

# **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

(A Parochial Church Council registered as a charity, number: 1132150)

## **Financial Statements and Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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## Charity Information

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### for the year ended 31 December 2023

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<b>Status:</b>	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It is constituted and governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and the Church Representation Rules (2011). The members of the PCC are its trustees under charity law and are referred to as such throughout this report. It is a registered charity, number 1132150.
<b>Charity name:</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green
<b>Other operating names:</b>	St John on Bethnal Green
<b>Charity registration number:</b>	1132150
<b>Correspondence address:</b>	St John's Rectory 30 Victoria Park Square London E2 9PB
<b>Operations address:</b>	200 Cambridge Heath Road London E2 9PA
<b>Chair:</b>	Fr Darren Wolf (licensed 21 September 2023)
<b>Vice chair:</b>	Barbara Perrott
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Patricia Shaw
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joy Stanton
<b>Churchwarden:</b>	Debra Frame
<b>Electoral Roll Officer:</b>	Clare Barnett
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	<b>Anthony Armstrong FCA</b> <b>Armstrong &amp; Co</b> <i>Chartered Accountants &amp; Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR
<b>Church Architect:</b>	<b>David Hills (appointed March 2024)</b> <b>Roger Mears Architects</b> Union Chapel Compton Avenue London N1 2XD  <b>Robin Mallalieu</b> <b>Brady Mallalieu Architects</b> 90 Queens Drive London N4 2HW
<b>Heritage Architect:</b>	<b>Jon Bolter</b> <b>Rees Bolter Architects</b> New North House 202 New North Road London N1 7BJ
<b>Bankers:</b>	<b>HSBC plc</b> 465 Bethnal Green Road London E2 9QW  <b>CCLA Investment Management Ltd</b> <b>The CBF Church of England Funds</b> Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET

## **Trustees' Report**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green (the PCC) present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to witnessing to the Christian Gospel through worship, nurture, pastoral care, and service. We seek:

- to maintain the tradition of prayer and worship that has taken place here since 1828 through regular services, the provision of occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals), and pastoral care;
- to nurture the worshipping community through preaching and teaching;
- to provide opportunities for service to the wider community through the provision of space in our crypt and hall for voluntary groups and social businesses;
- to facilitate these objectives, and to relate them to our Christian heritage, by maintaining and developing our buildings, especially the grade 1 listed church, designed by Sir John Soane.

#### **Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected for a three year appointment with one third retiring each year. The retiring dates are provided below (\*).

**During the year the following served as members of the PCC or assisted in the running of church activities.**

#### **Elected members:**

Clare Barnett (Electoral Roll Officer, Safeguarding Officer) (\*2023)  
Lois Lewington (\*2025)  
Joy Stanton (Secretary \*2024)  
Paul Kelly (\*2025)  
Patricia Shaw (Treasurer \*2025)  
Sonny Chan (\*2026) (Resigned January 2024)

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Incumbent:	The Reverend Darren Wolf (licensed 21 September 2023)
Churchwarden:	Debra Frame (also Children's Champion)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Barbara Perrott (Vice Chair)
Deanery Synod Representative:	Marcia Charles

#### **Aim and Purposes**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Darren Wolf, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building, together with its crypt and hall at 200 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

#### **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 method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St John's the membership of the PCC consists of the parish clergy, churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All who regularly attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

#### **Safeguarding**

The parish of St John on Bethnal Green is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs. The Diocese of London's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) who advise our PSOs. The policy is reviewed by the PCC annually.

## **Trustees' Report**

**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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### **Review of the Year**

In 2023 the PCC focused heavily on maintaining the functions of the church and services without an incumbent. The church was able to maintain the Sunday service and supporting local charities and businesses that work for the benefit of the community through rental space in the crypt. The focus and capacity of the PCC was focused heavily on these areas for most of 2023. Rev. Darren Wolf was installed as Priest in Charge on the 21st of September 2023 and has been able to expand the capacity of church work again.

### **Services**

The church was able to continue the 10am service in the Anglo-Catholic tradition throughout 2023. We have also expanded to partner more closely with the local junior choir and school and offer a traditional Evensong service each month.

### **Public Benefit**

St John on Bethnal Green benefits the public by way of: regular worship that is open to all, the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation, pastoral work (including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved), teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups, taking school assemblies, promoting the whole mission of the church through its assistance to older people, parents and children, and supporting charities in the UK and overseas.

### **Financial Review**

The results of the period and financial position of the charity are shown in the annexed financial statements. The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income for the year of £(17,146) (2022: £14,845) and total funds of £90,787 (2022: £107,933).

### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

Fixed assets are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees consider that a policy of holding a minimum of 12 months income as a general reserve is appropriate for the charity.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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***Barbara Perrott, Trustee***

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

### **to the PCC of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 17. My report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act').

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees 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 and its members as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As described on page 7, the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- c) to 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 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have 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.



