

St Mary's Church Attenborough Annual Report 2024



Welcome

This APCM booklet gives an overview of the different areas of active mission and ministry at St Mary's Church Attenborough. The booklet not only offers important information about the running of the Church but shares all that God has been working amongst us as we seek to follow and serve Him together. I hope with me you will be encouraged to read about all that the Church has been able to do by the grace of God, to nurture the community and reach out to our communities, growing disciples of Jesus.

Rev'd Toby Artis
Vicar of Attenborough

Agendas

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Note: The Church Representation Rules state that nominations for this election must have been received by the chair of the meeting before the start of the meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Voting restricted to those on the Church Electoral Roll

1. Electoral Roll Report
2. Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC
3. Financial Report
4. Report on the church fabric, goods and ornaments

A copy of the accounts is available on request; there is also a copy on the noticeboard in church

5. Report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
6. Vicar's remarks
7. Election of eight Parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC
(4x 3 year, 3x 2 year, 1x 1 year)
8. Appointment of independent examiner

Closing Prayers

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St Mary's Church Attenborough

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Electoral Roll Report

The total number on the roll is 127 which is down 4 from last year and consists of 54 residents in the parish and 73 outside the parish. Last year it was 57 in the parish and 74 from outside. 3 people have been added and 7 removed, which includes 2 deaths, and 5 at their request. Three people have been added but unfortunately will not be able to stand for PCC due to being on the roll for less than 6 months, they can however vote at the APCM.

I would like to advise that next year 2025 is when we have to do a completely new roll so everyone who wishes to be on the electoral roll will need to complete a form.

Maria Batchelor, Electoral Roll Officer

Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

Aim and Purposes

- Our Vision at St Mary's Church is to be a growing community of committed followers of Jesus Christ, who reach out to our whole parish and beyond, proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus Christ.
- We want to pioneer new ministries for children, young people, and families, cultivating a growing and flourishing intergenerational community.
- We want to be a vibrant, fun, and infectious community which not only draws people in, but where everyone is spiritually nourished, taught, and disciplined, to live as Jesus calls, and to fulfil His good purposes.
- We want to overflow with God's love for everyone. We know God deeply loves the people of St Mary's and our parish and we are open to being used in new and powerful ways to share His transforming love, that lives will be transformed.

Objectives and Activities

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Reverend Toby Artis, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is also responsible for providing a safe environment for all and the maintenance and upkeep of St Mary's Church and the churchyard. The PCC aims to enable as many people as possible to worship at St Mary's, to become part of the Christian Church and become involved in the wider community.

To help in this aim the PCC ensures the following are provided:

- Public worship open to all
- A place for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral care – including visiting the sick, infirm & bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, talks, courses and small groups, including groups for young people

- Supporting specific charities in the UK and overseas
- Promoting the mission of the Church through provision of activities for the community

The ancient church of St Mary features significantly in this work. The PCC endeavours to maintain it as a welcoming place for all.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC and worship team are committed to providing a range of services which are accessible to all. Sermons are made available, for those who can't make it to church for any reason, in an audio format.

The range of regular services continues to be broad and includes:

Sunday 9am traditional service followed by time for coffee, brioche, and chat before the 10.45am contemporary service with Kids' Church. Communion alternates between the two services.

Midweek Holy communion is held on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10am.

Prayer:

The church is open for personal reflection and prayer on the afternoons of the second, fourth and fifth Thursday.

Engine room, a time of prayer to fuel the church takes place on the first Monday on each month at 7.15pm.

Special services:

Easter services include a Maundy Thursday family meal with communion, Good Friday crafts and 'an hour at the cross' in the afternoon. Easter Sunday opens with a sunrise service in Attenborough nature reserve followed by our main Easter celebrations.

This year a service was given to celebrate the coronation of the new King.

Each November the bereavement service is a peaceful and supportive space for those suffering grief to pray, worship and find support.



