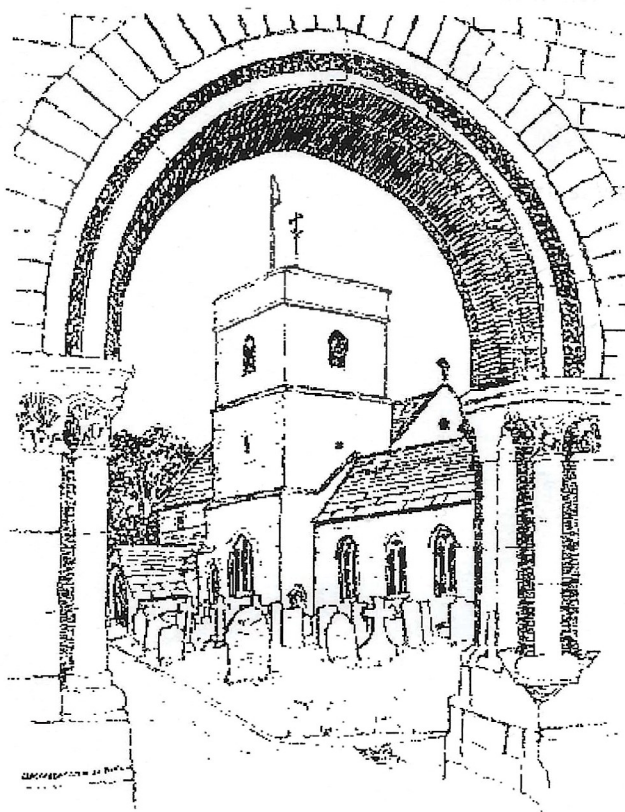


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**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael,
Betchworth
Annual Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2023**



St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Report and Financial Statements 2023

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Incumbent

Reverend Pru Dulley

Church Wardens

L Slater

B Hawkins

Other members of the Parochial Church Council

P Armitage

S Armitage

T Briscoombe

S Cronk (Until 1/10/23)

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M Miller

R Mote

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Annual Report 31 December 2023

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Church Representation Rules and the Charities Act 2011 and is submitted to and received by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is then free to discuss it. The Secretary and the Churchwardens will address the Meeting and they and other members of the PCC will be happy to respond to any points raised or questions asked. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st April 2024, after the morning service. All on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to attend and will be most welcome.

Structure, Governance and Management

The role of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission. Its role is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical. During much of 2023 the parish was in interregnum and was indebted to local clergy for their assistance in maintaining the services. Particular thanks are due to Canon David Eaton (retired priest) and the Reverend Neil Vigers who were supported by the churchwardens, Linda Slater and Bernard Hawkins, and a host of local clergy. This situation changed on 24th October 2023 with the Institution and Induction of the Revd. Pru Dulley as Rector of the United Benefice of St. Michael's Betchworth and St. Mary's Buckland. The PCC has continued throughout to meet regularly and has ensured that the Village Church remained open during the major part of each day for visitors to enjoy, and for prayer and quiet contemplation.

PCC membership

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting. There is no specified term of office.

The members of the PCC who are also its trustees, are shown on page 1. A full list of church officials is as follows:

Incumbent	The Revd. Pru Dulley
Priest in Retirement	The Revd. Canon David Eaton
Churchwardens	Mr Bernard Hawkins Mrs Linda Slater
Treasurer	Mr Charles Hardy
Fabric Officer	Mr Steven Armitage
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs. Ginny Eaton Mrs Margaret Miller Mr Tom Briscoe
Elected members	Mrs Pam Armitage Mrs Sally Cronk (until 1/10/23) Mrs Hilary Ely Mrs Rosemary Leach Mrs Rosemary Mote Mr. Richard Perkins

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Organist & Choirmaster

Mr. Martin Hall

Safeguarding Officer:

Mrs Margaret Miller

Committees

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), Treasurer, Fabric Officer, and PCC Secretary.

Upper Mole Group Council (which reports to the PCC): Membership consists of the Rectors, Clergy and Churchwardens of Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham, Leigh, Charlwood and Sidlow, and discusses joint events and the way ahead as a group.

Other sub-committees: These are formed on an ad hoc basis. The Education and Outreach and the Worship sub-committees continue to operate across the Benefice.

