



St Luke's Church
Gamston & Bridgford

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St Luke's Parochial Church Council

registered with the Charity Commission as *The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Luke, Gamston and Bridgford* charity number 1132547

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- A The PCC is the governing body of St Luke's. The following persons served on PCC for all or part of the calendar year 2023:

		Elected	Term Ends
Revd Mark Fraser	Vicar & Chair (ex officio)		
Revd Emily Charkham	Curate (ex officio)		Moved on April 2023
Revd Ade Perham	Curate (ex officio)		
Mr David Cole	Warden / Treasurer (first appointed 2017 for no more than six years)	2022	August 2023
Mrs Christine Holden	Warden	August 2023	2024
Mrs Lynne Miles	Warden	August 2023	2024
Mrs Maureen Cole	General Synod (ex officio)		
Mr David Brydon	Deanery Synod	2020	June 2023
Mr Mark Picken	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
Mrs Maureen Cameron	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
Mrs Jayne Dunajko	PCC Secretary	2022	2025
Mr Mel Cryer		2023	2026
Mrs Denise Whitehead		2023	2026
Mrs Julie Challinger		2023	2026
Mrs Bernice Cottingham		2022	2025
Mr Mike Jones		2022	2025
Rachel Vandermark		2022	2025
Mrs Catrin Chandy		2023	2024
Mr John Brown		2023	2024
Mr Tom Judge		2023	2024

At the Annual Meeting there will be three vacancies for PCC lay members for three years (till 2027.) There will be one vacancy for Deanery Synod (till 2027). Two church wardens will also be elected

B Proceedings of the PCC

St Luke's PCC has responsibility for co-operating with the vicar, the Revd Mark Fraser, within the Parish of Gamston & Bridgford for promoting the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the parish church of St Luke's on Leahurst Road.

The PCC held nine full meetings during 2023 with an additional short meeting after the APCM to elect officers. No new church wardens were appointed at the APCM. However, two extraordinary meetings were held during August and two new church wardens were elected then. Two meetings of the PCC Standing Committee were also held during the year to carry out PCC Business between full PCC meetings and the PCC conducted extraordinary business via e mail on two occasions. An Away Day was held in November, and this opportunity was used to inform PCC members about the new / refreshed vision emerging from the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, to reflect on the St. Luke's vision, pray together and review multiple aspects of church life.

The duties of the PCC Treasurer were undertaken by an outgoing church warden until the end of August. These duties were then taken over by the Vicar supported by the finance team in the church office in the absence of anyone else coming forward to serve as Treasurer.

One of the curates took the Chair for PCC meetings for the first three months of the year as part of her training.

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C Objectives and Activities

To further the objects of the Charity, the PCC continued to hold regular services of Christian worship in the parish.

After several years of disruption to church services and activities due to the COVID pandemic, 2023 was the first year when a full programme of services, activities and events to promote the mission and ministry of the church was able to run.

Building on practice established during the pandemic, the church continued to stream the Sunday morning service at Leahurst Road via the St. Luke's Facebook page. This meant anyone could watch the service irrespective of whether they were a church member. This is particularly valuable for those unable to attend church, allowing them to watch the service live or to "catch up" on it later. It also provides an "easy way in" for anyone who may be hesitant about coming along in person. The church continued to make use of other online technology, particularly Zoom, and ran some online small groups, prayer meetings and courses.

A range of activities to advance the Christian faith were also offered for all age groups. These were all open to any person in the community whether or not they were regular worshipping members of St. Luke's.

2023 was a great year for Connect Gamston the St. Luke's new worshipping community based in Pierrepont Gamston Primary School. They held a weekly service and range of other activities and events specifically tailored to reach out to the community of Gamston and serve its needs. A notable strength of Connect Gamston since its inception has been the commitment of the Core Team who support Sarah Sharpe in leading this worshipping community and it was good to see this same level of commitment spread beyond this team as more people began to serve by helping on refreshment teams, leading worship and helping with children's groups. Over the course of the year it was clear to see the pattern of services and events become more embedded as Connect Gamston really establishes itself as a congregation.

By careful planning and targeted use of the budget and funds the Trustees ensure that they use the income and the capital of the Charity to promote its objects. In 2023 this included a decision to invest the remaining money in the refurbishment fund on some new LED lighting and new chairs for the worship area. This lighting is more environmentally friendly and cheaper to run and the new light weight stacking chairs will make the worship area a more versatile space for the range of activities that are now held in there. The lighting work was completed during 2023 and the new chairs were ordered to arrive early in 2024. The range of methods that people now use to donate / give money to the church now includes monthly standing orders / bank transfers, giving online via the church website, a card machine and QR codes.

The start of 2023 saw a few new people start giving and a significant number of people increase their giving in line with pledges made in a whole church "Growing in Generosity" campaign held in late autumn 2022.

The church continues to be outward looking in its focus to serve its local community and, in its endeavours, to share Christian faith with people currently outside of the church. A major initiative of 2023 was the introduction and implementation of a new Annual Outreach Calendar. This was headed up by Tom Judge as Associate Pastor. It contained a cycle of varied events and activities of different types some specifically provided for those in the wider community and some more targeted at church members. These were held throughout the year.

The PCC works hard to embed its values in the life of the church. These are :-

- Celebrating God by being rooted in scripture, soaked in prayer, and engaged in worship
- Growing in Grace through demonstrating love, generosity, authenticity and using gifts
- Sharing Jesus through Loving Service, Confident Witness and being Led by the Spirit

Members of the church are familiar with these and the PCC endeavour to see that the services, activities, and events that take place are clearly aligned to them.

All services and events are open to members of the public and are mostly free of charge at the point of delivery. Where events are charged at cost this is advertised in publicity material. The

Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The activities of St. Luke's are planned and led by clergy and lay people appointed by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham along with paid staff employed by the Trustees.

Following a period of discernment and training provided by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, Sarah Sharpe and Rachel Jessop were Licensed as Lay Ministers in October 2023. This means they can officially be involved in leading worship, preaching, teaching, taking funerals, enabling mission and can take on various other responsibilities in the church.

The church also benefits from many volunteers whose contribution is a tremendous asset to the church and is estimated to amount to hundreds of hours per week.

