



2023 Annual Report

Parochial Church Council

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge (Revd Mark Fraser) in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The church also has benefitted from a variety of clergy from across the Parishes.

The PCC is specifically responsible for the maintenance of the building of the Church of the Holy Rood, Village Street, Edwalton and the Church Hall, Village Green, Edwalton.

In the absence of Churchwardens David Batte and Susan Russell are happy to report that the Church inventory and terrier are all in order.

Objectives

The mission of the Church of the Holy Rood is “A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community

OVERVIEW

Throughout 2023, we have been pressing into and living out our church’s shared vision and values together, as we aspire to be:

“A worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord’s family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community.”

As trustees of Holy Rood, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) met 7 times during 2023 and has (amongst other things) overseen the Church’s enabling of our vision and values to be more fully realised.

So, what have we done?

a) A worshipping Church

We are very grateful to the Ministry Team, who lead our services on Sundays and Wednesdays, along with occasional additional services throughout the year. This team includes Rev. Mark Fraser, Rev. Ade

Perham, Rev. Joyce Saywell, Jacky Tivers (our Licensed Lay Minister), Adrian Kemp and Roger Johnson.

In 2023, Holy Rood has offered three kinds of regular Sunday services:

- 10am Traditional service (weekly, average attendance of 40 adults and 3 children)
- 11:30am 'All in' service (1st Sunday per month, average attendance of 8 adults and 5 children)
- 4pm Evensong service (3rd Sunday per month, average attendance of 19 adults)

Until September, on the 3rd Sunday of each month, the 10am service had been 'All age' (with BBGA members and other children staying in for the whole service). For several reasons, since September this service has reverted to being the same as other 10am services, however children's provision (called 'Explorers') is offered during this particular service.

It was heartening to see the church full at times this year (particularly around Easter and Christmas).

The Morning Prayer group has continued to meet on Wednesday mornings, attended by a faithful group of approximately 8 people. The Book Group (meeting bi-weekly on Thursday evenings) has also continued to meet, initially on Zoom but now meets in-person most of the time.

In recognition of the significance of the Church Garden for parishioners, a new prayer walk booklet for the garden ('Remembering a loved one') was created (20 copies were taken in the space of two months) and several services were held outside. These included the Holy Saturday morning service, the summer all-age service, and the Crib service. The positive atmosphere around them all in their own unique ways was lovely to experience. We are grateful for the faithful team who lovingly maintain the Garden week in and week out throughout the year.

During Advent, we also organised/hosted community carol services at three different locations around the parish (including in the Village) which engaged over 50 people in total, despite the inclement weather.

A legacy from Covid is that we offer Communion in two kinds at the 10am service. This is because the PCC recognised differing opinions amongst the congregation, with some members preferring intinction (dipping a

wafer into the chalice of wine), and others preferring 'Common Cup' (drinking wine from a chalice). This is a subject that the PCC is regularly reviewing.

b) Welcoming young and old into the Lord's family

As you will see in Adrian's comprehensive report, there are lots of encouraging things that happened (and are happening) that engage with younger people and families. Thank you so much to those of you who help in this vital ministry, giving wholeheartedly of your time, energy, imagination and warmth in sharing God's welcome and love to those you meet.

Encouragingly, we are growing as a Church. In 2023, we have welcomed new families, couples and individuals across our three services. We are hugely grateful for the warm welcome you give to people walking through our doors for the first time, particularly the sidespeople on Sundays and leaders of other weekday activities and events.

c) Proclaiming the gospel

We hosted a Christingle service in early December, which attracted 38 people and included a short talk from Adrian. About 10 of them do not currently attend a church regularly. At one-off events, including the Easter Experience, Easter Trail and Christmas Tree Festival, lots of you facilitated ways for children and parents to engage with Bible stories and their real meaning.

It has also been really encouraging to hear stories from places such as the Tuesday toddler group, where people coming along have felt able to have really deep and meaningful conversations with team members.

d) Serving the community

Speaking of Toddlers, the group is run by an active and committed team, who have done a fabulous job of providing a safe space for children and their 'grown-ups', whilst building relationships and being 'good news' to all who come. Whilst we're grateful to the whole team for their continued efforts, particular thanks must go to Sue Bailey for all her hard work in coordinating the team and being generally awesome.

Other regular activities that serve the community and provide vital places of welcome include Rood Gamers (bi-weekly on Tuesday afternoons) and

Coffee Morning (weekly on Thursday mornings). Both are well attended, steadily growing in popularity, with more than 50 people (total, between them) regularly frequenting them.

The annual Christmas Tree Festival proved a hit once again. It involved a record 44 trees(provided and decorated by local community organisations), hundreds of visitors and many cakes & cuppa's! Huge thanks to Helen Stephenson and Alex Whitaker, along with the many others who made this such a success. The funds raised for the Children's Bereavement Service and Cystic Fibrosis Trust were a huge encouragement, too.

Another way that we continued to serve the community throughout the year was by taking a wedding and several funeral services for members of the church and community. The deaths of Roy Bradshaw and Colin Machin are ones that particularly impacted the church.

The PCC, with the support of a few others, have been exploring various options of ways that we might practically serve the community. These have included:

Entering into discussions with the Council over purchasing a small piece of the golf course so that the graveyard can be extended, as there are very few burial plots remaining.

Appointing a Team to figure out what to do with the existing Church Hall and future development/alternative ways to bless and serve the community with the legacy that was given a few years ago. A Community Audit was conducted throughout 2023, concluding in the autumn.

People

We are grateful to a wide range of people who have contributed to the life and flourishing of Holy Rood in 2023. However, every year has its ups and downs, and perhaps the greatest sadnesses were the loss of Colin Machin and Roy Bradshaw. Their faithful service and compassion were greatly valued by everyone at Holy Rood and they have left rich legacies in the lives of all who knew them.

Throughout 2023, alongside the Finance Team, Ministry Team, Fabric Team and Communications group, two other teams have been established. These are the 'All in' service core team and the Pastoral

Care Team. All six of these teams have particular remits, empowered by and accountable to the PCC, with each Team having ideally a minimum of two PCC members on them, so that there are clear lines of communication, support and accountability between the teams and the Church's trustees. These teams also ensure that no individual should have to be overly burdened with responsibilities, and makes it easier for newcomers to join these teams and 'learn the ropes' before committing to particular responsibilities.

Thank you to those involved in these teams, and of course the PCC, without which vital parts of the Church simply could not function. The PCC are very grateful for David Batte's service as Treasurer, ably supported by Helen Stephenson, Joanne Pilkington and the Finance Team, who help us to maintain a clear understanding of our financial position and responsibilities.

Rev. Joyce Saywell has taken over as Safeguarding Lead Recruiter (with Julie Beesley being Parish Safeguarding Officer) and we had no safeguarding issues this year.

We are grateful to all of you who completed the updated GDPR contact details forms, as this has helped us to update our records and gives us a solid platform to continue our Pastoral Care from.

