

PCC
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2023



A View from the Team Rector

Growth in outreach to the community and “comings and goings” amongst our people have characterised 2023.

Growth first.

The Dove Café goes from strength to strength on multiple fronts.

- It brings together, as volunteers, people from all three of our churches (and none!), literally working side by side - meeting new people and gaining new skills. It can be hard work but it's always rewarding and if you want to give it a go you will be warmly welcomed!
- It brings together support groups, too many to mention here and growing all the time. Warm, safe space to share a new hobby or an old concern. It brings together the very young, socialising with other toddlers in the soft play area, and it brings together seniors, sharing food and driving away loneliness.
- It brings together anyone and everyone and its often very busy indeed! Yet it never forgets it is church - a church where the doors are open and it is easy to step over the threshold into its space.



Growth, too, in our musical offerings, across all three of our churches...

Aaron King at St Mary's organised a wonderful Coronation Concert in May involving many local schools and groups, and lunchtime concerts on last Saturdays monthly have a loyal following, continually gaining new fans. The musical programme is ever-varied and the refreshments reassuringly the same (did someone say sausages?).



And, quite unlike anything else, local schoolchildren narrated "Peter and the Wolf" while Andrew Gallacher of St Thomas's heroically played the complete score on piano - an inclusive musical experience for all the children, especially those who are not singers or learning to play an instrument.



St Michael's hosted the very different offerings of a joyful Nat King Cole afternoon (aka organist Alan Lewis) and William Byrd's sublime Mass for Four Voices set in the context of a Eucharist, performed by the St Giles Consort, with hymn singing to raise the rafters!

Community singing events continued to be a feature at St Thomas's, the church also enables gifted young musicians to practice performing in a supportive environment, helping them to grow in confidence and skill, guided by local music teachers with whom we are building ever-stronger links.

The Team grows in cohesion; our volunteers and staff increasingly work across all three churches, our outreach to children and young people is increasingly confident, and our finances keep their head above water (just! Annual financial deficits, even when small, need to be reversed if we are still to be here in 30 years' time).

And those “comings and goings” ...

We welcomed Craig Dreyer as our Hon Treasurer across all three churches. Craig has brought a uniform approach to the presentation of our church finances as well as insight and understanding of our individual church needs.

In May I was Licensed as Team Rector, a very joyful service and a poignant reminder of the very pastoral and caring ministry Bishop Alan Wilson offered on such occasions, and the sadness we feel at his sudden death in February 2024.

In September we most enthusiastically welcomed Lucy as Team Vicar of St Mary's. It had been a long wait but it is marvellous to have Lucy on board and getting to know us in these first months of her ministry.

St Mary's said goodbye to their long-serving administrator, Helen Sanderson-White, and, in taking on some of her role, Christine Adali now works across all three of our churches.

And on the last day of 2023 we said a sad farewell to Michael Johnson and his family, as he took the skills which had helped bring the Dove to birth in Beaconsfield all the way to Cornwall and a role across 19 parishes, helping them to find new vision and a sustainable way of being church.

We have said hello to new friends in our church congregations and we have said goodbye to old and dear friends who have moved away or departed our earthly shores. We miss them hugely, while being grateful that their presence among us has shaped who we are and will continue to influence who we will be as we look forever forward, renewed by God's grace.

Finally, a big thank you to all who give so much time, energy and expertise to making our Team churches all that they are and can be. We exist only through the willingness of those who value our church life and contribute to its flourishing.



Sharon.

St Michael's

St Michael's year has been a reassuring mixture of the established and the new and, in people terms, as ever, of hellos and goodbyes.

The service pattern first introduced as temporary, following lockdown, has endured and will remain in place until such time as feels right to change. It allows for a variety of styles of worship to be enjoyed week by week and it is encouraging that these seem to be equally valued by those who attend. So in this respect we will continue to abide by the mantra "*If it ain't broke don't fix it*".

None of this precludes us from being ever watchful for God's promptings to pursue something new, explore something as yet unknown, especially given the heavy responsibility we all bear to be Christ's "hands and feet" in the world and to spread His gospel ("good news").

Sometimes, though, it's a case of finding a new way in and much of our focus this year has been on children and young people and on music (and often on both at the same time). There is reference earlier in the report to some of these events but one which isn't mentioned is our ongoing efforts to build church singing. This is easier said than done.

Although our small choir performs valiantly on all occasions it would like to be bigger.

We took a step towards building confidence with those who both love to sing and those who think they can't when we held the Christmas "Come and Sing" Carol Service, when 30 adults, young people and children joined forces and achieved far more than they thought possible under the expert guidance of Helen Baker.



There was no singing involved on Shrove Tuesday, when we paused the children's races of pre-lock down times (not least on Health and Safety grounds) and instead offered a variety of "activity stations" around the church, plus quizzes and crafts.... and, of course, pancakes. This meant there was something for everyone, not just the children who wanted to tear around the church at top speed.



We were delighted - for the second year in a row - to be holding First Communion preparation classes for St Michael's children, with Florence, Grace and Hannah receiving their first Communions at Pentecost.

Tom Holyer re-started Men's Lunches for the first time since the pandemic and they have been well received as important social events, especially for those who live alone.

We said goodbye to John Gibbs, who has moved to Sonning Common, but welcomed new members of the congregation too. And, on the staff front, in September we said goodbye to Gemma Allwood as Hall Bookings Manager and hello to Alison Harper, who has taken over that role. Alison has introduced a fully automated room booking system which not only considerably cuts down on the administrative time and effort of booking and invoicing manually but also enables enquirers to see at a glance if the facility is available to them. In a culture which increasingly expects to gain instant information this has been a huge benefit and, so far, is working well.

We welcomed Craig Dreyer as Team Hon Treasurer for our 3 churches and we are hugely grateful for his detailed and dedicated work, and his interest in what, as church, we are seeking to achieve. Christine Adali continues in her role as book-keeper and office manager for which we are very grateful, but she, too, now works across all 3 of our churches, making her a busy person but which brings many benefits, not least in terms of integrated communication and streamlined administration.

On our DCC we said goodbye to Tommy Lecky, whose term of office ended, and hello to Charles Gillham, and we were especially delighted to welcome Lynn Johnson as Churchwarden alongside Daphne. With Annie Bennett, Emily Lambourne and Mary Bischoff appointed Assistant Churchwardens we have a sustainable model of leadership and a strong DCC (who aren't afraid to have fun too!). We are grateful that Kristel Van Wauwe remains Deanery Synod Representative (alongside Hazel Chow) and St Michael's representative on the PCC Outside Giving Sub Committee (alongside Tom Holyer). Thank you, Kristel for the duties you also undertook until December as Parish Safeguarding Officer. The DCC met at the Convent of the Sisters of the Church in Gerrards Cross for another Away Morning in October, mindful that St Michael's 3 Year Mission Action Plan concludes in 2024, so pressure mounts to meet the targets we set ourselves back in 2021.