The PCC is responsible for the fabric of the building and various works and maintenance tasks were carried out in the period under review to ensure that the building continues to be well maintained and fit for purpose. Details of these can be found in a separate PCC Fabric Report.

During 2023, the PCC continued to ensure that the church's activities and the groups it hosts adhered to its Safeguarding Policies for Children and Young People and for Vulnerable Adults. It also ensured that safer recruitment procedures were followed in the appointment of staff and volunteers. Safeguarding responsibilities were split into three areas to share the workload. The overall Parish Safeguarding Officer role was carried out by Mrs Sheila Street, the DBS role by Mrs Christine Holden and the training co-ordinator role by Mrs Denise Whitehead. This enabled us to move forward with implementing a number of new systems identified on the national Church of England Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. A particular area of focus was writing new Risk Assessments for all activities and events. These cover both Safeguarding and Health and Safety and were compiled by Sheila Street and Claire Meese as Operations Manager. Mr Chris Gunnell continued to have lead responsibility for Vulnerable Adults.

These measures mean that the PCC complied with its duties under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

There were 167 people on the electoral roll of the church in 2023.

C1 Worship and Prayer

During 2023, the service pattern was much the same as the previous year with a 10am service on a Sunday morning and a midweek service at 11am on a Thursday morning at Leahurst Road, Connect Gamston held a weekly service at 3pm on a Sunday afternoon in Pierrepont Gamston Primary School. "Praise and Prayer" services took place on Sunday evenings at Leahurst Road and were held roughly once a month with a break over the summer.

There is a monthly pattern to Sunday morning services which includes communion services, All Age services and morning worship. Carefully structured teaching programmes have continued to be a feature of this service and these have been very much valued by church members. The Leadership Team continued to look at ways of opening up opportunities in

worship for greater personal encounter with God and for response time to build people's faith. Prayer ministry is also regularly provided in this service.

Once a month, all ages worship together at the 10am service, and it takes on a different more informal style designed to be accessible to children as well as adults. From September 2023 a new format was trialled. This involves the congregation splitting part way through the service and people being given a choice to take part either in an intergenerational / interactive exploration of the theme in the church hall or to stay in the worship area for a more personal teaching and response time. This has proved to be a helpful development in this service with people finding it helpful to engage in a way that suits their learning style.

Thursday morning midweek services are simple in style and provide an opportunity for people to lift their eyes to God, consider His word and pray for the world together. Numbers tend to be lower at this service, which means they have been particularly valued by older and more vulnerable members of the church.

In 2023 Connect Gamston offered a pattern of services which alternated between intergenerational services and mixed provision with groups for children called "Connect Kids." As the number of children had grown, Connect Kids divided into older and younger age ranges. This pattern is now well established and those who attend Connect Gamston find it helpful. During the year there was a realisation that some services with a particular focus might be helpful in reaching new people and extending the fringe. A healing service was held at the beginning of the year and a Lego Special Connect Service. Later in 2023 these developed into invitational services called "Connect does....." and some new people attended particularly from the school community. Examples of these types of service were: "Connect Does..... the Game of Life" and "Connect Doesthe Nativity."

Praise and Prayer gatherings offered times of extended worship and open prayer and were a time to listen to God.

During the month of August the Leahurst Road 10am services adopted a shorter, informal style and all ages worshipped together every week. Connect Gamston ran a series called "God is in this Story" where different people's testimonies were shared each week.

A range of different services and events were offered to mark the major festivals in the Christian calendar. Connect Gamston provided a number of outward facing services and events at different times of the year and have now developed their own cycle of services and events that they take out into the community at these times, making them highly visible. These included a Donkey Walk through Gamston on Palm Sunday which attracted around 150 adults and children, a Glow Walk around the community at the end of October and a nativity with a real donkey held in Pierrepont Gamston School.

Other highlights included a repeat of the Easter Escape Room at Leahurst Road which once again was advertised via Eventbrite and attracted people from across Nottingham as well as locally. It was open over a four day period and proved very popular with families and groups from outside the church. Around 200 people attended. It provided an immersive experience where people could familiarise themselves with the Easter Story as they went round the

church building and responded to interactive displays and solved clues and challenges connected to it.

A number of joint Easter activities and services took place with both Connect Gamston and the Church of the Holy Rood at Edwalton. These included a quiet reflective service on Good Friday and an outdoor service in the Edwalton Garden on Holy Saturday.

A memorial service was held in November. People within the church and beyond valued this as an opportunity to mark the death of a loved one and seek prayer and spiritual help for themselves.

Christmas Services followed the established pattern for Leahurst Road with a carol service, two Christingle services, a midnight communion service and a morning communion service on Christmas Day. It was good to be able to welcome families from outside the church at the Christingle services. In addition to the nativity service Connect Gamston also held a special Christmas service for those who wanted a quieter way to mark Christmas.

Throughout the year members of the St. Luke's staff team also go into Pierrepont Gamston school fortnightly to lead collective worship for the staff and children. The school also held a service in St. Luke's Church at Easter.

As a local parish church, serving the people of Gamston and Bridgford, the church also offers the Occasional Offices of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals to people within the parish and local area. These provide great opportunities for connecting with people and helping them to celebrate or mark significant milestones in their lives. Details of the Occasional Offices conducted in 2023 can be found at the end of this report.

Prayer is regarded as a foundational aspect of church life at St. Luke's. In addition to the Praise and Prayer gatherings, some members of the pastoral team gather to pray every Wednesday and days of prayer were held at the beginning of most months. These provided an opportunity for people to meet and pray for the life and ministry of the church. A joint prayer walk involving church members from St. Luke's, Connect Gamston and Edwalton was held.

Once a month, Connect Gamston bring their "Connect Groups" together for an evening of prayer. Members of the Connect Gamston team also went out into the community and offered "Prayer on the Path" by the canal on an occasional basis over the summer months. Each time encouraging stories emerged of people who had stopped to ask for prayer regarding different things going on in their lives.

Members of the church took part in events organised as part of the global prayer initiative "Thy Kingdom Come" and in events organised by Nottingham City Prayer. Some individuals also attended the monthly Diocesan Days of Prayer which was a new initiative in 2023. Women from St. Luke's also continued to attend the termly Women's Prayer Breakfasts held

at St. Giles Church in West Bridgford. Some church members also went to the World Day of Prayer Service held at St. Paul's Church on Boundary Road.

