

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 December 2023
For
Christ Church, Southchurch
Parochial Church Council**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

Reference and administrative details

Christ Church is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the charity Commission.

Principal address

Christ Church Centre
56 Colbert Avenue
Southend-on-Sea
Essex
SS1 3BP

Trustees

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date of this report was approved are:

Incumbent	Rev Steven Collier	Chair
Licensed Lay Minister	Mrs Elizabeth Butterworth	
Churchwardens	Ms Sandra Greenwood Mr Nathan Medhurst	
Elected Representatives on Deanery Synod	Mr Dave Watson Mrs Margaret Martin	From March 23
Elected Members	Mr Laurence Froment Mrs Paula Lucking Mr Phillip Smee Mrs Chloe Trueman Mr James Harriss Mrs Sally Lakin Mrs Judith Brum Mrs Liesje Andre Mr Mike Buss	Treasurer From March 23 From March 23 From March 23 From March 23 From March 23
PCC Secretary	Mrs Andrea Froment	

Independent examiner: **Mr David Thomas**

Governing structure and appointment of PCC members

The Church is administered and managed by the PCC. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

Organisational structure and committees

The PCC operates committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

Other Committees

Two sub committees have been appointed by the PCC during the year. One to consider a second Sunday service, the other to consider outreach work into the local community.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The PCC reviewed its financial procedures to ensure adequate safeguards are in place against fraud. In 2017 the PCC adopted the Diocese of Chelmsford Safeguarding Policy 2014 and adopted the Safeguarding Statement for Christ Church, and the PCC continues to have a proper regard to the continuing implement of the safeguarding provisions. The PCC in 2017 adopted a written Health and Safety Policy and continues to have regard for risk management. The safeguarding and risk management procedures are applicable to the Church, the Centre, and the Fundraising Shop. The PCC reviewed during the year its policies and practices with regard to personal data in order to remain compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Objectives and aims.

The PCC of Christ Church has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for maintenance of the Church Centre complex at Colbert Avenue, Southend-on-Sea and the church shop in Woodgrange Drive, Southend on Sea.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish at Southchurch. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament. When planning our activities for the year, the Incumbent and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through,

- worship and prayer,
- learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus,
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish,

- missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of Christ Church and the Church Centre.

Services and Attendance

We are pleased to be able to say that church attendance has continued to grow steadily during 2023 with many services in the last quarter attended by over 100 adults.

At the Annual Parochial Meeting on 26th March 2023 the electoral roll comprised 88 members, and on 31st December it was 85 members as the list was revised and weeded.

Our service pattern is now one Sunday communion per month, the rest being non-eucharistic, and a weekly Wednesday morning communion. The Sunday service has grown to an average of 85 adults. Our Kid's church has not seen the same growth and remains an average attendance of 22, this includes in the later part of the year the church has been blessed by the addition of 4 babies. We are grateful to the band of volunteers who enable the children aged up to 14 years to learn more about our faith.

The Wednesday communion service continues to be increasingly popular and regularly attracts over 30 attendees. The special Christmas service with carols was attended by 70. The Revd Alan Howe has taken on the responsibility of overseeing and developing the service, introducing music during the coming year and developing the team who serve this congregation.

At Christmas two Christingle services were attended by total of 304 people, again the services had to be ticketed due to high demand and health and safety requirements. Carols by Candlelight, held on a Friday attracted 160 people. The Midnight & Christmas day services were attended 111 people, with 138 attending a Nativity service the week before.

In November we took on another full time employee to be Worship leader and Youth Worker. This has much encouraged and developed our worship on Sundays and will enable the introduction of Music to our Wednesday Communion. It will also enable us to develop a second Sunday service during 2024. Already the appointment has enhanced our youth work.

Fabric – Church, Christ Church Centre and grounds

The Church and centre were maintained to a high standard with all regular servicing undertaken.

The Hall was painted at Easter and in the autumn the Lobby area was refreshed with new flooring and was also re-decorated. A programme to install new energy efficient lighting throughout the centre was started at the end of the year.

Extra furniture was purchased for the café area to cope with the increased attendance. Outside the old hedge and fence were replaced. The new hedge is of native species and wildlife friendly.

