

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST EDWARD THE  
CONFESSOR, DRINGHOUSES, YORK**

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Charity registered number 1131430

31 December 2023

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## Who we are

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales since August 2009. The registered name of the charity is the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses, York but it is widely known as St Edward the Confessor, just St Edward's or Dringhouses Church. In this annual report and accounts we will refer to ourselves as St Edward's or the church.

The church is situated on Tadcaster Road, Dringhouses, York and is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England.

Our Charity Commission for England and Wales registration number is 1131430.

Our address is Tadcaster Road, York, YO24 1QG

## Our objectives

Our objective is to promote within the parish the whole mission of the wider Church of England, pastoral, social and ecumenical.

What this means in practice is set out in our vision, that we are:

- **Called** - it is God who takes the initiative. God has made this world and loves us beyond measure. The story of God is the story of His constant longing to draw His precious creation back to Himself so that we might flourish in all that we have been created to be, and that we might live well with God and with others.
- **Caring** - in his first letter in the Bible, John reminds his readers that 'we love because He first loved us'. As those who are cared for by God, we are called to care for others and for the precious Creation in which we live.
- **Committed** - we are all on a journey in our faith and thus seek to develop and deepen our faith. We are committed to be people for whom our love of God really does shape our priorities in how we live day to day.
- **Courageous** - we are called to be those who make a difference in a world that might not understand our faith, and to make the love of God visible to all around us. We seek to be people who have the courage to make an even greater difference in our communities, joining with God in bringing hope, transformation and new life.

We are also responsible for the maintenance of the church of St Edward the Confessor, the community hall and surrounding grounds.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent, the PCC and the congregation have considered the public benefit guidelines issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As set out in the section on activities below, all of our services and activities are open to all. Our activities are developed with the needs of different groups in mind, so we are accessible by all.

## Activities

### Church services

As a church, the provision of worship is a key activity that allows the congregation to express their faith in God and continue to understand what His calling means for us.

Our services are open to all, and we try to make suitable provisions for those with additional needs. Our building is wheelchair accessible, and a hearing loop is installed.

2023 has seen a return to normality following Covid 19 and a return to our usual pattern of services. There are communion services at 8.30am and 10.00am on Sundays and 10.00am Thursdays. We hold an All-Age Service and a 6.30pm Service of Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing on the first Sunday of each month. We continue to livestream our 10am service each week to enable those who are unable to make it to the Church building to continue to be part of the worshipping congregation. Those joining the livestream as it happens, tend to be between 10-15 screens following the service, and by the end of the week the number of views will tend to be somewhere between 60 and 85 views. Our Thursday Morning Communion Service has become more popular with most of those attending staying for tea and coffee in the café afterwards, the social time together being as important for many as the service. As has been noted in a recent Church of England survey we have found that our in-person numbers attending Sunday public worship is at about 80% of where it was before Covid.

On the first Sunday, our All-Age service is enhanced by a band and this regularly has 10-14 musicians supporting our worship. Our music director writes

arrangements for trumpets, violins, clarinets, oboes and guitars. Our Youth Group is now a weekly meeting, not just term time, and regularly attracts between 8-12 teenagers each week, including those who do not attend church services.

Our old service books had fallen into a state of dilapidation, and so new booklets have been steadily introduced funded by one of our members in memory of his wife. The covers were professionally printed and are more robust than the previous booklets. As well as Eucharist A and E, special booklets have been produced for All-Age Communion, Lent, Easter and Advent.

As at 31 December 2023, the electoral roll stood at 218 people (219 in 2022). The average attendance varies by service, but 10am Holy Communion services have been around the 80 mark, though fewer attend the All Age Service.

### **Special occasions**

The church year is marked by many special occasions.

During Lent, we ran a Lent Course which followed The Bible Society's material "The Bible Course", which aimed to help people understand what was in the Bible and also how we might better be enabled to engage with it. A Lent Service was held each Thursday evening between 18.30 to 19.00 as an opportunity for reflection. This culminated in a Maundy Thursday service with foot washing, which was hosted by James the Deacon. On Good Friday we had an All-Age service at 10am and then waited an hour at the cross with members of the Preaching Team taking a character from the story and offering a reflection. Holy Week closed with a communion service of celebration on Easter Sunday.

There were a number of evenings billed as Prayer Vigils. These were an opportunity to meet together and pray for those in our community who were either struggling with health or difficult circumstances. A Taizé style of worship was adopted, and was really appreciated by those who attended.

In May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with an opportunity to watch the service together. Over 60 people came to share the historic occasion.

