

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



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1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

Stoke, St Michael's Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the churches and church centres at Stoke, St Michael's

2 OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a PCC we subscribe to the threefold Diocesan commitment to worship God, make disciples and transform our communities. The parish seeks, in its own understanding of this vision, to inspire people to be alive to Christ's presence, to worship God and to serve the diverse community of Stoke and Wyken. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

- Worship and prayer - learning about the gospel and the love of Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach to people living in the parish and beyond

To facilitate this work we seek to maintain the fabric of the churches, church centre, and a worshipping presence in several local schools, in addition to this the church is committed to staffing missional projects across the city including, Street Pastors, Carriers of Hope, Clothing Coventry and Coventry Foodbank.



3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1 Electoral Roll 2022/23

The total number of people on the Electoral Roll is currently 127. The changes since the last report are that 15 people have been added and 4 people have been removed. There are 53 living in the parish of Stoke St. Michael's, and 74 live outside.

Malcolm Vanston-Rumney, Electoral Roll Officer

3.2 Attendance at Services

The average weekly worshipping attendance in October 2023 was as follows:

Adults 90

Children 8

3.3 Digital Engagement

This year we continue to use our digital platforms as a way of promoting what we do and social interaction with our congregation and community. We continue to live stream our services on Facebook.

Website Jan-June 2023

Overall Page Views 3,269

Users 1,018

Facebook - Current page likes 721 (an increase of 88 over the year.

Yearly Organic Reach 14.4k (18.2% increase)

Our top posts were:-

Christingle and Crib service 2,484

Christmas Fayre 1,953

Annual Carol Service 1,554



3.4 WORSHIP AND PRAYER

On Sundays, the following services take place:

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.30am All Age Worship

11.00am Sung Eucharist

During the week, the following service takes place:

Wednesday 10.00 am Said Communion

Our worship is predominantly Eucharistic but our 9.30 is all age worship where we have communion once a month. All worship, priestly and pastoral work is supported by a strong team of Readers and our Curate.

Once a month our Mother's Union group meet in the centre for worship and fellowship.

Occasional Offices last year included...

Weddings 1

Baptisms 8

Funerals 38



4. REPORTS

Rector's Report

Once again we have had the most amazing year together, as our church has come back to life in its fullest since Covid.

It continues to be a real privilege to be your Rector at Stoke, St Michael's. It has been lovely to welcome some new faces into our congregation, this year, watch our children grow and continue to be a place of peace and tranquility for all who pass through our doors.

I could not lead such a thriving church without the help of all of our volunteers who week in week out play their own part, whether that be cleaning our church, singing in our choir, being a member of our PCC, leading worship, welcoming people each week, keeping people safe, counting our pennies, ringing our bells, loving the kids at Mikes Tikes, decorating our church or being part of the social committee. A massive thank you!

I could not help but mention and give great gratitude to our five Readers, Janet, Ann, Sue, Chris and Suzanne who have their own unique ministries, its joy to work alongside you all. The hard work of our three churchwardens, Chris, Jim and Neal. Our talented musical director, Linda and our superb administrator Lynda. Finally I need to give acknowledgment to our wonderful curate Dan, who we sadly said goodbye to as he completed his placement with us.

On a personal note, this has been probably been the hardest year of my life, the kindness, space, understanding and love that you have all given me, I will be eternally grateful for. That's the biggest thank you of the year! Love you all xxx



Churchwardens Review 2023

The biggest challenge when trying to review a year in the life of a church if that church is active, has a good membership and is the significant pillar within its community, is that it is difficult to know where to begin and just what to include.

Thankfully that's just the challenge I face as I write this year in a review and I am heartily glad of it.

Each year we have to report on something the Diocese refers to as Statistics for Mission. It is, for want of a more simple summation, a fancy way of reporting on the 'class register' – that is to say, we report back how many souls have walked through our doors throughout the year at various times. As part of that I collate the 'numbers' for each service and see how we're getting on.

I'm pleased then, to confirm, as I did last year that our numbers continue to grow – we are making more Christians! Alas we still have a little work to go to get our family back to our pre-COVID size but crucially we're moving in the right direction and that is something to celebrate.

Indeed as I prepare to list out some of the highlights of the year, you'll see we did more last year than in 2022. I hope the coming year will be an equally exciting time for celebrating our faith, enjoying fellowship, proclaiming the gospel and making new believers..