Beach Shelter

Southend Borough Council granted a license to the Church for it to display signs on the beach shelter sited on the Eastern Esplanade opposite Warwick Road, and signs, continued to be fixed to the shelter advertising the Church's special events. The license requires Christ Church to maintain the shelter in good order. No work has been undertaken.

Other Activities and use of our facilities.

The Church utilises space in the Church Centre for its own community activities. The Parents and Toddlers Group run by our Children's worker, Mrs Rosie Medhurst, with various helpers assisting each week has grown its regular attendance has grown to 68 attendees. It continues to be difficult to encourage the parents to come along to Sunday worship.

The Thursday evening youth club, ran by our children's worker Mrs Jo Buss has seen a small amount of growth with 15 young people aged 9-14 attending.

During August 2023, our two children's workers with helpers, ran a three-day holiday club, on the theme of Space, attended by 40 Children, culminating in a family funday with bouncy castles and BBQ attended by 60 people. A light party was held as an alternative to Halloween, and due to high demand we had to cap numbers and had 248 attendees. These events reached many non-church families but unfortunately despite the time, effort and resources invested and the activities being very well received, they have not resulted in the growth of our Sunday Kid's church.

Christ Church hosted Revitalize in the Summer term, a termly worship event for secondary school aged students which attracted well over 100 young people from all over Southend and further afield. The events are resourced by the network churches of Christ Church, St John's and St Michael's

Church Café began the year running three times a week, on a Monday afternoon and Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings. Mrs Jo Buss (Children's worker) provided refreshments for families attending Kumon Maths on a Monday afternoon. Assisted by regular helpers she was building good relationships with these centre users. By the summer it became apparent this was not sustainable or productive and therefore the session stopped in September.

Tuesday morning is attracting a steady number of customers, unfortunately the tiny toes Ballet had to cancel their booking late in the year, but groups of older walkers now use the café as an occasional base and other groups do use the café as a meeting place.

Wednesday is extremely busy, especially as the Wednesday morning Service attendance is growing. Parents whose children attend Tumble Tot's and other members of the public also make use of the cafe. As the year ends, having already purchased more tables and chairs we are considering how the capacity of the space can be further increased.

We have two homegroups which meet in the centre fortnightly, and a further five meet in people's homes, with a total of 94 attendees.

Alpha Courses ran in the summer and autumn terms, attended by a total of 18 people, although some of these are repeatedly attending.

Two women's breakfasts were held. The first having 80 attendees, numbers were then capped at 100 with a waiting list. These popular events which attract attendees from other churches will continue 3 times a year.

January saw us hosting Romansfest with 85 attendees. A Study course for the three network churches and others interested in furthering their biblical knowledge

Other events during the year have included 6 Summer Socials including, afternoon tea, wine tasting, walking events, and a beach picnic.

There was Christmas wine tasting when mulled wine and mince pies were provided at both carol services.

A basket has been installed in the foyer to collect items for the local Foodbank. In addition offerings are occasionally given at events to purchase additional items that are in particular demand.

At Christmas 15 hampers were delivered to the most needy families identified by Greenways School in addition to a couple to other individuals that had been identified by Church members.

The PCC is grateful for the many helpers who gave their time to these activities.

Charities and organisations with an ethos not inconsistent with the Christian faith that provide activities beneficial to the community, are permitted at the discretion of the PCC to use space in the Church Centre. This discretion is managed by the Parish Administrator under the delegated authority of the PCC.

Christ Church Fundraising Shop

The PCC continued to lease the shop premises at 229 Woodgrange Drive for its charity shop. The shop is staffed by volunteers and the PCC is grateful for the time given by them. Mrs Sandra Brown resigned in the paid role as the Shop Manager in early summer Mrs Jo Buss was taken on as interim manager with a temporary contract until late August. During that time she recruited many church members to the shop team, improving it's performance and bringing the ethos of the establishment into line with that of the Church. Her post was made permanent in late August.

At the end of October/ early November the shop closed and was completely refurbished at a cost of approx. £9,500. It now has a more modern and open look making it a more attractive space in which to work and shop. The changes have resulted in income, which had begun to fall in the earlier part of the year, increasing such that by year end Sales were some £4,000 up on the previous year. We expect to recoup the monies invested by the end of 2024.

