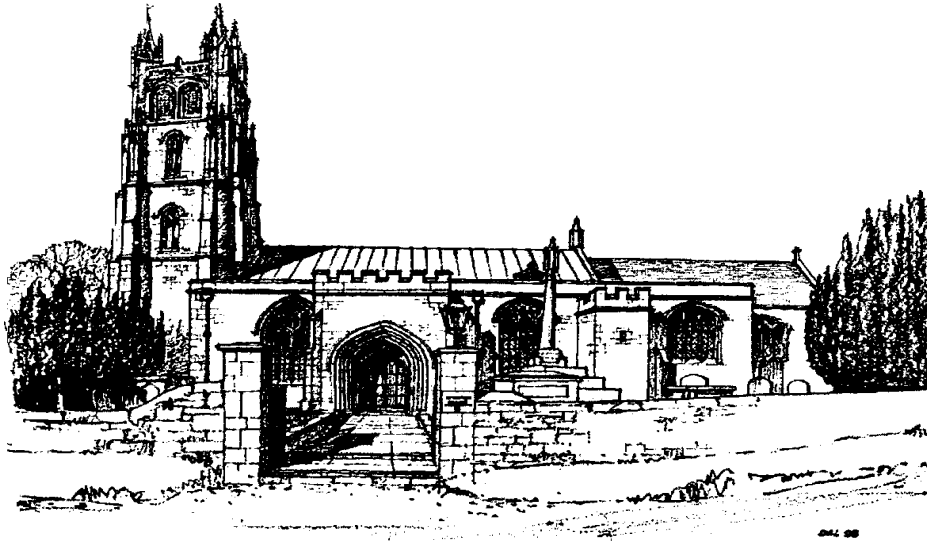


The Parish Church of St Andrew

Backwell



Annual Report and Accounts for 2023

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday, 12th May 2024 at 12:00noon

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*Please note that the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
are available for inspection at the Church Office.*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2024 at 12:00 noon

AGENDA

Prayer

- 1 Nomination of Clerk by the meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on April 23rd 2023
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

*(All nominations must be complete and before the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.
No nominations can be taken from the floor)*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2024 at 12:05 noon

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting
- 2 Consideration of Electoral Roll
- 3 ANNUAL REPORT
 - Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts for year ended 1.12.23
 - Churchwardens' Review of the Year
 - Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
 - Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 4 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
 - PCC members
 - Election of Electoral Roll Officer
 - Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - Appointment of Stewards/Welcomers
 - Election of Independent Examiner

5 To note—Informal Reports in separate booklet

6 Any other matters of parochial or general church interest

Short matters may be dealt with at this meeting or will be dealt with by the PCC

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

to be held immediately following the APCM

AGENDA

- 1 Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Consideration of Parish Share banding
3. Any matters of urgent consideration
4. Date of next Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in Church
Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 12.00noon

1. Nomination of Clerk by the meeting

The meeting agreed that Jane Canning should act as clerk.

2. Apologies: Carol Hellen, Julie Densham, Barbara Paige, Doug & Pat Neilson, Carolyn Ireland

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the Last Vestry Meeting on 24th April 2022 were accepted as a true record by the meeting.

Proposed Martin Canning

Seconded Tamsin Hockett

4. Election of Churchwardens

As required by the Churchwarden Measure 2001, nominations for Churchwarden had been submitted in writing before the meeting. Andrew Pitcher was proposed by Martin Canning and seconded by Jane Canning. Cherry Leake was proposed by Andy Pitcher and seconded by Martin Canning. As there were no other nominations, Cherry and Andy were duly appointed as Church Wardens. The meeting thanked Anita for her work and welcomed Cherry. Anita was thanked for her seven years working for St Andrew's as Church Warden. Her time in this role included the challenge of a vacancy.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on
Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 12.00noon