So for 2023 we returned once again to Holy Island where our hearty pilgrims 'mudscapades' were enough for some of our number to grace the Coventry Diocese social media pages, if not for our piety but for our commitment to complete the Pilgrim's Walk in a variety of states!

We introduced, in partnership with Clothing Coventry, a clothing rail in The Centre to provide much needed support for those in need of clothing.

As further community outreach we also partnered with the Community Green Growthers in turning our often water logged overflow car park, otherwise known as The Centre lawn, into an allotment growing all manners of things.

Our Social Committee returned with its first full year of events running two quizzes, a wonderfully enjoyable evening of Bingo, the best Afternoon Tea in Coventry, possibly the entire Midlands region, a Barn Dance which was both energetic and fun for all involved and an amazing Christmas Fayre that raised over £2600 for the church.

There was also support offered to help with flowers for special events and refreshments for such things as our Carol Service.

We walked together in Holy Week, worshipping in The Round in readiness for an Easter celebration at both 6am and 10am, sandwiching in a wonderful breakfast of sausage and bacon batches.

For our younger generation we held a number of Messy Churches and other activities including a Light Party (with St Margaret's) and a Wildlife Hunt in our own churchyard



The highlight of our May was the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles which saw a Coronation Peel rang by our committed and talented bell ringers and a 'Big Lunch' for everyone else who came along.

As a diocese we said goodbye to Bishop Christopher as he moved to take up the role of Dean of Windsor and closer to home we said goodbye to our talented curate Dan and his lovely family as he moved on the embark in the next step of his training.

Finally, although I'm sure there will be plenty of other things I've missed, our Lunch Club has continued to grow, almost exponentially, throughout 2023 and into 2024 and whilst it is thoroughly hard work, we have a wonderful team of volunteers who are providing something I personally see as a vital service within our community.

In closing, after reading back all the above I'm proud of what we have done and what we have achieved in 2023. It felt like a real positive year of growth. It should go without saying that we owe a huge amount of debt to Rev Claire for all her hard work last year in what was an especially difficult year – thank you, we're looking forward to 2024!

And of course thanks must also go to (in no particular order) Linda our musical director, Lynda our hard working Parish Administrator, our choir, our bell ringers, sidespeople, flower arrangers, those who help with coffee, those who tidy the churchyard, for my part Jim my 'churchwardening' partner who is a pillar of wisdom and commitment and of course each and every one of you that makes Stoke St Michael's our home and its people our family.

Let's have a wonderful 2024 folks!

Blessings

Chris.



Fabric Report 2022/23

The redecoration of the rear of the church above the kitchen area, is a project in progress awaiting a start date.

The general condition of the Church is good, and a book exchange area has been introduced by the font.

The Vestry refurb layout requires confirming with the various users and then we can move to obtaining quotations for the work to start.

The Community Centre continues to attract new voluntary groups and fees paying bookings. New users include Clothing Coventry and the NHS baby team.

An exciting new project which has now been established next to the Centre is the gardeners Growthers Team who are working really hard to provide an organic allotment. They would be very pleased to see new gardeners to help develop the range of produce. See notice sheet for dates throughout the coming Summer.

The community payback team continue to do an amazing job each week maintaining the churchyard.

We have several potholes in the drive and car park which have been filled.



Music and St Michael's

There is little to report this year but our choir membership remains stable and its singers have served us faithfully throughout another year of the choir's long existence. It's good that Faith is able to join us for important events, returning from university. We have welcomed one new member, Ola who is joining us for occasional services as she undergoes her training.

Notable events last year were King Charles' coronation and we introduced a new anthem at our service marking this - 'Give me wings' by John Rutter. The choir also sang as usual at the service for All Souls and the annual carol service. We are currently working on a special piece of music for the Friday immediately before Holy Week which tells the story of the Israelites journey through the desert to the Promised Land and gives an opportunity to reflect on our personal journeys through Lent.

For 2024 we are currently discussing a joint service with Mary Magdalene's choir to celebrate a significant anniversary of that church, a possible return visit to Stow on the Wold and perhaps taking part in a concert here with Myton choir - watch this space!

Linda Green, Director



Children's and Families

Jesus said 'Let the little Children Come to Me'

As Stoke St Michael's we are truly blessed with the children, young people and families who have come through our doors into church and centre.