Shop income after expenses is used to help fund our children and families' workers, youth worker and outreach events as well as being used to maintain and improve the Christ Church Centre.

Parish Administrator

Mrs Andrea Froment is employed as the Parish Administrator. In November she commenced a period of paid Maternity leave. Statutory Maternity pay for Mrs Froment will be reclaimed from HMRC at the end of her Maternity leave. Verity Smee has been employed for 16 hours a week on a fixed term contract to cover the absence.

Vicar

Revd. Steve continues to be funded by a Strategic Development Fund grant for 2023. During this time Revd. Mike Walker of St John's Southend nominally has cure of Souls of the parish.

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

In common with other parishes in the Diocese on departure of the incumbent, the following notice was posted on 3rd November 2021:

We Gulnar, by Divine Permission Bishop of Chelmsford hereby declare that subject to the provisions of Section 85 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 during the period of five years from the date hereof the vacancy in the Benefice of Southchurch, Christ Church shall not be filled and during that time the Patron shall not be entitled to exercise their right of Presentation.

Finances

Revd. Steve Collier is paid from a grant from the Strategic Development Fund for church planting in the deanery of Southend. In recognition of this, the parish share for 2023 was reduced to £32,000. It was paid in full plus an additional £8,000 to support other churches in the Deanery..

A second annual grant of £14,300 was given by the Mission Opportunity Fund to part fund our two part time children and family's workers. Income from the shop increased by approximately £4,000 from 2022 and provides the balance of their salaries.

Once again we are grateful to the Smith foundation from whom we received another unsolicited gift of £8,204 which will be used for the upkeep and improvement of the Church Building.

To help with the unusually high energy costs of 2023 a grant of £1900 was given from Central church of England resources.

General congregational giving including Tax Relief has increased by some £31,000 during 2023, this reflects the increase in numbers in the congregation and the commitment new members are making to the mission of Christ Church.

External users of the centre have decreased and a few regular bookings have been lost. Users sight the cost of living crisis as the reason their attendance numbers have fallen and therefore making the activity non-viable. As a result, centre income has decreased by £6,015 this year.

Increased expenditure on salaries, cleaning, utilities, children's work, staff costs, church events, outreach events and general inflation have all been covered by increased incoming resources.

In addition we have been able to undertake the refurbishment of the shop premises, redecorate the hall and both foyers and install new flooring in main foyer.

We are also grateful for a gift to buy a new keyboard for the worship group.

At the end of the year our total assets stood at approx. £120,000 an increase from approx. £93,000 at the end of the previous year. This increase has enabled the employment of our Worship and Youth leader.

Trustee's Interests

Mrs Andrea Froment was employed on a part time basis as the Parish Administrator. Neither Mrs Andrea Froment or Mr Laurence Froment were in attendance at any meeting where her employment and remuneration were discussed.

Mrs Rosie Medhurst was employed on a part-time basis as Children and families worker. Mr Nathan Medhurst was not in attendance where her employment and re-numeration was discussed.

Mrs Jo Buss was employed on a part-time basis as Children and families worker and from July on a part-time basis as shop manager. Mr Mike Buss was not in attendance where her employment and re-numeration was discussed.

Mr Phil Smee was awarded contracts for redecorating the centre and shop. He was not present at any meeting when the award was discussed.

Mrs Verity Smee was employed on a temporary contract. Mr Phil Smee was not in attendance where her employment and re-numeration was discussed.

Trustee's responsibilities

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

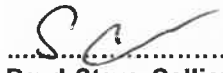
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these 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.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001. They 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.

