



The Good Shepherd
Four Marks

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Responding to God's Love

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**ANNUAL REPORT
And
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31st December 2023**

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INTRODUCTION – Howard Wright

We have remained committed to our Vision, Responding to God's Love, and Mission, Growing Deeper in God, through Jesus Christ, and Larger in Mission, by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Despite operating the entire year without an active Youth and Children's worker, we continue to see growth moving us back towards former numbers of families and children engaging with our activities and therefore we hope, with Jesus.

All that follows has been made possible by God's gracious kindness towards us and the faithfulness and generosity of his people. So, thanks be to our Father God, and thanks to you all His people.

WORSHIP: What is Worship? An act of commitment and service that can change people and, when God-focussed, will welcome the Spirit's power to advance the Kingdom of God. To this end, many of us find that music and song help us to focus, so we are continually looking to improve access for all members of our church family, seeking ways to enhance the audio, visual and live stream facilities, as well as styles of worship to inspire and encourage all age groups. We have recently introduced percussion instruments, occasionally, to encourage our very youngest members to take part.

We are blessed with a very committed group of volunteers without whom our Sunday services, in particular, would be very different! Thank you tech team, musicians, and singers – you know who you are! We have been especially delighted to see some of our children and teenagers take on roles within the tech team, but as highlighted before, desperately need new members on the sound team.

This year has seen the projector and drop down screen replaced with two large screen monitors, and we are incredibly grateful to those who financed and installed these. At the same time, our worship software program was updated, and again, our grateful thanks go to those who are working towards the optimum display settings and invest many hours, behind the scenes, in the preparation of the weekly service schedules.

Apart from the services within the church building, we were pleased to be able to lead worship at village events including the Service of Remembrance, outdoor carol singing at Oak Green parade, and indoor carol singing at Belford House and Westlands.

As we look towards a new future with our neighbours in Medstead, please pray for the whole team as we continue to explore exciting ways to lead our combined church family to worship God in our Sunday meetings, small groups, special events, work, play, homes and in our daily lives. Thank you.

The Worship Ministry is led by Chris McGrath, who is happy to discuss any aspect of worship.

PRAYER: Prayer is the lungs of our church. We continue to gather monthly as a church, and encourage prayer in small groups and as individuals – formally through the prayer meetings, our online gatherings (Monday and Wednesday) and the regular prayer chain messages.

We are grateful to everyone in the church, and further afield, who sustain the church's efforts through faithful and devoted prayer.

DISCIPLESHIP: Our teaching series this year have been,

- Vision and Values
- Lent-Into Easter
- The King and His Rule
- Great Psalms V
- Jesus!
- Christmas

We want to continue to listen to and respond to God through our teaching and small group activities.

Led by Val Lucas, our small groups continue to change and grow catering for all ages, locations and attendance times. At present we have 10 groups catering for almost 100 church and associated members. Mostly the groups follow the weekly notes but others have undertaken Alpha, Pete Greig's prayer course and a variety of study materials. Due to commitments, for many members, the groups are their weekly church and we see God at work. The groups continue to follow the welcome, worship, word and witness model Howard introduced. We welcome others to join in and continue praying for more leaders to establish groups. We thank those who organise, encourage, participate and continue to lead. God is good.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK: Howard with Jane's support has overseen youth and children's work in the absence of a children's and youth worker throughout 2023.

Howard continues to visit both Four Marks and Medstead schools for collective worship, although not as often as when we employed a full time Children and youth worker.

The kid's church team have been amazing and stepped up to cover while we continue the recruitment process.

Some collaborative youth work with the Alton churches continued at the start of 2023 but with the resignation of other youth workers in the area this is not able to happen at present. We are hopeful this can be re-launched in 2024.

Youth provision at COGS - Following a meeting with parents in June our Sunday morning youth provision began in July and continues to meet in the chapel every fortnight with Howard or David leading.

Monday Club for years 4 and above meets weekly in term time, David runs this weekly bible based youth group with parent volunteers, numbers started small but those that come are wanting to invite their friends.

