

St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore
(charity number 1130629)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Full name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore, alias Whitchurch

Other names by which the charity is known St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore, aka Whitchurch

Registered charity number 1130629

Organisation type Registered Charity

Principal office

c/o Whitchurch Rectory
St Lawrence Close
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Middlesex
HA8 6RB

Trustees

Fr Paul Reece	Rector and Chair PCC
Eric Ramsay	Churchwarden
Sandy Sayer	Treasurer
Tudor Davies	Trustee
Paul Huntley	Trustee
Susan Huntley	Trustee
Ernest Sailor	Trustee
Leslie Hammond	Trustee
Bridget Johnson	Trustee
Brenda Eustace	Trustee
Sara-Jane Donovan	Trustee
Gareth Jones	Trustee appointed date 13/2/2024

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Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus,
Units 1 and 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its Governing document, the Parochial Church council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the current Parochial Church Council Measure. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registered charity number 1130629.

Overall management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the rules of the Parochial Church council for corporate bodies established by the Church of England. Day to day activities of the charity are managed as described below.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Deanery Synod members are ex-officio members of the PCC. The PCC consists of the Rector, the churchwardens, the treasurer, the secretary and other members. Most members are elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, but members may also be co-opted by invitation. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Organisational Structure

The PCC aims to meet at least six times a year subject to holidays and other requirements. A standing committee consisting of the Rector and Officers, plus 2 others, if required, is appointed annually and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to directions given by the council.

Objectives and activities

The Charitable objects are promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church. Activities include regular public worship open to all, pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved, teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups and supporting charities in the UK and overseas. Further details are shown below.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The main activities which benefit the public are the regular services open to anyone wishing to participate and ministry, collections from the congregation for various charities as outlined in the objects, the collection of food for the local food bank and the letting of church facilities for local groups and other Christian groups. The church is also open to visitors on a regular basis for private worship and to enjoy the church building itself which is of historic and artistic interest. The main beneficiaries are the general public and mankind.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to consider and have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the achievements and performance during the period

Church Attendance

As of the recent renewal of the Church Electoral Roll, there are 62 parishioners listed, with 24 resident and 38 of them residing outside the parish boundaries. This marks a decrease from the previous total of 78. Our average Sunday attendance consists of 28 adults physically present in church at worship. Number comparisons over the last four years are not meaningful because we must remember that from 23rd March, 2020, the Coronavirus pandemic forced churches either to be closed or severe restrictions put in place and this remained so for the whole of 2021 and the COVID effects ran into the first half of 2022.

Review of the Year

We continue to be principally a sacramental church expressing its common life by gathering around the altar to celebrate The Eucharist. On weekdays, we have maintained an average of six communicants for the Tuesday morning Eucharist. Additionally, we have continued to sustain a full liturgical programme for Holy Week, Easter, and other significant festivals.

In 2023, our worship schedule consisted of one regular Sunday Eucharist and one mid-week Eucharist, along with additional services for festivals. The Rector also continues to say the Daily Offices in church. Our automatic tolling bell remains a constant reminder of our church's liturgical and physical presence within the parish.

Throughout 2023 our parish website and Facebook page have continued to serve as valuable resources. we continue to offer a live stream service via Facebook whenever possible, and this has allowed us to reach not only our local congregation but also parishioners who have moved away.

A high point over the past 12 months was the Confirmation of five candidates from this Parish, at a service at St Mary's Kenton. It's always such a joy to prepare and welcome people who have made a considered decision to confirm their faith in Christ in this public way, where we as the congregation can be there to support them as they step out on this new part of their journey with God.

Beyond our regular services, we continue to support our community in marking life's important milestones. Through baptisms, marriages, and funerals, we offer opportunities to thank God for the gift of life, to seek His blessing on marriages, and to commend the departed to His keeping.

Events are arranged on a regular basis such as Souper Sundays where we gather for a simple shared lunch and church members are encouraged to be fully involved in the life of the wider parish community and beyond.

Our Rector, Fr Paul Reece, dedicates 0.6 of his working week to his role as Chaplain of the Royal National Orthopaedic Trust, located within our parish. This arrangement, with the NHS covering 0.6 of his stipend, continues to alleviate some of our financial challenges, though not entirely. This shift in the Rector's responsibilities has required greater involvement from the congregation in the day-to-day management of parish affairs.

