

Finance report 2023

The total income for the year 2023 was £314,299 (2022 - £310,717). This income was made up of restricted funds of £177,130 (2022 - £188,484); this includes £169,594 (2022 - £100,745) of donations and grants to support the work of the Manna and Manna Welfare and £9,251 (2022 - £87,313) to support the work of Urban Hope.

As a result of the inability to raise sufficient grant funding and due to key staff members leaving the project the decision was made by the PCC to pause the work of Urban Hope. This decision will be reviewed in the future by the PCC and a new vision for Christian Youth work in the St Stephens Parish will be formulated.

Unrestricted funds incoming amounted to £171,371 (2022 - £122,660) principally Church Giving and fees earned from property and Church activities. Contributions from Church members including gift aid amounted to £99,688 (2022 - £103,101) and was broadly in line with budget. Income from premises hire was £44,948 (2022 - £29,575) a significant increase from the previous year and considerable credit goes to the Church Administrator, who has been given additional hours to support this valuable source of income for St Stephens.

Expenditure for the year 2023 amounted to £375,089 (2022 - £328,195). Spending was £196,735 (2022 - £216,064) of restricted funds and £178,354 (2022 - £112,131) of unrestricted funds. The financial position at year end was £231,395 (2022 - £257,983) made up of £180,117 (2022 - £199,722) of restricted funds and £51,278 (2022 - £58,261) of unrestricted funds.

The level of restricted funds has been impacted by a sharp fall in the reserves of Urban Hope – whose work has currently been paused; but this was balanced by a build-up of restricted funds held by the Manna project, who were able to attract significant long-term funding for their work.

The General fund is in a good financial position and is within the stated reserves policy of 3 to 6 months current expenditure. A budget for 2023 has been agreed and the Church has been able to increase the common fund contribution to £70,000 which is the highest level since before the pandemic.

I would like to thank all the finance team within the Church: Rose Mwesigwa (Church Administrator), Anne Cartwright (Manna Treasurer), Kate Durkin (Urban Hope Treasurer), Matt Barber (Urban Hope Operations Manager) and Katie Melville (Staff).

Ralph Dunham – Treasurer

St Stephen's Church, Canonbury

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies		48,381	147,589	195,970	259,178
Charitable Activities		60,292	20,807	81,098	24,824
Investments		-	1,989	1,989	46
Trading Activities		62,698	-	62,698	31,444
Other		-	6,745	6,745	(1,192)
Total incoming resources	2	171,371	177,130	348,501	314,299
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities		178,250	188,090	366,340	321,211
Raising Funds		-	4,925	4,925	5,600
Other Activities		-	-	-	4,026
Support		104	3,720	3,824	939
Total resources used	3	178,354	196,735	375,089	331,776
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)		(6,983)	(19,605)	(26,588)	(17,478)
Fund Transfers In		-	263	263	280
Fund Transfers Out		-	263	263	280
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)		(6,983)	(19,605)	(26,588)	(17,478)
Investment Gains (or Losses)		-	-	-	-
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)		(6,983)	(19,605)	(26,588)	(17,478)
Asset Revaluation		-	-	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		(6,983)	(19,605)	(26,588)	(17,478)
Total Funds Brought Forward		58,261	199,722	257,983	275,461
Total Funds Carried Forward		51,278	180,117	231,395	257,983

Represented By

General (Unrestricted)	51,278	-	51,278	58,261
General Restricted (Restricted)	-	1,272	1,272	426
Urban Hope (Restricted)	-	9,251	9,251	47,692
Urban Hope non-restricted (Unrestricted)	-	-	-	-
Manna (Restricted)	-	162,866	162,866	145,138
Manna Welfare (Restricted)	-	6,728	6,728	6,465

St Stephen's Church, Canonbury**Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Current Assets				
Cash	48,452	180,394	228,846	249,461
Accounts Receivable	363	19	382	3,741
Prepayments	2,693	-	2,693	4,782
Non-Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Accounts Payable	229	296	526	-
Deferred Income	-	-	-	-
Non-Current Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Long Term Loan / Mortgage	-	-	-	-
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	51,278	180,117	231,395	257,983
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Signed: Ralph Dunham, Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

a The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities "(FRSSE 2015)". FRSSE 2015 has been applied since 1 January 2015 and there has been no material change to the accounting or presentation of the financial statements.

b The PCC considers that there are no material uncertainties about the church's ability to continue as a going concern.