Education and Outreach, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

This is part of the development and growth of mission for both Parishes with a remit to

- Discuss and support the needs of young people, which includes services and activities for younger people, and links with schools and young people's groups
- To discuss prayer and action in the wider world for the desperately needy at home and abroad.
- To discuss how the local Church can reach out to the members of our community promoting and encouraging participation.
- To overview Christian study and education for adults and the younger generation in the parishes.
- Cover the planning of outside giving and develop a current giving plan for presentation to the PCC

The committee is a valuable medium to help plan and obtain support for outreach projects and our work with younger families in the villages. (See later detailed report Part 2)

Worship, Joint Parish Sub-Committee

The Rector, churchwardens, organist, musicians, service rota planners and choir director consider and guide all aspects of services and related activities for the United Benefice of St Michael's Betchworth and St Mary the Virgin Buckland.

The sub-committee is responsible to the PCC for reviewing and encouraging the worship life including:

- Being alert to trends and movements of worship.
- Assisting in providing a variety of experiences in worship reflecting the differing needs and tastes within the church community; and
- Participating in the planning of special occasions and assisting in the choice and provision of music in worship.

Specific Sub-Committees for St Michael's have met regularly throughout the year with reports elsewhere in this document. :-

Fabric

To support and guide the PCC on the repair, maintenance and management of the fabric and thereby serve the Church and Community in the implementation of the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

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Stewardship

To explore a variety of ways in which we can increase regular giving to the church and try to meet our Parish Support Fund target.

Magazine

To manage on behalf of the St Michael's Betchworth PCC the monthly production and distribution to all households in the civil Parish of Betchworth of a Parish Magazine, with a view to furthering community cohesion and without placing any financial burden on the Church.

Events (formerly Concerts and Recitals)

To plan and produce on behalf of St Michael's Betchworth PCC a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year to supplement the church's income and to enable projects and financial targets to be achieved. This to include making all necessary arrangements for a number of Concerts and Organ Concerts on the Kenneth Tickell organ, each year with the aim of achieving at least a financial break even on these events and to contribute to church funds or other designated purposes.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to facilitate the smooth running of the church in the village, and as stated above, to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social, and ecumenical.

Review of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023

The PCC met 6 times during the year and dealt with the usual routine affairs of the parish. Accordingly, there was no requirement for the Standing Committee to meet in the intervening months. The Council received regular reports on the following topics: -

Finance

Fabric and churchyard

Deanery Synod/ Diocesan Synod

Upper Mole Group of Churches

Education and Outreach

Safe Church Policy/ Health and Safety

Churchwardens' Report 2023

Achievements and Performance

Another unpredictable and challenging year as we worked towards the arrival of our new Rector. At the beginning of the year, we completely rewrote the parish profile and submitted this to the Diocese in time to meet the deadline for publication in the Church Times etc. Meanwhile the routine of the church services was maintained with the help of a variety of local clergy. This wasn't always easy and there was one week when no-one could be found, and a shortened service was led by churchwardens with Liz Vahey taking the service and Linda Slater reading a sermon prepared by the Area Dean. We remain indebted to all those who helped take our services and particularly David Eaton and Neil Vigers, who undertook such a large number of our services.

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Two applications were received in March, and strictly timetabled visits to both parishes arranged for April 12th. A successful "Meet the Author session" was held in the Church with Tammy Huf on April 15th and the interviews themselves took place on April 20th. Happily, a unanimous decision was reached by the four wardens and the two patrons. We were sworn to secrecy and went into limbo waiting anxiously for the announcement of the appointment. By sheer good fortune the Bishop of Croydon was taking the morning service at Buckland on May 7th, the Coronation weekend, and she was thrilled to announce the appointment of the Reverend Pru Dulley as our new Rector.

A date was set for Pru's Induction and Institution at the beginning of October, and plans finalised by the end of May for the Diocese to adapt the Rectory to suit Pru's disabled needs. Some adaptation of the churches was also necessary as Pru wouldn't be able to mount the steps to reach the high altar. Accordingly, a new mobile nave altar was purchased, and this was accommodated in the nave along with the gift of a Steinway grand piano which Martin Hall had acquired from a defunct Walton church.

By now we were also worrying about the impact the Rainwater project would have on our activities, particularly three weddings due during this time. The west door was blocked by scaffolding and equipment. All the Brides were advised of the restrictions and efforts made to obscure the scaffolding, which finally arrived at the end of July.