Chair: Rev'd Katy Garner

PCC Secretary: Jane Canning

Church Warden: Andrew Pitcher, Cherry Leake

Present: Heather Bailey, Peter Bailey, Ian Bainbridge, Marie Bale, Lesley Barratt, Martin Canning, Jane Canning, Vicky Dunscombe, Peter Garner, Rev'd Katy Garner, Sue Griffiths, Christine Hamilton, Tim Harland, Philip Hockett, Tamsin Hockett, Cherry Leake, Trevor Leaker, John Lee, Jan MacMillan, Stuart MacMillan, Andy Pitcher, Janet Pitcher, Andrew Round, Sheila Round, Jean Routley, Joan Rowe, Tina Soper, Anthony Stansfield, Sue Watts, Trevor Watts, Ian Wills, Helen Wills

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 24th April 2022 had already been circulated with the annual reports. They were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

Proposed John Lee

Seconded Trevor Leake

2.Consideration of Electoral Roll

No names have been added to the roll, and 10 members of the church have died. Our electoral roll now stands at 224.

3. Annual Report

This was circulated in advance and included the following-

- Financial Report
- Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
- Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The Annual Accounts were circulated at the meeting.

The Financial Report was presented by Lesley Barratt and the meeting given the opportunity to ask questions. The level of risk linked to the CCLA investment was queried. Although there is risk associated with any investment CCLA have shown themselves to very sound so far and so considered a low risk.

Lesley Barratt was thanked for all her work as Treasurer.

The Independent Financial Report was prepared by Toby Cowley, because Amanda Collinson was unavailable due to ill health. He had no concerns with the accounts.

Toby was thanked for his work in taking up this assignment.

The Rectors review considered the many projects and development over the last year. However, this work requires support, and the paucity of volunteers continues to drain the Rector's resources and ability to carry out key aspects of her work.

Tina Soper thanked the Rector on behalf of the meeting, for everything that she does.

Fabric

John Lee is stepping down as Chair of Fabric, but will supervise the installation of the new furniture, which will include storage for the drums clearing them from Church House. The updated sound system is arriving shortly, but the screen has not yet been approved. More LED lights are being installed and the glass doors have been modified to make them easier to open. The comments made to inform the Vision project have been typed out and will be considered when this group can reconvene. John Lee emphasised that the church needs someone to maintain checks on the fabric of the church.

John Lee was thanked for all his hard work as Chair of Fabric.

Deanery Synod

This group represents churches in local villages and meets to talk about items that affect this area. A recent meeting was to discuss the necessary loss of some local stipendiary clergy. Although this is difficult, the Diocese of Bath and Wells is being generous in giving time to make the changes. The Deanery has both Synod and Open Meeting. Members of the church are encouraged to attend the open meetings. Anthony Stansfield, Martin Canning and Anita Heapey all expressed interest in being representatives on Portishead Deanery. Their election was proposed on block
Proposed : Phil Hockett seconded : Peter Bailey

Elections and Appointments

PCC members

Christine Hamilton, Tim Harland, Tamsin Hockett and John Lee have reached the end of their term on the PCC but were willing to be re-elected. Tina Soper also completed the nomination form for election to the PCC. As the Council is below full capacity all the applicants were accepted onto the PCC.

Electoral Roll Secretary

Phil Hockett is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Secretary.

Propose Anita Heapey **seconded Martin Canning**

Phil was thanked for this work.

Appointment of Stewards

Cherry Leake is going to continue her work in charge of the stewards, helped by Anita Heappey. Cherry thanked the Stewards for their work as a warm welcome is so important for the congregation. Now the new service times is more established, Cherry will work on re-instating a rota. Rev'd Katy thanked her for her hard work.

Election of Independent Examiner

Amanda Collinson was proposed as St Andrew's Independent Examiner.

Proposed Lesley Barratt

Seconded Andy Pitcher.

Informal Reports as contained in the Annual Report.

This year the informal reports have again been produced as a small booklet, which was circulated via email. It is also available on the church website and A Church Near You. It includes a report from the Worship Group that was requested last year.

Any matters of Parochial or general church interest.

Jean Routley re-iterated her regret that the photos of past Rector's had been removed from the wall in Church House. However, the PCC had already agreed to make the photos available by putting them in an album. Putting that in the church will make the images more available to visitors during the week.