There are many significant times in people's lives and, frequently, the Church has a major role to play in these. Often support, advice or assistance is needed, on other occasions a sense of community helps make a celebration go well. The last year has seen three weddings, four baptism and four funerals. Our church choir is important within the context of our traditional service and is made up of and open to choristers of all ages. We have a range of worship leaders who lead our 10.45am contemporary musical worship.

Church Attendance

Sunday Church attendance has increased and averages around 90 people over the two services.

Children, Youth and Families



It has been a real joy to see our kids and young people grow over the last year. Kids Church has steadily been growing with new families, and the volunteer team has also grown, making Kids Church a viable, fun, and fruitful provision every Sunday at the 10.45am service. A usual Sunday morning will include games, a bible story, and crafts. Increasingly Kids Church has connected with additional events such as Good Friday crafts and there is much potential to see children's

ministry spill into other areas of Church life to connect with the wider community.

Youth Church continues to meet on a Sunday afternoon. Our young people have been a joy to spend time with and have come a long way on their faith journeys. Our time together consists of food, games and has included a mix of Alpha-style videos, bible studies and thematic studies such as 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'. We always pray for one another at the end of each session. Not only do we meet weekly in this format, but we also take opportunities to go on socials together which have included: laser tag, canoeing, ice skating and pizza making.

We are very grateful to the teams who work hard to keep these ministries active week in week out and we pray for more discipleship and for more resources to enable these ministries to grow.

Small Groups

Over the last year two new small groups have been established in addition to pre-existing groups. This is a mix of people who have done Alpha and existing worshipping members of the Church. This now makes a total of 6 groups. The groups have gelled well together and have become a meaningful space for continued discipleship and communal life. Small groups ministry includes socialising, bible study and prayer and follows the Sunday preaching series. This is a significant part of our vision for growing deeper in our faith together. We pray for new small groups, and continued integration from the whole Church as part of belonging to St Mary's Church Family. Our vision is to continue to grow small groups across the whole community so that everyone has the chance to be a part of Church midweek and to grow together in faith and as a spiritual family.

Pastoral Care

There is a support group led by Val Sabin which has been very active with a particular focus on caring for the ill and elderly, including those in nursing homes. This group meets every six weeks or so, to discuss some of the needs of our Church Family, particularly those who are no longer able to attend Church. This has been well appreciated and continues to be an important part of our care for the wider Church Family.

Ministers within the Church offer 1-1 pastoral support where appropriate.

Community Connection and Outreach

Tuesday Café has been a very successful initiative, led by Gill Linton-Smith and Lin Walters along with a growing team of volunteers. It continues to grow and is outgrowing the space we have in Church with the current seating arrangement. We've met many new people who have found community, friendship and belonging. The quality of hospitality and refreshments has only increased and has been much appreciated by all.

A regular activity that has been taking place in the community is 'Stroll and Roll'. This is a monthly walk around the nature reserve, ending in Church with bacon/vegan roll and tea and coffee. This has helped build community beyond the Church walls for a variety of people of different backgrounds and ages.

We have had several community events over Easter time, which were great opportunities for new people to get to know the Church. Our annual pancake party and good Friday crafts are fun and popular free events for the local community and all ages are welcome. Many families also get involved in creating our Easter Garden. Easter Monday 'Easter Fest' is a popular community event with free family games and BBQ.



St Mary's summer fair is a popular standing event which brings together the local community and the church family for an afternoon of fun with a very popular BBQ, bouncy castle, local stalls and family races.

At Christmas the local community gets involved in the advent window trail, with a new window each day created by parish residents. The Christmas Market attracts the local community and is a great social space for the community to gather and enjoy refreshments and provides free crafts and activities for children. Carol services are also very popular with the local community and are packed with standing room only. 'Beer and Carols' has been a great success in bringing the local community together. On Christmas eve, the younger church family gets together to perform the nativity story, many of the local families join in to make this come to life.

A key part of the wider diocesan vision is to enable commitment and integration into the life of the Church. Alpha is a core part of church life which helps enable this at the local level.

We've been able to use the events and opportunities above to invite people to Alpha. This is a safe and relaxed space to explore faith, find community and belonging in the Church Family.

