

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne

St Saviour's Church, South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4UT

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For the year ended 31st December 2023

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St Saviour's Eastbourne

Trustees Annual Report for 2023

"This church is an architectural gem, typical of the Victorian Gothic revival. Although not his design, it has echoes of Pugin. We also met the clergy and some of the members of the church, who gave us a really warm welcome. Located close to the town centre, a visit is highly recommended."

– a 'Tripadvisor' reviewer

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Fr Mark McAulay SSC, in:

- The promotion of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Being more open, converted, generous and engaged as a church (Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025)
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need, or ability to pay
- Providing practical support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. We were also encouraged to specifically revisit our 2019 Mission Action Plan by the Diocese of Chichester as the Diocese prepared Deanery Mission Plans. Our Mission Action Plan is regularly reviewed, and we also regularly ensure our activities are in sympathy with the Diocesan Vision for Growth 2020-2025.

For 2023 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering a daily Mass (and other opportunities) of worship, teaching and prayer
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish through donations of food, non-perishable goods and money to the Matthew 25 Mission, Family Support Work and Eastbourne Foodbank
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as an historic and significant venue in the centre of the town which is also used extensively as a venue for instrumental and choral recitals
- Maintaining the church hall as a venue for parish events and for use by local groups and charities (often without charge)

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Worship

We are pleased to welcome visitors from outside as well as inside the parish boundary. Mass is offered daily on every day of the year, including Bank Holidays, and the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated on behalf of the entire parish. As Eastbourne is a popular holiday destination some visitors seek out St Saviour's for its traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, many of whom return to us year after year. Visitors attend by personal choice, and it is our great pleasure to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We contend that being open to all people, and voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

"The church is beautiful. But for me what draws me back is well planned liturgy and a welcoming congregation."

– a 'Tripadvisor' reviewer

Our average regular weekly attendance, counted during October 2023, was **187** adults and children (by way of context, an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of **44** adults and children attending each week in 2022).

It has also been a great encouragement to welcome new worshippers to St. Saviour's. At the time of writing this Report (April 2024), average attendance at the main Sunday Mass at 10.30am is **117** (which is an increase on the previous year and, by way of context, the figure in the previous paragraph reveals that an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of 38 adults and children attending each week – **including Sundays** - in 2022. See p.10 at [statisticsformission2022.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](https://www.churchofengland.org/statisticsformission2022.pdf)).

Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and guided prayer before the noon Mass on Tuesdays continued throughout 2023 and continues to be much appreciated. The healing ministries of laying on of hands and anointing at the Mass on every 3rd Sunday continued and are well valued and used by the congregation, and those visiting for Mass.

The daily Mass and the main Sunday Mass at 10.30am also continued to be live streamed for the benefit of those who were housebound and/or ill, together with many people across the UK (and, indeed, beyond). We take this "online" ministry seriously and know that it is much valued and appreciated by those who engage with it. In 2023, our online 'reach' on Facebook increased almost 89% to over 34,000 people. The total number of Facebook visits (i.e., where people have deliberately sought us) was 14,700, which is an increase of some 48% from the previous year and we now have a group of 229 dedicated followers (up 35%). The audience for our posts and videos includes people from as far afield as the US & Canada, Australia and Europe – as well as other parts of the UK besides Eastbourne. Our daily Masses were always watched live by at least some people, whilst Mass on Sundays usually had a live audience in double figures. These services also enjoyed – and continue to enjoy – substantial engagement after their broadcast and are available online to watch at a later date as well both on Facebook and YouTube.

During 2023 we continued to celebrate midweek sung Masses for Solemnities and Major Feasts. The decision to celebrate these during the day rather than in the evening continued to be popular as they were well attended with an average of **41** communicants (to put this into perspective, an "average" Church of England parish church in 2022 had a total average of **38** adults and children attending every **Sunday**). For example, the sung Mass on Ascension Day was attended by **47** people. This welcome trend has continued up until the time of writing this report.

Numbers attending on Ash Wednesday were significantly up on the previous year by 80%, although it was rather disappointing to see an average weekly attendance of only 11 for Stations of the Cross. However, as against that attendances throughout Holy Week were very encouraging (from Palm Sunday to Easter Day no less than **609** people attended our services).

The Easter Vigil and Easter Day Masses were attended by **266** people (**188** in 2022, and by way of context, an "average" Church of England parish church had a total average of **58** adults and children attending Easter Services in 2022).

Christmas is obviously a very special time of celebration where many sections of the community come together to join in our services, particularly Nine Lessons & Carols – which was attended by **225** people (**135** the year before). Our immensely popular Christmas Gala with local choirs, soloists and the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham brass band was enjoyed by over 200 people on 19th December. Our immense thanks to our

Director of Music, Paul Collins, for making this possible. The Midnight Mass of Christmas, and Mass of Christmas morning were attended by **193** people (by way of context, an “average” Church of England parish church had a total average of **109** adults and children attending Christmas Services in 2022).

On the joyful occasion of the Coronation of HM The King on 6th May, a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Vicar. The occasion was also marked by a full peal of our bells (using the Cambridge Surprise Royal method, comprising no less than 5,040 changes and taking 3½ hours!) and, in the evening, a fundraising Gourmet Dinner.

“A ‘thank you’ email for the work you have done on our behalf this year, especially so with Sunday’s celebratory eucharist which for me was a profound spiritual experience of the living Christ...”

– a member of the congregation commenting on our celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King 2023

A greater number of our church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, reading the lessons, leading intercessions and serving at the altar. In this latter respect, our thanks go to Canon Richard Harper SSC who has done sterling work training the serving team and generally improving the standard of our liturgy. We are also grateful for the dedication and hard work

of our volunteer Sacristan, Bruno Da Silva.