This was our fourth successive year without any church wardens and this situation cannot continue indefinitely. We are in real need of church members being willing to stand to serve as wardens and a full complement of PCC members if we are to lead the church together into a future with hope and confidence. Whilst we face challenges, we also have many opportunities opening to us and we need to be willing to trust God, listen to his leading and risk some changes to live out our vision to be a "Worshipping Church, welcoming young and old into the Lord's family, proclaiming the gospel and serving the community."

PCC Meetings

The standing business of the PCC for the year was:

Opening worship

Apologies

Minutes of the previous meeting

Priests Report

Treasurer's Report

Fabric Report

Communications Report

Health & Safety Report

Safeguarding Report

AOB

Closing prayers

The PCC met seven times during 2023/ 24

FABRIC GROUP

The Fabric Committee was formally re-established following the 2022 APCM, and currently has the following members:

Ade Perham, Graham Beck, Julie Beesley and Neil Stephenson.

The Fabric team has continued with the work initiated in 2022 and described in the report last year. We now have an operational framework for the management of routine activities around the Church premises and the hall. This mechanism allows for actions to be completed without the need for direct PCC intervention and works well for routine work, allowing the committee members to focus time and energy on priority matters.

Our thanks go to all those who assist in the upkeep of the Church buildings and garden areas – it is greatly appreciated by us all. Alex, in her extended role as 'site manager' works well to oversee the organising

of key matters, and ensuring that tasks are targeted and completed as planned.

A number of significant activities have been undertaken over the period of this report, including:

Significant upgrade to the lighting at the Church Hall, to LEDs. This investment has been complimented by a number of the hall users and will produce a significant reduction in the electricity use there. We continue to look for short term measures to manage the heating in the hall. As it is fully electric, it is more expensive to run than gas, and are investigating ways whereby heating could be 'on demand' for users rather than on a timer which assumes the times and heating are required at the same setpoints each cycle. We have installed 'anti tamper' measures to thermostats and timeswitches, which has helped, but also highlighted some concerns we need to overcome.

Remedial works to the hall windows and car park potholes has been undertaken, as well as a major tidy of the hall cupboards, kitchen areas and decoration of the toilet rooms. The space on and behind the stage is being remodelled to better meet our current needs and this will help ensure that all users are able to access and use available areas safely and efficiently.

We have reviewed the status of the current church boiler and have received quotes for a replacement should that prove necessary.

Risk assessments continue to be reviewed.

The bell tower activities continue – there have been some significant challenges to overcome in this area, relating to the existing ladder and how to replace it. As it is of significant historical interest, it requires sensitive management whilst also allowing other means to access the tower itself. A team including David Batte continue to work on this.

In addition to these items, and more, the team has also begun to consider the future of the Hall as part of the wider PCC activity. We have recently initiated some surveying of the building for asbestos content.

We continue to consider future works in all the areas within the remit of the committee, specifically the Church itself, the Churchyard and the

Church Hall, according to the established schedule and also by priority for unplanned events.

We have a significant amount of work to oversee and maintain, and could benefit from additional volunteers to bolster the team.

Administrative information

The Church of the Holy Rood is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The members of the PCC are trustees.

PCC members who have served at any time during 2023;

Ex Officio members

Priest-in-charge - Revd. Mark Fraser

Curate – Revd. Ade Perham (Chairperson)

Churchwardens -

Elected members

Graham Beck, Stefan Beck, Allister Craddock, Vivienne Joyce, Joyce Saywell, Malcolm Saywell, Alan Trease

Co-opted

David Batte

Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods

Our Deanery Synod meets three times a year, in March, June and October. At the beginning of the year Rev'd Tim Fox (St Paul's) was appointed Area Dean, taking over from Rev'd Mark Fraser.

At our meeting in June we welcomed Craig Hunt (Diocesan Director of Ordinands) who spoke about the gift of Lay Ministry, and the importance of encouraging each other and recognising one another's gifts. The Eco Church initiative was introduced, and Tim emphasised the importance of signing up.

At our meeting in October we welcomed Rev'd Joanna Seaborne, recently appointed as Rector of St Giles.

Our Deanery Incumbents and Treasurers met several times during the year to review progress with allocating and paying our Parish Share; a particular problem for some Parishes in our Deanery due to energy-related and other cost of living concerns. Martin Cooper, Diocesan CEO, joined our meeting in June.

Our Diocesan Synod meets three times a year. At the meeting in May, Bishop Paul focused his address on the Diocesan Vision & Strategy for 2023-2030, building on the results of the Diocesan Refresh initiative and introducing the next steps in the journey, 'Living in Love and Faith'. He emphasised the need to maintain the unity of the church; continuing to love, listen and learn from those with differing viewpoints while faithfully upholding and teaching the doctrine of the church as we have received it.

The Church of England General Synod in November also focused on 'Living in Love and Faith', and the tensions between this and the conflicts currently in Gaza, in Ukraine and elsewhere. The Synod commenced with addresses by Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury), Hosam Naoum (Archbishop of Jerusalem) and Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York).

David Batte, Deanery Synod Representative

Financial Review

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023 **General Income and Expenditure Account**

The Unrestricted General Account for the year ended 31st December 2023 shows a deficit before transfers from other reserves of £15,356. This compares with a deficit of £22,208 in the preceding year.

Regular giving income increased by around 6% during 2023, and income from the hire of the Church Hall/Meeting Room was around 10% higher than last year. We also benefitted from a one-off Energy Support Grant of £5000 from the Diocese. Our overall annual income in 2023 was around 22% higher than in 2022.

In the autumn of 2023 we undertook a Giving Review. The outcome was an increase of around 10% in our pledged regular income; some of this will have contributed to the increase in regular giving noted above.

Expenditure has been closely scrutinised by the PCC Finance Committee throughout the year. Our Parish Share was 4% higher than in 2022. Salary costs increased by around 10%; we continued to pay our Children & Families Pioneer worker from the Parish Investment Fund, see below. Our overall annual expenditure was around 9% higher than in 2022.

In line with Church of England recommended practice, it is our policy to maintain as a reserve an amount equivalent to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure (eg around £25,000) for contingency purposes. During 2023, the PCC agreed to transfer £10,000 from our Designated Fund Accounts in order to maintain adequate cash reserves. At the end of the year the balance in our Unrestricted Accounts was £21,797.

Designated Fund Accounts and Investments

We have three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts:

- The Hall Renewal Fund: designated for the renewal/rebuilding of the Church Hall
- The Parish Investment Fund: designated for supporting an employee who will develop/promote the ministry and mission of the church in the Parish of Edwalton
- The Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund: designated for supporting work on the church and surrounding site that cannot be fully funded from within the General Account.

During 2023, the investments within these three Designated Fund Accounts increased in value, reflecting the worldwide increase in the value of investments. The capital value of our investments increased by £82,500 (6.5%) during the year, while interest and dividends amounted to £35,000 (2.7%).

In mid-2023 the PCC agreed to transfer £50,000 of our accumulated interest in the Hall Renewal Fund into a new deposit fund, taking advantage of the higher interest rates.