Like St Mary's and St Thomas's, St Michael's took advantage of part-funding by the Diocese to undertake an Energy Audit and the resultant report gave us some suggested areas of action to reduce our carbon footprint - and our energy bills. One action we took straight away was cavity wall insulation in the church hall, where benefit could immediately be felt.

As ever there are tremendous thanks due to all who lead and nourish us spiritually - to Sharon, Cathy and Hazel; to all who work hard as staff and lay volunteers - Christine and Alison, Daphne and Lynn as Churchwardens, Annie, Mary and Emily as Assistant Churchwardens, and all on the DCC; not forgetting key lay people who make things happen - Xandie, Zoe, Jane and Margaret in our children's work, Alan and all members of the choir, and everyone who is on a Welcomers, Readers, Intercessors, Flower Arrangers, Maintenance or Coffee rota, on which there are always vacancies!



photo David Rolfe

St Mary's

Highlights

- The appointment of Revd Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson licensed on 6th September beginning a new chapter in the life and ministry at St. Mary's. The wonderful Service of Licensing by Bishop Alan was followed by Lucy's installation by Revd Canon Chris Bull
- The Coronation of King Charles, celebrated in church with bell ringing, fabulous displays by local schools and Junior Church featuring totally recycled materials in the words GOD SAVE THE KING, the orb, sceptre and crown, photo displays of his life and, in the churchyard, patriotic bunting made by the congregation and a new addition, the Bug hotel.
- The wonderful Coronation Concert on Friday 12th May of uplifting music, led by Aaron King with school choirs, orchestra and a huge church choir.
- Growth of our music and progress on the organ project: Lunchtime recitals were much appreciated and welcomed more music lovers into our church.
- In May we welcomed our families from the Newham Refugee and migrant project to a day out at Odds Farm
- Christmas proved a very busy time with a wonderful Nine Lessons and Carols, three Holy Communion Services and two crib services where we welcomed nearly 600 children and their families.



Work of St Mary's DCC included

- Oversight of the Vacancy process and the appointment of a Team Vicar at St. Mary's
- Discussion and oversight of all regular church services.
- Receiving and considering finance reports with the guidance of Craig Dreyer our new Team Treasurer.
- The Music Project covering both the community work and the organ project.
- Implementation of building works
- Safeguarding which is always uppermost in our minds
- Partnership working with St Michael's, St Thomas' and The Dove Café

Worship

Thanks to Margot assisted by Sharon, Michael and visiting clergy, our pattern of services was maintained until Lucy was licensed in September when we were delighted to have Lucy and Margot sharing leading us in worship.

Going into 2023 worship had largely reverted to pre pandemic practice with two exceptions, kneeling at the altar rail and the common cup. In February we reintroduced kneeling at the altar rail to receive communion and service booklets for 8.00 am Communion and Evensong. After discussion, the common cup was reintroduced at all communion services from June. A few remain who prefer not to receive the common cup, and reassurance is given about how to receive the sacrament. We are grateful to those who give their time and commitment to serving as Sacristan, Deacons, Chalice Assistants, Servers and Sidespeople. We remain short of volunteers for these valuable roles, but two Deacons were trained and teenagers again help on the AV system at the 10 am service.

Key Services in 2023

January - Annual Memorial service with tea

February - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

March- Mothering Sunday Holy Communion with daffodil posies for all

April - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Good Friday devotions led by Revd Peggy Ludlow, Area Dean. 8am and 10am Easter Day Holy Communion services.

September – Licensing service for the Revd Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson and Harvest All-Age service.

October - Civic service for Town Mayor Councillor Jackson Ng.

November - War Memorial service for schools, the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by the Civic Service in Church.

December - Advent Carol service, Nine Lessons & Carols service, two Crib Services, Midnight Holy Communion, 8am and 10am Christmas Holy Communion services as well as local schools for their Carol Services.

Weddings and baptisms are always welcomed but fewer in number after the post pandemic rush. We held 15 baptisms, and 7 weddings.

Sadly we lost a number of our congregation in 2023 and 21 funerals were held at St. Mary's.



Pastoral: The team of eight members continue to support our congregation in times of need and illness. We take Home Communion to residents of Bradbury House at Easter and Christmas and now in a regular monthly pattern as well as to members of our congregation unable to attend church. We are delighted that our buildings are well used by local organisations such as AA, Singing for the Brain, the Care and Share Group for those with Dementia as well as friendship offered by the many societies who use the Fitzwilliams Centre.

Housegroups: The friendship and support housegroup members give each other through prayer, bible study and creative thinking is a wonderful church resource. There are currently 6 housegroups with 59 members.

Music: New voices have joined St Mary's choir and the choir led concerts at the Coronation time and Christmas Recital in December alongside their regular contribution to our worship. Monthly recitals have proved very popular with outstanding contributions from our own Aaron King, Helen Baker from St. Michaels, the Chiltern Chirpers and the wonderful team of talented local musicians.

The organ project: A meeting was held with the Oxford diocesan organ consultants in July which allowed us to move to final quotations with our proposed organ companies. We plan to present these to the DCC, PCC and congregation in 2024. We are fortunate to have the continuing commitment of Aaron King, Sean Groombridge and Steve Snaith who lead this project.

Social events: Our first 'social' event of 2023 was the brunch following the family Service at the beginning of February. 'Brunches' have become increasingly popular over the year and many families and groups come and enjoy a shorter simpler time of worship on the 1st Sunday followed by food and friendship. Following that the popular Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday was again a time of friendship and feasting. The Country Fayre again proved a huge success with all enjoying the festivities. In September we held the postponed 'Last Night of the Proms' singalong with supper. Our thanks go to those who give so much to these events, organising, contributing and supporting.

Buildings and Fabric: We are ever grateful to Hugh Suter and Peter Grey who have undertaken a huge amount of maintenance and upkeep of the church and Fitzwilliams Centre. Significant activities in 2023 have been the addition of all the memorials into FindaGrave.com, 5-year fixed electrical test, tidying the compost bins, external painting of the FWC, conversion of the church floodlights to LED, the amplifier in the church sound system was replaced and the dishwasher PCB replaced following a fault. 4 stained glass windows were vandalised, and these have been repaired. A special thanks to Sheila, who cleans the FWC every day and maintains the garden of remembrance and to Peter who opens and locks the church daily. We are grateful for Deborah and Peter Sanders' work keeping the magnificent kneelers in good condition and monitoring the condition of our beautiful altar frontal.

