



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**and**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**of the**  
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**of the parish of**  
**ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY**  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023



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# ***Parish of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for year ended 31st December 2023***

## **Administrative Information**

St Matthias Church is situated in Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ1 1HW, which is the correspondence address. The website address is [www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered number 1130983)

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 until the date of this report are:

*Incumbent:* Rev'd John Beckett

*Lay Vice Chair:* Cheryl Bevins (from May 2023) Paul Stannard (until May 2023)

*Associate minister:* Rev'd Paul Barton

*Curate :* Rev'd Claire Reynolds (from Sept 23)

*Wardens:* Cheryl Bevins  
Clare Whittaker

*Secretary:* Suzy Wright

*Treasurer:* Kevin Francis (from March 2023; Tony Barratt until March 23)

*Reader:*

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

*(ex-officio)* David Wilkinson

*(Diocesan Synod Rep)*

David Hodson

*Elected members:* Ali Buckley  
Sylvia Barratt  
Tessa Barton  
Keith Broome  
Natasha Dickson  
Mike Higgins  
David Pinnell (left Dec 23)  
Sue Newman  
Paul Stannard

*Co-opted members* Sue Davies *(Safeguarding Rep)*

## Structure, Governance and Management

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 having been on the roll for six months are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition to its regular meetings the PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee and a number of committees (known as 'Action Groups'), which meet as required, and report back to the PCC. These are:

### ***Standing and Finance Committee***

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. It also oversees the financial aspects of the work of St Matthias and the Church Centre. The committee comprised:

Rev'd John Beckett (Incumbent), Cheryl Bevins (Churchwarden and Vice Chair),  
Clare Whittaker (Churchwarden),  
Kevin Francis (Treasurer), Suzy Wright (Secretary)

### ***Action Groups:***

In late 2021, we began to form 'Action Groups' as a new way of shaping, leading and sharing what is going on at St. Matthias. These groups work in conjunction with the PCC and the Staff Team. The Action Group Leaders meet with clergy and wardens termly with the purpose of sharing what is happening within their group, highlighting areas where they would value the co-operation of another group and sharing new ideas of ministry which they would like to be involved in but might need to go to the PCC for a decision. Listed alphabetically these are:

***COMMS Action Group:*** To identify and manage the implementation of all communication and publicity requirements for the Church and the Church Centre, liaising with other groups as necessary and utilising the most appropriate and up-to-date tools, ranging from hard copy publications to online and social media platforms.

*Chair:* Suzy Wright

***Eco Action Group:*** To challenge the whole church and us as individuals by promoting the Anglican's 5<sup>th</sup> point of 'The Five Marks of Mission' – 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'; this includes awareness of the climate change and other ecological anxieties facing us in Torbay and the world.

*Chair:* David Hodson

***Facilities Management Action Group (previously Maintenance Action Group):*** To ensure that the buildings and grounds are kept in a good and safe state of repair for all users of the premises, enabling the church to be a place for worship, making disciples and transforming communities.

*Chair:* Paul Sherrieff

***Mission & Outreach Action Group:*** To enable the church to ensure that we are outward-looking in our work, witness and resources, taking every opportunity to spread the gospel message within the Parish, the Bay and further afield, in order to encourage people to start on their faith journey and to grow in Christ.

*Chairs:* Joanna Wilkinson

**Pastoral Action Group:** To organise and manage the provision of support and friendship to those who are unable to come to St. Matthias due to age or infirmity, helping to alleviate loneliness and encouraging them in their journey of faith through the difficult times.

*Chair:* Elaine Biden

**Prayer:** To organise and implement prayer for the needs of the world and to cultivate the message that prayer lies at the very heart of a Christian's relationship with God and in every activity undertaken within St. Matthias, by providing a variety of opportunities to explore and deepen that relationship, both by personal prayer and corporately.

*Chair:* Andrew Green

**Social Action and Pre-School:** working with the 'Mission and Outreach Group' to oversee the outreach that has a greater emphasis on 'Social Action' - and to include oversight of provision of Early Years Services to Pre-School children from the local community and to provide After School and Holiday Club services to a wider range of Pre-School and Primary School age children, with a view to valuing and nurturing every child, and to seek to show God's love to all children.

*Chair:* Sylvia Barratt

**SCYP Action Group:** To provide relevant and engaging activities for all age groups of children and young people both within and outside St. Matthias, enabling them to grow into and in their Christian faith and, with their leaders, reach their full potential in Christ.

*Chair:* Tessa Barton

**Service Ministry:** To provide high quality worship services as agreed by the Incumbent and the PCC, in conjunction with the staff team, that enable people to offer their worship and grow in their discipleship and encourage them to play their part in the kingdom work of transforming communities.