During 2023 we transferred £10,000 to our Unrestricted General Account (see above) and £3200 to our Charitable Fund (see below), spent around

£28,000 on our Children & Families Pioneer and associated activities, and spent around £3000 on other items.

Hence the overall value of our Designated Fund Accounts, including funds in our deposit and current accounts, increased by £77,000 (5.9%) during the year. At 31st December 2023 the values of our three ongoing Designated Fund Accounts were

Hall Renewal Fund - £835,602

Parish Investment Fund - £453,743

Church Fabric and Churchyard Maintenance Fund - £7,035

We received the original legacy from the estate of John Hill in 2015; this was used to establish our Parish Investment and Hall Renewal Funds. Since then the combined net value of these two Funds, after allowing for transfers and expenditure over the eight-year period, has increased by £289,320.

During 2023 we established the designated Holy Rood Charitable Fund, allocating 10% of the previous year's interest and dividends to provide grants for local organisations that are seeking to address social or environmental needs in the local area. From the initial fund of £3200 we made four grants of £500 during 2023, to Radford Care Group, PASIC (Nottingham Oncology Daycare), Edwalton Primary School Parents Association and Nottinghamshire Hospice. The remaining money will be carried forward to 2024.

There was no activity relating to our designated Heritage Fund Cultural Grant of £11,100. Most of the income and expenditure occurred during 2021, with only a residual amount (£1133) remaining in the accounts at the end of 2023.

Legacy Policy

In 2016 the PCC established a policy whereby, wherever possible, legacy gifts are used to help fund development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff. We encourage people to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the church rather than for a restricted purpose. We discuss the possible uses of such gifts with the executors, bearing in mind the areas of interest of the deceased and the priorities of the church at the time. The PCC makes a decision and the executors are informed regarding the use to which the money is being put. No legacies were received during 2023.

Charitable Donations and Fundraising

In addition to our Charitable Fund Grants (see above), during 2023 we raised £1400 at our Christmas Tree Festival which was shared between the Childrens Bereavement Centre and the Cystic Fibrosis Association. We also raised £325 for Nottinghamshire Hospice and £35 for the Childrens Society, and donated £60 to the British Legion. Our two Everyone Can Sing concerts raised £262 for Fairshare and £291 for The Invisible Friends, our Weavers wine-tasting event raised £343 for the Nottingham (SEWA) Foodbank, and our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £503.

David Batte (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At the Church of the Holy Rood the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and Laity Members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Children and Families Pioneer Report

There is much to thank God for that has happened over the last twelve months,

Church programme

Our Sunday children's discipleship group, **Explorers**, has been going for a year now. On Parade Sundays we usually have about six to eight children coming into Explorers, mostly from the Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association (BBGA). Since the new year there has also almost always been children coming on the first Sunday of the month as well, so we

have had Explorers then, too. This is definitely an improving situation, as in 2023 there was quite often no children present on a Sunday morning. In September we ceased **All-Age services** and have instead had Explorers when the BBGA children are here for Parade Sunday. This is working well for the children: we get to explore the Word, pray and have fun together, but has perhaps created more of a disconnect between the children and the adults in church, so I am looking at ways of overcoming this. Dropping All-Age also makes my hope for the church to become intergenerational harder to achieve. However, I am convinced that the **new worshipping community** is the best way to help us connect with younger generations right now.

The services for our new worshipping community (formerly known as the **All-In Service**) relocated to the church hall in May, to give us more space and to make us more accessible to people who don't otherwise attend church. Since June we have had a core team of eight people who have met together frequently to learn, grow and pray together, and who help give practical support to running Sunday gatherings. We decided that the 11.30 start time was probably not that helpful for families, so in January we relaunched as **Breakfast Church**, starting at 9am with a light breakfast. We also went from meeting once a month to twice a month (every second and fourth Sunday of the month), which has been very successful in helping us find a better regular rhythm. We typically have about 16 attenders on average, but had 25 last time out. We have recently been encouraged by a couple of new families coming, and hearing of our established families feeling like Breakfast church is their church. We continue to try new things and evolve as we find out what works best. On Palm Sunday we were delighted to welcome Bishop Andy to Breakfast Church.

At Breakfast Church I plan and lead the bible focus in ways that hopefully make the passage come alive for both adults and children, often using a visual story, discussion and space for reflection and response. We believe that God can speak to us individually, whatever our age or stage of faith.

Outreach

I continue to support the **Baby & Toddler Group** team each Tuesday morning where I enjoy welcoming and chatting with our guests, present a

visual bible story in a creative way, provide art/craft activities for older children and accompany the much-loved nursery songs on guitar. We currently have thirty family units regularly attending.

In the last twelve months the church has continued to actively engage with local children and families through different **outreach events**, including a community family event celebrating the king's coronation; a children's sports games afternoon and half term holiday fun days offering games and crafts.

Family-oriented **Christmas** outreach events were very popular: We made good new connections at the Christmas Tree Festival, the Christingle and the pop-up community carol service on one of the new estates. The Crib Service on Christmas Eve, which had to be moved inside because of the weather, attracted about 100 people. Many children dressed up in costume and participated in the Nativity scene – a brilliant way of engaging with the story.

On Good Friday this year we had our third annual ***Easter Story Trail*** which attracted 170 participants (despite the showers), and over twenty helpers, too. There was a wonderful atmosphere as families enjoyed hearing the Easter story around the village and then came back for lots of Easter story crafts and refreshments. Most of the families that came were as a result of our good connections with toddler group families and the children at the two primary schools I serve.

In addition to the outreach events I have been able to work with the BBGA - in particular by helping the children to engage creatively with the Word; I have participated in the 'Know Your Church Know Your Neighbourhood' course with a small group from church; I have done prayer walks around Edwalton; helped lead the recent Alpha course; written content for families and children in our *Edwalton Herald* newsletter; and done regular, significant work in our two local primary schools.

Ministry in schools

My work and presence in the two local primary schools continues to flourish, and I am delighted how God is making ways for me to share the gospel in the schools. At **Edwalton Primary** I have continued to do regular assemblies - linking bible stories and scripture to their school core values - and presenting Christian messages at their special Easter,

Harvest and Christmas celebration assemblies. It was brilliant to be able to lead an RE lesson on the Fruit of the Spirit for both Year 3 classes, and later present an assembly on this. I continue to run a weekly lunchtime ukulele club – teaching children to play ukulele and therefore bringing enjoyment and new skills to the children. The ukulele band has performed in assemblies, school fayres, and at the Meadow Covert pub at a Christmas event. We even had a song recorded and played on Hospitals Radio. It was wonderful to be honoured by the school in July when they awarded me with a Flying High Trust award for Enjoyment (one of their school values), as voted for by the students of the School Council, for bringing enjoyment to the school through music and assemblies. In a new venture, I have just started a weekly bible-based after-school club at Edwalton Primary, which is so exciting!