Mission partners: Our support and relationship building with our mission partners has continued and, indeed, grown during this year in so many ways. Our regular runs to Newham with clothing and food, various ways of helping Wycombe Homeless including sleeping out in the cold, providing food for the London Run.

Team Outside Giving Committee we give 12.5% of our income into Outside Giving, 8% of which goes to the five nominated team charities, updates on these are later in this Report. . The other 4.5 % is given at the discretion of each church. St Mary's gives to Wycombe Homeless Connection and The Bible Society. In addition, we have funds to give to 'crisis situations'. We welcome other requests from the congregation for funding for other worthy causes.

Thanks: There are many to thank for their unfailing service during 2023. These include our Finance Manager Deborah Forrest in the church office and our dedicated churchwarden Wendy Godrich who gives hugely of herself and works tirelessly for St Mary's.

Two stand out who are stepping down from their roles.

Lesley has been an amazing servant as Secretary to the DCC with her impeccable minutes and administrative skills.

Bill has wisely decided it is time to relax and enjoy those parts of church life that being a warden excludes. He has been more than a support to so many, you could not ask for a wiser, more patient and sincere friend.

Our grateful thanks to all those who contribute to church life.



St Thomas'

Every year brings with it variety, change, challenges and status quo. 2023 was no exception. Our services are led by both clergy and laity and we are grateful to all who lead our services. One of the joys of being part of the Beaconsfield Team is the support that we get and can offer to others. Our pattern of services remained as Communion services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9.30am, with a 4pm Communion once a month. The remaining services are a mixture of morning praise and afternoon prayers. David and Lorraine Izzard have introduced us to Café Church on the fourth Sunday. It is hoped that this less formal style of service will attract others to worship with us.

Christmas is always a busy period. We are grateful to High March School for again donating to us a large Christmas tree when the school broke up for Christmas. We saw many families coming to St Thomas'. Holtspur School performed their Nativity Service to parents, family and friends, it is always a joyous occasion to be able to see so many children remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

Physically our building has changed. On the outside of St Thomas' is a beautiful Dove mosaic designed by Maud Milton. This is the third mosaic in Beaconsfield, the other two being at the Medical Centre and the Library. People from across the community made tiles that became part of one or more of the mosaics. The mosaic was officially launched at our St Thomas' Day celebration. Following our communion service we had a very busy day with crafts and games, a BBQ, a talk about Tea from a local expert and the Community Stars Awards. Huge thanks to all who worked so hard to make the day happen.



In the summer we once again took part in the Holtspur Scarecrow Trail. Anyone coming to St Thomas' would have seen our 'scarecrow' on the wall of St Thomas' House – a huge Dove from empty 4 pint milk bottles made by Tony Griffiths. Those taking part in the trail voted for their favourite scarecrow and Tony's Dove took second place.

In October we had a Harvest Supper and quiz. It was a fun, relaxed evening with friends, the first we have had since covid. Once again the British Association of Christian Bands held their charity concert, this year with Andrew Gallagher on the piano. This was a wonderful event. All monies raised were in aid of St Thomas' support for Ukraine. Everyone was moved when we were invited to stand whilst the band played the Ukrainian National Anthem.



Over the past year The Dove Café has brought people into St Thomas'. In just two years it has grown beyond what we expected. We see 400 people a week choosing to use the café. We see regular groups of friends coming in every week, relaxing, chatting and sharing time with each other. We have people coming in with their carers, we have families coming in with their children.

There are many community groups that come and offer their support to others. We have Café Ukraine, Talking Café, Parkinson's Café, Kindness in Bucks, Knit and Natter to name but a few.

We are a registered warm space, somewhere to feel safe where someone can just spend their day. We have a large rail of warm coats, scarves and blankets that are free to anyone who needs them. Our Pay It Forward board has a range of meals and drinks that have already been paid for by others. No-one should go hungry and the meals are there for anyone who may need one.

During school holidays it has been good to see families coming to our Wednesday Community Lunches. With funding from Helping Hand and the Clare Foundation we have been able to offer free food for children during the school holidays.



It is not just customers that the Dove Café brings to St Thomas'. The café could not function without the massive support from all our volunteers, whether it is serving in the café, clearing tables, making coffee or coming to Bake and Banter to produce 'home made' cakes and brownies. We are extremely thankful of all their time and all that they do.

We must also give our thanks to all the hard work and dedication of our three members of

staff. In 2023 Natalie joined Jodie and Nicki, making 2.5 paid members of staff. It is through their hard work and the time they spend at the cafe beyond their normal hours that help make it the success that it is



In 2023 the Dove Café became a separate financial entity. The income reached the threshold for paying VAT, which without becoming separate the whole of the income from all our three churches would have been liable for VAT. This has meant budgets have had to be carefully looked at. However the Dove Café continues to do well.

31st December 2023 was Michael Johnson's last day. After five years leading St Thomas' Michael has moved on to new challenges in Cornwall. A service on that day saw friends from all three of our churches and beyond come to worship together, give thanks for all that Michael and Ulia have given to us and to wish the whole family well in their new life.

In 2023 we welcomed Craig Dreyer as Treasurer for our 3 Team Churches. We are grateful for all the time and expertise that he gives us. Christine Adali continues to support us in her book-keeping and administrative roles, for which we are always grateful.

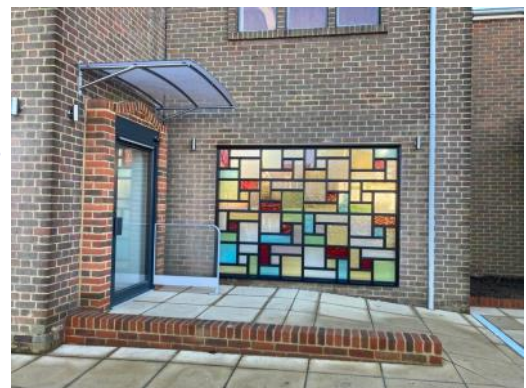


We give thanks to all who support St Thomas' in so many ways, whether it is being on a committee, organising events or supporting us financially; but most of all we give you thanks for your prayers. We enter 2024 in vacancy, with meetings, reports and arrangements to complete. We are very grateful that we are in such a supportive team offering encouragement and advice after having gone through a vacancy at St Mary's.

How to sum up 2023 at St Thomas? It has been a busy year. Our doors are open seven days a week as we welcome people from our local community and further afield into our church. It is true to say that the majority of people coming do so for The Dove Café, but we are doing God's work.

We may never know what impact The Dove Café has on people's lives, but we know that for some this will be the first time that they have ever stepped foot inside a church. If we are not going to go to the people, let the people come to us. Let us show people what it is to be a follower of Christ. Let us show them God's love through service, through welcome, through listening, through witness, through compassion.

Be prayerful and know that God is with us.



