



**FOREST ROW PARISH
ANNUAL REPORT
2023**



**The Annual Report of the Trustees
of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Forest Row
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row

St Dunstan's Church, Ashurst Wood

St Stephen's Church, Hammerwood (Closed)

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Parochial Church Council of Forest Row

Trustees Annual Report for 2023

Introduction

2023 has been a learning curve for all of us. Although, the Venerable Angela officially didn't leave until the middle of April, we really felt our interregnum had started in January, as Angela along with Gareth, was on Sabbatical. Our grateful thanks to them both for their nearly nine years in our Parish. Many thanks for always being there in the face of our community, at public occasions and being able to support many through times of joy and sadness with Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Also, through the pandemic, she produced numerous services on line, thanks to all the technical help which she received from her family and she started Morning Prayer on line, which continues and organised the weekly bulletin. This is a great form of outreach and mission to our Parish, as this goes out to over 160 every week.

During the year our numbers at regular services have been constant, but it is sad that some have not returned since pre-Covid. We are relying on a relatively small number trying to keep our Churches running and unfortunately nobody is getting any younger! This again has had an impact on the governance of the church. This year we have not been able to fill all the places on our Parochial Church Council, meaning we have only three quarters of the number of people we need to run as an effective PCC. We are grateful to those who have volunteered their time and talent and would like to make it known that without their time and dedication we would be in a very difficult position. Particularly, we need to say thank you to Ian King and Keith Stacey, who have kept the Church and Parochial accounts through the year.

With the very grateful help of many clergy, especially Revd Chris Sutton, Revd Karen Higgs and Revd Canon Julia Peaty, we have been able to keep our normal pattern of services running for the majority of the year.

We have celebrated all the major festivals with great gusto and despite the reduced numbers, the celebrations of Epiphany, Candlemas, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Ascension, Trinity, Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas have been kept with fervent prayer and praise. We have also continued to faithfully meet together on zoom for daily morning prayer.

MISSION

Throughout the year it has been wonderful to have a mix of Clergy, listening to various preachments, which has for many been inspirational.

More people have taken up reading 'New Daylight' a publication with daily scripture readings and meditations. Our morning prayer group spend time thinking about the various saints and martyrs as well as reflecting on scripture.

During Lent, we met in Holy Trinity Hall and studied the Diocesan Lent Course 'Who then is this?' written especially for the year of the Old Testament. All those who attended participated and shared in each session.

During Advent, unfortunately for the first time, we didn't participate in a course. Hopefully, this will start again in the future.

The monthly Parish News goes out to over 450 in Forest Row, Ashurst Wood and Hammerwood. Our grateful thanks to Michael Ricks and Wendy Stacey for all the ongoing work they put into this publication.

The weekly on line bulletin, that goes out to over 160, keeps many in touch with the Churches' services and activities and hopefully will encourage more to enter our doors on a more regular basis.

Mission is all about joining in with God's work, it does mean that God's work doesn't get done if we don't do it. It means that if we lose touch with our creator, we miss out on the blessings we receive when we join in with his work.

Conclusion

2023 has been a challenging year for our Churches and thankfully we have survived. Looking forward, we hope and pray that our Profile will help to encourage a new Priest to come to our Parish, to lead us in our worship and hopefully to help our Churches to grow and continue to be central to both our villages.



Simon Morris and June Spoor

Statutory Reports

Fabric Goods and Ornaments

Holy Trinity Church

During the last year we have been able to fulfil a number of necessary repairs and issues. My grateful thanks to Graham Bedford, who continues to take control of our fabric maintenance and also reports to the DCC through the year.

Roof repairs to the Hall are still ongoing. During the year we negotiated a grant from the National Churches Trust of £1,288. With the scaffolding having been erected recently, we hope the work will have been completed by the date of the APCM.

A number of gas leaks have been repaired and routine boiler maintenance has been carried out. With this a few problems were encountered. We now have a specialist firm looking after the hall warm air boiler.

During the year we commenced research into options for replacement of our ageing boiler, including electrical infrared, air to water heat pumps and simply a new gas boiler. This is an ongoing situation.

Routine electrical repairs including repair of heating convectors and replacement of one external light fitting, have been carried out.

The hall was used as a "Warm Room" during the winter months 2022/2023. The local Parish Council made a grant of £750 towards our additional heating costs.

The clock was serviced as usual and thankfully has kept to time!

The organ blower was serviced in July. The organ and piano have both been tuned once during the year. The organ trumpet stop needs work at some point as there is a high level of dirt, dust and grit which does not help the tuning. When money allows, we hope this could be rectified, although some form of cover may be needed to avoid this happening again, as it is close to the archway.