*Chair:* John Beckett

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has operational and maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Church Attendance**

At the time of the last Annual Meeting, in May 2023, there were 181 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. This year (May 23) we have reported 174 parishioners.

Each year we report our participation numbers (the number of people who worship with us at least monthly) which allows Diocesan fund contributions to be calculated. Since Covid there has been a reduction in in-person attendance. Our 2023 participation number was 160 compared with 157 in 2022.

### **Review of the Year**

Church services have returned to a mostly normal structure and attendance continues to pick up since the pandemic. The Prayer Book 8am Communion service has continued with a steady attendance. 11am service attendance has been reasonably strong but 0930 services have fluctuated. The first 0930 service of

the month is proving popular with breakfast included! Our Wednesday morning Holy Communion continues to have a small but faithful following. We continue to have a steady online following at the 11am service of perhaps 20- 30 people. The monthly 'Praise @ 5.30pm' service has a growing following and been recently invigorated with young people taking the lead of this service once more.

Here are some highlights:

- We welcomed our **new curate** from Brixham, **Claire Reynolds** in September; and we continue to be grateful to Norma, Brian, Andrew, David, Sharon and Nicholas for taking services and preaching.
- **We were also joined by** recently retired minister **Revd Dallas Ayling**
- Our **Pre-School** has 45 children on roll, and 6 staff - with regular after-school clubs
- **Hirers** have returned following Covid and the church centre had 84 hirers, some weekly or monthly and some for a special event.
- We continued **livestreaming** and extend our continued thanks to the audio visual team led by David Wilkinson
- Our **action groups** have continued to provide a solid structure to support the church's operations
- We continue to support our two local Church Primary Academies, Ilsham and Warberry, visiting them to lead weekly Acts of Worship, hosting special seasonal services in the Church building and serving on their governance committees.
- **Our social media** reached more people than ever before with well over 500 followers on Facebook and over 100 followers on the new Instagram account, most of whom are not regular church attendees.
- Pere has done a great job reinvigorating **the website** with a fresh new look. Improvements to our online presence continue
- Our **youth group** has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Ali and Linda with assistance from Hannah
- Our **'Praise @ 5.30'** has become predominantly youth led in recent months.
- We have overcome some serious financial challenges with a drop in giving and a rise in bills ably assisted by the tireless work of our Treasurer Team, Kevin and Trudy
- In 2023, St Matthias managed to maintain its long-standing commitment to paying a full **Mission Tithe**, representing 10% of voluntary income. This amounted to £14,765, which actually exceeded the tithe paid in the previous year, despite 2023 being a very challenging year for St Matthias' finances. All the charities supported by St Matthias' tithe are Christian charities, recommended for the PCC's approval by the **Missions Action Group**. Six main ones receive support each year: Church Army, Church Mission Society (for Nicci Maxwell), Church Pastoral Aid Society, Linx Christian Youth Trust, Mission to Seafarers and Tearfund. In addition, several other charities are chosen annually to receive a tithe donation. In 2023, these were: Bible Society, Christian Response to Eastern Europe, Christians Against Poverty, Compass Braille, Mercy Ships, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Open Doors, Scripture Union and Worldshare.
- We welcomed Stephen and Janet Dinsmore from **'ReSource'** for a **'Holy Spirit Weekend'** and began a teaching series on the book of Romans in our home groups and on Sunday mornings
- Our **'Warm Space' initiative** transitioned into **'Welcome Space'** and has attracted a regular group plus other church users to have refreshments and conversation every Wednesday from 12noon – 2pm.
- Funding was secured for a **youth worker** but we have still been unable to appoint anyone.
- **Easter services** were very well attended

- Our **Lent Course ‘Growing Good’**, challenged us about how we might serve the local community better
- We celebrated the **Coronation of King Charles** with an in person viewing of the ceremony; a special church family lunch, coronation cake and variety concert which raised £500 for the Turkey-Syria earthquake crisis fund.
- **Coffee Box mission outreach** took place for the local community for the second year in 2023 with free refreshments on the piazza on one Saturday morning each month between April and September. Coffee and pastries were offered to passers-by, along with friendly chat, and the offer of prayer when desired.
- In June we ran a second **‘Everybody Welcome’** course which generated valuable insights about several aspects of our welcome that we are working on.
- In Autumn 2023, following much hard work behind the scenes by members of our Eco Group we were awarded the **A Rocha Eco Church Bronze Award**
- We ran the **Christians Against Poverty** course to help those struggling with the cost of living crisis
- In December we were delighted to host the successful **Eco Fest event**, welcoming Ruth Valerio from Tearfund along with other local contributors and to run the successful **Tearfund Quiz**.
- We ran successful and well attended **Christmas services** with a packed Christingle and carols on the piazza.
- **Ruth Beckett** continued her curacy at Preston and Paignton
- **Sharon Hiley** has now been selected for Ordination training, starting in September 24.
- Many of our congregation attended the successful **‘Christmas Unwrapped’** service alongside other Torbay churches held at the Riviera Centre in December with Canon J John sharing the Christmas message
- We continued to live through our own values of **Generous like Jesus, Going Jesus’ way, Growing on the Journey and God’s Joy** in our hearts
- ... and much more!