Alpha has become a regular feature at St Mary's with a programme being run in the Autumn and Spring each year. Each of them has been very fruitful and we have heard wonderful testimonies of transformational faith in people's lives and some baptisms. We will continue to run Alpha courses at St Mary's and pray that people will find community, time, and space to grow in the knowledge of God's love for them and to commit themselves to following Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Church Activities

Bellringing:

Once again, I am pleased to report that St Mary's has maintained a strong and committed band of ringers. Most Sundays you will hear all our eight bells ringing out to tell the community that the Church is alive in the parish. Over the last year, a few of our team have hung up their ropes or moved on to pastures new, we thank them for their service. However, we have had a couple of ringers move into the parish, and two more new starters who will very soon join in with the regular ringing.

Last summer, our two youngest ringers, travelled to York as part of the Notts Young Ringers team and rang in the Ringing World National Youth Striking Contest. Notts had a younger and less experienced team than most, but they still turned in a very creditable performance and came well up the table – well done to Lucy and Samuel.

Following on from the success of our tower outing last year, Esther has arranged for us to visit and ring at four Staffordshire churches in June. These trips out help the team to develop and improve our ringing, whilst having a good day out together.

We look forward to another year of ringing and sounding out the joyful message of the Church. *Jim Crabtree, Ringing Master*

Tuesday Café:

Tuesday café is open every Tuesday from 10.30am till 12 noon 52 weeks of the year. It is led by Lin Walters and Gill Linton-Smith and our two exceptional volunteers Graham Shenton and Tony Galloway. Gross Income received for the end of the financial year 2024 is £6429-53. The only expense claimed was for butter £105-00. Total net made £6324-53. We use the church tea, coffee and sugar. All cakes are made and donated by Lin, Gill, Joy and Geraldine. All sundries and milk, jam, serviettes etc are donated by Lin and Gill.

The café is attended by between 60 and 80 people per session and attendees are asked to give a donation for the tea, coffee and cakes available. We have church attendees, nature reserve walkers, carers with their charges, people from Hong Kong who have just moved into the area and mothers and children who attend on a regular basis.

We were registered with the council as a warm space during the winter months. It is a community where we give prayers and advice to those in need and where strangers meet and become friends. We celebrate attendees birthdays, if prewarned, with a cake and a card.

We promote the various functions held at the church by placing fliers on the tables. We understand the money we raise is used to keep the church running and for mission and outreach.

Lin and Gill are happy to continue running the Tuesday café as part of their service to God and the community.

Future Plans

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In order to achieve this the PCC have asked an architect to draft plans for reordering the interior of the church. There is a need to be able to use the church building more effectively and in innovative ways. This will improve health and safety; increase flexibility and therefore variety of use. We want to make the worship space more inviting, to enhance peoples' experience and serve a variety of uses for different styles of worship and gatherings.

The actions being considered are therefore to replace pews with stackable chairs, create an inviting entrance/welcome area, add space and comfortable furniture for Tuesday café and other events, improve Audio-Visual equipment and altering heating to move radiators out of the nave area.

Structure, Governance and Management



The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The election of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Safer recruitment practices are adhered to in the recruitment of PCC members and all members have a DBS check and undertake the appropriate safeguarding training as part of their induction process. The PCC has been working through the 'PCC tonight' series to expand its knowledge of the purpose and mission of the PCC.

The PCC has maintained its oversight of safeguarding, it receives regular finance and fabric reports. Health and safety remains a standing item at PCC meetings, regular reports are received and safety policies and fire risk assessments reviewed.

The PCC standing committee consists of the vicar, churchwardens, treasurer and another member (currently Liz Stewart), they are in place to make decisions in between meetings if they are time sensitive, for example funding training opportunities for worship leaders.

Since the 2023 APCM the PCC have met formally on seven occasions. Ian Townsend stepped down as treasurer and Andrew Finlay has taken over the role. Liz Stewart has continued as secretary and Maria Batchelor as electoral roll officer. Keith Ball has continued in the role of

Health and Safety officer and is now a valuable PCC member as well. Liz Stewart is the parish safeguarding officer (PSO) and lead recruiter.

