THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1131221

Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS, LEIGHTON BUZZARD
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£253,834	£260,916	-	-
2023-12-31	£233,258	£239,537	-	-
2022-12-31	£244,025	£238,563	-	-
2021-12-31	£215,046	£225,151	-	-
2020-12-31	£206,746	£225,426	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Perrott		2020-09-20
Amy Tingay		2022-05-22
Andrea Cox		2024-04-27
Carol Yirrell		2020-09-20
Christine Munford		2015-04-26
Dr Stephen Jury		2019-04-28
Geoffrey Marchant		2023-04-30
Geoffrey Ralph Huskisson		2014-04-27
Hannah Pearce		2024-04-27
Jackie Rudom		2020-09-20
James Legg		2024-04-27
John Edward Sykes		2014-11-27
LINDSAY BEVIS		
Linda Kagunga		2020-09-20
Philip Tingay Mr		2024-02-08
Rev David MacGeoch		2024-09-01
Samuel David Grahame Smith		2019-04-28
Stacey Major		2020-09-20

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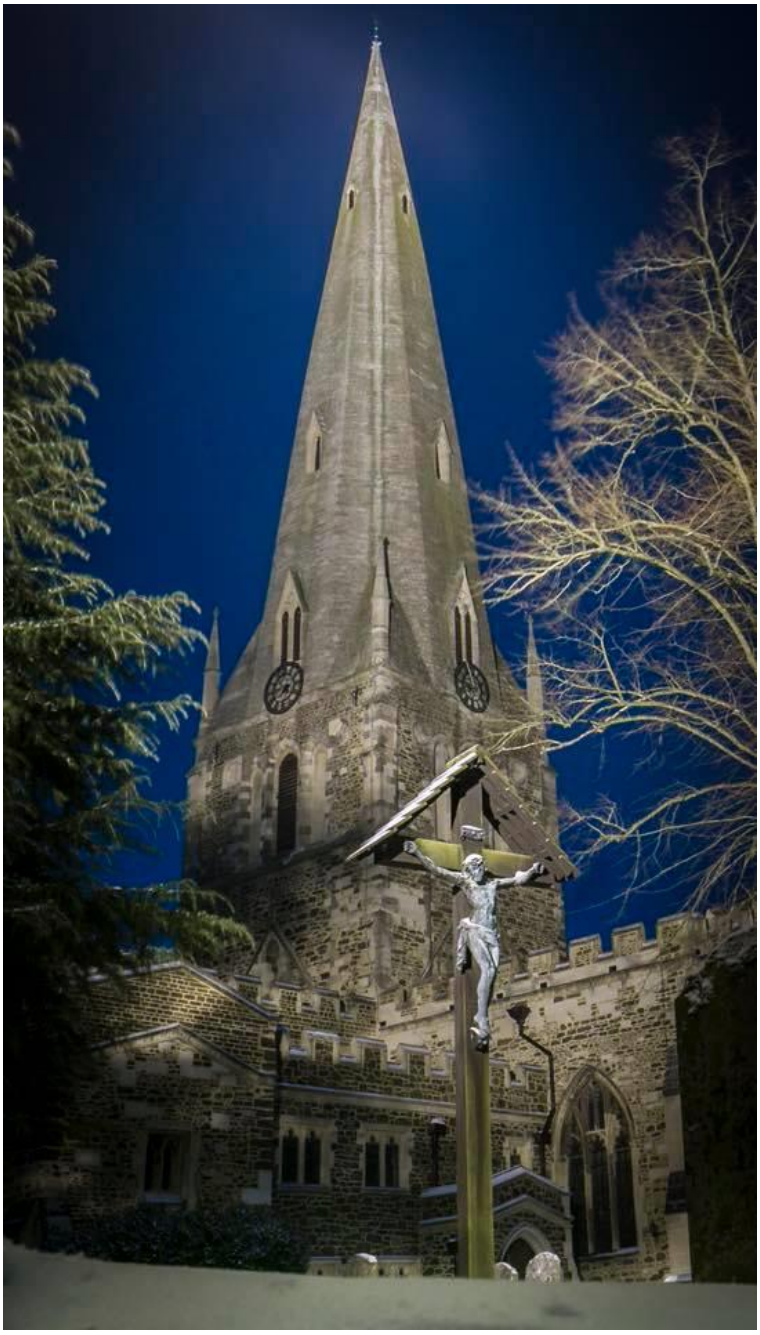
Accounts

Diocese of St. Albans



Parish of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Saturday 17th May 2025 at 9.45am

DIOCESE OF ST. ALBANS
PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, LEIGHTON BUZZARD
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
SATURDAY 17th MAY 2025 at 9.45am

PRAYERS

Vestry Meeting:

Election of Churchwardens

Election of Sidesmen and Ladies

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 28th April 2024
3. Presentation of Electoral Roll
4. Elections: Parochial Church Councillors: 3 members, Deanery Synod 1 member
5. Churchwardens' Report
6. P.C.C. Report
7. Other Reports
8. Presentation of Financial Accounts
9. Appointment of Auditor
10. To note the date of 22nd May P.C.C. meeting following 7.00pm Holy Communion
11. Date of next Annual Parochial Church Meeting
12. Any other business: An opportunity for members of the parish to raise any matter of common concern, and to make any suggestions for the P.C.C. agenda.
13. Vicar's Jottings

SIDESMEN AND LADIES:

Lindsay Bevis	Dianne Bradfield	Liz Corbett
Bev Crockett	Gemma Dolton	Julie Dolton
Terry Dolton	Anne Flynn	Dominic Flynn
Pauline Esmail-Scott	Jill Hargreaves	Rachael Horrocks
Jenny Huskisson	Zita Jeeves	Dot Jessup
Pauline Lyon	Audrey Mason	Steve Mayne
Maggie Moran	Dave Mowbray	Stephen Jury
Karen Nash	Jackie Rudom	Sam Smith
Amy Tingay	Philip Tingay	Sue Revis
Rosemary Warburton	Terry Warburton	David Williams

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Ex-Officio on the P.C.C. are: - Churchwardens

Stipendiary Clergy

One representative Reader

Elected members of Deanery Synod

Already elected to serve for a further one year:

Jackie Rudom, Carol Yirrell, Stacey Major, Alan Perrott

Already elected to serve for a further two years:

Audrey Mason, Jaine Holford, Hannah Pearce, Andrea Cox, Dot Jessup, Christine Munford

Retiring members:

Janet Wenborn, Linda Kagunga

Eligible for Re-election:

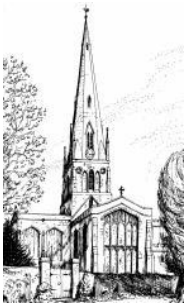
Amy Tingay

Vacancies:

3 vacancies for P.C.C

1 vacancy for Deanery Synod for 1 year

APCM MINUTES 2024



Diocese of St. Albans
Parish of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 28 April 2024, 11:15am

The vestry meeting was opened in prayer by Mother Kirsty as Chair
The APCM meeting was chaired by John Sykes

VESTRY MEETING

1. ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS

Initially, Bill Webb announced that he was at the end of his Church Warden tenure and would be stepping down.
Mother Kirsty announced John Sykes and Sam Smith have agreed to stay as Church Wardens, with James Legg a new standing for Church Warden, this was proposed by John Sykes and seconded by Paul Dickens
This was unanimously approved at the meeting.

Mother Kirsty thanked John, Sam and Bill for their work throughout the year.

2. ELECTION OF SIDESPEOPLE

The motion to approve the list of sidesmen and ladies as recorded in the notice of APCM was proposed by Lindsay Bevis, seconded by Stacey Major and unanimously approved by all in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This meeting was chaired by John Sykes

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

A list of apologies was presented to, and noted by, the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Annual General Church Meeting were taken and read and accepted with no amendments. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Stacey Major, seconded by Geoff Marchant and unanimously approved by all at the meeting.

3. **PRESENTATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

The Electoral Roll report was presented and it was noted that there had been 231 members in April 2024, a decrease of 13 since April 2023. This is part to members moving away or no longer attending church, but sadly there have also been 7 congregant deaths this year.

4. **ELECTIONS**

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The meeting was asked to approve the election of new PCC members:

NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED	ELECTED?
Christine Munford	Alison Dobbie	Brian Bainbridge	Yes
Audrey Mason	Lindsay Bevis	James Legg	Yes
Jaine Holford	James Legg	John Wallace	Yes
Hannah Pearce	John Wallace	Laurelin Burge	Yes
Andrea Cox	Lindsay Bevis	John Wallace	Yes
Dot Jessup	Christine Stopford	Janet Wenborn	Yes

No new Deanery Synod representatives came forward so there are still two places unfilled.

5. **CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT**

The Church Wardens' Report was taken as read and unanimously adopted with no questions or comments being raised.

6. **PCC REPORT**

The PCC report was taken as read and unanimously adopted with no questions or comments raised.

7. **OTHER REPORTS**

The other reports set out in the APCM booklet were taken as read and unanimously adopted with no questions or comments being raised.
The PCC would like to thank Kerry Sykes from the flower team for all that she has done for Church.

8. **PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

As he was away Mark Jeeves (Treasurer) provided a presentation of the financial report and overview of the final audited accounts for 2023, this was displayed for the meeting and read out by John.

Income year-on-year was up £7k primarily from the Coffee Shop.

Expenditure also increased unfortunately by £13.3k, due to inflation and the increased cost of running service. The Diocese quota was underpaid by £6k (£82k vs £88k). Had this have been paid in full, expenditure would have increased by £20k from 2022 and our overall loss would have been £12k for the year.

The acceptance of the financial was proposed by Alan Perrott, seconded by Bill Webb and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Stephen Jury asked, following a meeting with Kate Ford from the Diocese finance team, what had been implemented about fundraising, including Legacy Giving leaflets.
He was advised that following this a card reader has been purchased and is being used for donations. The PCC have been discussing Legacy Giving and what is needed to set it up and produce a leaflet.

Mother Kirsty thanked everyone for their help, especially with the coffee shop.

9. **RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Mark had previously advised that our current auditor is retiring so we will need to find someone new for next year. He is planning to speak to the Diocese & other local churches to see if they have any suitable auditors that could be recommended. It has been suggested that the sourcing of a new auditor is delegated to the finance committee then bought to the PCC once sorted, this has been proposed by James Legg and seconded by Stacey Major and unanimously approved.

10. **TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT PCC MEETING**

It was noted that the next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7:30pm, preceded by a service of Holy Communion at 7:00pm.

11. **TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

It was noted that the next APCM would be held on Sunday 27th April 2025 at 11.15am.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

On behalf of the congregation. Judith Lakin thanked the PCC for all the hard work they do for running the church.

Bill Webb thanked Judith Lakin for the work she had done as PCC secretary in the last year.

Mother Kirsty thanked everyone for attending.
The meeting closed, with the Grace, at 11:40am

List of attendees:
Mother Kirsty, John Sykes, Lindsay Bevis, James Legg, Alan Perrott, Stacey Major, Geoff Marchant, Dot Jessop, Audrey Mason, Liz Corbett, Gill Hargreaves, June Ayres, Katrina Grant, Linda Kagunga, Sam Smith, Margaret & Brian Bainbridge, Judith Lakin, Steve Major, Marion Carter, Bill Webb, Sarah Webb, Dianne Bradfield, Hannah Pearce, Dorothy Carter, Adam Carter, Mary Payne-Cook, Stephen Jury, Hannah Holbrook, Andrea Cox, Philip Tingay

Apologies:
Marie & Ian Macpherson, Sheila Willett, George Lathwell, Kerry Sykes, Paul & Julia Dickens, Thelma Harris, Jenny & Geoff Huskisson, Amy Tingay, Mark Jeeves, Alison Dobbie, Christine Munford

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING APRIL 2025

The Parochial Church Council was convened six times in the year to end Dec 2024, holding its meetings in the Church. PCC meetings generally take place bi-monthly as is usual, occurring in the months of February, April, May, July, September, November. The meetings were initially chaired by the church wardens until Preb David MacGeoch was appointed as vicar of All Saints, he took over chairing the meetings from September 2024. Minutes were taken by Phil Tingay as PCC Secretary.

Over the year a total of 24 people served on the PCC. The membership includes the Churchwardens, Stipendiary Clergy, a representative Reader and people elected to represent the Deanery Synod and the Diocesan Synod. Alongside these 'Ex-officio' members, are elected or co-opted members. Currently there are vacancies for the Deanery Synod and elected PCC members. Most elected members agree to serve for 3 years and can be re-elected to serve again, for a further 3 years. The maximum length of term is therefore 6 years, after which a person must take a break. Anyone interested in joining the PCC can approach myself as Secretary, Preb David MacGeoch, or anyone currently serving who would be delighted to explain the important work that is done. Names of all PCC members can be found on the PCC board in the North Transept.

All meetings follow a standard agenda. Points of discussion include a financial report that sets out how we are performing against the budget agreed for the year. The varied and excellent work that is undertaken by the various subcommittees is reported. Discussions on matters raised are frequently in depth and reflect the views and opinions of a diverse and passionate group of people.

There is also a Standing Committee, a subcommittee of the PCC, that meets bi-monthly around the months where there is no scheduled PCC meeting. The Committee is tasked with addressing matters that arise in between scheduled PCC meetings.

The major event for the PCC and church this year has been the appointment of Preb David MacGeoch as new church vicar. This has taken a lot of time and effort from many members of the church community. The wardens have done a fantastic job in running the church during this vacancy.

Phil Tingay, PCC Secretary
pccsecretary@allsaintslb.org.uk

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

In July, we said goodbye to our curate, Mtr Kirsty, who was appointed as chaplain to Christ Church College, Oxford. We are very grateful to her for stepping up to support us during the interregnum. We are similarly grateful to numerous clergy, readers, and other ministers both within and without the Ouzel Valley Team for ensuring that a full breadth of services continued to be offered up. In September and with relief, we welcomed our new team vicar, Prebendary David MacGeoch. We wish him and his family a very happy ministry with us.

John Sykes, Sam Smith, James Legg
Churchwardens

ALL SAINTS OFFICE REPORT

The church continues to be a place for worship, celebrations of baptisms and weddings and funeral services, a meeting place and concert venue. We hold a very popular weekly Toddler Time, and continue to work with Pulford and other schools to offer services, visits and the RE initiative Trails.

We manage the 'day to day' running of the church and we continue to be grateful to our churchwardens and band of 'ompa-loompa's', for their ongoing help and support.

Lindsay & Jo

SAFEGUARDING

All Saints continue to keep up to date with all the current guidelines set out by the Church of England and implement them in our policies.