On Behalf of the Trustee's



 Revd Steve Collier

Date: 13/4/ 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Christ Church, Southchurch
Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages nine to sixteen.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Thomas

Date: 10/4/2024



Christ Church Southchurch
Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Voluntary Income	115,635	—	8,589	124,224	95,639
Income from Church activities	14,827	—	—	14,827	12,235
Activities for generating funds	32,354	45,297	—	77,652	79,346
Investment income	826	—	—	826	37
Other incoming resources	1,900	—	14,300	16,200	15,000
Total incoming resources	165,544	45,297	22,889	233,731	202,259
Payments					
Costs of generating funds	21	18,771	1,400	20,192	8,965
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	2,260	(50)	240	2,450	3,478
Church Activities (expenses)	119,025	—	182	119,208	144,234
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	39,949	407	24,814	65,170	45,456
Total Expenditure	161,256	19,127	26,636	207,021	202,135
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	4,287	26,169	(3,747)	26,709	123
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	11,687	2,592	10,641	24,922	37,142
Gross transfers between funds - out	(85)	(15,381)	(9,454)	(24,922)	(37,142)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	15,889	13,380	(2,560)	26,709	123
Net movement in funds	15,889	13,380	(2,560)	26,709	123
Reconciliation of funds					
All assets at 01 January 2023	70,055	11,158	12,290	93,504	93,380
All assets at 31 December 2023	85,945	24,539	9,729	120,214	93,504

Notes:

Assets of the organization.

The buildings and land used by the charity are the property of the Diocese of Chelmsford, the maintenance and upkeep of which are delegated to the PCC. There are no individual items of a particularly high value that they are separately listed. The highest value items being the catering quality kitchen equipment including a Nelson Dishwasher; Fiamma Marina espresso machine; Lincat double oven and hobs; Dane bain marie and Polar fridge and freezer.

In addition, there are seven

computers (one of which operates the AV and sound system in the church). A Yamaha YC 88 Keyboard purchased in year. A Konica Minolta photocopier is leased from DOTS and is insured under the lease agreement.

Christ Church Southchurch
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
A1501 : Bank current account	—	—	—	—	57,986
A1504 : Shop Current Ac	—	—	—	—	8,190
A1508 : Co Operative account	28,683	15,798	9,645	54,127	—
A1511 : Kingdom Bank - Savings account	57,099	8,737	—	65,836	—
A1550 : Cash in hand General	115	—	84	200	200
A1551 : Cash in hand Shop	—	3	—	3	179
A1552 : Cash in hand Parent & Toddler	40	—	—	40	40
Total	85,937	24,539	9,729	120,206	66,595
Current assets - Investments					
A1510 : high Interest Bank Account	7	—	—	7	26,909
Total	7	—	—	7	26,909
Net total assets	85,945	24,539	9,729	120,214	93,504
Represented by					
Unrestricted - General	85,945	—	—	85,945	70,055
Designated - Maintain	—	2,507	—	2,507	—
Designated - Mission	—	1,971	—	1,971	1,920
Designated - Shop	—	20,060	—	20,060	9,237
Restricted - BookRememb	—	—	75	75	75
Restricted - Childwork	—	—	9,451	9,451	9,354
Restricted - MCBursary	—	—	—	—	143
Restricted - PastCare	—	—	28	28	28
Restricted - Maintain	—	—	—	—	2,507
Restricted - Mission	—	—	175	175	—
Restricted - Flowers	—	—	—	—	182
Total	85,945	24,539	9,729	120,214	93,504

Christ Church Southchurch
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources					
Voluntary Income					
010101005 - Planned Giving Standing Order	82,310	—	—	82,310	59,432
010101010 - Planned Giving Envelopes	1,299	—	—	1,299	1,885
020103A00 - Other planned giving	—	—	—	—	201
030104000 - Loose plate Collections	2,046	—	—	2,046	1,146
040105B00 - Sundry donations	9,543	—	8,204	17,747	710
060102000 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	15,454	—	—	15,454	12,637
070202000 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	10,000
090203B00 - Donations appeals etc.	4,982	—	385	5,367	9,626
Voluntary Income Totals	115,635	—	8,589	124,224	95,639
Income from Church activities					
110404000 - Fees for weddings	539	—	—	539	480
110404001 - Fees for Funerals	220	—	—	220	1,460
110404002 - Fees for Banns	—	—	—	—	286
120401B01 - Church events	6,546	—	—	6,546	3,210
12040200 - Cafe Hub	6,095	—	—	6,095	5,729
12040300 - Toddler Groups	1,426	—	—	1,426	1,068
Income from Church activities Totals	14,827	—	—	14,827	12,235
Activities for generating funds					
090203A00 - Sales - Shop etc.	—	45,297	—	45,297	40,980
090203B01 - Other funds generated	2,882	—	—	2,882	2,879
12C0402B00 - Ch hall lettings-fund raising	29,472	—	—	29,472	35,487
Activities for generating funds Totals	32,354	45,297	—	77,652	79,346
Investment income					
100301001 - Bank & building soc interest	826	—	—	826	37
Investment income Totals	826	—	—	826	37
Other incoming resources					
08A0201B00 - One off Grants (Received)	1,900	—	14,300	16,200	15,000
Other incoming resources Totals	1,900	—	14,300	16,200	15,000
Incoming resources Grand totals	165,544	45,297	22,889	233,731	202,259