Rev'd Joan asked the meeting to thank God for all the things that he has done in this place in the last year and shout Hallelujah.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed.....Chair of Meeting

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2023

2023 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has had the responsibility of co-operating with Rev Katy Garner and since her departure with the Ministry team Revd Joan Rowe Revd Peter Bailey and lay readers Martin Canning and David George in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's, either through personal interaction or online. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We have enabled people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; biblical learning; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate some of this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Andrew's so it stands as a Christian statement in Backwell Village and is there for major moments in people's lives such as weddings baptisms and funerals.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We continued to offer a wide range of services: formal (led by our choir) informal (led by a band) Morning Prayer/ 1662 Book of Common Prayer/ Evensong as well as offering Communion in the village at Meeting Point and informal Communion in Church House. This wide range of services are held at different times to meet the need of worshippers as Sundays become increasingly busy with family commitments and caring needs.

We have introduced a new sound system to improve our service delivery and streaming service. This was achieved after much hard work to comply with the Faculties' stipulations and the training of members of the congregation to operate it. It now provides us with a much-enhanced sound system able to adapt to the needs of a band and other music provision for 21st century worship.

We have managed to enjoy fellowship together in the form of a meal before and after worship on our Patronal Festival and Maundy Thursday, as well our usual Sunday times for coffee! Our members continue to be involved with The Meeting Point and there is a communion service there once a month in the Parish Hall.

St Andrew's maintains good links with the other churches in the benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them and during the interregnum have increased our times spent together creating the Parish Profile and discussing Chelvey's needs as a valued member of our benefice. Particular thanks go to the Profile Writing Group for their time and dedication in producing a very thorough report to help us attract our next Rector.

Our children's worker is continuing to extend her work at our Junior School and was able to take our Pupil Chaplains to Taunton for the day. Each year group has resumed

having a day in church with activities, and Timi, our Children's Worker, regularly takes collective worship at the school. There is a parent and toddler group, Little Lambs for under threes thriving on a Sunday morning once a month with play on a religious theme. It is always fully booked, and our thanks go to Rhiannon Mark and Timi (who took over while Rhiannon was on maternity leave) for her hard work in developing and running this group. The children's choir, led by a professional teacher, meets weekly in term time and has around 25 members.

Another initiative continuing from last year, introduced by Timi, is the running of 'Begin Well' antenatal classes, and we look forward to following these families as they embark on parenthood.

The church held several packed services to fully celebrate Christmas. There was a Christingle 'afternoon', where the children made the Christingles prior to the service, Crib Services, School Carol Services, informal family carol service and our traditional choir-led Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

All are warmly welcomed at our regular services. At present there are 221 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 8 were removed during the year through death and there were 5 new members. The average weekly attendance, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October when we had services in the church building, was 38 adults and 2 children.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 7 Baptism and 3 weddings. We have held 15 Funerals in our Church this year. Clergy also take services for parishioners at our local crematoriums.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC is also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures.

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a very high standard by contractors and the extensive services of Richard Standing, and we thank him for his long service, reliable and thorough approach to every task. Richard has retired after many years dedicated service to maintaining the fabric of St Andrew's. He will be greatly missed.

During the year a full electrical audit of the whole of the Church was undertaken and the planning of the replacement of the lead roof of the Tower has been concluded and the work will start in May 2024. The table storage units in Church House are now in use and are much safer. The Sound desk has been installed and the design of the new storage cupboards for the church has progressed, with installation planned for May 2024.

Tina Soper has continued to clean the church and Church House. We are very grateful for the extra time and effort both Vanessa our part time administrator and Tina put into the day to day running of the Church.

Church House usage has increased over the year with both internal and external bookings.

Pastoral Care

During this past year in addition to the ministry team the pastoral group has consisted of 4 regular members who met prayerfully supporting parishioners by visits, telephone calls and home communion. This year there has been a good deal of support to families around bereavement and end of life care. Some of those families are still receiving support as they adjust to a new way of living without their loved ones. We had hoped that this year would have seen the opportunity to expand our work however the team itself has been affected by long terms health issues. We have managed to maintain our pastoral commitments and will continue with our current list of parishioner needs.

**Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.
Galatians 6.2**

Mission and Evangelism

The four key areas of activity of The Mission & Outreach Committee of St Andrew's are our connection with the world church, our support for charities, connections to village life and concern for the environment.

We continue to pray for the community of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, Zambia as part of the Diocesan Companion Link programme, as they do for us, and we exchange news on community activities and events. Donations on Zambia Sunday in July helped towards replacement of equipment stolen from their church. There are plans to build a school in the church grounds to cater for children meeting in the church building. We continue to support the Link at Diocesan level, assisting with the appointment of a Link Coordinator. We remain committed to Fairtrade through our registration as a Fairtrade church and use of Fairtrade supplies.

Maintaining our support for 4 charities during the year has enabled a more significant donation to be made to each based on a fixed percentage of total PCC receipts. On average we reached our target of £2,000 per quarter for each charity including further fundraising with a fundraising meal, and a BBQ. We also support a CMS Mission Partner recently sent to Nairobi. Meanwhile our Harvest service drew attention to the work of Ripple Effect in Zambia. The charities are selected on the basis that they are doing God's work, locally and more widely. Financial support is provided to other charities in response to appeals or on special occasions, but this depends on individual events being organised by those having close charity links. Full details of our monetary support are shown in the financial accounts.

Our weekly news sheet includes prayer for every house and business in the village by rotation, as well as churches in the Anglican cycle of prayer and our supported charity. World mission prayer is contributed to the diocesan prayer calendar and many other prayer diaries are available for individual use. The Meeting Point has growing attendance at its twice-monthly lunches and the weekly chair yoga sessions for those with less mobility. The Meeting Point is a weekly drop-in café offering hospitality and support under the umbrella charity, Backwell Life. A monthly service of Holy Communion takes place there prior to lunch. The programme of children's activities in the summer was well attended, as are regular holiday activities (Tuesday Break). The monthly Village Magazine is edited by a member of the congregation and includes significant church input. It is well and widely read across the community and is available free in both paper and on-line versions.

Work was completed on an Eco Church application with the help of the pupil chaplains from the Junior School and we were awarded Bronze status. Further work towards a Silver award is planned for 2024 with the new chaplains keen to participate.

Mission and Outreach regularly reviews our communications both internally and externally including our website, a Church Near You and social media to develop ways of presenting our message of love and care for our church community, our village community and for the wider world. Our engagement with and publicity of children's groups and support in school has expanded, notably with the successful pupil chaplains programme. With the help of our ecumenical partners, we delivered a Christmas card to every house in the village.

A series of budget cooking workshops by a professional caterer took place at The Meeting Point and individual action in support of the Nailsea Foodbank, knitting for others and the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol continues. Members do hold collection boxes for other charities, such as USPG and The Children's Society. We are very keen to develop these tangible demonstrations of our faith in action.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrew's, as a member of Christians Together in Backwell, has held joint services with the other churches throughout the year, including the World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, as well as united services in Holy Week. Through this we also work with the other churches on items in local papers promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches. We are also participants in the Backwell Prayer Watch which meets monthly in the 3 churches in the village and attracts Christians who live in the village but worship elsewhere.

Volunteers

St Andrew's would like to thank the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community whether in our worship, the maintenance of our building or in the administration of the parish. We started Autumn without our Rector Revd Katy Garner who left for an appointment as chaplain at Bath Spa University. She is greatly missed. However the Ministry team and Lay Readers have worked incredibly hard to grow Katy's initiatives and the life of the Church delivering inspiring services, comforting the bereaved, growing our outreach programmes through Zoom prayers, visits and countless ways of serving our community. Three members of our congregation have undertaken Christian training Charlotte Stansfield (to be ordained in June) Timi Booy and Tina Soper – all three are inspiration to us all.