The main change this year is that all children's workers are now required to undertake the domestic abuse training. Those involved have been informed and where necessary on a training course to give additional insight.

A new email has been created for safeguarding, this is safeguarding@allsaintslb.org.uk

The safeguarding lead has also changed Bill Webb has stepped down and Andrea Cox is now our safeguarding lead. Any issues should be reported to the Safeguarding officers.

Andrea Cox, Lindsay Bevis & Stacey Major
Safeguarding Officers

MUSIC REPORT

With the exception of a residential visit to Exeter cathedral, 2004 was a relatively quiet year for the choir.

The Exeter trip went very well indeed, although we were unlucky that our Head Chorister, Francesca Price, fell ill on the second day and was unable to sing on the last day. We sang Choral Evensong on Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August, with a Sung Eucharist on the morning of the Sunday 25th. Most people stayed in the Exeter Choir School where the accommodation was rather basic, to say the least. But people put up with it and we enjoyed trips to a robotic dairy farm, the local ten-pin bowling alley and the Exeter Underground Passages. Some of the adults spent time exploring the city's hostelries! We were pleased to welcome a number of parents and members of the All Saints congregation on the Sunday.

Francesca Price (Head Chorister) sadly left us after 11 years solid service to the choir. Her successor in the role of Head Chorister is Olivia Olleson and Elisha Ayra was appointed Deputy Head Chorister in September. I am hugely grateful to them for their support.

Our former Organ Scholar, Samuel Kemp, gained his F.R.C.O qualification, a remarkable achievement for someone so young and he also took up his role as Organ Scholar at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

Two of our choristers (Francesca Price and Harry Murgatroyd were awarded Choral Scholarships to Oxford colleges (Exeter and The Queens, respectively).

Leighton Young Singers has continued to thrive under Saff's leadership, assisted by Peter and Katrina. They performed brilliantly in church on a number of occasions in 2024. Towards the end of the year they started rehearsing the Ragazzi choir part in Carl Orff's Carmina Burana which they are due to perform in All Saints in May 2025 with Stewkley Singers.

My thanks to Claire, Isobel and Brian for their continued support of the band for the 11.30 service.

The Advent carol service was as magical as ever. It seems to be almost everyone's favourite service of the year.

We welcomed new members to the adult and treble sections of the choir during the year.

My thanks to everyone involved with music in the church, especially Lindsay, who plays a huge role in the life of the choir in her role as "mother of the trebles".

Paul Dickens
Director of Music

ALL SAINTS TODDLER TIME

All Saints Toddler Time is a group for parents and carers of pre-school children. We meet every Wednesday morning and afternoon in term time at 9.30 - 11.00 and 1.30 - 3.00 in the North Transept. The children have an opportunity to play and make new friends, learn new skills and generally have fun, and the adults can have a chat and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of homemade cake. There is squash and biscuits for the children. There is a small weekly charge of £1.50 per adult and child plus an extra 50p for each additional child.

Mothers Union continues to support us by doing the refreshments and we greatly appreciate their help. The homemade cakes and biscuits are always popular with both the adults and children. We also provide fruit which has proved popular.

Last autumn the children made carrots, apples, watermelon, grapes, bees and butterflies to decorate one of the church windows at harvest. During the year our fundraising included our annual 'Toddlers Toddle' round the churchyard one Sunday in June after Messy Mass, raising money for Mother's Union. In September we helped sell raffle tickets for Alzheimer's Research and in November we sold chocolate teddies for Children in Need. Christmas term ended with a party enjoyed by 23 families with 25 children. Father Dave joined us for the last part of the morning and we ended with the telling of the nativity story and a round of Hokey Cokey all enjoyed in our beautiful church.

We continue to be busy and are looking forward to welcoming new and returning families this year.

Julie & Terry Dolton
Toddler Time Leaders

SUNDAY SAINTS REPORT

Sunday school runs during the 9.30 service every Sunday for children of 3 and up. We focus on a story or theme from the Bible each week and have a story, craft and activities. Children are encouraged to make good choices following how Jesus wants us to live.

This year we have had a change in leadership and Andrea Cox has taken over this role and organising the rotas. Thank you to Alison Dobbie who has been the co-ordinator for many years. We have a great reliable team but are recruiting for additional helpers as covering holidays and sickness is challenging.

This year has seen an increase in numbers of children attending but it can fluctuate hugely from week to week.

If you would like further information or are able to volunteer as a leader contact Andrea.

Andrea Cox

COFFEE SHOP REPORT

During 2024 we unfortunately had to close the Saturday Coffee shop from the beginning of September. This was caused by lack of managers to organise that day. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have been able to reopen for drinks and cake on a morning basis. I know that this will be welcomed by many of our regulars who have made frequent enquiries. The Coffee shop not only provides much needed funds for the church, but also a welcoming and safe place for many people who although not church goers feel that they belong to All Saints.

The managers would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their support including our regular cake bakers. What would we do without you. Your friendliness is much appreciated by our customers.

If anyone reading this feels that they could offer help or bake a cake regularly for us, please speak to one of the managers or give your name and contact details in to the Parish office.

Jenny Huskisson

LUNCH CLUB REPORT

The Lunch Club continues to meet usually on the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm. The concept behind the Lunch Club was to provide a home-cooked meal for older people in a relaxed setting. We aim to cater for about 36 diners. Although many of those who attend are church members, we also welcome others, particularly those recently bereaved or who are isolated socially. We have a number of volunteers who make this happen. It starts with helping to clear the North Transept after the Toddler Group and we are very grateful to the leaders for clearing up and leaving so quickly so that we can get things ready. From approximately 1130am, 'setting up volunteers' arrive to clear the North Transept, set tables and get the heated trolleys and hotplates ready for the arrival of the food. From about 1230pm our cooks arrive with the home-cooked food ready to serve to our guests. We have continued our themed focus, usually focussing on a saint; some of these saints come with quite gruesome biographies. Geoff Huskisson who offers prayers and says Grace has started to source more humorous Graces and this is much appreciated. We try to provide meals that are seasonal and sometimes themed. We are grateful to members and volunteers alike for making this a very convivial club. And of course, we will always welcome new volunteers and can find jobs to fit their skills. Volunteers are particularly needed to help set up and clear away before and after lunch. Please see me if you can help either on a regular or occasional basis.

Margaret Wallace
Lunch Club Co-ordinator

VERGERS REPORT

This year has been an eventful year supporting the wardens during the interregnum. More eventful was welcoming the new incumbent, Prebendary David, with fifteen changes in his first two weeks!!

As usual, we had the civic services, including Remembrance and, of course, the licensing of Preb. David. With the church open daily, we are always welcoming visitors, schools, and groups, often explaining the building and Christian faith and providing a listening ear.

Unfortunately, we lost another long-serving verger in December, Ian Macpherson. We soldier on with a small band officiating at weddings and funerals; moving chairs and staging; and cleaning. We are always eager to recruit anyone who wishes to join us. Just ask any of the vergers for information.

We had a few outings during the year, including to the Abbey and to St Andrews, Bedford. We enjoyed our annual Alban Service and Supper, and the Christmas Lunch with the wider Guild. We also had a Lenten Devotion and a Corporate Communion at St. Saviours, with our Chaplain Father Andrew as usual.

Jenny Huskisson filled the post of secretary and treasurer for the guild as well as all her other duties here, for which I thank her very much.

We, the vergers, find it very fulfilling to care for the people and the building of All Saints and, as always, I am reminded that it is an honour and our duty to be the gate keepers in the house of our Lord.

Lindsay Bevis
Head Verger and Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Guild of Vergers

BAPTISM GROUP REPORT

Our Baptism team currently consists of 4 Baptism visitors who welcome and prepare families for their child's baptism. We hold Baptism Preparation evenings monthly for All Saints families and those from St Barnabas and the villages. We have kept the booking system in place and this works well. During the evening we show a short presentation about baptism and families have chance to book a date for the service. We answer any question and there is opportunity to look around the church. Families are invited to two church services, one before baptism for a Thanksgiving for their child, and one after baptism when the newly baptised child is welcomed by the church congregation. Baptism services at All Saints are generally held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the morning.

During 2024 we had 41 enquiries and baptised 29 children. So far this year we have had 10 enquiries and baptised 3 children at All Saints. We have also received several enquiries about adult baptism and a Thanksgiving.

Julie Dolton
Baptism Co-Ordinator

BEREAVEMENT GROUP REPORT

The Bereavement Team meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month, which includes a short act of worship, and praying for the terminally ill and bereaved. We arrange members of the team to make contact with those recently bereaved, taking them a copy of the magazine, and updating the RIP list of names. Our thanks go to Jane Smith who is retiring as administrator, and we welcome Jill Sharman to the role. A bereavement café continues to meet on the first Sunday of each month, where friendship and support is available in a relaxed atmosphere. Our service of thanksgiving and remembrance in the spring was well attended and appreciated. Families stayed for tea and cake afterwards. Many thanks are due to June, who helps with set-up and refreshments. We had our usual tree of remembrance in the Lady Chapel at the Festive Fayre. The tree was full of stars hung by people in memory of their loved ones.

We welcome any interest from potential new members.

Bereavement Team

FLOWER GROUP

The Flower Group provides floral arrangements in church and coffee shop week by week and for special services and events such as weddings or funerals and in memory of loved ones. We are pleased to have welcomed 2 new members to the team this year.

In the past year we made a particular effort to use more garden flowers and are grateful to those who have kindly given flowers and foliage from their gardens to use in church. This helps reduce costs and is more environmentally friendly as garden flowers don't have air miles.

We are also being environmentally responsible by reducing our use of floral foam (Oasis) as it is made of plastics which don't biodegrade, and it contains some nasty chemicals, making it harmful to wildlife and aquatic creatures. We held a workshop to help us improve our skills in using eco-friendly alternatives and have researched a new type of floral foam which is not harmful to nature and can safely be composted.

In January we began planning the Flower Festival for June 2025.

We have enjoyed our year of flower arranging as our offering to God and welcome anyone who would like to join us or learn more about using flowers in church.

The Flower Group

DIOCESAN & DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Synod have met three times in the past year. As well as the business matters of the meetings we have welcomed speakers from The Mothers Union and the Children's Society. At the July 2024 meeting Judith James spoke in her role as the West Cluster Leader and Prayer Circle Friends Coordinator for the Diocese on the work of the Mother's Union, both locally and worldwide. At the recent meeting in March 2025, Phil Evans spoke about the current work of the Children Society in his capacity as the charity's Church Engagement and Fund-Raising Officer for the Home Counties. As there was no speaker at the November 2024 meeting there was an open discussion on the recent resignation of Archbishop Justin Welby, particularly in relation to safeguarding in the Church.

In July 2024 Revd. Noel McGeeney became our new Rural Dean following the end of Revd. Nicola Lenthall's term.

It is worth noting that as a Deanery we are under represented at Diocesan Synod. The Deanery is allocated five members to each of the 'Houses' of Clergy and Laity. Presently there are only two members of clergy and one member of laity from Deanery Synod elected to our Diocesan Synod (St. Albans). It is important that Dunstable Deanery is adequately represented so the views of the parishes are heard at Diocesan and General Synod level. Representatives are elected by Deanery Synod, but they do not need to be a member of that Synod – anyone on their parish electoral roll may put themselves forward. They automatically become ex-officio members of their PCC and attend Deanery Synod meetings. Diocesan Synod meets three times a year in March, June and the Autumn, at least once on Zoom. If anyone on the electoral roll is interested in this, they should speak to any of the Deanery Synod representatives below or one of the churchwardens.

The Diocesan Synod also has significant and interesting people to make presentations on topical issues as well as dealing with the budget and parish shares (Quotas). The presentation and approval of accounts explains how every pound has been raised and spent and shows just how well we have been served by financial experts. The Diocese of St Albans has not been subject to savage cuts in clergy numbers as some others have. One of us (SJ) found his two three-year terms a fascinating experience.

Deanery Synod Representatives from All Saints are: Preb. David (ex-officio), Stephen Jury, Geoff Marchant and Lindsay Bevis.

Stephen L. Jury

BELL RINGERS REPORT

Despite falling numbers of ringers, we have managed to ring the bells over the last year for Sunday services, weddings and other main events. We are very appreciative of the support from other towers that has enabled us to do this. Unfortunately, however, there have not been enough ringers available to allow us to run the regular the Monday evening practice in recent months.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Alan Knowles in May 2024 who was dedicated ringer in the 1980s and 1990s.

The church is fortunate in having one of the finest peals of bells in the country and we receive regular requests from visiting bands who wish to ring peals or practice on them. It is a real shame that we do not currently have a local band that can ring the bells as frequently as they have been in previous years.

The dwindling numbers of ringers and challenges in recruiting new people is nationwide issue and it will take a concerted effort to reverse the situation. We are looking at ways in which we can rebuild the local band with Prebend David. There is a lot of interest in the bells, which is demonstrated by the number of people who wish to visit the tower when we open it during fetes, we need to find a way of converting that interest into an active group of learners.

By necessity, the bell ringers are largely invisible because we are up in the tower. People do notice when the bells aren't ringing and, in the words of Jeremy Pratt, head bellringer at Westminster Abbey or, to give him his official title, conductor of the abbey company of ringers, church bells "are the loudest and most public, outward-facing voice of the Christian Church. When people hear them, they know something is happening." If we are to succeed in rebuilding the band, the support from the church will be essential.

Emma Birtles

ALL SAINTS SERVERS' GUILD REPORT

The past year has been busy for the small team of servers at All Saints with few Sundays off for the core members.

As ever, the highlight of the year was Holy Week, which was particularly rewarding.

We have been joined by some new servers, which is very welcome, and we are hopeful for more new adult servers to add to the rota; if you are interested in joining our happy team then please speak to me or Lindsay, thank you.

This was my first year as Head Server and I would like to thank my fellow servers for their valuable support.

Mike Sharman

ECO-CHURCH REPORT

The Eco Church group helps All Saints to show its commitment to care for God's creation and be environmentally responsible in line with the Church of England's 5th mark of mission.

