

CHRIST CHURCH WARMINSTER
ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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2023 Annual Report & Accounts for Christ Church Warminster

Aim & Purpose

Christ Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Lorraine Dobbins, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of Christ Church and Christ Church Community Hall.

Objectives & Activities

In recent years, we collaboratively crafted our church's Core Values, deeply rooted in biblical principles. Our mission statement—Loving Jesus, Loving One Another, Loving the Community—serves as the cornerstone of our life together. During the past year, we have witnessed a transformative shift in the culture of our Church Family as these values have become a reality in tangible ways. Recently a past member who has moved away was visiting and commented on the change.

Our focus on Worship and Hospitality has been particularly noteworthy. Following a period of intentional development, our Sunday Morning Worship Services have achieved a new-found consistency, shaping worship that is reflective of our values. Concurrently, our Evening Services have evolved in response to our worship audit, flourishing as a result.

In the realm of Hospitality, significant strides have been made in fostering a sense of community and inclusivity. Post-Morning Service lunches have fostered deeper connections among the Church Family. Alongside this we have developed a vision for the use of our Hall where hospitality features highly.

This past year has been marked by a consolidation phase, wherein we have fine-tuned our worship and hospitality practices to firmly embed our Core Values within our church's ethos. Looking ahead, our focus will shift towards crafting a comprehensive vision to guide our actions as we continue to live out these values in impactful ways; this will most certainly involve use of the Hall.

Achievement & Performance

Prayer & Worship

We continue to have one Service on a Sunday Morning at 10.30am. Once a month we have a Communion Service with the whole Church Family together: this is a work in progress and has been a good opportunity for the Church Family to get to know one another more. Festival Services have been All Age in focus and have taken place at Christ Church, with the exception of our Harvest Service which was held at a Farm. In addition to this, some Evening Services have been developed to provide opportunities for more formal and contemplative Services. Our Licensed Lay Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders are very much appreciated for their support in preaching and leading.

Small Groups are a key part of pastoral care and discipleship.

Ministry & Mission

During this year, there were 2 infant baptisms, 0 adult baptisms and 1 adult and 2 teenage confirmations.

Rev Marian Curtis (PTO) continues to support the Clergy Team by being available to officiate at Funerals; her gifting in this special ministry is very much appreciated and the Vicar is thankful for her support.

“Rooted” continue to use “Energize” by Urban Saints: the children are enjoying the material. Meetings have also taken place between the Leaders and the Vicar to see how best we may involve the children when they are in church before going to their groups.

On completion of his training, Ben Cooke relocated to a new job. Buzz have continued to meet on Sunday mornings in the Coffee Area, also taking part in a YFC/WOLT activity day.

Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs) meet with the Clergy to ensure pastoral needs are being met. We have 5 LPAs, 2 having recently begun training as Anna Chaplains. They are supplemented across the church by those who visit their neighbours, other congregation members and those in need, underlining our commitment as a church to serve others wherever God has placed us. We continue to support 4 key missions: Bible Society, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Open Doors and Tearfund (including special collections for emergency appeals). Through the Deanery link with Maridi Diocese, we also have contact with South Sudan.

We support Sambourne School as our church school, providing Foundation Governors – David Ball and our Vicar, Lorraine. Collective Worship is led by Lorraine, with help from Janet Trott, every week and alternates between being in School and in church. Tea and coffee is provided and parents join us in church.

Evangelism & Outreach

Mums' Group is flourishing, with around 30 mothers, mostly from outside the church, some with their preschoolers, and provides a safe place for women to share problems and challenges and to receive prayer and emotional support. Our Vicar is part of the Team which runs this Group and finds it to be the greatest opportunity of the week to spend time with members of the wider community and share the love of Christ.

Messy Church is as popular as ever. This is an all age monthly event involving refreshments, crafts and activities focused on a Christ-centered theme.

Having completed her curacy, our Curate, licensed to Christ Church, began a role with Salisbury Diocese supporting Ordinands and Curates.