We have continued to try to improve the quality of our welcome to, and engagement with, visiting worshippers by deliberately deploying clergy at the back of church to engage with them and guide them towards refreshments and fellowship after the main Sunday Mass, which is much appreciated. This engagement also helps the clergy to be more aware of, and responsive to, the pastoral needs of our congregation and visitors. We were delighted to welcome the Revd. Canon Tom Mendel SSC, former Vicar of Eastbourne (and so Patron of St. Saviour’s) into the college of clergy in November.

At St. Saviour’s we take seriously our duty to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9), and our programme of restoration and renewal in this respect continued throughout 2023. In March two new ormolu chandeliers (which were first used to great effect in front of the Maundy Thursday altar of repose) were donated by an anonymous donor; our thanks to them for their kindness. In preparation for Passiontide, Krys Breeze made some additional veils. During Holy Week, Tony Sharley refurbished and polished our Pugin crucifix and six candlesticks. In April the statue of St. Peter from his eponymous chapel was removed to be sensitively cleaned and restored by professional restorers from the South East Conservation Centre in St. Leonards-on-Sea; our thanks to the generous anonymous donor who made this possible. It was good to see St. Peter back looking so splendidly in June. On 22nd April we were horrified to find that our statue of the Risen Christ from our Easter Garden in front of the nave altar had been removed and deliberately damaged by vandals; thankfully Paul Fella was able to repair it but as a consequence we reluctantly decided that we were unable to leave the figures out when the church is unattended during the week. Paul also repaired damage to the nave altar which was inflicted by one of our visitors. On a much more positive note, through April and May 2023 Paul Fella designed and made a splendid new Exposition Throne for the monstrance which was first used to great acclaim on Corpus Christi Sunday. A fascinating article as to how Paul went about this project appeared in the July-August edition of our parish magazine, “Logos”.

At the end of May Paul also regilded the finials of the Holy House gate in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. After St. Peter’s reinstatement, Tony Sharley cleaned and restored the brass altar crucifix and candles in St. Peter’s chapel.

During July and August Genevieve Gomi of Stella Maris Vestments returned our “All Seasons” white chasuble together with the Vicar’s cloth of gold Low Mass set, which she had restored. We were also delighted that she sent our new green High Mass set in time, the dalmatic of which for use by our assistant curate in his diaconal year (as well as a new matching pulpit fall and tabernacle veil). It is pleasing that the fabric used in these commissions, “Jay” by Comper, is a modern pressing of a fabric in which we have always had Victorian era vestments at St. Saviour’s. Some of the funding for these came from the generous legacy of the late Jane Pinching; we are confident that Jane would have approved of what we have commissioned as she very much appreciated the worship of God in the beauty of holiness, and we continue to pray that she may rest in peace. After a fundraising “Songs of Praise” concert, and through the support of individual donors, towards the end of the year we were able to purchase and install brass candle holders for the choir stalls which were used to great effect over the Christmas period.

Perhaps more prosaic but nevertheless important in their impact, thanks to the very generous legacy of the late Alan Langridge we were able to commission bespoke pew seat cushions which are not only comfortable but are aesthetically pleasing and make a considerable improvement to the appearance of the pew seating.

During most of November we honoured our war dead through our Festival of Remembrance which included again a large carpet of hundreds of hand-knitted poppies in the porch – our thanks to those who knitted the poppies. Paul Fella created a poignant and powerful display in the baptistery on theme of non-combatant innocent victims of war (such as internees, POWs, and forced labour) which was much appreciated.

Having hosted the candlelight concerts of “Lumos Live” who first used them, Paul suggested that for our Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve and Midnight Mass we light the central aisle from the back of church to the crib and altar with LED candles – this was a great success both in terms of the atmosphere it created but also by drawing the eye and attention to the crib and altar.

Over the course of the year the beauty of the church is significantly enhanced by the wonderful flower arrangements put together by our dedicated team of arrangers. Our thanks to Judy Grundy, Krystle Breeze and the rest of the team.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Since becoming parish priest in 2018 Fr Mark has put a deliberate emphasis on teaching and catechesis, which is both noted and appreciated. A short teaching homily is preached at every daily Mass (sadly, an unusual practice these days in most churches), short explanations of the Sunday readings are provided in the Sunday service booklet, and daily teaching and devotional materials have been introduced for the use of the congregation in Advent and Lent. Our attractive, and high quality, parish magazine

“I’ve attended several Lent and Advent courses during my years at St. Saviour’s, and I found this to course to be the most balanced and personally rewarding..”
– a participant on the ‘Bread of Life’ course

(“Logos”) also has regular teaching articles in it. Since the arrival of our Assistant Curate in June 2023, the Vicar’s monthly theological reflection has been joined by a similar theological reflection appropriately entitled, “The Curate’s Egg”. Throughout 2023 via the “Art of St. Saviour’s” column readers have also been educated about the meaning behind the many mosaics in the church (particularly the Beatitudes mosaics surrounding the High Altar - including Nicodemus, Cornelius, St. James, St. John the Baptist – and then the stained glass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, including St. Richard, St. Anselm and St. Bede). These articles have been highly regarded, as have been the more secular offerings from (the now sadly late) Robert Milnes who concluded his extensive series on ‘Sullivan And/Or Gilbert’, and Annette Smyth’s new gardening tips column. Our sincere thanks to all our contributors and particularly to Paul Fella for his hard work in editing and producing such a high-quality magazine.

During Lent there was a full programme of events, including weekly Stations of the Cross, a Lent Course, and charity Lent lunches (on 2nd and 30th March). We were delighted to welcome Br. Steven Hawes CR, a monk of the Community of the Resurrection, as our Ash Wednesday and Holy Week preacher in 2023. Br. Steven’s character and teaching made quite an impact and was much appreciated by those attending the liturgies. The new *Bread of Life*

“I’ve learned so much... also much more about the small details of the Eucharist... an eye-opener and a soul-opener: it has led me to a different way of receiving communion.”
– a participant on the ‘Bread of Life’ course

Lent course produced by the Church Union – based on both the Eucharist and the structure of the Mass itself - was both well attended (including people from other churches) and incredibly well received. Those attending clearly deepened in their faith and in their sacramental lives.