In this past year the group's activities included:

- A successful event for Great Big Green Week in June, attended by over 70 people of all ages (including other churches and local community). Activities included: tree trail; making wild seed bombs; plant stall; helping with the national biodiversity audit of churchyards; nature bingo, and refreshments. The event raised £225 for All Saints Net Zero Carbon Fund.
- Promoting an environmental topic each month such as: food waste, recycling, Big Garden Birdwatch, eco-friendly Christmas.
- Promoting the Great Garden Birdwatch with a special birdwatch chart showing birds commonly found in the churchyard.
- A visit to Tring Baptist Church to learn from them. It is the only church in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire to have achieved the Eco Church Gold Award.
- A display in church during Creationtide about how the churchyard is managed to benefit biodiversity, and our Eco Church work.
- Held a Clothes Swap in September to raise awareness of the environmental damage caused by fast fashion and over-consumption of clothing. Over 75 items of clothing were swapped, the remainder going to charity and £190 was raised for All Saints Net Zero Carbon fund.
- Carried out research of case studies of churches which have installed eco-friendly heat and energy solutions and presented the findings to the PCC. We liaised with the Diocesan Net Zero Carbon team. The outcome was that All Saints accepted the offer of a free energy audit with additional funding to help with energy saving measures.

Katrina Grant
Eco Church Group

PARTNERS IN MISSION REPORT

Members of the Partners in Mission committee are:
Brenda Howard (Treasurer); Emma Birtles; Christine Munford; James Legg (Secretary); and Linda Kagunga (Chairman). The Committee met four times during 2024. Sadly, we said goodbye to our chair, Linda, who has moved away.

The church responds to many one-off appeals, but we have also formed long-term relationships with several groups. Leighton Linslade Helpers is one of these and we were glad to dedicate our Lent Appeal to them, which involved not only the Jars of Hope but also a food collection.

In the autumn, the bishop's harvest appeal was focused on the work of the Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka. Despite abundant wildlife and history, the recent economic crisis has hit the country hard with three in ten households without sufficient food. Leprosy thrives in these conditions, but the Leprosy Mission can help families grow their own food and develop a sustainable income.

As in the previous couple of years, we supported the Link to Hope Christmas shoebox appeal and, because of its popularity, this looks set to become a regular activity.

In previous years, we had been sponsoring Sam Ang in Cambodia via World Vision. This and the associated project have now come to a successful ending.

Donations during the year:

Local	£
Keech Hospice	700
Leighton Linslade Helpers	500
Willen Hospice	500
National	
Alzheimer's Society	500
Beyond Detention	500
Combat Stress	500
Coram	500
Crisis	500
Shelter	700
International	
Bishop's Harvest Appeal – Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka	1,000
British Red Cross (Overseas)	500
Christian Aid Week	500
Hope & Aid Direct	500
Médecins San Frontières	500
Mercy Ships	700
Save The Children – Gaza Appeal	500

James Legg

SIDES PEOPLE REPORT

The job of sides person is a very important one. It involves welcoming everyone into the church (whether they are regular church goers or new visitors), the distribution of books and pew sheets and generally keeping a friendly eye on the congregation in case anyone needs help. After the service sides people are responsible for locking the doors, counting the collection and ensuring the building is left secure.

We have a dedicated small band of people who are willing to do this task each Sunday. We would very much like to encourage more people to join us, and if you feel that this is something you would like to do, please contact the Parish office. Sunday services are currently 8am, 9.30am and 6pm. Family services are at 11.30am on alternate weeks. You would be on a rota for which ever service you usually attend, and would be very much welcomed.

Jenny Huskisson

MOTHERS UNION REPORT

Members are meeting at least once a month at All Saints, diocesan meetings and Crafty Natter. Mothers' Union members at All Saints continue to support the Parish providing Baptism packs, sending cards to couples on their wedding day, providing a cross stitch cross in the pocket for bereavement visitors, and maintaining the books and bags for children to use during services. We raise funds for Make a Mother's Day, the MU main fundraising campaign enabling women to transform their lives by health care, education and empowerment. Some of us meet monthly with non-members at Crafty Natter where we make various items for diocesan projects (including Luton and Dunstable hospital NICU) plus items for local care homes and other charities.

In June we took part in the Toddle to raise money to support 4 refuges in the diocese. This raised over £100.

Usually twice a year we have a stall selling haberdashery items. These have raised about £200 last year and enabled items to be used. We have also enjoyed repurposing cards to sell for various projects.

As everything we do is underpinned by prayer. We are very pleased to have corporate communion on the third Thursday of the month when the work of Mothers' Union is remembered in prayer. In addition we usually celebrate Lady Day in March and participate in the MU wave of prayer in June (this involves all 4 million members around the world in praying for each other every hour of every day. In November we promote the UN campaign of 16 Days of Activism to end gender based violence, highlighting its many forms. Through the Rise Up campaign MU are keeping domestic violence in the spotlight throughout the year.

Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation which campaigns for family life to be valued. This often begins with recognising the value of women in societies where they are neglected and abused.

Alison Dobbie

SOCIAL EVENTS TEAM REPORT

No report received.

ACTIVE YOUTH GROUP

No report as unable to run due to lack of leaders.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP REPORT

No report received.

SAINTS ALIVE MAGAZINE REPORT

No report received.

FABRIC REPORT

No report received.

CHURCHYARD GARDENING TEAM REPORT

No report received.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

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Vicar :

Churchwardens :

Jennifer Hutchison

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Incoming resources	2						
Incoming resources from donors		107,336	11,273	43,113	0	161,722	152,350
Other voluntary incoming resources		8,881		0	0	8,881	10,894
Charitable and ancillary trading		68,749		1,930	0	70,679	67,097
Income from investments		703		5	11,845	12,553	2,917
Total incoming resources		185,669	11,273	45,048	11,845	253,835	233,258
Resources used	3						
Missionary and charitable giving		0		9,350	0	9,350	10,130
Direct Church related activities		156,370		39,492	0	195,861	186,330
Fund raising and publicity		1,031		0	0	1,031	0
Church management and administration		54,601		72	0	54,673	43,077
Total resources used		212,002	0	48,914	0	260,916	239,537
Gains on revaluation of investments					64,395	64,395	
Proceeds of 1 Pulford road introduced					266,269	266,269	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(26,332)	11,273	(3,866)	342,509	323,584	(6,279)
Transfers between funds	10	11,845			(11,845)	0	0
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		18,804			(18,804)	0	0
		41,343	17,436	(58,779)		0	0
Net movement in funds		39,660	28,709	(56,645)	311,860	323,584	(6,279)
Balances brought forward 1 January 2024		134,013		70,645	51,900	256,558	262,837
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Fixed assets					
Tangible assets - freehold property	4	125,000		125,000	
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Current assets					
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Bank deposits		44,233		28,602	
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		114,505		102,483	
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Amounts falling due within one year	8	19,551		4,021	
Net current assets			94,954		98,462
Net assets			580,141		256,558
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Designated			28,709		
Restricted			14,000		70,645
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Unrestrictive funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized only when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC becomes legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish share is accounted for when due to the extent that the PCC agree should be paid. All other expenditure is recognised when due.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property is not included in accordance with S10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011
Moveable 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 and no value for these is included in the accounts.
The property, 138 Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard, is shown at valuation in 1997.
Investments are shown at market value.
Office and Church equipment has been fully depreciated so the value shown is nil.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
2(a)	**Income from donors**						
	Planned giving:						
	Covenants and gift aid	51,276		37,000		88,276	67,899
	Income tax recovered	15,591				15,591	18,385
	Uncovenanted	21,064				21,064	17,992
	Collections at all services	12,805				12,805	11,905
	Sundry donations and activities	6,599	1,273	6,113		13,985	36,169
	Legacies		10,000			10,000	0
		107,336	11,273	43,113	0	161,722	152,350
2(b)	**Other voluntary income**						
	Fetes, bazaars and other fundraising events	8,881				8,881	10,894
2(C)	**Charitable and ancillary trading income**						
	Bookstalls and cards					0	0
	Church and property lettings	3,422				3,422	360
	Youth and holiday club			1,930		1,930	1,211
	Magazines and printing	2,242				2,242	2,020
	Fees, including bellringing	14,114				14,114	14,260
	Coffee shop	48,971				48,971	49,246
	Property rental					0	0
		68,749		1,930	0	70,678	67,097
2(d)	**Income from Investments**						
	Dividends & Interest	703		5	11,845	12,553	2,917
		703		5	11,845	12,553	2,917
	Total incoming resources	185,669	11,273	45,048	11,845	253,834	233,258

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3	RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
3(a)	**Missionary and charitable giving**						
	The Church overseas:						
	Missionary societies and relief and development agencies			4,200		4,200	6,274
	Home missions and other Church societies			750		750	2,106
	Secular charities			4,400		4,400	1,750
		0		9,350	0	9,350	10,130
3(b)	**Activities directly relating to the work of the church**						
	The ministry:						
	Diocesan quota	69,399				69,399	82,000
	Incumbent's and clergy expenses					0	0
	Vicarage expenses	1,380				1,380	556
	Curates house	596				596	2,407
	Church - running expenses	29,195				29,195	23,869
	Church maintenance	7,375		19,216		26,591	15,450
	Upkeep of services	25,665				25,665	34,936
	Upkeep of churchyard	3,257		1,000		4,257	969
	Belfry costs			3,687		3,687	
	Expenditure on church magazine and bookstall					0 0	0
	Expenditure on Coffee Shop	13,794				13,794	14,352
	Choir costs			13,784		13,784	11,791
	Youth and junior church	1,930		1,805		3,735	0
	Major works to buildings	3,779				3,779	
		156,370		39,492	0	195,861	186,330
3(C)	**Fund raising and publicity**						
	Cost of fetes, bazaars and other fund raising	1,031				1,031	0
3(d)	**Church management and administration**						
	Salaries and wages	33,065				33,065	30,633
	Office and sundry expenses	21,536		72		21,608	12,444
		54,601		72	0	54,673	43,077
3(e)	**Extraordinary expenditure**						
	Major works to the church	14,267				14,267	33,557
	Grants from The Preservation Trust	(10,488)				(10,488)	(33,557)
		3,779		0	0	3,779	0
	Total resources used	215,781		48,914	0	264,695	239,537

4 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings	Office Equipment	Church Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to December 2023	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Additions	0	0	0	0
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to December 2024	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Depreciation to 31 December 2023	0	14,365	530	14,895
Charge for year	0	0	0	0
	0	14,365	530	14,895
Net Book Value at 31 December 2024	125,000	0	0	125,000
at December 2023	125,000	0	0	125,000

The freehold property is a house, introduced at professional valuation as at 31 December 1997:

	£
138 Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard	125,000

This property was informally valued by McConville Bowden on 16 March 2005 in a price range of £215,000 to £230,000.

5 INVESTMENTS

Endowment funds

	Market value 2024	2023
Held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England	£	£
Leighton Buzzard Church House Fund 2029.04 CBF Investment fund.	70,502	68,924
Canon Scammell Bequest - 1998 907.23 CBF Investment fund	20,977	20,508
I Pulford Road Fund 11,620.99 CBF Investment fund	268,708	262,696
	360,187	352,128

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets and investments	125,000			360,187	485,187	158,096
Current assets	70,153	28,709	12,070	3,573	114,505	102,483
Current liabilities	(19,551)				(19,551)	(4,021)
Total net assets	175,602	28,709	12,070	363,760	580,141	256,558

7 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	7,588	23,031

8 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	19,551	4,021

9 FUNDS

Endowment funds

The Church House fund
The income from this fund can be used for the furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard.

The Canon Scammell Fund
The income from this fund is to be used towards the cost of communion bread & wine, incense and candles.

The I Pulford Road Fund
The 1 Pulford Road Fund arises from the sale of the property in 2023. The PCC have invested the proceeds and regard this as an endowment, the income is used for general unrestrictive purposes.

Restricted Funds

The mission fund receives regular contributions from the general account together with other collections and donations which are donated to various charities.

The Belfry fund receives donations and fees for weddings, the net income is used to maintain the tower.

The Youth Trails account receives donations which are used to provide activities and resources for youth work.

The Jane Hunt fund receives grants from the Jane Hunt Charity. The funds are to be used for Choir expenses and any excess can be used for Church upkeep and repairs and the maintenance of Church services.

The Choir fund was grants received for the Choir trip to Exeter

The Swire fund is used for churchyard maintenance

Designated Funds

These funds represent money the PCC is reserving for specific expenditure at a later date.

10 Transfers

Transfers have been made between funds to allow for the reclassification of amounts previously shown as in restricted funds. Some of these are now shown as designated funds and some have been transferred to the general account
A transfer is also made on account of endowment income which is transferred to the general account.

11 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance b/fwd	Dividends & interest	Transfers	Gain on revaluation	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment Funds					
Church House Fund	23,096	1,913	1,913	47,406	70,502
Canon Scammell Bequest	10,000	569	569	10,977	20,977
1 Pulford Road Fund Introduced	266,269	9,362	9,363	6,012	272,280
	299,365	11,844	11,845	64,395	363,759

The values shown for investments in previous years was based on the value in 1997 or cost.
The gain on revaluation therefore arose over a number of years.

	Balance b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfer to & from other funds	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Mission Funds	3,098	4,043	9,422	6,000	3,719
Belfry Fund	8,220	2,075	3,687		6,608
Youth trails	548	3,000	1,805		1,743
The Jane Hunt Fund		25,000	25,000		-
The Swire fund grant		1,000	1,000		-
Choir grants		8,000	8,000		-
Designated funds Transferred	58,779			- 58,779	-
	70,645	43,118	48,914	- 52,779	12,070

	Transferred from Restricted Funds	Income	Expenditure	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds				
The Coffee Shop	13,473			13,473
Boiler Fund	1,548			1,548
Chancel Liability	2,415	25		2,440
Legacies		11,248		11,248
	17,436	11,273	0	28,709

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Introduction

This report on the financial statement of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 is in respect on an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements – to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act.

