

St Mark's Church, Forest Gate – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Administrative Information

St Mark's Church is situated in Lorne Road, Forest Gate. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: 41A Tylney Road, Forest Gate, London, E7 0LS.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission as charity number 1132240.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

Vicar:	Ben King	Chair
Churchwardens:	Mike Richardson Sharon Yates	

Elected Members

Ann Arnold	Vice-Chair
Peter Arnold	Treasurer
Janet Bone	Deanery Synod Representative, Parish Safeguarding Officer
David Dale	Resigned 11 April 2022
Ellen Kemp	Parish Safeguarding Officer, Deanery Synod Representative; resigned 14 Nov 2022
Bola Ogunfowokan	Elected APCM 15 May 2022
Charlotte Mouzer	
Judith Nyabango	Elected APCM 17 May 2021; resigned 15 May 2022.
Jackie Randall	Until APCM 15 May 2022
Jane Ridout	Secretary
Michael Semuguruka	
Yvonne Tiley	Deanery Synod Representative; resigned 13 Sep 2022
Bethany Yates	Parish Worker (Co-opted)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mark's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (vicar), the churchwardens, and members who are elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation who regularly attend St Mark's Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the PCC funds are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year, with an average attendance level of over 90%. The January and February meetings were face to face, but thereafter meetings were held online due to the pandemic.

Aims and Purposes

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, and social, in the parish. The PCC is also responsible for maintenance of the church building of St Mark's, Lorne Road, Forest Gate.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community at St Mark's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship, and aims that our worship and services put our faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the St Mark's church building.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Normal services resumed with a gradual reduction in Covid restrictions, though measures were still in place to keep everyone safe. The common cup was not reintroduced and we opted for intinction instead. Afternoon communion services resumed when there had been no provision for communion in the morning. Due to falling viewing numbers, pre-recorded services were discontinued after the summer.

Morning Prayer three mornings a week via Zoom replaced Evening Prayer five days a week via the same medium. The in-person weekly prayer meeting continued and, further to a prayer survey in September, we launched a new monthly in-person prayer meeting.

Deanery Synod

The vicar and up to three lay members of the PCC sit on the Newham Deanery Synod and provide a report on Deanery Synod meetings to PCC meetings. This provides the PCC with a link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church of England.

The March meeting welcomed Bishop Guli including a question and answer session. The June meeting looked at possible financial challenges for the deanery with a deficit budget and Rev. Chigor explained why the Bishops' Council for Racial Justice needed to be set up. The November meeting had a report on the Parish Share Assessment, a presentation on Hopeful Futures working with young people with autism, and introduction to our Newham Youth Champion. The meetings also had reports from Diocesan and General Synods.

The Church Building

Regular inspections of the fabric of the building and its contents have taken place, to ensure the safety of all who use it.

Maintenance and other work undertaken:

- Annual inspection of fire alarm, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers and blankets
- Clearance of items no longer used
- Extension of wifi provision to cover the whole building
- Installation of security cameras
- Beginning of work to re-purpose the former car park to the rear of the building to an outdoor seating and garden space
- Renewal of photocopier
- Portable appliance testing and microwave emission test
- Boiler and heating service

Pastoral Care

Pastoral support has continued, mainly through telephone contact and email, though also through home communions, especially with the elderly and housebound. Communication across the whole church family has been maintained through email updates (with paper copies delivered to those without internet access).

Mission and Evangelism

Ministry to our children and youth was delivered primarily through regular Sunday groups, special social events (Hangouts) and Youth Alpha.

We continued a series of community 'pick-ups' – a simple means of reaching out to the parish and of raising the profile of Jesus and of His church.

In line with our annual motto 'Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch', we invested in a coffee bike and started two new groups at the tail end of 2022 – Coffee and Chat (a seniors' group) and a Play Café (for young families). They were very well-received and the latter continues to be over-subscribed. We also made it out into the community to engage the parish with coffee and conversation.

Bethany Yates continued her employment as our part time parish worker. Her excellent work continued to make a positive impact on our church life and on our mission and outreach.

Ecumenical Relationships

After three years, it was finally possible to hold the Good Friday March of Witness in conjunction with other Forest Gate churches.