As we entered the holiday period checks on progress at the Rectory showed that nothing had been started and urgent requests for action were made to the Diocese who saw no real problem. However, as we were ready to start issuing invitations to the Induction, we established that the new stair lift wasn't going to be installed in time for Pru's arrival in mid-September, making it impossible for her to take up residence as planned. Panic calls to the Diocese revealed that the Bishop and Arch Deacon were both on leave and a delay to the Induction had to be negotiated with a very unhappy Bishop's Chaplain. At this stage spirits were raised by a Pillars Event in the village hall where "Stars in their Eyes" was produced with amazing performances by our village folk raising yet more funds for the Fabric of St Michael's.

Just in time the Rainwater project was completed, although the unshrouding of the organ was delayed, and the major spring cleaning organised by Pam had to be put back. Nevertheless, by October 24th all was finally set for Pru's Induction by the Bishop of Southwark. A full church welcomed her, and we started to admire her determination as she completed all the rituals from her wheelchair. Time to give thanks for the sloped walkway constructed behind the organ when this was installed!

So, the last two months of the year became a period of learning with Pru getting to grips with our local customs and the parishes adjusting to a priest on wheels. This process continues and we are now used to moving the nave altar to make room for Pru and her wheelchair. In time we plan to make this easier by removing some pews, but this will take time.

Once again, our knitters excelled themselves and produced a Christmas Tree filled with snakes and mice puppets. Christmas this year saw a higher attendance than recently, and the Crib Service saw a record attendance. We hope this is a welcome trend which augers well for the future. Needless to say, we are still in need of extra volunteers to augment the many folk who do so much for St Michael's throughout the year. Our sincere thanks to you all as without you the church would not be able to function. This year you will need to find at least one new warden as both Linda and I will be successively standing down having dealt with two interregnums and the Covid period, it is now time to start passing on these responsibilities to fresh hands. Linda and I thank you for all your tremendous support and wish you well as the Revd Pru develops her ministry here. God Bless you all.

Bernard Hawkins and Linda Slater, Churchwardens

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St Michael's Safeguarding APCM Report 2023

A Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is there to be a contact for anyone who is, or thinks another is being controlled, suffering abuse or may be at risk of physical or mental harm. Details of organisations offering advice and support are on the noticeboard in the Church porch, as are all the details of the Parish and Southwark Diocese Safeguarding team.

During 2023 changes have taken place in the Parish, however now we have welcomed Rev Pru Dulley, the Safeguarding notices in the porch have been updated with contact details for anyone with a Safeguarding concern.

Southwark Diocese requires all PCC members and those having any contact with vulnerable adults or children to take the on-line Safeguarding Training courses, in order to make themselves aware of the various situations where one's own safety could be controlled or challenged. Safeguarding training courses can be found at: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php>

As with all Church of England Parishes, we have declared our intention to be a **Safer Church**, according to the House of Bishops' declaration. This was reviewed by the PCC each March; a copy of this policy is on the Porch notice board and the St Michael's Church website.

A copy of the Safeguarding manual 'A Safer Church' is held in the Church and can also be found on the Southwark Diocese website.

Contact details for the PSO in this Parish are in the Parish magazine, on the Noticeboard in the Church Porch and on the Parish website.

Margaret Miller

(PSO for St Michael's Betchworth)

Annual Fabric Report 2024

The Protection and Maintenance of the Fabric

1. Roof Repairs 2023

- Tim Gough penultimate invoice issued in accordance with budget, final account will be in May 2024, this will take us over budget but should only be one day work, around £1500 ex VAT
- 2.5% of contractors account retained until May 2024 when the balance will be paid providing the works remain satisfactory (known as the Defects Liability Period)

2. Future Maintenance Works

2.1 Annual Roof Health Check

- Annual gutter clean
- Overall roof inspection off ladders

Action - Scott Fordham instructed to undertake in December 2024

2.2 Rising Damp

- We need to monitor the vestry damp to see if the rainwater pipe repair has helped this
- We need to investigate the damp around the font and around the west door

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Action - Review both areas in the summer 2024 to consider actions at that time

2.3 Patch Decoration

- To be held off pending monitoring of the rising damp and the font report and consider again in summer

3.0 Future Capital Works

3.1 Moving pews

It seems removing the front two pews is feasible, there is no apparent service routes so the main work would be making good to the tiled floor. We debated leaving the back of one pew as a bookshelf and kneeler rack, but this is tricky to get stability and would mean a new matching timber installation of carving up one if the redundant pews. My view is it is better to leave the pew open as the current arrangement.