Administrative information

Staff

Administration:

Laura Haywood has joined the team at St Mary's as our new Operations Coordinator, she has been a great addition and has already brought much value.

PCC Committees

Currently there are four active subcommittees: health and safety, finance, environmental and reordering. Each has been meeting regularly throughout the year as needed. The reordering committee (Vicar, Churchwardens, Emma Artis, Colin Baker, Alex Worthington and Liz Stewart) has been meeting regularly to discuss the possibility of reordering the church building.

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are those ex-officio (Clergy, Synod representatives and Churchwardens), those elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and those co-opted by the PCC.

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

Vicar/Chair: Rev'd Toby Artis

Churchwardens: Jim Crabtree, Peter Stewart

Diocesan Synod:

Charlie Barber

Deanery Synod:

Alistair Langton

Eileen Hartley

Peter McKay

Elected Members:

Liz Stewart (Secretary)

Linda Stewart

Malcolm Batchelor

Andrew Finlay

Keith Knox

Ann Parkes

Keith Ball

Gill Linton Smith (until September 2023)

Co-opt Alex Worthington from July 2023



Financial Review

State of bank accounts as of 12.05.24

Business Account £30536

Deposit Account £12440

At the same point in May 2023

Business Account £35815

Deposit Account £12095

Income in 2023:

What follows is not a complete list of every source of income received in 2023, but a breakdown of the regular and substantial items.

Planned giving was £65477.00

Gift Aid raised £14065

Field rental £1400.00

The fete raised £2650 income (less £650.00 expenses)

The Christmas bazaar raised £1110.60 income (less £37.45 expenses)

Cash has been raised from various events, most regularly and notably Tuesday Café (£6500).

Special thanks ought to go to Mary and Martin for undertaking the banking duties for the last few years.

A snapshot of regular monthly expenditure:

I have listed most of the regular items of current expenditure and have included the 2023 figures for Parish Share and energy as these have increased significantly in 2024.

Insurance £371

Wages varies but is about £936

Accountant (to deal with wages and tax) £44

Vodafone internet £34

Service charges £34

Churchsuite £45

Water plus £36

Energy estimated at £450-500, was £315 in 2023)

Parish share is currently £5974 up from £5602 in 2023

Bluu Sky – phone - £20

The picture going forward:

Whilst the financial picture has held up reasonably well, we have lost some planned givers which has reduced our most reliable source of income. When that is combined with increases to Parish Share and energy costs the situation is going to be a bit more difficult.

Then the Parish will have to factor in two very significant one off spends in the form of the reordering and new roof.

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to hold unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover a four-to-six-month period of costs. If for any reason the PCC's income stream dried up this could give time to put arrangements in hand to defer or amend outgoings and to take steps to reverse the decline in income.

The PCC also holds restricted and endowed funds. These are increased mainly by investment income, bequests, and donations. They are held until needed for their specific purposes e.g. building repairs.

Annual Fabric Report

We have checked all the goods held by St Mary's, Attenborough against the inventory. Everything was found to be present and generally in good order with one or two areas with items requiring attention due to wear and tear.

We are pleased to be able to report that the church fabric is also generally in good order, all necessary periodic testing has been undertaken. There was some work of a remedial nature that still needs to be undertaken in due course regarding the flood lighting.

One specific holly tree situated near the chancel door, having had permission granted has now been removed and fully felled.

Unfortunately, the seat on the path from the East window has rotted and has been moved away ready for disposal. Another, in the Garden of Remembrance, has been repaired but is being checked regularly for further deterioration.

Two of the mowers were unserviceable and have been scrapped. Initially one new larger Honda has been purchased with a smaller one to follow in due course.

We must report that we continue to be totally indebted to the working group who keep various areas of work under control as well as keeping the grass mown and the borders tended, and tidying everything up in the church yard, silver is cleaned, cobwebs removed, and other work is undertaken without which the church would not be able to function in such a satisfactory way.