9:30am all-age service – our weekly café style service with story and crafts, singing and dancing praying and sharing has never ceased to amaze me with the depth of perception and knowledge and understanding from our young people. We have such fun. Young and old we worship and learn together, and this past year we have benefited from power-point skills of one of our teenagers!

Once a month we seek to have an all-age service of Holy Communion and each Sunday we keep to a reading/theme from the Sunday lectionary as appropriate. (weekly average of about 9-10 children).

Recently we have started to make the craft/colouring available for any children who attend the 11:00am service of Holy Communion. We must not forget the joy that they give to our church family too!

At celebratory points in the year such as Pentecost, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Easter we have had the pleasure of combined services with the 9:30am and 11:00am and sometimes 8:00am worshipping communities, bringing the church family as a whole together. It has been lovely to have children from Mikes Tikes attend too.

On Good Friday and on a Thursday in ½ term in October and February, with the help of some great volunteers, we have held some very enjoyable sessions of Messy/Wild Messy Church involving crafts, games, story, song, food and fun in and around church and churchyard. In these sessions we have been blessed with regular church children, Mikes Tikes children and others coming together. In one session it was like the Pied Piper of Hamelin had come to St Michael's!



Mikes Tikes has a dedicated team of volunteers we run a weekly pre-school playgroup where children from the community attend with their parent/grandparent/carer. This is weekly on a Thursday during term time. We have up to about 20 children. It has proved to be a time of fellowship and support for the parents/carers as well as their children. This past year we have bought some fun new toys including wooden shop, vet's trolley, washing machine, train set. We have play time, snack time and song time. Father Christmas never fails to visit at Christmas time and the Easter Bunny does not forget too!

Both Mikes Tikes and our 9:30am All age service, have proved valuable resources and links for our baptism families. Here our baptism families have found a place of support and belonging.

Schools visits – We are blessed in that our Rector takes an active role a Governor in two of our local schools (Stoke Primary and Ravensdale Primary).

We are blessed with school visits. This past Christmas hundreds of children and their families came into church for carol services, scratch nativity and even trying on vestments! We all very much enjoyed ourselves. Rev Claire and myself had the very unexpected pleasure of being part of singing group along with the vicar and 2 members of St Margarets church, to entertain the masses at the Christmas end of term festivities at Stoke Primary.

Children, young people, family, church and community coming together, and enjoying the pleasure of God's company, that is my dream. Building those life-giving, life-affirming links.

I am so blessed and privileged that my ministry as a Reader has been moving in this direction and I have been given more responsibility for integrated children's work this past year.

Suzanne Sapiano - Reader – Stoke St Michael's Church



Mother's Union

Mothers' Union is a worldwide community of both women and men, which began over 140 years ago, (in modern times you no longer need to be a mother, married or a woman).

An organisation that promotes and supports family life and aims to make a safer, fairer world for families, and encourages parents to develop the faith of their children, to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service and helps those whose family life has met with adversity.

An organisation that campaigns on social issues regarding families, women and children. It is acknowledged that MU needs to continue to be relevant in today's society where family structures take many forms.

Here at St Michael's we usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 pm in the Church Centre, there is a varied program, of speakers, discussions, a Christmas meal a summer afternoon tea and prayerful worship, a supportive and pleasant place for fellowship and easy conversation.

We have had some interesting speakers, a Romanian gipsy, a talk on the work of MU in Kapsabet, Kenya, Ball Hill clean up, and a solicitor from the Law Centre.

We have given financially to enable disadvantaged families to have a holiday, provided flowers given on Mothering Sunday and hosted a Diocesan MU meeting here at St Michael's.

Please pray for the work of the Mothers' Union worldwide, and for our branch, as we meet together each month to worship God, enjoy each other's company and support each other at special times and times of illness and sadness. Rev Claire is supportive, we appreciate the times she is able to join us.