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for overseeing the work of the church. Throughout 2023 and to date the PCC have met mostly bi-monthly – meetings primarily in person. From January to December 2023 the PCC held 6 meetings during the year, all in person. The average attendance at PCC meetings was 75%. PCC business generally falls into one of three categories: **Worshipping God, Making Disciples and Transforming Communities**.

Items brought to the attention of and considered by the PCC have included:

- Reviews of the **Service pattern throughout the year** in the light and the make up of the staffing team which was bolstered by the **arrival of Claire Reynolds as our curate in September 23**.
- The financial challenges posed by a reduction in giving and significant increases in costs, including energy bills.
- We have continued to explore options at **Ellacombe church**.
- **Messy Church** and **Mummy & Me** have both continued to attract significant numbers, particularly of those who have no other contact with the church, and have led to increased church attendance; these initiatives have real potential for the future of the church

### **Safeguarding:**

Sue Davies continued in the role of Safeguarding Officer and is also a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Board.

**Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and concerns must always be shared**

One of the roles of the safeguarding officer is to be available to give advice to anyone in church if there are any safeguarding concerns. The Diocese provides a supportive role in this.

Information regarding Safeguarding can be found on the first page of our website and contact numbers are available on church noticeboards. The Domestic Abuse posters with tear off phone numbers are displayed in the toilets and they appear to be used.

We are also required to delegate to the diocese the responsibility of reporting serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, in accordance with the House of Bishops' Guidance.

Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas.

Safer recruitment practices are followed which include sending for references and applying for DBS clearance if the role is applicable.

Training at all levels focuses on the principles of:

***Recognise – Respond – Record – Refer***

Sue Davies, Safeguarding Officer, May 2024

**Report from PCC Secretary:** So many good things are happening here at St Matthias.

The Chairs and members of all of the Action Groups (see list on page 4 of this report) meet to help it carry out its many responsibilities in the numerous and varied aspects of the life of St Matthias. The action groups continue to provide a structure within which the church can continue to thrive. The help and support they provide is greatly appreciated. We continue to be indebted to them all for the commitment and dedication they show **and to all those who give unstintingly of their time and their talents**. Thank you. **Please pray for our groups and their leaders**. If you feel encouraged to support them or get involved in one of the groups, please speak to group chairs or staffing team.

The **Friends of St Matthias** work closely with the PCC. The PCC would like to record their thanks for the financial support they receive from the Friends.

The PCC would like to record its appreciation of the leadership of our Rector, John Beckett, ably supported by Paul Barton and Claire Reynolds; our retired clergy, and other lay ministers, our Churchwardens, Cheryl and Clare, ably assisted by Sylvia; Pere and all who work in St Matthias – paid staff and volunteers alike. We owe a great deal to our clergy, staff and their families. **Thank you**.

**Suzy Wright** PCC Secretary May 2024

## **Churchwardens' report to the 2024 APCM**

We would like to start by thanking our Clergy team, who have worked tirelessly this year to provide services, worship, and pastoral support to us all. We have welcomed Claire Reynolds and her family this year, as she works towards completing her Curacy. We have been blessed with Dallas Ayling joining the team too. I am sure you would agree with us that we, as a church family are already benefiting from both of their ministries.

We were so glad to see that our Christmas services were again well attended – there was a real buzz to have the church full once again for the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. It was also great to be able to again host Carol Singing on the Piazza, for our community too.

Live streaming of some services has continued this year and is much appreciated by those who are unable to attend church. Thank you to all who have the technical skills to make this possible each week.

We are so grateful to the too often unsung heroes from within our congregation who serve behind the scenes, the coffee makers, cleaners, flower arrangers, welcomers at services, pastoral visitors and so many

more roles. We are always looking for more volunteers – do speak to us if you feel called to help in any way.

