

Annual Report & Financial Statements 2023



Norbury Church

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VICAR'S REPORT written by Rev'd Joshua Askwith

Embracing Unity through Divine Love

In 2023, we embarked on a transformative journey centred on embracing a vision of unity, rooted in the boundless love of God.

Fostering Wholeness: Nurturing Spiritual and Emotional Well-being

Throughout 2023, our commitment to nurturing spiritual and emotional well-being remained steadfast. Under the leadership of Margaret Gibbs as our Musical Worship Leader, our worship experiences were enriched, culminating in vibrant and inclusive Christmas services warmly embraced by our community.

Our dedication to caring for the physical and emotional needs of our community continued to flourish, with our weekly "Place of Welcome" welcoming up to 50 individuals seeking support. Moreover, our outreach to children and families thrived, offering diverse activities tailored to every stage of their development.

Cultivating Hope: Inspiring Faith and Resilience in Times of Challenge

In 2023, our diverse clergy and readers blessed us with teachings that ignited faith and resilience, directing our hearts towards the hope found in the gospel message.

Pursuing Peace: Fostering Harmony and Understanding

As a church family, our commitment to fostering harmony and understanding within both our congregation and the wider community remained steadfast. Our church grounds continued to serve as a serene sanctuary for those seeking solace, a testament to the dedication of our caretaking team.

Recognising our imperfections, we strive earnestly to embody a spirit of peace in all our interactions, aspiring to be a beacon of reconciliation and unity.

Engaging the Community: Outreach Aligned with Our Values

In 2023, our collaborative efforts with the community yielded fruitful outreach endeavours, resonating with our shared vision and values. Noteworthy events such as Easter and summer community gatherings fostered meaningful connections and strengthened our ties with the Hazel Grove community.

Additionally, our participation in the Diocesan Family Fun day brought joy and camaraderie, further enriching our engagement with the broader community.

Celebrating Progress: Stories of Transformation and Connection

The year 2023 marked significant milestones worth celebrating within our community. The establishment of our new vision and values infused greater depth into our collective identity. Supported by the unwavering backing of our community and the Diocese, numerous events and initiatives flourished, from the inception of Brick Church to the expansion of our "Place of Welcome."

The addition of new members to our church family brought a wealth of diverse talents and skills, enriching our communal tapestry. While each of us has individual moments of celebration, our ongoing journey toward becoming a haven of hospitality and hope remains our greatest source of joy and accomplishment.

Conclusion: Advancing with Purpose and Compassion

As we navigate the path ahead in 2024, let us acknowledge the challenges and opportunities awaiting us. The installation of a new heating system and enhancements in branding and communication will continue to amplify our vision and values.

Yet, amidst these endeavours, let us never lose sight of the vital role each of us plays in fostering a community of love. With diverse skills and experiences, we collectively shape our shared journey, propelled by a sense of purpose and compassion. May we celebrate our progress while humbly acknowledging our shortcomings, united in our pursuit of a more inclusive and loving community.

PCC REPORT

written by REV'D JOSHUA ASKWITH

Introduction and Administrative Information

This Annual Report is made by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Thomas, Norbury (Norbury Church). It sets out the governance structure of the church, lists council members and administrative officers and reports on the activities of the reporting year. It also presents statutory financial statements and notes. We have pleasure in presenting this information to the wider public.

Structures, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission as 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Thomas Norbury (Diocese of Chester)' and has the charity registration number 1130910.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All regular attendees at Norbury Church are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and are able to vote and to stand for election to the PCC.

In accordance with the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956, Norbury Church's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd Joshua C. Askwith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church -- evangelistic, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It undertakes religious activities for the benefit of the general public by making grants to organisations, by providing service and by providing buildings, facilities and open space. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church premises of Norbury Church which are registered as a Grade II* listed building.

Related Trusts and Companies

The Norbury Church Parish Trust (No. 1105111) is an associated registered charity that manages the sports field land. The managing trustee is the Parochial Church Council. This trust has neither income nor expenditure and does not produce accounts. Any expenses are included in these PCC accounts.