At **Rosecliffe Spencer Academy** I have fewer opportunities to do assemblies than at Edwalton Primary, but more opportunities to lead RE lessons. I have led several Christianity lessons for years R, 1, 2 and 3. They have really embraced my *Godly Play* lessons which I have done for them through the academic year to help them achieve curriculum needs, and the teachers tell me that the children get really excited when they hear I am coming to lead an RE lesson.

In October, we welcomed both Year 1 classes to Holy Rood to learn about the church, Christian worship and the Creation story.

My ministry within the schools is crucial because school is at the heart of the community. It enables me to be a Christian presence there, allows me to reach hundreds of children with the Gospel, and gives Holy Rood a higher profile amongst the families represented.

Ecumenical work and networking

At the very end of August I helped organise and lead a brand new inter-church event designed for Christian kids in the West Bridgford area to encounter Jesus, grow their faith and build new Christian friendships. The day was called **Activate** and we had around 70 children attend at St Paul's, plus lots of young leaders too. It was a fabulous day of child-friendly worship, bible exploration, creative prayer and fun activities. We equipped the children to share with their friends what the gospel story is

and gave them a wristband to remind them how to do it. At the end of the day children knelt at the cross to say 'yes' to Jesus.

On Halloween there was a second *Activate* day, where we celebrated Jesus – the light of the world – instead of the usual dark, spooky stuff associated with Halloween. Everyone had a super time, enjoying worship, a creative prayer space, a bible story and lots of activities. We know that some of the children from churches brought their non-Christian friends. It is a joy to see churches work together to share the good news of Jesus and show his love to children and families in creative and relevant ways. Further *Activate* events are being planned for 2024.

Finally, I have participated in several Diocesan initiatives over the year, including children/youth/family worker get-togethers, safeguarding training, the Bishop's study day and, most recently, the Diocesan vision refresh launch.

Hopes for next twelve months

Put simply, I hope we can create more opportunities for the children and adults we are engaging with to encounter Jesus, say yes to following him, choose to worship with us and then help us make more disciples. To do well at this we are going to need more help, and I hope more people from church will get involved in what I think is the church's most fun and exciting ministry! It's a real joy for me to be a 'partner in the gospel' here in Edwalton.

Adrian Kemp, Children and Families Pioneer

Communications Report

Our **Facebook** page has been renamed **Holy Rood Edwalton**. Paul has changed the Facebook Cover image to include information about our groups and activities. The idea is that casual or first-time visitors get an instant idea of what's on offer without having to search through weeks of posts to find out more about us. Our Facebook audience is growing. The number of 'likes' and 'follows' is up more than half on last year.

The Facebook 'reach' for the four weeks to mid April was 448.

Paul says we receive inquiries on a regular basis through Facebook

Messenger and we have always managed to deal with them promptly.

The **Edwalton Herald** is now delivered to 2,200 homes in our growing parish. It aims to play its part in encouraging people from our new estates to explore what Holy Rood has to offer. Broadening our appeal to younger members of the community – children and parents alike – is also very important. Hence the growing number of stories reflecting Adrian's impact as Family and Children pioneer. The delightful photo in the latest edition of the Ukulele band at Edwalton Primary is just one example.

We always welcome ideas and it will be interesting to see what response we get to our appeal for people's views on the future of the Church Hall. Also, our thanks to Gordon for his good work in continuing to maintain and develop our website. Visitors to <https://edwaltonchurch.org> peaked in December and March at 309 and 251 respectively.

Allister Craddock

Church Gardening Club

The church gardening club continues to meet every Saturday from 10am till noon with the obligatory coffee and biscuits at 11 am. Last year we welcomed a new volunteer and continued to have the help of young people who were working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards.

As I reported last year, although the garden is not consecrated, is it nevertheless part of the church and as such faculties (Diocesan permission) need to be granted before any major work can be done. This is something we were not aware of until last year. Consequently, such things as memorial benches, tree planting and construction work will in future need permission from the Diocese. We are still waiting to hear whether we need to submit faculties retrospectively for work done in the past.

We are grateful to our band of willing volunteers who turn up on Saturdays regardless of the weather and their aches and pains and to those people who have supported us throughout the year by donating to

the upkeep of the garden and the essential maintenance of tools and machinery.

We are a sociable group - always keen to welcome new volunteer – so why not come and join us?

Trevor Greaves

Edwalton Baby & Toddler Group

The baby and Toddler group continues to be available to anyone with a child aged between 0 and 4.

This has been an ordinary year, what a joy to be able to say that, but that describes the group in 2023/24.

We are blessed with a strong and reliable group of volunteers, each of whom know where they fit and what is expected of them. During February 2024, I was unable to help as I had an operation, however, the group continued and indeed identified a new opportunity.

Brian is our man in the kitchen and does a splendid job serving excellent coffee and other drinks throughout the morning. The children love Brian, and insist he comes out of the kitchen for our final song, The hokey cokey.

Jacky, Joyce and Vivienne, do all the heavy lifting, setting up the rooms and clearing away, and of course, engaging everyone in cheerful conversation. Occasionally Marjory, will help too.

Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads and carers from all across the Globe join us for the morning, and seem to enjoy doing so too.

We have a variety of age ranges from new babies, to some who are going to pre-school, child attendance varies to a maximum of 20, and averages 15 on a normal day.

Adrian is a key person who sets up play for the slightly older ages, tells everyone a bible story and accompanies the sing song on his guitar. The children all respectfully listen to Adrians stories and it is delightful to see them all clustered around the mat which Adrian uses to display his storyline.

Overall it is a delightful opportunity to mix with people from our community and just for a short while enjoy the wonder that are children, blossoming and happy.

Sue, Oh, I do the register!

Sue Bailey, co-ordinator of Baby and Toddler Group

Thursday Coffee Morning and Warm Space

It is so rewarding to hear the laughter and happy voices each and every Thursday Coffee Morning & Warm Space at Edwalton Church. All are welcome to drop in any time from 10.30am with 'last orders' at midday. Our numbers continue to grow with a total register of 42 people and a weekly attendance of 21 to 32. A range of coffee and tea is always available from Latte, Cappuccino including decaf, as well as filtered coffee from a Cafetiere and various tea choices from Earl Grey to the strong Yorkshire stuff along with decaf. Orange and Black Current juices are also available. Biscuits are always presented on the tables with the occasional cake or box of chocolates, especially for those celebrating a birthday. We try to ensure a special treat for each attending member at Christmas and at Easter.

It is a credit to Melvyn and Sue Dougan who first had the idea and then saw it through its early days to the success it is today. What a legacy to remember Melvyn by, may God bless him!

Special thanks to Kay & Stephen



We welcome anyone to visit, no need to book!

Brian Stewart

Ladies Fellowship

Over the past year we have enjoyed speakers covering a wide range of interesting topics. Our membership has increased enabling us to be in a position to donate £250.00 to Church funds towards the cost of heating and lighting. We also participated in the Christmas Tree Festival.