Walk with Me Lent prayer booklets were made available, as was a pamphlet explaining the

significance of Holy Week and the times of the services which was widely distributed.

It was a delight to see Hector, from one of our church families, baptised on 7th May. It was also with great joy that we saw one of our younger members, Athena, baptised and confirmed by the Bishop of Lewes on 10th September when he visited St. Saviour’s.

In anticipation of the restoration of the chalice at communion, on 8th June the Vicar and Canon Richard Harper SSC (one of our associate clergy) delivered training for existing and new eucharistic ministers. 12 were trained and were publicly commissioned and given their licences from the Bishop during the main Sunday Mass on 2nd July.

23 people went on pilgrimage, led by the Vicar, the Assistant Curate & Canon Richard Harper SSC to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 2nd – 6th October. As well as an opportunity for prayer, quiet reflection and spiritual refreshment, there was an opportunity for fellowship with other parishes (as we were joined by parishioners from St. Andrew's, Christ Church, St. Mary's Old Town and some of the Vicar's previous parishioners from North London).

Throughout Advent, our Assistant Curate successfully delivered an Advent course he had specially written on the

"I wasn't looking forward to the session on death but was very pleasantly surprised at just how hopeful it was..."

– a participant on the 'Four Last Things' course

Four Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell), which was well attended and well received. These themes were also reinforced by an Advent sermon series at the Sunday Masses on the same theological themes. *Walk with Me* Advent prayer booklets were also made available.

Building up the Body of Christ together

"The fellowship I have experienced at St. Saviour's has been second to none... Thank you for a really rich and nourishing first year."

– a newer member of the congregation

As well as worshipping together, we continue to be deliberate in our attempts to build up relationships and social cohesion amongst our members, our visitors and all those who wish to join us. In addition to our weekly time of fellowship together after Mass (our thanks go to Gill Goff and her team who provide us – and, more importantly, those visiting us - with that important ministry), we were pleased to offer an extensive programme of social activities (some of which are outlined later in this Report).

We also build relationships and cohesion as a church family by supporting each other in times of difficulty and in celebrating happy occasions together. We gave thanks at the altar for the lives of Fred Reeve in April, Audrey Dodsley in June, David Thorpe in August, John Hooper and Pam Mayhew in September and Peter Benzing in October. May they all rest in peace.

We continued our tradition of regularly celebrating the significant birthdays of our members with cake and wine after Mass on Sunday (including Robert Ascott's 80th birthday, the 90th birthday of Anthony Parrott and Diana Warland's 90th birthday on Easter Sunday). In June we bade farewell to our altar server Exequiel and his family as they left the UK for the United States – and we wish them all blessings for their future.

Evangelism and outreach

We have three primary outreach ministries: *ChatStop* (a monthly breakfast club/coffee morning for those who would benefit from companionship and conversation), *Lunch for One* (a monthly lunch club primarily for those who live alone but open to all), and the *Wellbeing Café* (a weekly café for those with mental health challenges) – all of which are greatly valued by those who use them, and the local community.

ChatStop was originally run on the model of being a "coffee morning" but has been developed into additionally offering breakfast, brunch, soup and mini lunches. The average number of guests served is 36. Any leftover food is offered to those who have limited cooking facilities, the homeless and those with other social needs. Highlights of the year for guests were the August "wrong time tea party" and the December Christmas tea party with a visit from Father Christmas's representative.

Lunch for One runs between 12noon and 2pm every third Saturday of the month and the average number of guests attending is 54. A two-course lunch with a choice of meat or vegetarian food is served together with a pudding, cup of tea and a slice of cake or biscuits (all of which, for logistical reasons, are pre-ordered, although "walk in" guests are always accommodated rather than turned away and there is a nominal charge of £3). Birthdays are celebrated and all are welcome, especially carers. Any leftover food is offered to those who have limited cooking facilities, the homeless and those with other social needs.

These are significant areas of outreach and service which are much valued by those who use them in the local community. Our thanks to Yvonne & Bill Dyer and all the other volunteers and supporters who make them possible.

"I like the fellowship and the food and the friendly people."

"It's one of the most friendly and pleasant places to be."

"It gives me company during the week and helps me break up the week. It's good for my wellbeing. No arguments ever break out. The atmosphere is good and friendly."

"I come here for comradeship, the general atmosphere and the friendliness."

"I like meeting people and the good food."

"I come here for the people - everyone is so friendly and I feel safe here. Plus, the tea is good!"

- from a June 2023 survey of Wellbeing Café guests

The weekly *Wellbeing Café* (the first of its kind in a church in Eastbourne) has gone from strength to strength and now has between 30 and 45 guests every week plus 7-11 volunteers (including 4 clergy). The people attending have varied needs and some want to talk about ongoing problems (e.g. health or housing issues) but the conversations vary from politics and current affairs to cooking, films and music, TV programmes, shopping and of course the weather! A lot of the guests are single and lonely and just want the company of other people for a couple of hours. There are more men than women but no-one is violent or aggressive so people do not feel threatened or uncomfortable; there is always a lot of laughter. There is a wide selection of food and games available, as well as jigsaws, magazines, colouring books, puzzles and other reading material. Since the PCC bought the Clavinova in 2023 thanks to the generosity of a private donor, some guests enjoy playing it and others enjoy the live music. Regular attendees greatly value what is on offer, and the conducive and safe environment in which this weekly support structure takes place.

Our guests particularly enjoyed the New Year Party we held on 3rd January, and pancakes and prize bingo on Shrove Tuesday. We are pleased to continue to be supported by a financial grant from East Sussex County Council for the café, and are grateful to Jane Ferguson and the other volunteers (including clergy) for keeping this valuable weekly resource operating for the benefit of vulnerable members of the community. The café brings joy to a lot of people – including the volunteers – and we are delighted to see it flourish.