I question if removing two pews really addresses the issue of creating an open multi functional space for music/meetings/arts etc. There is a risk the area becomes just wider circulation.

I suggest we think wider and consider another two pews (4 in total), I accept this could create a disconnect between the choir/vicar and the congregation, so I propose we investigate the ability to temporarily remove pews 3 & 4 for events. They would be re-fixed in situ for the majority of the time.

Action – I have obtained digital floor plans so we can review options and invite quotations for selected options. Then we need to make faculty application, to include.

1. The benefits we perceive.
2. A short congregation consultation to add weight to the case for the faculty

3.2 Permanent Disabled access

Whether this is to the south or west this is a big project likely to require re-grading the external ground levels, making good and external structural work around the door and the threshold. It will require a Faculty (Planning Permission) and in my view this is going to be high risk. The works will change the look and proportions of one of the main entrances of a Grade 1 listed building.

In the view of Tim Gough his desk top estimate is £100k ex VAT.

Action – PCC to consider abandoning permanent disabled access in lieu of a better temporary access to be worked up in conjunction with new entrance screens/doors

3.3 New Glazed Doors/Entrance

Refurbish outer west doors and replace inner door with a new glazed inner screen/doors, the purpose being for outer doors to be open during the day allowing visibility through into the church. Simultaneously to upgrade temporary disabled access.

Action – to agree if this becomes a project and identify specialist glazing contractors – the new vestry people?

Stephen Armitage 10th March 2024

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Electoral Roll and Church attendance

The Electoral Roll shows the following numbers:

	31 December 2021	31 December 2022	31 December 2023
Within the parish	46	37	36
Outside the parish	76	81	69
	<hr/> 122	<hr/> 118	<hr/> 105

Linda Slater our Electoral Roll Officer has advised that at 31st December 2023 we had 105 names on the roll, 36 within the parish and 69 outwith the parish.

Average weekly attendance in 2023 was 34 adults. Attendance at major festivals totalled 104 on Easter Day and 118 on Christmas Day.

There were 7 weddings 1 marriage blessing, 2 Baptisms and 9 funerals.

Upper Mole Group

(Comprising the Parishes of Betchworth, Buckland, Charlwood, Sidlow Bridge, Brockham and Leigh). The Group Council consists of Licensed Clergy and Churchwardens of the six Churches.

The Upper Mole Group has not met this year as there was only and with only one cleric remaining in post for most of the year and virtually all shared events have ceased. It is hoped that Clergy members will continue to meet regularly now that new incumbents have been appointed.

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Reigate Deanery Synod Report 2023

The Synod scheduled the following meetings in 2023:

14/03/23 March - Leslie Jackson in the Chair. (Lay)

Rev Martin Colton – Reigate Area Dean.

Mothers Union address by **Hilary Richardson** - Packs available for all Parishes.

Group Discussions on **Diocese Vision Statement** - 'Walking with Jesus', 'Welcoming All', 'Growing in numbers'. **Welcare** (Family) Charity – Discussion on funding this charity by **Chris Elliott**. **RASJY (Chris Elliott)** Speaker. Awareness talk on Modern Slavery.

<https://reigatedeanery.org.uk/rasif>

Invite by **Rev Martin** to join the Deanery Leadership Team. **Childrens Champion** – Jo, St John's reminded that regular meets with 'champions' from other parishes essential and beneficial.

Safeguarding Training - PCC Members Require: Basic Awareness (CO) & Foundation (CI)

Courses. **Diocesan Synod Meeting** held 11th March at St Peter's Battersea. **Carbon Footprint Energy Tool** online.

21/06/23 JUNE Meeting, Christ the King, Salfords - Area Dean in the Chair. MC.

Vote taken: Lay Chair – Leslie Jackson. **Treasurer** – Fiona Hawker. **Secretary** – Alexia Hartman. **Deanery Mission Action Plan** circulated. Attendees asked what the priorities are in next three years. **Reigate Deanery asks Diocesan Synod to debate a motion** calling for Gen Synod to review how CofE weddings have changed since pandemic and asking Government to change the law allowing CofE Ministers to conduct weddings outside of CofE registered settings. Following a Vote: In favour: 26, Against 8, Abstain 11. **ECO Church** – CofE calls for all parts of the church to be 'net zero carbon' by 2030. **Surrey C.C.** are currently running a solar panel scheme. **Quiet Day Wychcroft** scheduled for **23rd March 2024**. Booking in advance essential.