Church Primary School - Our excellent village school (Four Marks) continues to be served by two foundation governors (Mike Smith and Howard Wright). In 2023 we received our OFSTED inspection and were awarded outstanding for many areas of school life. We continue to seek another foundation governor!

FAMILY: Our employed Family Worker, Jane Hughes, continues to develop this area of ministry.

Jane oversees COGS Messy Church, an all-age, Christ-centred monthly celebration seeking to provide opportunities for families to know and share the love of Jesus through creativity, hospitality and celebration.

COGS Messy church continues to see growth. Our Messy Church families are beginning to take ownership of their Messy church, growing deeper in relationship with each other and with God. 30 families took part in Messy Church during 2023, with three families joining the team. Crafts, games and food were provided to over 400 adults and children (plus team) over the year.

Jane oversees both our weekly group for families with babies under 12 months, COGS TinyTots, and our monthly toddler group, COGS Tots, for families with children age 4 and under. COGS Tots continued to grow during 2023, November was our busiest month with 41 toddlers and 26 adults attending. In addition, Jane regularly visits Heydays preschool and Medstead toddler group and organises termly church visits for both Heydays and Butterflies Pre-schools. We were delighted to host nativity performances to parents for both Butterflies and Heydays in December.

We have amazing teams supporting all our family ministry areas; they continue to adapt and serve as we seek to respond to God's love by loving others and meet the needs of local families; however, our Tuesday Tots team are struggling with the growing numbers visiting each month. Further volunteers are also needed to maintain and build on preschool links and seasonal outreach opportunities.

Jane continues to develop relationships with individual families in need, community groups and preschools.

Jane worked alongside Howard throughout 2023 in planning family events including our: Easter and nativity trails, summer Monday club for the whole family, and the Crib service.

Community cupboard: Jane continues to play a key role in developing our weekly Community café, creating a community space for all ages to come together alongside the community cupboard; seeking to prevent food from going to landfill.

Kids Church Families: Jane continues to create opportunities for our Kids church families to gather together, building stronger relationships, 2023 gatherings included a Kids church family picnic, a campfire and an edible Easter garden Challenge.

PASTORAL: We seek to be a church loving and caring for each other.

Our families (including babies, toddlers, community cupboard) and elder folk ministry (including the Tea and events, Care home visits, and Alpha) continues to be key in blessing individuals and groups within our community.

MISSION: Our church continues to be outward focussed with nearly all of our activities having a missional impact. We continue to bless our local community and give to our wider church family beyond what we receive back.

Some of the giving to external missions has restarted but the giving of a tenth of our income, (a 'tithe') remains suspended. This decision remains under review by our PCC and wisdom and faith is needed as we move forwards.

THE PCC: The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected congregation members who are on the electoral roll of the church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to prayerfully consider standing for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met bi-monthly, six times during the year 2023. The average attendance was 89%. An additional annual away-day retreat was held at Binsted in May.

FINANCES:

The 2023 budget anticipated income levels at £177k against expenditure of £221k, meaning that a deficit of circa £44k was anticipated and budgeted for. In the first quarter of 2023 a number of very generous one off donations were made, and this, along with the unexpected savings resulting from not recruiting maternity cover for the Youth Worker role meant that we ended the year with a surplus of £5.8k.

Regular donations outside the aforementioned one offs stayed fairly consistent month on month, and were generally in line with the budget. Expenditure was in line with budget in all areas other than the Youth Worker costs and the mission giving which we managed to increase significantly from that originally budgeted (while retaining the surplus position).

The contribution to the Common Mission Fund for 2023 was £121k. This welcome reduction was driven by the diocese calculation process rather than any specific request from COGS. We were also able to give just over £7k through the year to various charitable causes (whilst retaining a surplus position) and are seeking to increase this further during 2024.

We have £55k remaining in the diocese fund, shown as part of the funds carried forward into 2024 (which total circa £75k.) The PCC, supported by the Treasurer, continue to monitor this amount regularly, and to consider all expenditure carefully.

