

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

2023 has been a particularly difficult year financially. We must give thanks again to our faithful team of Wardens and volunteers who have again worked really hard especially with Afternoon Teas and the Fete. We were very sorry to lose Andy Giles - - he has worked really hard during his time with us and we wish him all the best for the future.

Our Parish Contribution for 2023 amounted to a total of £75,000 – Thanks once again to the Generosity of the Richard Wall/Jack Cox Fund. And Dorothy Smith This year we have needed to reduce our Parish Contribution once again to £70,000 and we hope now to keep a near balanced budget going forward. We have to remember that our Parish contributions help to support our clergy and the work they do.

The 2022 Statement of Financial Affairs shows a Deficit of £2442; It is to be noted that this figure would have been considerably more without the assistance of Dorothy Smith Forum and the Cox/ Wall Fund.

- 1) Once again, the 200 club has been successful – If you would like still to join, please do contact Mary Clarkson or myself.
- 2) We were able to hold near normal Easter and Christmas services this year although with reduced congregations.

We had NO legacies again in 2022 so **PLEASE CONTINUE TO THINK 'LEGACIES'**

It is crucially important at this time, that as custodians of the church affairs, we remain aware of the need to maintain the underlying sustainability of our expenditure compared with our income. Our main priority for 2024 is again to continue to make all possible efforts to keep our budget in check.

The accounts are presented this year in the SOFA (statement of financial affairs) format as laid down by the Charity Commission I hope that they remain reasonably clear. Some observations to note are:

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- 1) The Stock Market has reduced in value owing to the rise in interest rates affecting especially the Dorothy Smith Bequest capital.
- 2) Planned Giving is holding steady however not increasing much, so we do still need to be ever vigilant.

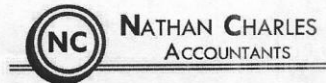
We sincerely hope that 2024 will improve.

I would like to end this report by once again asking for 'God's **continuing guiding hand**' in all we do.
ANGIE HILL, Honorary Treasurer,

MARKET HARBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS HELD AND OF REALISED AND UNREALISED GAINS AND LOSSES

	VALUE 1.1.23	PURCHASES	SALES	VALUE 31.12.23	GAINS REALISED	UNREALISED
461.26CBF Investment Fund Shares	9,523.13			10,426.92		903.79
68.98 (2020 160) Inv. Fund Shares (St Marys Land)	1,424.15			1,559.31		135.16
1788.48 (2020 4480.31) CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	2,443.24			2,588.82		145.58
Total	13,390.52			14,575.05		1,184.53
<u>YMFS</u>						
381 CBF Investment Fund Shares	7,871.99			8,612.62		740.63
1632 CBF Fixed interest Securities Fund	2,337.74			2,362.32		24.58
Total	10,209.73			10,974.94		765.21
<u>DOROTHY SMITH BEQUEST</u>	116,058.24			117,745.58		1,687.34
5208.76 Investment Fund Shares (2020 7118.79)						
TOTALS	139,658.49			143,295.57		3,637.08



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ACCOUNTANTS

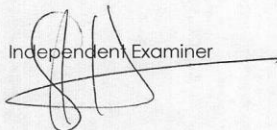
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PCC Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023

I have examined the accounts and balance sheets of the PCC General accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023. My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning such matters. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit.

In connection with my examination, I have found nothing which has caused concern and I am satisfied that the accounts and statements constitute an accurate record of the financial transactions for the year.

Independent Examiner


Stuart Hayward
6th March 2024