In July, we ran our popular Holiday Club, but this year we did it differently. Our local school, Dringhouses Primary, was three days out of step with other schools, which meant the school was still in session on the Monday and Tuesday when Holiday Club usually starts. The decision was therefore made to use the Monday and Tuesday to take the young leaders to Wydale Hall for an overnight stay. The adult leaders consisted of the Youth and Children's worker and some university

students. They had a whale of a time and came back ready to lead a full programme in church. The main Holiday Club therefore ran from Wednesday to Friday with an extended day. For the first time, the young people were invited to bring a packed lunch so that they could also share in the afternoon activities. The focus was the Wonderzone, which involved mad scientists performing even madder experiments. There was a maximum number of 50 places and in the end a waiting list had to be created. There were an army of volunteers either leading groups or providing refreshments and helping with crafts. Holiday Club was offered for free, but donations were encouraged! It was a tremendous success, and the young people had some Christian teaching alongside a great deal of fun. The All-Age service on the Sunday was followed by a barbecue. Families attended both the service and the barbecue. The vast majority of those who came, are not those who attend regular worship.

Choral Evensong was held one warm evening in July, and it was a delight to hear more formal worship sung with great joy. The choir has benefitted from an expanding membership, with a number of men in particular joining the back row.

During the Autumn we took part in a sermon series which followed Rene Schlaepfer's book, Chasing David. To support this, we also held weekly discussion group in which people could reflect on what they had heard in the Sunday sermons and what was then introduced using the Course videos. The Small Group Discussions were very well supported with upwards of 30 regular attenders.

In October, the young people went into full production mode, pressing hundreds of apples and creating our own St Edward's Apple Juice which was then sold. A slightly unpromising colour, it tasted delicious and the day was a great success.

The end of October marked our Memorial Service where people from around the community are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. This is open to anyone to attend, and if people so wish, the name of a loved one can be read out during the service. There is no doubt that 2023 was something of an *annus horribilis* at St Edward's as we had said 'goodbye' to many dear members of our congregation, not least Rachael Carew the wife of our vicar, The Revd Canon Richard Carew, who died in July following a long and brave battle with leukaemia. The Memorial Service had over 100 people in attendance. This was followed by a Remembrance Day service which the scouts attend in force. For the first time, the service outside was livestreamed as wreaths were laid at the foot of the war

memorial. Revd. Philip Cousins who had served in the navy, laid a wreath on behalf of the church. Always profoundly moving, we are fortunate to have an extremely competent trumpeter, Kate, who performs the Last Post and the Reveille.

As mentioned above, this has been another difficult year for the community here at St Edward's and so in November we held a Reflection Day where two spiritual directors, Geraldine Casswell and Margaret Castro, led a day of contemplation to give space for people to reflect on all the events of the previous year and to bring them before God. This was attended by about 20 people and the feedback was extremely positive.

Remembrance turned to celebration as Christmas saw a return to full worship. Prior to Christmas Day there were Doorstep Carols where people invited neighbours to come and spend half an hour or so singing carols together in their locality. In total about 200 people attended these various Doorstep Carols with the hosts often putting on refreshments for their neighbours enabling them to begin the Christmas week with some community carol singing.

A week before Christmas included the Dress-Up Nativity on Sunday morning and the Candlelit Carol service in the evening.

The Dress-Up Nativity included three narrators telling the story in poetry form (creator: Emma Perkins) and those dressed as angels, donkeys, shepherds etc joining the tableau at the front. Our Youth Worker, Helen, had also devised a Christmas song based on the Twelve Days of Christmas which will probably become an annual treat!

A change of pace in the evening and the Christmas Carol service was packed, almost to capacity, as we heard again the familiar story of salvation afresh.

On Christmas Eve, the Crib Service returned and was packed with families, with the children invited to dress up as a character from the nativity and form a tableau around the crib. The service concluded with a spectacular light show that certainly created some awe and wonder.

### **Serving the Community**

The use of our facilities continues to be an important part of our identity as a community gathering space, and we continue to see an increase in the hiring of our Community Hall and other spaces.

St Edward's continues to be a place of hospitality and community. Our Friday lunches are now twice a month but continue to attract up to 40 people each time. There has been an increase in lunch specials: Valentine's Day, Easter Sunday, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lunch plus others. These lunches are greatly valued by those who attend in person or who receive deliveries at home.

Our Community Café is open every weekday offering a range of hot drinks and cakes, and the prices have remained the same since 2016!. All of our visiting groups avail themselves of the service, and the quality of the donated home-made cakes is greatly appreciated. A Happy Hour session on Tuesday mornings in the café is seeing increasing numbers, not least the provision of freshly baked muffins and scones made on the premises that morning, plus a new initiative of an 'Exercise for All' session, where people stay on to restore their strength! This free exercise class, run under the auspices of the PCC, is growing in popularity and regularly involves 10-15 people.

