley Benefice and all those who are drawn to our churches at whatever season of life.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.
Rev'd Carol Bates

Church Wardens' Report

The past year has been one of change and exciting developments. Firstly, with the appointment last summer of our new Rector, Carol, and secondly with the commencement, after a very long gestation, of the work to reorder the west end of the Church. Carol has wisely taken time to settle in and absorb the local situation among her eight churches and we have continued our normal pattern of services, established over the years of the interregnum. We hope to see more of her in the coming year. Our regular services have been 8.00am Holy Communion and 6.00pm Evensong on the second Sunday of the month and a sung Eucharist at 10.00am on the third Sunday. First and fourth Sundays 10.00am services are the Lay-led WOW and Family Praise respectively. There have also been extra services for special occasions

We have had a steady stream of visitors in church from Sibton Park at the 10.00am service on Sundays to bolster the congregation and have striven to maintain our usual standard of hospitality and welcome. Thanks are due to Andree and Derrick for the regular provision of after-service refreshments.

Work on the west end of the nave started in late January and the new flooring has been laid. Work remains to be completed on the electrics, heating and sound system. David Staveley has led the Fabric and Finance team very ably over the past several years and has played a pivotal role in liaising with the architect and the contractors. David is standing down from his role in F&F, and from the PCC, at the APCM and we thank him very warmly for all his efforts.

Our Church cleaning team have done a sterling job of dusting and hoovering, in particular during the reordering work which has stretched them even more than usual, we are all most grateful for the hard work the cleaners put in under Norah's general direction. The church is also enhanced by the superb displays of flowers which are produced by the Flower Ladies led by Andree. The way the Church looks for Sundays, and especially for special occasions, owes much to these two groups who do so much unseen and unsung work.

We are also grateful to Tricia Hawken and those who volunteer as Sacristans and sidesmen each Sunday, welcoming the congregation, distributing orders of service and hymnbooks and keeping things working smoothly.

Fund-raising both for the church and for other charities is a very important part of Church life. We have held several fund-raising events during the year, most prominent of these are the 'Music on a Friday Evening' concerts which are organised by Roger Goody with the help of Katherine. The range of music and musicians which Roger manages to secure is amazing. Those attending have been treated to music, refreshments and wine and the donations received have gone to some excellent causes.

Music for our lay-led services have been provided by the worship band of Mike, Roger, Will and Simon, supplemented by Anita and the Choir. The excellent Family Praise services planned by Katherine Goody, which have been very successful and great fun to participate in depend heavily on the volunteer musicians and we thank them most heartily.

Our churchyard has benefitted over the past year or so from the work of the Community Payback Team, supported and directed by Bob Lane and Roger Filby. The team come on almost every Saturday morning and work around the church until early afternoon. They have made a very positive difference to the appearance of the church land, the grass is more presentable, and many brambles, weeds and unwanted tree stumps have been removed. They have also recently been active in clearing the old overgrown flower bed from the car park and shifting all the resulting soil up to the south side of the grave-yard.

Ro Edmond and her loyal team of ringers have kept the bells active for most of the year until work started at the base of the tower. Hopefully we will soon have the west of the Nave and the ringing chamber refurbished and regular ringing and practise can resume. A big thank you to the team who spread the word across the valley in their own way.

Our Treasurer Lynne has continued her outstanding work with our finances. Our reserves are in good shape as at the end of the year although they are expected to decline as the reordering work invoices start arriving. I, my brother Church Warden and all the PCC thank her with all our hearts for her tireless commitment.

During the year the church has had: 4 Weddings, 3 Baptisms and 5 Funerals.

Fabric

The Fabric & Finance Committee is a small group, headed up by David Staveley, that meets on a regular basis to deal with all the matters concerning the upkeep of our historic church building and the surrounding churchyard.

The final approval for the refurbishment of the Nave was at last granted; work actually started in early January 2025. It is anticipated that we will be able to use the church building for normal church services from mid-late May 2025.

The help in maintaining the churchyard previously given by the local Community Payback Team (CPT) restarted in 2024 and they have done sterling work throughout the year, including the winter months. We are particularly grateful to our Verger, Bob Lane, for the time and energy that he has put into the practical work of maintaining the churchyard and the building – despite many difficulties. There are just so many things that would not have been achieved without Bob's hard work & expertise. Also, Norah Chinneck has overseen the cleaning and preparation of the church building to make it useable for regular and occasional services and for private prayer.