This year has seen the Warm Space initiative, set up last year in response to the cost-of-living crisis continue with a rebranding – “Welcome Space”. Every Wednesday lunchtime the church is opened to members of our local community, providing soup, chat, and friendship. We continue to host the Ukrainian Support Group each week too.

In December we were delighted to host the successful Eco Fest event, welcoming Ruth Valerio from Tearfund along with other local contributors. It was great to welcome members of our church, the local community, and local schools to learn about ways in which we can steward our environment, even by making small changes. In Autumn 2023, following much hard work behind the scenes by members of our Eco Group we were awarded the A Rocha Eco Church Bronze Award. We are now looking at improvements that we need to make to the running of the church and centre to work towards achieving the Silver Award. One major project that we are looking to undertake later this year is the replacement of the Peter Larkin Church Hall roof and the fitting of Solar Panels, with a potential later addition of batteries.

Clare and Cheryl, Churchwardens, May 2024

### **Report of the Meetings of Deanery Synod**

Your lay representatives are David Hodson and David Wilkinson (Deanery Secretary). Giles Fearnley (Deanery Lay Chair) is a co-opted member and members of our parish clergy also attend. Since the last Annual Report there have been three meetings of Synod.

The main items of business, besides finance, progress with Common Fund payments by the parishes, and reports of the proceedings of Diocesan and General Synod were:

- **Sharing from Parishes** – each meeting we shared news from our churches, along with **blessings**, **challenges** and **opportunities**, and then in small groups prayed for each parish.
- **Torbay United** was set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to administer a grant of £120k, awarded by the Government Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The two major initiatives that have been developed are the setting up of a mobile foodbank – a social supermarket – currently providing food for 62 households with 201 family members AND a Schools Support Network, providing pastoral support for schools across the Torbay.
- In preparation for a Festive Christmas Celebration at the Riviera International Centre with Canon J. John, ‘Pray for the Bay’: a series of online prayer meetings took place in November.
- Rev’d Nathan Kiyaga completed 3 years’ service as Rural Dean in December, and early in the New Year we welcomed Rev’d Fr Peter March (All Saints Torre, St Luke’s and St John’s) as our new Rural Dean, supported by Rev’ds Samantha Stayte (Cockington), Gary Deighton (Goodrington & Collaton St Mary) and Sam Leach (St Mags) as Assistant Rural Deans. Bishop James and Archdeacon Douglas commissioned the four and gave the deanery a charge. In the past everyone was part of the church – now we are ministering in communities that are detached from the church. Just being here we are evangelising and proclaiming the Christian church. In our Anglican way of doing things we are part of one holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic church, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. We live out that wholeness in our local communities, parishes and deanery, with the parish priest representing the bishop.

The deanery synod is the place where we practice being the church, interconnected as part of the whole. The archdeacon charged us to live the life of the deanery synod; one that is living and vibrant, encouraging, inspiring, resourcing and supporting.

Further details of all deanery business may be obtained from

**David Wilkinson** Torbay Deanery Secretary, May 2024

## Financial Review

The **Balance Sheet** (Page F1 of the Accounts package) is lower than last year due to lower cash assets (£171,779 cf. £178,207 in 2022) plus creditors of £11,686 due to prepayments received in 2023 for 2024. The combined effect of these reduced our Unrestricted Funds figure from £107,399 to £90,081.

The other significant figure on the **Balance Sheet** is the amount of money in the Restricted Fund for Emerging Generations Leader, up from **£32,388** in 2022 to **£43,260** at the end of 2023.

The **Statement of Financial Activities** (SOFA) on **Page F2**, shows the overall income and expenditure for the year, broken down into the few high level categories commonly reported across the Church of England, as well as transfers between funds.

Subsequent sheets in the pack break this down into considerably more detail, Pages **F5 to F9** showing a breakdown against all the booking categories that we use.

2023 proved to be a hard year for the church finances as the effect of the cost of living crisis affected the level of giving combined with the large increases in gas and electricity costs. This has resulted in an operational deficit for the year of £22,797.

Some of the major factors that contributed to this, referencing the three areas of operation, were:

### (i) Church

The overall voluntary income was **£138.6k**, down from last year's figure of **£147.6k**. In terms of expenditure, gas costs increased by **10.4k** but our electricity costs became a credit due to a rebate for paying incorrect VAT rate in previous years and energy generated and returned to the grid by our solar panels. Church Maintenance was down by **9.4k** though part of the 2022 figure was covered by a Friends payment. Also, as in previous years, we paid our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese in full, which was **£95.2k**. Charity & Mission Giving has also been included in Church expenditure which was **8.5k**. The net result was a net deficit of **£17.1k** over the year between church income and expenditure.