Administrative Details

Public Address

Norbury Parish Church,
London Road, Hazel Grove,
Stockport SK7 4RF

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc, Stockport Branch,
1 Bridge Street, Stockport, SK1 1XU

Insurers

Ecclesiastical Insurance Ltd.

Quinquennial Inspecting Architect

Graham Holland Associates

Independent Examiner

Ian Scott Duncan

Solicitors

Ecclesiastical Information

Church of England, Diocese of Chester,
Stockport Deanery, Parish No. 1812

Trustees (Parochial Church Council Membership)

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

Ex-Officio Members

Incumbent:	Rev'd Joshua Christian Askwith	
Assistant Minister(s):	Rev'd Hugh Griffiths	until Dec 2023
Church Wardens:	Mr Nick Bennett Mr David Wood MBE	
Deanery Synod: Representatives	Mr Richard Crocker Mrs Claire Ratcliffe Miss Hannah Wilson	

Elected Members

To 15th of May

Mrs Emma Bennett
Mrs Faith Clarke
Mrs Maureen Hughes
Mrs Susan Jones
Mrs Pamela Southcombe
Ms Jo Tillotson
Mr Cliff Walker
Mrs Ellen Walker
Mrs Christine Williams

From 15th of May

Alan Brown	until September 2023
Mr Joshua Pickford	
Mr Neal Preston	until September 2023
Mrs Maureen Hughes	until January 2024
Pam Southcombe	
Ms Jo Tillotson	
Mr Cliff Walker	
Mrs Ellen Walker	
Mrs Christine Williams	

Co-Opted Members

Miss Grace Bluff
Mrs Cath Downs
Miss Annabelle Smith

until September
from June
from June

Officers / Roles

Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs Julie Elkington

PCC Secretary
Mrs Pamela Southcombe

Treasurer
Mrs Ellen Walker

The full PCC met 9 times during the calendar year with an average attendance of at least 70% of the members. Committees met between meetings and, where necessary, matters were referred to the full PCC for discussion.

Electoral Roll Report

The current electoral roll stands as 252 members.

Julie Elkington, Electoral Role Officer

Council Members Report

Vision Statement

Drawn together by Love

Values

Peace | Wholeness | Hope |

Key Priorities

A Thriving Church Family

Under the newly formed retreat team we held our first retreat in advent 2023. This half day retreat was attended by many members of our church family and the church has seen a renewed desire to meet together and pray at different points into the church year.

Through support of the Ministry Team Morning Prayer has been established as a regular pattern with members of the church family meeting on a Monday, at 10.00 a.m and on Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 a.m. to develop and deepen our desire to pray together.

The Pastoral Mission Action Group have continued to support our church family and in 2023 the team, chaired by Jo Tillotson, arranged a Social event for volunteers, called members of our electoral role and continued to evaluate and consider how we can care for those within the church family.

2023 also saw the arrival of our new musical worship leader, Margaret Gibbs, under the leadership of Margaret we have seen a renewed effort for our sung worship. The highlight of this was another wonderful carol service in December 2023.

In 2023 we also continued to assess how we, as a church family, are being inclusive and welcoming to a variety of people. This led to the P.C.C. adopting an Equalities statement which can be found on our church website.

An organised and sustained ministry

2023 has seen many challenges around communications, administration and publicity. The use of the mail chimp, social media and verbal communications are being evaluated as the church family strives to improve it's communication.

In 2023 we saw the further development of church suite with Gill Kendrick attending training to better consider how we can use this software to communicate better. 2023 also saw us implement new email addresses and pivot towards using google workspace with employees being trained to use the new software.

2023 also brought challenges around heating and sustainability as our gas boiler needed some major repairs which were not possible. In line with our aims the P.C.C. completed an energy audit and feasibility study for a new heating system. The P.C.C. took this and the work from Cactus energy and spent a lot of time and effort to create a sustainable site plan which we look to implement in 2024 - 2025.

A beacon of hope

Norbury Church aims to be a beacon of hope within the local community and in 2023 the church community became a recognised “Place of Welcome” with our warm hub becoming part of a wider initiative. As part of that “place of welcome” the warm hub tea have put on some wonderful events for our regular Monday morning visitors.