During Advent a series of three Advent Candlelit Contemplations were held at Leahurst Road. These were led by Rachel Jessop and provided space for reflection and prayer in the build up to Christmas.

Mark Fraser and Sarah Sharpe supported children in Pierrepont Gamston Primary School who led an afternoon of prayer for the whole school

C2 Learning about the Gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus

St Luke's continued to run a range of courses and provide a range of small groups during 2023.

The year began with a follow up "in conversation" session on "The Hard Sayings of Jesus" This was a follow up to a Leahurst Road sermon series that had taken place in autumn 2022. It was led by the Vicar. Themes covered included things like judgement and hope.

Two Alpha courses were held during 2023 under the banner of "Stay Curious" The first was run by Carolyn Blainey and was mostly attended by people linked to Connect Gamston and the second was led by Janet and David Brydon. An Alpha Away Day was held at St. Helen's Burton Joyce. This provided an extended time for people to receive teaching about the work of the Holy Spirit and receive prayer ministry. This was opened up to people who hadn't attended the rest of the course.

A Bible Course was led by Carolyn Blainey for Connect Gamston members who had attended the first Alpha course and a "Believing and Belonging" course was led by Janet and David Brydon as a follow up to the Leahurst Road Alpha. This eight-week course examined how participants could get more "rooted in scripture, soaked in prayer and engaged in worship" - the three strands of Celebrating God, the first of the St Luke's values.

The phrase "Lean into Lent" was adopted in 2023. Church members were offered the opportunity to engage with this in two ways. Firstly, by attending an online prayer and reflection time held every week day morning based on the Church of England's Lent series "Dust and Glory" and secondly by participating in an in person 24/7 prayer course that examined the practice of Lectio Divina. This took place over five weeks and was led by Rev Emily Charkham. It involved looking at a way of reading the Bible that allows for God to speak to people through it.

During the summer months Rev Mark Fraser led the "Shape Course" a four week course that looked at how God has shaped each person for his service.

This was followed in the autumn by an Old Testament Course led by Tom Judge our Associate Pastor which examined topics like "Why bother with it?" "What kind of literature is it?" It proved very popular with around 50 people attending.

For the majority of 2023, there were 10 small groups meeting across the course of a week either online or in people's homes. 7 of these were linked to Leahurst Road and they

accommodated around 70 people. 3/4 known as “Connect Groups” were linked to Connect Gamston accommodating around 40 people.

The oversight / co-ordination of the Leahurst Road groups was undertaken by Tom Judge as Associate Pastor as part of his role of developing whole life discipleship. Tom ensured that small group materials which follow the sermon series were available to all small group leaders and most groups followed these. A team of 10 people have been trained and now help with producing these bible study materials. Occasional meetings aimed at supporting small group leaders were also organised by Tom.

All the small groups within the church are led and hosted by lay volunteers from within the church. They provide regular opportunities for bible study, discussion and prayer and play a vital part in nurturing and deepening Christian faith and strengthening relationships among church members.

A visiting speaker / preacher called Phil Knox from the Evangelical Alliance visited the church in June 2023 at both Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston and spoke on the “The Power of Friendship.” This provided both encouragement and challenge to the church and included practical advice on how to build and deepen our friendships and relationships.

Children’s and Youth Work Activities

St Luke’s continued to offer a range of activities for children and young people during 2023.

Groups for different age groups of children continued to be provided on Sunday mornings. The age ranges were reorganised from September 2023 to accommodate the numbers of children in different school year groups in the most effective way. Bounce covered children aged 0-6 (end of school year one) Elevate was for 6-10 year olds (school years 2-5) and the year six children moved up to become part of young people’s group Lyft.

A dedicated team of leaders and helpers worked hard to run the groups, helping the children to feel settled and enjoy their time together. Sunday morning sessions for Bounce and Elevate were based on biblical themes and were delivered in a lively interactive style which combined games, stories, videos, craft and play activities designed to help the children grow and develop on their faith journey. At the end of 2023 Helen Sperry and Rachel Lavarini stepped down from leading Bounce after several years of faithfully leading this group.

The Sunday morning programme was supplemented by various social activities including a night out for crazy golf and a pizza. They were also involved in worship in different ways in 2023, with a few members singing as part of the worship group, contributing some drama and signing along to some worship songs.

At Connect Gamston, “Connect Kids” ran alongside Sunday services on a fortnightly basis. New Leaders came forward that enabled two age groups to run for older and younger children.

A notable highlight in the year for the 7-11 year olds from St. Luke’s and Connect Gamston was a residential visit to the Oakes Christian Holiday Centre near Sheffield. Nine children went

away for a fun and faith filled weekend and they enjoyed a varied programme of outdoor activities along with bible activities and Christian teaching.

A new development in 2023, were some children's events known as "Activate" events. These were holiday club days / praise parties that were held at the end of August and in October half term. They were organised jointly by St. Luke's, St. Gile's, St. Paul's Boundary Road, Edwalton and All Hallows Lady Bay. They were put on for primary aged children and proved to be a great way of inspiring , growing and giving space for children's faith to come alive. The hope is they will continue in the future. A few young people from St. Luke's served on the team that organised these events.

As part of being a resourcing church, the Easter Experience Resources were shared with Edwalton Church to enable them to run the Easter Experience for school children from Edwalton Primary School and Rosecliffe Spencer Academy. Staff from St. Luke's also helped with set up and delivering some of the activities.

Children and families from Leahurst Road were also encouraged to join in with the Connect Gamston Easter Craft session and the Edwalton Easter Trail and Egg Hunt.

Following a successful application to the diocese for Church of England Strategic Development Funding the PCC tried to recruit a Part time Children's and Family Worker but sadly, though it was advertised three times no successful applicants came forward. Plans for accessing grant funding with different criteria are to be considered in 2024.

Time was spent reorganising the Children's Ministry resources over the summer holiday when preschool vacated the building and a new walk in resource cupboard was created which houses a wide range of equipment particularly for toddlers and craft activities.