### (ii) Church Centre

Income from hirers was up to **£52.1k** from **£46.6k** in 2022. Total Church Centre income was up **£7.2k** from 2022. Gas costs more than doubled to 4.6k but the centre benefited as well from the electricity rebate and energy return from the solar panels to show a credit. In total there was a small increase in expenditure of **2.4k** resulted in a net surplus of **£3.1k** for the year.

### (iii) Pre-School

Pre-School income, comprising Early Years funding from our local Council and payments from parents for additional sessions was only marginally up this year by **£3.2k**. Higher staffing costs due to increasing hourly rates to reflect the jump in inflation and the cost of living crisis resulted in an increase in the overall expenditure figure of **£22.5k**. This has meant that the Pre-School net position for the year was a deficit of **8.7k**.

I would like to thank Trudy Guy, our book keeper for all of the accounts administration tasks and invoice payments. Also Sylvia Barratt, who continues to manage the 'Statutory Account' covering weddings and funerals held in the church, the funds for which are handled via a separate bank account. The transactions in this account are not visible in the published accounts as all associated income and expenditure does not impact on church funds (as, basically, what comes in goes out). The accounting rules we operate to are such that we are not required to include these details in the published accounts but they do have to be submitted to our Independent Examiner and so are covered in the approval statement.

I would also like to thank all our church members for their generous financial support during this difficult year. The response to the giving appeal from September was truly amazing and that has helped the church to recover from a serious financial situation in the first half of 2023. I would urge those who do not give regularly or who are still giving via the offering plate or in other ways, to consider whether you could make a regular commitment by signing up to the PGS scheme (details available on our website and via leaflets at the back of the church).

**Kevin Francis, Hon Treasurer**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



29 April 2024

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## **ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK and HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY Notes to the Accounts 2023**

### **1. Basis of Financial Statements**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. These financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. They have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The charity is registered in England and Wales and details of the registered office can be found in the admin information section. The functional and presentational currency is considered to be pounds sterling, the accounts are rounded to the full pound.

### **2. Accounting policies**

#### **(a) Fund Accounting**

- (i) Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.
- (ii) Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.
- (iii) Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future.

Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

#### (b) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

#### (c) Resources Expended

The Diocesan Parish Share (Common Fund) expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

#### (d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

St. Matthias Church Centre was built in 1985/86 at a cost of £198,629 and the extension to it was subsequently built at a cost of £146,355. During 2010 an extension to the Pine Room was constructed at a cost of £98,266. All these amounts have been written off as expended and consequently no depreciation is required. Expenditure on Church Centre furniture and equipment is written off as incurred.

The cost of PV Solar Panels, purchased with the help of a loan from the diocese is being written off during the period of the related loan at the same rate as the capital paid off.

#### 3. Debtors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

#### 4. Contingent Liabilities

In the event that either the premises are sold or the Pre-School ceases to operate for reasons within the PCC's control, a portion of the grant from Torbay Council received in 2010 (£83,156) may have to be repaid.

#### 5. Payments to PCC members

No member of the PCC received any salary or expenses in connection with their role on the PCC.

#### 6. Staff Salaries / Payments

3 staff were employed by the Church/Church Centre, gross salaries paid out during the year being £36,497. 6 staff were employed by the Pre-School, gross salaries paid out during the year being £111,106.

Pension contributions on behalf of 4 eligible employees were paid to the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) in line with current UK Pension legislation (included in salary figures above).

The number of employees whose total employee benefits fell within the £10,000 - £60,000 band was 0.

#### 7. Funding from Friends of St Matthias

During the year the Friends of St Matthias, a charity set up for the sole purpose of supporting the church via the funding of various works, contributed the following:

Roof Repair £1,406

Boiler Repair £1,767

#### 8. Income and Expenditure – Details

Pages 16-19 show a categorised breakdown of all income and expenditure with comparative figures for 2022.

#### 9. Reserves Policy

It is a requirement of the Charity Commission that all registered charities should have a Reserves Policy, designed to cater for the ongoing viability of the organisation in the event of unplanned/unexpected circumstances arising.

Our policy is now based on retaining 3 months' normal expenditure made up from items considered to be essential in the event of unexpected circumstances preventing us from running one or more of the three separate entities that comprise the St Matthias Church registered charity. The amount that has been calculated for this purpose, including an appropriate amount for contingency purposes, is £70k-75k.

