



# HOLY TRINITY AYLESBURY

**Annual Review 2023-2024**



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# VICAR'S REPORT

## Beginnings

I cannot believe that well over a year has passed since Andrea and I joined the HT family. Thank you so much for your warm welcome and your willingness to embrace change and new ideas over these months.

Without doubt, our journey together is well underway. In some respects, a lot more changes have happened than I could possibly have expected, but I have noticed a real hunger in you to embrace the new thing that God is doing.

**B**

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.

Philippians 1: 6

## Belong

I do hope that as you read this Annual Review and think about your relationship with HT, you do feel that you belong here. That is certainly my desire. I want us to be a church where everyone matters; where everyone has something to contribute. I recognise that we come from a range of backgrounds - socially and spiritually, and because of this we have an opportunity to create a wonderfully rich mix of would-be Jesus followers.

**B**

## Believe

You will have noticed by now that teaching and preaching are really important to me. I happen to believe that the Bible is a life-transformative book and that God speaks to us through it! Not that we all have to believe the same thing! But I do want to re-affirm my commitment to encourage AND challenge you Sunday-by-Sunday as we travel this road together.

## Become

So as you read, compare where you were this time last year with where you are now. And then consider where God might be calling you /us in the year ahead as we all journey together.

*Andy*

# CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



A new season for Holy Trinity started when Andy was Licensed in March 2023. Holy Week began less than two weeks later, and with a lot to organise, Andy led the Easter Services, signalling a significant change since the vacancy.

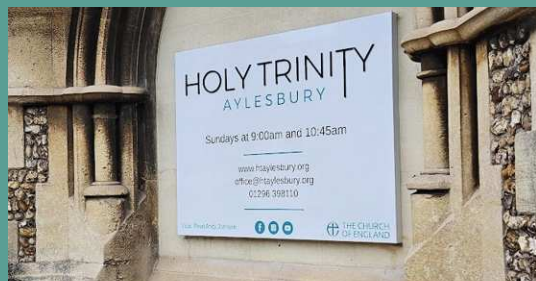
Since then, the planning, change, and growth have continued. From Easter to the school holidays, the emphasis was on understanding and listening, with a new set of meetings organised to manage life at Holy Trinity. A new pattern for Churchwarden, Standing Committee, and PCC meetings soon helped everyone fit into a successful flow.

The summer saw a change of pace, and when we returned in the autumn, we implemented our most significant change, moving to two services on Sundays.

Thanks to the hard work of many, the new service pattern has allowed more people the opportunity to worship in their preferred way. Both services have grown over the past six months, and many have given their time and gifts to achieve this progress. We have seen new faces join us over the months, and the recent “newcomers” meeting at the vicarage allowed Andy and Andrea to welcome and ask those present to be part of the work we have planned for the future of Holy Trinity.

As we write this during Holy Week, reflecting on the past twelve months is a good thing to do. We have achieved more than many would have hoped for during this time, and the work is already starting to bring about the next season at Holy Trinity. A huge thank you to everyone for all you contribute at HT and for the support you have given to the Churchwardens this year. A special mention to Anne, Cate and the rest of the staff team for all their hard work.

Jocelyn & Graham





# SUNDAY SERVICES

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We stepped out in faith in September 2023 as we created two new Sunday services - one at 9am and the other at 10.45am. As a result we have seen numbers attending climb steadily.

The 9am is liturgical but informal, with Communion celebrated three times a month. At present we are not able to offer children's work at this service but the creche is open.

We truly experience the presence of God though the richness of the words, the mix of songs, the teaching from the Bible and the Breaking of Bread. Each week prayer ministry is offered at the end of the service.

The 10.45am is more informal with a mix of sung worship, teaching and prayer ministry. Communion is celebrated once a month. The teaching programme is the same as the 9am but there tends to be a little more time at the 10.45 for a few more stories! There are activities for children every week.