Financial Report

St Andrew's Church Financial Report to APCM – May 2024

1. At the end of 2023 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2022	£258,167	£501,686	£759,853
End 2023	£302,559	£531,204	£833,763

2. At 31 December 2023 the CCLA Investment holding was valued at £755,270 compared with £694,334 at the end of 2022. During the year 450 shares were sold yielding £25,000. The value of the Investment Fund rose during the year. The share value increasing from £53.00 per share at 1 January 2023 to £59.71 at 31 December 2023.
The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and two current accounts with NatWest Bank.
3. Income from regular donations remains steady. Collections, however, were down from £4,827 to £3,963.
4. During the year a legacy of £3,000 from the estate of Rex Alec de Winton was received and also a donation of £20,000. Both amounts are unrestricted.
5. In 2023 our Parish Share reduced from 86,044 to £84,968 per year. This was due to a drop in the number of our regular worshippers. This figure is used to calculate the amount payable.
6. Overall expenses from unrestricted funds were around £1,200 more than in 2022; a small increase of 1%. The cost of electricity, oil, insurance and salaries, paid to the administrator and cleaner, all increased but this was offset by the reduction in the parish share.
7. Charitable giving from PCC funds was just over 5% of regular income. The £5,706 payments to charities shown in the accounts include £683 raised at the BBQ for CMS and £423 at the curry evening for USPG. The payments have been taken from our Missions and Outreach Fund. In addition, specific donations included food and gifts were made which raised a further £4,299. These were passed directly to various charities (see page 8 of the accounts).
8. The deficit for 2023 on unrestricted funds was £7,525 (when the £23,000 received from the legacy and large donation is excluded). This deficit is lower than forecasted in the 2023 budget of £22,785. The main reasons for this different is
- a) income from fees and Church House hire were greater than estimated.
 - b) The parish share, clergy expenses and running costs were lower than anticipated and the £6,000 sum included in the budget to fund a Musical Director was not used.
1. The Missions & Outreach work has continued to thrive. There were some specific donations towards this work. Full details of the outreach work can be found on page 7 of the accounts.

2. For some time now fabric expenditure has been drawn from restricted funds. Full details are shown on page 7 of the annual accounts. The sound system and Church House chairs costs have been capitalised and will be depreciated at 25% per year over the next 4 years.
3. Churchyard expenditure was partly covered by trust fund income and a Parish Council grant. The capital remaining in the churchyard fund at the end of 2023 will not cover our forecasted expenditure for 2024 and capital from the Mr Brain Fund will be needed to cover the excess.
4. A new restricted fund has been created named the Learning Hub Fund. We have been given a grant to take part in a national project to promote Christianity in schools.
5. For 2024 our Parish Share has increased by £2,975 (3.5%) to £87,943.
6. Currently the estimated deficit for 2024 on unrestricted funds is £21,910. This includes £6,000 provision for a new Musical Director. We advertised the post in 2023 but no-one was appointed.

Lesley Barratt -
Treasurer

Revised Church Financial Policies (7th March 2024)

- **Restricted Reserves Policy**
- Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£531,204 at the end of 2023). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, reviewed regularly and used in a positive manner to maintain and enhance the Fabric and Churchyard of St. Andrew's Church. At the present time, we believe that these reserves will cover any eventuality over the next 5/10 years.
- **Unrestricted Reserves Policy**
- These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £302,559 at the end of 2023. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £100,000). Subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.
- **Legacies Policy**

We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary income	2(a)	111,575	17,630	129,205	205,288
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	945	1,303	2,248	1,328
Income from investments	2(c)	1,318	2,560	3,878	2,360
Church activities	12(d)	17,465	3,124	20,589	17,477
Other Receipts		115		115	466
TOTAL INCOME		131,418	24,617	156,035	226,919
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(a)	115,168	51,793	166,961	180,629
Raising funds	3(b)	775	325	1,100	1,242
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		115,943	52,118	168,061	181,871
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		15,475	-27,501	-12,026	45,048
NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	5	28,917	57,019	85,936	-68,749
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		44,392	29,518	73,910	-23,701
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE START OF THE YEAR		258,167	501,686	759,853	783,554
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT THE END OF THE YEAR		302,559	531,204	833,763	759,853