Our Church Hall provides opportunities to engage with the local community. St Lawrence's was able again to serve the community by providing halls which can be rented by individuals and organisations from outside the church community. We maintain a positive relationship with the local Community Payback Group, who continue to use the Hall for their work in the area.

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Our Challenges

Financial Constraints

- We are the stewards of an iconic and historic building, the only Continental Baroque Parish Church in the country.
- Our Church Hall continues to be in dire need of replacement.
- We are situated in a rapidly changing community, where 81% of the population belongs to ethnic minorities, predominantly of Hindu or Muslim faith, alongside those of no faith.
- Our congregational numbers have been affected by these demographic shifts.

Our Strengths

- We have a small but strong and committed congregation, united by a shared vision.
- Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) is supportive and engaged.
- We are custodians of an iconic and historic building.
- Our musical tradition is well-regarded.
- We remain steadfast in our faith, trusting in God's guidance and presence as we navigate the future.

Financial review

The Parish maintains a General account, and this serves as the ordinary finances of the Parish, and this generated a surplus of:

2023: £ 92,084 increase in funds

2022: £4,164 increase

2023 Benefited from a rise in donations thanks to the wonderful generosity of the congregation , our community and a very much appreciated legacy of £61,891. Also as external interest rates were higher the charity benefited from an increase in interest income.

Costs were higher, with higher utilities costs and a higher contribution to the Common Fund, which was still lower than in former times due to the continuing work of our Rector as Chaplain of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. Overall the Church made a surplus this year.

Tree management costs were lower, confined to trimming the yew trees in the churchyard.

The income from property was maintained.

The Diocese of London are concerned that we maintain an acceptable level of giving to the Common Fund: in 2023 this was continued at a reduced level as the Rector has been working 0.6 of his time as Chaplain of the Royal National Orthopaedic Trust 2023 £ 32,578; 2022 was £28,000.

The development of a plan for a new hall requires full funding, both in Capital terms, and to guarantee appropriate levels of income to the Parish in the future. The PCC is not yet in a position to approve building a new hall because the funds to do so are too small and the financial arrangements which would be required have not yet been determined. However, options are being considered.

The total funds at the end of the period were £1,321,528 (2022: £ 1,229,444)

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Volunteers

We continue to be grateful to those who give voluntarily of their time to support St Lawrence's. This could be considered as a variant of financial support, as "doing it ourselves" does save St Lawrence's considerable expense.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy is to hold sufficient funds to allow for the continuous provision of services and ministry, to maintain the church and to provide, in the longer term, for the replacement of the Church Hall. The trustees consider that the reserves are reasonable at the year-end. At year-end Cash reserves Including creditors and debtors etc., were as follows for each fund:

New Hall: Unrestricted	110,106
Restricted	<u>517,092</u>
	627,198
Fabric (Church Building)	71,488
General	<u>119,345</u>
	818,031

This means we are able to meet 42 month's Diocesan Common Fund at the 2024 rate of £33,881 p.a. out of Reserves (2022: 17 months based on £32,578 p.a for the following year). The trustees consider this to be a reasonable level.

No new amounts were designated at the end of the reporting period. Further details of funds are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Financial Risks

The risks faced have been considered and methods of reducing the risks or mitigating them are outlined below:

Income levels either now or in the future may become insufficient to maintain current expenditure, during the building of a new hall. Our advice is that this risk may be covered using the unrestricted New Hall Fund to ensure normal expenditure is met during the building phase.

Our ability to increase our contribution to the Common Fund for London Diocesan Finances in future is at risk. This has been mitigated from 2021 by the Rector taking on the role of Chaplain of the Royal National Orthopaedic Trust which means that St Lawrence Church has been able to reduce its Common Fund contribution from 2021 onwards.

There has been a continued loss of income for most hall rentals. Efforts to find new rental income for the hall are being seriously hampered by the difficulty in finding suitable groups to rent the hall and the wish to re-develop the hall. We continue to encourage donations from the congregation for specific improvements to the church and churchyard. Other measures of this type will be considered on an on-going basis.

There remains a risk of thefts of lead from the church roof but this has been mitigated by the use of a security system which is in continuous use.