12/10/23 OCT Meeting, St John's, Redhill - Area Dean in the Chair.MC.

Group discussions on **Shared Values** from Diocesan Vision Draft. Topics included: JOY, JUSTICE/HOPE, LOVE, COMMUNITY, HUMILITY, HOSPITALITY & GROWTH.

Deanery Priorities for the future: 1. Maintaining high levels of Stipendiary clergy and growing lay ministries. 2. Growing existing churches & establishing new worshipping communities. 3. Becoming younger and more diverse. 4. Deepening our Discipleship. 5. Seeking the healing of our communities and our World.

Further clarification requested re weddings review. One main concern being a reduction in church weddings. Hilary Richardson thanked the parishes for their Food Bank support. Demand has increased with a need for more donations.

Tom Briscoombe Deanery Synod Rep - Betchworth & Buckland

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Finance

This year has been another challenging year for the church financially. Whilst we have once again paid in full our parish pledge of £34,034 (2022: £33,704), the General Fund saw an excess of expenses over income of £3,482 (2022: surplus income of £5,500). Last year, we benefitted from a legacy of £5,000, whereas there were none such this year, and our expenses continue to rise as inflation continues to bite. In addition, we transferred £10,000 to the Fabric Fund to help pay for the substantial roof repair project we have undertaken, meaning the general fund at 31 December 2023 showed a depleted balance of £68,597.

The roof repair work used all the resources in our Fabric Fund and more. We hope to receive a further grant of some £19,000, which will mean that the fund will be close to break-even: currently, the deficit stands at £21,560.

As a consequence of all the above, our finances remain precarious.

Reserves Policy

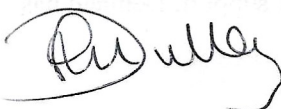
It is the policy of the PCC to seek to maintain adequate, but not excessive, reserves, to be used for the specific purposes for which they are identified. Cash representing reserves not immediately required is, if appropriate, invested with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Other Information

There have been no transactions between the PCC and related parties (as defined by the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP) nor has the PCC identified any major risks (other than the availability of continued funding, a topic of continued consideration by the PCC) which impact the work of the Church in the parish.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
And signed on its behalf by

P Dulley
Rector



18 March 2024

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') of St Michael's Church, Betchworth

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and S.145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider 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 my responsibility:

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

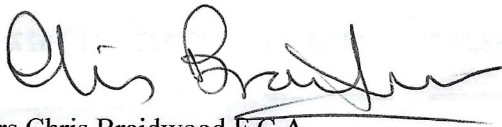
Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence which 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 give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Chris Braidwood F.C.A.
Chartered Accountant
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Surrey RH3 7DJ

18 March 2024

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2023

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources (Note 2)				
Incoming resources from donors	47,206	49,920	97,126	62,512
Income from ancillary transactions	14,625	-	14,625	17,987
Other ordinary income	601	-	601	426
Income from investments	4	-	4	-
Total incoming resources	62,436	49,920	112,356	80,925
Resources used (Note 3)				
Grants & donations	4,103	-	4,103	3,900
Activities directly relating to the church	61,677	-	61,677	59,823
Church management and administration	138	-	138	231
Church repairs	-	119,023	119,023	5,640
Total resources used	65,918	119,023	184,941	69,594
Net movement in cash funds	(3,482)	(69,103)	(72,585)	11,331
Transfer to Fabric Fund	(10,000)	10,000	-	-
Net Current Assets brought forward from 31 December 2022	82,079	37,543	119,622	108,291
Net Current Assets carried forward at 31 December 2023	68,597	(21,560)	47,037	119,622
Organ brought forward			271,808	278,438
Depreciation of organ			(6,629)	(6,630)
Organ carried forward			265,179	271,808
Total Net Assets at 31 December 2023			312,216	391,430

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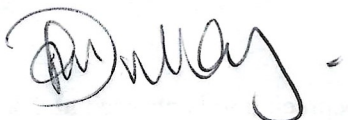
Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets (Note 6)		
Organ	265,179	271,808
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	49,455	122,957
Debtors	1,731	1,618
	51,186	124,575
Current Liabilities		
Wedding fees received in advance	-	(400)
Other creditors	(4,149)	(4,553)
	(4,149)	(4,953)
Net current assets	47,037	119,622
Total Assets	312,216	391,430
Funds		
General fund	68,597	82,079
Fabric fund	(21,560)	37,543
Organ fund	265,179	271,808
Total Funds	312,216	391,430

These accounts were presented to the Parochial Church Council and approved by them on 18 March 2024

Signed by:

P Dulley
Rector



**Notes to the accounts
31 December 2023**

1. Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

General Fund

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council (the 'PCC') that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC.