   And
   To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met.

   or
2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David A Thompson
Chartered Accountant
30 High Street
Leighton Buzzard, Beds
LU7 1EA

Signed
Date 14/4/25

Registered Number 1131221

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

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Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish share is accounted for when due to the extent that the PCC agree should be paid. All other expenditure is recognised when due.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property is not included in accordance with S10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011
Moveable 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 and no value for these is included in the accounts.
The property, 138 Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard, is shown at valuation in 1997.
Investments are shown at market value.
Office and Church equipment has been fully depreciated so the value shown is nil.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
2(a)	**Income from donors**						
	Planned giving:						
	Covenants and gift aid	51,276		37,000		88,276	67,899
	Income tax recovered	15,591				15,591	18,385
	Uncovenanted	21,064				21,064	17,992
	Collections at all services	12,805				12,805	11,905
	Sundry donations and activities	6,599	1,273	6,113		13,985	36,169
	Legacies		10,000			10,000	0
		107,336	11,273	43,113	0	161,722	152,350
2(b)	**Other voluntary income**						
	Fetes, bazaars and other fundraising events	8,881				8,881	10,894
2(C)	**Charitable and ancillary trading income**						
	Bookstalls and cards					0	0
	Church and property lettings	3,422				3,422	360
	Youth and holiday club			1,930		1,930	1,211
	Magazines and printing	2,242				2,242	2,020
	Fees, including bellringing	14,114				14,114	14,260
	Coffee shop	48,971				48,971	49,246
	Property rental					0	0
		68,749		1,930	0	70,678	67,097
2(d)	**Income from Investments**						
	Dividends & Interest	703		5	11,845	12,553	2,917
		703		5	11,845	12,553	2,917
	Total incoming resources	185,669	11,273	45,048	11,845	253,834	233,258

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3	RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
3(a)	**Missionary and charitable giving**						
	The Church overseas:						
	Missionary societies and relief and development agencies			4,200		4,200	6,274
	Home missions and other Church societies			750		750	2,106
	Secular charities			4,400		4,400	1,750
		0		9,350	0	9,350	10,130
3(b)	**Activities directly relating to the work of the church**						
	The ministry:						
	Diocesan quota	69,399				69,399	82,000
	Incumbent's and clergy expenses					0	0
	Vicarage expenses	1,380				1,380	556
	Curates house	596				596	2,407
	Church - running expenses	29,195				29,195	23,869
	Church maintenance	7,375		19,216		26,591	15,450
	Upkeep of services	25,665				25,665	34,936
	Upkeep of churchyard	3,257		1,000		4,257	969
	Belfry costs			3,687		3,687	
	Expenditure on church magazine and bookstall					0 0	0
	Expenditure on Coffee Shop	13,794				13,794	14,352
	Choir costs			13,784		13,784	11,791
	Youth and junior church	1,930		1,805		3,735	0
	Major works to buildings	3,779				3,779	
		156,370		39,492	0	195,861	186,330
3(C)	**Fund raising and publicity**						
	Cost of fetes, bazaars and other fund raising	1,031				1,031	0
3(d)	**Church management and administration**						
	Salaries and wages	33,065				33,065	30,633
	Office and sundry expenses	21,536		72		21,608	12,444
		54,601		72	0	54,673	43,077
3(e)	**Extraordinary expenditure**						
	Major works to the church	14,267				14,267	33,557
	Grants from The Preservation Trust	(10,488)				(10,488)	(33,557)
		3,779		0	0	3,779	0
	Total resources used	215,781		48,914	0	264,695	239,537

4 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings	Office Equipment	Church Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to December 2023	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Additions	0	0	0	0
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to December 2024	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Depreciation to 31 December 2023	0	14,365	530	14,895
Charge for year	0	0	0	0
	0	14,365	530	14,895
Net Book Value at 31 December 2024	125,000	0	0	125,000
at December 2023	125,000	0	0	125,000

The freehold property is a house, introduced at professional valuation as at 31 December 1997:

	£
138 Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard	125,000

This property was informally valued by McConville Bowden on 16 March 2005 in a price range of £215,000 to £230,000.

5 INVESTMENTS

Endowment funds

	Market value 2024	2023
Held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England	£	£
Leighton Buzzard Church House Fund 2029.04 CBF Investment fund.	70,502	68,924
Canon Scammell Bequest - 1998 907.23 CBF Investment fund	20,977	20,508
I Pulford Road Fund 11,620.99 CBF Investment fund	268,708	262,696
	360,187	352,128

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets and investments	125,000			360,187	485,187	158,096
Current assets	70,153	28,709	12,070	3,573	114,505	102,483
Current liabilities	(19,551)				(19,551)	(4,021)
Total net assets	175,602	28,709	12,070	363,760	580,141	256,558

7 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	7,588	23,031

8 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	19,551	4,021

9 FUNDS

Endowment funds

The Church House fund
The income from this fund can be used for the furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard.

The Canon Scammell Fund
The income from this fund is to be used towards the cost of communion bread & wine, incense and candles.

The I Pulford Road Fund
The 1 Pulford Road Fund arises from the sale of the property in 2023. The PCC have invested the proceeds and regard this as an endowment, the income is used for general unrestrictive purposes.

Restricted Funds

The mission fund receives regular contributions from the general account together with other collections and donations which are donated to various charities.

The Belfry fund receives donations and fees for weddings, the net income is used to maintain the tower.

The Youth Trails account receives donations which are used to provide activities and resources for youth work.

The Jane Hunt fund receives grants from the Jane Hunt Charity. The funds are to be used for Choir expenses and any excess can be used for Church upkeep and repairs and the maintenance of Church services.

The Choir fund was grants received for the Choir trip to Exeter

The Swire fund is used for churchyard maintenance

Designated Funds

These funds represent money the PCC is reserving for specific expenditure at a later date.

10 Transfers

Transfers have been made between funds to allow for the reclassification of amounts previously shown as in restricted funds. Some of these are now shown as designated funds and some have been transferred to the general account
A transfer is also made on account of endowment income which is transferred to the general account.

11 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance b/fwd	Dividends & interest	Transfers	Gain on revaluation	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment Funds					
Church House Fund	23,096	1,913	1,913	47,406	70,502
Canon Scammell Bequest	10,000	569	569	10,977	20,977
1 Pulford Road Fund Introduced	266,269	9,362	9,363	6,012	272,280
	299,365	11,844	11,845	64,395	363,759

The values shown for investments in previous years was based on the value in 1997 or cost.
The gain on revaluation therefore arose over a number of years.

	Balance b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfer to & from other funds	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Mission Funds	3,098	4,043	9,422	6,000	3,719
Belfry Fund	8,220	2,075	3,687		6,608
Youth trails	548	3,000	1,805		1,743
The Jane Hunt Fund		25,000	25,000		-
The Swire fund grant		1,000	1,000		-
Choir grants		8,000	8,000		-
Designated funds Transferred	58,779			- 58,779	-
	70,645	43,118	48,914	- 52,779	12,070

	Transferred from Restricted Funds	Income	Expenditure	Balance c/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds				
The Coffee Shop	13,473			13,473
Boiler Fund	1,548			1,548
Chancel Liability	2,415	25		2,440
Legacies		11,248		11,248
	17,436	11,273	0	28,709

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Introduction

This report on the financial statement of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 is in respect on an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements – to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act.

   And
   To prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met.

   or
2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David A Thompson
Chartered Accountant
30 High Street
Leighton Buzzard, Beds
LU7 1EA

Signed
Date 14/4/25

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, LEIGHTON B

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Accounts

Diocese of St. Albans

Parish of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 28th April 2024 at 11.00am

DIOCESE OF ST. ALBANS
PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, LEIGHTON BUZZARD
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024 at 11.00am

PRAYERS

Vestry Meeting:

Election of Churchwardens

Election of Sidesmen and Ladies

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 30th April 2023
3. Presentation of Electoral Roll
4. Elections: Parochial Church Councillors: 6 members, Deanery Synod 2 members
5. Churchwardens' Report
6. P.C.C. Report
7. Other Reports
8. Presentation of Financial Accounts
9. Appointment of Auditor
10. To note the date of 2nd May P.C.C. meeting following 7.30pm Holy Communion (TBC)
11. Date of next Annual Parochial Church Meeting
12. Any other business: An opportunity for members of the parish to raise any matter of common concern, and to make any suggestions for the P.C.C. agenda.

SIDESMEN AND LADIES:

Lindsay Bevis	Dianne Bradfield	Liz Corbett
Bev Crockett	Gemma Dolton	Julie Dolton
Terry Dolton	Anne Flynn	Dominic Flynn
Lindsay Goodman	Jill Hargreaves	Rachael Horrocks
Jenny Huskisson	Zita Jeeves	Dot Jessup
Pauline Lyon	Audrey Mason	Steve Mayne
Maggie Moran	Dave Mowbray	Christine Munford
Karen Nash	Jackie Rudom	Sam Smith
Amy Tingay	Phillip Tingay	Roy Tyler
Rosemary Warburton	Terry Warburton	David Williams

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Ex-Officio on the P.C.C. are:-

- Churchwardens
- Stipendiary Clergy
- One representative Reader
- Elected members of Deanery Synod
- Elected member of Diocesan Synod

Already elected to serve for a further one year:

Amy Tingay, Janet Wenborn

Already elected to serve for a further two years:

Jackie Rudom, Carol Yirrell, Stacey Major, Linda Kagunga, Alan Perrott

Retiring members:

Gary Hargreaves RIP

Eligible for Re-election:

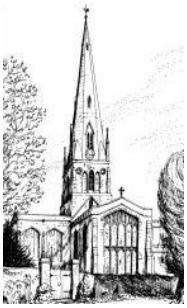
none

Vacancies:

6 vacancies for P.C.C

2 vacancies for Deanery Synod

APCM MINUTES 2023



Diocese of St. Albans
Parish of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 20 April 2023, 11.00am

The vestry meeting was opened in prayer by Mother Kirsty as Chair
The APCM meeting was chaired by John Sykes

VESTRY MEETING

1. ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS

Mother Kirsty announced three nominations had been received, John Sykes, Bill Webb and Sam Smith. The reappointment of John was proposed by Jenny Huskisson and seconded by Dot Jessop, Sam was proposed by Amy Tingay and seconded by Alison Dobbie and Bill was proposed by Stacey Major and seconded by Geoff Marchant. All were unanimously approved at the meeting.

Mother Kirsty thanked John, Sam and Bill, on behalf of Mother Cate, for their work throughout the year.

2. ELECTION OF SIDESPEOPLE

The motion to add Stacey Major and to approve the list of sidesmen and ladies as recorded in the notice of APCM was proposed by Lindsay Bevis, seconded by Audrey Mason and unanimously approved by all in attendance. Lindsay Bevis requested, in Brian Willett's absence, that members of the church please consider volunteering. Mother Kirsty thanked all for their welcoming in church and at the gate.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This meeting was chaired by John Sykes

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

A list of apologies was presented to, and noted by, the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL CHURCH MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Annual General Church Meeting were taken and read and accepted with no amendments. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Lindsay Bevis, seconded by Sam Smith and unanimously approved by all at the meeting.

3. **PRESENTATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT**

The Electoral Roll report was presented and it was noted that there had been 244 members in April 2023, an increase of 5 since May 2022. Liz Corbett thanked Lindsay for her assistance in keeping the roll up to date.

4. **ELECTIONS**

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The meeting was asked to approve the election of new PCC members:

NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED	ELECTED?
Jackie Rudom	Carol Yirrell	Lindsay Bevis	Yes
Carol Yirrell	Janet Wenborn	Linda Kagunga	Yes
Stacey Major	Carol Yirrell	John Sykes	Yes
Linda Kagunga	Lindsay Bevis	Jackie Rudom	Yes
Alan Perrott	Stacey Major	Geoff Huskisson	Yes

The meeting was asked to approve the election of new Deanery Synod representatives:

NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED	ELECTED?
Lindsay Bevis	Linda Kagunga	John Sykes	Yes
Christine Mumford	Linda Kagunga	Alan Perrott	Yes

Geoff Marchant advised that, as a diocesan synod reader, he would like to join the PCC in an ex officio capacity.

It was noted that this left two PCC places and two Deanery Synod places unfilled as no further nominations had been received.

Mother Kirsty expressed her thanks to all who had served on the PCC in the last yearly cycle.

5. **CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT**

The Church Wardens' Report was taken as read and unanimously adopted with one minor amendment with no questions or comments being raised. John Sykes advised these were difficult times and that the wardens were happy to step up and help to ensure church life continues to flourish as it should.

6. **PCC REPORT**

The PCC report was taken as read and unanimously adopted with no questions or comments raised.

7. **VICAR'S REPORT**

The Vicar's report was taken as read and unanimously adopted with no questions or comments being raised.

Mother Kirsty advised that following Father Olaf's visit to All Saints, she would be undertaking a two week return visit to Sweden. Mother Kirsty requested everyone please pray for Father Olaf who is also moving on and she thanked everyone for their contributions to the life of the church which is only as good as its members. Everyone was reminded to please keep Mother Cate in their prayers.

8. **OTHER REPORTS**

The other reports set out in the APCM booklet were taken as read and unanimously adopted with no questions or comments being raised.

9. **PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

Mark Jeeves (Treasurer) presented the management accounts for 2022 as the final accounts await sign off by the Auditors.

Income year-on-year was up £23k driven primarily by an increase in giving of £14k (£122k in 2022 vs £108k in 2021). Coffee Shop donations were up by £12k (£25k in 2022 vs £13k in 2021) offset by a small drop in the other areas.

Expenditure also increased by £30k.

The view was that the church could not afford to incur another loss which is why the PCC had voted, with a heavy heart, to withhold £17k from the diocese.

Mark was asked whether being one member of clergy short would help with the deficit and Mark advised this would not be the case. As part of Kirsty's placement a subsidy for housing had been received. Geoff Marchant queried why there were no entries showing payments from the Preservation Trust. Mark explained these do not appear, as any monies received are not retained. A query was also raised about whether savings could be made on costs such as heating and lighting. Mark asked everyone to please forward any cost saving suggestions they have. He also requested everyone tell their friends and family about the coffee shop and consider volunteering as it is a substantial contributor to the church's income. Mark was thanked for his excellent stewardship of the Church's accounts by John.

There was no motion to accept the Accounts as the finalised accounts had not been received from the Auditors.

10. **RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Mark advised he would like to consider alternative auditors. Stacey Major proposed this be discussed at the next PCC meeting. This proposal was seconded by Sam Smith and unanimously approved.

11. **TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT PCC MEETING**

It was noted that the next PCC meeting will be held on 11 May 2023 preceded by a service of Holy Communion at 7:30pm. Should receipt of the finalised accounts be delayed then the PCC meeting will be rescheduled to 13 July 2023 and an extraordinary meeting scheduled to approve the accounts when these are returned.

12. **TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

It was noted that the next APCM would be held on Sunday 28th April 2024 at 11.00 am.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

Mother Kirsty thanked everyone for attending.
The meeting closed, with the Grace, at 11:45

List of attendees:
Mother Kirsty, Kerry & John Sykes, Nieve Ryan, Lindsay Bevis, James Legg, Alan Perrott, Stacey Major, Geoff Marchant, Jenny & Geoff Huskisson, Laurelin Burge, Dot Jessop, Audrey Mason, Mark Jeeves, Liz Corbett, Gill & Gary Hargreaves, June Ayres, Amy Tingay, Alison Dobbie, Katrina R. Grant, Linda Kagunga, Sam Smith, Margaret & Brian Bainbridge, Judith Lakin

Apologies:
Marie & Ian Macpherson, Rosemary & Terry Warburton, Sheila & Brian Willett, Mother Cate & Brian Irvine, Stephen Jury, Hannah Holbrook, George Lathwell, Roy Tyler, Malcolm Grant, Andrea Cox, Christine Munford, Janet Wenborn, Jackie Rudom, Carol Yirrell

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING APRIL 2024

The Parochial Church Council was convened seven times in the year to end Dec 2023, holding its meetings in the Church. PCC meetings generally take place bi-monthly as is usual, occurring in the months of January, March, May, July, September, October, December. The meetings were chaired by Mother Cate until she left, with Bill Webb being elected Lay-Chair from July 2023. Minutes were taken by Judith Lakin in her capacity as Secretary. I did not take over the role until the February 2024 meeting. It was initially a daunting task but I am starting to understand the workings of the PCC within the church.