It is a huge commitment to put on two services for a growing church such as ours. So thank you to everyone who serves to make this possible. From the tech team to the coffee pourers - the musicians & singers to the service leaders, our flower arrangers, readers, intercessors, children's church volunteers and office staff. You all make a huge contribution and we appreciate you greatly.

**Sunday morning worship - 9.00 & 10.45am every week**

# CHRISTMAS & EASTER

HT was a great place to be at Christmas with really good numbers attending the Carol Service, Midweek Carols, the Christmas Eve Christingle Service, the Christmas Communion and the Christmas Morning Service. Chris Dalladay put together a great choir for the Carol Service and it would seem that many came back to that service for the first time since the pandemic.



Easter was also lively, but we found space to be reflective over a lamb supper on Maundy Thursday evening and through spending an hour at the cross on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday we celebrated the resurrection at 7am and at 10am with Dean's baptism and a full church.





# PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care goes on all the time at HT - sometimes overtly, but more often quietly behind the scenes. The Pastoral Care Team was led wonderfully well by Jane Piper until recently, but as she and Nick have moved away, Andy now heads this up.

This includes regular meetings where a small group from across both congregations meet to share confidentially the names of people who may need extra support. They post cards, send text messages and of course, pay visits where possible. They also commit to pray for these people and provide updates, one for another as the month goes on.

There are also a few people who can no longer get to HT that Andy visits regularly; Sheila Matthews and Jocelyn Chappell kindly share that task.

Much of our Pastoral Care happens in and through our network of Small Groups. Each group helps and supports its members, supporting people where needed.

# SAFEGUARDING

Guy Willimont continues to serve HT in the key role of Safeguarding Officer. We use a Safeguarding Dashboard from the Oxford Diocese that aims to make the day to day administration of safeguarding more efficient. This helps us to keep up-to-date with all matters relating to vulnerable adults and children within our church family.

Mandy Henderson is our Children's Champion. If any of young people are worried or concerned about anything they can chat to her for help or support.

# MISSION & EVANGELISM

## Alpha

We have run the Alpha course in both the Autumn and Spring terms this past year, with about twelve guests at each. This has been a great opportunity to share the gospel and for people to ask their questions about the Christian faith, within a relaxed and safe environment.

A good number of people have moved on from Alpha to a small group and some have joined the wider church family at Sunday morning services.

Thanks to everyone who has prepared and served food, washed up and prayed for us. We have valued the sense of whole church family involvement.

We will be running Alpha in the autumn - once again on a midweek evening.



## Welcome Team

Our welcome team consists of a dedicated group of fantastic volunteers who are keen to welcome newcomers to HT and help them feel part of church family life.

Andy and Andrea hosted the first 'Newcomers' Tea' at the Vicarage which 25 people, new to the church, attended and where much cake was eaten and tea was drunk! The plan is to hold these gatherings regularly to help newcomers feel welcome and give them an opportunity to learn more about HT.

We have also developed a new Welcome Pack full of information about what HT offers and how people can get involved in our church family life. The pack is offered to newcomers and it will be further developed in the year ahead.





# MISSION & EVANGELISM

## Aylesbury Community Gospel Choir

The Gospel choir is open to all, and sings a selection of Gospel songs alongside some secular choices focussing on Gospel themes of hope, freedom, and love. This year has been an exciting one with numbers going up, with around 18-20 regulars currently.

As always, we would love to see more members - no ability to read music is required, as all songs are learnt by ear.

We sang at a Christmas concert at Berryfields, had a concert at HT in July and sang at the HT Community Christmas Carol Service.

The choir is really gelling as a group now. We have had a couple of socials where people can chat for longer and feel the benefit of belonging to the group.

## HT FC

HTFC has continued this year although moving venue to play indoors at the Grange School on Monday nights 7-8pm. We have a wide range of ages and abilities - with a mixture of church members and friends and even a couple of pupils from the school!

We're hoping to have a few social events so that we can build relationships and get to know each other better.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Peter Bisley - we'd love more HT men to join!