Strive (Men's ministry) meet for a monthly breakfast and Bible study. With the deterioration in the weather, the Women's monthly walk has been paused, while the Women's Breakfast has morphed into meeting for an evening meal occasionally through the year.

A Team goes into Ashwood Care Centre and the Silk Works Dementia Centre at key times of the year, such as Christmas, Easter, Valentines Day, etc, to share in a time of singing hymns, prayers and the opportunity to provide one-to-one pastoral support: this is much appreciated by staff and residents alike.

Social Transformation & Ecumenical Links

Refresh attracts 30+ older members of the community for a monthly social event and refreshments, providing a haven for those living alone.

Members of our congregation who are Street Pastors, including Prayer Pastors, continue to make themselves available to the folk of Warminster on Sunday afternoons, usually in the Lakeside Pleasure Grounds, along with cover on Friday nights.

Cornerstone - a Christian charity providing practical and emotional support and help for those facing difficulties and crises - is well supported by Christ Church members as Trustees and Volunteers. It is proving increasingly effective providing both short term help and longer term support towards life change.

Christ Church is active in Churches Together in Warminster (CTW) and is working with other churches in youth work, Street Pastors, Foodbank, etc. This year our Vicar is the Chair of Churches Together in Warminster.

Church Attendance

When the Roll was closed on 14 April 2024, the Roll stood at 110 members. Last year's total at the APCM was 125.

Developing Structures & Facilities

With many of the valiant Martha & Mary Team in their 70s and 80s, it was decided it was time to retire and a Cleaner has been employed to ensure the church complex is ready to welcome people to Worship Services. The Churchyard Team continued to maintain the trees and grass cutting, as well as surrounding hedges, and seek to make maintenance more efficient.

Developing Leaders & Leadership

The culture of the PCC is developing into a leadership group rather than an over-seeing group and members have been involved in shaping our Core Values. The PCC and Standing Committee is supporting the ministry of the Vicar.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least two months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to about £30,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. At the year-end, 31 December 2023, our general reserves were minimal.

Structure, Governance & Management

About 90 of the regular church members volunteer in one or more of the ministries of the church, sharing together the life and work. We are very thankful for all their contributions, all of which are necessary.

Safe recruitment and safeguarding for both children and adults at risk is a priority and follows our policy. This policy was reviewed this year and complies with Diocesan, Church of England and legal requirements and best practice. As part of this, regular training has been undertaken locally. We are very grateful to Gill Cross, our Safeguarding Officer (PSR). Sue Yates, our Safeguarding Administrator, has conducted a thorough review but unfortunately had to stand down at the end of the summer.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (our Vicar), Churchwardens, up to 3 Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our Services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

Vicar:	Revd Lorraine Dobbins (Chair)
Wardens:	Mrs Jan Billinge
	Mrs Helen Watson (from April 2023)
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mr Richard Watson (from May 2023)

Elected Members:	Mr Hilton Holding (Treasurer) Mrs Kate Preece Mr Mark Smith Mr Roy Trott Mrs Helen Watson (until April 2023) Mrs Abi White
PCC Minutes Secretary:	Mrs Linda Smith

The PCC provides leadership and oversight of the church to fulfill its mission, in conjunction with the Vicar and Churchwardens. The PCC are the Trustees of the charity. The full PCC met for business seven times during 2024.

The PCC oversees the children and youth work. The Finance Team manages and administers the church finances.

The PCC employed a full time Youth Pastor (until July 2023) and part time Administrator and Hall/Church Cleaner.

During the year the PCC has regularly reviewed the finances and budget; agreed repairs to the Church Tower and reviewed the Safeguarding Policy.

Administrative Information

Christ Church Warminster is situated at the top of Weymouth Street with views over the whole town. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Christ Church, Weymouth Street, Warminster, BA12 9NS

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission from September 2009. The Charity Number is 1131685.