**St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay**

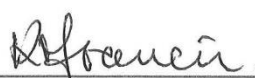
**Balance Sheet (Summary)**

**As At: 31 December 2023**

	As at 31/12/23	As at 31/12/22
<b>Fixed assets</b>	0	0
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	1,980	10,943
Cash At Bank And In Hand	171,779	178,207
	<u>173,758</u>	<u>189,150</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	11,687	12,007
	<u>11,687</u>	<u>12,007</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	0	0
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General Funds	90,081	107,399
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<u>90,081</u>	<u>107,399</u>
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Charity & Missionary Giving	(8,050)	450
Designated - Girls Allowed	98	98
Designated - Hardship Fund	10,314	11,174
Designated - Matts Cats	1,119	619
Designated - 'Older People' Ministry	308	170
Designated - Reducing Carbon Footprint	24,000	24,000
Designated - Social Core	800	800
<b>Total Designated</b>	<u>28,589</u>	<u>37,311</u>
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - Audio/Visual System	0	(135)
Restricted - Emerging Group Leader	43,260	32,388
Restricted - Flowers	142	128
Restricted - Music	1	53
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>43,403</u>	<u>32,434</u>
Funds of the Church	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>

Approved by the PCC on 29th April and signed on its behalf by:

  
Rev John Beckett (Chair)

  
Kevin Francis (Treasurer)

**St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
	Donations and legacies	142,623	905	14,012	157,541	222,586
	Income from charitable activities	189,541	0	0	189,541	192,901
	Investments	1,678	0	0	1,678	241
	Other income	0	0	0	0	8,257
Total income		333,842	905	14,012	348,760	423,986
Expenditure on:						
	Expenditure on charitable activities	345,172	9,628	3,043	357,844	353,364
	Other expenditure	5,988	0	0	5,988	3,923
Total expenditure		351,160	9,628	3,043	363,831	357,287
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		(17,318)	(8,723)	10,969	(15,071)	66,700
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds -						
in		0	0	0	0	71,781
Gross transfers between funds -						
out		0	0	0	0	(71,781)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets						
		0	0	0	0	0
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						
		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(17,318)	(8,723)	10,969	(15,071)	66,700
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		107,399	37,311	32,434	177,143	110,444
Total funds carried forward		90,081	28,588	43,403	162,072	177,143
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
	General fund	91,104	0	0	91,104	108,422
Designated						
	Charity & Missionary Giving	0	(8,050)	0	(8,050)	450
	Girls Allowed	0	98	0	98	98
	Hardship Fund	0	10,314	0	10,314	11,174
	Matts Cats	0	1,119	0	1,119	619
	'Older People' Ministry	0	308	0	308	170
	Reducing Carbon Footprint	0	24,000	0	24,000	24,000
	Social Core	0	800	0	800	800
Restricted						
	Audio/Visual System	0	0	0	0	(135)
	Emerging Group Leader	0	0	43,432	43,432	32,559
	Flowers	0	0	147	147	133
	Music	0	0	1	1	53

# St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

## Income and Expenditure - Details by Category

### For the period: 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023	2022
A03 - Fees Receivable (CH (Church))	1,986	2,960
A04 - Heat & Light Contributions (CH)	14	0
A07 - Messy Church (CH)	113	112
A09 - Special Events (CH)	706	743
A10 - Minibus donations	0	737
<b>TOTAL FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES INCOME</b>	<b>2,819</b>	<b>4,550</b>
B01 - Hirers (CTR (Centre))	52,102	46,689
B02 - Pre-School Printing (CTR)	0	1,500
B03 - Private Photocopying (CTR)	125	118
B04 - Sundry (CTR)	53	0
B05 - Tea & Coffee (CTR)	406	366
<b>TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE INCOME</b>	<b>52,686</b>	<b>48,671</b>
C01 - Fees Torbay DC (PS (Preschool )	95,963	101,999
C02 - Holiday Club (PS)	12,788	9,195
C03 - Other Income (PS)	255	189
C04 - Parents Payments (PS)	25,031	28,293
<b>TOTAL FOR PRE SCHOOL INCOME</b>	<b>134,035</b>	<b>139,677</b>
D01 - CAF Interest (CH)	1,598	41
D02 - Insurance Claims (CH)	0	923
D03 - Other Interest (CH)	81	200
D04 - Sundry Income (CH)	0	3,133
D06 - Solar Panel FIT (Feed in Tariff)	0	4,201
J10: Credit Card charges deducted from Card receipts	-37	0
<b>TOTAL FOR INVESTMENT &amp; SUNDRY INCOME</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>8,496</b>
E01 - Friends (Agreed Funding)	3,173	15,233
<b>TOTAL FOR FRIENDS OF ST MATTHIAS</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>15,233</b>
F01 - Collections	656	100
F02 - Collections G/A	2,905	5,928
F03 - Collections G/A REC	-970	1,482
F04 - Gift Day	2,350	0
F05 - Gift Day G/A	4,978	0
F07 - Legacies	0	5,000
F08 - Misc Donations	2,731	32,739
F09 - Misc Donations G/A (Gift Aid)	10,583	2,178
F10 - Misc Donations G/A REC	2,013	544
F11 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations	287	5,695
F12 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations G/A	619	3,025