During 2023 two young people's groups ran. Lyft for those in school years 6-9 and Inspire for those in school years 10- 13. Lyft ran alongside the morning service on a Sunday morning and Inspire ran on a Sunday evening in the home of Tom and Sarah Street. Both groups had programmes that enabled them to explore various topics aimed at helping them grow in their faith.

As well as the group sessions a number of socials also took place to build relationships between the young people. Inspire enjoyed a joint social with young people from St. Jude's and went to laser quest. A very successful joint firework social between Lyft and Inspire took place on bonfire night and some members of the group brought their friends along.

The main highlight of the year was a group of 11 young people going to DTI - "Dreaming The Impossible." This is a five-day summer Christian youth event organised by Vineyard Churches UK which aims to inspire and equip young people to love God, love others and change the world. This proved to be a real encouragement to the young people in their faith as well as a time for fun and deepening friendships.

A few members of Inspire started to attend termly youth events organised across the Deanery called "The Gathering." These are designed to give larger groups of young people the opportunity to worship together and to hear teaching specially tailored to their age group.

At Christmas Inspire ably helped to host the carol service.

C3 Provision of Pastoral Care

During 2023 this area of church life came under the oversight of Tom Judge the Associate Pastor.

The underpinning approach to pastoral care, as outlined in the church Pastoral Care Policy, is that it is the responsibility of all church members to care for one another. This means pastoral care happens in a range of different ways both informally and formally across the church through various groups and the deepening of relationships in many different ways. Small Groups are a key building block in this structure as they provide an environment where church members can get to know each other better.

As part of his role, Tom Judge also co-ordinated the pastoral care team and met regularly with them. This dedicated team made pastoral visits and faithfully followed up many of the most vulnerable people and those who found themselves in particular need. This included the elderly, the housebound, the bereaved and those suffering with longer term illness or injury. Home Communion was taken to people who requested it by members of the team who are licensed.

In July the pastoral care team received some training from a member of the team at Tara's Angels, a group that works with women who are victims of domestic violence. This training was opened up to the wider church membership so that other people could have their awareness raised about this issue.

C4 Missionary and Outreach Work

This was an area of church life where there was a considerable number of new developments in 2023 with the introduction of the new Annual Outreach Calendar at Leahurst Road. This calendar contained four different kinds of events each with a different purpose. Some were "gospel lite" with no specific content about the Christian faith but designed to serve and connect with the wider community, some were gospel sharing events, some were faith exploring courses and events and some were held as a way of building up relationships between church members as a way of developing a healthy core.

Events held included, a Chilli and Board Games evening that attracted around 100 people with a large number of people from outside church, a Men's Breakfast, two Ladies Nights at a local pub, a Bring and Share Lunch with a theme of Foods From Around the World, a church

hike, a Staycation, a Brewery Trip, a Community Hog Roast, an evangelistic brunch called "Brunch with Baggot," a Men's Pub Quiz evening and an initiative called "Knowvember" which involved various church members opening up their homes to offer hospitality to other church members during the month of November.

The "Staycation" was a particular highlight and included a whole day of activities on a Saturday and attracted people of all ages. Around 100 hundred people attended. The programme included an opening intergenerational act of worship, a scavenger Hunt around the local area, a photo safari, a trip to Highfields Park where people played crazy golf and foot golf, a family games / challenge time and the day ended with everyone having fish and chips. It was a wonderful time for strengthening relationships.

"Brunch with Baggot" was another highlight. It was a gospel sharing event and included a talk from the former Chief Constable of Northern Ireland Sir Matt Baggot which was moving, informative, and challenging and highlighted the difference Christian faith can make to your everyday working life and the way you touch people. It was attended by 61 people of whom 32 were not regular members of St. Luke's.

Another notable event, was a "Service Weekend" held jointly between Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston. On the Saturday groups of people were involved in serving drinks in local play parks, providing a free car wash, tidying some gardens and writing thank you cards to group organisers both within and outside of the church. On the Sunday a community barbeque was held at Pierrepont Gamston School which attracted large numbers from outside church.

Other significant events held during the year organised by Connect Gamston included a weekend at Stathern Lodge in Leicestershire which was attended by 65 people. Many people stayed overnight. People enjoyed a very varied programme of activities with highlights being talks from a visiting speaker and a special bonfire with food. All ages went and it was encouraging that attendees included a number of fringe members who really enjoyed themselves and formed deeper relationships with core members of the church.

A Welcome Course for People from Hong Kong was also put on by Connect Gamston.

The established regular cycle of weekly, monthly and annual groups which link with people on the fringe or outside of the church also continued.

Tinies & Toddlers ran on Thursday mornings. Sarah Sharpe as Families Minister continued to oversee this, with a volunteer team that was increasingly led by Rachel Vandermark emerging alongside her. It was encouraging to see the Christian ethos of the group become embedded

and a full programme of play, crafts, singing and story time for the children along with socialising for their parents happened. There were special events at Easter and Christmas.

Dads & Tods continued to meet on the third Saturday of each month until the summer providing an environment for Dads to engage creatively with their children and for meeting and talking with other Dads. David and Janet Brydon who had faithfully led this ministry for many years retired and it was decided that this group came to a natural end at this point.

Oasis a fellowship group for mums with pre-school aged children met on some Tuesday mornings during term time.

Prime Time a social event for older people in the local community held twice a month in the church hall held a special Coronation Celebration in May. Shortly after this Christine Hague who had led this group for a number of years announced that she was retiring from the role so ministry to older people finished in this form in the summer of 2023.

The *Food, Fellowship and Faith* team provided a free light lunch with a short talk about the Christian faith once a month for members of the wider community as well as a few church members. A core of regular attenders came every month and the number of new contacts made through this grew steadily across the year.

An exciting new development was the setting up of a new community café "*Coffee Cake and Chat*." This started in November 2023 and it opens weekly on Tuesday afternoons. A team of enthusiastic and committed volunteers have emerged who provide homemade cake and serve refreshments. The café is attracting members of the local community who are not currently members of the church. Between 30 to 40 people come along each week, Members of the church pop in and chat with whoever is around and this helps to build a sense of community, especially for the elderly and more vulnerable. However, it is a place for all ages and every week students from Rushcliffe Spencer Academy come in for a drink and cake on their way home from school. It is clear to see that some people are already returning each week and are appreciating it, as a place to gather and meet others.