Provision of food from a local Pret A Manger outlet happens each Wednesday evening and continues to be well supported and appreciated. There is now a dedicated team of volunteers who are building rapport with those who come to collect food. We are now in regular contact with some 15 families, with the food providing valuable support for many of them.

Finance continues to be tight for many people, especially due to the increased cost of utility bills, and so there is a growing demand for food. As a consequence, there are now weekly collections for the Food Bank alongside the regular support of Carecent Appeals. It continues to be humbling as to how many people support these ventures with regular donations.

We continue to support other local, national and international charities by giving them a proportion of our church income and this year saw a new initiative called Connections. This was a whole weekend dedicated to promoting the charities who St Edward's support, many of whom staffed stalls throughout Saturday. The evening included a dinner to support the work of Accomplish Children's Trust. And Chris Acton, one of the trustees, spoke movingly about the success of their epilepsy programme and over £400 was raised on the evening. The All-Age Service remained with the same focus and we were pleased to welcome YoYo to lead the worship.

Given the events in Gaza, we had a timely visit from Revd. Alison Cox who had recently returned from working with the Anglican Church in Ramallah, Palestine. Alison spoke with her husband at a dinner on Saturday evening and their insight into the background of the events in the Middle East was both informative and challenging. Alison was interviewed by Richard in the service on Sunday, and her message was powerful and moving. Money was raised for the charity Friends of the Holy Land.

Eco Church continues to thrive with a number of initiatives such as the arrival of a very smart hedgehog house. A new recycling system at the church is making it easier for people to recycle their batteries, ink cartridges, pens and stamps with more opportunities in the pipeline. The group is now actively working towards the silver award of A Rocha.

### **Structure, governance and management**

As a Church of England church, we are registered as a charity under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules.

We are an unincorporated charity led by the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

During the year 2023 the following people served as members of the PCC and, therefore, trustees of the charity:

#### **Ex- Officio members**

Incumbent (vicar)	The Revd Canon Richard Carew (Chair)
Assistant curate	The Revd Angela Morrison
Treasurer	Helen Dobson (In attendance, not a Trustee)

#### **Elected members:**

Elected church wardens	Michael Trew and Helen Wren
Readers' representative	Charles Anelay
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Nigel Pells and Angela Wheatcroft until May 2023, Helen Wren and Linda Sykes from May 2023

PCC members until May 2023:	Hilary Delamere
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PCC members until 2024	James Cooper, Christine Hanby, Cai Mallett, Julie Shepard, Linda Sykes (until May 2023 when she became Deanery Synod Representative)
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PCC members until 2025	Stephen Connor, Helen Dawe, Debbie Paterson
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PCC member elected in May 2023 until 2026	Louise Robinson
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Members of the PCC are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in May, this year held in person but with postal votes allowed as well. Generally, they are elected for a three-year term. The Church Wardens are elected annually.

Those standing for election have to be confirmed in the Church of England and be on our electoral roll, they are nominated and seconded by other members of the congregation who also have to be on the electoral roll.

All new members of the PCC are given the Charity Commission guidance on being a trustee. All members of the PCC are encouraged to attend the *Learning the Ropes* course for PCC members run by the Diocese of York.

The Church Wardens are encouraged to attend the training for wardens also run by the Diocese of York.

The PCC is ably supported by the Secretary, Isobel Goforth who is not a trustee but is elected each year.

#### **The team**

This has been a particular challenging year for our vicar, Richard Carew, who was given compassionate leave by the bishop following the illness and death of his wife, Rachael. In his absence, tasks were picked up by other members of the preaching team and the churchwardens, for which he was immensely grateful. He returned to work on a phased return in September and is now back full time.

In addition to our vicar, Richard Carew, and assistant curate, Angela Morrison, we have a small number of employees.

Helen Cross is our part time Children's and Youth Co-ordinator. Sally Gatus is our Children's Worker also on a part time basis.

Wendy Hewitt is our (almost) full time Parish Administrator and Louise Walton our part time Administrator.

We also have a contract for the provision of services with our Director of Music, Angela Anelay. She is supported by our Assistant Choir Leader, Mel Burr.

In December, we interviewed and appointed a new caretaker, Mike Hewitt. His contract will be Monday to Friday from 8am to 12.30pm. He is due to take up his post at the end of January 2024.

We have a great staff team and are hugely grateful for their hard work and dedication during 2023.

### **IT Developments**

In previous years, the management of IT at the church had largely relied on the expertise of members of the congregation. However, with an increased staff team and more and more reliance on technology, the decision was taken to employ the services of IT specialists. The Diocese had previously recommended Fusion, a York based company. As they already had undertaken some work in the church with Wi-Fi routers, we used them as our provider.