In person monthly ministers' prayer meetings also resumed.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £74,002, and total receipts for restricted funds were £21,045, including a grant of £12,500 from London Over the Border to support the Pop Up Café running costs in this and subsequent years. These are detailed in the financial statements.

£103,450 was spent from the unrestricted funds, and £15,389 from the restricted funds, to provide the Christian ministry from St Mark's Church. This includes the PCC's contribution to the Chelmsford diocesan parish share, which contributes to the cost of stipends, pensions, training, and housing for clergy in the diocese. These are detailed in the financial statements.

The PCC continued with its agreed policy to give away 10% of its net income (i.e. income excluding grants and money given for specific causes) each year to support Christian ministry at home and overseas. A total of £7,553 was given to support 15 Christian ministries at home and abroad. In addition, £4,207 was given by members for specific appeals and charities, and this was passed on to those appeals and charities.

The net result was an excess of expenditure over receipts of £23,792. On 31 December 2022 the balance of unrestricted funds carried forward was £47,051; the balance of restricted funds carried forward was £12,531; and the balance of the legacy designated fund carried forward was £191,463.

Investment assets as at 31 December 2022 were £287,584 in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund, plus £292 in shares in Banco Santander. Both these investment assets decreased in value during the year as a result of financial market conditions.

Reserves Policy

It is the PCC's policy to invest short term funds balances in the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. This is used to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. As at 31st December 2022 the PCC had £246,478 invested with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund.

Church Attendance

There were 103 people on the electoral roll as of December 2022, of whom 53 live outside the parish. The equivalent figure for December 2021 was 107 people, of whom 53 lived outside the parish.

The number of people of any age worshipping regularly at St Mark's (not necessarily on the electoral roll) is currently 115 covering 67 households. The equivalent figure for December 2021 was 164 people, covering 79 households.

Review of the Year

The PCC met held seven meetings during 2022, all of which meetings were held face to face.

Items discussed by the PCC included the following:

- The annual accounts for 2021.
- The budget for 2022.
- Our planned and adhoc financial giving to support God's work at home and abroad.
- The proposal for a Pop up Cafe using an electric cargo bike, and application to London Over the Border for a grant to support this project.
- The use of the church building as a polling station and the difficulty of securing the council payment.
- The on-going Pink Bin project.
- The terms of reference for the Safeguarding team.
- Worship patterns and possible changes to service formats.
- New Safeguarding regulations about recruitment of all roles in the church.
- Purchase of garden furniture for use in the summer and autumn months.
- Regular reports on income and expenditure and budget forecasts.
- Purchase of a contactless card reader for donations.
- The current cost of living crisis and ideas for supporting those affected by this.
- Purchasing a number of 6-hour parking permits to be used at the discretion of the churchwardens in view of the changed use of the former car park area.
- Extending the parish worker's contract until September 2023.
- Planning for Christmas.

Safeguarding

This last year, St Mark's and its PCC have taken due regard to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops (including both practice and policy).

Ellen Kemp was the PCC's safeguarding officer until her resignation from the PCC on 14 November 2022. Ellen had kept record keeping inc. DBS checks up to date. Janet Bone was appointed as PCC safeguarding officer with effect from 14 November 2022, and will be trained at the required leadership level.

The church has started some new groups which are staffed by volunteers. The Church of England has a new procedure of safer recruitment for all volunteer roles, and the leaders of groups have been trained in this procedure. A Volunteer Recruitment Pack has been compiled with paperwork available to download for future roles. It has been recognised that Prayer Ministers have not been through this procedure, so it is planned to provide some training in early 2023.

No safeguarding incidents relating to St Mark's church were reported this year.

Data Protection

All names and contact details are held securely. They are used solely to keep in touch with church members and are never shared with third parties.