The sound system continues to be monitored.

A new lock has been fitted on the coffee cupboard door.

The damaged sign board at St Stephen's Hammerwood was repaired, painted and put back up.

During the year, the Church has had an occasional 'spring' clean and my grateful thanks to those who have helped on these occasions. Thank you to Jeff Horner and his team for grass cutting during the year and also to Graham Bedford, who is also helping with the garden alongside the Vicarage garden. It is always so wonderful that people enter our Church and garden so regularly and that they have the opportunity to enjoy such welcoming environments.

My special thanks go to Pamela Bainbridge and Carol Holden who have very kindly opened and locked the Church through the year and help our Church stay open 7 days a week.

My thanks to all members of the congregation who continue to make our Church such a special place in the lives of the community.

Simon Morris – Churchwarden

St Dunstan's Church

Fabric

By far the most significant project in 2023 has been the replacement of the heating system in the worship area. This time last year a decision had been taken to replace the gas powered hot air blower system with new electric infra-red heaters. A decision on the application for a faculty for the new system was awaited. The choice of new system was based partly on cost but more importantly on the environmental benefits of changing from gas to electric. The new system has been in use since October and is working satisfactorily.

The flat roof adjoining the office has been repaired following storm damage. This involved covering the whole area with fibreglass and finishing with fibreglass impregnated paint which should give it a long life. The cost, excluding the excess of £250, was met by the insurers.

The gable ends at the front and rear of the Church have been repainted and essential re-pointing has been undertaken. The servicing of the hall boiler, fire alarm system, fire extinguishers and kitchen shutters has been undertaken as well as the tuning of the organ.

Ornaments

A plaque has been placed at the entrance to the hall recognising the generous bequest by Don Rootes which enabled the replacement of the church heating system.

June Spoor, Churchwarden

St Stephen's Churchyard, Hammerwood

The Church Building

A formal draft "Pastoral Scheme" was issued by the Church Commissioners in April 2021 to provide for the lease of the closed church and part of the Churchyard for "cultural, social, and community purposes and for occasional Christian worship." The period for representations to be made ended on the 27th May 2021. As far as I know the matter is still in the hands of Solicitors.

Churchyard Use

There were no burials and no interment of ashes. What ever happens to the church building, the churchyard will remain open and available for use by anyone living in the parish of Forest Row.

Churchyard Maintenance

This has been carried out by me with help from Kate Bryant. We will re-commence mowing in the spring, that is, if it ever dries up enough!

The Quinquennial Inspections of Holy Trinity and St Dunstan's were carried out in 2021/22 but the graveyard at St Stephens was not included in either. It was hoped that responsibility for most of the perimeter walling and the lych gate would have transferred to a new lease holder by now but that has not happened yet. If we are to remain liable for the maintenance of those elements, then financial provision needs to be made for maintenance. At the moment, we only mow the areas used for ashes and burials together with the grass paths. Some work was done on trees and shrubs which were beginning to obstruct access.

Notice Board

The notice board, damaged by a falling branch, was refurbished, painted and re-erected on new posts.

Graham Bedford



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

We continue to update various members of our congregations with their DBS renewal. Some members of the PCC plus others, have completed online safeguarding training, so we are able to continue with Open the Book, Play Café, Little Saplings (Sunday School) and taking Holy Communion to the housebound, therefore extending our outreach to the wider community.

There are various items in both churches with contact details of who and where to contact if there are concerns of abuse in children or vulnerable adults.

Marilyn Morris

Music and Worship

2023 has certainly been a challenging year, with Angela on Sabbatical from January to March and then we were officially into our Interregnum in the middle of April. As already stated, we have been extremely grateful to all the clergy who have kindly led our worship and given their time to our Parish.

All the major festivals have been celebrated, although some were moved to the nearest Sunday, i.e. Epiphany, Candlemas, Ascension and All Saints'. Through the year we continued our pattern of 8am and 10am services alternating between Holy Trinity and St Dunstan's. Our Worship Group has continued to lead services on the 5th Sunday of the month. These have been warmly received, leading Candlemas, an Easter service, Summer service and Bible Sunday. The group would welcome more support if anyone would like to join them. There have only been three occasions during the year when the Churchwardens have led twice with Morning Prayer and the Harvest Thanksgiving. In May we held a Coronation Celebration Service for Charles III with Afternoon Cream Tea.