Churchwardens' Report for year ending December 2023

We continue to meet together as one congregation each Sunday at 10:30. We have maintained an average attendance of 70+ adults with a growing number of children (12) and young people (7). The third Sunday morning/month is reserved for the gathered community and takes the form of family worship. In addition there are evening Services on the first, second and third Sunday/month: Communion, Communion With Prayers for Healing and Contemplative. While the evening Services attract a much smaller congregation (c15) they have been very well received.

We have continued to livestream the morning Service and to upload this to YouTube. This has been of value not just to members of the congregation but also to the wider community who have never been to Christ Church or even necessarily live in the area. The worship team has also made sung worship available on YouTube. Those with the appropriate technical skills have trained a larger team to manage these systems. In addition we are blessed with those who lead us in worship, preaching, teaching and leading prayers.

While celebrating the significant high points in the church calendar, we have followed just two themes in the course of the year; Ephesians (January – March) and Mark's Gospel (from April). This has enabled a focused and in depth study of two quite different but equally challenging books. A special mention needs to be made of the Christmas Eve Services (17:00 and 19:00) attended by 180 and 125 respectively. We were able to share the Gospel and celebrate Christmas with a number of the wider community who do not routinely attend church.

Recognition must be given to those who maintain not only the fabric but the smooth running of the church. We have a number of exceptional and generous people who freely share their time and skills. There is a team, currently few in number, of people who maintain the building and grounds. We have recently enlarged this group to include a small Buildings Team composed of people with the appropriate technical skills required to inform decision making. We began the year with another team consisting of ladies who had been cleaning the church for more years than they could remember, however, a cleaner has since been employed to cover this invaluable service. Thank you, Ladies! There are also those who prepare refreshments, a team of Welcomers, Sides people, a Safeguarding Officer, House Group leaders ... We could not function without these people. Thank you!

Our relationship with the wider community continues to grow. Regular Collective Worship is well established and much valued at Sambourne School. There is also a notable mentoring scheme at Kingdown School. A number of our members are actively involved in local ecumenical programmes, including Street Pastors, Cornerstone, Food Bank, WAG, to name but a few. The Men's Group, Strive, have a monthly Bible study as well as a monthly breakfast.

We have a dedicated team who work with our children and young people; Rooted (pre-school and primary), Buzz (KS3 secondary) and OAK (older teens). Our Youth Pastor completed his training and placement at the end of July and is now working in a residential setting in Salisbury. Consequently, Buzz is being delivered by a rota of 4 volunteers and OAK no longer meet. In an ideal world we would like to appoint a Youth Worker but, currently, lack the funds to do so. Messy Church is delivered on the 4th Thursday/month and has a regular and committed attendance (60-70, with ages ranging from birth to 80+, although sadly no teens). The Mums' Group continues to flourish. Easter, Christmas and Harvest Festivals were celebrated with indoor and outdoor events.

A number of building and safety related issues were resolved:

- Domestic Abuse Policy accepted by PCC (May 2023)
- Safer Recruitment Policy accepted by PCC (May 2023)
- The Fire Policy was accepted by PCC (May 2023)
- Fire Marshall Training completed October 2023
- At the suggestion of Dave Pollard, reports regarding the state of the Tower Bell were sought; these are still under consideration
- Repairs to the Clock Tower completed
- Roof repairs – where applicable, quotations required by Ecclesiastical Insurance ascertained, agreed and monies received. Roof repairs complete with just Vestry roof outstanding.
- Organ tuned
- Bifold doors – carpenter sourced and work to be completed
- Extensive work completed in and around graveyard
- Card reader purchased but yet to be installed
- War Graves Commission Plaque was attached to large external notice board

There are huge financial issues to be faced, as a church and as individuals. A particular area of concern is the ongoing, and increasingly costly, maintenance of the Church Hall. We are actively seeking clarity of vision and purpose. The members of Christ Church are committed, hardworking and generous. Nevertheless, difficult decisions with clear objectives and priorities will have to be made in the coming months.