There is much work to do but the P.C.C. have put much effort into creating a plan which will make the church site sustainable and will then help us to thrive in new and different ways in future years.

A relentless passion for children and young people

Our aims for 2023 and the start of 2024 (Yr 1 of the plan) were to maintain a specific focus on children's ministry by :-

Training and equip more Sunday group volunteers so we can have age appropriate groups.

Launching a weekly event for primary aged children at Norbury

As of March 2024 we have not achieved the appropriate age groups on a Sunday morning, basically because we did not have enough children attending regularly at 9.30am to allow this, and those that did were all of a similar age. Also with us worshipping in the Legh room we do not have enough space for more than one group.

We are looking at splitting into two groups on a Sunday morning from September or the return to worship in church, whichever is sooner.

The groups would be pre school (age 3) to the end of year 3 (age 8) in one group and those in year 4 and upwards in another. This would allow those starting high school to join us in an appropriate group should they so wish, which their parents are in the service.

This change is possible due to the children attending on a more regular basis, new families joining us and the age range of those attending becoming wider. To enable this to be a success we need to find a suitable resource to support the team and we will need to recruit a couple more volunteers.

The second aim has been more successful, prior to January 2023 we ran Messy Church on a Wednesday afternoon and Messy Science on a Monday afternoon, both on a monthly basis. In September to make an easier to follow pattern we moved Messy Church to a Monday afternoon and added Brick Church on another Monday. To create the following pattern

1st Monday - Messy Science

2nd Monday - Brick Church

4th Monday - Messy Church

(Later in 2023 we changed the name of Messy Science to Messy Church Goes Wild, to enable us to engage with outdoors and creation as well as science)

We are still looking to start a group on the third and 5th Monday of the month and ideas are under discussion. What we have found is that we get a core of families attending every Monday, some are those who attend on a Sunday but many are not. So the idea of church on a different day is certainly working.

In February 2023 we started a monthly Saturday morning group for dads and male carers, its a group where they can bring their children to, play with toys and

games, do crafts, chat and engage with other dads and above all eat bacon butties. Unlike our weekly toddler groups, children older than those of preschool age can come along, so it is an activity that they can bring all their children to. This group has grown and is a great group to run and be involved with.

Our annual holiday club in August was The Grape Escape based on the fruits of the spirit. We had our usual fantastic week, with fun, dramas, sports day, crafts, activities and more. The club song helped us all learn the fruits quickly and we all went away knowing the qualities of a good christian. As always we ended the week with an amazing celebration on Friday evening.

Schools work has been very difficult to reestablish since lockdown, Rev Josh and myself have visited the local primary schools to re engage with the staff, resulting in assemblies re starting in two schools, and me going in at Christmas to Norbury Hall school to talk to the younger classes about various aspects of Christmas and church. A lot of good things happened in 2023 for children at Norbury and a great base with a wide variety of provision has been created to carry into 2024 and build on. I would like to thank all those who volunteer with various groups for children at church. Without you the groups wouldn't be able to run. If anyone would like to help with groups please speak to me, there are a very wide range of roles from welcoming, chatting to parents, making drinks to leading an activity, and lots in between,

In September 2023 the Pathfinders youth group was restarted after a short break. The decision was taken to run the group twice a month on a Monday evening due to many of the young people working on Sunday mornings when the group had previously run. The group is led by Hannah Wilson, and Hannah has been supported by a small team of volunteers, Gill Kendrick, Rev. Josh Askwith and Emma Bennett.

There are currently 9 young people aged 16-20 who attended the sessions and numbers have increased since September.

The pathfinders group have been following a resource published by Christian Aid entitled 'Belonging' which has focused on themes such as equality, identity, and social justice.

WARDEN'S REPORT

WRITTEN BY NICK BENNETT & DAVID WOOD MBE

2023 has been a year marking significant progress in the development of our Church buildings and operations to safeguard and equip our facilities for the use of future generations.