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Rev'd Ben King (Vicar and PCC Chair)

Parochial Church Council of St Marks, Forest Gate
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Receipts & Payments Account

RECEIPTS	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED FUNDS				TOTAL FUNDS	
	FUNDS	FUNDS	Other	Sp Collections	Youth Work	Maintenance	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£		£	£	
Voluntary Receipts								
Gift Aided Giving	39,708.93						39,708.93	43,821.24
Gift Aid tax recovered	10,575.28			117.50			10,692.78	11,412.91
Collections at Services	4,047.31						4,047.31	2,530.53
Contactless card reader (gross amount)	327.00			20.00			347.00	0.00
Other planned giving	5,115.70						5,115.70	7,163.91
Giving for Specific Causes			100.00	3,894.42	150.00		4,144.42	1,709.56
	<u>59,774.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,031.92</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>64,056.14</u>	<u>66,638.15</u>
Grants & Legacies								
LOB Grant for youth work					3,240.00		3,240.00	5,000.00
LOB Grant for Pop Up Café			12,500.00				12,500.00	0.00
LBN Grant for Queen's Jubilee			500.00				500.00	0.00
Legacy (Elizabeth Palmer)							0.00	63,000.00
Legacy (Helen Rigby)							0.00	7,022.27
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,240.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,240.00</u>	<u>75,022.27</u>
Activities for Generating Funds								
Ebay Sales & Jumble Trail	143.64			212.36			356.00	335.95
	<u>143.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>212.36</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>356.00</u>	<u>335.95</u>
Investment Income								
Banco Santander dividends	9.59						9.59	7.23
CCLA (investment account)	1,368.51	7,184.66					8,553.17	6,536.93
CCLA (deposit account)	3,238.53						3,238.53	158.05
	<u>4,616.63</u>	<u>7,184.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,801.29</u>	<u>6,702.21</u>
Church Activities:								
Wedding & Funeral Fees	30.00						30.00	1,256.00
Parish magazine	657.30						657.30	667.00
Use of building	1,250.00						1,250.00	1,200.00
Wreath Kits	80.00						80.00	0.00
Jubilee Street Party & Tea Party			220.00				220.00	0.00
	<u>2,017.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,237.30</u>	<u>3,123.00</u>
Other Receipts								
TV Licence refund	132.50						132.50	1.00
Pop Up Café ticket refund			91.00				91.00	2.00
Payments for printing & photocopying	132.70						132.70	90.60
	<u>265.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>91.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>356.20</u>	<u>90.60</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>66,816.99</u>	<u>7,184.66</u>	<u>13,411.00</u>	<u>4,244.28</u>	<u>3,390.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>95,046.93</u>	<u>151,912.18</u>

PAYMENTS	UNRESTRICTED	DESIGNATED	Other	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS	
	FUNDS	FUNDS		Sp Collections	Youth Work	Maintenance	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£
Church Activities:								
Planned Giving								
Asha Trust	600.00						600.00	600.00
Asian Friendship Centre	600.00						600.00	1,150.00
Christian Solidarity Worldwide	600.00						600.00	600.00
Faith in Schools	750.00						750.00	1,150.00
Newham Youth for Christ	750.00						750.00	1,150.00
Open Doors	600.00						600.00	600.00
Adhoc Giving								
Afghan Refugees							0.00	1,117.50
Asha Trust	500.00						500.00	500.00
Bishop's Lent Appeal							0.00	100.00
Bishop Peter's Farewell							0.00	200.00
Care 4 Calais							0.00	150.00
Churches Foodbank	250.00						250.00	0.00
DEC Ukraine Appeal	1,000.00			1,905.00			2,905.00	0.00
Discretionary / Hardship Fund	204.00						204.00	700.00
Evangelical Alliance	120.00						120.00	120.00
Faith in Schools	28.99						28.99	0.00
Godwin Children Computers							0.00	1,000.00
Release International	50.00						50.00	50.00
SSF Plaistow	0.00						0.00	50.00
Tear Fund (Pakistan Appeal)	1,000.00			862.36			1,862.36	0.00
Wennington Hardship Appeal	500.00						500.00	0.00
Action Aid (coffee morning)				100.00			100.00	0.00
Asthma Lung UK (coffee morning)				100.00			100.00	0.00
Alzheimer's Society (coffee morning)							0.00	50.00
Battersea Dogs Home (coffee morning)							0.00	75.00
Blue Cross (coffee morning)				100.00			100.00	0.00
Cancer Research UK				280.00			280.00	0.00
Canine Partners				72.50			72.50	0.00
Children's Air Ambulance (coffee morning)							0.00	50.00
Cystic Fibrosis (coffee morning)							0.00	75.00
Dalit Freedom Network (education)				16.00			16.00	16.00
Link to Hope				190.00			190.00	0.00
London Air Ambulance				72.50			72.50	0.00
Macmillan Cancer Support (coffee morning)				239.42			239.42	208.56
Multiple Sclerosis (coffee morning)							0.00	85.00
Newham Talking Newspaper				72.50			72.50	0.00
Pancreatic Cancer Uk				100.00			100.00	0.00
Poppy Appeal (Royal British Legion)				24.00			24.00	0.00
Richard House				72.50			72.50	0.00
St Joseph's Hospice (coffee morning)							0.00	75.00
SPANNA (coffee morning)							0.00	75.00
Urostomy Association (coffee morning)							0.00	50.00
	<u>7,552.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,206.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,759.77</u>	<u>9,997.06</u>