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Safeguarding and GDPR

The PCC has complied with section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 in relation to children and vulnerable adults. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer throughout 2021 has been the Rector. Our policies are reviewed annually by the PCC and displayed on a noticeboard in the Church Hall. The main contact details are also displayed in the Church Entrance Hall and are accessible with one click from the welcome page on our website. We follow Diocesan guidelines in both areas.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Paul Reece_____ Date 27 / 10 / 2024

Fr Paul Reece, Trustee and Chair of the PCC

Signed Eric Ramsay_____ Date 27 / 10 / 2024
Eric Ramsay, Trustee and Churchwarden

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 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.
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

Signed John O'Brien _____ Date 28/10/2024

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income (and endowments) from:						
Donations and legacies	2	121553	200	-	121753	42405
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-	796
Other trading activities	4	5386	-	-	5386	8234
Investments	5	22706	15895	-	38601	26380
Total		149645	16095	-	165740	77815
Expenditure on:						
Common Fund / Parish costs		32904	-	-	32904	28280
Clergy, rectory, funeral and wedding expenses		3000	-	-	3000	3000
Upkeep of services		125	-	-	125	285
Upkeep of churchyard		6792	-	-	6792	11485
Independent examination		1096	-	-	1096	996
Utilities		11579	-	-	11579	9323
Repairs and maintenance		2141	-	-	2141	2086
Professional fees - new hall		-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning		-	-	-	-	-
Insurance		9924	-	-	9924	8949
Telephone, internet & postage		256	-	-	256	204
Printing, stationery & copying		3274	-	-	3274	3392
Refuse		1790	-	-	1790	1957
Security		749	-	-	749	747
Depreciation		309	166	-	475	528
Charitable giving		442	-	-	442	593
Sundry expenditure		332	-	-	332	91
Total		74713	166	-	74879	71916
Net income/(expenditure)		74932	15929	-	90861	5899
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	9	-	-	1223	1223	(1735)
Net movement in funds		74932	15929	1223	92084	4164
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		643793	572651	13000	1229444	1225280
Total funds carried forward	12	718725	588580	14223	1321528	1229444

All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing
The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements

St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore
Balance sheet
at 31 December 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets:				
Tangible assets	6	4274		4749
Investments	7	<u>485000</u>		<u>485000</u>
Total fixed assets			489274	<u>489749</u>
Current assets:				
Debtors	8	24228		17813
Investments	9	14223		13000
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>795380</u>		<u>712078</u>
Total current assets		833831		<u>742891</u>
Liabilities:				
Creditors:				
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1577)		(3196)
Net current assets or liabilities			<u>832254</u>	<u>739695</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1321528</u>	<u>1229444</u>
Total net assets or liabilities			<u>1321528</u>	<u>1229444</u>
The funds of the charity				
Endowment funds	12		14223	13000
Restricted income funds	11		588580	572651
Unrestricted funds	11		580000	505068
Revaluation reserve	11		<u>138725</u>	<u>138725</u>
Total unrestricted funds			<u>718725</u>	<u>643793</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1321528</u>	<u>1229444</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Paul Reece _____ Dated 27 / 10 / 2024
Fr Paul Reece, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)-(Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

St Lawrence Church, Little Stanmore meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 192. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on February 2016 and therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Pension costs

The charity does not currently make any pension contributions as it does not have any employees.

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 part 11 of the corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of all tangible fixed assets with a cost exceeding £500 over their expected useful lives on a reducing balance basis.

The rates applicable are:

Buildings **0%** **Equipment** **10%** **Furniture** **10%**

Investments

Fixed asset investments – Investment property is shown at the most recent re-valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in market value is transferred to the revaluation reserve. No revaluation has been done in the current year or the prior year as the Trustees do not feel it is cost effective to revalue the investment property.

Current asset investments are shown at market value at the year-end.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 £
Grants & donations	59662	200	59862	42405
Legacies	61891	-	61891	0
	121553	200	121753	42405

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 £
Primary purpose trading	-	-	796
	-	-	796

4. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 £
Room hire	4421	4421	3054
Churchyard	-	-	4500
Fundraising events	965	965	680
	5386	5386	8234

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 £
Interest	6955	15895	22850	8846
Rental income (<i>inv properties</i>)	15751	-	15751	17534
	22706	15895	38601	26380

6. Tangible assets (analysis of opening & closing carrying amounts)

	Fixtures & fittings £	General equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At beginning of the year	5215	30062	35277
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Valuations	-	-	-
	5215	30062	35277

Depreciation and impairments

At beginning of the year	3551	26977	30528
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	166	309	475
	3717	27286	31003

Net book value

At beginning of the year	1664	3085	4749
At end of the year	1498	2776	4274

7. Fixed asset investments

Movement on investment (property)

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value brought forward	485000	485000
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss)	-	-
Market value carried forward	485000	485000