Very close partnership work continued with our linked church primary school, Pierrepont Gamston. The Faith and Values Group representatives were supported to promote and encourage the Christian faith and values in the life of the school. They put on some after school events. As Connect Gamston meets in the school significant numbers of children and parents came along to various events and services run by Connect Gamston which reflects the deepening partnership between the two.

At the beginning of September a Welcome Service was put on by Connect Gamston for the new Headteacher Mrs Claire Bills and this was attended by many visitors from the school community and some representatives of the wider community too.

A number of projects took place in the life of the church that provided resources or raised money for various charities and Christian mission organisations. A fund raising event was held for Hear Together. Tinies and Toddlers raised money for Cystic Fibrosis. Connect Gamston raised money for the NG11 Foodbank in Clifton.

As part of our Harvest celebration a collection of non-perishable food and household items was made for The Friary a local Christian homeless charity. Members of St Luke's contributed several hundred Christian books for sending abroad to Africa through Book Aid; shoeboxes were also filled with small gifts and essentials for children through the charity "T4U" and these were sent to Ukraine and some surrounding countries. A collection of toiletries was also made for the charity Family Action to make up Christmas parcels.

St Luke's also continued to build relationships with and provide financial support to our regular Mission Partners: locally, nationally, and internationally. The PCC made a grant to Milly Fraser who went on a short term mission project with Latin Link.

Three editions of the church publication *Outlook* were delivered to every house in the parish during 2023. Feedback indicates that it is well-received. People appreciate the positive news stories, testimonies, and articles as well as the fact that it keeps them informed about events and news from St Luke's.

The church building is hired out regularly to various groups within the local community. This is a significant way in which the church engages with local people. A major change in regular lettings took place in 2023 when the long-established preschool closed due to falling numbers. This also led to a fall in income for the church. From September a number of new lettings began including "First Class Learning" who provide English and Maths tuition to children, Jo Jingles- a toddler singing session, a baby signing class and "Move it or Lose It" an exercise class for older people. This replaced some of the lost income. Our other regular hirers all continued and a range of private hirers made use of the building for one off events and courses. For many of our users, it makes the church building an important hub within the community.

D Our Vision

2022 saw the church come to the end of a five year vision period where it had prayerfully been focussing on five areas: growing disciples, praying expectantly, planting churches, serving our neighbours and being open and hospitable. As we came to the end of this period there was a clear acknowledgement that these were areas that we need to continue to develop and embed as part of our ongoing church life.

During 2023 the PCC began to consider how the church should refresh its vision in light of the new refreshed vision of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. This is "Growing

Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage” The PCC began to consider this at its Away Day in November 2023 along with a strapline of “One church two doors “ which it felt summed up where the church is now, with having worshipping communities at both Leahurst Road and in Pierrepont Gamston Primary School. More work on this will be taking place in 2024

E Staff Changes

2023 saw a number of staff changes and developments:

Emily Charkham completed her curacy at St. Luke’s in April 2023 and moved on to become Acting Executive PA and Assistant Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham.

Milly Fraser stepped in as relief Caretaker / Cleaner in January 2023 and carried out this role until March 2023 when a new caretaker / cleaner **Patrick McHale** took over. He undertook these duties until October when he resigned. **Sean Wright** then took over as Caretaker / Cleaner.

F Occasional Offices

F1 WEDDINGS

None in 2023

F2 BANNS OF MARRIAGE READ (weddings elsewhere)

<i>Name of Couple</i>	<i>Date of 3rd Reading</i>
Samuel Elks & Emily Victoria Aikens	25 th June 2023

F3 BAPTISMS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Baptism</i>
Joshua Ade Perham	12 th March 2023

F4 CONFIRMATIONS

None in 2023

F5 FUNERALS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Funeral</i>
John Lawton	25 th January 2023
Joseph Arthur King	1 st February 2023
Gwendoline Sheila Kemp	3 rd May 2023
John McKenzie	30 th August 2023
June Marjorie Bradbury	15 th September 2023



St Luke's Parochial Church Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2023

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Cor 9 v 8

Before I present the annual accounts for 2023 I want to begin by expressing thanks to God for his faithfulness and abundant provision. As we move on from the challenges of COVID with rising inflation and a cost of living crisis God has ensured that we "have all that we need". I also want to thank everyone who has allowed God's generosity to flow through them as they have contributed financially to support the mission and ministry of St Luke's in 2023. Thankyou!

The annual accounts for 2023 have been prepared on a prepayments and accruals basis.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

a) Income (Note 4 of the accounts)

Overall income in 2023 was slightly reduced from its 2022 levels (1.4% decrease from £287k to £283k) however it is hugely encouraging to see the impact of the 2022 giving campaign that has led to **planned regular giving (plus relevant Gift Aid) rising from £222k to £235k (6% increase)**. I am so grateful that even amidst the challenges of the past three of four years the congregations have continued to increase their financial contributions to the mission and ministry of God's church.

It was desperately sad that Leahurst Road Preschool was forced to close its doors in July 2023. They have served our community out of our premises for many years and been greatly appreciated by many local families. This also had a significant impact on our income as the Preschool accounted for a significant proportion of our rental income (c. 15k per annum). Through the hard work of our office staff we were able to attract a variety of new hirers and by the end of the **year income from room hire was virtually unchanged from the previous year £31.5k**.

In January we received our penultimate payment of £3.3k from the Diocese as part of their support for Connect Gamston. This is a contribution towards salary costs. In March we received a grant of £2.5k from the Diocese as a contribution towards increased energy costs. This was part of a national scheme and funded by the Church Commissioners.

We were especially grateful for a legacy gift of £5k that we received in memory of Beryl King.

b) Expenditure – General Fund (Note 5 of the accounts)

Total operational expenditure as detailed in note 5 of the accounts was almost identical with the previous year.

The decision was taken to reduce parish share to the 2021 level of £133k. This decision was taken in the light of future forecasting which had projected significant deficits in the coming years.

As anticipated energy costs rose to £11.1k which represented a 45% increase from 2022 levels. Whilst this is a significant rise it is not as much as we had feared. With decreasing energy costs towards the end of the year next year's total will be significantly reduced (although not back to the levels seen before the price rises began).