On 2nd November we again enjoyed a fund-raising lunch cooked and served by our Serving Team (and friends) when we were also joined by a number of people from the local community. We thank Keith Metcalfe for organising it, and those who helped him.

On our Feast of Title, the Solemnity of Christ the King (Sunday 26th November) we enjoyed an "in house" Patronal Festival "fizz and canapés" reception organised by our new "Events Group". This dynamic group was relaunched in July and comprises of 14 enthusiastic volunteers led by Paul Fella. The group meets regularly to plan our social calendar and is responsible for the delivery of our programme of social events.

"We had a wonderful time at the Assumptiontide Garden Party yesterday. Over the years we have attended many similar events but never one that was so well planned, organised and executed as this one was... it was a total delight."

– a member of the congregation

There were also a number of other social events held throughout the year including a Burns Night Supper, Pancakes and Bingo, a "fizz and canapés" reception to celebrate St. George's Day, a Coronation Day Gourmet Dinner (which raised £1000 to fund the refurbishment of the hall lavatories), an Anzac Day "Smoko", and the Assumptiontide Vicarage Garden

Party (with the very popular local Jazz band, and friends of St. Saviour's, *Con Brio* – attended by over 100 people and raising £1650). Although a modest charge is made to attend most of these events to cover costs and to raise funds for the upkeep of the church, members of the congregation are encouraged to bring friends and family. They are fun events, open to members of the community and are a useful means of outreach, fellowship and networking for the people attending each event. In addition, a Grand Christmas Raffle was held at Christmas to support . Our thanks to Paul Fella and all the Events Group for their dynamism, enthusiasm and hard work.

We were delighted to continue our parish "days out": in 2023, to see Arundel Cathedral's Corpus Christi carpet of flowers, and Boxgrove Priory. Our thanks go to Sue & Keith Metcalfe for organising these pleasurable activities which are also an opportunity for people to get to know each other better.

An increasingly important means of evangelism and outreach is via our “digital presence”. We continue to improve our website which includes links to *The List* (list.co.uk - a national events listing site) *Visit Eastbourne*, *Trip Advisor* and *Google Business* to promote the church and the many events we hold. During 2023 there was a massive increase in traffic to our site (a total of 36,093 visits, which represents an increase of over 400%). Most traffic was generated either directly although some came via search engines *Bing* or *Google*. A very large percentage of our site visitors were new and the average visitor stayed for more than five and a half minutes!

As already noted at the beginning of this Report, we also have a significant *Facebook* presence with some posts being viewed by over 1,000 people. We know, from comments received, that this has increased the number of visitors to the church many of whom join in our worship.

Contributing to, and joining in with, the life of the wider church and community

Throughout 2023 this church, and our clergy, continued to support the life and work of the wider church and community.

Fr Mark continued to act as a Bishop’s Surrogate for Common Licences and remained on the list as a Liturgical Chaplain to the Bishop of Chichester, which involves the planning and advance rehearsal of episcopal liturgies in the local parishes (such as Confirmation and Ordination).

On 5th April we hosted the Diocesan Chrism Mass and blessing of oils celebrated by the Bishop of Lewes with the Bishop of Chichester preaching, which was attended by 240 people (mainly clergy there to renew their ordination promises). Our thanks to all who provided hospitality and helped to make the event run as smoothly as it did.

We hosted the Chapter Mass for the brethren of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) – a fraternal society of priests with a common rule of life, of which the Vicar and most of our associate priests are brothers – in January, June and November.

On 25th June we were delighted to attend the ordination of our new Assistant Curate, Fr Richard Keeble, at Chichester Cathedral and to welcome him and his wife Clara into the family of the church at Mass the next day. In the short time he has been with us, Fr Richard has made a very positive impact on our community and he is a much valued member of the clergy at St. Saviour’s.

We hosted the Archdeacon’s Visitation and Admission of Churchwardens for the Hastings Archdeaconry on 18th July.

St. Saviour’s clergy continued to be deployed in helping out both Christ Church, Seaside, and St. Andrew’s, Seaside (both in interregnum) by taking services. In addition Fr Mark was actively involved in support of the Churchwardens in both parishes and in helping the hierarchy to shape a new strategic “Apostolic Partnership” between the three churches. Our regular involvement ceased in the middle of September with the appointment of the new priest to both parishes. St. Saviour’s clergy were also occasionally deployed to St. Mary’s, Old Town, after the retirement of Canon Tom Mendel SSC as parish priest there.

To encourage vocations to the priesthood, and also to encourage those already in formation, we invited two ordinands from St. Stephen’s House, Oxford, to preach at St. Saviour’s in July and September 2023.

On 4th September we hosted the Memorial Service for the late Andrew Forrest (a prominent and well-known gentleman on the Eastbourne arts scene. Sadly, on 26th July, he had been knocked down in a “hit and run” accident and subsequently died of his injuries). His service was attended by 272 people.

In November the Vicar and Assistant Curate attended bereavement training at St. John’s Meads.

On 2nd December we were pleased to host the Mayor’s “Inspiring Angels” Charity Carol Service, which was a joint venture between a number of churches across Eastbourne, co-ordinated by the Revd. Danny Pegg (Associate Vicar for Mission and Discipleship in the parishes of Willingdon and Hampden Park). The 120 people attending (mostly non-churchgoers) very much enjoyed this service, and so the message of the joy of Christmas was proclaimed far and wide.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

The fact that the church is open every day from 8.30am to 5pm to the public is much valued, and the church is visited extensively by people from all around the world, many who value the peacefulness and the opportunity to pray and light a candle. It is important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. We are very grateful to Tricia Sneath and our faithful “Open

“Stunning and peaceful.”