Income Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

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

Planned giving received from pledges is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on pledges or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised from events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books, leaflets and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Resources Used

General expenses

General expenses are accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The parish pledge is accounted for as it is paid. Any pledge amount unpaid at 31 December is not provided for in the accounts as it is an optional (and not a legal) liability. For 2023, the full pledge of £34,034 (2021: £33,704) has been paid.

Organ

Direct building costs of the organ have been capitalised. Depreciation is charged at 2% p.a. to write off the total cost over 50 years.

St. Michael's Church, Betchworth Parochial Church Council

Notes to the accounts 31 December 2023

	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2. Incoming resources				
2a. Income resources from donors				
Covenants	34,809	3,420	38,229	41,943
Collections at services	7,774	-	7,774	7,301
Sundry donations	4,623	10,500	15,123	5,768
Grants	-	36,000	36,000	1,500
Legacies	-	-	-	6,000
	<u>47,206</u>	<u>49,920</u>	<u>97,126</u>	<u>62,512</u>
2b. Income from ancillary transactions				
Magazine	7,908	-	7,908	8,302
Fees re: weddings, burials etc	6,063	-	6,063	4,979
Events	558	-	558	-
Flowers	96	-	96	149
Brockham Bonfire	-	-	-	-
Confetti sales	-	-	-	40
Insurance claim	-	-	-	4,517
	<u>14,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,625</u>	<u>17,987</u>
2c. Other ordinary income				
Sundry sales	388	-	388	165
Contribution from Buckland to Benefice costs.	213	-	213	261
	<u>601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>426</u>
2d. Income from investments				
Interest	4	-	4	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>62,436</u>	<u>49,920</u>	<u>112,356</u>	<u>80,925</u>

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	General fund- unrestricted £	Fabric fund- restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3. Resources used				
3a. Grants & donations				
Charitable giving (see Note 4)	4,103	-	4,103	3,900
3b. Activities directly relating to the work of the church				
Diocesan quota and fees	35,678	-	35,678	34,766
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	581
Lighting, heating, and water	1,953	-	1,953	2,755
Church maintenance	994	-	994	2,475
Magazine costs	4,084	-	4,084	3,724
Upkeep of churchyard	6,480	-	6,480	4,275
Organist	4,394	-	4,394	3,383
Music costs	133	-	133	34
Organ and piano servicing, etc.	1,454	-	1,454	1,844
Organ concert costs	-	-	-	-
Harvest supper/lunch costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance	4,508	-	4,508	5,257
Church activities	1,999	-	1,999	729
	61,677	-	61,677	59,823
3c. Church management and admin				
Paper and printing	138	-	138	231
3d. Church repairs				
Architect's fees	-	3,780	3,780	1,350
Roof repairs	-	115,243	115,243	-
Gable Cross repairs	-	-	-	4,290
	-	119,023	119,023	5,640
Total resources used	65,918	119,023	184,941	69,594

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4. Donations

	2023 £	2022 £
General Donations		
Welcare	200	200
Bishop of Southwark Lent Fund	617	400
Church Urban Fund	150	300
Farming Communities Network	150	160
The Bible Society	75	80
Royal British Legion	200	400
Lungi Sierra Leone	750	800
Jerusalem & Middle East Church Ass'n	288	-
Practical Action	750	800
Robes Project	300	360
	<u>3,480</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Donations from crib service		
The Children's Society	600	150
Disaster Emergency Committee - Ukraine	-	150
	<u>600</u>	<u>300</u>
Other		
Fairtrade	23	-
St. Bede's	-	100
	<u>23</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>4,103</u>	<u>3,900</u>

NB: The Children's Society benefitted from collections at the church amounting to £356 (2022: £399), which were paid to them directly.

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5. Magazine (2b and 3b)

	2023 £	2022 £
Income comprises:		
Donations	3,131	3,328
Advertising	4,777	4,974
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	7,908	8,302
Expenditure comprises:		
Printing costs	(4,084)	(3,724)
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Balance	3,824	4,578
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6. Organ

	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets comprise:		
Cost	331,473	331,473
Depreciation	(66,294)	(59,665)
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Net book value	265,179	271,808
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