For more information contact, Janet Pocklington, (branch leader)



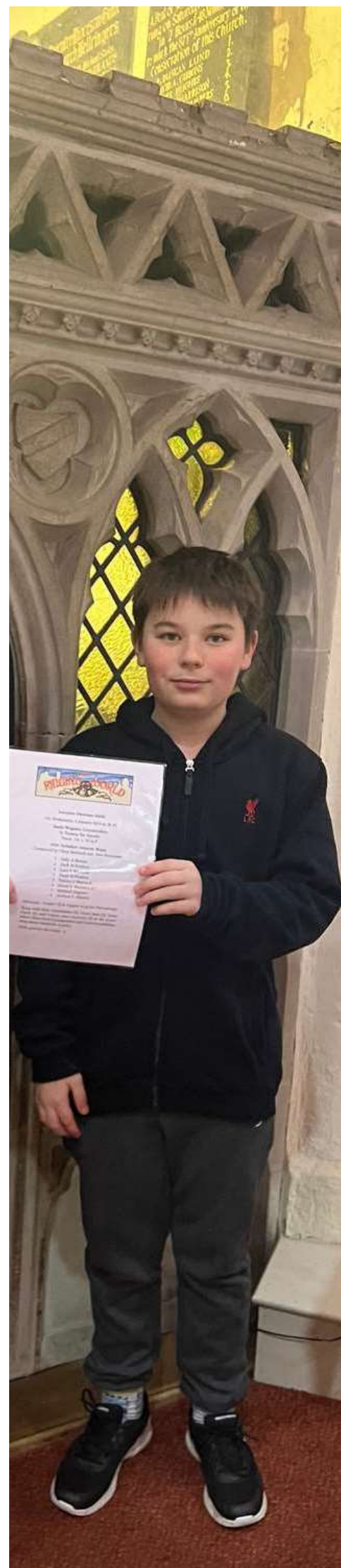
Bell Ringing

The bell ringing activities at St Michael's have thrived throughout the past year continuing to provide a very audible indication of various activities at the Church to those close enough within the local community to hear the bells. This is down to the dedication and commitment of the relatively few people who are the regular members of our band of ringers. Our prime focus remains ringing before the Sunday morning Eucharist and ensuring that there is ringing at other major Church festivals. There was not a single Sunday during the past year when we have not been able to meet this weekly commitment. There are also our weekly practices on a Wednesday evening that ensure we can undertake various aspects of teaching and training to ensure the continuing high standards of both the ringing heard as well its technical complexity that provides greater satisfaction and progress to those who partake in it.

Ringing remains a public expectation for major national events. This year we had the joyous occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III. The bells were rung at various times throughout this extended weekend in celebration of what was a first event of its kind in the ringing lifetime of all of those taking part here at Stoke. This is not the only more “social aspect” of ringing we undertake and explains why there may well be ringing at times when there are no other activities in the Church. Quite a lot of this ringing is there to help consolidate learning by providing some extended extra practice time. As ringers we also like to have celebratory ringing, and take part in it, for major events in our own lives. Most notable this year was a full peal in honour of our tower captain Ray Sheasby's 60th anniversary of starting to learn bell ringing.

As many of us ring and support ringing on a regular basis elsewhere within the local area, we are well known as a tower and one that is usually readily available to others for additional practice time. Helping in ensuring a longer term future of ringing in general, we have regular gatherings of young ringers from across the Diocese for their special practices. All three of our youngsters, Noah, Oliver & Zack Poulton, are key members of this activity and show the benefits they derive from being totally supported, together with the opportunities provided, by all our own very well experienced ringers. Noah & Zack both rang their first full peal in January this year although for various reasons it was at their great grandmother tower of South Wigston in Leicester, this being a truly noteworthy achievement at their age that also received good coverage within national ringing reportage.

With all this positive activity going on, then the negative aspect to report is the gradual deterioration of the bell fittings themselves. As many of the band age this makes the physical aspects of ringing the bells more challenging and will eventually become a limiting factor in our ability to continue to manage the bells to the standards we set ourselves.



Looking forwards towards keeping our level of activity in succeeding years, and indeed for future generations, then we need to keep training new ringers. This is far easier when the band is, as at present, in a strong state rather than when numbers are already below a critical mass. We are part of the wider community in Stoke, and we hope an activity that is well cherished, so would be keen to be part of any initiatives to get more local people involved as volunteers for the many diverse activities here at Stoke, all of which would also welcome additional support.

In common with all activities these days in church, voluntary or otherwise, then we are obliged to meet numerous requirements and regulations that cover a diverse range of secular aspects of the modern world and this encompasses, amongst others, the fields of Safeguarding, Health & Safety and GDPR. We as ringers have ensured compliance with the most recent recommendations on Safeguarding and an agreed implementation for ringing specific matters.