– a ‘Google’ reviewer

Church” volunteers who provide a valuable ministry of welcome to these many visitors on some weekdays to guide them around the church and answer any questions. This too is greatly appreciated by locals and visitors alike and the many comments we receive in person, entries in our Visitors’ Book, and online reviews testify to this. Many remark not only how refreshing it is to find the church open but also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within, and comment on the appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building.

The building is large and has a very lively (and natural) acoustic which means that it is very popular as a concert venue for local choirs, choral societies and orchestras, many of which raise funds for local charities. During 2023 we put on our usual series of free lunchtime recitals (beginning with noted pianist Simon Ballard on 29th May) each of which attracted up to 50 visitors. Both the church and the local community should be grateful to Paul Collins, our Director of Music, for continuing to put together this popular concert series.

The Sunday *Chamber Concerts* series (which we were able to ‘rehome’ and support from 2018 after the sudden closure of the Underground Theatre) continued throughout 2023, each attracting an audience of up to 70 or 80 people, some of whom have become regular visitors to church services.

We were pleased to welcome the *Renaissance Singers* again for their Epiphany Meditation Concert in January, Lent Meditation in March, and Advent Meditation in December – these significantly high-quality choral concerts are well-supported, and we very much value the link between the church and the *Renaissance Singers*.

During the year we hosted the Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra’s two annual concerts. The relationship between St. Saviour’s and the ESO goes back many years and we also very much value this.

We provided rehearsal space for our friends the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham brass band in May and were delighted that they returned on 18th June for our “Songs of Praise” fundraising concert in aid of our new choir candle holders.

Throughout 2023 we continued to support the charitable work of *Concentus* (one of Eastbourne’s largest amateur choirs) primarily by providing free rehearsal time in both the church and the church hall, on-going annual storage for their staging, and in hosting their two major concerts during the Summer and at Christmas (“*Concentus sings..*”). Given that all concert profits are donated to charity by *Concentus*, we are pleased to make no charge for this.

On 11th June we were delighted to welcome international organist Thomas Trotter as he came to give the first Marcia Collins Memorial Concert at St. Saviour’s which was a great success and enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Also in June we hosted the Sussex Young Ringers who came who came to ring our full peal of bells.

In July we hosted the Sussex Song Makers ‘Baroque Bonanza’ concert conducted by Elizabeth Muir-Lewis, with the Sussex Ensemble led by Nick Houghton, who is no stranger to St. Saviour’s and often deputises on the organ for our own Director of Music.

In November we welcomed the Hailsham Choral Society singing Rossini’s *Petite Messe Solennelle* at a wonderful Armistice Day concert. We very much look forward to them returning in May 2024 together with the ESO for Verdi’s *Requiem*.

In November we also welcomed New Sussex Opera for a fundraising concert hosted by notable opera singer Sir John Tomlinson CBE which was very successful.

We are pleased to have developed a partnership with “Lumos Live” who now use us regularly as a venue for their atmospheric candle-lit concerts of popular music played by a string trio.

The church has always been popular as a venue with local schools (particularly Eastbourne College and Bede’s) and we hosted the Bede’s School Christmas Carol Concerts on 15th December.

The church hall is very popular with local organisations, charity and community groups and individuals and is fully accessible. As already noted, it is used extensively for activities which benefit the community which included, in 2023, Eastbourne Foodbank, the Say Aphasia Charity, the Company Youth Group, acting as a polling station and as a venue for a local councillor’s surgery, and acting as the venue for the AGMs of many local blocks of flats and for the AGM of the local RSPCA branch. The church hall is managed on an entirely voluntary basis by one of our Churchwardens, Pauline Fella, who is busy and works hard enough as Churchwarden without this added responsibility – our immense thanks must go to Pauline for her “above and beyond” work both for the church but also on behalf of the many groups who use the hall. Whilst she is assisted by Noel Thompson (to whom we are also grateful), we hope that in 2024 Pauline can be relieved of this burden.

Maintenance of the church building, grounds and future projects

St. Saviour's church is a significant Grade II* listed building which requires a huge amount of ongoing daily maintenance. It is officially designated as a Church of England "Major Parish Church" (Major Parish Churches represent some of the most special, significant and well-loved places of worship in England, and are designated as such for a number of reasons including having *"a role or roles beyond those of a typical parish church, and make a considerable civic, cultural and economic contribution to their communities"*).

Our church is kept clean and tidy by a dedicated team of volunteers who spend a significant amount of time each week caring for the interior of the building. They are complemented by a small but highly dedicated team who work

"The church is so beautiful, clean and well-kept. It is clear that it is much loved and cared for..."

- from an email from a visitor in 2023

outside in the gardens and car park. We are most grateful to all those who give up their time to keep St Saviour's inside and out in such good condition.

As well as continuing this ever-ongoing general maintenance, and cleaning, of the church, hall and the gardening of the grounds – the following specific items were carried out:

Following the survey in November and December 2022 our outdated internal CCTV system was replaced in January.

In February all the hall chairs were replaced. The old chairs were showing their age with stained and worn seat fabric and scratched frames. Our thanks to those who donated towards the cost of the new seats.

On 28th March we took delivery of a new photocopier, the old copier having come to the end of its hire contract. Paul Fella was able to negotiate a new copier with greater functionality for almost the same cost as the old machine, which was becoming unreliable.

Following a DAC visit the previous year, and the drawing up of plans by our architect, we started the period of public consultation on our two major fabric projects (the replacement of the light fittings in the nave of the church, and the "glassing in" of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel) in March. Following this, and there being no objection, we received Faculty approval from the Diocesan Chancellor on 11th April.

In Lent four additional floor level power points were installed in the chancel which not only make hoovering the area around the altar much easier but also mean that we could light the Christmas crib more effectively.

Prior to Holy Week the chandelier in St. Peter's chapel was raised to remedy the issue of it obscuring the statue of St. Peter, the notice board lights in the porch were fixed by Paul Fella, and the external entrance light was fixed.