All of the staff team were linked to Microsoft 365 with emails being migrated over to the new platform. This has resulted in an ability to store all files securely on a cloud, so that individual laptops don't store church information. This included upgraded laptops for the Youth Worker, for Easy Worship and for the Vicar. A new drive was added to the Parish Office to increase capacity. A security system also now protects all online files, as well as those stored locally. There is now a shared staff access drive plus staff members have shared folders with other colleagues.

Whilst it has come at a cost (£5,000), there is great benefit in being able to consult experts who can solve problems quickly and efficiently.

### **PCC and its sub committees**

The PCC meets every two months throughout the year to discuss the activities of the church and make decisions about the work of the church.

Much of the detailed work of the parish is discussed by the various sub-committees that meet between PCC meetings as required. These committees make decisions in accordance with their terms of reference that are reviewed and agreed by the PCC annually. Membership of the sub-committees is not confined

to PCC members so we can make best use of the skills and talents of the wider congregation.

Minutes of all the committee meetings throughout the year are available for inspection in the church office.

PCC members from a variety of backgrounds bring expertise and enthusiasm to the committee and the church is very grateful for their contribution.

### **Standing Committee**

Meets to set the agenda for the PCC meetings and, if necessary, to make decisions on behalf of the PCC.

Chair: Richard Carew

Christine Hanby, Debbie Paterson, Michael Trew and Helen Wren

### **Finance committee**

The expertise of this committee enables oversight and budgeting of the church finances. This committee has met frequently to understand the impact of the increasing cost base on the financial position and the reserves and to consider what action needs to be taken as a result.

Chair: Debbie Paterson

Members: Richard Carew, Jim Cooper, Helen Dobson (Treasurer), Kate Lamb, Andrew Smith, David Tooley, Keith Wells, Bob Wilson and Helen Wren.

### **Premises committee**

Maintenance of the church, hall, garden and car park is managed by this committee. A visit from Ecclesiastical Insurance in June found everything in good order with very few recommendations. There has been a great deal of work this year in terms of 'tidying up'. The Church loft had a massive clear out and the church archive is being reorganised and catalogued. Both the Parish Office and the Vestry have been redecorated and refurnished. Unfortunately, the solar inverter broke down in the height of the summer months, and so the church lost income from the feed. The company which had fitted the original inverter had gone into receivership and so a new company was contacted, and the inverter has been replaced. Both the church and the community hall required a fixed wiring test, and issues were found with both. JMW carried out upgrades and improvements and both have now passed the relevant tests. The church has been fully PAT tested. New fire equipment has also been placed around the church. At

the request of the garden gang, a number of overgrown conifers were removed by Rylans. Pigeons continue to make their presence felt, and Vermix have now sealed off the solar panels with prongs. Gutters are now regularly maintained by York Pressure Washing and Guttering Services. The church lighting is anticipated to be a major project for 2024, and a lighting consultant, Brian Robinson, has been appointed to provide plans and manage the project. The Quinquennial is due in 2024.

Chair: Louise Robinson

Members: Christine Hanby, George Jardine, Richard Carew, Pete Lambert, Michael Trew

### **Communications committee**

The Porch magazine and the website are administered by this committee, as are other communication initiatives. The printed version Porch has a circulation of about 178 households, delivered by a local band of volunteers. The online version is available free of charge, though donations are invited. There are 17 regular advertisers who help to fund the printing cost. The price remains at 80p for 10 copies per year.

Our website continues to see a lot of traffic and our YouTube services are well supported.

Chair: Louise Robinson

Members: Jim Cooper, Isobel Goforth, Helen Wren, Richard Carew, Anne Brabbs (co-opted)

### **Giving Group**

The former Stewardship committee encouraged church members to give of their time, talents and money in the service of the church.

This Committee was disbanded in November 2022 and is to be replaced by a 'task and complete' Giving group when we need to run a giving campaign which will be in Lent 2024.

Chair: Richard Carew

Members: Andrew Smith, Helen Wren, Linda Sykes, David Tooley, Isobel Goforth

### **Financial review**

Total normal incoming resources on unrestricted funds were £205,874 (2022: £194,973) as detailed in the financial statements. In 2022, there was a significant legacy of £175,000 that we received from the estate of the late Joan Rowland, which increased our overall income that year to £370,973. The legacy has been placed in a separate unrestricted fund and members of the PCC are currently in discussion as to how best we can use these funds in the work of the church.

Other planned giving has been more or less in line with previous years which is very encouraging in the current financial climate and following a very successful capital fundraising campaign two years ago. Income from hall hires has been recovering and nearly back to pre-pandemic levels.