As ever the offer of educating the wider congregation is there should any other church group wish to include something about ringing, or bells in general, as part of their programme. Equally, we are quite happy to see visitors on a Wednesday evening who have any interest in knowing more about us, especially anyone who has previously rung and now finds they have the time to re-acquaint themselves with this service to the Church and absorbing pastime. We remain very grateful to Rev Claire, particularly with her very complimentary social media posts, and the rest of the Church for their interest and active support for our activities and ability to exercise our skills with little restriction.

Andrew Aldrick on behalf of Stoke St Michael's Bell Ringers



Safeguarding

Here at Stoke St Michael's (SSM) we seek to ensure we create a safe culture and environment for all who worship and visit both our Church and Church Centre. I thank Rev Claire, Rev Dan and our PCC for all their support since I was appointed to the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in April 2023

Safeguarding in the Church of England has had a high profile in the media during 2023 due to safeguarding investigations in other Dioceses that were extensively reported on social media and in the press. Professor Alexis Jay was appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2023 to report on how the Church should structure its safeguarding systems, the focus being on how to achieve a safeguarding body that was independent of the Church. Professor Jay published her report at the beginning of Feb 2024 commenting that the challenge to us all is how our safeguarding structures and processes reach the same standards throughout all the Dioceses. The report was discussed at General Synod on Feb 24th. Synod decided not to immediately adopt Professor Jay's recommendation of creating two independent charities to carry out and scrutinise the Church's safeguarding work in favour of further consultation.

There have been a number of referrals to our safeguarding team at Diocesan level. They have supported both myself and Rev Claire in the actions taken to both prevent and ensure safety for those in our midst.

I have attended several training events with the diocesan safeguarding trainer via zoom including an induction session for new PSO's and an in person evening to meet the diocesan safeguarding team along with other PSO's from around the diocese.

My main tasks this year have firstly been to raise awareness of safeguarding within our parish. Rev Claire allowed me to speak at all three services on 19 November 2023, designated as Safeguarding Sunday.



I shared what my role as PSO entails, what we currently have in place at SSM and what we are working towards achieving. I produced a quick reference guide to safeguarding at SSM which was handed out at the services and continues to be available at the back of church. There is also a folder at the back of church with a current copy of The Parish Safeguarding Handbook and details of the National Safeguarding Standards that the Church of England wants all parishes to achieve in its safeguarding work. Secondly I keep our parish dashboard that reports to the diocese up to date. This system requires me to continually report our progress ensuring as a parish we are compliant with our national and diocesan policies and procedures. Currently our score is 84% we are fully compliant in five areas and have actions still to complete in three areas.

Areas I report on are:

- Annually the PCC review, approve and adopt required safeguarding policies and procedures.
- These documents and information are displayed in church as required
- Those in leadership positions both paid and voluntary confirm they understand their role in safeguarding
- Church leaders and volunteers complete mandatory training renewable every 3 years – some training has still to be completed
- Annually the PCC review and authorise each church activity/group e.g. choir, bell ringers, Mikes Tikes. Each activity requires a risk assessment that is reviewed annually. Where appropriate all DBS checks have been completed. Since January 2024 all leaders and members of church groups are required to confirm they have read and followed section 11 of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook entitled A Safe Environment and Activities – this is currently a work in progress
- Since January 2024 the PCC has authorised a list of non- church activities e.g. Slimming World, craft group, Kings Church etc. that take place in our church buildings and grounds. Groups now have to sign a hire agreement that includes a safeguarding addendum
- The PCC receive and approve a safeguarding action plan derived from the parish dashboard at each PCC meeting. A safeguarding report is given to the APCM

In conclusion I expect that SSM will receive a safeguarding audit in 2024 to see how we are performing particularly as it is likely that more changes are on the way that will determine how the Church of England will expect dioceses and parishes to manage safeguarding in 2024 and beyond

Audrey Alldrick – Parish Safeguarding Officer



Administrative Information

Name of Charity:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Working name:

Stoke St Michael PCC

Contact: Mrs Claire Thompson (PCC Secretary)

Rector: Rev'd Claire-Louise McArthur

Assistant Curate: Rev'd Dr Daniel Bennett (until October 2023)