In April we were pleased to receive new funeral trestles which were kindly donated by local Funeral Directors, Payne & Co. of Seaside.

At the end of July and early August all portable electrical appliances were PAT tested.

In early to mid-August the Hall was taken out of use for the floor to be sanded and refinished. During this period Pauline & Paul Fella, Tony Sharley and Graham Smith painted the hall and the lavatories were renewed (using the profits from the Coronation Day Gourmet Dinner). We express our utmost thanks to these dedicated volunteers for their hard work in improving our facilities both for our own use but also for the use of our lets and visitors.

In September we purchased two Bravoro Mondo coffee machines for use on Sunday mornings which have made a huge difference to the efficiency of the serving and also to the quality of the coffee served! Our sincere thanks to the donors who made this improvement possible.

On 25th September work began to fit the glazed screen and glass doors in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, with the final inspection of the completed project towards the end of October. To say that we are delighted is perhaps an understatement – whilst "modern", the screen and doors do not look remotely out of place and the effect in terms of insulation has been remarkable – it was wonderful that the project was finished in time for the winter. Our thanks to Peter Pritchett, our Architect, for realising our idea and to Ion Glass and Messrs. Paynes (Builders) who successfully completed the project. We are also grateful to Richard Crook FRSA (one of our PCC members who is also a Quinquennial Architect and a specialist in Victorian and Church architecture) for his input and guidance. We also remember with gratitude the generosity of the late Jane Pinching whose financial legacy enabled us to bring this project to fruition for the benefit of our congregation, our visitors, and indeed future generations of both.

On 20th October the fire extinguishers in the church and hall were inspected and, where necessary, renewed.

Once the Chapel project had finished, on 24th October work began on the nave lighting project.

Regrettably we were again targeted by lead thieves/vandals when, overnight on 26th-27th November lead was stolen from the War Memorial.

Following the unfortunate deliberate vandalism of the Easter Garden mentioned above, at Christmas Paul Fella enclosed the crib with clear perspex to act as a deterrent to it being interfered with.

In 2023 the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC continued to consider the pressing pastoral issue of our closed Memorial Garden and what future provision we might make for the burial of ashes of departed members of the congregation and those living within the parish boundaries.

Throughout 2023 we have continued to review the recommendations of the Quinquennial Survey of the fabric, and have carried out such works as have been possible, and planned how the other works may be viable. A lot of maintenance is carried out “in house” by volunteers and we immensely grateful to them for this.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

“...Thank you at St. Saviour’s for all your support to me whilst my daughter was having treatment for cancer...”
- a member of the congregation

Members of the congregation, and indeed anybody seeking help, are regularly supported by the clergy and many of our lay people. This help can be simply a listening ear, or by praying, or of a more practical nature such as buying shopping, collecting prescriptions, or offering a lift in a car. A lot of the clergy support given is often on an individual and long-term, on-going basis and by its confidential nature it obviously “goes unseen” but is, nevertheless, both important and valued by those supported. This support is also given to members of the public who may not be members of the congregation as such; the important factor for us is trying to respond to need when it is encountered. During 2023 some members of the congregation have particularly valued the end-of-life care offered to their relatives by clergy at St. Saviour’s. The Vicar also supports various callers, some of whom are regulars, who knock at the door of the Vicarage. During 2023, hospital visits and home communions were undertaken by the Vicar, the Assistant Curate and some of the associate clergy.

“Thank you so very much for being so kind, caring and understanding. Your prayers and kindness mean so much to me at this difficult time.”
– a member of the congregation

Pastoral support is also given by the clergy through funeral and bereavement ministry. The clergy officiated at a number of funerals both at St Saviour’s and elsewhere, whilst also providing follow-up bereavement ministry. Both funeral services and Requiem Masses were offered over the year for members of the congregation and for those

living in or near the parish. Following the bereavement training the Vicar and Assistant Curate received towards the end of the year, plans were formulated to provide similar training for the laity at St. Saviour’s in early 2024.

We are grateful for the ministry of our loyal associate clergy who support our incumbent in delivering pastoral and sacramental ministry at St. Saviour’s.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

We continue to have a formal partnership with the Eastbourne Foodbank, meaning that as well as being a collection point for donations (which is well supported by members of the congregation and others), we host the Foodbank every Friday in the hall (free of charge). The Eastbourne Foodbank is currently the busiest Foodbank in the UK, and our satellite of it (being in the centre of town) is in a key location and extensively used by a large number of the local community. We also offer support to the Sussex Family Support Work charity throughout the year both through the collection of Christmas toys and presents and Easter eggs for families in need, but also through providing a venue for FSW committee meetings free of charge in our Hall. At Harvest our members donated over 20 bags of non-perishable food, toiletries and other essential items to the Matthew 25 Homeless Mission, together with £150 raised from an auction of the perishable harvest gifts.

“The church feeds a lot of homeless people in its church hall next door, which is admirable.”
- a ‘Tripadvisor’ reviewer

Other charitable giving and support

Two Lent lunches were held and the money raised went to Ivy House Dementia Care and Chestnut Tree House; our thanks to Yvonne & Bill Dyer for organising them.

Over 2023 the church family has also supported The Children's Society, The Additional Curates Society, the Mission for Seafarers and Let the Children Live.

On 23rd July Professor Terence Ryan was welcomed as our guest preacher and this raised £516 for The Leprosy Mission.

On 9th September Krystyne Breeze and Pauline Fella participated in the Ride & stride event, a sponsored walk, visiting churches in the Eastbourne area, with half the money raised going to The Sussex Historic Churches Trust.

On 4th December we hosted the Eastbourne Masonic Charity Carol Service.

Financial Review - forming the annual report of the Finance Committee.

I am pleased to present the financial review of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

We started 2023 with Unrestricted Funds (general funds used by the PCC for ordinary purposes) of £65,271 and closed the year with Unrestricted Funds of £402,699 an increase of £337,428. This increase was due to a donation we received of £330,000.

