

Registered Charity Number: 1131279

The Parish Of St. Mary The Virgin, Datchet
Annual report and financial statements of
The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish
Of St. Mary The Virgin Datchet
Year Ended 31 December 2023

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical
Parish Of St. Mary The Virgin Datchet**

**Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Report of the Trustees for year ended 31 December 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Numbers 1131279

The charity is registered under the name 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Datchet but is more commonly known as the Datchet PCC. The charity was registered at the Charity Commission on the 21 August 2019.

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Trustees:

Vicar:	Reverend Darcy Chesterfield- Terry (Resigned 30/09/2023) Currently the position of vicar is in interregnum.
Churchwardens:	Sally-Anne Jarvis Mrs Elaine Eastham
Representatives on Deanery Synod:	Mr M Edwards (Treasurer)
Elected Members:	Mrs Helen Jensen Dr Eirian Davies Mrs Caroline Cole Mrs Rowena Mignot

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Report of the Trustees for year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Members of the Datchet PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Objects and Activities

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public Benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Background

St Mary's is the Church for the whole parish and is open to the whole community.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin Datchet has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Revd Darcy Chesterfield- Terry, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, The Green, Datchet, Any correspondence should be addressed to: St Mary's Vicarage, London Road, Datchet, Slough, Berks, SL3 9JW.

The Parish is a member of Churches Together in Datchet, the body that promotes ecumenical worship and activity amongst St Mary the Virgin, Datchet Baptist Church and St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church.

St Mary's is part of the "Southern Grouping" of churches (a legal Group) within the Burnham and Slough Deanery, along with Colnbrook Horton & Wraysbury, Upton-cum-Chalvey and Langley. The clergy and other lay ministers of the Southern Grouping hold regular meetings.

Committees and Task Groups

The PCC operates through a number of committees and task groups, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. Each group has a remit approved annually by the PCC. The groups are:

Standing Committee - This is the only committee that is required by law. It has the power to transact PCC business between PCC meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Stewardship Task Group - The group considers the various aspects of Stewardship and promotes, organises and collects the church's planned giving. The Stewardship Recorder records the planned giving.

Fundraising Group - The group focuses specifically on fundraising through raffles and events, etc. It complements the efforts of the Stewardship Task Group (who focus on planned, regular giving), and works in collaboration with them.

Youth Task Group - The group seeks to promote ministry amongst young people and children in the church, including Sunday School, Pram Service and youth groups.

Worship and Study Task Group - The group supports various aspects of worship and study.

Mission and Social Responsibility Task Group - The group seeks to promote mission and social action by the congregation of St. Mary's. It is responsible for fostering our links with the missions and charities which the church supports. It also makes recommendations to the PCC on how to direct its external giving.

The Pastoral Care Group - This group is responsible for helping the Vicar with the pastoral care of members of the congregation and the wider parish.

Repairs and Maintenance Task Group - The group is responsible for advising the PCC on the repair and maintenance of the fabric of the church and informing the PCC of works required and completed. In particular to respond to the recommendations of the Quinquennial inspection.

Friends of St Mary's - This is a group that provides financial and moral support for the work of St Mary's in the community.

Leadership Team - This group consists of six members (inclusive of the Vicar) and is tasked with implementing the Church's Vision and providing leadership alongside the Vicar. It is accountable to the PCC and reports to each PCC meetings.

Going concern

2022 saw a significant legacy from Gordon Murray which allowed the Church to pay the full Parish share for the year and also contribute to 2023

The trustees are confident, however, that the charity will be able to see through the current uncertainty. Therefore, it is the trustee's opinion that the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts continues to be appropriate.

Reserves policy

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary The Virgin Datchet maintains its reserves at a minimum level consistent with maintaining its viability. At the year end the level of unrestricted reserves excluding fixed assets was £6,852 (2022 - £20,773).

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical
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Report of the Trustees for year ended 31 December 2023

Financial Review 2023

2023 has been a difficult year for several reasons. From a finance point of view ,although we received 2 very welcome legacies during the year amounting to £7,500, there was still a significant deficit between the funds we received during the year and expenditure paid out. We managed to pay our full Parish share for 2023 thanks to the 2 legacies received mentioned plus the balance carried forward from last year from Gordon Murray. However that reduced our unrestricted reserves from £22,600 to £5,382 by the end of 2023, before adjustment.