Outside Giving

The Outside Giving committee met to discuss and pray for the 5 charities supported by the PCC during 2023.

Renewal Programme Newham

St Mary's once again gave harvest gifts to Newham Renewal and the team remains, as ever hugely grateful. The church also provided Christmas gifts once again in 2023. Many of the congregation made tote bags, and these were packed with toys and gifts and delivered in early December.

The Renewal Programme has been given permission to use a site on High Street North as a Community Garden, they are currently applying for grants to complete the work. They hosted a Community Energy Champions Launch Event which was a massive success. This project is an extension of their existing Stay Warm in Newham project, with an emphasis on community outreach and delivering programmes to support vulnerable communities struggling with rising energy costs. They will be serving hot meals and providing a warm space, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday!

On a recent visit, Peter Laing highlighted a loss of income from grants, times are hard in the charity sector and applications are far exceeding funds available. The St Mary's team was very touched by the reaction to news of Chris Burley's passing when talking to Shirley their office manager. It reinforced the sense that of family – Newham and Beaconsfield.



Sharon International Ministries (SIM)

The school continues to grow, such is the need in basically poor villages around the school – up to 1 hour's school bus ride away. At present the number of pupils attending school is just under 900 with 55% boys and 45% girls. Children start at the age of 4 years in Nursery, then progress each year through Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and then spend the following 10 years in the main school in classes from 1 to 10. In the last year (10) they study for the School Leaving Certificate which with a good result enables them to further their education or qualify them for an apprenticeship. The number of teachers remains at 38. The more recent 2nd floor and wing now needs to be painted and the floor needs a finishing layer.



Here in Beaconsfield SIM hopes to fulfil its commitment to pay the teachers' salaries (£ 40,000) this year. So far £30,000 has been sent and by the end of the year another £10,000 should be sent thanks in no small way to the generous donation from Outside Giving. Next year we shall make the same commitment. We continue to pray for Dr. Sam, the headmaster, Venga Gobi, and the headmistress, Namburi Savithri and all the other teachers and staff and for all the pupils, especially those who are in their final year studying for the School Leaving Certificate exam to be held in April next year.

New Generation Burundi

Street outreach is an important part of New Generation Burundi's work. Their model is to reach out to as many street-connected children as possible. One such child is Charlene, she was only five when she first lived on the streets as part of a begging gang. Charlene is now 15 years old. She goes to a regular street outreach. In their rehabilitation programme, children live in a house with peers alongside house parents. They go to school, are provided with all that they need, and even get the opportunity for work or university when they reach 18-years-old.



New Generation Burundi are working in partnership with Great Lakes Outreach. They are looking to build and establish a new safe space and education centre. Land has already been purchased in a prime location in Bujumbura and a team of UK architects have drawn up plans. The centre will comprise of several buildings built around courtyards to include a church, café, shop and training facilities along with accommodation for children. This is an ambitious project that will require funding of \$2 million. Once built the centre will be a place of opportunity and support that will be able to reach out to more children living on the streets. The eagerly awaited Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023 took place in India, with 19 teams taking part. The team from Burundi impressed those who watched, especially as cricket is a relatively new sport there. They won their matches against Mauritius and Hungary. The young leaders had this message, "I am Somebody. You are Somebody. We are all Somebody."

Embrace the Middle East

EMBRACE have had many years of experience in the Middle East with Christian Partners working in the region. They have staff working in the hospitals in Gaza. The terrible suffering and bombing of Gaza City and Gaza have been seen and heard on our news bulletins since the horrific Hamas attack on 7 October 2023.

Bombs hit Gaza each day causing thousand of fatalities. Embrace staff continue to provide urgent help despite the daily explosions and unbearable conditions. EMBRACE and the church in Gaza ask for prayers for the killing to stop, the violence to end, for humanitarian aid to reach the population needing water, food, shelter, medical supplies and fuel. There is a big risk of disease and infections as food and medicines become scarce. When communications are cut off the situation becomes more difficult and dangerous.

EMBRACE continues to support their local staff as they bring immediate aid to desperate people. Future support will be needed for many years to rebuild and help traumatised families on both sides.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

MAF Pilot Daniel Loewen-Rudgers flew eye specialists from the Fred Hollows Foundation to Mandera, Kenya. Insecurity in the area means the dangerous journey by road would have taken 17 hours. The MAF flight took only three. Once in Mandera, the eye specialists ran a five-day camp. They provided screenings, diagnoses, treatments and counselling. Incredibly, they performed 295 sight-restoring surgeries. The short clinic has changed residents' lives forever. Habiba, a grandmother, regained her sight after years of living in the dark. The team felt blessed to give Habiba the opportunity to see her grandchildren's faces after years of knowing only their voices. The success of the surgical eye camp was made possible by the collaboration between MAF, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Australian Aid and the County Government of Mandera. We pray that those who received treatment will recover well and will rejoice at having their sight restored and that preventable blindness will continue to be treated throughout the world. We also pray for safe MAF flights in Kenya and for all the MAF staff who make them possible. We give thanks that whatever the human or physical barriers the Lord always finds a way to help those who need Him most.



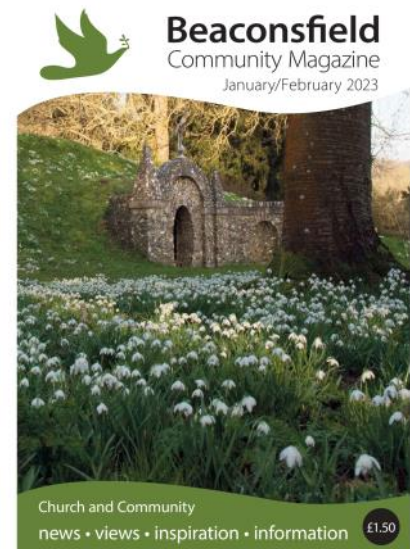
Beaconsfield Advisory Centre: The Beaconsfield Team churches also support the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre with annual funding, The BAC was set up initially by Churches Together and staffed by volunteers from across the churches and the town. BAC Advisors provide information and practical assistance to anyone in any kind of need by means of an enquiry centre.

The Community Magazine

The Community Magazine team is very grateful to our subscribers, distributors, deliverers and advertisers who continue to support the magazine.

After making a loss in 2022 as a result of the fall in advertising income following the pandemic, we took various steps in the hope of improving the financial position. The magazine subscription was raised from £10 to £15 p.a. and the cost of an individual magazine from £1 - £1.50.

We also increased our efforts to attract new advertisers which produced some positive results. Finally, following negotiations with the printers they agreed to maintain the status quo and not to impose a suggested price increase of close to 8%. On this basis we agreed to stay with them.



We are very fortunate that Hazel Chow has continued with her introductory note from the Town Chaplain, on the opening page of the magazine. We thank her very much for this regular contribution.