F13 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations G/A REC	744	0
<b>TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (GENERAL)</b>	<b>26,895</b>	<b>56,690</b>
F21 - Planned Giving	1,070	470
F22 - Planned Giving G/A	4,656	13,400
F23 - Planned Giving G/A REC	120	3,350
F24 - PGS Planned Giving	3,563	5,691
F25 - PGS Planned Giving G/A	103,949	108,869
<b>TOTAL FOR PLANNED INCOME (GENERAL)</b>	<b>113,358</b>	<b>131,780</b>
F31 - *Youth Work	422	0
F32 - *Youth Work G/A	1,553	2,600
F33 - *Youth Work G/A REC (Received)	101	650
F34 - *PGS Youth Work G/A	11,850	15,515
<b>TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (EGL)</b>	<b>13,926</b>	<b>18,764</b>
F41 - *Audio/Visual	135	0
F48 - *Children's Bibles G/A	0	-23
F49 - *Children's Bibles G/A REC	0	23
F51 - *Easter Eggs G/A	26	90
F52 - *Easter Eggs G/A REC	6	5
F54 - *Flowers G/A	53	20
F55 - *Flowers G/A REC	5	0
<b>TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED)</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>348,760</b>	<b>423,986</b>
<b>OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>		
G01 - Charity & Mission Giving	8,500	14,500
G08 - Welcomespace and Hardship Fund expenditure	1,766	545
<b>TOTAL FOR CHARITY &amp; MISSION GIVING</b>	<b>10,265</b>	<b>15,045</b>
G02 - Common Fund	95,268	100,857
<b>TOTAL FOR COMMON FUND</b>	<b>95,268</b>	<b>100,857</b>
J01 - Bank Charges (CH)	88	170
J02 - Printing, Post & Stationery (CH)	4,235	5,176
J03 - Salaries & NI (CH)	14,703	13,914
J04 - Sundry Expenses (CH)	3,628	4,840
J06 - Book Keeping	3,958	1,535
<b>TOTAL FOR CHURCH ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>26,609</b>	<b>25,633</b>
K01 - *A/V Equipment	3,651	135
K02 - Insurance (CH)	3,386	2,940
K03 - Electricity (CH)	- 1,760	3,027
K04 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CH)	1,293	1,149
K05 - *Flowers	39	170
K06 - Garden - General Maintenance (CH)	982	528
K07 - Gas (CH)	15,062	4,599
K08 - Maintenance & Repairs (CH)	3,886	15,363
K09 - Organ Maintenance	1,093	-
K10 - Piano Tuning	-	79
<b>TOTAL FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>27,631</b>	<b>27,990</b>
L02 - *Children's Bibles	297	245
L03 - Breakfastzone	482	-
L05 - Clergy Expenses	1,196	2,507
L06 - Clergy Fees	245	-

L09 - Homegroups	18	-
L10 - Messy Church	442	420
L11 - *Music	-	155
L12 - Other Outreach	1,347	2,539
L14 - Service Upkeep - Other	307	1,238
L15 - Service Upkeep - Wafers & Wine	303	228
L17 - Visiting Clergy	271	-
L18 - Minibus	- 138	566
L20 - Special Events	872	-
L22 - Matts Cats	- 500	-
<b>TOTAL FOR MINISTRY COSTS</b>	<b>5,143</b>	<b>7,898</b>
M01 - *Young Children Exp	- 993	2,185
M02 - *Youth Bank	352	366
M03 - *Youth Work Exp	1,471	624
M04 - *Youth Worker Exp	121	-
M05 - *Youth Worker Fees/Salary	1,346	3,396
<b>TOTAL FOR YOUTH WORK (EGL) (Emerging Gen Leader)</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>6,571</b>