Over the year a total of 19 people served on the PCC. The membership includes the Churchwardens, Stipendiary Clergy, a representative Reader and people elected to represent the Deanery Synod and the Diocesan Synod. Alongside these 'Ex-officio' members, are elected or co-opted members. Currently there are vacancies for the Deanery Synod and elected PCC members. Most elected members agree to serve for 3 years and can be re-elected to serve again, for a further 3 years. The maximum length of term is therefore 6 years, after which a person must take a break. Anyone interested in joining the PCC can approach myself as Secretary, Mother Kirsty, or anyone currently serving who would be delighted to explain the important work that is done. Names of all PCC members can be found on the PCC board in the North Transept.

All meetings follow a standard agenda. Points of discussion include a financial report that sets out how we are performing against the budget agreed for the year. The varied and excellent work that is undertaken by the various subcommittees is reported. Discussions on matters raised are frequently in depth and reflect the views and opinions of a diverse and passionate group of people.

There is also a Standing Committee, a subcommittee of the PCC, that meets bi-monthly around the months where there is no scheduled PCC meeting. The Committee is tasked with addressing matters that arise in between scheduled PCC meetings.

I would like to thank Judith Lakin for her detailed handover and look forward to supporting the PCC this coming year.

Philip Tingay, PCC Secretary
pccsecretary@allsaintslb.org.uk

RECTOR'S INTRODUCTION TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS 2024

No report due to interregnum.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP REPORT

No report due to interregnum.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Thank you for honouring us to be your Churchwardens for the last year, a role that brings with it much satisfaction and more than the occasional worry! We are, as ever, grateful for your support and prayers throughout the year.

The biggest news during the year was Mother Cate's decision to move to a new part-time role at Totteridge St Andrew's. Cate also had health issues earlier in the year, and it was the right move for her to reduce her workload. Some of us had the pleasure of attending her licensing in September, with the Bishop of Hertford, and we continue to wish her well in her new ministry.

With Cate's illness, Mother Kirsty led us through the Easter services, a significant achievement for someone who was still, at that point, in the second year of her curacy. She also continued to take on huge responsibilities in our interregnum and we will miss her greatly when she has to leave us later in 2024. We are also hugely grateful to all of the clergy who have and continue to support All Saints whilst God steers our new incumbent to us.

Finance continued to be a challenge during the year, and the full position will be before you for the APCM. As in previous years, we are doing all we can to ensure that we have value for money from every penny that is spent, but would like to ask all of you who read this prayerfully to consider your giving, and encourage others to do the same. Your PCC also agreed the sale of 1 Pulford Road as the costs of renovation, after the death of the last tenant, were prohibitively expensive. The funds have now been invested for the benefit of All Saints.

The coffee shop volunteers continue to be absolutely vital in providing a warm welcome each week as their outreach to the town and, as importantly, supporting our financial position would be considerably worse. Please do support them in whatever way you can, particularly when additional help is required. The Summer Fete and Christmas Tree Festival were also magnificent fundraisers and again we thank all of those involved.

It was uplifting to have the Church Trails continuing to take place during the year, giving the opportunity to bring God's love and an understanding of some of the main Christian festivals to many children from across the town, who might otherwise not have the opportunity to visit our wonderful church. Thanks go to the volunteers who make this happen.

Sadly, we lost a number of our faithful congregation during the year. We remember especially Brian Willett, John Payne-Cooke and Gary Hargreaves. May they rest in peace.

We cannot end the year without thanking Jo and Lindsay for their support in the office and behind the scenes, as well as the many helpers who volunteer their time and energy to make All Saints the place that it is.

God bless.

Bill Webb, John Sykes, Sam Smith

Churchwardens

ALL SAINTS OFFICE REPORT

The church continues to be a place for worship, celebrations of baptisms and weddings and funeral services, a meeting place and concert venue. We hold a very popular weekly Toddler Time, and continue to work with Pulford and other schools to offer services, visits and the RE initiative Trails.

Since Mother Cate left last July, we continue to manage the 'day to day' running of the church with the added pressure of no incumbent to oversee both the practical and legal aspects of our roles. It has been stressful at times, and we continue to be grateful to our churchwardens and band of 'ompa-loompa's', for their ongoing help and support.

Lindsay & Jo

SAFEGUARDING

All Saints continue to keep up to date with the changes and demands of implementing safeguarding policies. Any concerns with safeguarding issues should be reported to the Safeguarding Officers.

Bill Webb, Lindsay Bevis & Stacey Major, Safeguarding Officers

SUNDAY SAINTS REPORT

We would like to welcome children of all ages to join us during the 9.30 service every Sunday for fun activities, crafts and, stories about Jesus and how he wants us to live.

We have a wonderful team of 5 volunteers who are currently working 3 weeks in a row in 2 teams. **Sadly, as reported at last year's APCM, in order to do this we need to recruit more volunteers to ensure we can safely cover each session.**

Please get in touch if you have ideas for special occasions or would like to join us as we appreciate people being able to contribute their own special talents.

Contact: Lindsay Bevis in the Parish Office for more details or speak to a current leader.

Alison Dobbie

MUSIC REPORT

Following the pandemic, 2023 saw the choir "back to usual" for another full year. The highlight of the year was a visit to sing Choral Evensong in Canterbury cathedral on 14th April 2023. We used a Sunday morning performance of the anthem "Hear my Prayer" as an audition tape, taken from the livestream earlier in the year. The choir sang particularly well for that service and you can still see and hear it on our YouTube channel. There is a link on the website under "Worship" / "Music".

In February 2023 well over 100 people attended a magnificent organ recital given by our Organ Scholar, Sam Kemp.

In April 2023 we joined with other church choirs in the team and Leighton Buzzard Festival Singers for a very moving performance of Stainer's Crucifixion on Good Friday evening. The work was sung as an act of worship and not a concert with no applause and no introduction. Soloists were Edward Price and David Emerson, with Sam playing the organ. The packed congregation joined in with the hymns lustily.

Francesca Price (Head Chorister) and Olivia Olleson (Deputy Head Chorister) continued in their roles and I am grateful to them for their support over the year.

In July we said goodbye to Samuel Kemp, our Organ Scholar, and we greatly miss his contribution to the musical life of the church. He is getting on well as Organ Scholar at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court and has recently passed his FRCO examination.

Leighton Young Singers has continued to thrive under Saff's leadership, assisted by Peter and Katrina. They performed brilliantly in church on a number of occasions in 2023, notably during the summer when they took part in a joint concert with our trebles.

My thanks to Claire, Isobel and Brian for their continued support of the band for the 11.30 service.

The Advent carol service was as magical as ever. It seems to be almost everyone's favourite service of the year.

We welcomed new members to the adult and treble sections of the choir during 2023 but we did, sadly, lose Patrick Waring from the tenor line following his move to Derbyshire and Brian Bainbridge from the bass line.

My thanks to everyone involved with music in the church, especially Lindsay, who plays a huge role in the life of the choir in her role as "mother of the trebles".

Paul Dickens

Director of Music

COFFEE SHOP REPORT

This last year we have been able to give £35,000 to the PCC as well as paying for all cleaning materials and paperware products such as toilet paper and paper handtowels.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the Coffee shop managers to thank our volunteers and bakers. The Coffee shop not only provides much needed funds for the church but, provides a welcoming safe place for many people who although not church goers feel that they belong to All Saints.

We shall shortly be opening for May Day, which is usually a very busy day, so please sign up to give an hour of your time to help with this, if you are able. Extra cakes would also be appreciated.

Jenny Huskisson

SAINTS ALIVE MAGAZINE REPORT

Magazines were regularly produced on-time (congratulations Julia) and made available for our great team of delivery agents on the last Friday of the month. There are approximately 240 people who subscribe plus 23 who subscribe but collect their magazine in church and others who purchase a copy *ad hoc* in church (spare copies always available). A variable number are claimed by the bereavement group depending on the number of deaths in the month and two copies put aside for the Bedford archives. Eighteen copies are posted out to our postal subscribers at an extra £9 per annum. The Magazine cost was again held at 2021 prices this year. We thank those people who have included a donation along with their subscription.

Some banks have now introduced charges for paying-in cheques, and we encourage you to pay by bank transfer whenever possible. (HSBC charges 40p per cheque paid in and £6 per month for its charity accounts, for instance).

I would like to see more people as regular subscribers and fewer picking up and paying for a copy when they remember!

Stephen L. Jury

BAPTISM GROUP REPORT

Our Baptism team currently consists of 4 Baptism visitors who welcome and prepare families for their child's baptism. We hold Baptism Preparation evenings monthly, and have kept the booking system in place for All Saints families and those from St Barnabas and the villages. During the evening we show a short presentation about baptism and families have chance to book a date for the service. Families are invited to two church services, one before baptism for a Thanksgiving for their child, and one after baptism when the newly baptised child is welcomed by the church congregation. Baptism services at All Saints are generally held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the morning.

During 2023 we had 53 enquiries and baptised 38 children. So far this year we have had 16 enquiries and baptised 3 children at All Saints.

Julie Dolton

Baptism Co-Ordinator

ALL SAINTS TODDLER TIME

All Saints Toddler Time is a group for parents and carers of pre-school children. We meet every Wednesday morning and afternoon in term time at 9.30 - 11.00 and 1.30 - 3.00 in the North Transept. The children have an opportunity to play and make new friends, learn new skills and generally have fun, and the adults can have a chat and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of homemade cake. There is squash and biscuits for the children. There is a small weekly charge of £1.50 per adult and child plus an extra 50p for each additional child.

Mothers Union continues to support us by doing the refreshments and we greatly appreciate their help. The homemade cakes and biscuits are always popular with both the adults and children. We also provide fruit which has proved popular.

Last Autumn the children made carrots, apples, pears and nasturtiums to decorate one of the church windows at harvest. During the year our fundraising included a 'Toddlers Toddle' round the churchyard one Sunday in June after Messy Mass, raising money for Mother's Union, and we sold chocolate teddies for Children in Need in November. Christmas term ended with a party enjoyed by 44 families with 52 children. Mother Kirsty joined us for the morning and we ended with the telling of the nativity story and a round of Hokey Cokey all enjoyed in our beautiful church.

We continue to be busy and are looking forward to welcoming new and returning families this year.

Julie, Terry and Gemma Dolton

Toddler Time Leaders

BEREAVEMENT GROUP REPORT

The Bereavement Group has been able to make contact with 68 bereaved families following funerals conducted by the clergy in the Ouzel Valley Team. For those families living within the parishes (50 this year - the same as last) we make initial contact by phone, offer support, and visit those who ask. Those living beyond our boundaries are sent a letter of condolence and a copy of the Parish Magazine recording their loved one's name in RIP. We continue to receive requests for support from families whose loved ones did not have funerals conducted by our team of clergy.

We send anniversary cards to bereaved families on the first anniversary of their loss and invite them to services of thanksgiving and remembrance in Spring (at All Saints) and autumn (at St Barnabas). Our service in April was well attended and appreciated and we were again able to provide tea afterwards to enable families to spend time together and talk in a relaxed way with our All Saints team.

During December we erected a Tree of Remembrance near the altar of repose. Around 300 stars were written and attached to it, more than double last year.

The Bereavement Café continues to meet in the coffee shop on the first Sunday each month from 2.30-4pm. We provide a relaxed atmosphere offering friendship and support and we conclude by lighting candles and praying for loved ones. We erected a tree for the Christmas tree Festival and decorated it with stars representing Saints - echoing that we are all saints, including our loved ones who have died.

The Bereavement team meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm in the chapel. We have a short act of worship, light candles and pray for the terminally ill and the bereaved. The details of the recently bereaved are then shared out so that the team members can make contact.

We would very much welcome new members.

Christine Stopford, Dot Jessup (Coordinators)

Jane Smith (Administrator)

Thelma Harris, Maggie Moran, Neil Forsyth

ALL SAINTS SERVERS' GUILD REPORT

This year we said goodbye to our beloved Head Server Brian Willet who pasted away in December and who had served this church for over 70 years. He is greatly missed for his kindness, knowledge and dedication.

The team which remains turn up week by week to carry out their duties, There is, however a problem. There are not enough of us so at the moment some of us are on more regularly than normal. We have welcomed three new servers but could do with more.

It is important for the continuation of the current range of services that we find more people, or the numbers per service will have to be cut to a minimum. The team will be happy to welcome any new servers, who are willing to learn and be able to come regularly. If you are interested please contact myself or any senior server.

Lindsay Bevis

SIDES PEOPLE REPORT

To be a sides person is an important part of the ministry of the church to the wider community. We have a dedicated band of people who are willing to continue in this task Sunday by Sunday. The job involves welcoming everyone to church (whether they be regular church goers or new faces), the distribution of books and pew sheets and generally keeping a friendly eye on the congregation. After the service sides people are responsible for locking doors and ensuring that the building is left secure.

We would like to encourage more people to the group and if this is something you would like to do, we would love to hear from you. Sunday services are currently held at 8.00am, 9.30am and 6.00pm. Baptisms and All Age/Family services are generally held on alternate Sundays at 11.30am. You would be on the rota for whichever service you usually attend and would be welcomed as part of the Team.

Janet Wenborn

VERGERS REPORT

This year has been an eventful year with occasional offices, events and services. We do the usual civic ones as well and often there are visitors in the church who either need showing around or a listening ear.

We unfortunately lost two of our vergers who passed away in December, Brian Willett and Gary Hargreaves. We soldier on with the small band but are always eager to recruit anyone who wishes to join us. Just ask any of the vergers re the commitment etc. .

We had a few visits as a Guild one in particular to the Abby for a behind the scenes talk and lunch which was very nice. We had our normal Alban Service and Supper and the Christmas Lunch. All very well attended. It was very good to get the guild together for those occasions. We also had a Lenten Devotion and a Corporate Communion at St. Saviours with our Chaplain Father Andrew as usual.

I thank Jenny Huskisson who is a great right hand and has filled the post of secretary and treasurer for the guild very well as well as all her duties here.