We also thank the caretaker and cleaner for the work that they put in and the part time church administrator. Music has been put together by Malcolm Batchelor who spends a great deal of time and effort to bring all the new audio mixing into use and he works diligently and continuously to improve the audibility of various areas.

With regard to the storm damaged boundary wall, work will now start very soon as the necessary permissions have been obtained, a contractor has been retained and a price agreed. The main roof covering is still being monitored and various repairs have been undertaken as necessary to prevent leakage and plans will be forthcoming in due course for the complete replacement of the copper sheet.

Great thanks must go to all who help keep St Mary's welcoming and in good condition.

Jim Crabtree, Peter Stewart, Church Wardens

Deanery Synod

Nottingham South Deanery 2023 Annual Report

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Tom Gillum (St Mary's in the Lace Market) and Rev'd Jamie Franklin (Nottingham, St George). We have welcomed Rev'd Fi Shouler (St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey), Rev'd Anna Clarke (Trinity – Pioneer Minister) and curates Amy Jones (Trinity), John Lees-Robinson (Nottingham, St Saviour), Daniel Tsoi (Nottingham, St Nic's).

Rev'd Jonny Hughes became priest-in-charge at Nottingham St Andrew's as it joined Trinity and Nottingham St Saviour. Rev'ds Jo and John Lees-Robinson moved to Nottingham St Saviour with a team from Trinity and it re-opened on 17 December.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 15 February we met at St Peter's in Nottingham and the theme of our meeting was "Crossing Cultures with Christ). The aim of this meeting was to help us to continue to think about the diversity of our Deanery and how we can reflect this in our churches. Our speakers were Rev'd Clive Burrows, Rev'd Liam O'Boyle and Adan Baker (from Refugee Roots).

On 18 July we met at St Mary's, Wollaton Park. We were joined by Rev'd David McCoulough who shared with us about the varied role chaplains can fulfil. Synod then discussed the potential role for chaplains in their parishes. We also admitted churchwardens who had not been able to attend the visitation services at Southwell.

On 23 November we met at St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey. Rev'd Jo Tatum, Area Dean, updated Synod on the renewed vision and Trevor Peel, Deanery Treasurer, explained the process for the allocation of giving for ministry for 2024. Cpt Denis Tully and Rev'd Dr Ian Paul then gave a report to Synod about General Synod including the Prayers of Love and Faith.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year. Elaine Hinchliffe had given notice that she was stepping down as Lay Chair at the end of November 2023 and she was thanked for all she had done in this role.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Vacant
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel

- DLT Members: Fola Sowunmi, two clergy vacancies, one lay vacancy

We also voted the following people on to Diocesan Synod:

- House of Clergy: Rev'd Jo Tatum, Rev'd Dr Mark Wreford, Rev'd Jonny Hughes and Rev'd Andy Tufnell
- House of Laity: Christopher Gray

The Deanery paid 86.6% of its giving for ministry in 2023. Every parish is thanked for their generosity.

Vicar

As I write this report a year on from the last APCM I am very grateful for all that the Lord has been blessing over the last year. It has been a joy to see new people join the Church Family, and to see people come alive in faith.

I'm also very grateful to everyone who has been supportive of me as I lead with you in the mission that God has called us to. I am especially grateful to our Church Wardens, the PCC, fellow ministers and to all who lead and serve on teams. Ministry would not happen without you all.

We have been continuing to live by our vision which is to:

- Reach out to our communities with the transforming love of Jesus.
- Pioneer new ministries and spaces for children, young people, young adults and families
- Grow on our faith journey together, where everyone can grow in the gifts God has given us.

Looking ahead there is always potential for much more growth and therefore there is much more to be done. As part of the wider Diocesan refreshed vision, I believe some areas that we need to focus on in order to realise our vision are to: increase our generosity, and enable more commitment for regular Church worship and serving.

As Pauls writes we are all different parts, yet we remain interconnected, and we all need each other, to contribute our gifts to partner with God in His mission. Serving and growing in our gifts is not only a necessity for Church life, but it matures us and leads us to 'attain the whole measure of Christ' together (Ephesians 4). This is core to our whole life discipleship.