The PCC implemented a 4% pay increase to staff which was in line with the award made to Diocesan staff.

Reserves and cash holdings

Our general reserves now stand at £160k which provides operational expenditure cover of around 8 months (including parish share as part of operational expenditure) or 20 months otherwise. The PCC recognise that this exceeds the current reserves policy. During 2024 the PCC will review the reserves policy and identify ways to invest surplus reserves to support mission and ministry in the near future.

c) Designated funds (Notes 6 & 7)

Designated funds are set up by the PCC when it wishes to set aside money for a specific purpose. Whilst it is the PCC's intention to use it for this purpose it does not have to do so.

- i) The Freehold, Land and Buildings Fund and the Equipment Fund show the various assets held by St Lukes and any additions, disposals or depreciation over the course of the year.
- ii) The Mission Partner Fund includes the payments that we make to our various current Mission Partners. During 2023 we paid £21.5k. (A further £2.8k was paid in January 2024).
- iii) Mission Support Fund allows up to £2k per year to be made available to support young people conducting significant mission trips overseas or in the UK. During 2023 an award of £1250 was made to support Milly Fraser's trip with Latin Link.
- iv) The Grace Fund was established to support church members who might be experiencing any particular financial challenge or require assistance. It is administered by the vicar and wardens and £250 was give away during 2023.
- v) The Connect Gamston Fund shows the transfer from the General Fund and the relevant expenditure. (NB: Giving from those who worship at Connect Gamston is included in the General Fund.)

d) Restricted Funds (Notes 6 & 7)

Restricted funds are set up when money is given to the church for a specific purpose and can only be used for that purpose.

- i) The Mission and Ministry at Home/Overseas Fund contains the remaining monies originally restricted for supporting young people on mission trips. When this money is exhausted the PCC intend to top up the designated fund for Mission Support so that at least £2k is available each year.
- ii) The Refurbishment Fund comprises gifts from church members for the specific purpose of making improvements to the fixtures and fittings of the church including AV equipment, refurbishing the kitchen, providing new

- seating and lighting. A further £1.5k was spent in the year whilst significant commitments were also made to purchase chairs and replacing some of our lighting with energy efficient LED units. This additional spend will show up in the 2024 accounts at which point the Refurbishment Fund will probably be fully spent.
- iii) The New Worshipping Community Fund simply contains the penultimate grant from the Diocese which is a contribution towards salary costs for Connect Gamston. This fund will be closed when the final payment is received in the first half of 2024.

LOOKING FORWARD

...my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus...Philippians 4 v 19

As we look forward to 2024 and beyond we can see a challenging but exciting future ahead. Living obediently to Jesus should challenge and stretch us as we learn to rely on him and release ourselves more and more fully into his plans and purposes.

In comparison to many churches we are blessed to have a strong financial platform from which to move forward albeit we know that things can change quickly and we must not be complacent. Current projections for decreasing inflation and energy costs are further encouragements. However, we are aware of one or two pieces of work on the fabric of our building that require investigation and rectification in the near future. These include the solution to the problem causing leaching on the north external wall of the church (adjacent to the corridor to the meeting room). We are also aware of the desire to consider the environmental impact of our building and make the changes that reduce our carbon footprint,

The refreshed Diocesan Vision calls us to pray and work to see more and more people of all ages and stages come to faith in Christ and grow as his disciples living lives of Compassion Confidence and Courage. That is exactly what we are committed to doing and we will continue to build on our current activities but also explore new ways of doing precisely that. (The new Community Café started towards the end of the year is one such example). This will of course involve financial resources but more than that it requires a people who are inspired, committed and confidently living as witnesses to Christ crucified and risen from the dead. Whilst God does call us to share our financial resources as an expression of our trust in him, he is much more interested in us offering him the whole of our lives. That's when he can do more than we could possibly ask or imagine!

THANKS

We are so fortunate to have the team we have at St Luke's who administer and manage our finances. Joanne Pillkington takes care of our bookkeeping, banking and managing gift aid claims with calm efficiency and good humour. Claire and Joanne produce and check through the regular management reports that enable the PCC to monitor and oversee our financial position. They have also worked tirelessly to source new people to hire our facilities and administer the lettings which are so important to us.

Mel Cryer faithfully runs our staff payroll and the Davids, Brydon and Cole, have undertaken to authorise our internet banking payments. Finally, Cary Bourque has invested significant time in drawing together the draft accounts, working closely with Claire and Joanne, along with our Independent Examiner, Mike Paterson. Mike reviews the accounts to ensure that they accurately reflect our financial activity.

To Joanne, Claire, Mel, David Cole, David Brydon, Cary Bourque and Mike Paterson
– WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND WORK ON OUR BEHALF!

The final thankyou is to all those who contribute to our life and work at St Luke's in so many different ways.

I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1 v 5,6

Mark Fraser

Vicar (on behalf of the wardens)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST LUKE'S CHURCH, GAMSTON AND BRIDGFORD

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner:

As the Church's Leadership Team, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that: an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed; the charity is preparing accounts on an accruals basis; and I am qualified to undertake the examination. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 you, as the Leadership Team concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Michael Paterson. CA
15A Burleigh Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham

Date:

31/3/2024

St Luke's Church, Gamston & Bridgford
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

2023					2022
Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
ASSETS					
Fixed Assets					
Freehold property at cost	7	683,731		683,731	683,731
Office equipment	7	175		175	409
Fixtures and fittings	7	49,042		49,042	59,458
Intangibles - Software	7	0			0
Subtotal	0	732,948	0	732,948	743,598
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	7,600			7,600	4,273
Cash in bank and in Hand	158,683	10,558	17,446	186,687	179,101
	166,283	10,558	17,446	194,287	183,374
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	(5,200)			(5,200)	(4,608)
Total Net Assets	161,083	743,506	17,446	922,036	922,365
PARISH FUNDS					
General Fund	6a	159,833		159,833	147,880
Capital Reserve (Land & Buildings)	6a		683,731	683,731	683,731
Equipment Fund including Gamston Connect	6a		49,217	49,217	59,867
Grace Fund	6a		4,015	4,015	4,265
New Worshipping Community - Gamston Connect	6a		1,643	1,643	0
2018 Refurbishment	6a		16,696	16,696	18,221
Mission & Ministry Restricted	6a		750	750	2,000
Mission Partners - Designated	6a		4,900	4,900	6,400
Mission Support - Designated	6a		1,250	1,250	0
	159,833	744,756	17,446	922,036	922,364
Total Parish Funds					