## Global Mission

Mission partners Paul & Sarah Tester and The 'Reeds' visited HT to give updates on their ministry in Peru and southern Europe respectively and we continue to support Pauline Linton in the DRC. Recently, Andrew Henderson visited Sierra Leone with a team from SOMA and returned with some fantastic stories.

Closer to home, we continue to support groups in Aylesbury including the Town Chaplaincy, Youth for Christ, the Foodbank and AHAG.

A new Giving Committee is currently being formed to continue this ministry.



# TRINITY COFFEE SHOP

The Coffee Shop has now been running for a total of 14 years and for 3 years in its current form. It remains a popular venue for our local and loyal customers. The income generated is significant for church funds, the church building is kept open to the public for two extra mornings a week, and – perhaps most importantly – a friendly welcoming space is created for any who want to drop in for some company or a chat. Our homemade cakes and bakes are kindly provided by in-house bakers and our Lattes and Americanos are always well received.

The Coffee Shop has also been able to support some students with special needs who gain experience in a workplace and give a welcome hand in clearing away and washing up at the end.

After 14 years, some of our equipment is beginning to feel a little tired, so we are looking forward to some upgrades in the near future.

The volunteers have often been called upon to provide support for those leading church events: concerts, funerals, suppers, meetings etc. and they have been supported by other church members who step in for these one-off events. We always appreciate such offers of help to serve the church community.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



HT engages with the wider community of Aylesbury in other ways too. In August we were represented at the **Bucks County Show**, providing coffee for over 1000 weary attendees. Also in August we made and served over 2000 cups of tea (there's a theme developing here) for **Church in the Park** that took place in our parish. In December we participated in '**Christmas on the Cobbles**' in town; dressing up as nativity characters and taking part in the parade, introducing the real message of Christmas into the festivities.

We continue to host and support the fantastic **Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy**. There are chaplains in the park, in Morrisons and in the town - including a number of Street Angels.



Our support for the much-needed **Aylesbury Foodbank** has grown and we have a representative on their Board of Trustees as well. We host '**Space**' on a Monday which provides a listening ear and counselling for those who need it. We are also home for **Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ** and **Unite**, and are delighted to have been able to host '**Why I Believe**' this year. Once a month, people from across the town have come to HT to hear testimony and teaching from a range of well-known speakers explaining why they believe in God.

At the **Turnfurlong Junior School Carol Service** we were packed to the rafters as usual and this year we have also hosted Deanery Synod and Chapter Meetings, cooked numerous breakfasts for the Evangelical Anglicans in Aylesbury (EAA) and hosted the Aylesbury Church Network (ACN) at lunchtimes.

Not forgetting our most consistent interaction with the wider community - the Coffee Shop.



**Glo Youth Café, Pathfinders & Chill**

Young people have the opportunity to engage with HT most weeks. Three out of four Sundays, Matt & Claire Norman lead Pathfinders from 11am - 12 noon with able assistance from a small group of volunteers. Amongst other things they have been learning about prayer this year and recently had a very successful social evening out bowling.

Once a month, Millie Tomson and her team lead Chill in the lounge; offering a safe space for our young people to come, chat and ask questions about faith.

Also, once a month on a Friday evening, Mandy, Ed and Anne run Glo Youth Café with social activities, crafts and sports for our young people and their friends. Each month has a different focus and the tuck shop is always a hit. Recently, Andy and Andrea paid a visit for a session of some very searching questions.

HT remains committed to travelling with young people as they negotiate their teenage years. Many of you reading this will be able to call to mind adults that were there for you when you were growing up. Could you maybe spare an hour or two a month to invest in this generation?

**HTA Kids**

HTA Kids is for children aged 3-11 years and includes a mix of games, prayer, worship, crafts and Bible teaching. We meet from 11am on Sundays during the service.

Last year we learnt about New Testament characters, Psalms and justice in our communities. We learnt memory verses, watched videos, painted, baked, completed quizzes, played games, had treasure hunts, parties, and worshipped together!