From an editorial point of view major news stories in 2023 included St Mary's preparations for the Coronation with the strong theme of conservation and the continuation of mosaic-making workshops as part of the community project to develop a cultural trail of mosaics around the town.

We had a moving article from one of our Ukrainian friends reflecting on her life in England one year on from the start of the war. We also told the remarkable story of the Beaconsfield Friends of Cancer research who had reached £1 million in funds raised. We continued to follow the amazing progress of the Dove Cafe and covered regular events like Lighthouse and the Country Fayre. The Holtspur Scarecrow Trail was a great success and apart from the enjoyment of tracking down the characters it brought a lot of business to the Dove Café, which featured on the trail. We were delighted to cover Lucy's Licensing in September, a very moving and joyful occasion.

Many other happy occasions were featured including Bill and Margaret Edwards Golden Wedding Anniversary and the Beaconsfield Society's well-deserved award to Ruth Moores as Outstanding Citizen of the Year.



Financial Position

As a result of the action referred to above the income from subscriptions increased by 22% and the advertising picked up with the income from this source rising by over 16%. Despite the improvements the magazine is still running at a loss of £1,641, a 60% improvement against the loss of £4,104 in 2022.

In a further effort to improve the financial position, we advised the advertisers of a price increase, averaging 5%, for 2024 and we are pleased that all those who were due to renew at the beginning of the year did so without any problems over the increase.

Sadly, we have seen another fall in subscribers mainly as some long-standing readers are no longer with us. Recently we did a magazine drop among the new houses in Wilton Park and we wait to see if this produces any response.

Our team of distributors and deliverers is stable, but some of our more elderly helpers are beginning to struggle, so although others are wonderful at stepping in, we are always on the look-out for new deliverers.

Early in the year we had a change to the team as Nicki Edwards, the former treasurer handed over to Sarah Ainsworth. We are grateful to Nicki for her years of handling the magazine accounts and very grateful to Sarah for taking on this role. Being an accountant, she is ideally suited to the task.

Sally Masters, continues as the efficient subscriptions manager and we thank her for all the work she does for the magazine.

Finally, very grateful thanks to Margaret Mardall as Editor for her expertise, hard work and commitment.

The Beaconsfield Team Ministry

The Team Ministry comprises the Parish Churches of St Mary and All Saints, St Michael and All Angels and St Thomas', Holtspur within the Benefice of Beaconsfield. The Parochial Church Council has assigned to the District Church Councils (DCCs) all the functions of the Parochial Church Council of the parish except for the holding of real estate, the provision of youth activities and Team activities including the Community Magazine, the Alpha course and Marriage Preparation.

The total number on the Electoral Roll as at May 2024 was 523 (2023 528)

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The Revd Michael Johnson Team Vicar, St Thomas'

The Revd Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson, Team Vicar, St Mary's (from September 2023)

The Revd Margot Suter Associate Priest, St Mary's

Mrs Hazel Chow Licensed Lay Minister, Town Chaplain

Mrs Wendy Godrich, Churchwarden, St Mary's

Mr Bill Edwards Assistant Churchwarden & St Mary's PCC rep

Mr Craig Dreyer, St Mary's PCC rep (from May 2023), Treasurer

Mrs Harriet Baldwin, St Mary's PCC rep (until May 2023) Secretary

Mrs Fiona Collins Churchwarden, St Thomas'

Mr Trevor Sharkey St Thomas' Deanery Synod representative

Mr Andrew Farncombe St Mary's Deanery Synod representative (until April 2023)

Mr David Knowles, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative (from September 2023)

Professor Derek Portwood, St Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Mr Eddie Weiss St. Mary's Deanery Synod representative

Dr Daphne Scott, Churchwarden, St Michael's

Mrs Lynn Johnson, Churchwarden, St Michael's, (from May 2023)

Mrs Mary Bischoff St Michael's PCC representative

Mrs Annie Bennett, St Michael's PCC representative

Mrs Catherine Davidson, St Thomas' PCC representative (until May 2023)

Mr Richard Davidson, St Thomas' PCC representative (until May 2023)

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 registered with the Charity Commission under registered no: 1132259. The PCC confirms that Members have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The PCC carries out these objectives by activities conducted under its direct control and through those activities assigned by it to the individual churches within the team ministry. Such activities are described in more detail in the report.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has a Standing Committee whose members are the Rector (Chair), the Team Vicars and Churchwardens from each church (Co-Vice Chairs), the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

The PCC holds 5 meetings a year with a Standing Committee meeting prior to each PCC meeting. There is a standing item of business at the first PCC meeting following the APCM in which existing trustees are reminded of, and new trustees are instructed of, their responsibilities as trustees. All three DCCs provide representatives on the PCC and report regularly to the PCC on major topics and issues in the individual churches. The PCC prepares consolidated financial statements incorporating the accounts of the PCC and the three churches. A local firm of Accountants is appointed as Independent Examiners.

The PCC held scheduled meetings in February, April, June, September, and November 2023. The Section 12 meeting as part of the recruitment process for a new Team Rector was held in January 2023

The PCC Standing Committee met in January, May, September and November in preparation for scheduled PCC meetings.

PCC discussions

Regular items for the Standing Committee and for the PCC included:

- DCC reports from the churches: including worship & services, buildings and working with the wider community;
- Outside Giving reports of working with mission partners;
- Collaboration and team working within the Team and with the wider community;
- Appointment of governors to St Mary's School (at meetings and by email circulation);
- Buildings & property matters: the Church house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let commercially during 2023, with new tenants in February 2023.

Financial matters

- Regular quarterly reporting of income and expenditure against budget from the 3 churches and from the Team account, including how to address the ongoing deficit in finances;
- Streamlining and simplifying financial processes across the Team churches with the Team Treasurer taking a strategic overview of finances across the Team as well as working with the 3 church DCCs;
- The Team budget for 2023 including the allocation of the Parish share and expenses amounts for the 3 churches.

Special agenda items for the PCC included:

- The oversight of the vacancy process, communication with the congregations and the preparation of Parish profiles and job descriptions;
- The Dove Café at St Thomas', regular updates throughout the year;
- The Vision for Music, and the music project at St Mary's, communications, community outreach and working with local schools;
- The Annual Report from the Community Magazine for 2023, this report was received in February 2024;
- GDPR and Data Protection matters for the Team, with the PCC taking oversight in this area.

Risk

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed are identified in risk control registers maintained by the three Team churches and are regularly reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. Risks such as health & safety, lone working and safeguarding are mitigated by regular checks/reviews and ensuring that appropriate controls and insurances are in place. St Mary's manages its investments as part of a balanced portfolio, so that it is protected in the event of those investments losing value.

