

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
Green and Forest Fields**

(Registered charity, number 1132850)

**Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Full name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields

Other names by which the charity is known

St Stephen with St Paul PCC

PCC of St Stephen with St Paul Hyson Green (working name)

Registered charity number 1132850

Principal address

St Stephen's Church, Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5GZ

Trustees

Rev Clive Burrows, Vicar

Lesley Silcock, Treasurer

Sharon Bravo, Minute Secretary

Jean McCloughry, Warden

Stephen Paget, Warden, from 30/04/23

Sandra Brailsford, Reader

Jenny Lewin, Reader

Folasade Sowunmi, Reader

Graham Lewin

Mohammed Ashtari

Karen Burrows

Deirdre Dixon

Peter Dixon

Tamin Fetrat

Arash Shayegan

Linford Grant

Albert Gill

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

We are governed in our operation and formulation by the Canons of the Church of England and Pastoral measures. Members are elected and appointed at AGM. The membership of the PCC lasts three years before stepping down for a year. Officers are excluded.

Trustees are elected at APCM.

Objectives and activities

The principal aims of the PCC are to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, to spread the word of Jesus Christ in the area of Hyson Green and Forest Fields and minister to the people who live there.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

2023 has been another busy year in the life of our vibrant, multicultural, inner city church. We continue to pursue our aim of 'Crossing Cultures with Christ'. Our leadership and participation in church life expresses that desire and a new Reader was licensed to that end.

We have developed our technology and ways of working so that we could reach out to more people across the country, and even abroad. We have continued to use a mixed approach to meeting, with some preferring to meet in person and others, especially those that are more vulnerable, preferring to meet on Zoom.

As a way of reaching out to the people in our parish, letting them know that we exist and that we care about them, we once again delivered Christmas cards to many homes in our parish. Together with the card we included a prayer card. On this card we offered to pray for people, if they returned the card letting us know their needs.

On Tuesday evenings we hold an online Al Massira course for people from a Muslim background. The course takes about 6 months to complete and has about 30 members. When the course has been completed members move to another group that also meets online on Thursday evenings. We have studied the book of Matthew over the course of the year. The Farsi speakers are mostly from Iran and Afghanistan. After sharing news, reading a psalm together in Farsi and singing worship songs in Farsi, we divide into 3 breakout rooms for the Bible study. The groups are well attended and the members seem to be enthusiastic about attending. We have continued to serve the most vulnerable with deliveries of hygiene products, kindly given to us by another voluntary sector organisation, the Hygiene Bank.

Children, young people and families have always been an important part of the life of our church. During this year we have tried different ways of supporting and including them during services with special children's activities, involvement in all age worship, including leading the service, and a summer programme. We take regular assemblies at our local schools and they visit the church for Experience Easter and Christingle. Once a month on Saturday mornings we hold Messy Church for families which attracts about 40 people. We have a large team of about 20 people that help facilitate the event, which includes lunch afterwards.

Our leadership training programme is helping new people to come forward to help lead. One of our members was ordained deacon at Southwell Minister in July and is serving as a curate at St Nicholas' Church in Nottingham.

Despite a year of reduced income, the church has given away nearly £10,000 including to those less fortunate in our own community and those in other parts of the world.

54 people were confirmed in January 2023 by our diocesan bishop at St Nicholas' Church in Nottingham.

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Financial review

We have had a better financial year. We have managed to make our HMRC request for Gift Aid but are still behind on this. Our utility bills have increased substantially.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity aims to keep 3 months running costs as reserves.

Major financial risks

The financial risk that the charity faces is an ageing congregation and newcomers with little money.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Clive R. Burrows Date 21/04/24
Rev Clive Burrows, Vicar, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
Green and Forest Fields
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed  Date 25/4/24
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

2022					2023
Total			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£		Note	£	£	£
Receipts					
61836	Grants & donations	2	68504	6200	74704
-	Gift Aid		16628	-	16628
-	Legacies		1000	-	1000
-	Fundraising		148	-	148
155	Bank interest		1683	-	1683
1288	Sales & fees		1020	-	1020
444	Sundry receipts		160	-	160
63723	Total receipts		89143	6200	95343
Payments					
-	Bank charges		29	-	29
647	Children & young people costs		331	-	331
14010	Church		18332	-	18332
9480	Giving		7635	2455	10090
793	Hospitality & activities		773	-	773
1529	Incumbent, Curate and Priest expenses		1063	-	1063
540	Legal & professional fees		552	-	552
4224	Major repairs & redecoration		1866	-	1866
9945	Office		11689	-	11689
39624	Parish share		40092	-	40092
125	Pledge envelopes		-	-	-
3521	Service expenses		2662	-	2662
84438	Total payments		85024	2455	87479
(20715)	Net receipts/(payments)		4119	3745	7864
246367	Cash funds at start of this period		224606	1046	225652
225652	Cash funds at end of this period		228725	4791	233516

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2023**

2022		2023
£		£
<u>225652</u>	Cash assets	<u>233516</u>
<u>225652</u>	Bank accounts	<u>233516</u>
	Other monetary assets	
540	Loan	380
14000	Gift aid receivable	-
<u>456</u>	Prepayments - service expenses	<u>492</u>
<u>14996</u>		<u>872</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Noticeboard purchased October 2018, cost £844.	
	Photocopier purchased November 2018, cost £4,118.	
	Television purchased June 2019, cost £1,049.	
	Scaffold tower purchased July 2019, cost £1,368.	
	Laptop purchased October 2020, cost £799.	
	CCTV system purchased April 2022, cost £2,659.	
	Alarm system purchased September 2022, cost £1,109.	
	Liabilities	
<u>(552)</u>	Creditors - legal & professional fees	<u>(612)</u>
<u>(552)</u>		<u>(612)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed L. Silcock
Lesley Silcock, Trustee

Dated 21/4/2024

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
CAF/UKET vouchers	1000	-	1000
Church collections	3647	-	3647
Covenanted giving	46359	-	46359
SumUp donations	1697	-	1697
Pledge envelopes	1140	-	1140
Gift Day & other donations	14661	6200	20861
	68504	6200	74704

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds				
Church general fund	104606	89143	(85024)	108725
Designated development fund	120000	-	-	120000
	224606	89143	(85024)	228725
Restricted funds				
Roof fund	-	3745	-	3745
Sound desk fund	1046	-	-	1046
Special collections	-	2455	(2455)	-
	1046	6200	(2455)	4791

Special collections comprised £2,420 for Tearfund and £35 for The Children's Society.

4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

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5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

6. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.