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	DESIGNATED FUNDS £	Other £	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS	
				Sp Collections £	Youth Work	Maintenance £	2022 £	2021 £
Church Activities:								
Ministry:								
Diocesan parish share	38,253.60						38,253.60	36,358.20
Vicar's expenses	512.96						512.96	708.98
Mission & outreach:								
Advent & Christmas	867.33						867.33	481.09
Ash Wednesday	82.67						82.67	0.00
Bags of Joy							0.00	125.95
Banner Group	30.00						30.00	0.00
Children	191.95						191.95	583.38
Daffodil Pickup							0.00	560.00
Evangelistic Materials & Posters	79.47						79.47	0.00
Fees & Subscriptions	833.17						833.17	794.41
Firepit Fridays	60.48						60.48	273.31
Flowers	108.67		230.00				338.67	0.00
Forest Gate Festival	43.20						43.20	0.00
Fruit Pickup							0.00	35.46
Harvest							0.00	527.06
Adult Holy Week Boxes							0.00	254.10
Lent and Easter	750.69						750.69	468.16
Light Party & Halloween Pick Up	62.97						62.97	213.84
Magazine	957.99						957.99	982.00
Messy Church	507.20						507.20	566.20
Messy Mondays	143.92						143.92	0.00
Mothering Sunday	80.00						80.00	0.00
New Bibles		991.36					991.36	0.00
Other Events	71.99						71.99	0.00
Pancake Pickup	182.15						182.15	0.00
Pink Bin Project							0.00	59.98
Platinum Jubilee Parties	1,017.48		720.00				1,737.48	0.00
Pop Up Café Start Up		12,423.16	191.00				12,614.16	0.00
Pop Up Café Running Costs			1,609.12				1,609.12	0.00
Schools							0.00	30.89
Services	225.27						225.27	127.93
Summer Programme							0.00	603.93
Thy Kingdom Come	55.35						55.35	0.00
Wedding & Funeral Fees	142.00						142.00	1,234.00
Youth Work					8,431.94		8,431.94	487.24
Carried forward to next page	45,260.51	13,414.52	2,750.12	0.00	8,431.94	0.00	69,857.09	45,476.11