Our Reserves Policy states: It is the policy of the Church of The Good Shepherd to hold in reserves the equivalent of 80% of three months general running costs (being those matters which are necessary to meet our legal, employment and service running costs and including Missionary Societies). This equates to circa £48k for 2023. As at 31st December 2023, total reserves stood at around £75k, comprising "short term deposits" of £55k and other net current assets of circa £14k. A deficit of £44k is budgeted for the end of 2024 assuming no increases in regular donations and no savings in expenditure. If realised this would result in a slight shortfall to our current reserves policy and this continues to be carefully monitored.

We continue to review the reserves policy at least annually.

The planned (at the time of writing) merger with Medstead at the end of March 2024 means that the budgets and reserves policy may need to be revisited as part of the incoming PCC requirements and the above does not take account of those changes.

We continue to trust in God to provide, but recognise the part that we must play as good stewards in balancing the funds appropriately.

THE BUILDING AND FABRIC: As always, we are extremely grateful for all the effort that the Building Team and other volunteers put into the projects that arise and also the ongoing maintenance. The work that has been undertaken throughout the year include the following:

The gardening and grass-cutting have been carried out, together with the hedge cutting. Moss and debris have been removed from the roof and rainwater outlets cleared. The annual fire system check has been carried out.

The leak in the flat roof (which is seen over the ramp inside the sanctuary) has been repaired.

Solar panels are scheduled to be fitted in May (subject to installers schedule).

We have temporarily carried out repairs to the valley on the East Elevation to the left of the tower. This will need to be resolved on closer examination. We also need to repair a leak coming in through the weathervane area which is scheduled for the end of April.

We need to replace the light bulb to the external floodlight behind the altar window.

It is to be noted that at times these works involve materials that are kindly donated. These costs obviously do not appear on the accounts, and thereby do not give an accurate reflection of the actual costs involved.

Deanery Synod: Deanery Synod met three times in 2023, where they discussed a range of subjects. If you would like to know more please talk to our representatives.

PASTORAL REORGANISATION: Medstead and Four Marks

We continued to support Medstead in their interregnum during 2023, but we will be merging the two parishes on the 1st of April 2024.

And Finally: We remain so grateful to God for his blessing and provision.

Our Heavenly Father continues to bless us with so much. Our greatest resource is his Holy Spirit living in us who gives us strength to live and guarantees our future in God.

Our second greatest resource is each other! Without so many playing their part (See Ephesians 4:11-16, especially v.16) the church would collapse. Without the prayers, skills, time, energy, financing, and love of God's people we would not be responding to God's love and growing deeper in him and larger in mission. So, thank you again.

So many give of their own resources but a special thanks to our wardens, our whole PCC, and of course our excellent staff team.

Please continue to pray and work with us all as we move towards a fresh arrangement, combining resources with Medstead, that we might be increasingly effective as disciples, in making disciples of Jesus.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (members of the PCC) are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Incumbent: Revd Canon Howard Wright

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC is required, as stated in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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

Incumbent: Revd Canon Howard Wright*

Curate: Vacant

Churchwardens:

Mr David Duffin*

Mr Andrew Walters*

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (all until APCM 2026)

Mrs Janet Foster

Mrs Pamela Maloney

Diocesan Representative

Mrs Janet Foster

Elected members:

Mr Richard Gillard (until APCM 2026)

Mr Doug Titheridge (until APCM 2026)

Mr David Williams (until APCM 2026)

Mrs Pauline Hughes (until APCM 2025)

Mr Timothy James (until APCM 2025)

Mr Frank Maloney (until APCM 2024)

Mr Robert Meekums (until APCM 2024)

Mrs Jill Williams (until APCM 2024)

Co-opted members:

Mrs Claire MacPherson* (Treasurer)

Mrs Jane Hughes**

(*Denotes member of Standing Committee)

(**Denotes guest/non-voting member of PCC)

There were 179 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October, was 98 in church (with an average of 41 views online).