Key judgements that the PCC has made which have a significant effect on the accounts include estimating future income, expenditure, and cash flows. The PCC does not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Voluntary income is received by way of collections and planned giving. Collections are recognised when received. Planned giving under gift aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised in full when receivable.

d Grant and contract income is recognised in full in the year in which it is receivable. Amounts that may not be spent until the following year are treated as Deferred Income.

e Income from rents, lettings, statutory fees and bank interest is recognised when receivable.

f Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and allocated to the fund to which they relate

g Grants and donations payable are accounted for when paid or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation.

h Governance costs include the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

i Items of equipment are capitalised only where the purchase price exceeds £5,000.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. The Church halls, offices and Maisonette are integrated into the Church Complex, which is insured for £7m.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC consider this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the year incurred.

j Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the church.

St Stephen's Church, Canonbury**Notes to the Financial Statements****For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

2. Charitable Activities

	General	General Restricted	Urban Hope	Manna	2023 Total	2022 Total
Collections	1,053	-	-	-	1,053	842
Gift Aid Donations	47,328	-	4,453	3,570	55,351	75,402
Income Tax recoverable	14,971	1,466	227	789	17,452	18,985
Other Donations	-	-	196	25,636	25,833	7,873
					-	
Grants	-	3,100	27,771	107,105	137,976	275,953
Bank Interest	-	-	-	1,989	1,989	46
					-	
Premises Hire	44,948	-	-	-	44,948	29,575
Rents	62,698	-	-	-	62,698	31,444
Services (Manna)	-	-	-	-	-	1,094
Statutory Fees	373	-	-	828	1,201	308
Totals	171,371	4,566	32,647	139,918	348,501	441,520

The support of the following grant-making bodies is gratefully acknowledged: Allan Charitable Trust, Islington Giving, Charities Aid Foundation, Cripplegate Foundation, Arsenal (Gunners Fund), Cloudesley, Pret Foundation, London Catalyst, Tesco Bags of Help, Crash (Incl. Taylor Wimpey), Brown Dog Fund, Marsh

The support of the following community and business sources is gratefully acknowledged:

Local Initiatives fund St Mary's Ward, Local Initiatives Fund Canonbury Ward, ASDA Foundation, Screwfix

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3. Church Activities

		General	General Restricted	Urban Hope	Manna	2023 Total	2022 Total
London Diocese	Common fund Contribution	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	55,000
Mission	Mission Costs	2,134	-	4,763	43,976	50,874	59,699
Mission	Office Expenses	5,255.44	-	3,993	2,368	11,617	5,170
Mission	Training	-	-	-	893	893	2,179
Missionary & Charitable Giving	Grants and Appeals	4,815	-	-	-	4,815	4,000
Premises Running	Equipment	1,488	-	-	3,372	4,860	3,388
Premises Running	Insurance	4,882	-	-	-	4,882	4,447
Premises Running	Maintainance	29,707	3,720	22	-	33,449	6,237
Premises Running	Rents	36,655	-	-	7,131	43,787	2,000
Premises Running	Staff Costs	23,886	-	62,309	64,187	150,383	174,132
Premises Running	Utilities	9,530	-	-	-	9,530	11,944
	Totals	178,354	3,720	71,088	121,927	375,089	328,195

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4. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2023 £
Salaries and Wages	116,890
Social Security Costs	26,976
Pension Contributions	6,516
Total staff costs	150,383
Average number of staff	6
Average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year	6