During the year 'ecumenically' the 'World Day of Prayer' took place in March at the Baptist Church, the annual 'Walk of Witness' from Holy Trinity to the Baptist Church took place on Good Friday, the Remembrance Sunday service took place at Holy Trinity in November and Advent Sunday was celebrated at the Baptist Church.

I am pleased to say we have 10 members of the choir who regularly sing for all services at Holy Trinity.

Sadly, in the latter part of the year, Kay Taylor died at the grand age of nearly 102. A great achievement for a wonderful lady, who was an inspiration to us all. It was lovely to have a few past members of the choir come back to sing at her funeral. Although small in number, we have continued to sing anthems at the majority of our services and manage to recruit one or two extras for special occasions. During late April, May and June the choir were joined to

make the Festival Choir, leading to our annual Charity Concert, which was a great success raising £800. We completed the year by leading the Parish Carol Service which was a wonderful evening, ending our Christmas Tree Festival.

My grateful thanks for the support I have been given by all the congregation, not forgetting the choir, who give such a commitment, throughout the year. My thanks to Nicholas Smith, Chris Harris and Geoff Hempstead for playing the organ helping with services and also Weddings and Funerals at both churches if I am unavailable.

Both Church organs and the piano have been tuned during the year. Hopefully the work needed on Holy Trinity's may happen when funds allow.

I look forward to continue music making throughout the Parish during the next year.

Simon Morris (Parish Director of Music)



Children's Work

Open the Book



I would first like to pay tribute to the work Rev Rosie Hewson did to establish and maintain the work of Open the Book at Ashurst Wood School. Her enthusiasm is much missed. Since I took over the administration of Open the Book and engaged with the team we have been able to visit the school most months. I am pleased to welcome Lynne and Stephen Fallowell to the team, which now numbers 8 members. On February 12th we are hosting a regional training day and are excited to see how we can grow the work of Open the Book from here.

Reverend Karen Higgs

Schools

Forest Row Primary School

Since January, I have been leading worship once a month at the school following their Values of Fairness, Respect, Hope, Responsibility, Love and Kindness and Resilience. In addition to this the school have attended Holy Trinity to celebrate major festivals. The feedback from the school and the children has been positive and all enjoy these celebrations. The school recently underwent a Siam's inspection which concluded in its findings 'that Forest Row Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a church school.'

The report also acknowledged the improved partnership with the church. The school is building a stronger partnership with the parish church and local clergy. As a result, worship is led by clergy once a month and church leaders are a positive presence around the school. There is a growing relationship with other local churches and ministers lead worship in school. Harvest Festival, the Christmas Carol Service, Easter and the leavers service are celebrated at Holy Trinity church. These special times are thoroughly enjoyed and very well attended by pupils and family members.

We continue to look forward to further opportunities to engage with the school throughout the year.

Reverend Karen Higgs

Ashurst Wood Primary School

Since the spring I have been visiting the school once a month to take an afternoon assembly. This has been a wonderful way to follow up from the Open the Book assemblies and to keep continuity. This improved contact with the school has led to the school visiting St Dunstan's for both Harvest and Christmas services. Led by Deborah Matthews another successful Christingle service was held, attended by children from the school and their parents. In addition to this a small group of children and the Headteacher, Lisa Hobby, attended the Remembrance Service and laid a wreath at the memorial. We look forward to continued opportunities to engage with the school throughout the year.

Reverend Karen Higgs

Play Groups

St Dunstan's Play Café

We were all very sad to lose our lovely friend, Janet, who died in August. Janet helped to start up the Play Café and we really miss her sense of fun, her wise words and her skill in interacting with parents and little ones.

St Dunstan's Play Café will be celebrating its second Birthday on 17th March 2024.

During this past year Julie, Helen and Brenda have welcomed two new volunteers – Chris Slater and Jean Bloom to help us run the Play Café and they are valued members of our group.

We continue to run the Play Café every Friday in West Sussex term-time. To fit in with the village Primary School and Pre-School start times, we changed our start and finish time and we now open the Play Café from 9:00am and run until 11:00am. We provide hot and cold drinks, biscuits and toddler snacks in a warm, friendly environment.

We have kept our set up of toys the same as when we started and have had some lovely toys and craft items donated to us by a local family. There is an area especially for babies and plenty of toys for toddlers, including a 'home' corner', dressing up clothes, books, puzzles and an activity table for the older children featuring crafts such as play dough, colouring, cutting and sticking and some themed activities depending on the time of year.

During 2023 we welcomed 41 families, with a total of 53 children and babies. We have started to welcome more families from surrounding areas who have become regular members of our group.