We started 2023 with Restricted Funds (income from trusts, endowments, bequests or legacies received which can only be expended on a specific object) of £123,832 and closed the year with Restricted Funds of £15,571 a reduction of £108,261. This reduction in income was due to a number of major projects carried out in 2023:

£37,278 from the Jane Pinching legacy for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

£29,701 from the Barbra Drew legacy for lighting and new nave light fittings.

£17,060 church cushions.

£9,694 commission and restoration of vestments.

£7,920 hall chairs

Income

Total income for the year ended 31st December 2023 amounted to £137,139 against a budget set of £134,900 an increase of £2,239 this excludes the legacy we received of £330,000.

Attendance and appreciation of the excellent services the clergy, servers and choir provide are reflected in an impressive increase for collections and regular giving. The Parish Giving Scheme amounted to £30,430, Gift Aid yellow envelopes £12,446, Giving/Cash £9,374 and SUMUP (the card reader) £4,732.

During the year we held a number of social events and fundraising which amounted to £10,581. We raised £1,635 towards the new hall chairs, £1,182 at the Christmas Gala Concert and £361 from the Christmas raffle. Our thanks go to Paul Fella for a wonderful gourmet dinner in May which raised £1,000 and for organising the Vicarage Garden Party which raised £1,240 and the Burns Night supper which raised £460.

Hire of the Church Hall increased significantly in 2023 and rental income raised was £18,758 compared to £9,673 in 2022. We also raised £19,220 from the car parking fees and £1,774 from baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2023 amounted to £105,033 against a budget set of £131,865 an underspend of £26,832 but this excludes expenditure from restricted funds detailed above.

Although we underspent against our budget, we did see a number of increases in cost in 2023. The Parish Ministry Costs (PMC) increased to £54,156 compared to £44,900 in 2022. At the start of the financial year our PMC contribution was only 50% of what the Diocese had set for 2023 but this was reviewed by the PCC in November, and they once again decided to give a one-off additional payment of £10,000.

Other clergy costs totalled £6,843 compared with £4,115 the previous year, we paid an additional £1,676 in council tax for Christ Church Vicarage.

Church running expenses totalled £25,962 compared with £22,621 in 2022 this increase was due to a number of factors. Utilities for the church, church hall and vicarage; Gas £4,740, Electricity £4,320 and Water £980. Cost of service £4,080 and church hall running costs £5,141. Church maintenance £1,710 Red Clover Roofing clearing gullies to church roof and cleaning and repair to the roof, £1,073 porch lights and sockets, and £495 repair to car park.

Trading costs where £250 as Open Church is now open.

Church Legacies

Legacies are a lifeline for parishes. Church of England parishes receive over 4,000 legacies each year – gifts to finance mission projects, maintain beautiful church buildings and grow faithful communities. Leaving a gift in your Will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can help to keep your local church alive and help transform its future.

Legacies left to Church of England churches are also exempt from Inheritance Tax (IHT) as all PCC's are charities. Since 6th April 2012, if you leave 10% or more of your estate to charity, the tax due may be paid at a reduced rate of 36% instead of 40%.

Legacy gifts can make a real difference to the future work of the Church as regular giving often concentrates on paying the parish share, insuring and heating the building, repairing the roof etc.

A gift from your estate is different. At St Saviour's we have a separate bank account for restricted funds, and we will not use legacy gifts for everyday expenditure; the PCC will spend your gift on a special project to make a difference. No matter how large or small, each gift can make a significant impact on our ministry and mission. If anyone would like any additional information or information about the Church of England free will writing service, please don't hesitate to speak to me.

Thank You

As a parish we are indebted to all those who give to the Church; no matter what your contribution all gifts together ensure we are able to keep our beautiful Church open and to serve our community. We do not underestimate the difference your donations make to St Saviour's, and we are honoured that you bless us with your continued generosity and support. Sincere thanks to you all from the PCC.

Mrs Beverley Thorp
Treasurer

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, so that they can vote for candidates for the PCC and the Deanery Synod, at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Communicant members who are 16 or over, and whose names are on the Roll, are entitled to stand for election to the PCC. This PCC does not have any sub-committees, but it does have a standing committee of four members: the Vicar, the two Churchwardens and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Throughout 2023 the PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2017, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding arrangements are clearly stated on the front page of the parish website: www.stsaviourseastbourne.org.uk. The Parish was last fully audited for safeguarding (“SQP”) by the Diocese on 16th October 2019 and was found to be “fully compliant”.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Revd Fr Mark McAulay	Chairman
Assistant Curate	The Revd Fr Richard Keeble	
Churchwardens:	Mrs Pauline Fella	Vice Chairman
	Mr Keith Metcalfe	

Elected Members

Elected Members	
Dr Simon Thorp	PCC Secretary
Mrs Judy Grundy	
Mr Richard Crook	
Mrs Krystyne Breeze	
Mrs Beverley Thorp	Hon. Treasurer
Mr Paul Fella	
Mrs Gill Goff	
Mr Noel Thompson	
Ms Ruth Figgest	
Deanery Synod	
Vacant	

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees’ Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd Fr Mark McAulay SSC, PCC Chairman

..... Date.....