Financial Review

Total Unrestricted Receipts were £77,222 and Payments £72,786

The excess of receipts of £4,434 was less than last year due mainly to the increase in utilities costs

There was an increase of £113 in direct debited giving, £1,157 in service collections, £370 in small donations and, whilst the amount collected from the donation box decreased by £594, we had added income from the new Sum-up card reader of £627.

The very welcome return of our Teddy Bear jump raised £70 and the 'Favourite Christmas Carols' event £77. Our thanks go to all those who put so much time and effort into running these events, especially to Angela and Mike for the Christmas event and all those who helped with our Teddy Bear Jump comeback.

Last year our unrestricted investment valuation went up by £18,237 but this year the increase was only £4,816. Dividends from our investments amounted to £5,841 which was a slight increase of £90 on last year, interest from our deposit accounts increased by £520 to £961

Total unrestricted investment funds are now valued at £215,217 and our total unrestricted assets at £245,812

Total Restricted Receipts were £11,775 and Payments £11,468

The deficit of £1,338 in the current account is accounted for by the following:

£1,582 Fabric expenses and £118 Mission & Outreach expenses not being redeemed from their relevant deposit accounts by the end of the financial year.

£15.33 loss on the Royal Kentish Comino project

These were offset by the flower fund and choir fund balances of £377

The Fabric Fund received £3,098 from direct giving donations & tax recovered on this was £725, this was a slight decrease on last year of £35 in giving and £12 in tax received.

We received £4,156 in dividends from our investments and £663 in interest from our deposit accounts, this was a decrease on last year of £142 in dividends and an increase of £301 in interest. The value of our investments increased this year by £4,227

We sold investments to the value of £45,000 from our CBF Fabric Reserve Investments. £40,000 to cover for the expected cost of floor tiles which turned out to be not needed until 2025, and £5,000 to cover the churchyard boundary wall repairs.

Our Fabric Reserve Investments are now valued at £116,450 and we expect to sell another £80,000 worth of these in 2025 to pay for the refurbishment of the rear of the church. This does not include the cost of new chairs needed for this area which we have no price for as yet.

We still have only a 'temporary' felt replacement where the lead was stolen from the roof and this will need attention in the not-too-distant future

The Organ/Music funds now have a total £6,896 in the deposit accounts and an investment valuation of £20,571. This is an increase of £850 in the deposit accounts and £460 in the investment valuation. Dividends from the investments increased by just £8 to £558 and interest from our deposit accounts increased by £130 to £292.

We have a total of £3,557 in our Mission & Outreach funds and the interest on funds in the deposit account was £68. The musical evenings raised £399 which was donated to various charities, our thanks go to Roger and Katherine for all their hard work arranging and participating in these.
Special Collections in church amounted to £295 and the main recipient charities were the Gaza, West Bank & Israel appeal by the Red Cross and Water Aid

The flower fund balance carried forward to 2025 is £110.75 and the choir fund £266.35

Total restricted investment funds are now valued at £137,021 and total assets at £200,183

Lynne Lane

Freewill Offering for the period 1st January until 31st December 2024.

	2022	2023	2024
	£	£	£
FWO through weekly envelopes not Gift Aided There was 1 envelope throughout the year	127.50	55.00	90.00
Collection plate from all services and Box Donations	3,568.26	3,614.02	4,217.22
FWO through weekly envelopes which have been Gift Aided including one off gifts – there was 1 envelope throughout the year	670.00	420.00	450.00
FWO through Bankers Order which has been Gift Aided. There were 19 names throughout the year	18,219.00	20,054.00	20,224.00
FWO through Banker's Order which has not been Gift Aided. There are 5 names.	1,260.00	1,585.00	1,548.00
Payout for Sumup			509.61
Tax reclaimed for FWO which has been Gift Aided; not all of which was received before December 31 st	4,722.25	5,118.50	5,168.50
Tax reclaimed through the GASD scheme; not all of which was received before December 31st	923.44	903.50	1,181.70
Total	<u>29,490.45</u>	<u>31,750.02</u>	<u>33,389.03</u>
Gifts made to the Fabric Fund by Bankers Order and one-off donations not all of which is Gift Aided.	1,886.00	3,102.00	3094.00
Tax reclaimed for Fabric Fund donations which have been Gift Aided: not all of this was received by 31st December 2023	434.00	723.00	728.50
Total	<u>2,320.00</u>	<u>3,825.00</u>	<u>3,822.50</u>

A new row has been inserted for SumUp payments.