It is wonderful to see the children growing in faith and friendships, inviting friends along, and enjoying time together while learning about Jesus. The wide age range of HTA Kids continues to have benefits and challenges.

Our dedicated volunteer team includes leaders and helpers, with assistance from the office staff, Safeguarding lead and PCC reps. This year, we thanked Jane Piper, Claire Norman and Peter Bisley who stood down from leading & helping, and welcomed new members to the team. We are grateful to those who give their time and energy so faithfully to support this ministry.

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

## Schools' Work

On behalf of HT, Ruth Jarrett goes into Turnfurlong Infant and Junior Schools six times a year to take Christian assemblies, including at Christmas and Easter. Each assembly reaches approximately 540 children across both schools. Ruth also takes some assemblies at Broughton Infant School. In December, we ran workshops for year 3 at Turnfurlong Juniors exploring the real meaning of Christmas and Turnfurlong Juniors came to HT for their school carol service. In July, we ran transition workshops for year 6 at Turnfurlong Juniors which helped them to explore moving up to secondary school. During the session each child was given an "It's Your Move" book (Scripture Union) which is packed full of helpful advice about moving up to secondary school. Please pray that the schools continue to welcome us in to run these activities.

## Lighthouse

Our vision is to provide welcome, friendship and care for 0-5's and their carers. Interactive sessions (which include singing, story, craft, refreshments, and free play) offer the opportunity to have fun and learn about Jesus. We meet weekly during term time in Walton Hall.

Lighthouse would not happen without our committed, servant hearted team of volunteers. This year, we thanked Jemimah, Val, Margaret, Hester and Charley who all stood down and Joc who changed roles, and welcomed several new volunteers to the team.

In November, we celebrated the installation of the stained-glass window, recognising all children's ministry at HT. Particular thanks to Cate for her support in this project. Everyone saw the window at our fun-filled Christmas Crib Service which included a fantastic story by Andy and Veronica, followed by a picnic lunch.

Several team members attended the National Playtime Conference in September. We were reminded that beneath the surface of our noisy and lively sessions there is hidden treasure. Children learn how to interact with each other, gain resilience, develop fine motor and social skills, and more, all while learning about the love of Jesus.



### **Prayer Ministry**

Prayer Ministry was 're-launched' this year with some training back in the spring. The focus is on a person-centred approach, where those coming for prayer are also encouraged to pray for themselves, as well as receive prayer.

Some logistical issues remain, but we continue to offer prayer on the right-hand side of the main body of the church. Andy has been keen to emphasise that Prayer Ministry is not so much 'what does God want to do now' but rather what has God already been doing through the service and how can our prayers help continue to further that.

We remain keen to see Prayer Ministry become an everyday part of HT's worshipping life. Thank you to all who give of themselves in praying for others in this way.



### **Monthly Prayer Meetings**

Prayer meetings have continued on the first Thursday of the month 7-8pm throughout the year.

Ian and Carol Waterfield lead the charge on this and have been encouraged by the regular attendance of a faithful few.

In addition, Rob & Graziella Clarke have opened up their home on the other Thursday evenings for prayer, and one or two have joined them for this.

Nothing is achieved without prayer. These meetings are open to everyone who would like to join.



# SMALL GROUPS

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Our small group ministry continues to offer the church family an opportunity for a deeper sense of belonging and to connect with others walking the journey of faith. The past year has seen some changes in small group leadership and growth in the number of groups available to join. The group descriptions and photos of the leaders have been updated and are now in the church foyer. There you can see the variety of groups on offer and we are hopeful that we will continue to see groups multiplying as the church family continues to grow.

Our small groups meet both during the daytime and evening: Tuesdays to Fridays.

If your desire is to become more involved as an HT member in the year ahead then why not consider joining a small group? You can speak to Millie Tomson for more information.

A huge thank you to all of the leaders for serving our church family in this important pastoral ministry and for supporting others on their discipleship journey.



There have been lots of opportunities for HT to 'be social' over the past year. The women of HT gathered for 'Puddings & Prosecco' and stories from local female vicar, Sally Bottomer.