Expenditure from unrestricted funds totalled £238,787 (2022: £230,369). After transfers, this means that there was a deficit in the general church fund of £40,711 in the year. The budget for 2024 is a deficit of circa £43,000 on the general fund. This will be covered by the legacy but the PCC are actively discussing the financial strategy for the next few years.

Charitable donations have amounted to 10% (10% in 2022) of the preceding year's regular giving, see note 7 to the accounts for those organisations we have supported this year. An allocation was again made to the vicar's discretionary fund.

Repairs to the stonework were finalised during the course of the year and some refurbishment of internal rooms in the church has taken place. We are not aware of any further significant capital works outstanding that were identified on the latest quinquennial report.

### **Freewill Offering**

The freewill offering to the Diocese for 2023 was £105,000 (2022: £105,000), the PCC has pledged £90,000 for 2024.

### **Reserves policy**

The PCC determined a policy to maintain a balance on the unrestricted funds' readily realisable reserves (the general fund), where possible, which equates to four months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that might arise from time to time – what might be termed 'acts of God'. Based on 2023 expenditure our general fund reserve should be in the region of £79,000 (2022:



£76,000), a third of unrestricted expenditure for the year. The PCC has reduced the Freewill offer for 2024 to £90,000 from £105,000 as part of measures designed to redress the operating costs for the year. Reserves on the general fund have now been completely depleted. The deficit balance of £(3,830) (2022: £36,881) on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end will be covered by the legacy fund and clearly our current operating model is unsustainable going forward.

As previously stated, the PCC is actively discussing our financial strategy. This includes clear communication of the financial position to the congregation and wider community.

The reserves policy was reviewed when setting the budget for 2023, and a three-month reserve was mooted. A three-month reserve based on 2023 expenditure would equate to £59,000. The financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and our

spending decisions vis a vis staff and freewill offer have been absorbed by reserves during 2020 to 2023. The reserves policy will be kept under review during 2024. The budget for 2024 assumes 'business as usual' with the legacy as our reserve backstop.

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

The Rev'd Canon Richard Carew (Vicar)

Helen Wren (Church Warden)

Date 18 March 2024

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the period.

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Capital funds		Total funds	
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>									
Donations and legacies	2-4	156,445	317,294	54,055	19,087			210,500	336,381
Other trading activities	2-4	5,813	6,389	-	-	-	-	5,813	6,389
Income from investments	2-4	1,691	1,955	-	-	-	-	1,691	1,955
Church activities	2-4	40,274	44,023	3,930	5,148	-	-	44,204	49,171
Other incoming resources	2-4	1,651	1,312	278	236	-	-	1,929	1,548
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>205,874</b>	<b>370,973</b>	<b>58,263</b>	<b>24,471</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>264,137</b>	<b>395,444</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Raising funds	2-5	(1,035)	(1,213)	-	-	-	-	(1,035)	(1,213)
Charitable activities	2-5	(237,272)	(228,534)	(23,901)	(22,361)	(32,542)	(37,305)	(293,715)	(288,200)
Other	2-5	(480)	(622)	-	-	-	-	(480)	(622)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(238,787)</b>	<b>(230,369)</b>	<b>(23,901)</b>	<b>(22,361)</b>	<b>(32,542)</b>	<b>(37,305)</b>	<b>(295,230)</b>	<b>(290,035)</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>(32,913)</b>	<b>140,604</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>(32,542)</b>	<b>(37,305)</b>	<b>(31,093)</b>	<b>105,409</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	2-5	(7,427)	(684)	-	(2,220)	7,427	2,904	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		<b>(40,340)</b>	<b>139,920</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>(25,115)</b>	<b>(34,401)</b>	<b>(31,093)</b>	<b>105,409</b>
<b>Balance of funds at 1 January 2023</b>		216,491	76,571	37,112	37,222	727,322	761,723	980,925	875,516
<b>Balance of funds at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>176,151</b>	<b>216,491</b>	<b>71,474</b>	<b>37,112</b>	<b>702,207</b>	<b>727,322</b>	<b>949,832</b>	<b>980,925</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these accounts.