During the summer when the weather is warmer, we continue to use the Church garden, putting out ride-on toys, 'playground chalks', bubbles and water play. We have chairs and picnic blankets for the adults and babies and have toys for the babies and toddlers as well.

St Dunstan's Play Café is continuing to be a thriving parent/carer and baby/toddler group in our village. We are very pleased with how the Play Café is going and feel we are providing a much-needed space for local families. We have received positive feedback from our families and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Julie Brown, Helen Dennis, Brenda Evans, Chris Slater & Jean Bloom

Eco Church

As Simon has mentioned, in 2023 it felt as though the interregnum had begun in January when Angela and Gareth went on Sabbatical. The Eco-Church Group felt somewhat adrift, as Gareth had been our Chairman and we hadn't actually considered the 'succession'! However we decided to try and carry on and Patrick has ably taken the lead in checking our status on the A Rocha website and he was agreeably surprised to find that we were nearer to achieving the Silver Award than we had thought, so that has been our focus in recent months.

It was felt that we needed to concentrate a little more on the Community and Global Engagement element and, while we couldn't organise a Green Fair at short notice, we did have a 'Green stall' at the Twinning Fair, with plenty of material available to provide starting points for conversations with members of the public, which proved interesting.

As regards to charities, we have been actively supporting Water Aid in the last year and it is regularly mentioned in the intercessions on Sundays. Our parish also supports Christian Aid and takes part in the World Day of Prayer.

We have gradually been able to engage more with the community and the 'new' Forest Row Parish Council elected last May. We were able to support the Christmas Trail, organised by the Forest Row Business Forum, which was a great success and brought many young families into the church. We hope to pursue closer cooperation with such events.

(Note: In the last few weeks confirmation has been received that our parish has achieved the A Rocha Silver Award. Much of the credit should go to Patrick who has worked hard to support our application. We have decided to take a break for now to consolidate, in the hope that a new vicar may soon be appointed and then we may 'go for gold'!)

The Eco Church Team – Julie Martin, Brenda Evans, Peter McLaren, Patrick Crawford.

Churches Together

We continue to meet on a regular basis with representatives of the Baptist Church. We continue with the Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at Holy Trinity Church and finishing at the Baptist Church with fellowship and refreshments.

The two churches organise a service on the World Day of Prayer. This alternates between the Baptist Church, Holy Trinity and St Dunstan's. It has now become the custom for our joint service at Advent to be the main morning service for both churches. This is normally at the Baptist Church. It is well attended and is part of our working together. We continue to discuss other ways of working together in a visible way in the villages.

Keith Stacey

Interim

12 ladies are attending on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Church hall. We had our usual Christmas lunch but this year at the Three Crowns, Ashurst Wood which was enjoyed by all who attended. Again we entered a tree at Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival called Baubles of Friendship. We are hoping to have a talk by one of our ladies on working for British Airways but in the mean time people seem to be happy chatting and having coffee.

Lin Smith



Outreach

Support for Charities

Given the financial situation the churches find themselves in the opportunities to support charities have been limited. However, they support charities during the year where they can and the congregations continue to respond well to appeals for specific projects. £497 was donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal being the church collections and money raised by the annual concert. £101 was donated to the Children's Society following the Christingle Service. The annual summer charity concert at Holy Trinity raises money for a different charity each year and £100 was donated to the Wildlife Fund, the charity nominated by the musicians.

Members of the congregations continue to use the collecting tubs to collect small change for a nominated charity. This is a good way of raising £200 or £300 for a small charity project that can make a real difference. £334 was sent to Spotlight UK, early in the year. This charity provides emotional and practical support to help increase the confidence and esteem of children and young people. We are currently collecting for Jigsaw, a local charity supporting children and young people through bereavement following the loss of a parent or sibling.

Patrick Crawford raised £435 (plus more through Gift Aid) for the Sussex Historic Churches Trust, cycling the lanes of East Sussex and Kent, visiting a variety of churches.

Keith Stacey

100 Club

Over the year we lost a couple of subscriptions, but as time progressed new members filled and then exceeded the previous numbers. We now have an end of year total of 113 tickets throughout our members. In consequence the monthly prize money has fluctuated, but currently stands at £272. This brings in a much needed boost to our Parish funds, but there is every need to climb to a higher total if at all possible. So if you meet anyone who might be interested in joining please encourage them to do so. Currently church funds are being boosted by £3,000 a year which is great, but could we make it £4,000 by this time next year? Maybe an extra ticket or two in your own membership? To conclude, I would like to thank everyone who contributes at present, without their generous support we would be in even greater financial difficulty than we are now.