We have updated a number of processes and policies in the year, not least around Risk Assessment and Health and Safety, allowing us to ensure that our community remains safe when on our premises. Longstanding issues with the buildings and their operation are being addressed and the Church's commitment to becoming Net Zero for CO2 is at the centre of the premises plans that are taking shape. Our commitment to ensuring that our Church is a place of safety and welcome to all has underpinned a great deal of progress in the year, albeit that most of the visible fruits of this work will come in later years.

The Church continues to employ a valued staff team, and at the end of the year the PCC put into place a suite of documents intended to support their work, their wellbeing and their development. Our team of volunteers, too, has made an enormous contribution to the life of the church, from those who serve or have served on PCC to all of those who give up their time in support of the Church's mission. As wardens, we are grateful to each and every one of you for the gift of your time, your service and your commitment to seeing God's love shared with all of those within our Parish.

During 2024, we can look forward as a community to beginning to see the culmination of some of the works which are now underway. We look forward with eager anticipation to returning to worship in the original Church building, without the fear of a cold winter forcing us out again. As we work to embrace the diversity of our community, celebrating our differences and placing inclusiveness at the heart of our welcome, we will begin to see the possibilities that God has in store for us come to full fruition in each and in all of us.

As always, our thanks go to those who have supported the Wardens during worship services and at other times, including our Sidespersons, Deputy Wardens and the wider church community who have ensured that our regular services continued to bless our community even in adversity. Particular thanks go to David Wood who is stepping down as Warden after serving for eight years. His commitment to the Church and the wider community over the years has been remarkable, as has the support he has received from his wife, Dianne.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT WRITTEN BY HANNAH WILSON

Norbury Church has worked hard to keep up to date with new Safeguarding Policies and training opportunities for staff, volunteers and PCC members.

The church has set up a Safeguarding mission action group, comprising of vicar (Josh Askwith), warden (Nick Bennett), Parish Safeguarding Officer (Hannah Wilson) Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (Claire Ratcliffe) , DBS coordinator (Chris Williams). The mission action group have met regularly to discuss Safeguarding matters and to review policies, referrals and DBS checks.

FINANCIAL REPORT WRITTEN BY ELLEN & CLIFF WALKER

The past year has been particularly challenging but rewarding as we transferred from one accounting system to another and we have been grateful for the Diocesan support that we have received, including the free examination of our accounts by the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance FCMA. We hope that the resulting financial reports that we produce for the PCC provide ongoing, straightforward, understandable information about Norbury's financial situation. If they do not, please tell us.

As you may be aware, a substantial amount of the reserve funds, much of which has arisen from legacies received and held in the CCLA account at present will need to be used for the much needed updating and repair of our church building so that it is both fit for purpose in this modern age and welcoming for our present congregation and wider community who regularly use our facilities. The Quinquennial report on the state of our building in August 2023 raised a number of issues, including safety, which needed to be addressed. As part of the Mission Action Plan, a Premises Team and a Finance Team were set up to work alongside each other to identify and cost building priorities and to quickly draw up a longer-term plan. Members on the PCC have worked hard to ensure that they have made and actioned decisions as quickly as possible. Additionally, the sudden loss of church heating severely impacted our worship and activities and made the task even more urgent. A comprehensive programme of work will severely deplete our resources but will result in a safe, friendly environment for both staff and visitors alike. We should like to thank all those who donate to Norbury, whatever the amount – pennies add up into pounds - without your help we could not continue to function and to thrive as a church family. Please refer to the attached Return of Parish Finance 2023 for the detailed figures. We encourage anyone who donates money, and pays tax, to complete a Gift Aid form available in the Narthex by which HMRC will add another 25% to your donation. We have continued to let out the Curate's house, which is in need of some updating, at a rent substantially below the market rate since 2019, totalling £11,100.00 less £2,193.14 management fees, resulting in a net income of £8906.86. The PCC is addressing this issue during the current financial year.

The payroll increased because staff salaries were raised by 10% and we appointed Rev. Margaret Gibbs as our Worship Leader. Margaret has been a very welcome addition to our Church Team.