Investment property is shown at the most recent revaluation. No revaluation has been done in the current year or the prior year as the Trustees do not feel it is cost effective to revalue the investment property

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8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments & accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	24228	17813
	<u>24228</u>	<u>17813</u>

9. Current asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Listed investments	14223	13000
	<u>14223</u>	<u>13000</u>

Movement on listed investment

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value brought forward	13000	14735
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss)	1223	(1735)
Market value carried forward	<u>14223</u>	<u>13000</u>

Investments at market value comprised

		2023	2022
		£	£
Knott fund	Endowment funds		
	CBF Church of England		
	Investment fund - Income		
	Shares	10376	9484
Begg bequest	CBF Church of England		
	Investment fund - Income		
	Shares	3847	3516
		<u>14223</u>	<u>13000</u>

10. Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1222	2841
Other creditors	355	355
	<u>1577</u>	<u>3196</u>

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11. Movements in funds

	Balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Unrealised gain/loss £	Balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	398489	146118	(74713)	-	469894
New Hall provision	106579	3527	-	-	110106
Revaluation reserve	138725	-	-	-	138725
	643793	149645	(74713)	-	718725
Restricted funds					
Fabric fund	71454	200	(166)	-	71488
Restricted for new hall	501197	15895	-	-	517092
	572651	16095	(166)	-	588580
Endowment funds					
Begg Bequest	3516	-	-	331	3847
Knott Bequest	9484	-	-	892	10376
	13000	-	-	1223	14223

The Fabric Fund is restricted for repairs and renewals to the church and its surroundings.

The Restricted for New Hall Fund may be spent on the design, planning approval, supervision, building and other costs arising from replacing the church hall.

The two Endowment Funds; Begg and Knott bequest are held and are used for the purposes specified in their endowment which include maintenance of a grave and the church.

12. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Funds at 31/12/2023				
Tangible assets	4274	-	-	4274
Investments	485000	-	14223	499223
Debtors	24228	-	-	24228
Cash at bank and in hand	206800	588580	-	795380
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1577)	-	-	(1577)
	718725	588580	14223	1321528

Analysis of net assets by fund - prior year figures

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Funds at 31/12/2022				
Tangible assets	4749	-	-	4749
Investments	485000	-	13000	498000
Debtors	17813	-	-	17813
Cash at bank and in hand	139427	572651	-	712078
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(3196)	-	-	(3196)
	643793	572651	13000	1229444

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13. Staff costs and numbers

There were no employees during the period and thus no staff costs. The rector is paid by the Church of England.

The average number of employees during the year was nil (2022:nil).

14. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

During the year under review the Rector was reimbursed a round sum of £3,000 to cover incidental expenses incurred on behalf of the Church. This sum is included in the analysis of costs under clergy and rectory expenses. No other trustee expenses have been incurred.

15. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the period.

16. Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination	913	830
	<u>913</u>	<u>830</u>

17. Annual commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2023 the charity had non-cancellable commitments to the end of the operating leases, expiring as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
within 1-2 years	1246	0
Within 2 - 5 years	-	2742
	<u>1246</u>	<u>2742</u>

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18. Comparative information

For comparison purpose, the Statement of financial activities for the year-ended 31/12/2022 is presented as below:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	42405	-	-	42405
Charitable activities	796	-	-	796
Other trading activities	8234	-	-	8234
Investments	19942	6438	-	26380
Total	71377	6438	-	77815
Expenditure on:				
Common Fund / Parish costs	28280	-	-	28280
Clergy and rectory expenses	3000	-	-	3000
Upkeep of services	285	-	-	285
Upkeep of churchyard	11485	-	-	11485
Independent examination	996	-	-	996
Utilities	9323	-	-	9323
Repairs and maintenance	2086	-	-	2086
Professional fees - new hall	-	-	-	-
Cleaning	-	-	-	-
Insurance	8949	-	-	8949
Telephone, internet & postage	204	-	-	204
Printing, stationery & copying	3392	-	-	3392
Refuse	1957	-	-	1957
Security	747	-	-	747
Depreciation	343	185	-	528
Charitable giving	593	-	-	593
Sundry expenditure	91	-	-	91
Total	71731	185	-	71916
Net income/(expenditure)	(354)	6253	-	5899
Other recognised gains/(losses):	-	-	(1735)	(1735)
Net movement in funds	(354)	6253	(1735)	4164
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	644147	566398	14735	1225280
Total funds carried forward	643793	572651	13000	1229444