Thank you.

Keith Major

Community Cafe at St Dunstan's

This is the 2023 annual report for the Community Café. The year was disrupted in the peak summer due to August closure to give volunteers a break, followed by the heating works within the Church itself which resulted in extending this closure by two weeks into early September on grounds of health and safety. Other than that, the café operated seamlessly the remainder of the year.

Some 40 volunteers fulfilling the essential tasks of cooks, assistant cooks, waiting staff, drivers, care taking, and administration/finance support, all under the continuing leadership of Frances Jupp, provided an outstanding Tuesday lunchtime service to customers, regular and occasional, and grateful thanks are expressed to all.

During 2023 the café served 1,339 (1,466) customers. In total 884 (874) soups, 1,269 (1,366) mains, and 1,088 (1,203) puddings were cooked and sold. The figures in brackets indicate the comparable figures for the previous year. Total

income from the sale of meals, including gratuities, totalled £9,590.57 (£9,790.37), while outgoings, including the cost of food and kitchen-related supplies, rent, a donation to St. Dunstan's Church of £370, and charity donations of £125 each to St. Catherine's Hospice and Evelina London Children's Charity, totalled £9,029.78 (£9,621.33). The weekly rent to the Church was £60 per week, which reflects both preparatory work in the kitchen on Mondays and use of the halls and kitchen on the Tuesdays. Prices of starters, mains and puddings remained unchanged at respectively £2, £4, and £2.

As of 31 December 2023, the café's accounts shows as £4,079. 14, slightly up on the previous year, when they stood at £3,529.35. The accounts have been independently examined by Mrs Alexandra Durrant, Chartered Accountant, in a personal capacity who, having examined the accounting records, bank statements, and invoices, confirmed that the accounts for the year "show a fair and balanced view of the transactions for 2023."

C J Rolley, Honorary Treasurer

Knit and Natter at Holy Trinity

The Knit and Natter group, have met on most first Tuesdays of the month during the year. Although our numbers fluctuate from meeting to meeting, everyone continues with their craft, either for themselves or for charity. We look forward to welcoming everyone, including new members, for a cup of coffee or tea, maybe biscuits or cake and a lot of talking, while hopefully some knitting, crocheting or needlework is undertaken.

Marilyn Morris

Coffee Mornings at St Dunstan's Church

Coffee mornings on the 2nd Saturday of each month have continued to be held at St Dunstan's throughout the year. We provide an informal space in Ashurst Wood to come and meet and have a chat. Our annual plant sale was held in May, which is always very popular.

Home made cakes, marmalade, jam and chutney are available for sale, all funds going to support St Dunstan's church.

Alison Harman

Holy Trinity Flowers



Flowers are arranged throughout the year to enhance the beauty of the building and give pleasure to those who attend the services and visit the Church. There are 6 ladies on the rota who provide flowers except in the seasons of Lent and Advent. This is augmented by another 5 who help decorate for Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Thank you to all these ladies. We are grateful for the donations we receive at Easter as a contribution to the cost of the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. If you would like to help with the flowers please do get in touch.

Lin Smith

St Dunstan's Flowers

Very many thanks to all our flower arrangers who faithfully provide flowers in the church throughout the year. We are few in number but work together as a team for the three major festivals – Easter, Harvest and Christmas and an occasional wedding! We are grateful also for the donations we receive at Easter as a contribution to the cost of the Easter Flowers, often in memory of a loved one. We can always use an extra pair of hands so if you would like to help with the flowers please do get in touch.

Wendy Stacey



Parish Day

During the successful “parish day” in November 2022, to which all members of the congregation were invited, the first three booklets in the CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) course materials were used, looking at the questions “Why does the Church exist”, “Why does the PCC exist” and “What is the best way to conduct our meetings”. We intend to hold a second parish day using the remaining three booklets: “Reviewing church life - worship”, “Reviewing church life - mission” and “Reviewing church life - community” Again, all members of the congregation will be invited, and we hope that as a result more will feel moved to join the PCC and DCC’s.

Tim Leeney and Keith Major

Social and Fundraising

Holy Trinity

A time of fellowship after services has again been very popular throughout the year. As a Parish we had the opportunity to say goodbye to Angela and Gareth at St Dunstan’s on April 16th when Cheese and Wine were served and gifts were presented, as part of our thank you for the nearly nine years they had been with us.