At this stage the PCC thought it was prudent to start the year 2024 by reducing the monthly payment for the parish share to £500 and then reviewing it every 3 months. Also we have been carrying forward a sum of £3,500 from 2018 as a creditor for distribution of funds to 7 charities of 500 each which we have not been in a viable position to distribute. The PCC agreed to write this back into the accounts which has meant the reserves are increased to £8,852 at the end of the year.


Day to day expenditure is kept to a minimum and apart from printing costs, administrator and organist honorariums , there is very little other expenditure to cut back on which are not covered by the Barker Bridge Trust.

The one main area we need to improve is planned giving/stewardship which has dropped from £44K per annum in 2017 to just £18K in 2023. When you add the gift aid element that is a shortfall of over £31K in a year. Plenty to cover our costs without resorting to relying on legacies to pay the parish share. Somehow we need to get back to these levels in the future during these difficult times.

I have decided to retire from the position of treasurer as I will be 79 this year plus have other issues to deal with. One being my son's struggle to keep his restaurant going during these difficult times for the hospitality industry. I have enjoyed working with the PCC and other members of the St Mary's Church community.

On behalf of the Datchet PCC.

M Edwards

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Date: 23-May-2024

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical
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**Report of the Church Wardens
for year ended 31 December 2023**

Achievements and Performance/review of the year

During 2023 St Mary's has faced some unusual and difficult challenges in maintaining the energy, commitment and enthusiasm for sustaining development and growing all the activities undertaken, alongside regular worship, of the church in the absence of the guiding Leadership of a working incumbent being in place, but still in role. Without the focal point of knowing when they would be able to return to take up the duties and re start the stalled processes (due to both covid and extended pastoral leave), this has had a dampening and depressing effect on progress, causing parishioners anxiety and concern. This has been one of the biggest, if not the most significant of challenges and we are proud that, despite concerns, the parish has put their trust in the leadership of the Churchwardens, PCC and Area Dean and supported them wholeheartedly, evidenced by seeing new increasing energy and enthusiasm beginning to sprout new growth in the last 6 months or so. We saw a significant increase in attendance at Christmas 2023 and a gradual increase in weekly attendance to an average of 35 up from an average of 16 in 2022. Events such as Messy Church also saw an enthusiastic uptake from children of all ages from 2022.

It is fair to say that although we ended 2023 on a note of uncertainty, it was a very different type from the uncertainty we experienced on entering the year. In January 2023 we had no idea how long the extended leave was to be, or what would happen making it hard to plan further than 3 months ahead at a time. Despite this we navigated through and managed to remain on an even keel. We held some successful events – a BBQ, The St Nicholas Fayre and Raffle and Harvest Supper bring and share to name a few: These saw the people coming together in fellowship and feeling more confident as the year progressed; the sense of low energy slowly dissipating. When we ended the year it was to a different outlook entirely – although still an uncertain future it had a more familiar feel to it – one of cautious hope as we are now in a vacancy and undergoing an interregnum, this gives us a measure of being able to make some more effective decisions moving forward: Committed to God every step of the way.

Another success has been the growing attendance which has gradually been creeping up over the year. Lay Led Services were reintroduced, and presented in a Café style within a more formal framework than Café church usually offers. We were pleasantly surprised with the number of children increasing attending events and services such as Messy Christmas, the Christingle Service and the Nativity, (there were 120 in total at the Crib Service) we saw a significant increase in attendance at the Midnight Mass service the church was almost full which was extremely uplifting to see after the low numbers the previous three years.

Sadly although we have made progress through the year it has felt very much like one step forward and three back, and some of our projects have had to be placed on the back burner until we knew where we stood regarding having a minister to see them through: One of these was the Vision development, which we look forward to developing with a new minister sometime in 2024. We were delighted to welcome the Reverend Samson Kuponiya, who came to help out initially for three months, but this was extended for a few more. His quiet but powerful spirituality and presence brought new life and hope into our church life and complimented the ministry of Reverend Canon Janet Binns the Area Dean perfectly.

We continued to have a good relationship with the young men from The Manor Hotel Asylum. They demonstrated a true faith and resilience in being tested by God, and taught us a lot about both. They have enriched our own experience of 'being church' and have been fully embraced into the family and life of St Mary's.