**Anthony Armstrong FCA, Independent Examiner**  
**of Armstrong & Co**  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

**Dated: 22 May 2024**

**4a Printing House Yard**  
**Hackney Road**  
**London E2 7PR**

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	3	41,452	-	41,452	41,011
Charitable activities	4	(166)	-	(166)	4,187
Other trading activities	5	45,400	-	45,400	52,353
Investments	6	1,329	-	1,329	434
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>88,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>97,985</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	22,874	-	22,874	25,169
Charitable activities	8	82,287	-	82,287	57,971
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>105,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,161</b>	<b>83,140</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>14,845</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets				-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>14,845</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>105,533</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>107,933</b>	<b>93,088</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>88,387</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>90,787</b>	<b>107,933</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.  
The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint John on Bethnal Green**  
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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand	11	92,554	2,400	94,954	110,611
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>92,554</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>94,954</b>	<b>110,611</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	4,167	-	4,167	2,678
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<b>88,387</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>90,787</b>	<b>107,933</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted	14			88,387	105,533
Restricted	14			2,400	2,400
Total funds				<b>90,787</b>	<b>107,933</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Debra Frame, Trustee**

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**Barbara Perrott, Trustee**

*The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these accounts.*

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement: reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Net cash flows from operating activities	(16,986)	-	(16,986)	14,689
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	1,329	-	1,329	434
Purchase of property, plant and equipment			-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>434</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>	<b>(15,658)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15,658)</b>	<b>15,123</b>
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	108,211	2,400	110,611	95,488
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<b>92,553</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>94,953</b>	<b>110,611</b>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Net surplus for reporting period as per statement of financial activities</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(17,146)</b>	<b>14,845</b>
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation charges	-		-	-
Dividends, interest, and rent from investments	(1,329)		(1,329)	(434)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	0	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,489	-	1,489	278
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>(16,986)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,986)</b>	<b>14,689</b>

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)';
- b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Public benefit entity**

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue to operate and accordingly the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Income recognition**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of church premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **Expenditure recognition**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The PCC is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations and property maintenance costs.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the PCC's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the PCC. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the PCC's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the PCC.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

#### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

## **Accounting Policies**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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#### **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture & fittings	- 20% on cost
Office equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Items of equipment are only capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1000.

#### *Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated land and benefice property such as the church building and vicarage is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church contents are held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and require a faculty for disposal. They are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is expressed within the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **Investments**

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at closing market value. Surpluses or deficits on valuation are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

## Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

### Trustees' emoluments

Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

<b>2 Net incoming resources</b>			<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
are stated after charging			£	£
Independent Examiner's fees			1,200	1,200

  

<b>3 Income from donations, legacies, and grants</b>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	<b>Total funds 2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Donations	16,956	-	16,956	14,125
Grants	24,496	-	24,496	26,886
	<b>41,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,452</b>	<b>41,011</b>

  

<b>4 Income from charitable activities</b>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	<b>Total funds 2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Service fees, net of amounts paid to the Diocese	(166)	-	(166)	4,187

  

<b>5 Income from trading activities</b>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	<b>Total funds 2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Art classes	5,566	-	5,566	9,259
Bar sales	5,635	-	5,635	8,832
Church hire	4,679	-	4,679	7,720
Crypt licences	10,615	-	10,615	11,823
Flat Rental	15,180	-	15,180	13,649
Hall hire	3,725	-	3,725	1,070
	<b>45,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>52,353</b>

  

<b>6 Income from investments</b>				
Bank interest received	1,329	-	1,329	434
<b>Total income</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>97,985</b>

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for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>7 Expenditure on raising funds</b>				
Art classes	4,676	-	4,676	6,384
Bar expenses	3,901	-	3,901	4,510
Flat rental costs	14,297	-	14,297	14,275
	<b>22,874</b>	-	<b>22,874</b>	<b>25,169</b>
<b>8 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Bank charges	205	-	205	275
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	75
Common Fund	35,500	-	35,500	22,189
Independent examination fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
IT and website	350	-	350	-
Liturgical costs	1,257	-	1,257	3,741
Office costs	97	-	97	2,679
Subscriptions	25	-	25	-
Sundry expenses	2,319	-	2,319	143
Telephone & internet	2,049	-	2,049	-
Transaction fees	74	-	74	-
Upkeep of services	3,110	-	3,110	-
Charitable donations made	-	-	-	95
Cleaning	1,273	-	1,273	-
Curtilage	-	-	-	1,572
Insurance	7,946	-	7,946	8,212
Light, Power, Water, Heating	20,207	-	20,207	10,474
Repairs & maintenance	6,677	-	6,677	7,256
Professional fees	-	-	-	60
	<b>82,287</b>	-	<b>82,287</b>	<b>57,971</b>

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 December 2023 nor to 31 December 2022.

## Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

<b>9 Staff costs</b>					<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
					£	£
Staff salaries					-	-
<b>10 Tangible fixed assets</b>						
None to report						
<b>11 Bank and cash in hand</b>					<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
					£	£
PCC: HSBC Community account					9,682	28,312
Arts: HSBC Community account					10,314	13,382
CBF Deposit fund 1					30,235	29,296
CBF Deposit fund 2					157	152
Development Fund: HSBC Community account					18,198	13,486
Development Fund: HSBC BMM account					26,368	25,983
					<b>94,954</b>	<b>110,611</b>
<b>12 Creditors</b>					<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
					£	£
Trade creditors					1,767	
Accruals					2,400	2,678
					<b>4,167</b>	<b>2,678</b>
<b>13 Movement of funds</b>	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers		Closing balance
Unrestricted funds	105,533	88,015	(105,161)	-		88,387
Restricted funds						
Memorial for Alan Green	2,400	-	-	-		2,400
Total funds	<b>107,933</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>(105,161)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>90,787</b>
<b>14 Movement of funds: prior year</b>	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers		Closing balance
Unrestricted funds	93,088	92,944	(80,499)	-		105,533
Restricted funds						
Memorial for Alan Green	-	2,400	-	-		2,400
Church Energy Cost Support Grant	-	2,641	(2,641)	-		-
Total funds	<b>93,088</b>	<b>97,985</b>	<b>(83,140)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>107,933</b>

## **Notes to the Accounts**

**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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### **15 Related party transactions**

During the year total donations received from PCC members, their close family members and business associates was £2,180 (2022: £3,500).

### **16 Gifts in kind**

During the year the charity benefitted from unpaid work performed by volunteers.