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). If you have any questions, do speak to a member of PCC or our Safeguarding Officer, Matt Senior.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	6.1	198,464	1,875	6,063	206,402	217,081
Charitable activities	6.2	1,007	0	0	1,007	4,071
Investments	6.3	2,771	0	0	2,771	1,172
Other	6.4	3,399	0	0	3,399	4,792
Total income and endowments		205,642	1,875	6,063	213,580	227,115
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	199,898	593	5,876	206,367	239,460
Total expenditure		199,898	593	5,876	206,367	239,460
Net income/(expenditure)		5,744	1,282	188	7,213	(12,344)
Transfers in between funds		260	376	0	636	0
Transfers out between funds		(376)	0	(260)	(636)	0
Net movement in funds		5,628	1,658	(73)	7,212	(12,344)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		65,792	0	3,141	68,934	81,278
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		71,420	1,658	3,068	76,146	68,934

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	9	895	1,658	0	2,554	2,260
		895	1,658	0	2,554	2,260
Current Assets						
Debtors	10	6,430	0	1,542	7,972	12,622
Short term deposits		55,000	0	0	55,000	55,000
Cash at bank and in hand		9,944	0	4,951	14,895	18,077
		71,374		6,493	77,867	85,700
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(849)	0	(3,425)	(4,275)	(19,026)
Net current assets		70,524	0	3,068	73,592	66,674
Total assets less current liabilities		71,420	1,658	3,068	76,146	68,934
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0	0	0	0
Total Net assets		71,420	1,658	3,068	76,146	68,934

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on _____ April 2024

Rev. Canon Howard Wright (Vicar)

David Duffin (Churchwarden)

Andrew Walters (Churchwarden)

Claire MacPherson (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Annual Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. They include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. The presentation currency is £ sterling. They do not include the transactions of informal gatherings of church members.

a) Funds

Restricted Funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object. The funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. Should the nature of the object then change or be cancelled, funds may be transferred to Unrestricted Funds only with permission of the original donor. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that Fund.

Designated Funds represent donations or grants received for an assigned/marked purpose. These funds are not restricted should the nature of the object change or be cancelled, the funds may be transferred to Unrestricted Funds.

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

b) Income

Donations

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Planned giving receivable under gift aid is also recognized only when received. Tax recoverable on gift aid donations and the gift aid small donations scheme is included when the income is accounted for. All income is accounted for gross (before deduction of expenditure).

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Grants and Legacies

Grants and Legacies are recognised when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, and the amount due and its ultimate receipt are reasonably certain. Grants received from EHDC to support Holiday @ Home are regarded as restricted as any unspent element at the end of the grant period is repayable. It is planned for the EHDC Holiday @ Home grant to be paid back to EHDC in the financial year ending 31st December 2024.

Other income

Funds raised by activities are accounted for gross.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

c) Expenditure

Charitable activities

Missionary and Charitable giving (Grants) are accounted for when an outflow of economic benefit is probable. It has been hitherto the continuing policy of the PCC in 2023 to make grants each year from donors for general purposes.

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid (monthly). Should any unpaid portion exist at the end of the year, this would be regarded as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown in the Balance Sheet as a creditor.

All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross (not offset against income).

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d) Fixed assets***Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory and can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 1 January 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Items of equipment acquired since 1 January 2000, and within an overall project cost of more than £1,000, are capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis over their anticipated economic life, usually 3 or 4 years. Items costing £1,000 or less are written off when acquired.

e) Net Current assets

Amounts owing at the year end in respect of income tax recoverable on gift aided income, fees or other income are shown as debtors.

Short term deposits represents cash held on deposit with the Winchester Diocese on one month's notice. Cash at bank and in hand represents funds held at National Westminster Bank.

	2023	2022
	£	£
2 Employee emoluments		
Gross salaries	56,551	69,517
Employer's national insurance	4,270	6,167
Statutory Maternity Relief Received	(8,759)	0
Pension and life insurance contributions	2,519	3,128
	54,581	78,812
 Average number of employees during the year	 3	 3
3 Fees payable to the independent examiner		
Independent examination	720	600
Other services	0	0
	720	600

4 Transactions with members of the PCC

The aggregate amount of donations received by the Church from members of the PCC and/or their spouses was £43702 (2022: £64222), of which £ (2022: £1380) related to restricted projects.