Finances

Until very recently St Mary the Virgin has a proven track record of delivering on a strong commitment to stewardship and giving. We signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme in 2017 and pre-covid had a high percentage of sign up – @ 90% with a number of the remaining being committed to giving through Pledged Giving envelopes: Post covid and departure away from the village of two treasurers in five years, combined with the extended pastoral leave, interrupting the routines around Stewardship has had the slow but gradual impact of reducing our income and are now finding it this area has become one of our most significant challenges and a key priority to be addressed to mitigate any risks this may bring: We have taken steps to address this already. Alongside developing an events programme with both social and fundraising elements, looking at how to reestablish the Annual Pantomime for 2025 (one of our biggest success in both social and financial outcomes in previous years). We have invited the Diocesan Generous Giving Advisor help us assess, plan and implement a robust strategy to move forward and get back on track to return to a well-supported and effective Stewardship of our resources—human, assets (including volunteer time) as well as financial.

Up to the end of 2023, we managed our Share payments in full each year. However this was with the welcome receipt of several legacies with our current position, the forecast is that for 2024 we will struggle to meet the full amount. Despite this, we are still able to pay 'Caesar' the majority of what is owed through the great blessing having the Barker Bridge House Trust Ecclesiastical Branch. This means we are to be able to plan works, meet the Quinquennial schedule, other repairs and maintenance as required, and to currently pay off the increasingly rising costs of utilities such as heating, energy use and similar through this fund. We are aware of how fortunate this Trust has made us and give thanks that it has been a particular blessing in helping us navigate through the past few years. We were also able to replace the totally inadequate and non-functional sound system with this in 2023.

We wish to thank the Revd Canon Janet Binns, our Area Dean who has been tireless and extremely supportive, wisely guiding the PCC and our congregation through the challenges faced.

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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical
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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

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

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

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

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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**The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical
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**Statement Of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income:					
Donations and legacies	2	38,376		38,376	72,347
Income from charitable activities	2	5,099	3,413	8,512	14,047
Investment income	2	99	97	196	41
Other incoming resources	2	37,588		37,588	14,721
Total incoming resources		81,162	3,510	84,672	101,156
Expenditure:					
Costs of raising funds	3	3,514		3,514	2,196
Charitable activities	3	91,569	2,766	94,335	80,576
Total expenditure		95,083	2,766	97,849	82,772
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before transfers		(13,921)	744	(13,177)	18,384
Gross transfers between funds				-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds after transfers		(13,921)	744	(13,177)	18,384
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,921)	744	(13,177)	18,384
Total funds brought forward		22,773	15,909	38,682	20,298
Total funds carried forward		8,852	16,653	25,505	38,682

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**Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
Fixed assets:					
Tangible fixed assets	4	2,000		2,000	2,000
		<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Current assets:					
Debtors	5	5,271		5,271	7,690
Cash at Bank		6,378	16,810	23,188	39,085
		<u>11,649</u>	<u>16,810</u>	<u>28,459</u>	<u>46,775</u>
Current liabilities					
Creditors	6	4,797	157	4,954	10,093
		<u>6,852</u>	<u>16,653</u>	<u>23,505</u>	<u>36,682</u>
Net current assets					
		<u>8,852</u>	<u>16,653</u>	<u>25,505</u>	<u>38,682</u>
Net assets					
		<u>8,852</u>	<u>16,653</u>	<u>25,505</u>	<u>38,682</u>
Funds of the charity:					
General Reserve	7	6,605		6,605	20,526
Fixed Asset Fund	8	2,000		2,000	2,000
Friends of Saint Mary's	8			-	-
CMS Wyard Congo Mission	8			-	-
Children and Youth Work Fund	8	8		8	8
Anne Thomas	8		1,000	1,000	1,000
Choir Music and Resources Fund	8		170	170	170
Choir Musicians' Bursary Scheme	8	239	-	239	239
Church Community Centre Project	8		-	-	-
Gordon Murray Legacy	8		9,239	9,239	9,239
Link Magazine Fund	8		4,722	4,722	3,978
Percy Whitford Choir Music Fund	8		520	520	520
Tower/Steeple Repair Fund	8		2	2	2
Valerie Butler	8		1,000	1,000	1,000
		<u>8,852</u>	<u>16,653</u>	<u>25,505</u>	<u>38,682</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements

On behalf of the Datchet PCC.