P01 - Consumables (CTR)	4,846	4,482
P02 - Electricity (CTR)	- 1,760	2,927
P03 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CTR)	63	-
P04 - Gas (CTR)	4,697	2,119
P05 - Insurance (CTR)	2,863	2,934
P06 - Maintenance & Repairs (CTR)	8,237	9,208
P07 - Salaries & NI (CTR)	24,415	22,193
P08 - Sundry Expenses (CTR)	1,936	821
P09 - Telephone (CTR)	1,628	1,128
P10 - Waste Services (CTR)	3,690	3,454
P11 - Water (CTR)	1,411	436
P12 - Window Cleaning (CTR)	725	620
<b>TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE COSTS</b>	<b>52,750</b>	<b>50,322</b>
R02 - CRB Charges (PS)	21	-
R04 - Equipment, Materials & Books (PS)	4,607	2,339
R06 - Insurance & Learning Alliance (PS)	590	626
R07 - Outings (PS)	-	321
R08 - Printing, Postage & Stationery (PS)	-	1,598
R09 - Rent (Pine Room) (PS)	15,000	15,000
R10 - Salaries & NI (PS)	119,436	93,788
R11 - Staff Reporting Systems (PS)	-	59
R12 - Staff Training (PS)	1,681	472
R13 - Sundry Expenses (PS)	1,274	6,236
R14 - Telephone (PS)	99	125
R16 - Bank Charges (PS)	60	81
<b>TOTAL FOR PRE-SCHOOL COSTS</b>	<b>142,768</b>	<b>120,645</b>
G04 - Governance (Independent Examiner)	1,098	630
<b>TOTAL FOR GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>630</b>
G05 - Solar Panel Loan (Interest)	-	24
G06 - Solar Panel Loan (Capital)	-	-
<b>TOTAL FOR SOLAR PANEL LOAN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>	<b>363,828</b>	<b>355,635</b>

**St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay**  
**Fund breakdown**  
**Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Gains and Losses</b>	<b>Journal Entries</b>	<b>Fund balances Carried forward</b>
Audio/Visual							
Restricted	(135)	135	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	(135)	135	-	-	-	-	-
Reducing Carbon footprint							
Designated	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Sub-totals	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Charity Mission Giving							
Designated	450	-	8,500	-	-	-	(8,050)
Sub-totals	450	-	8,500	-	-	-	(8,050)
Emerging Generations Leader							
Restricted	32,387	13,824	2,952	-	-	-	43,260
Sub-totals	32,387	13,824	2,952	-	-	-	43,260
Girls Allowed							
Designated	98	-	-	-	-	-	98
Sub-totals	98	-	-	-	-	-	98
Hardship Fund							
Designated	11,174	905	1,765	-	-	-	10,313
Sub-totals	11,174	905	1,765	-	-	-	10,313
St Matts Cats							
Designated	618	-	(500)	-	-	-	1,118
Sub-totals	618	-	(500)	-	-	-	1,118
Social Core							
Designated	799	-	-	-	-	-	799
Sub-totals	799	-	-	-	-	-	799
Flowers							
Restricted	128	53	39	-	-	-	142
Sub-totals	128	53	39	-	-	-	142
MS							
Restricted	52	-	52	-	-	-	0
Sub-totals	52	-	52	-	-	-	0
Older People Ministry							
Designated	170	-	(138)	-	-	-	307
Sub-totals	170	-	(138)	-	-	-	307
General Funds							
Unrestricted	107,398	333,842	351,160	-	-	-	90,080
Sub-totals	107,398	333,842	351,160	-	-	-	90,080
Totals	177,143	348,759	363,831	-	-	-	162,071

# St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

## Notes to the financial statements as at 31 December 2023

		As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022		
1. Debtors					
	Trade debtors	1,980	10,943		
		1,980	10,943		
2. Bank and Cash					
	CAFCASH (CHURCH)	49,318	59,778		
	CAFCASH (PRE-SCHOOL)	44,667	40,596		
	CAFCASH (Statutory Account)	1,062	1,000		
	CAF GOLD LLOYDS (CHURCH)	76,589	75,178		
	PETTY CASH (CHURCH CENTRE)	0	1,532		
	PETTY CASH (PRE-SCHOOL)	40	20		
		100	100		
		171,776	178,204		
Total Current assets		173,756	189,147		
3. Creditors					
	Agency collections	553	324		
	Trade Creditors	11,133	11,682		
		11,686	12,006		
Net Asset surplus (deficit)		162,071	177,143		
4. Analysis of net assets between funds					
	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash and current investments	99,786	28,588	43,403	171,777	178,207
Other current assets/liabilities	1,980				10,943
Creditors more than one year	(11,686)				(12,007)
Total	90,080	28,588	43,403	162,071	177,143

### 5. Trustees Remuneration / Expenses

There was no remuneration paid or expenses reimbursed to Trustees during the year or the previous year.