Related charities

The PCC has the following related charities:

The Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust (BCET) is registered charity no.1048607. The Trustees of the BCET are the Rector, Team Vicars of St Thomas' and St Michael's and Churchwardens of the 3 Team churches in the Parish of Beaconsfield. The PCC received grants to support the work of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry during the year.

St Mary and All Saints Beaconsfield Development Fund (The Friends of St. Mary's) is a registered charity No.1094574 whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St. Mary & All Saints. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St. Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.

Property

Within the Parish there are 2 church houses. The PCC owns a house at 26 Candlemas Mead which has been let out commercially from August 2020.

The BCET owns a house at 27 Crossways, which has been rented out commercially from August 2020.

Each of the Team churches is responsible for the management and maintenance of its church centre or hall: the Fitzwilliams Centre, St Michael's hall and Church & Community Resource Centre and St Thomas' Hall.

Reports on the church halls are included in the DCC reports to the PCC.

PCC Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to have unrestricted cash reserves in each DCC (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects, invested in fixed assets or restricted for particular purposes) of at least six months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure in line with prudent practice.

At 31 December 2023 the unrestricted cash reserves totalled £534,479 and represented 9.3 months of normal recurring expenditure (2022: £414,490 7.8 months). This is a consolidation of 3 individual churches and the Team Ministry each with varying levels of cash cover and future spending requirements. Depreciation, investment income and building costs associated with the Dove Café, a designated project, have been excluded. The large increase in cash reserves is attributable to large legacies received by St Mary's.

PCC Financial Review

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the three DCCs and the Team Ministry which records the expenditure by the PCC on those activities for which it assumes responsibility and to which the three churches contribute funds. The Dove Café was moved to its own new legal entity with effect from January 2023 (the 2022 financial results include the Dove Café).

Income in 2023 totalled £747,534 (2022: £671,509) and includes income from designated and restricted funds (Excluding restricted and designated funds, total income for 2023 was £747,132 (2022: £569,115). Legacies of £219,902 (2022: £25,619) were recognised in the year. Regular Giving, including the associated tax recoverable, accounts for around 37% of all unrestricted income and is £274,032, which is lower than the prior year (2022: £302,575).

Expenditure in 2023 totalled £592,418 (2022: £778,517), 2022 includes costs associated with designated and restricted funds - Dove Café £149,775. Depreciation on restricted / designated assets for 2023 was £15,900. Unrestricted total expenditure for 2023 was £571,384 (2022: £593,887). This includes depreciation (a non-cash expense) on unrestricted funds of £15,224.

Parish share and staff costs totalled £338,905 and account for 59% of all unrestricted expenditure.

In 2023 there was an unrealised gain on Investments of £8,480 (2022: loss £11,861) and Dividends of £2,674 (2022: £2,659) were received. The total surplus for the year was £163,596 (2022: deficit £118,870) with unrestricted income and expenditure showing a surplus of £184,227 (2022: deficit £36,632). Excluding depreciation, the total surplus for the year was £194,720.

The total funds on the Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023 was £1,440,109 (2022: £1,276,513) of which £4,200 was Restricted and £618,597 was Designated. Unrestricted funds stood at £817,312.

The unrestricted cash at bank at 31 December 2023 was £531,758 (2022: £410,978).

Statement of the responsibilities of the members of the PCC

The members of the Parochial Church Council are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the PCC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the members should follow best practice and:

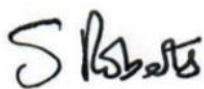
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

Members of the PCC are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the PCC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate action to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 April and signed on its behalf by:



Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BEACONSFIELD TEAM MINISTRY

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

This report is made solely to the members of the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of 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 and the members of the PCC as a body, for my Independent Examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the 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").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's 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.

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 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 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.



**D TERRY – Chartered Accountant
RAMON LEE LTD
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LONDON EC2A 4BA**

10th May 2024

Beaconsfield Team Ministry

Consolidated End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st December 2023



BEACONSFIELD PCC

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
INCOME									
Voluntary income	2.1	544,320	200	203	544,722	374,756	26,819	2,375	403,950
Activities for generating funds	2.2	54,059	-	-	54,059	58,776	73,047	152	131,975
Investment income	2.3	9,605	-	-	9,605	4,815	-	-	4,815
Income from charitable activities	2.4	139,148	-	-	139,148	130,769	-	-	130,769
Total Income		747,132	200	203	747,534	569,116	99,866	2,527	671,509
EXPENDITURE									
Fundraising	3.1	32,693	3,556	-	36,249	37,194	40,288	-	77,482
Charitable activities	3.2	533,291	15,900	1,578	550,769	547,438	141,868	2,474	691,780
Management costs	3.3	5,400	-	-	5,400	9,255	-	-	9,255
Total Expenditure		571,384	19,456	1,578	592,418	593,887	182,156	2,474	778,517
Net Income / (Expenditure) before transfers		175,748	(19,256)	(1,375)	155,117	(24,771)	(82,290)	53	(107,008)
Transfers between funds									-
Other recognised gains / losses									-
Gains/losses on investments	6	8,480	-	-	8,480	(11,861)	-	-	(11,861)
Net movement in funds		184,227	(19,256)	(1,375)	163,596	(36,632)	(82,290)	53	(118,870)
Total funds brought forward		633,085	637,853	5,575	1,276,513	669,717	720,143	5,522	1,395,383
Total funds carried forward		817,312	618,597	4,200	1,440,109	633,085	637,853	5,575	1,276,513

All the PCC's operations are classed as continuing.

The PCC has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year.

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

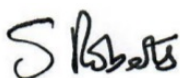
BEACONSFIELD PCC

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	5	196,536	615,877	-	812,413	846,104
Investments	6	120,213	-	-	120,213	89,348
		316,749	615,877	-	932,626	935,452
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	19,255	-	-	19,255	24,971
Cash in hand and at bank		270,201	2,721	4,200	277,122	294,815
Short term deposits		261,557	-	-	261,557	125,250
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		551,013	2,721	4,200	557,934	445,035
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(50,450)	-	-	(50,450)	(103,971)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		500,563	2,721	4,200	507,484	341,064
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		817,312	618,597	4,200	1,440,109	1,276,513
CREDITORS :						
Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		817,312	618,597	4,200	1,440,109	1,276,513
FUNDS						
Unrestricted funds	9					
Unrestricted funds		817,312	-	-	817,312	633,085
Designated funds	9.1	-	618,597	-	618,597	637,853
		817,312	618,597	-	1,435,909	1,270,938
Restricted funds	9.2	-	-	4,200	4,200	5,575
		817,312	618,597	4,200	1,440,109	1,276,513

Notes 1 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON 8th MAY 2024**AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY :**


Rev. Sharon Roberts (Chairman)