I would like to thank all those who donate so generously to the church throughout the year.

Patricia Hawken

Outward Giving

Every year we reserve 10% of our unrestricted income to give to various local, national and international charities. In 2024 there was no meeting of the outward giving group so only £210 was donated, the annual £100 to the Wye Brook India Trust and £110 in total to Lyminge School for books and their special project. However, £2500 was donated in February 2025.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of our Christian faith. We are all made unique and in the image of God. Jesus came that we might have life and have it in abundance (see John 10.10). 'Safeguarding' means the action the Church takes to promote a safer

culture in all our churches. In order to achieve this: We will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults; We will work to prevent abuse from occurring; we will seek to protect those who are at risk of being abused and respond well to those who have been abused. *(Extract from the Parish Safeguarding Handbook)*

In presenting this report I am mindful that everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all.

Throughout the year, Safeguarding is regularly discussed in the PCC meetings.

Training:

During the year a number of our church officers have renewed their safeguarding training which needs to be undertaken every 3 years.

To ensure that safeguarding training is completed in a timely manner the following was agreed on 12th November 2024: The PCC agree and are fully committed to ensuring that all those who are required to undertake safeguarding training in our parish complete the training within 4 months of receiving a request. If the required training has not been completed in this timeframe, the PSO (Parish Safeguarding Officer) will refer the matter to the Rector.

To date there 3 church officers with outstanding safeguarding training to complete.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) - Email Addresses

At a Ben Com (Benefice Church Wardens) meeting in Autumn 2024 a point was raised about a number of PCC members who share their email address with their spouses which has led to some misunderstandings, gossip and division. The Lyminge PCC agreed on 12th November 2024: In order to be GDPR compliant, any member of the PCC who shares an email with their spouse should set up an additional email in their name for the purposes of PCC correspondence by the next PCC meeting. This email address is to be used for all PCC correspondence.

Networking/Conference:

On the 25th January 2025 Kathryn Druery (Disclosure and Barring Officer) and Gary Colvin (PSO) attended the half day online Diocesan Safeguarding Conference.

Gary attended the evening Diocesan PSO networking meetings on 15th June 2024, 18th July 2024, 17th October 2024 and 6th February 2025.

Benefice PSO Meetings

Gary attended the first Benefice PSO meeting on the 17th August 2024 held at the Vicarage in Elham chaired by Carol our Rector.

Gary also attended the second Benefice PSO meeting on 30th October 2024. He demonstrated how to use the Safeguarding online Dashboard and the Safeguarding Hub. The Dashboard enables the administration and governance of Safeguarding to be made simpler for Parish Safeguarding Officers. The Hub is a tool to record Safeguarding training and DBS checks for each church role as required.

Online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and Hub.

Following the updating of the Safeguarding Dashboard, The Safeguarding Action Plan Level 2 will be presented to the PCC on 4th March 2025 for agreement. This also includes the presentation of a new policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders to Paid and Volunteer Positions.

Following initial data input to the Safeguarding Hub, Gary will present an overview of training and DBS checks to the PCC on 4th March 2025.

Gary Colvin – Lyminge Parish Safeguarding Officer

Kathryn Druery - Disclosure and Barring Officer

Electoral Roll

In accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules, the Church Electoral Roll has been revised this year. There are 48 names on the list. Compared with the 2019 Roll, 4 have been added, one has died, 9 have moved and 8 have declined to renew their membership.