The meetings are held in the Church Meeting Room on the 1st. Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. to which visitors and new members are most welcome to join us.

A varied and interesting programme has been arranged for the coming year.

Freda Crampton

Rood Gamers & Rood Singers

We continue to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm in the Church Meeting Room. It is a social gathering where we play a variety of sit down games. Our regular attendance is twelve. We are open to newcomers joining us whatever age, all it costs is 50p and for that you get a hot drink and biscuits.

Keith, Trevor and David

We are a group of people from the Church who enjoy singing. This session we have performed at the Christmas Tree Festival where we sang Carols that were well known and others that are not . Also there were a couple of light hearted ones as well. We also led the Carol singing around the Village.

Keith and Malcolm

1st Edwalton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

1st Edwalton Rainbows

2023/24 has been a successful and fun year for the Rainbow unit. Averaging a weekly count of 15 x 5 & 6 years has kept us all busy. Thank you for the use of Holyrood Church Hall and the Church grounds, which has made all our fun possible!

We have done various elements of the Girlguiding Programme which now links themes across all the different ages of Guiding, this year we have done our Stage 1 Badges in Have Adventures, Know Myself and Be Well. Activities to support these badges have included learning how to keep warm while camping, learning about female explorers, how tracking can help while out and about, writing postcards about Nottingham landmarks to other Guides around the world and learning about different personalities and that it is ok to be you (with the help of Winnie the pooh & his friends).

Crafts play a huge part of our weekly activities and we have used our skills to make many wonderful keep-sakes including decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival, Tie dye T-shirts and St David's Day Dragon's. We have been out and about in the community with a trip to the farm at Edwalton School, our annual walk to the fish & chip shop and play at Central Avenue park; gymnastics at Rushcliffe Arena and we went to the Girlguiding campsite at Elton for a day of Christmas fun with Santa's Elves. We have also had lots of different activities join us at the hall including Zumba, Aikido and a published author.

Unfortunately our main leader Kate was poorly and away for most of 2023. Thank you to all the wonderful parents, young leaders and other leaders who have stepped up to support in her absence. Kate is thankfully back now & fighting fit. Whilst we are lucky with the numbers of leaders we have, we always welcome anyone who would like to help out, however frequent or has a 'special talent' they could share with the girls.

1st Edwalton Brownies

Brownies have had another busy year. Our membership remains full, we anticipate that this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. We are very lucky to have a strong leadership team with 5 leaders and 5 young leaders.

In October we took part in an overnight trip to The Deep in Hull, where we got to sleep next to the fishes. This was as part of a Division trip and there were 137 Brownies who attended along with 28 leaders.

At the end of this month, we are going on a Pack Holiday to the Oaks Campsite, just outside of Shepshed. We will have 2 nights here and will be having fun glass sledging and completing the jungle trail, as well as completing the 'I'm a Brownie Get Me Out of Here' challenge badge. Last Summer we took part in the annual Brownies Sports Day, which was held at Rushcliffe school. We almost won the relay cup last year; we will be doing our best in July to see if we can win one of the trophies this time. In June we are going to Twycross Zoo for the day along with all the Brownies and Guides in West Bridgford South Trent Division. We have everything crossed for good weather.

So, looking back we have crammed a lot in to the last 12 months, not forgetting our annual Chip Shop walk, celebrating International Women's Day, our Thinking Day celebrations, Bonfire night event with lots of smores and sparklers, a trip to Edwalton School Farm, and much more too.

We also have a lot to look forward to, including a trip to PGL Caythorpe in October 2024 and a trip to PGL Paris in February 2026.

1st Edwalton Guides

We are now in our 3rd year of offering a Guide section and we are delighted that our membership is full, again we anticipate that this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. We are very lucky to have a strong leadership team with 5 leaders and 4 young leaders.

In July last year we took part in a Guide Camp at Oaks Campsite, just outside of Shepshed. We did this with 3 other Guide Units. Unfortunately, the weather really was not kind to us, we put the tents up in the rain on Friday and on the Saturday, it did not stop raining all day. However, the Guides demonstrated amazing resilience and did not let the weather ruin their fun at all. But I think we were all relieved to get back home on the Sunday.

Our next camp is booked for June this year and we have everything crossed that the weather will be much kinder to us this year. We are going to Roughbreak camp site in North Nottinghamshire.

Also, in June we will be going with the Brownies to Twycross Zoo, along with the rest of the Division. The Guides will also support the running of the Annual Brownie Sports Day.

So just like the Brownies we have done a lot this year including Bin Bag fashion, tie dying t-shirts and making flags for camp, we have baked cookies, taken part in a Gymnastics event, thought about what we would like to do when we grow up and written inspirational messages for each other for Valentines day and lots more too.

We are also looking forward to taking part in the trip to PGL Paris in February 2026.

Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helps us and supports us throughout the year.

Nikki Lucas – Brownie & Guide Leader

42nd Nottingham (Edwalton) Boys' Brigade

In the last year our Company has celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III back in May 2023. We celebrated it on our Company night and took part in the Church's celebration event. The BB also released a badge to commemorate this which our members wore until the end of 2023.

We have started supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Trust in support the family of one of our Company Section members, who's youngest daughter suffers from the condition. At our Annual Display last year and the Parade Sunday in Father's Day, we wore yellow armbands in support of the charity and all donations made on those two dates were given to the charity.

At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to Adam Price as he left to go to university after reaching the age limit for young people in BBGA. Adam is one of the few young people we've had in the Company who joined at the age of 5 and went all the way through to age 18. During his time with us he won 21 company trophies, the second highest of all time. He was also Battalion Pool Champion in his Company Section years and was runner-up in Seniors Table Tennis two years in a row. But his biggest achievements were of course gaining his President's and Queen's Badges, and all the levels of Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He gained the Bronze DofE at the end of 2019, followed by the President's Badge in mid-2020. His Queen's Badge was presented in February 2022, just 17 months after starting on the award. His presentation being among the first Queen's badges presented in the 42nd for nearly 7 years. Covid caused delay in him getting his Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award being completed, along with starting off on Gold. By the time he finished in the Company, he had finished Silver but the award had not yet arrived. It eventually came in August 2023, and a few weeks later, he completed Gold. His Gold Award eventually came in time for the end of the Autumn term of 2023, and so we were finally able to present his Gold Award just before Christmas, the first Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award presented in the 42nd since 2010, and the 70th Duke of Edinburgh's Award presented in the Company.

All the Officers at the 42nd are very pleased and proud of what Adam has achieved with us, and we are very grateful for his exemplary and dedicated service to the Company. We all wish him the very best for his future.

We have welcomed back Matthew as a helper this year as he takes a gap year from university. Many will remember Matthew for being a long serving member of the Company, like Adam was, being a regular attender

to Parade Sunday's and being a good reader in services. He gained experience of working with the younger sections through his work towards the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Queen's Badge, and has used that experience to the full this year, and has fitted into the team very well. We are all very grateful for his help and contributions.