At present, our income roughly covers our everyday expenses, such as Parish Share, Payroll and Utilities. However, our large church building is almost two centuries old and expensive to maintain and repair. We have finished paying for our new organ but still need to pay to house the loudspeakers. We urgently need a new heating system. We are planning photo-voltaic solar panels on the south-facing Church Hall roof to help reduce our electricity bills. We need a new fire & intruder alarm system. We cannot safely access the upper levels of the Church Tower and the void above the Nave and need to install new ladders and a safe roof-space walkway. The Church Hall roof springs leaks and requires a major refurbishment. We are fortunate to have enough money in our current and reserve accounts to cover these and other anticipated capital expenditures but, to quote B & Q "Once it's gone, it's gone!" In some, but not all, past years some generous legacies have built up the cash reserves that we are about to spend and the future is uncertain.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

WRITTEN BY ANN TINSON

The flower arrangers are a very small team with 5 pairs who arrange fresh flowers every other week, generally on a Friday and check them in the middle week. The flower shop next to the church provides the flowers, free of charge in return for using the church car park. They will also arrange a pedestal for us if we ask.

In previous years, donors have provided the funds for the flowers, now they give a donation for a dedication in the church newsletter & website. If you would like a dedication for a loved one or feel you could help with flower arranging, please phone me on 0161 292 2397.

NORBURY WALKERS

WRITTEN BY KATHLEEN PIERSON

‘ALL ARE WELCOME.....’

From one walk a month in 1995, Norbury Walkers now have a choice of 2 walks every Thursday. There are 3 to 4 mile strolls, hikes between 7 and 10 miles, and occasional 5/6 mile walks. On average, about 20 walkers are out each Thursday enjoying our local countryside & the company of others. Many walkers are from Norbury but we have always welcomed everyone to join us.

We also keep in touch with our original Norbury Walkers who are no longer able to walk far. They join us for meals out, and occasionally for coffee when we start our short walks at the Baptist Church Thursday Coffee Morning. In 2023 we dined at the Alma Lodge and Topkapi.

In April, we celebrated Geoff Fallow's 90th birthday at the Vinery in Bruntwood Park. Sadly Geoff died in September. He had led his last walk for us in March. We miss Geoff very much indeed. 40 walkers and friends enjoyed an early Christmas lunch, also at the Vinery.

After 50 years, the organisers of the Poynton Christian Aid walk decided not to continue, partly because of so many off-putting regulations. Perhaps we can plan something ourselves in 2024.

We did hold our usual Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised £846, including Gift Aid. Amazing!

Thanks as always go to the leaders of our walks, and to those who offer their cars when we don't use public transport. Thank you all.

CHRISTINGLE REPORT

WRITTEN BY JIMMY DOWNS

I would like to say a big thank you to all past and present supporters who have given their time and their money to help the Children's Society over many years.

The Christingle service 2023 raised £195.50 plus any online donations once again a Big Big Thank You.

At this time in writing this report many collecting boxes are being handed in ready for counting and sending off, watch out for an update via mailchimp newsletter, poster in church or any announcement at the services.

If you would like to become a collection box holder do please have a word with me at Church.

Thank You for letting me become Norburys church Rep for the Children's Society.

11.00 MUSIC REPORT

WRITTEN BY MARGARET GIBBS

The 11 am music group has seen lots of changes and developments in the last year, and remains in good heart and voice!

Margaret arrived in October to help with extra leading and training for the group, alongside continuing input from David and others, and all of us still rebuilding after the interregnum and the COVID effect. Margaret felt warmly welcomed into the group and appreciated the way folks actively and generously made space for her to settle in and begin to play her part

among them. Advance selection of music lists according to service themes and readings has been reestablished, and these go to clergy and then out to group members in a reasonably timely way each month.