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Furniture and Equipment	4	21,252	
Investment Fund	5	755,270	694,334
TOTAL		776,522	694,334
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		26,496	20,540
Debtors	6	9,487	9,474
Short term deposits		26,712	40,513
Total		62,695	70,527
TOTAL ASSETS		839,217	764,861
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within One Year		5,454	5,008
		833,763	759,853
FUNDS		833,763	759,853
Unrestricted	7(a)	302,559	258,167
Restricted	7(b)	531,204	501,686
TOTAL		833,763	759,853

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1(a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on an accounting basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

1(b) Depreciation

Items of Furniture, Equipment and Fittings costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated over 4 years at 25% per annum.

2	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
2(a)	Voluntary income				
	<i>Planned giving:</i>				
	Gift aid donations	61,283		61,283	60,435
	Tax recoverable	15,489	753	16,242	15,573
	Other	5,992		5,992	6,194
	Collections:				
	Open plate	1,252		1,252	2,015
	Gift aid envelopes	1,368		1,368	1,710
	Sum Up	483		483	330
	Sum Up with gift aid	860		860	772
	Benefice Allowance				2,797
	Grants:				
	Bath & Wells Community Outreach		500	500	
	Church of England Energy Scheme				1,250
	Listed Places of Worship		2,015	2,015	2,164
	National Society for Education		10,000	10,000	
	Parish Council		400	400	350
	St Mathias		1,500	1,500	
	Donations	1,418	462	1,880	2,230
	Donations qualifying for gift aid	20,430	2,000	22,430	374
	Legacies	3,000		3,000	109,094
	Total	111,575	17,630	129,205	205,288
2(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social activity Donations	945	1,303	2,248	1,328
	Total	945	1,303	2,248	1,328
2(c)	Income from investments				
*	Dividends from Trust Funds	95	2,193	2,288	2,276
	Interest	1,223	367	1,590	84
	Total	1,318	2,560	3,878	2,360
2(d)	Income from church activities				
	Bath & Wells Visiting Clergy Costs	705		705	180
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	1,250		1,250	1,307
	Children's Choir		3,024	3,024	2,764
	Hire of Church House	5,546		5,546	4,400
	Sales	45		45	80
	Weddings, Funerals & Monuments Fees	9,919	100	10,019	8,746
	Total	17,465	3,124	20,589	17,477
2(e)	Other Receipts				
	FIT Payments	115		115	466
	Total	115		115	466
	Total Income	131,418	24,617	156,035	226,919

* Dividends from Trust Funds

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.
The dividends received are included in the Churchyard and Flower Funds.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

3 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	FUNDS 2022 £
3(a) Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving (see also note 8)				
Church overseas: Missionary societies		3,873	3,873	1,797
Churches overseas : Relief & Development		683	683	
Home missions & other Church Societies		1,150	1,150	3,075
	0.00	5,706	5,706	4872.00
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	84,968		84,968	86,044
Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses	690		690	1,205
Lay Training	20	2,920	2,940	3,948
Other clergy costs	944		944	638
Outreach		5,222	5,222	5,631
Vacancy	90		90	
Discretionary Disbursements		130	130	525
Church running and maintenance (2a)	12,028	2,786	14,814	14,918
Upkeep of services : Books etc	90		90	172
Material for Worship	514		514	656
Flowers		200	200	418
Sundries	117		117	95
Churchyard upkeep		7,369	7,369	5,262
Support costs: Children's worker expenses		136	136	269
Choir	127	474	601	304
Junior church	55		55	316
Ringers		289	289	52
Equipment	579	-4,965	-4,386	7,598
Depreciation		7,084	7,084	
Major Repairs		12,624	12,624	23,976
Salaries: Administrator	7,820		7,820	7,098
Children's Worker		11,818	11,818	11,054
Church House cleaner	3,318		3,318	2,964
Fees: Organist	2,250		2,250	1,200
Printing/ stationery/postage	1,181		1,181	1,046
Bank Charges	377		377	368
Total	115,168	51,793	166,961	180,629
3(b) Raising funds				
Stewardship costs				419
Cost of social activities	775	325	1,100	823
Total	775	325	1,100	1,242
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	115,943	52,118	168,061	181,871