**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>			
Building (community hall)	6	679,281	707,485
Furniture & equipment	6	22,926	19,737
		<b>702,207</b>	<b>727,322</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	12	9,080	11,388
Cash at bank and in hand		244,947	248,024
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>254,027</b>	<b>259,412</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors due within one year	13	(6,402)	(5,809)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>247,625</b>	<b>253,603</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>949,832</b>	<b>980,925</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds	14	176,151	216,491
Restricted funds	14	71,474	37,112
Capital funds	14	702,207	727,322
		<b>949,832</b>	<b>980,925</b>

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 18 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

**Richard Carew**  
Vicar

**Helen Dobson**  
Treasurer

### Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Reconciliation of net outgoing resources to net cashflow from operating activities</b>			
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		(31,093)	105,409
Net investment income		(1,691)	(1,955)
Depreciation charge	6	32,542	37,305
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	12	2,308	(998)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	13	593	947
Increase/(decrease) in long term creditors	13	-	-
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>		<b>2,659</b>	<b>140,708</b>
<b>Cash flow Statement</b>			
Net cash in/(out)flow from operating activities		2,659	140,708
Return on Investments		1,691	1,955
Capital expenditure – additions		(7,427)	(2,905)
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year</b>		<b>(3,077)</b>	<b>139,758</b>

### Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	(3,077)	139,758
Net cash at start of year	248,024	108,266
<b>Net cash at end of year</b>	<b>244,947</b>	<b>248,024</b>

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Accounting convention and basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards under the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards, under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value.

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 main affiliation to another body (for example the Scouts and Brownies) nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### Incoming Resources

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

#### Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan freewill offering is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and accounted for gross.

#### Funds of the Charity

The various funds of the charity are accounted for as follows:

*Restricted funds* represent income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; and donations and 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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

The PCC does not invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which are expendable at the discretion of the PCC for general purposes. Unrestricted funds earmarked for particular purposes by the trustees are designated as separate funds.

In the opinion of the trustees sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form for each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions imposed upon it.

*Capital funds* represent the PCC's investment in fixed assets. Transfers are made from the unrestricted funds in respect of depreciation and asset purchases and disposals.

#### Fixed asset investments

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by section 10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Fixed assets are not capitalised if they are below a value of £100.

Furniture and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis at 25% per annum. Community Hall fittings and the car park are depreciated at 10% per annum on a straight-line basis. The solar panels are depreciated at 5% per annum. Expenditure for building works on the community hall re-development is shown at cost inclusive of professional fees and VAT. The hall is depreciated at 3% per annum on a straight-line basis.

## 2 Unrestricted Funds: Income and endowments

	Church general fund		Clergy discretionary		Legacy		Total funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary income</b>								
Planned giving								
- Gift aided	105,499	108,553	-	-	-	-	105,499	108,553
- Tax refunds	26,297	24,760	-	-	-	-	26,297	24,760
- One off and other including legacies	18,144	723	1,000	-	-	176,000	19,144	176,723
Collections	4,468	4,175	-	-	-	-	4,468	4,175
Grants received	1,037	3,083	-	-	-	-	1,037	3,083
	<b>155,445</b>	141,294	<b>1,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>156,445</b>	317,294
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	<b>5,813</b>	6,389	-	-	-	-	<b>5,813</b>	6,389
<b>Income from investments</b>								
Bank interest	1,535	29	-	-	-	-	1,535	29
Solar panel feed in tariff	156	1,926	-	-	-	-	156	1,926
	<b>1,691</b>	1,955	-	-	-	-	<b>1,691</b>	1,955
<b>Church activities</b>								
Fees	8,009	11,609	-	-	-	-	8,009	11,609
Hall/extension lettings	24,952	20,146	-	-	-	-	24,952	20,146
Magazine/publication income	2,945	4,197	-	-	-	-	2,945	4,197
Other	4,368	8,071	-	-	-	-	4,368	8,071
	<b>40,274</b>	44,023	-	-	-	-	<b>40,274</b>	44,023
Other	1,651	1,312	-	-	-	-	1,651	1,312
<b>Total income</b>	<b>204,874</b>	194,973	<b>1,000</b>	-	-	176,000	<b>205,874</b>	370,973

### 3 Unrestricted Funds: Expenditure

	Church general fund		Clergy discretionary		Legacy		Total funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Resources expended</b>								
<b>Church activities</b>								
Mission giving	11,860	12,070	-	-	-	-	11,860	12,070
Diocesan parish share	105,000	105,000	-	-	-	-	105,000	105,000
Church services expenses	26,333	27,148	-	250	-	-	26,333	27,398
Premises	86,017	70,155	912	-	-	-	86,929	70,155
Support of church work	1,036	7,926	-	-	-	-	1,036	7,926
Youth activities	1,806	786	-	-	-	-	1,806	786
Printing costs	2,535	2,429	-	-	-	-	2,535	2,429
Other	573	835	1,200	1,935	-	-	1,773	2,770
	<b>235,160</b>	<b>226,349</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,185</b>	-	-	<b>237,272</b>	<b>228,534</b>
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>1,213</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1,035</b>	<b>1,213</b>
Accountancy	480	622	-	-	-	-	480	622
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>236,675</b>	<b>228,184</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,185</b>	-	-	<b>238,787</b>	<b>230,369</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>	<b>(31,801)</b>	<b>(33,211)</b>	<b>(1,112)</b>	<b>(2,185)</b>	-	176,000	<b>(32,913)</b>	<b>140,604</b>
Transfer between funds	(8,910)	(2,193)	1,483	1,509			(7,427)	(684)
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>	<b>(40,711)</b>	<b>(35,404)</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>(676)</b>	-	176,000	<b>(40,340)</b>	<b>139,920</b>
Balance 1 January	36,881	72,285	3,610	4,286	176,000	-	216,491	76,571
<b>Balance 31 December</b>	<b>(3,830)</b>	<b>36,881</b>	<b>3,981</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>176,000</b>	<b>176,000</b>	<b>176,151</b>	<b>216,491</b>