The group comprises a good range of members who enjoy learning and leading corporate worship together and are welcoming and pastorally supportive. We continue to practise the regular service music on the last Monday evening of the month and have added an extra monthly rehearsal after the third Sunday morning service, especially to learn newer music and part songs. These are sometimes intended for special services in the church year and sometimes are introduced during communion for the wider congregation to learn. We started with some simpler pieces to build confidence and will gradually develop to more challenging music. We sang two solo items at the Carol Service and the instruments contributed an

ensemble piece. Some special music for Good Friday and Easter Sunday are in preparation as we write this report.

Regarding instruments, we have several pianists available for regular sharing on Sundays or to cover absences, and flutes, sax and guitar adding to the sound. Once back in the sanctuary we can start to use the organ again as appropriate.

It has been encouraging to see new members join, and former members rejoin our music group over the last few months. New singers and instrumentalists are welcome to come along to rehearsals and on Sundays when ready. One or two have also chosen to step down for personal reasons and our thanks and appreciation go to them for their service. We also recognise how bereavements have affected the group and continue to add our prayers as a community for those most affected.

Congregation members have been expressing appreciation regularly for the musical leadership provided on Sunday mornings and recently someone mentioned that there was a real sense of joy coming from the music group. Encouraged by this may we go from strength to strength in the Lord as we continue to sing his praises together!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST THOMAS, NORBURY,
LONDON ROAD, HAZEL GROVE, SK7 4RL

Registered Charity No. 1130910 Year ended 31 December 2023

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements for each financial year which properly present the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the PCC

Revd Joshua C. Askwith

Return of Parish Finance

January To December 2023

Parish ref:

If this form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included.

Deanery:

STOCKPORT

Parish :

Norbury: St Thomas

Norbury: St Thomas

Diocese:

Chester

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
Voluntary income/receipts	(nearest £)	(nearest £)	
01 Regular giving	71224	-	
03 Collections at services	19537	-	
All other giving and voluntary			
04 receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	4062	876	
06 Gift Aid recovered	25254	-	
07 Legacies received (capital value)	-	-	
08 Grants (include recurring and one-off)	925	-	
TOTAL Voluntary income	121001	876	
Activities for generating funds			
09 Gross income from fundraising activities	272	-	
Income from investments			
10 Dividends, interest, income from property etc	23679	-	
Church activities			
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	28979	-	
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall)	11255	-	
Other incoming resources			
13 Other incoming resources / receipts not already listed	950	-	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (from Financial Statements)			
A	Unrestricted	186136	
B	Restricted	876	
C	TOTAL	187011	
Planned givers and legacies			
14 Number of regular givers	82		
16 Number of new legacies received	0		

RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
Costs of generating income	(nearest £)	(nearest £)	
17 Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	2656	-	
Church activities			
18 Mission giving and donations	3120	551	
19 Diocesan parish share contribution	78976	-	
20 Salaries, wages and honoraria	54735	-	
21 Clergy and staff expenses	14295	-	
Church expenses			
22 Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	1349	-	
23 Church running expenses	20677	14000	
24 Church utility bills	13873	-	
25 Costs of trading	708	-	
Major capital expenditure			
27 Major repairs to the church building	34900	-	
28 Major repairs to the church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	-	-	
New building work to the church, church			
29 hall, clergy housing or any other PCC property	-	-	
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	225290	14551	
99 Other outgoing resources / payments	223	45	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (from Financial Statements)			
D	Unrestricted	225826	
E	Restricted	14596	
F	TOTAL	240421	
Cash and investment balances			
31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	453257	2	
32 Investments as at 31st December	-	-	
Account basis: On which basis are your accounts prepared? (indicate ONE)			

30 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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ACCRUALS

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Your diocese can supply notes to explain what each section is. These are consistent with the guidance provided in PCC accountability, 2013.

Date **26 Mar 2024**

Name **Ellen WALKER**

Position **Treasurer**

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07745462160

Looking back across 2023, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box.

Independent Examiner's Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Thomas Norbury

Annual Accounts for the 12 Months ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

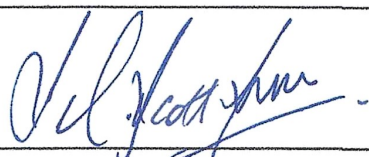
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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:



Date: 7th May 2024

Name:

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