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3(c)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)	2023	2022
		£	£
	Consumables & window Cleaning	302	250
	Copyright licence/Data protection	470	752
	Drop Box	167	166
	Electricity	3,161	2,274
	Insurance	2,924	2,536
	Oil	3,380	2,732
	Phone/internet	822	824
	Piano Tuning	200	90
	Water Rates	243	210
	Web Site	215	233
	Zoom	144	144
	TOTAL	12,028	10,211
4	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	2023	2022
		£	£
	Cost		
	At start of year	3,416	3,416
	Additions	28,336	
	Disposals	-	
	At end of year	<u>31,752</u>	<u>3,416</u>
	Depreciation		
	At start of year	3,416	3,416
	Disposals	-	
	Depreciation charge for the year	7,084	
	At end of year	<u>10,500</u>	<u>3,416</u>
	Net Residual Value at end of year	21,252	
5	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2023	2022
	Share holding at 31 December	12,648	13,099
	The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2023 was £59.71 (2022 -£53.00)		
	8,392 shares are in restricted funds and 4,256 in unrestricted funds		
		£	£
	Market Value at start of year	694,334	763,083
	Additional shares purchased		50,000
	Shares sold	-25,000	-50,000
	Net gain/loss on Investments	85,936	-68,749
	Market Value at end of year	755,270	694,334
6	DEBTORS	2023	2022
	HM Revenue & Customs	8,148	8,497
	Other Debtors	1,339	523
	TOTAL	9,487	9,020

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7 DETAILS OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

BALANCE BALANCE
2023 2022

7(a) GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Voluntary income 108,575
Activities for generating funds 945
Income from investments 1,318
Income from church activities 17,465
Other receipts 115
TOTAL INCOME 128,418
Opening balance 454

EXPENDITURE

Church activities 115,168
Raising funds 775
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 115,943
Closing balance 12,929

454

LEGACIES FUND

INCOME

Investment Fund gain 28,917
Legacy 3,000
TOTAL INCOME 31,917

EXPENDITURE

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 0

Opening balance 257,713

Closing balance 289,630

257,713

257,713

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

302,559

258,167

7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS

BELL RINGERS FUND

INCOME

Donations 327
Interest 83
Social 101
TOTAL INCOME 511
Opening balance 1,484

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation fees 20
Bench cushions 173
Ropes 96
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 289
Closing balance 1,706

1,484

1,484

CHOIR FUND

INCOME

Donations plus tax 2,580
Interest 105
Social 24
Funeral fees 100
TOTAL INCOME 2,809
Opening balance 306

EXPENDITURE

Chorister bonuses 52
Music 93
Other expenses 57
Social events 271
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 473
Closing balance 2,642

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CHURCHYARD FUND

INCOME

Dividends 2,015
Grant 400
Interest 50

EXPENDITURE

Electricity 141
Gardeners 3,853
Hedge cutting 659
Machinery maintenance 248
Other expenses 387
Roses & rewilding 341
Tree Work 1,740
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 7,369

TOTAL INCOME 2,465

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 7,369

Opening balance 5,927

Closing balance 1,023

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7 DETAILS OF FUNDS (continued)