In May we celebrated the Coronation of Charles III and Queen Camilla, with a thanksgiving service followed by an Afternoon Cream Tea with Quiz, which was very successful and enjoyed by all those who attended.

In June the annual Charity Concert took place, with the Holy Trinity Festival Choir and Lingfield Prep Orchestra performing, raising £800 towards our Churches.

In September the annual ‘Ride and Stride’ took place, raising money for our Churches as well as Sussex Historic Churches Trust. Our thanks to Patrick Crawford and to all those who sponsored him.

As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving, Holy Trinity was opened to view the flowers and have light refreshments. As well as the Harvest service, in the afternoon a Cream Tea and a Quiz were held to finish a successful weekend.

In November, the R.B.L. Poppy Recital took place with Margaret Watson, Harp and Simon Morris, Piano, raising money jointly for the Poppy Appeal and our Churches.

During the autumn, Christmas Cards were available at both Churches. The weekend before Christmas the now annual ‘Christmas Tree Festival’ took place, which again brought many organisations and the community into the Church. Our grateful thanks to Graham Bedford and Patrick Crawford who helped to organise the event. The Festival concluded with the Parish Carol Service with Mulled Wine and Christmas refreshments afterwards.

Simon Morris – Churchwarden



St Dunstan’s

As previously mentioned the monthly coffee mornings continued throughout the year. Attendances have fluctuated but these provide a good opportunity for fellowship with the wider community and are a good source of income. We are grateful to Alison Harman for continuing to organise these and for her home-made marmalade, jam and mincemeat. The plant sale and other stalls at the May coffee morning were again very popular boosting the income in that month. The total received in 2023 from the coffee mornings etc was £1,177. We are indebted to Alison for her ongoing commitment to the success of the coffee mornings.

Richard Gooderson organised a Ukulele Concert in May which again proved popular and raised £265.

Our involvement in the Christmas Market changed this year. Instead of providing the mulled wine we served teas and coffee along with a choice of cakes. These proved popular and raised £130. The Market is now a slightly smaller affair. However, it is a good opportunity for the Church to be seen active in the community and, like the coffee mornings, provided an opportunity to renew acquaintances.

We were able to sell most of the remaining supply of note pads and Christmas Cards made by Rachel Hutchinson raising an additional £50.

Keith Stacey

A great way to contribute to the work and ministry of the Parish is by using our QR code.



Financial Review:

It will be seen from the accounts that the PCC generated a surplus in 2023. However, this was only made possible by the Diocese agreeing part way through the year to our request for a reduction of £12,000 in our original Parish Share pledge of £40,000.

Having taken into account the level of regular income, the PCC felt obliged to pledge to make Parish Share payments in 2024 of £1,000 a month. To put this into perspective, the full Parish Ministry Cost for a parish with a full time stipendiary Minister in 2024 is £81,445 and for a parish with a half time post is £52,557. The Diocese have been sympathetic and understand that it is difficult to increase income significantly during an interregnum but Parish Share payments at this level cannot carry on.

Going forward, to sustain our two churches we have to ask the congregation to review their giving and to increase it where possible. The Annual Report highlights some successful fundraising projects that have been held during the year and we are grateful to the organisers of these events. However, they have made a comparatively small contribution to overall income. The PCC are shortly to launch a Just Giving project with the aim of raising the money for major items of expenditure required, particularly at Holy Trinity.

We are grateful for the continuing support from the Forest Wood Lottery.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to hold surplus funds over and above working balances, representing six months of current expenditure. This allows for large and unanticipated expenditure to be easily met. Although future costs have reduced thanks to the reduction in the Parish Share, we have not been able to hold such an amount.

Treasurer

Over a year ago Ian King gave notice that he wished to relinquish the role of Treasurer. He has fulfilled the role since 2015 and we owe it to him to find a replacement. Steps have been taken to try to do so, personal approaches and advertising, but so far without success. Although he has now resigned, Ian has reluctantly continued to keep the books with some assistance. The PCC are duty bound to have a Treasurer and, in the event of failure to appoint one, the duties would fall upon the Churchwardens. This is not a practical solution. The only other alternative would be to employ a person or business which would cost a significant sum. Please think about whether you know of someone who could be approached. In the meantime we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ian for performing the role over the last 9 years.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent: The Venerable Angela Martin, Chairman (until April 2023)
Wardens: Simon Morris, Vice Chairman
June Spoor

Elected Members Ian King (resigned October 2023)
Julie Brown (until 2026)
Brenda Evans (until 2026)
Jeremy Kirk (until 2026)
Keith Major (until 2026)
Julie Martin (until 2026)
Keith Stacey (until 2026)
Sue Walter (until 2026)
4 vacancies