I hope that with me, you will be fuelled by the Holy Spirit in prayer, to play your part in the vision of the Church, and to be open to the work God wants to do amongst us. Community life and mission are not always easy nor straightforward. However, the spiritual rewards of

seeing God's Kingdom grow in and around our parish are but a taste of the glory of heaven that is it come.

Psalm 27: 'Unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers build in vain'.

I pray we will be strengthened by and ever more attuned to what the Holy Spirit wants to grow and build among us. I pray for an openness to new possibilities as we live and share the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ to our parish in 2024 and beyond.

Signed (Vicar)



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Attenborough St Mary's PCC

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Receipts and payments account

For the period

01-Jan-23

To

31-Dec-23

Section A Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds 2023 to the nearest £	Last year 2022 to the nearest £
Receipts					
GIVING	95,145	5,000		100,145	78,030
ACTIVITIES	12,922			12,922	10,136
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS #1	8,714			8,714	10,728
INVESTMENT INCOME	17	10,577	211	10,805	9,999
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	999			999	199
Total receipts	119,507	15,577	211	133,585	109,092

Payments

ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISING COSTS	2,011			2,011	888
EMPLOYEES	12,177			12,177	12,364
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	4,293			4,293	5,137
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS #2	1,241	14,995		16,237	1,185
UPKEEP OF THE CHURCHYARD	2,173			2,173	472
RUNNING COSTS	8,626			8,626	7,534
TRAINING #3	-			-	1,500
OUTREACH	5,725			5,725	1,114
DIOCESAN FEE (weddings, funerals, burials of ashes)	2,721			2,721	3,019
PARISH SHARE (GIVING FOR MINISTRY)	67,224			67,224	60,312
SERVICES	3,434			3,434	1,528
MISCELLANEOUS	335			335	740

Sub total	111,420	14,995	-	124,955	95,793
Asset purchases				-	-
				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	111,420	14,995	-	124,955	95,793
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,087	582	211	8,630	13,299
Transfer from investments				-	-
Cash funds last year end				42,186	28,887
Cash funds this year end				50,816	42,186



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For the period	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23
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on B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2023 to nearest £	Last year 2022 to nearest £
Deposit Account	12,323		-	12,323	12,011
Small Purchases Account	377			377	109
Current Account	34,236			34,236	26,397
Chancel Fund 138002025D			3,880	3,880	3,669
Total cash funds	46,936	-	3,880	50,816	42,186

Endowment funds in Deposit Account & Eden Tree: Chapman Graves

Investment assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2023 to nearest £	Last year 2022 to nearest £
Eden Tree Investments Higher Income		113,019		113,019	109,353
Investments Amity Sterling Bond Fund	14,615	99,062	1,544	115,221	112,539
Chapman Graves			7,482	7,482	6,839
Chancel Fund 138002121S			3,372	3,372	3,082
Total investments	14,615	212,081	12,398	239,094	231,813

Assets retained for the church's own use

Details	Value at 31 December 2023	Last year 2022
Church equipment & fittings	-	-

All church fittings and equipment have been written off as they form part of the fabric of the building.

Liabilities #2

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Value at 31 December 2023	Last year 2022
Diocesan Fees	Unrestricted	-	2,413

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Toby Arliss	13/5/24
	ANDREW FINLAY	13/5/24



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Notes to the Receipts and Payments account

For the period from	Period start 01-Jan-23	To	Period end 31-Dec-23
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	Current year 2023 £	Last year 2022 £
1. Giving		
Includes: planned giving & misc donations both gift aided and not gift aided; gift aid payments from HMRC and CAF payments.	100,145	78,030
2. Activities (fund raising)		
Includes income such as Tuesday Café, Summer Fair, Bazaar, room rental, use of field, VH land rent.	12,922	10,136
3. Weddings & Funerals		
	0	2,413

#1 The diocesan portion of fees income had not been paid at year end and will be calculated and paid in 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the PCC of St Mary's Church, Attenborough

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Notes to the Receipts and Payments Account of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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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