... God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Janet Billinge & Helen Watson, Church Wardens, March 2024

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>
Voluntary Income		
Planned giving	88,231	88,253
Collections and other giving	3,469	3,668
Unpresented payments	0	3,370
Gift Aid refund	24,161	39,550
VAT refund	7,717	0
Funeral & wedding fees	4,063	6,911
Bequests	5,095	0
Donations - Restricted	2,568	2,900
	<u>135,304</u>	<u>144,652</u>
Events and Activities		
Heap Sunday	3,500	14,066
Refresh	1,336	1,158
Messy Church	100	82
	<u>4,936</u>	<u>15,306</u>
Sundry Income		
Hall letting income	<u>7,423</u>	<u>6,340</u>
Income from Investments		
Bank interest	795	136
Interest - Church Board of Finance	1,265	904
Churchyard	0	0
	<u>2,060</u>	<u>1,040</u>
Total receipts	<u>149,723</u>	<u>167,338</u>
Less: Payments per schedule	154,323	221,702
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>-4,600</u>	<u>-54,364</u>
Transfer to/(from) Designated Funds	0	-21,886
Transfer to/(from) CC21 Refurbishment Fund	0	-32,016
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u><u>-4,600</u></u>	<u><u>-462</u></u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
	Note	2023	2022
PAYMENTS		£	£
Donations to charities and missions		1,100	10,000
Re-chargeable expenses		2,241	2,780
Education & youth work		390	1,019
Diocesan share		77,649	75,388
Teaching & service expenses		1,329	2,407
Vicar's expenses		1,744	1,848
Associate's expenses		0	664
Youth pastor expenses		0	109
Church heat & light		13,648	13,812
Church and hall insurance		6,206	5,642
Licenses		1,339	1,163
Refresh Expenses/Gifts		1,264	1,300
Messy Church/Outreach		729	913
General repairs		7,037	16,776
Tower & Louvre Repairs		0	42,702
Office expenses		3,662	2,922
Equipment		0	249
Catering and cleaning		1,347	1,440
Youth worker		13,986	23,155
Employer Pension Contributions		1,510	1,990
		<u>135,181</u>	<u>206,279</u>
Administration			
Administrator salary		8,335	7,582
Fees		2,727	3,227
		<u>11,062</u>	<u>10,809</u>
Hall Expenses		7,390	4,614
Churchyard		690	0
		<u>8,080</u>	<u>4,614</u>
Total Payments		<u>154,323</u>	<u>221,702</u>

CHRIST CHURCH WARMINSTER**CHARITY GIVING - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
Church Overseas		
Bible Society		2,500
Relief and Development Agencies		
Tear Fund Christmas Appeal	1,100	2,685
Tear Fund Harvest Appeal	346	444
Tear Fund Afghanistan		0
Tear Fund Ukraine		50
Tear Fund Earthquake Disaster	205	
DEC Ukraine Appeal		125
Warminster Lions Ukraine Appeal		782
Home Missions		
Alzheimers Support	403	
Dorothy House	265	
Warminster Action Group	265	
Evangelical Alliance	200	
Churches Together Warminster	60	60
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	70	70
Christians Against Poverty		2,500
Open Doors		2,500
Wiltshire Air Ambulance		100
Other Charities		
	<u>2,914</u>	<u>11,816</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Investments		
Trust Investments - see note 1	43,311.76	39,557
Current Assets		
HSBC Current Account	183.21	3,731
CBF Deposit	2,606.85	2,526
HSBC CC21 Account	226.83	569
CBF Deposit CC21	185.98	180
HSBC Savings Account	<u>56,136.77</u>	<u>49,070</u>
	59,339.64	<u>56,076</u>
Cash Balances		
Toddler Time	0.00	
Refresh	<u>249.93</u>	
	249.93	839
	<u>102,901.33</u>	<u>96,472</u>
Represented by:		
Restricted Funds		
Endowment Funds	43,311.76	39,557
CC21 Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2023	56,324.26	72,899
Add: Surplus receipts over payments	<u>7,274.94</u>	<u>-16,575</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023	63,599.20	56,324
Restricted Receipts for payment		
Balance at 1 January 2023	575.57	
Add: Donations in year	<u>0.00</u>	
	575.57	
Less: Payments made	<u>0.00</u>	
Balance at 31 December 2023	575.57	576
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund		
Balance at 1 January 2023	14.93	
Add: Excess payments over receipts	<u>-4,600.13</u>	
Balance at 31 December 2023	-4,585.20	15
	<u>102,901.33</u>	<u>96,472</u>