Not to be outdone, Men@HT met for a Chinese meal and a talk from Grant Smith CEO of 'Hand-in-Hand', a charity he set up, which works predominantly in Kenya. The men have also begun to meet periodically for worship and prayer evenings.

Over 20 of us attended New Wine in Kent last summer. Some camped and stayed the whole week, others popped in for a day or two, to enjoy teaching and worship.

We have also had two social events in Walton Hall: the first being a Quiz Night organised by our young people and the second a Harvest Supper and Talent Show.

Finally, 'More Tea Vicar' is now held once a month in the foyer, where people drop in for a chat with Andy and others.



# PCC, DEANERY SYNOD & ELECTORAL ROLL

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Mike Fulker, Chris Dalladay and Andy represent HT on the **Deanery Synod**, with Graham Strachan as Lay Chair. Synod meets three times a year to consider topics affecting all the churches in the deanery. We also have special presentations from organisations connected to the work of the church. Most recently, Synod considered the parish share within the deanery, and had a presentation from Compassion UK on child sponsorship. Anyone who would like to know more about the work of Synod, please speak to the members listed above.

Our **Electoral Roll** number is 129 people, compared to 136 at the APCM last May. Every sixth year a new Electoral Roll is prepared. We will be doing this in 2025.

If you are not currently on the Electoral Roll, do think about joining. You are eligible to join if you live in the parish or if you have been attending habitually for at least six months, and it is a way of showing that you belong to the church.

The **PCC** was made up of the following: Shani Bragg, Nicki Strachan, Penny Hurst, Andrew Henderson, Bruce Cullen, Matt Tomson, Mandy Henderson and Nigel Coote. In addition we have our three Deanery Synod members and finally we have the following ex-officio members: Andy Johnson (Vicar), Graham Strachan (warden), Jocelyn Chappell (warden).

Over the course of the year the following have stood down: David Robinson, Ian Webb and Jane Piper and Andrew is stepping down at the APCM. We thank them for their service to Holy Trinity and their contributions to the PCC.

There are 6 meetings a year plus a social gathering in December. At every meeting we always discuss: Finance, Safeguarding, Children's and Youth work and Building related matters.

This year we have also tackled new Sunday services, staff restructuring and our ongoing Covid-19 response as well as some theological issues. In the year ahead the PCC will be focussed on developing a 5 year plan.

There are vacancies on the PCC, so if you are interested in joining us, please speak to Bruce (PCC Secretary) or Andy to find out more.

To keep up to date with what the PCC are currently discussing, contact Bruce to receive meeting minutes.



Although the overall state of the fabric is good, we haven't spent very much money on it for the last ten years, so naturally one or two areas are in need of attention. There are also some large long-standing projects looming, that will require significant investment and fund raising, i.e. a new boiler, building insulation and interior decoration. The Diocese of Oxford's five-year mandatory buildings inspection is due next year so we will see what that raises.

In 2023 we spent around £10,000 on our buildings, not including on-going costs. However, this does include about £3,000 spent on the new Lighthouse stained-glass window, which was conceived and fundraised for back in 2015. Thanks to Operations Manager, Cate, for all her hard work driving the project to completion, and to Claudia Phipps for designing and making the window.

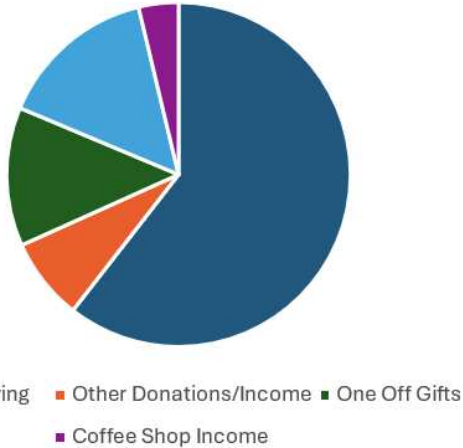
The budget of £4,000 for 2024, is very tight, but we will do our best to keep to that by focussing on essential maintenance and repairs, and various but necessary testing and checks.