Choir Report

The choir has remained in good heart this year and has sung at all choral Eucharist and Evensong services as well as major church Festivals such as Easter and Christmas. Until recently we also sang as a choir at the Family Praise service. We provided musical support at other occasions and events such as weddings and funerals. We sang at Acrise open day last August, at Stanford on Rogation Sunday, at Postling and at the Rector's installation service in Elham. Our strength remains steady at, normally, 12 with some others boosting numbers for special services. The two main points of our year were the beginning of the reordering work which caused the shrouding of the organ and the move of the choir from the rear pews, and the resignation

after fifteen years of our popular organist and Director of Music, Anita Jones who has become Director of Music at St Leonards Church in Hythe. The choir have all thoroughly enjoyed having Anita as our leader and we held a small party to say farewell. We all wish her well in her challenging new post. We thank the organists who have stood-in during the last few months, John Mitchell and Malcolm Munro. We hope that the search for a new permanent organist bears fruit soon.

Volunteers

Particular thanks are due to David Staveley and the members of the Fabric and Finance Committee, Lynne Lane who works so hard as our Treasurer, Gary Colvin and Kathryn Druery who handle Safeguarding matters and last but not least the ladies and gentlemen of the cleaning rota, and the ladies of the flower team who continue to make the church look so good for ourselves and our visitors. Phil and Tricia Hawken give much valued help and support; they handle all the counting and paying in of cash and cheques. Roger & Katherine Goody organise the popular outreach Music on a Friday evenings, and Andrée Hamer is a tower of strength in food and drink-related matters.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary & St Ethelburga, the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, the Associate Priest and Assistant Curate, churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC. The full PCC met 9 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%. The PCC is represented on the benefice Ministry Team (MLT) and the gathering of churchwardens (BenCom), Treasurers, Safeguarding officers and PCC Secretaries. These groups are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly.

Administrative Information

The Parish Church of St Mary and St Ethelburga's Church is situated in Church Road, Lyminge, Kent. It is part of the Diocese of Canterbury and Deanery of Elham within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is the PCC Secretary, Lanfranc, High Street, Lyminge, CT18 8EL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and registered as Charity Number 1130345 with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

The Reverend Carol Bates (Chair)
The Reverend Stephen Dougal
The Reverend Sharon Paine

Wardens: Derek Smith (*also Deanery Synod*)
Mike Chinneck (*also Secretary*)

Vergers: Bob Lane

Elected Members:

:	Gary Colvin	(Safeguarding Officer)	Lynne Lane	(Treasurer)
	Katherine Goody		Paul Sharman	
	Philip & Tricia Hawken		David Staveley	

Approved by the PCC on 6th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by The Reverend Carol Bates (Chair)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY & ST ETHELBURGA, LYMINGE - Receipts & Payments Account at 31-12-24

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	as at 31/12/2023	Difference
Voluntary Receipts					
Direct Debited Giving	21,794		21,794	21,681	113
Gift Aided Envelopes	350		350	320	30
Free will offerings	100		100	60	40
Service Collections	3,153		3,153	1,996	1,157
Collections at Weddings, Baptisms etc	48		48	40	8
Tax Recovered - General fund	5,096		5,096	4,901	195
Small Donations	410		410	40	370
Sumup card reader donation device	627		627	0	627
Donation Box	726		726	1,321	(595)
Tax Recovered - Gifts & Small Donations Scheme	1,113		1,113	887	226
	33,417		33,417	31,245	2,172
Other Incoming Receipts					
Parochial Fees for Weddings/Funerals etc	8,317		8,317	6,680	1,637
Dividends from Investments	5,841		5,841	5,751	90
Interest from Deposit Accounts	961		961	441	520
Tax Overpaid to us	4,492		4,492	0	4,492
Contributions to Heating & Lighting	75		75	197	(122)
Amazon Smile Receipts	0		0	32	(32)
Churchyard Grants & Donations	0		0	400	(400)
Credits/Rebates	9,118		9,118	0	9,118
Sundries	0		0	50	(50)
	28,804		28,804	13,550	15,254
Activities for Generating Funds					
Aumbry & Votive Candle Sales	238		238	141	97
Post Service Refreshments	76		76	72	4
Garden Safari/Flower Festival	0		0	715	(715)
Teddy Bear Jump	70		70	0	70
Christmas Festivities	77		77	0	77
Friends of Kent Churches Bike/Stride	20		20	0	20
	481		481	928	(447)
Charitable Donations/Collections/Activities					
Red Cross Gaza, West Bank, Israel Appeal	250		250		250
Water Aid	25		25	1	24
Harvest Festival	0		0	272	(272)
Remembrance Sunday - British Legion	179		179	0	179
Musical Evenings	399		399	217	182
Special Collections	20		20	107	(87)
	873		873	597	276
Church Fabric Receipts					
Dividends from Investments	4156		4,156	4298	(142)
Interest from Deposit Accounts	663		663	362	301
Direct Debited Giving to Deposit Account	3,098		3,098	3,133	(35)
Tax Recovered	725		725	737	(12)
	8,642		8,642	8,529	113
Other Restricted/Designated Receipts					
Organ/Music Fund	850		850	722	128
Mission & Outreach	104		104	103	1
Flower Fund	139		139	965	(826)
	1093		1093	1790	(697)
Non PCC Receipts					
Benefice Expenses received from other Parishes	14,521		14,521	16,870	(2,349)
Royal Kentish Comino	1,008		1,008	0	1,008
Choir Fund	160		160	0	160
	14,521	1,168	15,689	16,870	(1,181)
TOTAL RECEIPTS 2024	77,222	11,775	88,997	73,507	15,490