We, the vergers find it very fulfilling to care for the people and the building of All Saints and as always I am reminded that it is an honour and our duty to be the gate keepers in the house of our Lord.

Lindsay Bevis

Head Verger and Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Guild of Vergers

DIOCESAN & DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

The Diocesan Synod has met twice at Putteridge Bury (a campus of the University of Bedfordshire, Luton) and once on Zoom. These have included interesting and good presentations on a range of topics including Net Zero, the Mothers Union and Growing the Church Younger, and the necessary financial reports. These last involve the setting of clergy pay in the Diocese and agreeing parish shares or quotas. The Diocese broke even last year as clergy vacancies all took much longer to fill than expected and saved very significant amounts of money. The Diocese is fortunate that it has some extremely competent city financiers to look after its financial matters and our diocese has not experienced the financial distress that some others have suffered.

The Deanery Synod has met regularly on three Wednesday evenings and at its next in June will elect its representatives to the Diocesan Synod. Mother Nicola Lentall (sometime curate here at All Saints and now at Studham, Whipsnade and Dagnall) will step down as Rural Dean shortly. A number of interesting talks have been given at its meetings, including one by the Kate Ford, the Diocesan Giving Advisor and Peter Adams, a member of the General Synod.

Stephen L. Jury

MOTHERS UNION REPORT

Members are meeting at least once a month at All Saints, diocesan meetings and Crafty Natter. Mothers' Union members at All Saints continue to support the Parish providing Baptism packs, sending cards to couples on their wedding day, providing a cross stitch cross in the pocket for bereavement visitors, and maintaining the books and bags for children to use during services. We raise funds for Make a Mother's Day, the MU main fundraising campaign enabling women to transform their lives by health care, education and empowerment. Some of us meet monthly with non-members at Crafty Natter where we make various items for diocesan projects (including Luton and Dunstable hospital NICU) plus items for local care homes and other charities.

In June we took part in the Toddle to raise money to support 4 refuges in the diocese. This raised over £100 and we hope arrange it again this year.

Everything we do is underpinned by prayer. We are very pleased to have corporate communion on the third Thursday of the month when the work of Mothers' Union is remembered in prayer. In addition we usually celebrate Lady Day in March and participate in the MU wave of prayer in June (this involves all 4 million members around the world in praying for each other every hour of every day. In November we promote the UN campaign of 16 Days of Activism to end gender based violence, highlighting its many forms. This year MU are extending this all year round through their Rise Up campaign.

Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation which campaigns for family life to be valued. This often begins with recognising the value of women in societies where they are neglected and abused.

Alison Dobbie

CHURCH FLOWERS

After many years as church florist, Kerry has decided to step down. We would like to thank her for her hard work, dedication and wonderful flower displays.

Also for her guidance, help and encouragement.

The Flower Team

LUNCH CLUB REPORT

The Lunch Club continues to meet usually on the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm. The concept behind the Lunch Club was to provide a home-cooked meal for older people in a relaxed setting. We aim to cater for about 36 diners. Although many of those who attend are church members, we also welcome others, particularly those recently bereaved or who are isolated socially. We increased our ticket prices to £6 towards the end of 2023.

We have a number of volunteers who make this happen. It starts with helping to clear the North Transept after the Toddler Group and we are very grateful to the leaders for clearing up and leaving so quickly so that we can get things ready. We then get out and set the tables and plugging in the heated trolleys and hotplates that are necessary to keep the food warm. From approximately 1130am, 'setting up volunteers' arrive to clear the North Transept, set tables and get the heated trolleys and hotplates ready for the arrival of the food. From about 1230pm our cooks arrive with the home-cooked food ready to serve to our guests.

We have continued our theme focus, usually focussing on a saint, but we also have celebrated Chinese New Year in January and in April showed how the customs of Easter Eggs and Easter Bunnies linked with our Christian faith. We all enjoyed the Easter eggs.

We are grateful to members and volunteers alike for making this a very convivial club. And of course, we will always welcome new volunteers and can find jobs for them to fit their skills. Volunteers are particularly needed to help set up and clear away before and after lunch. Please see me if you can help either on a regular or occasional basis.

Margaret Wallace

Lunch Club Co-ordinator

CHURCHYARD GARDENING TEAM REPORT

This has been another productive year and work on all the recommendations made by the architect is now complete Our annual calendar and guidelines have provided a useful structure for our work, particularly as we now have ten enthusiastic volunteers on the churchyard team led by Roy Tyler.

Our usual gardening days are Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and we cover the Churchyard, Pulford path, the car park, and some volunteers also maintain the garden at 138 Brooklands Drive. Our duties are listed on a seasonal annual calendar which we review and provide to the parish office each spring (available on request) and we continue to follow the guidelines drawn up with input from the architect and approved by the PCC in 2023.

General seasonal gardening makes up most of our work as described on our annual plan; in summary the headline tasks are to:

- Mow in Spring and summer,
- Sweep in the autumn,
- Tidy and repair items in Winter,
- Talk to visitors, deal with ivy, keep paths clear and check for damage all year round.

Our work is always weather dependent, and though 2023-4. has been particularly mild, with no storm-damage so far and no need to salt and grit the paths, the relentless rain has meant that we have had to postpone the annual bonfire and delay mowing. We have been concerned about the ongoing deterioration of the boundary wall, so it is very positive to note that this is scheduled for repair in 2024.

We have really appreciated all the positive comments made by visitors to the churchyard, in person and on the various local social media groups. We are very pleased to have been able to contribute to All Saints' eco-church initiative, and to have completed the work on the architect's recommendations.

Roy Tyler

Head Gardener

ECO-CHURCH REPORT

The Eco Church group continues to support All Saints to show commitment of care for God's creation and be environmentally responsible as we strive to progress to Eco Church Gold.

In this past year activities in the parish have included:

- A successful event on Environment Sunday in June attended by around 60 people of all ages (including from other churches and local community), Activities included: the tree trail; making wild flower seed bombs; plant stall; helping with the national biodiversity audit of churchyards; children's I-spy nature bingo, and refreshments. The event raised £130 for church funds.
- Co-hosted a public meeting with the local branch of Friends of the Earth about local responses to climate change issues such as: wind turbines; insulation and warm homes scheme; pollution and the plans for electric buses and electric vehicle charging hub. Over 200 people attended.
- Monthly news page in Saints Alive featuring environmental issues such as: food waste, recycling.
- We collected nearly 90kg of medicine blister packs for a recycling scheme. This was suspended as the volume being brought was more than we could cope with, inappropriate items were often in the bags, and Superdrug stores did not always accept the bags of blister packs.
- Prayers and worship with a focus on caring for the planet, such as: Environment Sunday.
- Liaising with the Churchyard Gardeners who continue their excellent work , e.g. installing labels for trees in the tree trail and creating several bug hotels in a natural style.
- Forest Church outdoor worship on the fifth Sunday in the month has been attracting around 50 adults and children. For several families it is their only connection with a church - an important element of outreach. However, this service has been suspended during the vacancy.
- Dialogue with the PCC on environmental matters via our representative Amy Tingay.
- Nest boxes are maintained for swifts to help boost the local population of these birds.

We were sad to lose three members of the group last year: Brian Irvine and Patrick Waring who have moved away, and Canon John Payne-Cook who died in December and was particularly passionate and inspiring about environmental issues.

Katrina Grant

FABRIC REPORT

No report received.

PARTNERS IN MISSION REPORT

No report received.

BELL RINGERS REPORT

No report received.

SOCIAL EVENTS TEAM REPORT

No report received.

ACTIVE YOUTH GROUP

No report as unable to run due to lack of leaders.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Currently not meeting.

LEIGHTON LINSLADE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Currently not meeting.

Registered Number 1131221

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

In Vacancy.

Churchwardens

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

INFORMATION

Incumbent	Reverend Cate Irvine The Vicarage Pulford Road Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7 1AB
Address	The Parish Office All Saints Church Church Square Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7 1AE
Independent Examiner	Stephen J Wilson FCCA Upton Wilson Ltd 3 West Street Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7 1DA

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BACKGROUND

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, Rev'd Cate Irvine in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the PCC is either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

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

Elected members
Elected for 1 year:
Gary Hargreaves (RIP December 2023)

Elected for 2 years:
Amy Tingay
Janet Wenborn

Elected for 3 years:
Jackie Rudom
Carol Yirrell
Stacey Major
Linda Kagunga
Alan Perrott

Treasurer - Co-opted
Mark Jeeves

Ex-officio members

Churchwardens:
William Webb
John Sykes
Sam Smith

Clergy
Mother Kirsty Borthwick

Reader:
Geoffrey Huskisson

Representatives on Deanery Synod:
Lindsay Bevis
Christine Munford
Geoff Marchant

Representative on Diocesan Synod:
Dr Stephen Jury

PCC Secretary
Judith Lakin

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

COMMITTEES
The PCC has sought to meet its role in working through sub-committees, as follows:-

Standing 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 directions given by the Council. It is chaired by the vicar and consists of three churchwardens and two elected PCC members.

Stewardship and finance committee
Has oversight of all financial affairs and the encouragement of parishioners to take seriously the stewardship of their money and talents.

Social Events Team
Responsible for arranging events to enhance the social life of the Church as well as the organisation of the two major fund-raising events.

Partners in mission committee
Allocates funds, advises the PCC on causes to support and encourages real links with the Church worldwide in its outreach.

Liturgy and worship committee
To assist and support the clergy in the development of worship at All Saints and to look at ways in which what we offer can be improved for the glory of God.

Fabric committee
Oversees the fabric needs of the Church itself and the properties owned by the Church, ensuring their maintenance and upkeep together with the churchyard and its boundaries. Where necessary this includes monitoring projects that are set in place.

Property committee
To oversee the maintenance and upkeep of properties outside the church/churchyard boundaries of which the church is beneficial owner. To include the oversight of letting of properties where necessary.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE
The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll was 244.
The average attendance on a Sunday including the 11.30 a.m.service is 123 adults and 26 children.

There have been seven meetings of the PCC during the year.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE PCC OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 11, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is our responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

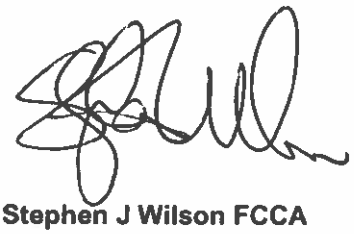
Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act,

have not been met; or

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



Stephen J Wilson FCCA
Upton Wilson Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants

18th April 2023

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	*2022 Total £*
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from donors	**2(a)**	123,442	28,908	-	152,350	*164,502*
Other voluntary incoming resources	**2(b)**	10,894	-	-	10,894	*17,524*
Charitable and ancillary trading	**2(c)**	67,097	-	-	67,097	*59,310*
Income from investments	**2(d)**	2,917	-		2,917	*2,689*
Total incoming resources		204,350	28,908	-	233,258	*244,025*
Resources used						
Missionary and charitable giving	**3(a)**	6,622	3,508	-	10,130	*10,427*
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	**3(b)**	160,930	25,400	-	186,330	*178,633*
Fund raising and publicity	**3(c)**	-		-	-	*4,752*
Church management and administration	**3(d)**	43,077		-	43,077	*44,751*
Total resources used		210,629	28,908	-	239,537	*238,563*
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(6,279)	-	-	(6,279)	*5,462*
Extraordinary income/(expenditure)						
Major works to buildings	**3(e)**	-	-	-	-	*(1,718)*
Net movement in funds		(6,279)	-	-	(6,279)	*3,744*
Balances brought forward 1 January 2023		140,292	70,645	51,900	262,837	*259,093*
Balances 31 December 2023		134,013	70,645	51,900	256,558	*262,837*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets - freehold property	5	125,000		*125,000*	
- other	5	-		-	
Investments	6	33,096	158,096	*33,096*	*158,096*
Currrent assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	23,031		*9,818*	
Bank deposits		28,602		*38,286*	
Cash at bank and in hand		50,850		*66,177*	
		102,483		*114,281*	
Current liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,021)		*(9,540)*	
Net current assets			98,462		*104,741*
Net assets			256,558		*262,837*
Funds	7				
Unrestricted			134,013		*140,282*
Restricted			70,645		*70,645*
Endowment			51,900		*51,900*
			256,558		*262,827*

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:

..... Chairman ..... Member

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these Accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of freehold properties and investment assets, which are shown at market value as at 31 December 1997, when they were first brought into these accounts, or at later cost.

Funds
Unrestricted funds are the funds of the PCC which are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use, and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups which owe their main affiliation to other bodies or which are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming resources
Planned giving receivable under covenant or gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when received.

Funds raised by the fete and similar fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Sales from the Church bookstall and from the coffee shop are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when they are received or credited to the account.

Resources used
The Diocesan quota is accounted for when due for payment.

Fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with S.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Other properties of the PCC are included in the accounts at their market value at 31 December 1997.

No value is placed on movable Church funishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, as the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable Church furnishings, whether by way of maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years.

Investments are valued at market value as at 31 December 1997 or later cost.

Current assets
Amounts owing to the PCC in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	*2022 Total £*
2(a)	**Income from donors**					
	Planned giving:					
	Covenants and gift aid	67,899			67,899	*73,430*
	Income tax recovered	18,385			18,385	*19,563*
	Uncovenanted	17,992			17,992	*13,960*
	Collections at all services	11,905			11,905	*11,196*
	Sundry donations and activities	7,261	28,908		36,169	*46,353*
	Legacies	-			-	-
		123,442	28,908		152,350	*164,502*
2(b)	**Other voluntary income**					
	Fetes, bazaars and other fundraising events	10,894			10,894	*17,524*
2(c)	**Charitable and ancillary trading income**					
	Bookstall and cards				-	*193*
	Church and property lettings	360			360	*1,074*
	Youth and holiday club	1,211			1,211	*1,950*
	Magazines and printing	2,020			2,020	*2,601*
	Fees, including bellringing	14,260			14,260	*14,301*
	Coffee shop	49,246			49,246	*39,191*
	Property rental	-			-	-
		67,097			67,097	*59,310*
2(d)	**Income from investments**					
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Churchwardens

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Gary Hargreaves (RIP December 2023)

Elected for 2 years:
Amy Tingay
Janet Wenborn

Elected for 3 years:
Jackie Rudom
Carol Yirrell
Stacey Major
Linda Kagunga
Alan Perrott

Treasurer - Co-opted
Mark Jeeves

Ex-officio members

Churchwardens:
William Webb
John Sykes
Sam Smith

Clergy
Mother Kirsty Borthwick

Reader:
Geoffrey Huskisson

Representatives on Deanery Synod:
Lindsay Bevis
Christine Munford
Geoff Marchant

Representative on Diocesan Synod:
Dr Stephen Jury

PCC Secretary
Judith Lakin

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

COMMITTEES
The PCC has sought to meet its role in working through sub-committees, as follows:-

Standing 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 directions given by the Council. It is chaired by the vicar and consists of three churchwardens and two elected PCC members.