The clergy discretionary fund is an amount set aside for the incumbent to use as he wishes.  
The legacy fund is the amount left to the church by the late Joan Rowland.

#### 4 Restricted Funds

	Events		Flowers		Charities		Choir		Youth		Total Funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary income</b>												
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	15,000	50,000	15,000
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	3,755	2,000	3,755
Collections	-	47	-	285	2,055	-	-	-	-	-	2,055	332
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	-	47	-	285	2,055	-	-	-	52,000	18,755	54,055	19,087
<b>Church activities</b>												
Events	3,930	5,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,930	5,148
Other	234	236	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	278	236
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>18,755</b>	<b>58,263</b>	<b>24,471</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>												
<b>Charitable activities</b>												
Youth activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,487	20,456	23,487	20,456
Repairs and maintenance	-	1,660	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,765
Other	-	-	188	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	188	95
Music	-	-	-	-	-	-	226	45	-	-	226	45
<b>Total expended on charitable activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>23,487</b>	<b>20,456</b>	<b>23,901</b>	<b>22,361</b>
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>3,771</b>	<b>(188)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(226)</b>	<b>(45)</b>	<b>28,513</b>	<b>(1,701)</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>2,110</b>
Transfers between funds	-	(2,220)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,220)
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>(188)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(226)</b>	<b>(45)</b>	<b>28,513</b>	<b>(1,701)</b>	<b>34,362</b>	<b>(110)</b>
Balance 1 January	23,518	21,967	345	260	-	-	74	119	13,175	14,876	37,112	37,222
<b>Balance 31 December</b>	<b>27,682</b>	<b>23,518</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>41,688</b>	<b>13,175</b>	<b>71,474</b>	<b>37,112</b>



The events fund shows monies raised by the events team which are used for a cause selected by that team and endorsed by the PCC. Since 2018, the funds raised have been retained and will be put towards the cost of replacing the internal lighting for the church. This project will continue into 2024.

The flower fund was established in 2019 with money donated for flower arrangements in church.

The choir fund is the amount that the choir is paid for singing at weddings and funerals - this amount is transferred from the general fund when the service takes place. The choir use this money to buy additional music and resources for special events.

Some donations are given specifically for youth work and these donations are used to finance the Youth worker salaries and expenses.

## 5 Movement in capital funds

	Buildings		Furniture and equipment		Grounds		Total Funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Depreciation charges</b>								
- Fixtures and fittings	(28,303)	(28,303)	(862)	(862)	-	-	(29,165)	(29,165)
- Solar panels	-	-	(1,649)	(1,408)	-	-	(1,649)	(1,408)
- IT systems	-	-	(1,136)	(5,458)	-	-	(1,136)	(5,458)
- Equipment	-	-	(592)	(1,274)	-	-	(592)	(1,274)
<b>Total depreciation</b>	<b>(28,303)</b>	<b>(28,303)</b>	<b>(4,239)</b>	<b>(9,002)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(32,542)</b>	<b>(37,305)</b>
<b>Transfer from church fund for capital purposes</b>								
- Equipment	-	-	7,427	2,904			7,427	2,904
<b>Total transfer from church fund to capital fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>2,904</b>
Capital fund balance on 1 January	707,585	735,888	19,737	25,835	-	-	727,322	761,723
<b>Capital fund balance on 31 December</b>	<b>679,281</b>	<b>707,585</b>	<b>22,926</b>	<b>19,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>702,207</b>	<b>727,322</b>