PAYMENTS	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	as at 31/12/2023	Difference
Ministry & Service Expenses					
Parish Share	23,568		23,568	22,687	881
Rectors Expenses	306		306	209	209
Curate's expenses	139		139	264	(125)
Stand in Clergy Costs	0		0	143	(143)
Ministry Training/Retreats	112		112	33	79
Altar & Service Expenses	355		355	290	65
School Services	87		87	23	64
Sumup card reader donation device set up & fees	196		196	0	196
Copyright/License Fees	707		707	543	164
Organist fees	3,585		3,585	3,585	0
	29,054		29,054	27,777	1,277
Other Outgoing Expenses					
Parochial Fees to CDBF, priests, bells, organist & verger	5,142		5,142	2,078	3,064
Administrators wages	1,654		1,654	1,252	402
Administrators expenses	242		242	234	8
Tax overpaid to us	4,492		4,492	0	4,492
Utilities	14,680		14,680	2,223	12,457
Maintenance & Service Costs	426		426	173	253
Churchyard Maintenance	540		540	2,304	(1,764)
Leaving present 2024 Rev Deb Scoble	177		177	100	77
Rev Sharon Paine priesting present	91		91	78	13
Bank Charges	95		95	100	(5)
Sundries	277		277	338	(61)
	27,816		27,816	8,880	18,936
Cost of Activities for Generating Funds					
Aumbry & Votive Candle costs	143		143	117	26
Post Service Refreshments	4		4	60	(56)
Garden Safari/Flower Festival	0		0	0	0
Teddy Bear Jump	75		75	0	75
Christmas Festival	12		12	0	12
	234		234	177	57
Charitable Donations/Collections/Activities					
Outward Giving - International	100		100	1,550	(1,450)
Outward Giving - National	0		0	850	
Outward Giving - Local	110		110	1,300	(1,190)
Emergency Aid	0		0	250	(250)
Musical Evenings	0		0		0
Charitable Donations & Collections		874	874	378	496
	210	874	1,084	4,328	(2,394)
Church Fabric Expenses					
Insurance	2,894		2,894	2,788	106
Security Systems	1,614		1,614	312	1,302
Churchyard Boundary Wall repairs	4,155		4,155	6,672	(2,517)
Maintenance & repairs	597		597	484	113
Misc Expenses	6		6	960	(954)
	9,267		9,266	11,216	(1,950)
Other Restricted/Designated Expenses					
Organ/Music Fund	0		0	227	(227)
Mission & Outreach	250		250	309	(59)
Flower Fund	54		54	1,105	(1,051)
	304		304	1,641	(1,337)
Non PCC Expenses					
Benefice Expenses paid for other Parishes	15,472		15,472	13,420	2,052
Royal Kentish Comino	1,023		1,023	0	1,023
Choir Fund	0		0	19	(19)
	15,472	1,023	16,495	13,439	3,056
TOTAL PAYMENTS 2024	77,222	11,775	88,997	73,507	15,490

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Mary and St Ethelburga, Lyminge

This report on the financial statements for the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 and 2, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation for the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s. 43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43(7) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also included considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations for you are trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirement of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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