Mrs Wendy Godrich (Senior Churchwarden)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Net movement in funds		155,117	(107,008)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	5	33,693	59,398
Investment income	2.3	(9,605)	(4,815)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		5,716	(6,070)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		(53,521)	30,647
Net cash from operating activities		131,400	(27,848)
Investing activities			
(Purchase)/Disposal of fixed assets	5	-	-
Movement in investments	6.2	(22,385)	-
Investment income	2.3	9,605	4,815
Cash flow from investing activities		(12,780)	4,815
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		118,619	(23,033)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year		420,065	443,097
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		538,679	420,065
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		2023	2022
Cash at bank and in hand		277,122	294,815
Short Term Deposits		261,557	125,250
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		538,679	420,065

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounting policies apply to the financial statements of the Beaconsfield Team Ministry comprising the Team Parochial Church Council and the District Church Councils of St Mary and All Saints, St. Thomas and St Michael and All Angels. The consolidated figures include the activities of the PCC and the DCCs. The financial statements of all three DCCs are subject to separate independent examination prior to inclusion in the consolidated figures. Where the PCC is referred to in these policies, it is to be understood that this includes a DCC and any sub account as appropriate.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost of transaction value except for investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The trustees consider that due to sufficient reserves being held there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

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

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Restricted funds may only be used for the purposes for which they have been given.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources :

Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for as soon as the Church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the Church is more likely than not.

Funds raised by the events held during the year are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for annually on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of the VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been allocated to those cost categories. Where these costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned to the individual activities on the basis of the time spent by staff on matters related to those activities. Central support costs have been allocated on the basis of resources used and have been apportioned to centres of fundraising, publicity, individual projects within charitable activities and governance costs. Parish Share is paid direct to the Diocese from the PCC. Governance costs comprise all costs relating to the public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulatory and good practice. These costs consist of those relating to the statutory audit and are included in management costs.

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I ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**Grants**

Grants and donations are recognised when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these financial statements as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Pension

Pension costs consist of payments made by the PCC to employees' personal pension schemes. These costs are charged against the results of the year in which they are made.

Fixed Assets**Consecrated property and moveable Church furnishings**

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements by s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the clergy and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a special faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other property

Other property is included in the financial statements at cost.

Depreciation on the Fitzwilliams Centre is provided at 2% p.a. of its cost. Depreciation on 26 Candlemas Mead is provided at 2% p.a. of the cost of the building which is taken to be two thirds of the cost of the property.

Depreciation on St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre is provided at 2% of its cost.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years. Individual items with a purchase price of £2,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Computer equipment and software is written off when acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued annually at fair (market) value as 31 December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank.

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2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
2.1 Voluntary income						
Planned giving						
Tax efficient giving		194,982	-	-	194,982	206,734
Tax recoverable		38,061	-	-	38,061	46,755
Other planned giving		40,989	200	203	41,392	76,112
Collections at services		11,062	-	-	11,062	751
Sundry donations		-	-	-	-	-
		285,094	200	203	285,497	330,352
Other voluntary income						
BCET	11.1	33,500	-	-	33,500	33,000
HMRC furlough grant		-	-	-	-	-
Donations, appeals etc		5,823	-	-	5,823	14,979
Legacies		219,902	-	-	219,902	25,619
		259,225	-	-	259,225	73,598
		544,320	200	203	544,722	403,950
2.2 Activities for generating funds						
Church house/land lettings		25,305	-	-	25,305	27,017
Church hall lettings		-	-	-	-	-
Beaconsfield Community Mag		19,617	-	-	19,617	17,495
Social activities		2,775	-	-	2,775	5,215
Dove Café		-	-	-	-	70,587
Other fundraising		6,362	-	-	6,362	11,661
		54,059	-	-	54,059	131,975
2.3 Investment income						
Interest		6,931	-	-	6,931	2,156
Dividends		2,674	-	-	2,674	2,659
Realised gain/(loss) on investment		-	-	-	-	-
		9,605	-	-	9,605	4,815
2.4 Income from charitable activities						
Fees		15,324	-	-	15,324	24,856
Church hall lettings		123,824	-	-	123,824	105,913
Bookstall / Children		-	-	-	-	-
		139,148	-	-	139,148	130,769
Total Income		747,132	200	203	747,534	671,509

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
3.1 Fundraising					
Church hall and other property running costs	590	2,566	-	3,156	3,671
Community magazine	21,419	-	-	21,419	21,622
Charitable activities/Fees-Weddings	4,293	-	-	4,293	10,033
Social activities	6,390	990	-	7,380	42,155
	32,693	3,556	-	36,249	77,481
3.2 Charitable activities					
Parish Share	223,556	-	-	223,556	233,815
Clergy					
Expenses	3,213	-	-	3,213	520
Ordinand/Curate/Family Worker	4,495	-	-	4,495	4,207
	7,708	-	-	7,708	4,727
Church running costs					
Salaries & honoraria	58,004	-	-	58,004	96,748
Church running expenses	47,095	-	1,578	48,672	40,837
Church maintenance	27,382	-	-	27,382	45,504
Church improvements & major repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation furniture & fittings	15,225	975	-	16,200	38,907
Depreciation freehold property	-	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	-	100
Team expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	147,705	975	1,578	150,257	222,096
Church halls					
Running expenses/maintenance	62,202	-	-	62,202	44,782
Dove Café building costs	-	-	-	-	73,483
Depreciation	(1)	14,925	-	14,924	17,925
	62,202	14,925	-	77,127	136,190
Youth work					
Cost of youth activities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Church management & administration					
Parish Office	49,637	-	-	49,637	50,118
Printing, stationery & telephone	5,404	-	-	5,404	5,694
Bank charges	1,057	-	-	1,057	1,074
Other team costs	4,028	-	-	4,028	5,447
	60,126	-	-	60,126	62,333
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	501,296	15,900	1,578	518,773	659,160
<i>carried forward</i>					

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
3.2 Expenditure on charitable activities	501,296	15,900	1,578	518,773	659,160
<i>Brought forward</i>					
Grants					
Church overseas					
Missionary societies	4,812	-	-	4,812	5,800
Relief and development agencies	9,625	-	-	9,625	11,600
Home missions & Church societies	5,996	-	-	5,996	6,400
DCC Outside Giving	11,563	-	-	11,563	8,820
	31,995	-	-	31,995	32,620
Total Charitable activities	533,291	15,900	1,578	550,769	691,780

3.3 Expenditure on management costs

Independent Examination / Audit	5,400	-	-	5,400	9,255
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	571,384	19,456	1,578	592,418	778,517

4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
Staff Salaries & Honoraria	110,878	143,975
Employers NIC	1,368	8,145
Pension	1,330	1,482
	113,576	153,602

No clergy (who are considered key management) or trustees received remuneration in the year from the DCCs or PCC. None of the employees were paid at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more. Team members were reimbursed travelling and other expenses totalling £512 (2022: £520).