Stewardship and finance committee
Has oversight of all financial affairs and the encouragement of parishioners to take seriously the stewardship of their money and talents.

Social Events Team
Responsible for arranging events to enhance the social life of the Church as well as the organisation of the two major fund-raising events.

Partners in mission committee
Allocates funds, advises the PCC on causes to support and encourages real links with the Church worldwide in its outreach.

Liturgy and worship committee
To assist and support the clergy in the development of worship at All Saints and to look at ways in which what we offer can be improved for the glory of God.

Fabric committee
Oversees the fabric needs of the Church itself and the properties owned by the Church, ensuring their maintenance and upkeep together with the churchyard and its boundaries. Where necessary this includes monitoring projects that are set in place.

Property committee
To oversee the maintenance and upkeep of properties outside the church/churchyard boundaries of which the church is beneficial owner. To include the oversight of letting of properties where necessary.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE
The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll was 244.
The average attendance on a Sunday including the 11.30 a.m.service is 123 adults and 26 children.

There have been seven meetings of the PCC during the year.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE PCC OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 11, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is our responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

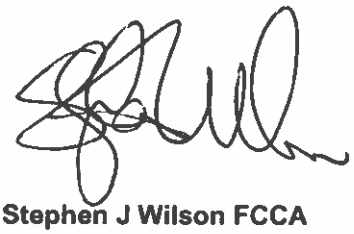
Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act,

have not been met; or

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



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Upton Wilson Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants

18th April 2023

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	*2022 Total £*
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from donors	**2(a)**	123,442	28,908	-	152,350	*164,502*
Other voluntary incoming resources	**2(b)**	10,894	-	-	10,894	*17,524*
Charitable and ancillary trading	**2(c)**	67,097	-	-	67,097	*59,310*
Income from investments	**2(d)**	2,917	-		2,917	*2,689*
Total incoming resources		204,350	28,908	-	233,258	*244,025*
Resources used						
Missionary and charitable giving	**3(a)**	6,622	3,508	-	10,130	*10,427*
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	**3(b)**	160,930	25,400	-	186,330	*178,633*
Fund raising and publicity	**3(c)**	-		-	-	*4,752*
Church management and administration	**3(d)**	43,077		-	43,077	*44,751*
Total resources used		210,629	28,908	-	239,537	*238,563*
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(6,279)	-	-	(6,279)	*5,462*
Extraordinary income/(expenditure)						
Major works to buildings	**3(e)**	-	-	-	-	*(1,718)*
Net movement in funds		(6,279)	-	-	(6,279)	*3,744*
Balances brought forward 1 January 2023		140,292	70,645	51,900	262,837	*259,093*
Balances 31 December 2023		134,013	70,645	51,900	256,558	*262,837*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets - freehold property	5	125,000		*125,000*	
- other	5	-		-	
Investments	6	33,096	158,096	*33,096*	*158,096*
Currrent assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	23,031		*9,818*	
Bank deposits		28,602		*38,286*	
Cash at bank and in hand		50,850		*66,177*	
		102,483		*114,281*	
Current liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,021)		*(9,540)*	
Net current assets			98,462		*104,741*
Net assets			256,558		*262,837*
Funds	7				
Unrestricted			134,013		*140,282*
Restricted			70,645		*70,645*
Endowment			51,900		*51,900*
			256,558		*262,827*

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:

..... Chairman ..... Member

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these Accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of freehold properties and investment assets, which are shown at market value as at 31 December 1997, when they were first brought into these accounts, or at later cost.

Funds
Unrestricted funds are the funds of the PCC which are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use, and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups which owe their main affiliation to other bodies or which are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming resources
Planned giving receivable under covenant or gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when received.

Funds raised by the fete and similar fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Sales from the Church bookstall and from the coffee shop are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when they are received or credited to the account.

Resources used
The Diocesan quota is accounted for when due for payment.

Fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with S.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Other properties of the PCC are included in the accounts at their market value at 31 December 1997.

No value is placed on movable Church funishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, as the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable Church furnishings, whether by way of maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years.

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Amounts owing to the PCC in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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	Sundry donations and activities	7,261	28,908		36,169	*46,353*
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

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Treasurer - Co-opted
Mark Jeeves

Ex-officio members

Churchwardens:
William Webb
John Sykes
Sam Smith

Clergy
Mother Kirsty Borthwick

Reader:
Geoffrey Huskisson

Representatives on Deanery Synod:
Lindsay Bevis
Christine Munford
Sharon Fryer

Representative on Diocesan Synod:
Dr Stephen Jury

PCC Secretary
Judith Lakin

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (CONTINUED)

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Upton Wilson Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants

23rd May 2023

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2022 Total £	*2021 Total £*
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	126,656	37,846	-	164,502	*152,960*
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	17,524	-	-	17,524	*22,129*
Charitable and ancillary trading	2(c)	59,310	-	-	59,310	*37,598*
Income from investments	2(d)	2,689	-		2,689	*2,359*
Total incoming resources		206,179	37,846	-	244,025	*215,046*
Resources used						
Missionary and charitable giving	3(a)	8,033	2,394	-	10,427	*15,714*
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	148,633	30,000	-	178,633	*170,096*
Fund raising and publicity	3(c)	4,752		-	4,752	*1,167*
Church management and administration	3(d)	44,751		-	44,751	*38,174*
Total resources used		206,169	32,394	-	238,563	*225,151*
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		10	5,452	-	5,462	*(10,105)*
Extraordinary income/(expenditure)						
Major works to buildings	3(e)	-	(1,718)	-	(1,718)	-
Net movement in funds		10	3,734	-	3,744	*(10,105)*
Balances brought forward 1 January 2021		140,282	66,911	51,900	259,093	*269,198*
Balances 31 December 2021		140,292	70,645	51,900	262,837	*259,093*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets - freehold property	5	125,000		*125,000*	
- other	5	-		-	
Investments	6	33,096	158,096	*33,096*	*158,096*
Currrent assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	9,818		*8,331*	
Bank deposits		38,286		*59,163*	
Cash at bank and in hand		66,177		*34,549*	
		114,281		*102,043*	
Current liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(9,540)		*(1,046)*	
Net current assets			104,741		*100,997*
Net assets			262,837		*259,093*
Funds	7				
Unrestricted			140,292		*140,282*
Restricted			70,645		*66,911*
Endowment			51,900		*51,900*
			262,837		*259,093*

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:

..... Chairman ..... Member

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Incoming resources
Planned giving receivable under covenant or gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when received.

Funds raised by the fete and similar fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Sales from the Church bookstall and from the coffee shop are accounted for gross.

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Resources used
The Diocesan quota is accounted for when due for payment.

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Current assets
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2022 Total £	*2021 Total £*
2(a)	**Income from donors**					
	Planned giving:					
	Covenants and gift aid	73,430			73,430	*61,060*
	Income tax recovered	19,563			19,563	*9,508*
	Uncovenanted	13,960			13,960	*19,128*
	Collections at all services	11,196			11,196	*5,947*
	Sundry donations and activities	8,507	37,846		46,353	*57,317*
	Legacies	-			-	-
		126,656	37,846		164,502	*152,960*
2(b)	**Other voluntary income**					
	Fetes, bazaars and other fundraising events	17,524			17,524	*22,129*
2(c)	**Charitable and ancillary trading income**					
	Bookstall and cards	193			193	*209*
	Church and property lettings	1,074			1,074	*400*
	Youth and holiday club	1,950			1,950	*205*
	Magazines and printing	2,601			2,601	*2,463*
	Fees, including bellringing	14,301			14,301	*11,748*
	Coffee shop	39,191			39,191	*20,416*
	Property rental	-			-	*2,157*
		59,310			59,310	*37,598*
2(d)	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest, including income tax recovered	2,689			2,689	*2,359*
		2,689			2,689	2,359
	Total incoming resources	206,179	37,846	-	244,025	*215,046*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3	RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2022 Total £	*2021 Total £*
3(a)	**Missionary and charitable giving**					
	The Church overseas:					
	Missionary societies and relief and development agencies	4,274	1,900		6,174	*5,639*
	Home missions and other Church societies	1,309	494		1,803	*6,195*
	Secular charities	2,450			2,450	*3,880*
		8,033	2,394		10,427	*15,714*
3(b)	**Activities directly relating to the work of the Church**					
	The ministry:					
	Diocesan quota	43,927	30,000		73,927	*81,644*
	Incumbent's and clergy expenses	4,800			4,800	*4,400*
	Vicarage expenses	-			-	-
	Curates' houses	6,619			6,619	*1,984*
	Church - running expenses	31,176			31,176	*22,461*
	Church maintenance	23,933			23,933	*34,782*
	Upkeep of services	14,558			14,558	*9,545*
	Upkeep of churchyard	3,300			3,300	*189*
	Expenditure on church magazine and bookstall	-			-	*136*
	Expenditure on coffee shop (including refurbishment)	10,915			10,915	*6,613*
	Choir costs	8,861			8,861	*7,428*
	Youth and junior church	544			544	*914*
		148,633	30,000		178,633	*170,096*
3(c)	**Fund raising and publicity**					
	Cost of fetes, bazaars and other fund raising	4,752			4,752	*1,167*
3(d)	**Church management and administration**					
	Salaries and wages	16,475	-		16,475	*15,055*
	Office and sundry expenses	28,276	-		28,276	*23,119*
		44,751	-		44,751	*38,174*
3(e)	**Extraordinary expenditure**					
	Major works to the Church (see note 12)		36,007		36,007	-
	Grant from The Preservation Trust		(34,289)		(34,289)	-
			1,718		1,718	-
	Total resources used	206,169	34,112	-	240,281	225,151

4 STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages, salaries, fees and pension costs	34,012	31,972
	34,012	31,972

5 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings	Office equipment	Church equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to 31 December 2021	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Additions	-	-	-	-
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to 31 December 2022	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Depreciation to 31 December 2022		14,365	530	14,895
Charge for year		-	-	-
		14,365	530	14,895
Net book value at 31 December 2022	125,000	-	-	125,000
at 31 December 2021	125,000	-	-	125,000

The freehold property is a house, introduced at professional valuation as at 31 December 1997:

	£
138 Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard	125,000

This property was informally valued by McConville Bowden on 16 March 2005 in a price range of £215,000 to £230,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 INVESTMENTS

Endowment funds
Held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England

Value at 31 December 1997	£
Leighton Buzzard Church House Fund	23,096
Canon Scammell Bequest - 1998	10,000
	33,096

The market value of these funds at 31 December 2022 was £ , (2021 - £92,648)

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 Total	*2021 Total*
	£	£	£	£	*£*
Fixed assets and investments	125,000	-	33,096	158,096	*158,096*
Current assets	24,832	70,645	18,804	114,281	*102,043*
Current liabilities	(9,540)	-	-	(9,540)	*(1,046)*
Total net assets	140,292	70,645	51,900	262,837	*259,093*

8 DEBTORS

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Sundry debtors	9,818	*8,831*

9 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2022	*2021*
	£	*£*
Creditors for goods and services	9,540	*1,046*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

10 DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Restricted Funds:

Missions account, the income of which is only to be used for grants and donations to overseas and home missions and charities.

Endowment Funds:

Willis Vaults - a permanent endowment, the income of which is only to be used for the repair of the Willis family vaults.

Church House Funds - the income from this fund is unrestricted.

Sale of land, St. Andrews House (surplus) - the income from this fund is unrestricted.

Canon Scammell Bequest - the income from this fund is restricted to the upkeep of services.

11 CONNECTED FUNDS

Leighton Buzzard Willis Trust:
Held by the Diocesan Board of Finance, income restricted to Church, Belfry and Bells upkeep and repairs.

	£
Total value of funds at 31 December 2022	34,149

All income is available to be drawn down to pay for the ongoing restoration programme. The Charity Commission agreed that a maximum of £95,000 may be withdrawn for the purpose of major repairs under Phase 3C: the South transept (repairs to windows and wall masonry and roof) and this was withdrawn during 2010.

An amount of £144,007 was granted to the Church in the year ended 31 December 2015 and this was withdrawn during that year.

A further amount of £29,000 was granted to the Church in the year ended 31 December 2016 and withdrawn during the year.

12 MAJOR WORKS

All Saints Preservation Trust was established in 1999 as an independent registered Charity, to raise funds for the improvement, repair and maintenance of the Parish Church and its churchyard. During the year the sum of £34,289 (2021 - £5,030) was granted to the PCC towards the cost of repairs, and fund raising is continuing to help finance the further extensive repairs which are in hand.