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	DESIGNATED FUNDS	0.00	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	£	£	0.00	0.00	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	0.00	0.00	£	£
Brought forward from previous page	45,260.51	13,414.52	2,750.12	0.00	8,431.94	0.00	69,857.09	45,476.11
Church Running Expenses:								
Electricity	1,234.26						1,234.26	796.01
Gas	1,663.44						1,663.44	1,823.29
Water	319.92						319.92	189.74
Insurance	1,303.45						1,303.45	1,252.65
Refuse Collection	950.40						950.40	849.06
Audio-Visual, Computer & PA	7.99						7.99	0.00
Boiler & Heating	3,355.58						3,355.58	568.68
Cleaning & PPE	320.66						320.66	0.00
Electrical & PAT	346.48						346.48	236.48
Fans	187.96						187.96	0.00
Fire Alarms, Extinguishers & Fire Signs	379.61						379.61	821.26
First Aid	36.49						36.49	0.00
Gardening	1,349.92						1,349.92	53.33
Garden Furniture	2,473.20						2,473.20	0.00
Repair Materials	68.25						68.25	0.00
Removing Rubbish	428.00						428.00	624.00
Security Cameras	268.97						268.97	0.00
Vicarage	108.00						108.00	101.00
Other repairs	0.00						0.00	21.99
Miscellaneous	105.95						105.95	30.00
Staff	1,330.00	15,143.19					16,473.19	5,520.00
Catering and Sunday Tea Coffee Milk	124.80						124.80	128.82
	<u>61,623.84</u>	<u>28,557.71</u>	<u>2,750.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,431.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>101,363.61</u>	<u>58,492.42</u>
Church Activities:								
Church management & administration								
Printing & stationery	2,257.05						2,257.05	2,205.99
Contactless Card Reader	333.90						333.90	0.00
Contactless card reader fees	5.21			0.34			5.55	0.00
Web Site, Internet & IT	1,047.33						1,047.33	258.35
Phones	1,642.96						1,642.96	1,604.19
Accountant's & Examiner's Fees	200.00						200.00	1,277.00
Bank charges	228.54						228.54	217.65
	<u>5,714.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,715.33</u>	<u>5,563.18</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>74,891.82</u>	<u>28,557.71</u>	<u>2,750.12</u>	<u>4,207.12</u>	<u>8,431.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>118,838.71</u>	<u>74,052.66</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS /								
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	-8,074.83	-21,373.05	10,660.88	37.16	-5,041.94	0.00	-23,791.78	77,859.52
CASH AT BANK & CCLA AT 1ST JANUARY	55,126.03	212,835.72	230.00	-117.50	6,707.63	54.80	274,836.68	274,836.68
CASH AT BANK & CCLA AT 31ST DECEMBER	47,051.20	191,462.67	10,890.88	-80.34	1,665.69	54.80	251,044.90	274,836.68

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	DESIGNATED FUNDS £	Other £	RESTRICTED FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS	
				Sp Collections £	Youth Work	Maintenance £	2022 £	2021 £
Cash funds								
NatWest bank current account	2,926.69	0.00	0.00	-80.34	1,665.69	54.80	4,566.84	23,597.15
CCLA Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund	44,124.51	191,462.67	10,890.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	246,478.06	251,239.53
	<u>47,051.20</u>	<u>191,462.67</u>	<u>10,890.88</u>	<u>-80.34</u>	<u>1,665.69</u>	<u>54.80</u>	<u>251,044.90</u>	<u>274,836.68</u>
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Other monetary assets								
Income tax recoverable	2,740.66			80.34			2,821.00	3,016.00
Investment assets								
Shares in Banco Santander	292.32						292.32	351.54
CCLA Investment Account	56,672.21	230,912.16					287,584.37	325,954.66
	<u>56,964.53</u>	<u>230,912.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>287,876.69</u>	<u>326,306.20</u>

84% of the money in the CCLA Investment Account is from Helen Rigby's legacy (designated fund); the remaining 16% is general fund.

Note 1 Funds held

General Fund	47,051.20						47,051.20	55,126.03
Designated Funds								
Elizabeth Palmer's legacy		62,190.00					62,190.00	62,190.00
Helen Rigby's legacy		125,573.24					125,573.24	135,859.47
Vi Woollard's legacy		3,699.43					3,699.43	14,786.25
Legacy Total		<u>191,462.67</u>					<u>191,462.67</u>	<u>212,835.72</u>

Helen Rigby's legacy was held in General Fund as at 1st January 2021; during 2021 £240,000 plus £5,491 interest was invested in CCLA Investment Account, and the balance held in designated Fund

Restricted Funds								
Flowers							0.00	230.00
LOB Grant for Pop Up Café Running Costs			10,890.88					
Special Collections (Gift Aid on Afghan Refugees donations)				-80.34			-80.34	-117.50
Maintenance (Chairs)						54.80	54.80	54.80
Youth Work					1,665.69		1,665.69	6,707.63
Restricted Funds Total							<u>1,640.15</u>	<u>6,874.93</u>

Note 2 Investments Held

(Values as at 31st December 2022)

126 shares in Banco Santander	292.32						292.32	351.54
13918.92 shares in CCLA Investment account	287,584.37						287,584.37	325,954.66

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St Marks, Forest Gate

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St. Marks, Forest Gate (the 'charity') for the year to 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'): You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulation and s.43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7) (b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance 2006 Edition. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the finance statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence on the view given by the accounts.

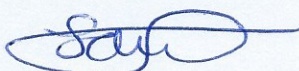
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and 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 Charities Act 2011
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.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



13/6/23

Jagdeep Ghataore ACMA CGMA