Deanery Synod Timothy Leeney
2 vacancies

Secretary: Saskia Schuit (Not an elected member of the PCC)

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for a three year term and retire in thirds. Following the APCM in May there remained vacancies for three members of the Holy Trinity congregation and one member of the St Dunstan’s congregation. Members of the congregation are warmly encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Parochial Church Council

The PCC met six times during the year. During the interregnum the meetings were general meetings to enable the PCC to discuss all kinds of matters during a certain meeting. The Standing Committee took decisions between meetings. These were generally on matters of a non-contentious nature and the decisions were subsequently endorsed by the PCC. There is no separate Finance Committee, but the Treasurers monitor receipts and payments, produce budgets and other financial data and make regular reports to the PCC.

There is a District Church Council at each church with delegated authority to deal with some aspects of worship, mission and the maintenance of the fabric of the buildings. Holy Trinity DCC and St Dunstan’s DCC met on three occasions .

This Trustees Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Simon Morris, PCC Vice Chair

Signed:
Simon Morris

Date: 2024



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FOREST ROW PCC

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FOREST ROW PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Forest Row PCC (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 financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Dated:

FOREST ROW PCC**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023*****Current financial year**

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes					
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	64,407	550	-	64,957	70,628
Charitable activities	4	6,596	-	-	6,596	2,713
Other trading activities	5	13,156	-	-	13,156	6,365
Investments	6	1,969	-	-	1,969	879
Other income	7	1,473	-	-	1,473	330
Total income		87,601	550	-	88,151	80,915
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Raising funds	8	3,881	-	-	3,881	1,295
Charitable activities	9	89,884	550	-	90,434	87,800
Total expenditure		93,765	550	-	94,315	89,095
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	7,937	-	1,580	9,517	(8,615)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		1,773	-	1,580	3,353	(16,795)
Gross transfers between funds		81,247	(81,247)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		83,020	(81,247)	1,580	3,353	(16,795)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		371,630	81,247	17,058	469,935	486,730
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		454,650	-	18,638	473,288	469,935

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

FOREST ROW PCC**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023*****Prior financial year**

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	67,797	2,831	-	70,628
Charitable activities	4	2,713	-	-	2,713
Other trading activities	5	6,365	-	-	6,365
Investments	6	879	-	-	879
Other income	7	330	-	-	330
Total income		78,084	2,831	-	80,915
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	8	1,295	-	-	1,295
Charitable activities	9	84,969	2,831	-	87,800
Total expenditure		86,264	2,831	-	89,095
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	(6,325)	-	(2,290)	(8,615)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(14,505)	-	(2,290)	(16,795)
Net movement in funds		(14,505)	-	(2,290)	(16,795)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		386,135	81,247	19,348	486,730
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		371,630	81,247	17,058	469,935

FOREST ROW PCC**BALANCE SHEET*****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023***

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		306,383		306,383
Investments	15		89,466		79,949
			<u>395,849</u>		<u>386,332</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	16	3,870		2,806	
Cash at bank and in hand		77,430		85,556	
		<u>81,300</u>		<u>88,362</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(3,861)		(4,759)	
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Net current assets			77,439		83,603
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>473,288</u>		<u>469,935</u>
Capital funds					
<u>Endowment funds - general</u>					
General endowment funds		18,638		17,058	
		<u>18,638</u>		<u>17,058</u>	
Permanent endowment		-		-	
Expendable endowment		18,638		17,058	
	18		18,638		17,058
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19		-		81,247
Unrestricted funds			454,650		371,630
			<u>473,288</u>		<u>469,935</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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A Martin
Trustee

FOREST ROW PCC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Not depreciated
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £
Donations and gifts	64,407	550	64,957	67,797	2,831	70,628

FOREST ROW PCC**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023*****3 Donations and legacies (Continued)****Donations and gifts**

Planned giving (excl tax refunds)	36,430	-	36,430	38,892	-	38,892
Collections at services	5,928	-	5,928	6,691	-	6,691
Gift days and donations	13,178	-	13,178	16,794	-	16,794
Gift aid recoverable	8,871	-	8,871	5,420	-	5,420
Other grants	-	550	550	-	2,831	2,831
	<u>64,407</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>64,957</u>	<u>67,797</u>	<u>2,831</u>	<u>70,628</u>

4 Charitable activities

	Church Activities 2023 £	Church Activities 2022 £
Fees for weddings and funerals	<u>6,596</u>	<u>2,713</u>