Early on in the 2023-24 session, we received the sad news of the passing of our Church's former Vicar and Company's former Chaplain Rev. David Bignell. As Chaplain to our Company, we could not have asked for any more of David really, he was very supportive of every aspect of the Company. He regularly visited on our meeting nights, every summer when we went camping, he would be there to visit, he attended every Display and Awards Night and even helped out with lifts to outings. He also frequently gave the Company chances to contribute to Parade Services such as doing the collection, reading the prayers and readings, doing role plays and even choosing the hymns sometimes.

Not only did he show an interest in everything the Company did but he also always showed a genuine interest in every member of the Company, young and old, and everyone had the utmost respect for him.

David was a big part of why the 42nd Nottingham Company has such a good relationship with the Church, which it still has to this day. It's something that really every BB Company should have. And we cannot thank David enough for his contribution to the life of our Company.

In October, The Boys' Brigade celebrated it's 140th Anniversary since it's formation in Glasgow by William Alexander Smith. Luckily for us, the actual date of the anniversary, the 4th October, was on a Wednesday and we marked the occasion with all Company members and families together with cake and a sing. The following Saturday, we held a sleepover at the Church Hall for our Junior Section members as part of a nationwide event the BB were holding. Believe it or not, our Juniors did actually sleep that night but perhaps not as much as we'd hoped. The success of the event has led the BB to plan another event this year for the section.

In November, our band led the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Eastwood again which was yet another success despite it being slightly on the cold side, and we are booked in to play again this year. The

following Sunday we had our annual Enrolment Parade Service, welcoming in the latest set of new members.

Another sad passing this last year was that of Roy Bradshaw, who passed away in November. Roy, or Mr B as he was known to us, was such a big part of our Company's history and folklore, having served as an Officer for over 30 years, and seen both his sons, Martin and Chris serve as Captain during his time.

I know I'm not the only person who learned so much from Mr. B and has so much gratitude for the input he had in my younger years. The help and advice he gave was always highly valued and respected no matter what age you were.

He always stressed the importance of being smart in your uniform, and I can say from experience that it was very hard to get full marks in inspection when he was inspecting you. But if you didn't get full marks, he would give simple advice on how to do it. He always knew how to get young people to listen to him, and everyone was always very keen to learn from him, and no one ever wanted to let him down.

Of course, after retiring, Roy continued to support the 42nd Company in any way he could. Attending our Annual Displays and most Parade Sunday's, he would often talk about how good it was to still here the band playing and seeing the colour party at the beginning and end of a service. Only in last year's report I spoke about how we helped celebrate his 90th birthday by wearing uniforms from during his time in the Company.

His passing was a real sad occurrence and we as a Company did our bit to make sure we gave him the tribute he deserved, with members past and present being at the funeral service, and being in the guard of honour. Also, our colours were on display in their usual places at each end of the altar curtains.

Roy Bradshaw's name and spirit will sure live on in the 42nd Company for many more years to come, including with his name being on two of our Company trophies.

December saw us participate in the Church Christmas Tree festival, with our band performing on the Saturday afternoon and our members having a visual presence throughout both days. Our tree was themed around the 140th anniversary of the BB, being adorned in facts about each year since 1883, and the flag of every country, island and territory where the BB has

established itself. Around the tree included other facts such as famous people who were in the BB as young people, Lego figures made by our Anchors and Juniors members, and an anchor mosaic made by our Company Section members consisting of 4096 Lego tiles!

Now all of these efforts weren't enough to make our tree the 'best tree' at the festival but we don't do it for that, and our young members all did us very proud, particularly the Company Section for their hard work and dedication to complete the mural. We plan to have the mural framed in the near future as a reminder of the work put in.

The final build up to Christmas saw the young members fully engage in the advent themed Parade Service followed by our family Carol Service at the Church Hall.

January saw us host the Battalion Company and Seniors Table Tennis Competition and our Anchors took part in an indoor climbing evening at the Nottingham Climbing Centre. Other competitions include our Juniors taking part in the Edgar Spencer mini challenge competition, where they finished 3rd. As the session progresses, it is hoped they will also take part in the Unihoc, Dodgeball, Football and Athletics competitions. Our Company Section also hope to take part in Dodgeball, Athletics and Badminton competitions.

Perhaps the biggest thing for the 42nd Company this year has been going onto the BB's Building Stronger campaign. This is an initiative set up by the BB at National level to help companies build their membership numbers up through strengthening their programmes and increasing their online and social media presence. Our Company already has its own Facebook and Instagram pages and we are working on the advice given to us to help build a stronger presence within Edwalton as the new estate continues to build.

Adrian continues to visit regularly on our meeting nights and he too has given some input on how to improve our programme and build our known presence in the area and hopefully our membership numbers.

We continue our monthly joint meeting nights with the 45th Company in Clifton for our Company Section members, helping to get them to meet more and different people of their own age, as well as offer them a

different environment. This continues to be a success for both companies, and in July, both of us along with the 44th Company, also in Clifton, will be going on a weekend camp in Derbyshire.

We continue to attend Church services once a month through our own monthly Parades, keeping the band going strong, which continues to draw great appraisal from Church members and residents alike. Our members continue to participate in services by doing readings and the collection, and although our Anchors and Juniors usually go out to Explorers now during the services, we at least do still get a good percentage of Company members attending and enjoying coming to the services.

We of course are very grateful for all positive feedback we get from congregation members, whether it be for how well dressed the young people are, how well behaved they are, how good the band sounds, whatever it may be. We do appreciate it, and we don't take for granted the things we get to do in the Church and will always contribute to the life of the Church as much as we can and in the best way we can.

So, at the time of writing, we currently have 4 Anchors, 4 Juniors, 3 Company Section and 5 Officers, but as is often the way, what we lack in quantity we make up for in quality. And our young people never let the low numbers get in the way of having a fun evening, nor let it stop them being able to do the things they can do and achieve.

Our Annual Display and Awards Night this year is on Wednesday 12th June at the Church Hall. You are all of course welcome to attend, and you will be able to see what they can do in small numbers and what they've been able to achieve. You can see them show their talents, many of which they may not have known they even had if they weren't in the BBGA, and do it with confidence.

My final word goes to the Officers of the Company, Graham, Lisa, Andy and Matthew, without whom, the Company could simply not function. Being a BBGA Officer is a thankless task and all 4 give their services quite freely and willingly, not looking for any reward or recognition. Let's hope we can end 2023-24 on a high, and hope that 2024-25 can be the start of something bigger and even more exciting.

Services

2023

1st, 2nd, 4th Sundays	10.00 am	Parish Communion / Morning Worship (Common Worship)
1 st Sunday	11.30 am	<i>All in</i> Service at the Church Hall
3rd Sunday	10.00 am	All age Worship
	4.00 pm	Evensong

2024

1 st Sunday	10.15am	Morning Worship
2 nd & 4 th Sundays	9.00am	Breakfast Church at the Church Hall
	10.15am	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	10.15am	Morning Worship with BBGA Parade
	4.00pm	Evensong

HOME or HOSPITAL COMMUNION By arrangement with the Ministry team.