Annual Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne

St Saviour's Church, South Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT

Registered Charity no. 1131420

For the year ended 31st December 2023

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
Incoming resources						
<i>Voluntary income</i>	2a	401,375	16,964	0	418,339	85,256
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>	2b	19,220		0	19,220	19,528
<i>Income from investments</i>	2c	778		0	778	87
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	21,088	7,714	0	28,802	21,215
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	2e	0		0	0	0
Total incoming resources		442,461	24,678	0	467,139	126,086
Resources expended						
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>	3a	72		0	72	64
<i>Fund-raising trading costs</i>	3b	250		0	250	264
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	104,411	132,939	0	237,350	129,193
<i>Governance Costs</i>	3d	300		0	300	300
Total resources expended		105,033	132,939	0	237,972	129,821
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		337,428	(108,261)	0	229,167	(3,735)
<i>Gross transfers between funds</i>	5	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before		337,428	(108,261)	0	229,167	(3,735)
<i>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets</i>	6a	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Gains/(losses) on disposal investment assets</i>	6b	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		337,428	(108,261)	0	229,167	(3,735)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		65,271	123,832	0	189,103	192,838
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		402,699	15,571	0	418,270	189,103

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6a	0	0
Investments	6b	0	0
Total fixed assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	4,521	6,802
Short term deposits		5,764	5,764
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>413,097</u>	<u>181,649</u>
		423,382	194,215
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>5,112</u>	<u>5,112</u>
Net current assets		418,270	189,103
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>418,270</u>	<u>189,103</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9	0	0
NET ASSETS		<u>418,270</u>	<u>189,103</u>
Funds	7		
Endowment funds	10	0	0
Restricted funds	10	15,571	123,832
Unrestricted funds	10	402,699	65,271
		<u>418,270</u>	<u>189,103</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 1 May 2024 and signed on its behalf

Chairman Fr. Mark Mccaulay

The accompanying notes form a part of these financial statements.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

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

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and under current Church Accounting Regulations in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current (2015) Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102), as amended in 2016.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST.SAVIOUR & ST. PETER, EASTBOURNE.

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

2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
a Voluntary income					
Planned giving	37,063			37,063	37,117
Collections at all services	7,596			7,596	5,102
Gift days	2,012			2,012	3,707
Sundry donations and appeals	20,151	16,964		37,115	30,111
Income tax recoverable	4,553			4,553	8,512
Legacies	330,000	0		330,000	0
	401,375	16,964		418,339	84,549
b Activities for generating funds					
Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events					707
Car Parking Fees	19,220			19,220	19,528
	19,220	0		19,220	20,235
c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	778			778	87
	778	0		778	87
d Income from Church Activities					
Church hall lettings etc	18,758			18,758	9,673
Church Outings etc	0	7,714		7,714	10,430
Fees from weddings etc	1,774			1,774	559
Parish magazine	556			556	553
	21,088	7,714		28,802	21,215
e Other other incoming resources					
Insurance claims				0	0
				0	0
Total incoming resources	442,461	24,678	0	467,139	126,086

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

				TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
Resources expended	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment		
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
3					
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>					
a Special appeal costs	0	0		0	0
Stewardship costs	72	0		72	64
	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>
<i>Fund-raising trading costs</i>					
b Trading costs	250	0		250	264
Hire costs	0			0	0
	<u>250</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>250</u>	<u>264</u>
<i>Church Activities</i>					
c Missionary and charitable giving:					
Direct as a tithe	0			0	0
Collections and other giving	0	1,021		1,021	1,250
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,021</u>		<u>1,021</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Outings & Events		8,995		8,995	9,767
Ministry costs:					
diocesan parish contribution paid	54,156			54,156	44,900
other clergy costs	6,843			6,843	4,115
Church running expenses	28,448	3,365		25,962	26,284
Church maintenance	3,336	12,356		15,692	2,028
Upkeep of services	4,071	5,727		9,798	3,135
Upkeep of churchyard	2,416			2,416	2,402
Parish magazine	0			0	400
Church hall running costs	5,141	6,199		11,340	3,383
Prior year diocesan fees	0			0	0
Vicarage dilapidations		0		0	301
Legacy Fund Payments		95,276		95,276	31,228
	<u>104,411</u>	<u>132,939</u>		<u>237,350</u>	<u>129,193</u>
<i>Governance costs</i>					
d Independent examination fee	300			300	300
Cost of annual accounts					
	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total resources expended					
	<u>105,033</u>	<u>132,939</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>237,972</u>	<u>129,821</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

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

4 Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
a Wages and salaries	4,485	4,080

During the year the PCC employed an organist, but no payment was large enough to attract social security costs.

b Payments to PCC members

There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, nor persons closely connected to them, nor other related parties.

5 Analysis of transfers between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Vicarage Dilapidations	0	0	0

6 Fixed Assets

a Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	TOTAL
Cost or valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	0	7,224	7,224
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0
At 31 December 2023	0	7,224	7,224
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023		7,224	7,224
Provided in the year		0	0
Disposals		0	0
At 31 December 2023	0	7,224	7,224
Net book amounts			
At 31 December 2023	0	0	0
At 31 December 2022	0	0	0

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

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

7 Analysis of Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed assets for church use	0			0
Current assets	407,811	15,571		423,382
Current liabilities	-5,112			-5,112
	<u>402,699</u>	<u>15,571</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>418,270</u>

8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	4,521	6,802
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>4,521</u>	<u>6,802</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	5,112	5,112
Archdeacon's Loan	-	0
	<u>5,112</u>	<u>5,112</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST SAVIOUR & ST PETER, EASTBOURNE

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

10 Statement of funds

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	62,271	442,461	-105,033		399,699
Designated repair fund	0		0		0
Contingency fund	3,000				3,000
	<u>65,271</u>	<u>442,461</u>	<u>-105,033</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>402,699</u>
Restricted Fund					
Finance Committee	123,832	24,678	-132,939		15,571
	<u>123,832</u>	<u>24,678</u>	<u>-132,939</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,571</u>
Total funds	<u>189,103</u>	<u>467,139</u>	<u>-237,972</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>418,270</u>

Independent examiner's report
To the PCC of St Saviour & St Peter Eastbourne

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the foregoing pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.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 accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144 of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

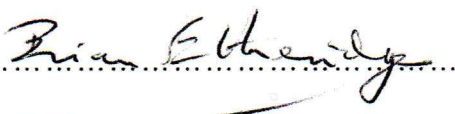
Basis of this report

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. 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 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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

Signed.....

Date 8 March 2024

Brian R Etheridge
Retired Chartered Accountant
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