St Luke's Gamston & Bridgford
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023				2022
	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from donors	4(a)	243,850	0	0	243,850	254,461
Other voluntary incoming resources	4(b)	2,500	0	3,332	5,832	0
Incoming resources from charitable & ancillary trading	4(c)	31,857	0	0	31,857	31,982
Income from investments - Interest	4(d)	1,600	0	0	1,600	735
Other ordinary incoming resources	4(e)	0	0	0	0	100
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		279,806	0	3,332	283,138	287,277
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Missionary and charitable giving	5(a)	0	21,750	1,250	23,000	20,380
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	5(b)	222,173	27,273	4,857	254,303	256,921
Fund raising and publicity	5(c)	4,833	(419)	0	4,414	3,141
Church management & administration	5(d)	1,597	153	0	1,750	1,289
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		228,603	48,757	6,107	283,467	281,731
NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES		51,203	(48,757)	(2,775)	(329)	5,546
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	6a	(39,250)	39,250	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		11,953	(9,507)	(2,775)	(329)	5,546
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January	6b	147,881	754,263	20,221	922,365	916,818
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	6a	159,833	744,756	17,446	922,036	922,364

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

- a) Basis of preparation – the financial statement of the Parochial Church Council has been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations on an Accruals basis.
- b) The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that are an affiliate to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.
- c) Income is recognised in the accounts when either cash has been received or when the Parochial Church Council becomes entitled to receive it. Expenditure is recognised on receipt of goods or services.
- d) Funds – General Funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Council. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the Council. The Capital Reserve represents the carrying value of the freehold property.
- e) Missionary Giving – the Parochial Church Council agreed to follow again its previous policy of giving away a fixed sum that varies from around 6%-12% of total income receipted excluding any money given for specific purposes, e.g. for special Gift Days, Church Weekend Away, etc. In 2023 the sum reserved was £20k which equals around 7.2%.
- f) Fixed assets are included in the accounts at the cost of purchase or construction. Only assets with a value over £500 are capitalised. Assets are depreciated as follows:
- Office Equipment – a period of 1 to 3 years
 - Fixtures and Fittings – period of 5 to 10 years
 - Capitalised Software – period of 3 years.
- g) The life of the land and building is indefinite and therefore is not a depreciating asset.
- h) Capital Assets - Accounts prepared on an Accruals basis recognise capital assets on the balance sheet.
- i) It is the policy of the Parochial Church Council to aim to hold a minimum of three months' general running costs and commitments as reserves. This policy is reviewed annually and for the 2018 accounts and beyond, the Trustees agreed that the calculation should be amended. In previous years the assumption was to include our contribution to Diocesan overhead costs (Parish Share) as a general running cost. From 2018 and onward the calculation has excluded this item as the Trustees felt that this cost was more discretionary in nature and would unlikely to be required to pay in the event of financial difficulty. As at 31 December 2023, the PCC held a sum in reserve of just over 20 months compared to 17 months at the end of 2022

2. Transactions involving Trustees

Many of our Trustees are serving members of the congregation and also donate their time to the ministry and operation of the Church. Out of pocket expenses are paid to these members in the normal course of this activity as they are to any other member of the organisation

In addition, there was a single transaction where the PCC agreed to part fund the missionary trip of Milly Fraser, the Vicar's daughter. This decision and the value given, was reached at a full meeting of the PCC with Mark Fraser, the Vicar, not involved in the discussion or vote. The funds were paid directly to Latin Link, the mission organiser.

3. Voluntary Payment to our Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner, Mike Paterson, volunteers his time to examine our accounts. This "no fee" arrangement has been custom and practice for many years and is formalised in the letter of engagement. Whilst under no obligation the PCC likes to recognise the examination takes time and has historically sent Mr Paterson an ex-gratia payment as a sign of appreciation. These voluntary payments were reintroduced in 2021, after a short absence, and intend to continue for the foreseeable future.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023.

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
4 INCOMING RESOURCES					
4(a) INCOMING RESOURCES FROM DONORS					
Planned giving	193,602			193,602	182,624
Gift aid on eligible planned giving	41,391			41,391	39,213
One-off gifts	5,360			5,360	17,065
Gift aid on one-off gifts including prior year reclaims	427			427	12,551
Cash collections at services including on-line giving	3,070			3,070	3,009
Gift aid on cash collections at services	0			0	0
	<u>243,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>243,850</u>	<u>254,461</u>
4(b) OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOMING RESOURCES					
Diocesan Grants	2,500	0	3,332	5,832	0
4(c) INCOME FROM CHARITABLE & ANCILLARY TRADING					
Parochial fees	401			401	422
Room hire	31,456			31,456	31,560
	<u>31,857</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,857</u>	<u>31,982</u>
4(d) INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS					
Interest on funds in deposit	1,600			1,600	735
4(e) OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES					
TSB Bank compensation for service issues				0	100
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>279,806</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,332</u>	<u>283,138</u>	<u>287,277</u>
5 RESOURCES USED					
5(a) MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE GIVING					
Home Missions & other Church Societies					
West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre		4,100		4,100	3,200
EuroTrek Ministries				0	1,000
Susan Essam & Jos Diocese - Nigeria		3,200		3,200	3,200
Renew Wellbeing				0	1,800
The Friary Drop-In Centre - West Bridgford Nottingham		4,100		4,100	3,200
Education For Life - Kenya		4,100		4,100	3,200
Nottingham Arimathea Trust		2,300		2,300	1,800
Nottingham Street Pastors		1,400		1,400	1,000
Jericho Road Project Nottingham		2,300		2,300	1,800
	<u>0</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>20,200</u>
Non Charitable Giving					
Mission and Ministry Fund - Distribution to Latin Link on behalf of close family member of the Vicar			1,250	1,250	0
Grace Fund - Other distributions		250		250	180
	<u>0</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>180</u>
Total MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE GIVING	<u>0</u>	<u>21,750</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>20,380</u>

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023.