Resources used					
Costs of generating funds					
253000005 - Shop Trading	—	10,660	—	10,660	8,965
253000006 - Shop Major Works	21	8,110	1,400	9,532	—
Costs of generating funds Totals	21	18,771	1,400	20,192	8,965
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects					
181002000 - Giving-relief & dev agencies	709	19	240	968	1,250
181003000 - Home mission	1,551	(184)	—	1,367	2,228
181004000 - Secular charities	—	114	—	114	—
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects Totals	2,260	(50)	240	2,450	3,478
Church Activities (expenses)					
173000007 - Church events	7,376	—	—	7,376	2,930
192001005 - Parish Share	40,000	—	—	40,000	32,000
212002000 - Working expenses of incumbent	951	—	—	951	356
212002001 - Vicars Discretion	807	—	—	807	—
212002005 - Visiting Speakers	—	—	—	—	390
212003000 - Parsonage house expenses	3,733	—	—	3,733	514
212004005 - Leaders Training	—	—	—	—	15
222017001 - Pastoral Expenses	267	—	—	267	126
222017007 - Mission Resources	28	—	—	28	—
232005001 - Insurance	3,856	—	—	3,856	3,100
232006000 - Consumables - Centre	2,325	—	—	2,325	1,587
232006005 - Organ tuning	189	—	—	189	185
232007000 - Church running expenses	524	—	—	524	341
232010016 - Telephone	791	—	—	791	1,085
232010028 - Sundries & Minor Maintenance	18,778	—	—	18,778	25,431
232017000 - Starblazers	—	—	—	—	398
232017003 - Christ Church Youth	2,773	—	—	2,773	1,958
232017004 - Toddler Activities	313	—	—	313	122
232017012 - Cafe Hub and Refreshments	2,698	—	—	2,698	2,947
23A2006001 - Sound & Vision	7,251	—	—	7,251	29,424
23B2007003 - Flowers	375	—	182	557	529
242010005 - Utilities	16,682	—	—	16,682	9,738
25A2009002 - General communications	797	—	—	797	754
25C201002 - Centre cleaning	5,148	—	—	5,148	2,429
25C2016001 - Weddings	—	—	—	—	24
25C2016002 - Funerals	148	—	—	148	673
272012000 - Major repairs Church	—	—	—	—	21,014
272012010 - Interior & exterior decoration	3,205	—	—	3,205	6,155
Church Activities (expenses) Totals	119,025	—	182	119,208	144,234
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity					
204000000 - Salaries	15,913	407	24,814	41,134	29,389
204000001 - Administrator	15,978	—	—	15,978	11,071
212004006 - Training	386	—	—	386	275
234000002 - Computer & Stationary	6,304	—	—	6,304	3,626
234000005 - Fees - Deanery & Subs	443	—	—	443	668
260000000 - governance costs	923	—	—	923	425
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity Totals	39,949	407	24,814	65,170	45,456
Resources used Grand totals	161,256	19,127	26,636	207,021	202,135
Surplus/Deficit	4288	26170	(3747)	26710	124