Two projects are planned for which we're applying to external funders for grants:

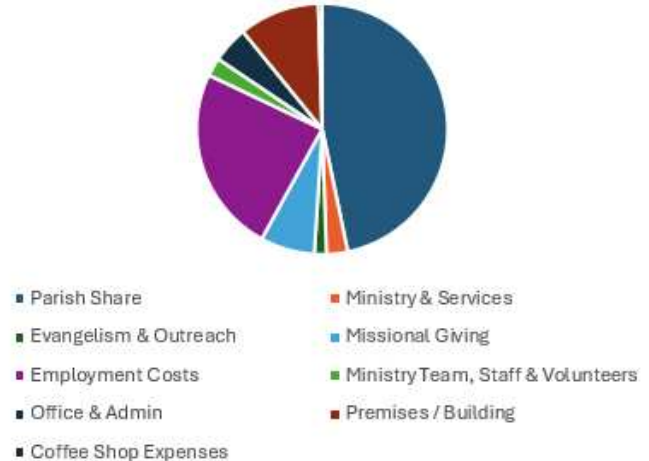
- the kitchenette in the crèche room upstairs, which has been unusable for some time, will be upgraded thanks to the kind donation of time and resources from Mark Knight.
- the foyer will be getting a refresh during the summer, to better serve the many community groups that enjoy the space and in readiness for extra days being added to the opening of the Coffee Shop, which is anticipated in the autumn.



**Parish Income**  
where each £ comes from



**Parish Expenditure**  
where each £ goes



## Our Year

Day to day income £210,000  
 Day to day expenditure £196,000  
 Surplus for the year £14,000  
 One-off donation of £10,000 received  
 Gift Day raised approximately £16,000  
 (including Gift Aid)

## Our Assets

Fixed assets of £435,000 (Church Extension)  
 Restricted funds of £9,000  
 Unrestricted Funds of £54,195  
 (of which bank and cash is £43,000)



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OF ENGLAND



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**Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**For**

**The Walton Parochial Church Council**

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## Parochial Church Council of Walton Aylesbury

## Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of financial activities					
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	2	194,387	-	194,387	166,154
Other Voluntary Income Resources	2	-	3,310	3,310	2,281
Investment income	2	6	-	6	7
Incoming from operating activities	2	11,662	486	12,148	12,158
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>206,055</b>	<b>3,796</b>	<b>209,851</b>	<b>180,600</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Grants	3	13,731	-	13,731	15,860
Activities directly relating to Ministry	3	129,474	45,347	174,821	166,585
Church Management & Administration	3	51,978	-	51,978	52,286
Cost of generating funds	3	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>195,183</b>	<b>45,347</b>	<b>240,530</b>	<b>234,731</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing resources) before transfers</b>		<b>10,872</b>	<b>(41,551)</b>	<b>(30,679)</b>	<b>(54,131)</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>	9			-	-
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before other recognised gains (losses)</b>		<b>10,872</b>	<b>(41,551)</b>	<b>(30,679)</b>	<b>(54,131)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains (losses)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>10,872</b>	<b>(41,551)</b>	<b>(30,679)</b>	<b>(54,131)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>54,195</b>	<b>481,961</b>	<b>536,156</b>	<b>590,287</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>65,067</b>	<b>440,410</b>	<b>505,477</b>	<b>536,156</b>