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	4,880	-
Lettings etc	<u>8,276</u>	<u>6,365</u>
Other trading activities	<u>13,156</u>	<u>6,365</u>

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest	<u>1,969</u>	<u>879</u>

FOREST ROW PCC**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023*****7 Other income**

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Other income	1,473	330
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8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Church hall running costs	3,881	1,295
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	<u>3,881</u>	<u>1,295</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

9 Charitable activities

	Church Activities 2023 £	Church Activities 2022 £
Staff costs	11,033	10,978
Diocesan parish share	28,000	44,328
Clergy and other persons' expenses	1,339	4,192
Church maintenance and repair	29,696	10,162
Upkeep of services	1,778	908
Upkeep of churchyard and garden	238	642
Church running costs	17,014	15,421
Charitable grants and donations	1,251	1,169
Sundry expenses	85	-
	<u>90,434</u>	<u>87,800</u>
	<u>90,434</u>	<u>87,800</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	89,884	84,969
Restricted funds	550	2,831
	<u>90,434</u>	<u>87,800</u>

10 Trustees

During the year, Churchwarden Simon Morris received £6,216 (2022: £6,216) for his role as Director of Music.

Under diocese guidelines, parish bodies paid work expenses of the clergy PCC member, totalling £1,339 (2022: £4,192).

A total of £243 (2022: £271) were reimbursed to other trustees during the year for expenses incurred.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	<u>11,033</u>	<u>10,978</u>

FOREST ROW PCC**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**11 Employees****(Continued)**

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Revaluation of investments	7,937	1,580	9,517	(6,325)	(2,290)	(8,615)

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	307,283
At 31 December 2023	307,283
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	900
At 31 December 2023	900
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	306,383
At 31 December 2022	306,383

FOREST ROW PCC**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**15 Fixed asset investments**

	Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	79,949
Valuation changes	9,517
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At 31 December 2023	89,466
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	89,466
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At 31 December 2022	79,949
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Investments that had a value of 5% or more of the market value held at the year end are:

CBF Investment Fund: £70,211

Diocese of Chichester Sinderson Fund: £8,070

Diocese of Chichester Stipend Fund: £9,879

16 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	3,822	2,806
Prepayments and accrued income	48	-
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	3,870	2,806
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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	3,861	4,759
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FOREST ROW PCC**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****18 Endowment funds**

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2023	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Expendable endowments					
Moore/Sinderson Trust Investment	754	(101)	653	36	689
Sinderson Trust Investment	8,360	(984)	7,376	694	8,070
Stipend Endowment Investment	10,234	(1,205)	9,029	850	9,879
	<u>19,348</u>	<u>(2,290)</u>	<u>17,058</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>18,638</u>

19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Holy Trinity Refurbishment Fund	81,247	-	-	-	81,247
Holy Trinity Clock Fund	-	1,431	(1,431)	-	-
FR PC Grants	-	850	(850)	-	-
Spire Lighting Grant	-	50	(50)	-	-
Warm Room Grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
	<u>81,247</u>	<u>2,831</u>	<u>(2,831)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,247</u>

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Holy Trinity Refurbishment Fund	81,247	-	-	(81,247)	-
Holy Trinity Clock Fund	-	-	-	-	-
FR PC Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Spire Lighting Grant	-	50	(50)	-	-
Warm Room Grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
	<u>81,247</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>(81,247)</u>	<u>-</u>

FOREST ROW PCC**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****19 Restricted funds****(Continued)**

Holy Trinity Refurbishment Fund - Represents work carried out at Holy Trinity Church to form a kitchen area, install a toilet and refurbish the vestry. The transfer represents funds spent on these works that have been capitalised.

FR PC Grants - Represents grants from Forest Row Parish Council to put towards energy costs.

Holy Trinity Clock Fund - Represents a grant received to repair the clock at Holy Trinity.

Spire Lighting Grant - Represents a grant received to light the spire at night during the winter.

Warm Room Grant - Represents a grants received to run warm rooms during the winter at Holy Trinity.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	306,383	-	-	306,383
Investments	70,828	-	18,638	89,466
Current assets/(liabilities)	77,439	-	-	77,439
	<u>454,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,638</u>	<u>473,288</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	225,136	81,247	-	306,383
Investments	62,891	-	17,058	79,949
Current assets/(liabilities)	83,603	-	-	83,603
	<u>371,630</u>	<u>81,247</u>	<u>17,058</u>	<u>469,935</u>

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).