Christ Church Southchurch
Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers		Fund balances carried forward
BookRememb						
Restricted	75	—	—	—	—	75
Sub-totals	75	—	—	—	—	75
Childwork						
Restricted	9,354	14,300	24,814	10,611	—	9,451
Sub-totals	9,354	14,300	24,814	10,611	—	9,451
MCBursary						
Restricted	143	—	—	(143)	—	—
Sub-totals	143	—	—	(143)	—	—
PastCare						
Restricted	28	—	—	—	—	28
Sub-totals	28	—	—	—	—	28
Smith						
Restricted	—	6,204	1,400	(6,804)	—	—
Sub-totals	—	6,204	1,400	(6,804)	—	—
General						
Unrestricted	70,055	165,544	161,256	11,602	—	85,945
Sub-totals	70,055	165,544	161,256	11,602	—	85,945
Maintain						
Designated	—	—	—	2,507	—	2,507
Restricted	2,507	—	—	(2,507)	—	—
Sub-totals	2,507	—	—	—	—	2,507
Mission						
Designated	1,920	—	(50)	—	—	1,971
Restricted	—	385	240	30	—	175
Sub-totals	1,920	385	189	30	—	2,146
Flowers						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	182	—	182	—	—	—
Sub-totals	182	—	182	—	—	—
Shop						
Designated	9,237	45,297	19,178	(15,295)	—	20,060
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	9,237	45,297	19,178	(15,295)	—	20,060
Totals	93,504	233,731	207,021	—	—	120,214

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Balance sheet (Summary) As at: 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
	£	£
Current assets		
Investments	7	26.909
Cash at bank and in hand	120.206	66.595
	120.214	93.504
Net current assets less current liabilities	120,214	93,504
Total assets less current liabilities	120,214	93,504
Total net assets less liabilities	120,214	93,504
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	85.945	70.055
Designated		
Designated - AV Fund	—	—
Designated - Harp	—	—
Designated - Flowers	—	—
Designated - Christ Church Shop	20.060	9.237
Designated - Church Maintenance	2.507	—
Designated - Mission & Charities	1.971	1.920
Designated - Cafe Hub	—	—
Restricted		
Restricted - Book of Remembrance	75	75
Restricted - Church Maintenance	—	2.507
Restricted - Mission & Charities	175	—
Restricted - Harp	—	—
Restricted - Organ Restoration & Maintenance	—	—
Restricted - Flowers	—	182
Restricted - Childrens worker fund	9.451	9.354
Restricted - Mission & Charities Bursary Fund	—	143
Restricted - Pastoral care	28	28
Funds of the church	120,214	93,504

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Further Information about our funds

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND

The general fund represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Missions and Charities

Income set aside from the church charity shop to fund our charitable work, also individual donations for specific causes e.g Local Food Bank. These funds are used to periodically purchase items that are in particular need for the organisation. Also includes a small fund to enable the incumbent to respond to requests for financial help from individuals.

AV

Funds set aside for sound and vision equipment

Church Fabric

This is money set aside for general improvements to the Church building and entrance lobby.

Christ Church Shop

The church shop has its own account for income and expenditure. 10% of income is transferred to missions and charities for the benefit of the local community. The salary of our Family Project Worker and Children's Work Co-ordinator is funded from this income. The remaining excess of income is transferred to "Special Projects" to be used for improvements to and maintenance of the church building and centre for the benefit of the local community.

Special Projects

Primarily representing transfers from the Shop account to be used for improvements to, and maintenance of, the church building and centre. Medium term projects (1-2 years) are new lobby and replacement heating system in the church.

Book of Remembrance

For payments for calligraphy

Smith

Grant monies received, but not applied for, set aside for maintenance of the Church

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Flowers

Donations for Church flowers

Missions and Charities

Any donations made for passing on to a specific charity.

A Bursary Fund within Missions and charities is to aid individuals in urgent need.

Church Maintenance

Grant given for the improvement and maintenance of the Church building.

Church Fabric

This is money given for specific improvements.

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CONTROL RELATIONSHIP AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Christ Church is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England.

During the year to 31 December 2023 the following payments were made to persons or organisations associated with the Trustees:

	31.12.23
	£
Volunteer Manager (S. Brown)	2383.18
Andrea Froment (Laurence Froment)	14,395.08
Rosie Medhurst (Nathan Medhurst)	12,361.76
Jo Buss (Michael Buss)	14,683.52
JMS Cleaning (Michael Buss)	5,148.00
Phil Smee	3047.00
Verity Smee (Phil Smee)	2750.10