**Parochial Church Council of Walton Aylesbury**

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

**Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	5	9,372	432,229	441,601	474,256
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>9,372</b>	<b>432,229</b>	<b>441,601</b>	<b>474,256</b>
Debtors and prepayments	6	17,872	-	17,872	6,899
Cash at bank and in hand		42,748	9,089	51,837	57,927
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>60,620</b>	<b>9,089</b>	<b>69,709</b>	<b>64,826</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	5,833	-	5,833	2,926
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>54,787</b>	<b>9,089</b>	<b>63,876</b>	<b>61,900</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>64,159</b>	<b>441,318</b>	<b>505,477</b>	<b>536,156</b>
<b>Funds of the church</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	9	64,159	-	64,159	54,195
Designated funds	9	-	-	-	-
		<b>64,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,159</b>	<b>54,195</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>	9	-	441,318	441,318	481,961
<b>Total funds of the church</b>		<b>64,159</b>	<b>441,318</b>	<b>505,477</b>	<b>536,156</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:

Chairman



## Parochial Church Council of Walton Aylesbury

### Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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##### 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The accounts are reported on an accruals basis.

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

##### Going concern

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

##### Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for ordinary PCC purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from a trust which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they are given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance of that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

##### Incoming resources

###### *Voluntary income & capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised and collection is likely. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due. Funds raised by a fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall and drinks and snacks from the coffee shop are accounted for gross.

###### *Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

###### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

##### Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is as stated in the notes to these accounts. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

##### Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

##### Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.10 (2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvements, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

The building extension work has been capitalised and will be written down over twenty five years.

Fixture, fittings and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over three to ten years.

**Investments**

Investments are valued at purchase price as the amount is not considered to be material.

**Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

**Current Liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the PCC has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

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			2023	2022
2 Analysis of incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>				
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
Planned giving				
Donations	127,208	-	127,208	125,988
Tax recoverable	31,401	-	31,401	28,626
Collections (open plate)	2,814	-	2,814	1,444
Sundry income	32,964	-	32,964	10,096
	<u>194,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,387</u>	<u>166,154</u>
<b>Other Voluntary Income Resources</b>				
New Church Building Project	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid on Building Project Donations	-	-	-	-
Special Collections for onward payment	-	3,310	3,310	2,281
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>2,281</u>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Interest received	6	-	6	7
	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Incoming from operating activities</b>				
Fees	1,555	486	2,041	2,796
Coffee shop	7,856	-	7,856	5,382
Other Income	2,251	-	2,251	3,980
	<u>11,662</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>12,148</u>	<u>12,158</u>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<u><b>206,055</b></u>	<u><b>3,796</b></u>	<u><b>209,851</b></u>	<u><b>180,600</b></u>



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3 Analysis of resources expended	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>				
<b>Grants</b>				
Missionary Grants	13,731	-	13,731	15,860
	13,731	-	13,731	15,860
<b>Activities directly relating to Ministry</b>				
Diocesan Parish Share	91,641	-	91,641	98,140
Staff expenses/Housing	1,959	-	1,959	737
Church running expenses	19,028	486	19,514	15,139
Church Maintenance	9,666	2,915	12,581	4,491
Junior Church	1,216	-	1,216	1,608
Outreach	2,983	-	2,983	1,896
Coffee shop staff and running costs	1,048	-	1,048	1,230
Discretionary & Welfare payments	363	-	363	-
Special Collections paid over	-	2,024	2,024	2,227
Mission visit payments	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	1,570	39,922	41,492	41,117
Building Works to overseas Churches	-	-	-	-
	129,474	45,347	174,821	166,585
<b>Church Management &amp; Administration</b>				
Office Salaries & Administration	50,152	-	50,152	49,394
Legal & professional fees	1,497	-	1,497	2,584
Bank Charges & Loan Interest	329	-	329	308
	51,978	-	51,978	52,286
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>				
Other Activities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>195,183</b>	<b>45,347</b>	<b>240,530</b>	<b>234,731</b>

<b>4 (a) Staff Costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	45,985	44,840
Social security	-	-
Defined contribution scheme	1,192	1,354
	<b>47,177</b>	<b>46,194</b>

The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2022: 6). No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**4(b) Trustee remuneration**

No member of the PCC received any remuneration for their work on the PCC. The clergy, who are ex-officio members, received a stipend but are not remunerated for their service on the PCC.