5. Statement of Cash Flows

	Total	Prior Year
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Net Surplus (deficit)	(26,588)	(17,478)
<i>Adjustments For:</i>		
Fixed Asset Depreciation	-	-
Less Investment Gains	-	-
Accounts Receivable Decrease	3,359	(3,741)
Prepayments Decrease	2,089	(4,747)
Accounts Payable Increase	526	-
Deferred Income Increase	-	-
Less Interest Received	(1,989)	(46)
Less Sale of Assets	-	-
Less Asset Revaluation	-	-
Loan Interest Paid	-	-
NET Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(22,604)	(26,011)
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Interest Received	1,989	46
NET Cash Flow from Investing Activities	1,989	46
Cash Flow from Financing Activities		
Loans Received	-	-
Less Loan Repayments	-	(800)
Less Loan Interest Paid	-	-
NET Cash Flow from Financing Activities	-	(800)
Increase (decrease) in Cash	(20,615)	(26,765)
Cash at start of period	249,461	276,226
Cash at end of period	228,846	249,461
Represented By:		
General (Unrestricted)	48,452	50,329
General Restricted (Restricted)	1,272	426
Urban Hope (Restricted)	9,547	47,467
Urban Hope non-restricted (Unrestricted)	-	-
Manna (Restricted)	162,847	144,773
Manna Welfare (Restricted)	6,728	6,465
TOTAL Represented By	228,846	249,461

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6. Purposes of Restricted Funds

- a Manna
Donations and grants made to support the work of the Manna. This involves the employment of project workers and support workers as needed, providing a sense of community and practical, emotional and spiritual support to vulnerable people in the
- b General
Grants received for specific projects in the church. These were the installation of fire safety equipment and alarms, and environmental projects
- c Urban Hope
Donations and grants made to support the work of Urban Hope. This includes work among young people involving employment of a Senior Youth Worker and support workers as needed, running youth clubs and detached youth work.
- d Manna Welfare
Grants administered by the Manna on behalf of third party

10. Residential Accommodation

Following a resolution dated 3 July 1973 of the Town Planning & Development Committee of the London Borough of Islington (the Council), the PCC holds the nomination rights for four flats owned by the London Borough of Islington (16a Cleveland Road, 43a Cleveland Road, 141a Downham Road, 248a Essex Road). The resolution was passed following a declaration of the redundancy of St John the Baptist Church, Cleveland Road. The flats provide affordable housing for church workers and volunteer workers, who occupy the flats under Shorthold Tenancy Agreements with the PCC.

The PCC pays rent to the London Borough of Islington and recovers rent from the tenants based on individual Shorthold Tenancy Agreements.

The church property known as the Maisonette (19 Canonbury Road) is occupied by 4 tenants under a Shorthold Tenancy Agreements.

7. Trusts administered by the Vicar & Church Wardens

a Holiday Home Fund - Charity Number 237285

The objects are to grant money to defray some expenses of rest or change of air (including transport and obtaining domestic help) for poor parishioners, church members and others in the area.

COIF Share value	Units	Price	2023 £	2022 £
Value at 31st December	34	1,985	675	618
Value at 31st December	337	1,985	<u>6,688</u>	<u>6,125</u>
			<u>7,362</u>	<u>6,743</u>
Income and Expenditure				
Bank Balance at 1st January			3,559	3,350
Income: COIF Dividends			202	201
	Bank interest		44	8
Expenses:	Grants Made		-	-
Bank Balance at 31st December			<u>3,805</u>	<u>3,559</u>

b St. Stephen's National School - Charity Number 312354

The objects are to promote religious instruction by means of a Sunday School or otherwise (33%) and to promote religious education (including social and physical) of persons under 25 resident in the parish and in need of financial assistance (67%).

COIF Share value	Units	Price	2023 £	2022 £
Value at 31st December	419	1,985	<u>8,315</u>	<u>7,615</u>
			<u>8,315</u>	<u>7,615</u>
Income and Expenditure				
Bank Balance at 1st January			1,128	897
Income: COIF Dividends			228	227
	Bank interest		15	3
Expenses: Grants Made			-	-
Bank Balance at 31st December			<u>1,371</u>	<u>1,128</u>

c St. Stephen's Parish Housing Company Limited - Company Number 01591276

A dormant mutual trading company that does not operate with a view to profit. The Directors are the serving churchwardens. They hold two shares on behalf of the PCC.

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Stephens Canonbury

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of St Stephens Canonbury for the year ended 31 December 2023.

This report is made solely to the PCC as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 ('the Regulations').

I report in respect of my examination of the 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.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1** Accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2** The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3** The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations

2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

- 4 The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities;

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that ends in a small loop.

Jonathan Orchard FCA
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24 April 2024