	2023	2022
St Mary's Clergy	0	0
St Michael's Clergy	0	0
St Thomas' Clergy	512	520
Youth work	0	0
	512	520

There were no other disclosable expenses in respect of Team members or persons closely connected with the PCC. In accordance with the practice of the Church of England, the clergy is remunerated by the Diocese of Oxford and the costs are included in the Diocesan quota in note 3.2.

The average number of key staff employed during the year was 7 (2022 : 7)

The year ended with 3 Clergy, 1 Associate Priest, 0 Youth & Outreach Worker, 1 Licenced Lay Minister. 7 part time office and buildings managers and hall administrators were also employed.

Reverend Sharon Roberts licensed as Team Rector 3rd May 2023. Reverend Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson licensed as vicar of St Mary's 6th September 2023 and Michael Johnson left 31st December 2023.

There are also number of other posts e.g. Cleaner, Community Magazine Editor who receive payments / honoraria.

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5. FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Team	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost as at 1 January 2023	976,975	436,379	1,413,354
Addition	-	-	-
Cost as at 31 December 2023	976,975	436,379	1,413,354
Depreciation as at 1 January 2023	360,732	206,516	567,249
Charge for the year	17,491	16,202	33,693
Depreciation as at 31 December 2023	378,223	222,718	600,941
Net book value at 1 January 2023	616,243	229,863	846,105
Net book value at 31 December 2023	598,752	213,661	812,413

Freehold property**Freehold land and buildings at 26 Candlemas Mead, Beaconsfield**

This property, used by the Curate/Families Worker when in post, was acquired with the aid of a mortgage from the Beaconsfield Church Educational Trust together with interest free loans all of which have now been fully repaid. The property was insured for £356,771 in 2023. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the buildings which is taken to be 2/3 of the total cost of the property.

The Old Rectory

The Parochial Church Council sold a 199 year lease on the Old Rectory in 1994 and at the end of this period, its use returns to St. Mary's. The proceeds of the sale formed part of the financing of the construction of the Fitzwilliams Centre.

St. Thomas' Church Hall

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 15, the Church Hall was revalued at £nil, and the PCC is of the opinion that this valuation continues to be appropriate under FRS102.

The Fitzwilliams Centre, Beaconsfield

The Fitzwilliams Centre is vested in Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited on behalf of the PCC. The District Church Council of St. Mary's is responsible for the maintenance of the Centre and receives the income from lettings. The property is insured for £2,115,229. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. on the cost of the building.

St Michael's Church Community & Resource Centre

The Church Hall which is over 50 years old and the Community and Resource Centre (CCRC) plus contents are insured for £3,300,000 in total. Depreciation is being charged on the CCRC only at 2% p.a.

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	2023 £	2022 £
6 INVESTMENTS		
St Mary's CofE Investment Fund	97,828	89,348
St Thomas' Café	22,385	
	120,213	89,348
6.1 St Mary's CofE Investment Fund		
We invested £100k in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund in July 2014. In 2018 we sold part of the investment releasing £60k cash and realising £15,120 profit. The remaining investment is now valued at £97,828. An unrealised gain of £8,480 is reported in the year.		
Investment value at 1 January 2023	89,348	
Sale		
Realised Gain		
Unrealised gain / (loss)	8,480	
Investment at 31 December 2023	97,828	
Initial Investment at July 2014	100,000	
Sale	(60,000)	
Realised Gain	15,120	
Unrealised Gain	42,708	
Investment at 31 December 2023	97,828	
6.2 St Thomas' Café		
The Dove Café Ltd was registered on the 20th January 2023 (Company number 14606882) and immediately commenced trading. The Company has been set up as a trading subsidiary of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Beaconsfield. The Charity holds 100% of the share capital in the Dove Café. The investment is valued at £22,385 being the surplus donations brought forward £1,385 plus £20,000 donated by St Mary's and £1,000 donated by St Michaels.		
7 DEBTORS		
Sundry debtors	-	-
Income tax recoverable	19,143	22,850
Prepayments	112	2,121
	19,255	24,971
8 LIABILITIES : amounts falling due in less than one year		
Sundry creditors and accruals	41,961	44,142
Deferred income	8,489	57,320
Community magazine	-	-
Audit and accountancy	-	-
Outside giving	-	2,509
	50,450	103,971

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9**9.1 Designated funds**

Fund names	Purpose				
Fitzwilliams Centre	A meeting centre for the Parish and community				
26 Candlemas Mead	Accommodation for youth & outreach worker/curate				
St Michael's Fixed Assets Fund	To hold the remaining fixed assets of the churches				
St Thomas Café Fund	Development of Community Café				

Fund names	Balance b/forward 01/01/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance c/forward 31/12/2023 £
St Mary's Fitzwilliams Centre	314,000	-	(11,000)	-	303,000
PCC 26 Candlemas Mead	143,075	-	(2,566)	-	140,509
St Michael's Fixed Asset Fund	177,268	-	(4,900)	-	172,368
Designated Fixed Assets Fund	634,343	-	(18,466)	-	615,877
St Thomas' Café Fund	1,385	-	-	-	1,385
St Thomas' Holtspur Senior Citizens	2,126	200	(990)	-	1,336
	3,512	200	(990)	-	2,721
	637,855	200	(19,456)	-	618,597

9.2 Restricted funds

Fund names	Purpose				
St. Michael's					
Bulrushes	For Toddler Group / Youth Work				
Garden of Remembrance	For Remembrance Garden upkeep				

Restricted funds	Balance b/forward 01/01/2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance c/forward 31/12/2023 £
St . Michael's					
Bulrushes	3,153	-	(830)	-	2,323
Garden of Remembrance	2,422	203	(748)	-	1,877
	5,575	203	(1,578)	-	4,200

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10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities in the Team or the PCC at the year end (2023: £nil)

11 CONNECTED PERSONS

- 11.1** The Beaconsfield Church Education Trust is a registered charity no: 1048607. The Trust gave grants of £33,500 (2022: £33,000) to the Beaconsfield PCC during the year. The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's, St Michael's and St. Thomas' are Trustees of the Trust.
- 11.2** The Friends of St.Mary's is a registered charity no: 1094574, whose trustees are appointed by the District Church Council of St.Mary's. The object of the charity is to broaden the support of St Mary's beyond the immediate congregation and to use funds raised for the fabric of the Church and Churchyard as well as to assist the wider mission of the Church.
- 11.3** Some Trustees made regular giving donations during the year totalling £19,322 (2022: £31,092). There are no conditions attached to these donations.