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		<b>Extension</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>5 Tangible fixed assets</b>				
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 31 December 2022		939,826	32,558	972,384
Additions		-	8,837	8,837
At 31 December 2023		<u>939,826</u>	<u>41,395</u>	<u>981,221</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 31 December 2022		487,633	10,495	498,128
Charge for year		39,922	1,570	41,492
At 31 December 2023		<u>527,555</u>	<u>12,065</u>	<u>539,620</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 December 2022		<u>452,193</u>	<u>22,063</u>	<u>474,256</u>
At 31 December 2023		<u>412,271</u>	<u>29,330</u>	<u>441,601</u>
<b>6 Debtors and prepayments</b>				
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Accounts receivable		476	-	
Accrued income - tax refund due		10,601	2,065	
Other debtors		6,795	4,835	
		<u>17,872</u>	<u>6,900</u>	
<b>7 Creditors and accruals due within one year</b>				
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued costs		5,833	2,654	
Wages payable		-	272	
		<u>5,833</u>	<u>2,926</u>	
<b>8 Analysis of Net Assets</b>				
<b>by fund</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible Fixed Assets		9,372	432,229	441,601
Current Assets				
Bank and Cash		42,748	9,089	51,837
Debtors and Prepayments		17,872	-	17,872
Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year		(5,833)	-	(5,833)
<b>Totals</b>		<u>64,159</u>	<u>441,318</u>	<u>505,477</u>

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**9 Fund transactions**

	<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Gains/ losses/ transfers</b>	<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
New Church Building Project	474,158	-	(42,837)	908	432,229
New Church Overseas	7,586	-	-	-	7,586
Special Collections Fund	217	3,310	(2,024)	-	1,503
Diocesan Fees	-	486	(486)	-	-
	<u>481,961</u>	<u>3,796</u>	<u>(45,347)</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>441,318</u>
<b>Designated and Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund HT	54,195	206,055	(195,183)	(908)	64,159
	<u>54,195</u>	<u>206,055</u>	<u>(195,183)</u>	<u>(908)</u>	<u>64,159</u>
<b>Total of all Funds</b>	<u><b>536,156</b></u>	<u><b>209,851</b></u>	<u><b>(240,530)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>505,477</b></u>

**10 Fund details**

New Church Building Project	To fund the new church extension.
New Church Overseas	A tithe from new building fund donations to support the building of new churches overseas in the Sudan and Pakistan.
Special Donations Fund	A reserve to hold specific donations due to be passed on to third parties.
Diocesan Fees	Funds received for funerals, weddings and similar occasions payable to the Diocese.



## **Independent Examiner's Report**

### **To the Trustees of Walton Parochial Church Council.**

This report is regarding the Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, as attached.

#### **Responsibility and basis of this report.**

The Parochial Church Council has agreed that an Independent Review is required in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, section 145 & 152, for the above year.

It is my responsibility to carry out this review in order to –

a) confirm that the Accounts comply with the 2011 Act,

b) ensure the procedures as laid down by the Act are followed,

and c) report any matters which have come to my attention during this examination.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

This review was in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of records kept and maintained by the PCC. It also included an examination of supporting evidence for the Accounts, to confirm the figures. This process is not a full audit and therefore this report does not express an Audit opinion on these Accounts.

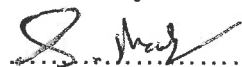
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I am pleased to report that there are no major matters of concern that have been identified during this review and can confirm that the records have been kept in accordance with the 2011 Act. Therefore there are, in my opinion, no matters which need to be raised from the accuracy of these Accounts, however I must express concern at the continued trading loss. I understand that action is being taken to address this and this years loss is below the previous year, so I would recommend that this action is continued to prevent future losses in the following years.

#### **Follow up items**

Check for results regarding the above

This review has been assisted by the staff of HTC and I would just like to place on record my thanks for all their help throughout this process.



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S. Marks, FMAAT  
10 Chesterfield Close, Stone .

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on:

And signed on its behalf by:

Revd Andy Johnson

Vicar and Chair of PCC:

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