BAPTISM and THANKSGIVINGS During the 10.00am service by arrangement with Rev Mark Fraser or Rev Ade Perham

WEDDINGS and MARRIAGE BLESSINGS By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

FUNERALS By arrangement with Rev'd Mark Fraser

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the life of the Church.

If you would like to know more about any of the groups or events mentioned in the report, please contact the group leader, Ade or Alex

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THE HOLY ROOD, EDWALTON

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity Number 1133017

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of
The Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton**

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 material 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 as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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22 March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2023							
		Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Y/E 31 Dec	Y/E 31 Dec
						2023	2022
			£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources		2					
Voluntary Income			63,876	6,608	-	70,484	50,136
Activities for generating funds			-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403
Income from investments			561	19,253	-	19,814	20,388
Church activities			21,029	-	-	21,029	20,816
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			85,466	28,303	-	113,769	93,743
RESOURCES EXPENDED		3					
Church activities			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
Governance costs			3,705	1,429	-	5,134	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,626	129,526
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS			(15,356)	(7,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES			(5,356)	(17,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS			-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets			-	95,297	-	95,297	(134,433)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			(5,356)	78,221	(1,425)	71,440	(170,216)
Balances b/fwd 1 January			42,858	1,219,355	4,275	1,266,488	1,436,703
Balances c/fwd 31 December			37,502	1,297,576	2,850	1,337,928	1,266,488

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022									
						2023	2022		
					Notes	£	£		
FIXED ASSETS									
	Tangible				5(a)	17,737	20,311		
	Investments				5(b)	1,221,884	1,176,587		
						1,239,621	1,196,898		
CURRENT ASSETS									
	Stock					300	300		
	Debtors and prepayments					2,461	3,040		
	Cash at bank and in hand					98,613	70,387		
						101,374	73,727		
LIABILITIES									
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					3,067	4,137		
NET CURRENT ASSETS						98,307	69,590		
TOTAL NET ASSETS						1,337,928	1,266,488		
PARISH FUNDS									
	Unrestricted				6	37,502	42,858		
	Designated					1,297,576	1,219,355		
	Restricted					2,850	4,275		
	Endowment					-	-		
						1,337,928	1,266,488		

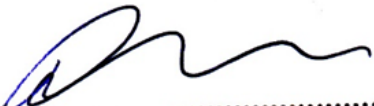
2. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022	
				£	£	£	£	£	
2(a)	Voluntary Income								
	Planned giving:								
		Gift Aid donations		38,079	-	-	38,079	35,831	
		Tax recoverable		10,485	-	-	10,485	8,636	
		Uncovenanted		5,721	-	-	5,721	4,622	
	Donations:								
		Sundry		4,491	683	-	5,174	1,047	
		Fabric		-	2,725	-	2,725	-	
		Bells		-	-	-	-	-	
	Grant:								
		Listed Worship Grant		-	-	-	-	-	
		Other Grant		5,000	3,200	-	8,200	-	
	Legacies			100	-	-	100	-	
				63,876	6,608	-	70,484	50,136	
2(b)	Activities from generating funds								
	Fund Raising Events			-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
	Other					-	-	-	
				-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
2 (c)	Income from Investments								
	Dividends			-	19,253	-	19,253	20,294	
	Interest Received			561	-	-	561	94	
				561	19,253	-	19,814	20,388	
2(d)	Income from church activities								
	Fees			7,215	-	-	7,215	8,276	
	Hire of church hall			12,198	-	-	12,198	11,114	
	Hire of meeting room			1,616	-	-	1,616	1,426	
				21,029	-	-	21,029	20,816	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				85,466	28,303	-	113,769	93,743	

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
			£	£	£	£	£
3 (a)	Church activities						
	Church Societies			-	-	-	
	Secular charities		127	4,394	-	4,521	2,879
	Ministry:	Parish Share	59,916	-	-	59,916	57,396
		Incumbent	3,014	-	-	3,014	2,749
		Vicars expenses	1,560	-	-	1,560	1,275
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		8,642	-	-	8,642	5,783
	Insurance		4,169	-	-	4,169	3,990
	Minor repairs		1,496	-	-	1,496	2,521
	Churchyard		1,188	3,106	-	4,294	763
	Audit & Accountancy		175	-	-	175	150
	Upkeep of services		690	-	-	690	432
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,974	-	1,425	3,399	3,124
	Salaries and honoraria		11,855	26,450	-	38,305	36,513
	Church hall		2,311	-	-	2,311	5,692
	Other		-	-	-	-	2,396
			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
3(b)							
	Governance						
	Printing, postage and stationary		2,242	-	-	2,242	2,815
	Sundry Administration expenses		1,463	1,429	-	2,892	1,048
			3,705	1,429	-	5,135	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,627	129,526

4. STAFF COSTS					2023	2022		
					£	£		
	Wages and salaries				38,305	36,513		
					38,305	36,513		
	During the year the PCC employed an administrator, two cleaners and a pioneer worker none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.							
	Employees of the Holy Rood participate in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of Holy Rood, and other participating employers. CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefit Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme, the later having two subsections - Pension Builder Classic, which is a deferred annuity scheme, and Pension Builder 2014. The Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme, which provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member and discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The whole account is payable, unreduced, from age 65.							
	There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable to the Pension Builder 2014 scheme were £2,300 (2022 £2,300).							
	A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the 2019 valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022. Calculations for this are currently under way. More details of the other schemes can be found on the Church of England website in the Pensions pages.							
	The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, Holy Rood could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.							

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC			Freehold land and buildings		Church & church hall equipment		Church & church hall	
			£		£		Total	
							£	
5(a) Tangible fixed assets								
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2023		11,365		32,064		43,429	
	Additions		-		825		825	
	At 31 December 2023		11,365		32,889		44,254	
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023		-		23,118		23,118	
	Charge for the year		-		3,399		3,399	
	At 31 December 2023		-		26,517		26,517	
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023		11,365		6,372		17,737	
	At 1 January 2023		11,365		8,946		20,311	
5(b) Investment fixed assets					£			
	Market Value at 1 January 2023				1,176,587			
	Purchases at cost				-			
	Disposals at cost				(50,000)			
	Change in Market Value				95,297			
	Market Value at 31 December 2023				1,221,884			
Holdings at 31 December 2023:			34,419 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (Unrestricted)					
			Investments fixed assets include three designated funds one of £443,825, one designated fund of £774,691 and one of £3,368. They all comprise of equity shares and bonds and are managed by third parties.					
6. NET ASSETS BY FUND			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds		
			£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed Assets for Church use			14,887	-	2,850	-	17,737	
Investment Fixed Assets				1,221,884	-	-	1,221,884	
Current Assets			24,560	76,814	-	-	101,374	
Current Liabilities			(1,945)	(1,122)		-	(3,067)	
Fund Balance			37,502	1,297,576	2,850	-	1,337,928	

These accounts were adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on Monday 25th March 2024.