13 ALL SAINTS COFFEE SHOP

In 2009 an amount of £20,000 was transferred from the Coffee Shop to an interest bearing PCC account, specifically as a provision for possible contingencies relating to the Coffee Shop. Interest accrued on these funds may be used towards the general running costs of the Church.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

INFORMATION

Incumbent	Reverend Cate Irvine The Vicarage Pulford Road Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7 1AB
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Independent Examiner	Stephen Wilson Upton Wilson Ltd 3 West Street Leighton Buzzard Berdfordshire LU7 1DA

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

BACKGROUND

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the PCC is either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

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

Elected members
Elected for 1 year:
Rod Tyler
Terry Dolton
Kevin Pughe
Sam Smith

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Stacey Major
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021 Total £	*2020 Total £*
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from donors	**2(a)**	145,363	7,597	-	152,960	*161,916*
Other voluntary incoming resources	**2(b)**	22,129	-	-	22,129	*3,787*
Charitable and ancillary trading	**2(c)**	37,598	-	-	37,598	*38,688*
Income from investments	**2(d)**	2,359	-		2,359	*2,355*
Total incoming resources		207,449	7,597	-	215,046	*206,746*
Resources used						
Missionary and charitable giving	**3(a)**	13,117	2,597	-	15,714	*15,028*
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	**3(b)**	165,096	5,000	-	170,096	*168,311*
Fund raising and publicity	**3(c)**	1,167		-	1,167	*914*
Church management and administration	**3(d)**	38,174		-	38,174	*37,259*
Total resources used		217,554	7,597	-	225,151	*221,512*
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(10,105)	-	-	(10,105)	*(14,766)*
Extraordinary income/(expenditure)						
Major works to buildings	**3(e)**	-		-	-	*(3,914)*
Net movement in funds		(10,105)	-	-	(10,105)	*(18,680)*
Balances brought forward 1 January 2021		150,387	66,911	51,900	269,198	*287,878*
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Cash at bank and in hand		34,549		*28,173*	
		102,043		*119,395*	
Current liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,046)		*(8,293)*	
Net current assets			100,997		*111,102*
Net assets			259,093		*269,198*
Funds	7				
Unrestricted			140,282		*150,387*
Restricted			66,911		*66,911*
Endowment			51,900		*51,900*
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2(a)	**Income from donors**					
	Planned giving:					
	Covenants and gift aid	61,060			61,060	*75,675*
	Income tax recovered	9,508			9,508	*19,388*
	Uncovenanted	19,128			19,128	*12,166*
	Collections at all services	5,947			5,947	*4,000*
	Sundry donations and activities	49,720	7,597		57,317	*50,237*
	Legacies	-			-	*450*
		145,363	7,597		152,960	*161,916*
2(b)	**Other voluntary income**					
	Fetes, bazaars and other fundraising events	22,129			22,129	*3,787*
2(c)	**Charitable and ancillary trading income**					
	Bookstall and cards	209			209	*270*
	Church and property lettings	400			400	*509*
	Youth and holiday club	205			205	*218*
	Magazines and printing	2,463			2,463	*2,412*
	Fees, including bellringing	11,748			11,748	*8,145*
	Coffee shop	20,416			20,416	*15,470*
	Property rental	2,157			2,157	*11,664*
		37,598			37,598	*38,688*
2(d)	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest, including income tax recovered	2,359			2,359	*2,355*
		2,359		-	2,359	2,355
	Total incoming resources	207,449	7,597	-	215,046	*206,746*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3	RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021 Total £	*2020 Total* £
3(a)	**Missionary and charitable giving**					
	The Church overseas:					
	Missionary societies and relief and development agencies	5,639			5,639	*274*
	Home missions and other Church societies	3,598	2,597		6,195	*12,547*
	Secular charities	3,880			3,880	*2,207*
		13,117	2,597		15,714	*15,028*
3(b)	**Activities directly relating to the work of the Church**					
	The ministry:					
	Diocesan quota	76,644	5,000		81,644	*93,166*
	Incumbent's and clergy expenses	4,400			4,400	*3,510*
	Vicarage expenses	-			-	-
	Curates' houses	1,984			1,984	*964*
	Church - running expenses	22,461			22,461	*21,290*
	Church maintenance	34,782			34,782	*22,555*
	Upkeep of services	9,545			9,545	*7,689*
	Upkeep of churchyard	189			189	*2,264*
	Expenditure on church magazine and bookstall	136			136	*380*
	Expenditure on coffee shop (including refurbishment)	6,613			6,613	*6,923*
	Choir costs	7,428			7,428	*8,601*
	Youth and junior church	914			914	*969*
		165,096	5,000		170,096	*168,311*
3(c)	**Fund raising and publicity**					
	Cost of fetes, bazaars and other fund raising	1,167			1,167	*914*
3(d)	**Church management and administration**					
	Salaries and wages	15,055	-		15,055	*27,555*
	Office and sundry expenses	23,119	-		23,119	*9,704*
		38,174	-		38,174	*37,259*
3(e)	**Extraordinary expenditure**					
	Major works to the Church (see note 12)				-	8,958
	VAT repayments				-	(5,044)
			-		-	3,914
	Total resources used	217,554	7,597	-	225,151	225,426

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages, salaries, fees and pension costs	31,972	27,555
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5 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Office equipment £	Church equipment £	Total £
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to 31 December 2020	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Additions	-	-	-	-
Value at 31 December 1997 or later cost to 31 December 2021	125,000	14,365	530	139,895
Depreciation to 31 December 2021		14,365	530	14,895
Charge for year		-	-	-
		14,365	530	14,895
Net book value at 31 December 2021	125,000	-	-	125,000
at 31 December 2020	125,000	-	-	125,000

The freehold property is a house, introduced at professional valuation as at 31 December 1997:

	£
138 Brooklands Drive, Leighton Buzzard	125,000

This property was informally valued by McConville Bowden on 16 March 2005 in a price range of £215,000 to £230,000.

6 INVESTMENTS

Endowment funds

Held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England

	£
Value at 31 December 1997	
Leighton Buzzard Church House Fund	23,096
Canon Scammell Bequest - 1998	10,000
	33,096

The market value of these funds at 31 December 2021 was £92,648 (2020 - £80,893)

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2021 Total	*2020 Total*
	£	£	£	£	*£*
Fixed assets and investments	125,000	-	33,096	158,096	*158,096*
Current assets	16,328	66,911	18,804	102,043	*119,395*
Current liabilities	(1,046)	-	-	(1,046)	*(8,293)*
Total net assets	140,282	66,911	51,900	259,093	*269,198*

8 DEBTORS

	2021	*2020*
	£	*£*
Sundry debtors	8,331	*15,542*

9 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2021	*2020*
	£	*£*
Creditors for goods and services	1,046	*8,293*

10 DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Restricted Funds:

Missions account, the income of which is only to be used for grants and donations to overseas and home missions and charities.

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Leighton Buzzard Willis Trust:
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Total value of funds at 31 December 2021	37,088

All income is available to be drawn down to pay for the ongoing restoration programme. The Charity Commission agreed that a maximum of £95,000 may be withdrawn for the purpose of major repairs under Phase 3C: the South transept (repairs to windows and wall masonry and roof) and this was withdrawn during 2010.

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All Saints Preservation Trust was established in 1999 as an independent registered Charity, to raise funds for the improvement, repair and maintenance of the Parish Church and its churchyard. During the year the sum of £5,030 (2020 - £5,075) was granted to the PCC towards the cost of repairs, and fund raising is continuing to help finance the further extensive repairs which are in hand.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

INFORMATION

Incumbent	Reverend Cate Irvine The Vicarage Pulford Road Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7 1AB
Address	The Parish Office All Saints Church Church Square Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire LU7 1AE
Independent Examiner	Jane Roberts Hills & Burgess 20 Bridge Street Leighton Buzzard Berdfordshire LU7 1AL

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

BACKGROUND

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, Rev'd Cate Irvine in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the PCC is either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

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

Elected members
Elected for 1 year:
Audrey Mason
Beverley Crockett
Pauline Lyon

Elected for 2 years:
Roy Tyler
Terry Dolton
Kevin Pughe
Sam Smith

Elected for 3 years:
Alan Perrott
Stacey Major
Jackie Rudom
Linda Kagunga
Carol Yirrell

Accounts Manager - Co-opted
Jennifer Huskisson

Ex-officio members

Churchwardens:
Janet Wenborn
William Webb
John Sykes

Reader:
Geoffrey Huskisson

Representatives on Deanery Synod:
Lindsay Bevis
Christine Munford
Sharon Fryer

Representative on Diocesan Synod:
Dr Stephen Jury

COMMITTEES

The PCC has sought to meet its role in working through sub-committees, as follows:-

Standing 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 directions given by the Council. It is chaired by the vicar and consists of three churchwardens and two elected PCC members.

Stewardship and finance committee
Has oversight of all financial affairs and the encouragement of parishioners to take seriously the stewardship of their money and talents.

Social Events Team
Responsible for arranging events to enhance the social life of the Church as well as the organisation of the two major fund-raising events.

Partners in mission committee
Allocates funds, advises the PCC on causes to support and encourages real links with the Church worldwide in its outreach.

Liturgy and worship committee
To assist and support the clergy in the development of worship at All Saints and to look at ways in which what we offer can be improved for the glory of God.

Fabric committee
Oversees the fabric needs of the Church itself and the properties owned by the Church, ensuring their maintenance and upkeep together with the churchyard and its boundaries. Where necessary this includes monitoring projects that are set in place.

Property committee
To oversee the maintenance and upkeep of properties outside the church/churchyard boundaries of which the church is beneficial owner. To include the oversight of letting of properties where necessary.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The number of parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll was 243
The average number of communicants on a Sunday which included the 11.15 a.m.service is 100 with about 23 additional non-communicants.

There have been 4 meetings of the PCC during the year.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE PCC OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 11, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is our responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of independent examiners' report
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act,

have not been met; or

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

Hills and Burgess

Hills and Burgess

Chartered Accountants

26 April 2024

20 Bridge Street
Leighton Buzzard
Bedfordshire
LU7 1AL

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**2020** Total £	***2019*** *Total* £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from donors	**2(a)**	123,448	38,468	-	161,916	*176,519*
Other voluntary incoming resources	**2(b)**	3,787	-	-	3,787	*31,413*
Charitable and ancillary trading	**2(c)**	38,688	-	-	38,688	*77,347*
Income from investments	**2(d)**	2,355	-		2,355	*3,642*
Total incoming resources		168,278	38,468	-	206,746	*288,921*
Resources used						
Missionary and charitable giving	**3(a)**	11,025	4,003	-	15,028	*17,891*
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church	**3(b)**	139,011	29,300	-	168,311	*213,224*
Fund raising and publicity	**3(c)**	914	-	-	914	*2,201*
Church management and administration	**3(d)**	37,259	-	-	37,259	*36,907*
Total resources used		188,209	33,303	-	221,512	*270,223*
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(19,931)	5,165	-	(14,766)	*18,698*
Extraordinary income/(expenditure)						
Major works to buildings	**3(e)**	-	(3,914)	-	(3,914)	*33,284*
Net movement in funds		(19,931)	1,251		(18,680)	*(14,586)*
Balances brought forward 1 January 2020		170,318	65,660	51,900	287,878	*302,464*
Balances 31 December 2020		150,387	66,911	51,900	269,198	*287,878*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	*2019* £	*£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets - freehold property	5	125,000		*125,000*	
- other	5			-	
Investments	6	33,096	158,096	*33,096*	*158,096*
Currrent assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	15,542		*11,876*	
Bank deposits		75,680		*76,723*	
Cash at bank and in hand		28,173		*43,779*	
		119,395		*132,378*	
Current liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,293)		*(2,596)*	
Net current assets			111,102		*129,782*
Net assets			269,198		*287,878*
Funds	7				
Unrestricted			150,387		*170,318*
Restricted			66,911		*65,660*
Endowment			51,900		*51,900*
			269,198		*287,878*

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

..... Chairman

..... Member

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these Accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of freehold properties and investment assets, which are shown at market value as at 31 December 1997, when they were first brought into these accounts, or at later cost.

Funds
Unrestricted funds are the funds of the PCC which are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use, and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups which owe their main affiliation to other bodies or which are informal gatherings of Church members.

Incoming resources
Planned giving receivable under covenant or gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when received.

Funds raised by the fete and similar fund raising events are accounted for gross.

Sales from the Church bookstall and from the coffee shop are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when they are received or credited to the account.

Resources used
The Diocesan quota is accounted for when due for payment.

Fixed assets
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with S.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Other properties of the PCC are included in the accounts at their market value at 31 December 1997.

No value is placed on movable Church funishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, as the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable Church furnishings, whether by way of maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years.

Investments are valued at market value as at 31 December 1997 or later cost.

Current assets
Amounts owing to the PCC in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 Total £	*2019 Total £*
2(a)	**Income from donors**					
	Planned giving:					
	Covenants and gift aid	75,675	-		75,675	*78,291*
	Income tax recovered	19,388	-		19,388	*16,584*
	Uncovenanted	12,166	-		12,166	*13,885*
	Collections at all services	4,000	-		4,000	*10,903*
	Sundry donations and activities	11,769	38,468		50,237	*53,856*
	Legacies	450	-		450	*3,000*
		123,448	38,468		161,916	*176,519*
2(b)	**Other voluntary income**					
	Fetes, bazaars and other fundraising events	3,787			3,787	*31,413*
2(c)	**Charitable and ancillary trading income**					
	Bookstall and cards	270			270	*637*
	Church and property lettings	509			509	*845*
	Youth and holiday club	218			218	*3,550*
	Magazines and printing	2,412			2,412	*2,403*
	Fees, including bellringing	8,145			8,145	*20,153*
	Coffee shop	15,470			15,470	*49,759*
	Property rental	11,664			11,664	-
		38,688			38,688	*77,347*
2(d)	**Income from investments**					
	Dividends and interest, including income tax recovered	2,355			2,355	*2,347*
	Gain on disposal of investment	-			-	*1,295*
		2,355		-	2,355	3,642
	Total incoming resources	168,278	38,468	-	206,746	*288,921*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3	RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 Total £	*2019 Total £*
3(a)	**Missionary and charitable giving**					
	The Church overseas:					
	Missionary societies and relief and development agencies	274			274	*6,094*
	Home missions and other Church societies	10,413	2,134		12,547	*7,600*
	Secular charities	338	1,869		2,207	*4,197*
		11,025	4,003		15,028	*17,891*
3(b)	**Activities directly relating to the work of the Church**					
	The ministry:					
	Diocesan quota	88,166	5,000		93,166	*89,621*
	Incumbent's and clergy expenses	3,510	-		3,510	*7,211*
	Vicarage expenses	-	-		-	*1,585*
	Curates' houses	964	-		964	*13,937*
	Church - running expenses	21,290	-		21,290	*22,754*
	Church maintenance	7,156	15,399		22,555	*30,100*
	Upkeep of services	7,689	-		7,689	*12,988*
	Upkeep of churchyard	2,264	-		2,264	*2,526*
	Expenditure on church magazine and bookstall	380	-		380	*299*
	Expenditure on coffee shop (including refurbishment)	6,923	-		6,923	*16,936*
	Choir costs	-	8,601		8,601	*10,702*
	Youth and junior church	669	300		969	*4,565*
		139,011	29,300		168,311	*213,224*
3(c)	**Fund raising and publicity**					
	Cost of fetes, bazaars and other fund raising	914			914	*2,201*
3(d)	**Church management and administration**					
	Salaries and wages	27,555	-		27,555	*26,847*
	Office and sundry expenses	9,704	-		9,704	*10,060*
		37,259	-		37,259	*36,907*
3(e)	**Extraordinary expenditure**					
	Major works to the Church (see note 12)		8,958		8,958	33,284
	VAT repayments		(5,044)		(5,044)	
			3,914		3,914	
	Total resources used	188,209	37,217	-	225,426	303,507

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	2020 £	*2019 £*
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	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets and investments	125,000	-	33,096	158,096	*158,096*
Current assets	33,680	66,911	18,804	119,395	*132,378*
Current liabilities	(8,293)	-	-	(8,293)	*(2,596)*
Total net assets	150,387	66,911	51,900	269,198	*287,878*

8 DEBTORS

	2020	*2019*
	£	£
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	2020	*2019*
	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	8,293	*2,596*

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