7(b)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)			BALANCE 2023	BALANCE 2022
	CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Investment Fund gain	52,327 Architect- vision & sound system	3,353		
	Listed Places of Worship grant	2,015 Bell clapper assembly	540		
		Church House electricity board	396		
		Church House chairs dolly	311		
		Church maintenance	2,786		
		Church tower roof	5,529		
		Panel heater	1,067		
		Replacement light fittings	7,536		
		Water heater	1,430		
		Adjustment to capitalise 2022			
		chairs and sound system	-12,653		
		Depreciation of equipment	7,084		
	TOTAL INCOME	54,342 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17,379		
	Opening balance	444,884 Closing balance		481,847	444,884
	FLOWER FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Dividends	178 Christmas decorations	130		
	Donations	55 Flowers etc	71		
	Interest	124			
	TOTAL INCOME	357 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	201		
	Opening balance	2,389 Closing balance		2,545	2,389
	LEARNING HUB FUND				
	National Society grant	10,000			
	TOTAL INCOME	10,000 TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
	Opening balance	Closing balance		10,000	
	MISSION & OUTREACH FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Bath & Wells community grant	500 Begin Well	455		
	Children's choir	3,024 Charities	5,706		
	Investment Fund gain	4,692 Children's choir	2,622		
	St Mathias grant	1,500 Children's worker costs	136		
	Social events donations	1,178 Children's worker course fees	2,920		
	Tax	253 Children's worker salary	11,818		
		Christmas & Easter in the box	297		
		Expenses for social events	325		
		Junior school books	422		
		Light party	317		
		Little Lambs	221		
		Musical instruments	150		
		Other outreach expenses	170		
		Pupil chaplaincy	282		
		St Andrew's churchdays	436		
	TOTAL INCOME	11,147 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26,277		
	Opening balance	46,471 Closing balance		31,341	46,471
	RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Interest	5 Disbursements	130		
	TOTAL INCOME	5 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	130		
	Opening balance	225 Closing balance		100	225
	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			531,204	501,686

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8 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

8(a)	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2023	2022
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG	1,150	1,025
	Church Mission Society	1,150	1,025
	Total	2,300	2,050
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Bristol Connect	1,150	
	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	1,150	1,025
	Wellspring Counselling		1,025
	Total	2,300	2,050
8(b)	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES		
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	Church Mission Society BBQ	683	
	USPG Curry Evening	423	772
	Total	1,106	772
	TOTAL PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES	5,706	4,872

The following donations are not included in the Accounts as St Andrew's only acts as an agent

*	Community of the Sisters of the Church (donations)	2,112	1,050
	Children's Society collection (Christingle)	143	67
	CMS (donations & sponsored walk)		62
	Funeral Collection (Cancer Research)		190
	Red Cross (Gaza)	228	
	Ripple Effect collection (Harvest)	139	
	RSCM		316
	Ukraine Children's Camp		235
	USPG donations	30	62
	USPG (Ukraine)		585
	USPG boxes and coffee morning	311	287
	Wellspring (donations & sponsored walk)		806
	Zambia collection (musical instruments)	486	
	Total	3,449	3,660
*	Donations of food and gifts have also been given to the Sisters of the Church - estimated value	850	475



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A	Independent Examiner's Report		
Report to the trustees/ members of	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell, also known as St Andrew's PCC Backwell.		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1131461
Set out on pages	1-9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

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 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:

Date: 09/04/2024

Name:

Amanda Collinson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Former Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (1980-2021)

Address:

12a Farleigh Road,

Backwell,

Bristol. BS48 3PA

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Backwell, BS48 3JJ. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 23rd April 2023 until the date of this approved report are:

Wardens : Andy Pitcher, Cherry Leake

PCC Secretary : Jane Canning

Deanery Synod (entitles automatic service on PCC)

Martin Canning

Anthony Stansfield

Anita Heappey

Vacancy

Diocesan Synod (entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC)

Carol Hellen

Elected members For 3 years unless otherwise indicated

Lesley Barratt (until APCM 2025)

Tim Harland (until APCM 2026)

Tamsin Hockett (until APCM 2026)

Doug Neilson (until APCM 2025)

Tina Soper (until APCM 2026)

Christine Hamilton (until APCM 2026)

John Lee (until APCM 2026)

Ian Bainbridge co-opted in 2023

By Invitation to Fabric Committee George Chedburn (Architect)

Approved by the PCC on 25th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by Andy Pitcher (Church Warden and Chair)

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