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Date: 23-May-2024

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**Notes To The Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023**

Note 1: Accounting Policies:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

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 that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Income Recognition

Voluntary income and capital sources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under pledge is recognised only when received.
- Income Tax that is recoverable on Gift Aided Planned Giving and Gift Aided Donations made during the year are estimated and recognised in that year.
- Grants and legacies are accounted for when received by the PCC.

Gross income from events and activities

- To the extent that sufficient records are available, monies raised through fund raising activities are accounted for gross, whilst costs associated with fund raising are regarded as resources used.

Income from investments

- Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.
- Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Expenditure Recognition

Grants

- Grants and donations are accounted for when paid out.
- Where the PCC has a binding obligation to make an award for the particular accounting year, this is accounted for even if it has not been paid.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

- The diocesan quota, or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

- Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by sections of the Charities Act 2011.
- No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust of the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement Of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

- Equipment used within the church premises and parish office is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Piano's are not depreciated.
- Individual items with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

- Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, grants, Income Tax refunds, or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove to be non recoverable.

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**Notes To The Financial Statements
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	Notes	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
Note 2: Income:					
Donations and legacies					
Planned giving		18,844		18,844	20,246
Donations		1,568		1,568	1,615
Donations to Church Community Centre		2,811		2,811	2,139
Collections in cash		2,418		2,418	2,647
Gift Aid		5,235		5,235	5,444
Legacies		7,500		7,500	40,256
Friends of St Mary's	11	-		-	-
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		38,376	-	38,376	72,347
Income from charitable activities					
Friends of St Mary's	11	272		272	272
Fundraising	10	3,155		3,155	2,507
Book Stall		-		-	-
Fees - Weddings etc.		1,672		1,672	5,688
Contribution to advertisement		-		-	-
Church hall lettings		-		-	-
Advertising in 'The Link'			3,413	3,413	5,580
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		5,099	3,413	8,512	14,047
Investment income					
Interest		99	97	196	41
Other income					
Refund from BBHT	9	37,588		37,588	14,721
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		37,588	-	37,588	14,721
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Total incoming resources		81,162	3,510	84,672	101,156
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	Notes	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
Note 3: Expenditure:					
Costs of raising funds					
Governance cost		3,294		3,294	2,100
Costs of Church room events		220		220	96
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		3,514	-	3,514	2,196
Charitable activities					
Parish share	12	38,240		38,240	41,297
Giving - relief and development agencies		(3,500)		(3,500)	
Deanery share		623		623	2,035
Giving to missionary societies		-		-	-
Link expenses		-	2,766	2,766	5,304
Upkeep of services		1,641		1,641	810
Organists salary		3,912		3,912	3,888
Relief organists		120		120	550
Organist and choir expenses		171		171	447
Youth support		-		-	85
Vicar's expenses		631		631	1,557
Administration		3,740		3,740	3,632
Office telephone		644		644	(72)
Administrators salary		7,176		7,176	6,564
Misc		980		980	124
Insurance premium - BBHT funded	9	4,497		4,497	4,133
Church cleaning - BBHT funded	9	2,520		2,520	2,498
Hall gas - BBHT funded	9	1,863		1,863	1,911
Electricity - BBHT funded	9	1,513		1,513	1,381
Water - BBHT funded	9	147		147	223
Church heating oil - BBHT funded	9	4,748		4,748	1,814
Churchyard upkeep - BBHT	9	-		-	-
Church Maintenance - BBHT funded	9	21,903		21,903	2,395
Boiler repairs - BBHT funded	9	-		-	-
Steeple repairs - BBHT funded	9	-		-	-
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		95,069	2,766	94,335	80,576
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Total expenditure		98,583	2,766	97,849	82,772
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**Notes To The Financial Statements
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Note 4: Assets

The fixed assets valued at £2,000 relates to a piano that has been held at cost since purchase due to the nature of the asset.

A Valuation on other assets for insurance purposes was last undertaken in January 2015. The current insured sums for fire are

Buildings	£8,118,358
Contents	£226,000

In exchange for a reduction in annual premium the PCC have accepted an Excess of £1,000 on claims.