## 6 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings		Furniture and equipment		Grounds		Total Funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Actual/deemed costs at 1 January	849,101	849,101	122,108	119,204	7,221	7,221	978,430	975,526
Additions	-	-	7,427	2,904	-	-	7,427	2,904
<b>Actual/deemed costs 31 December</b>	<b>849,101</b>	<b>849,101</b>	<b>129,535</b>	<b>122,108</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>985,857</b>	<b>978,430</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January	141,517	113,213	102,370	93,369	7,221	7,221	251,108	213,803
Charged in year	28,303	28,303	4,239	9,002	-	-	32,542	37,305
<b>Accumulated depreciation at 31 December</b>	<b>169,820</b>	<b>141,516</b>	<b>106,609</b>	<b>102,371</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>283,650</b>	<b>251,108</b>
Net book value as at 1 January	707,585	735,888	19,737	25,834	-	-	727,322	761,722
<b>Net book value as at 31 December</b>	<b>679,281</b>	<b>707,585</b>	<b>22,926</b>	<b>19,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>702,207</b>	<b>727,322</b>

## 7 Grants to other organisations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accomplish Children's Trust (Uganda)	1,482	1,509
Big Futures Foundation	1,482	1,509
Christians Against Poverty	1,483	1,508
Friends of Grahamstown and District Dev (SA)	1,482	1,509
Tariro UK Hope for Zimbabwe	1,482	1,509
Wydale	1,483	1,508
United Society	1,483	1,509
York Schools and Youth Trust YOYO	1,483	1,509
	<b>11,860</b>	<b>12,070</b>

The PCC gives away a proportion of income each year to other charities. The charities are selected by a small working group every three years. 2018 was the first year of a three-year programme. In 2018, the PCC agreed to increase the proportion of income given away from 5% (in 2017) by 1% each year up to 10%. Therefore, in 2023, 10% of income was granted to other organisations. This is year three in the current programme.

## 8 Remuneration of trustees

The incumbent, who is also a member of the PCC, is remunerated by the diocese. During the course of the year, the PCC has reimbursed curate's expenses of £nil (2022: £200). No other trustees incurred expenses.

## 9 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Where members of the PCC have undertaken tasks on behalf of the PCC, expenses have been reimbursed where requested. One of the members of the PCC holds a zero hours contract with the church for providing audio visual services at occasional weddings and funerals – these costs are recouped as part of the fee for the service.

In addition, these accounts include some transactions with local firms and individuals in which the trustees are involved. In the PCC's opinion, these transactions do not contain any significant element of profit.

Our Director of Music is remunerated under a contract for services, she is married to a member of the PCC but all declarations of interest are declared as appropriate.

The freewill offering is usually paid to the Diocese of York in twelve equal monthly instalments – we have paid the full amount we have pledged.

## 10 Staff costs

The incumbent and the assistant curate are office holders under Common Tenure. They are appointed and paid by the Diocese of York rather than the church they work at.

The PCC has employed two people during the year to cover youth provision on part-time contracts, an almost full time Office Administrator, a part-time Administrator and a part-time Assistant Choir Leader. Youth workers have been funded in full by specific donations. The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2022: 5). No employees received emoluments greater than £60,000.

In addition, the church employs some vergers, audio visual technicians and organists for weddings and funerals. They are employed on zero hours contracts and are not included in the numbers above. Total fees for organists, vergers and officiants were £3,586 (2022: £3,392) in the year.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	53,457	47,750
	<b>53,457</b>	<b>47,750</b>

## 11 Support costs

The amount that the charity spends on support costs includes the administrator's salary, costs of internet connection and computer systems. In 2023, support costs were £34,905 (2022: £31,958).

## 12 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sundry	595	844
Prepayments and accrued income	4,641	3,223
Tax Recoverable - gift aid	3,844	7,321
	<b>9,080</b>	<b>11,388</b>

## 13 Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Creditors due within 1 year</b>		
Creditors	830	1,917
Accruals	5,181	3,308
Deferred income	390	554
	<b>6,402</b>	<b>5,809</b>

## 14 Analysis of net assets by fund

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted fund	Capital funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	702,207	-	<b>702,207</b>
Current assets	182,261	-	71,766	<b>254,027</b>
Current liabilities	(6,110)	-	(292)	<b>(6,402)</b>
	<b>176,151</b>	<b>702,207</b>	<b>71,474</b>	<b>949,832</b>

As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted fund	Capital funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	727,322	-	<b>727,322</b>
Current assets	222,150	-	37,262	<b>259,412</b>
Current liabilities	(5,659)	-	(150)	<b>(5,809)</b>
	<b>216,491</b>	<b>727,322</b>	<b>37,112</b>	<b>980,925</b>

## 15 Capital Commitments

The charity has capital commitments as at 31 December 2023 of £nil and at 31 December 2022 of £1,518 inclusive of VAT being the 2.5% retention on works to the roof.

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Edward the Confessor Parochial Church Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Edward the Confessor Parochial Church Council (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales.

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

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

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

Signed: Richard William Smith

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Chartered Accountant - ICAEW

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Date: 30 April 2024