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Rev'd Ade Perham

Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton



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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE HOLY ROOD, EDWALTON

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity Number 1133017

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of
The Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton**

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 material 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 as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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22 March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2023							
		Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Y/E 31 Dec	Y/E 31 Dec
						2023	2022
			£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources		2					
Voluntary Income			63,876	6,608	-	70,484	50,136
Activities for generating funds			-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403
Income from investments			561	19,253	-	19,814	20,388
Church activities			21,029	-	-	21,029	20,816
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			85,466	28,303	-	113,769	93,743
RESOURCES EXPENDED		3					
Church activities			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
Governance costs			3,705	1,429	-	5,134	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,626	129,526
NET (OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS			(15,356)	(7,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
NET(OUTGOING)/ INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES			(5,356)	(17,076)	(1,425)	(23,857)	(35,783)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS			-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loss) on investment assets			-	95,297	-	95,297	(134,433)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			(5,356)	78,221	(1,425)	71,440	(170,216)
Balances b/fwd 1 January			42,858	1,219,355	4,275	1,266,488	1,436,703
Balances c/fwd 31 December			37,502	1,297,576	2,850	1,337,928	1,266,488

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022									
						2023	2022		
					Notes	£	£		
FIXED ASSETS									
	Tangible				5(a)	17,737	20,311		
	Investments				5(b)	1,221,884	1,176,587		
						1,239,621	1,196,898		
CURRENT ASSETS									
	Stock					300	300		
	Debtors and prepayments					2,461	3,040		
	Cash at bank and in hand					98,613	70,387		
						101,374	73,727		
LIABILITIES									
	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					3,067	4,137		
NET CURRENT ASSETS						98,307	69,590		
TOTAL NET ASSETS						1,337,928	1,266,488		
PARISH FUNDS									
	Unrestricted				6	37,502	42,858		
	Designated					1,297,576	1,219,355		
	Restricted					2,850	4,275		
	Endowment					-	-		
						1,337,928	1,266,488		

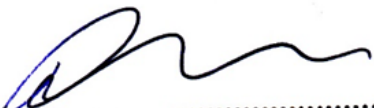
2. INCOMING RESOURCES				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL FUNDS		
				Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022	
				£	£	£	£	£	
2(a)	Voluntary Income								
	Planned giving:								
		Gift Aid donations		38,079	-	-	38,079	35,831	
		Tax recoverable		10,485	-	-	10,485	8,636	
		Uncovenanted		5,721	-	-	5,721	4,622	
	Donations:								
		Sundry		4,491	683	-	5,174	1,047	
		Fabric		-	2,725	-	2,725	-	
		Bells		-	-	-	-	-	
	Grant:								
		Listed Worship Grant		-	-	-	-	-	
		Other Grant		5,000	3,200	-	8,200	-	
	Legacies			100	-	-	100	-	
				63,876	6,608	-	70,484	50,136	
2(b)	Activities from generating funds								
	Fund Raising Events			-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
	Other					-	-	-	
				-	2,442	-	2,442	2,403	
2 (c)	Income from Investments								
	Dividends			-	19,253	-	19,253	20,294	
	Interest Received			561	-	-	561	94	
				561	19,253	-	19,814	20,388	
2(d)	Income from church activities								
	Fees			7,215	-	-	7,215	8,276	
	Hire of church hall			12,198	-	-	12,198	11,114	
	Hire of meeting room			1,616	-	-	1,616	1,426	
				21,029	-	-	21,029	20,816	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				85,466	28,303	-	113,769	93,743	

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	TOTAL	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
			£	£	£	£	£
3 (a)	Church activities						
	Church Societies			-	-	-	
	Secular charities		127	4,394	-	4,521	2,879
	Ministry:	Parish Share	59,916	-	-	59,916	57,396
		Incumbent	3,014	-	-	3,014	2,749
		Vicars expenses	1,560	-	-	1,560	1,275
	Heating, lighting and cleaning		8,642	-	-	8,642	5,783
	Insurance		4,169	-	-	4,169	3,990
	Minor repairs		1,496	-	-	1,496	2,521
	Churchyard		1,188	3,106	-	4,294	763
	Audit & Accountancy		175	-	-	175	150
	Upkeep of services		690	-	-	690	432
	Depreciation of fixtures and fitting		1,974	-	1,425	3,399	3,124
	Salaries and honoraria		11,855	26,450	-	38,305	36,513
	Church hall		2,311	-	-	2,311	5,692
	Other		-	-	-	-	2,396
			97,117	33,950	1,425	132,492	125,663
3(b)							
	Governance						
	Printing, postage and stationary		2,242	-	-	2,242	2,815
	Sundry Administration expenses		1,463	1,429	-	2,892	1,048
			3,705	1,429	-	5,135	3,863
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			100,822	35,379	1,425	137,627	129,526

4. STAFF COSTS					2023	2022		
					£	£		
	Wages and salaries				38,305	36,513		
					38,305	36,513		
	During the year the PCC employed an administrator, two cleaners and a pioneer worker none of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. There were no disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or related parties.							
	Employees of the Holy Rood participate in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of Holy Rood, and other participating employers. CWPF has two sections, the Defined Benefit Scheme and the Pension Builder Scheme, the later having two subsections - Pension Builder Classic, which is a deferred annuity scheme, and Pension Builder 2014. The Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme, which provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member and discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The whole account is payable, unreduced, from age 65.							
	There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable to the Pension Builder 2014 scheme were £2,300 (2022 £2,300).							
	A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the 2019 valuation revealed a surplus of £5.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2022. Calculations for this are currently under way. More details of the other schemes can be found on the Church of England website in the Pensions pages.							
	The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, Holy Rood could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.							

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC			Freehold land and buildings		Church & church hall equipment		Church & church hall	
			£		£		Total	
							£	
5(a) Tangible fixed assets								
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2023		11,365		32,064		43,429	
	Additions		-		825		825	
	At 31 December 2023		11,365		32,889		44,254	
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023		-		23,118		23,118	
	Charge for the year		-		3,399		3,399	
	At 31 December 2023		-		26,517		26,517	
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023		11,365		6,372		17,737	
	At 1 January 2023		11,365		8,946		20,311	
5(b) Investment fixed assets					£			
	Market Value at 1 January 2023				1,176,587			
	Purchases at cost				-			
	Disposals at cost				(50,000)			
	Change in Market Value				95,297			
	Market Value at 31 December 2023				1,221,884			
Holdings at 31 December 2023:			34,419 shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund (Unrestricted)					
			Investments fixed assets include three designated funds one of £443,825, one designated fund of £774,691 and one of £3,368. They all comprise of equity shares and bonds and are managed by third parties.					
6. NET ASSETS BY FUND			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL	
			£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed Assets for Church use			14,887	-	2,850	-	17,737	
Investment Fixed Assets				1,221,884	-	-	1,221,884	
Current Assets			24,560	76,814	-	-	101,374	
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