During the year, the only payments to members of the PCC for services rendered other than for Verger attending and organ playing fees at weddings and funerals were for cleaning the church amounting to £1406 (2022 : £1377)

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EMPLOYER participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

the Defined Benefits Scheme

the Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;

a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,

a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (**2023: £2519, 2022: £3128**).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a deficit of £4.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2024, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 5% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2023. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the church could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
6 Analysis of Income					
6.1 Donations and legacies					
Planned giving:					
Gift aid donations	141,880	1,500	225	143,605	139,549
Tax recoverable on gift aid	35,507	375	19	35,901	34,882
Other planned giving	14,568	0	0	14,568	32,123
Collections - all services	6,509	0	5,819	12,329	10,027
Legacies	0	0	0	0	500
	198,464	1,875	6,063	206,402	217,081
6.2 Charitable activities					
Grants received from Local Authority and others	0	0	0	0	1,825
Social events	0	0	0	0	0
Sundry income	180	0	0	180	862
Youth projects	0	0	0	0	0
PCC's share of wedding and funeral fees	827	0	0	827	1,384
	1,007	0	0	1,007	4,071
6.3 Investments					
Interest on bank and deposit accounts	2,771	0	0	2,771	1,172
	2,771	0	0	2,771	1,172
6.4 Other					
Employment allowance	3,399	0	0	3,399	4,754
Photocopying	0	0	0	0	37
	3,399	0	0	3,399	4,792
Total income	205,642	1,875	6,063	213,580	227,115

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
7 Analysis of Expenditure					
Charitable activities					
Missionary and charitable giving (see page 11):					
Missionary societies	1,350	0	4,600	5,950	5,634
Relief and development agencies	0	0	1,190	1,190	2,187
Home missions and other church societies	0	0	65	65	4,200
Secular charities	0	0	20	20	0
	1,350	0	5,876	7,226	12,021
Ministry:					
Common Mission Fund (Parish share)	110,982	0	0	110,982	121,224
Clergy expenses including curate	1,033	0	0	1,033	2,485
Education of church leaders	0	0	0	0	0
Costs of adult ministry	0	0	0	0	822
Young Church:					
Costs of employing youth worker	4,508	0	0	4,508	31,643
Other costs of children's and youth ministry	401	0	0	401	2,462
Costs of employing family worker	33,885	0	0	33,885	32,277
Other costs of family worker	2,164	0	0	2,164	1,836
Messy Church costs	1,132	0	0	1,132	686
Upkeep of services	2,997	0	0	2,997	2,510
Electricity and water	8,370	0	0	8,370	3,673
Insurance	1,437	0	0	1,437	1,340
Cleaning	1,406	0	0	1,406	1,377
Repairs and maintenance	4,973	386	0	5,360	3,181
Depreciation	1,365	207	0	1,572	1,365
Vicar's discretionary payments	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of social events	0	0	0	0	1,089
Parish administrator's wages	16,188	0	0	16,188	14,891
Printing, stationery and photocopying	816	0	0	816	1,135
Telephone + WiFi	1,053	0	0	1,053	333
Sundry expenses	1,630	0	0	1,630	1,091
Bank Charges	450	0	0	450	390
Bookkeeping costs	3,038	0	0	3,038	1,028
Professional fees	720	0	0	720	600
Total expenditure	199,898	593	5,876	206,367	239,460