5 RESOURCES USED (CONTINUED)

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE					
5b CHURCH					
Diocesan (Parish) Share	132,704			132,704	141,064
Ministry Expenses (excluding Salaries)					
Youth and children's work	1,011	168		1,179	1,430
Church service expenses including music	3,039	377		3,416	4,033
Other ministry (Alpha/CAP/Elderly/Tinies & Toddlers/Small Groups)	(241)	216		(25)	779
	3,810	760	0	4,571	6,242
Salaries & honoraria					
Wages & salaries	57,618	12,570	3,027	73,216	70,260
Employer's pension or NI contributions	6,583	1,566	305	8,455	7,630
	64,202	14,136	3,332	81,670	77,890
Avg number of employees - 3 full time, 2 part time	3.2		0.4	3.6	3.6
No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 in the financial year and so no disclosure of salary banding is required					
During the year one employee was also a Trustee. Tom Judge was elected to the PCC on 27th March 2023 and in the year received remuneration of £36,771 plus pension/life annuity					
The average number of employees does not include Clergy employed by the Diocese					
One part time employee (Milly Fraser) who was employed from January - March 2023 was related to a Trustee. Earnings totalled £610.40					
Church Running Expenses					
Cleaning including materials	758			758	663
Electricity	4,788			4,788	3,428
Gas	6,343			6,343	4,205
Insurance	1,339			1,339	1,215
Water charges	1,229			1,229	954
Rent (Gamston Connect)	0	1,530		1,530	1,800
Other misc including Waste removal/TV licence	268			268	465
Photocopier, telephone & broadband	2,688			2,688	1,532
	17,415	1,530	0	18,945	14,262
Church Maintenance					
Servicing	1,141			1,141	958
Repairs	1,931			1,931	1,426
Other minor refurbishment/replacement spend			266	266	969
	3,073	0	266	3,339	3,353
Major Repairs / Replacements including capitalisation					
Kitchen Refurbishment			1,258	1,258	3,258
Water Heater				0	623
Baptistry Pump				0	942
Transfers to fixed assets (capitalised)		(1,258)		(1,258)	(4,822)
	0	(1,258)	1,258	0	0
Other Expenses					
Minister & staff expenses	436	27		463	469
Gifts & presentations	129			129	227
Training & education	405	170		575	678
	970	197	0	1,167	1,374
Annual depreciation		11,908		11,908	12,736
TOTAL	222,173	27,273	4,857	254,303	256,921

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2023.

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5 RESOURCES USED (CONTINUED)

5c FUND RAISING & PUBLICITY

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Posters, Publicity and Website	468			468	277
Expenditure on Parish Magazine	2,169			2,169	2,083
Cost of Social Events (see below)	2,196	(419)		1,777	781
TOTAL	4,833	(419)	0	4,414	3,141

Analysis of Cost of Social Events

	Income	Costs	Net Cost	Net Cost
Unrestricted Funds				
Brewery Trip - Unrestricted Fund	697	800	103	0
Hog Roast	29	1,156	1,128	1,090
Matt. Baggot Brunch	598	1,149	551	0
Staycation	671	621	(49)	0
Other Events	72	535	463	(309)
	2,066	4,262	2,196	781
Designated Funds - Gamston Connect Weekend Away	1,699	1,280	(419)	0

5d CHURCH MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Software costs - Accounting/payroll, Governance, MS Office 365	916	153		1,069	901
Postage and Stationery	239			239	266
Affiliation fees	0			0	22
Misc	442			442	100
TOTAL	1,597	153	0	1,750	1,289

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2023

6 ANALYSIS of FUNDS

6a FOR THE YEAR 2023

	Designated Funds						Restricted Funds		
	General Fund	Grace Fund	Freehold Land & Buildings	Mission Partners	Mission Support	Gamston Connect	Equipment Fund	Mission & Ministry at Home /Overseas	New Worshipping Comm. (GC)
Balance at 1 January 2023	£ 147,880	£ 4,265	£ 683,731	£ 6,400	£ 0	0	£ 59,867	£ 2,000	£ 18,221
Income	279,806								
Payments	(228,603)	(250)		(21,500)		(16,357)		(1,250)	
Asset purchase & capitalisation	0						1,258		
Depreciation							(11,908)		
Transfer between funds	(39,250)			20,000	1,250	18,000		0	
Balance at 31 December 2023	159,833	4,015	683,731	4,900	1,250	1,643	49,217	750	18,221

6b FOR THE YEAR 2022

	Designated Funds						Restricted Funds		
	General Fund	Grace Fund	Freehold Land & Buildings	Mission Partners	Mission Support	Gamston Connect	Equipment Fund	Mission & Ministry at Home /Overseas	New Worshipping Comm. (GC)
Balance at 1 January 2022	£ 130,512	£ 4,445	£ 683,731	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 67,780	£ 5,600	£ 2,588
Income	286,757						0		
Payments	(233,612)	(180)					0	(20,200)	
Asset purchase & capitalisation	(1,565)						4,822		
Depreciation	0						(12,736)		
Transfer between funds	(34,212)			6,400	0	0		16,600	
Balance at 31 December 2022	147,880	4,265	683,731	6,400	0	0	59,867	2,000	18,221

7 Analysis of FIXED ASSETS

Cost

At 1.1.23
Disposals
Additions
At 31.12.23

Depreciation

At 1.1.23
Disposals
Charge
At 31.12.23

Net Book Value

At 01.01.23

At 31.12.23

Capital Commitments

	Equipment Fund			
	Freehold Land & Buildings	Office Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Intangible Assets (Website)
At 1.1.23	683,731	5,271	128,232	723
Disposals				
Additions			1,258	
At 31.12.23	683,731	5,271	129,490	723
At 1.1.23	0	(4,862)	(68,774)	(723)
Disposals				
Charge		(234)	(11,674)	
At 31.12.23	0	(5,096)	(80,448)	(723)
At 01.01.23	683,731	409	59,458	0
At 31.12.23	683,731	175	49,042	0

In September 2023 the PCC committed to spending £13,657 to replace the Church Chairs. These were ordered in October 2023 and a deposit paid of £3415.05 and delivered in January 2024. The remainder is just over £22,000 to spend.