Note 5: Debtors

	2023	2022
Barker Bridge House Trust	5,271	7,690
HM Revenue & Customs	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
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	5,271	7,690
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Note 6: Creditors

	2023	2022
External Giving not yet paid	-	3,500
Accrued expenditure	4,797	6,195
Agency collections	157	398
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	4,954	10,093
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Note 7: Balance of general fund

General Fund Cash At Bank as at 31 December 2023	5,904
Debtors	5,271
Creditors	(4,797)
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	6,378
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**Notes To The Financial Statements
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Note 8: Details of the movement of restricted and designated funds in 2023

	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Opening Balance 01/01/2023	Closing Balance 31/12/2023
Designated funds*					
*(Unrestricted funds designated by the PCC)					
Fixed Assets Fund (The PCC owns a computer, a lawnmower, a piano, a piano stool and sundry small equipment). Only the piano has a value in the balance sheet.				2,000	2,000
Children and Youth Work Fund				8	8
Choir Musicians' Bursary Scheme				239	239
CMS Wyard Congo Mission				-	-
Restricted Funds					
Link Magazine Fund (Established in 1999.)	3,510	(2,766)		3,978	4,722
Anne Thomas				1,000	1,000
Barker Bridge House Trust				-	-
Choir Music and Resources Fund				170	170
Church Community Centre Project (part restricted) (This fund is designated by the PCC for the replacement of the Church Room and other purposes the PCC may decide.)				-	-
Gordon Murray Legacy				9,239	9,239
Percy Whitford Choir Music Fund				520	520
Tower/Steeple repair fund				2	2
Valeri Butler				1,000	1,000
Total (Designated and Restricted):	3,510	(2,766)	-	18,156	18,900

Note 9: Barker Bridge House Trust

The Church Branch of the 'Charity of the Robert Barker, or the Bridge House Trust' known as the Barker Bridge House Trust (Church Branch) may apply its income to the repair of the Church. By consent of the Charities Commission authorised expenditure has been expanded to include the annexed church room, preventative maintenance, equipment to enable this, renewals, cleaning, insurance, heating, electricity, water and care of the church yard. In 2023 the trustees met claims from the PCC of £37,558.

The Trust is a registered charity and independent of the PCC

Funds recovered from other sources which BBHT (Church Branch) would otherwise have refunded are also recorded here. The Church Commissioners and the Listed Churches Grant Scheme both contribute to Church redecoration when called upon.

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Note 10: Details of Fund Raising

The following monies were raised in 2023 for the general purposes of the Church :-

	Income
St. Nicholas Fair	1,996
Summer BBQ	345
Jewelry sales	250
Easy fundraising	40
Church cards at the Bridge	42
Summer fete	320
Amazon smile	8
Other	154
	<hr/> 3,155

Note 11: Friends of St Mary's Datchet

A Friends organisation was established in 1997, which operates as sub-committee of the PCC.

All income is collected in a separate bank account for a periodic transfer to the PCC's General Fund.

In 2023 £Nil (2022 £Nil) was transferred to the PCC.

A summary of the Friends of St Mary's financial affairs is set out below:-

	Income
Subscriptions and donations	272
Tax recovery	-
Interest received	-
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A balance of £1,799 (2022 - £1,527) was in hand and carried forward at the 31 December 2023 included in the general funds.

Note 12: The Bridge

Datchet Parish Centre, known as the 'The Bridge' is a company independent of the PCC. Under the terms of a guarantee given by the PCC 'The Bridge' may request a loan from the PCC if it has insufficient funds to pay the rent of 24, The Green, Datchet. To the extent it is able 'The Bridge' will repay any such loan from its trading surplus.

Note 13: Apportionment of Bank Interest

Interest was apportioned to each fund relative to its average balance.

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Note 14: Details of External Giving

External Giving during 2023 and 2022 comprised the following :-

	2023	2022
Mission Aviation Fellowship	-	-
Mercy Ships	-	-
Mother Union Overseas	-	-
Wycliffe Bible Translators	-	-
Slough Refugee Support	-	-
Church Army	-	-
Slough Samaritans	-	-
Thames Hospice	-	-
Church Mission Society	-	-
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Charitable Giving out of Income	-	-
Will be distributed in 2019 as collection banked post year end	-	-
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Special Collections for Charity	-	-
Part of Parish Share over and above share of ministry cost in support of ministry in other parishes	-	-
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	-	-
Total Charitable Giving	-	-
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Total Charitable Giving as a percentage of unrestricted income	0%	0%

Note 15: Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023	2022
Independent Examination fees	<u>2,508</u>	<u>1,920</u>

Note 16: Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL) .

During the year ended 31 December 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL) .

Note 17: Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2022 - £NIL) .