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
9 Fixed assets					
Fixtures, fittings and equipment					
Cost brought forward	13,931	0	12,442	26,373	22,278
Additions at cost	0	1,866		0	4,095
Disposals at cost	0	0	0	0	0
Cost carried forward	13,931	1,866	12,442	28,239	26,373
Depreciation brought forward	11,671	0	12,442	24,113	22,748
Depreciation on disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation for year	1,365	207	0	1,572	1,365
Depreciation carried forward	13,036	207	12,442	25,685	24,113
Net book value at 31 December 2023	895	1,658	0	2,554	2,260
Net book value at 31 December 2022	2,260	0	0	2,260	3,625
10 Debtors					
Tax recoverable	5,327	0	666	5,993	11,322
Prepayments and accrued income	1,102	0	876	1,978	1,300
	6,430	0	1,542	7,972	12,622
11 Liabilities falling due within one year					
Creditors - Outstanding accounts payable	506	0	3,425	3,932	4,549
Accruals	2,128	0	0	2,128	12,046
PAYE outstanding	(1,785)	0	0	(1,785)	2,430
	849	0	3,425	4,275	19,026
12 Analysis of Restricted funds - Current Year					
	Funds brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources/ transfers	Funds carried forward 2023	Funds carried forward 2022
Beyond the Streets	0	0	0	0	0
Childrens Society	0	20	20	0	0
Open Doors	0	0	0	0	0
Karamoja	0	4,600	4,600	0	0
TEAR Fund	0	950	950	0	0
Internation Needs	0	20	20	0	0
Malawi	0	220	220	0	0
Alton Foodbank	0	33	33	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	33	33	0	0
EHDC for Holiday@Home	3,141	0	260	2,881	3141
Youth Work	0	188	0	188	0
	3,141	6,063	6,136	3,068	3,141

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13 Analysis of Restricted funds - Previous Year

	Funds brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources/ transfers	Funds carried forward 2022	Funds carried forward 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Karamoja	0	5,134	5,134	0	0
Youth Projects - MAF	0			0	0
TEAR Fund	0	1,187	1,187	0	0
Alton Foodbank	0	1,610	1,610	0	0
Open Doors	0	1,000	1,000	0	0
Beyond The Streets	0	1,000	1,000	0	0
Ali Beckett	0	0		0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	1,590	1,590	0	0
Constance Were Trust Legacy	0	0		0	0
EHDC for Holiday@Home	4,230		1,089	3,141	4,230
	4,230	11,521	12,610	3,141	4,230

14 Statement of financial activities - Previous year (showing analysis by funds)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	205,560	11,521	217,081
Charitable activities	4,071	0	4,071
Investments	1,172	0	1,172
Other	4,792	0	4,792
Total income and endowments	215,595	11,521	227,115
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities	226,850	12,610	239,460
Total expenditure	226,850	12,610	239,460
Net income/(expenditure)	(11,256)	(1,089)	(12,344)
Transfers in between funds	0	0	0
Transfers out between funds	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	(11,256)	(1,089)	(12,344)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2022	77,048	4,230	81,278
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2022	65,792	3,141	68,934

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Independent examiners' report to the Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31 December 2023

We report on the annual accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to:

- (1) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- (2) To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act
- (3) To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of this report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below..

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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	2023		2022	
	General fund £	Restricted funds £	General fund £	Restricted funds £
MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING				
Missionary societies				
Action for Meeting Evangelical Needs			0	0
Karamoja Fund	1,200	4,600	500	5,134
Mission Aviation Fellowship	150	0	0	0
Youth Project - MAF	0	0	0	0
	<u>1,350</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>5,134</u>
Relief and development agencies				
Bethany Childrens Trust	0	0	0	0
In Ministry to Children (Links)	0	0	0	0
International Needs	0	20	0	0
Tear Fund	0	950	0	1,187
Open Doors	0	0	0	1,000
Ali Beckett	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	220	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,187</u>
Home missions and other Church Societies				
Daylight Christian Prison Trust	0	0	0	0
Beyond The Streets	0	0	0	1,000
The Besom, Basingstoke	0	0	0	0
Alton Foodbank	0	33	0	1,610
Christians Against Poverty	0	33	0	1,590
Alton Town Pastors (see note below)				
	<u>0</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,200</u>
Secular charities				
Childrens Society	0	20	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>1,350</u>	<u>5,876</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>11,521</u>