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CC21 REFURBISHMENT FUND - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Planned giving	6,610	10,822
Interest - Church Board of Finance	6	2
Gift Aid Tax Refund	2,862	4,667
Easyfunding	18	15
	<u>9,496</u>	<u>15,506</u>
Payments		
Sound and Vision System	1,159	0
Quinquennial Repairs	0	32,016
Tithes	1,000	0
Bank Charges	62	65
	<u>2,221</u>	
Surplus Receipts over Payments for year	<u>7,275</u>	<u>-16,575</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	56,324	72,899
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>63,599</u>	<u>56,324</u>

HALL RUNNING COSTS - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
Heat & light	3,267.50	1,210
Water rates	263.33	171
Wages - cleaner	2,040.00	1,815
Cleaning materials	217.92	234
Repairs - general	809.40	509
Refuse collection	791.41	675
Total payments	<u>7,389.56</u>	<u>4,614</u>
Hall receipts	7,422.80	6,340
Surplus receipts over payments for the year	<u>33.24</u>	<u>1,726</u>

CHRIST CHURCH WARMINSTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statement of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting regulations using the receipts and payments basis.

FUNDS

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the Accounts.

The Accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the Accounts of the other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

General Fund

The General Fund is unrestricted and is the main working fund of the church through which all the ordinary business of the PCC is transacted. The Heap Day donations raised in 2021 have been transferred to Designated Funds in order to part-fund the impending Tower and louvre repairs expected to commence in February 2022.

CC21 Fund

This Fund was set up to fund the development of the life of Christ Church for the 21st Century. Most of this money to date has been allocated to Phases 1 and 2 of the church refurbishment. Any restricted funds represented monies collected for a specific purpose.

Churchyard Fund

This Fund is for the upkeep of the churchyard and the main ongoing income for that Fund is restricted monies derived from a legacy of £1,000, the interest on which is to be used for the upkeep of the graves and the War Graves Commission receipt. The income from the Long-Brown legacies is used 3/5ths for general church purposes and 2/5ths for the upkeep of the churchyard.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require Faculty for disposal. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without Faculty. Combined buildings and contents insurance for the value of the church is £13,000,000.

Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC: Christ Church Community Hall was built in 1970 from funds raised by the PCC at a cost of £4,500. Present insured value of the buildings and contents is £2,960,000. The land was acquired in 2008.

There are no liabilities at the year end.

Trusts for Ecclesiastical Purposes

The following trusts are vested in the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance; capital cannot be spent under any circumstances. The PCC are permitted to spend the income from the Trusts as follows: The shares held have the same unit value and at 31 December 2023 the bid market value was 2,260.53 pence per share (2022 – 2,064.59 pence per share).

Bequest Name:	Shares Held	Total Value	Income Allocation
Hickman Bequest	694	£15,688.08	1/3 church expense 2/3 Stipend
Long-Brown Bequest	103	£2,328.35	2/5 churchyard 3/5 church expenses
Curtis Bequest	995	£22,492.27	church fabric
Daniels Bequest	124	£2,803.06	churchyard

Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF)

Christ Church Warminster PCC (the Employer) participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which hold the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. the Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and
 - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as Defined Benefit Schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable of £1,510 (2022 - £1,990).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the 2019 valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2024, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 5% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2023. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022. Calculations for this are currently under way.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, Christ Church Warminster could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Christ Church Warminster

This report to the PCC of Christ Church Warminster, Charity Number 1131685, is in respect of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

To examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act).

And to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 Charities Act;

to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;

or

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

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