Readers

Suzanne Sapiano

Janet Pocklington

Ann Brown

Christopher Dronfield

Sue Morris

Ex Officio PCC Members:

Churchwardens:

Christopher Dronfield

Jim McKay

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Neal McGrattan (Deputy Churchwarden)

Glynis Wood

Elected PCC Members:

Graham Medd, Ann Brown, Claire Thompson Nicola Hopkins

Angela Dronfield, Janet Pocklington, Suzanne Sapiano,

Adrian Williams, Alice Chapman and Audrey Alldrick

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank Plc - High Street Branch Coventry CV1 5RE

Independent Examiner:

Mark Spafford FCCA, Luckmans Duckett Parker Ltd,

1110 Elliot Court, Herald Avenue, Coventry Business Park, Coventry CV5 6UB

Approved by the PCC on 18th June 2024 and duly signed CM by Rev'd Claire McArthur on their behalf. Date 29th August 2024

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Caludon, Coventry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 21 to 30.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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



M D SPAFFORD

FCA FCCA

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Date: 4th September 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL,
COVENTRY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds	
	Note			2023 £	2022 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	49,081	12,770	61,851	228,374
Activities for generating funds	3	4,578	-	4,578	1,730
Income from investments	4	45	-	45	13
Church activities	5	48,300	-	48,300	24,207
Other income	6	2,053	-	2,053	1,921
Total income		104,057	12,770	116,827	256,245
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	136,301	12,770	149,071	125,345
Raising funds	8	1,590	-	1,590	8,422
Total expenditure		137,891	12,770	150,661	133,767
Net movement in funds for the year		(33,834)	-	(33,834)	122,478
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(33,834)	-	(33,834)	122,478
Funds brought forward	15	594,463	23	594,486	472,008
Funds carried forward	15	560,629	23	560,652	594,486

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL,
COVENTRY
BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	369,621	377,164
Current assets			
Debtors	13	29,623	20,391
Short term deposits		1,000	1,000
Cash at bank and in hand		167,447	201,577
		<u>198,070</u>	<u>222,968</u>
Creditors:			
amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(7,039)</u>	<u>(5,646)</u>
Net current assets		<u>191,031</u>	<u>217,322</u>
Net assets		<u><u>560,652</u></u>	<u><u>594,486</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	15	23	23
Unrestricted funds:			
- other charitable funds	15	560,629	594,463
		<u>560,652</u>	<u>594,486</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes 1 to 18 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by: *EMA*

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL,
COVENTRY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. 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 operate independently and/or owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trustor 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 spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

Income recognition

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income and 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.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Investment income

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

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF STOKE SAINT MICHAEL,
COVENTRY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party. All expenditure is classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding obligation of the PCC.

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the 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 moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives as follows:

Centre Improvements	- 50 years
Sound system	- 5 years
Office equipment	- 10 years
Solar panels	- 7 years

Short term deposits

These are the cash held on deposit either with the CCLA or at the bank repayable within six months notice.

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
2 Voluntary income				
Planned giving:				
Gift Aid donations and planned giving	38,021	-	38,021	39,361
Income tax recoverable	4,689	-	4,689	10,149
Collections (open plate) all services	4,732	-	4,732	4,127
Donations, appeals, etc.	1,639	134	1,773	3,467
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	12,636	12,636	171,270
	<u>49,081</u>	<u>12,770</u>	<u>61,851</u>	<u>228,374</u>
3 Activities for generating funds				
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	4,578	-	4,578	1,730
	<u>4,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,578</u>	<u>1,730</u>
4 Income from investments				
Bank and CCLA Deposit fund interest	45	-	45	13
	<u>45</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>13</u>
5 Church activities				
Fees	14,642	-	14,642	13,718
Centre lettings etc	29,001	-	29,001	8,561
Lunch Clubs	3,768	-	3,768	1,209
Groups Activities	877	-	877	719
Sundry income	12	-	12	-
	<u>48,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,300</u>	<u>24,207</u>
6 Other income				
Solar panels	2,053	-	2,053	1,921
	<u>2,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,053</u>	<u>1,921</u>

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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	Note	£	£	2023 £	2022 £
7 Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:	17	355	-	355	964
Ministry:					
- diocesan quota		61,250	-	61,250	61,250
Church running expenses		4,379	1,136	5,515	3,333
Other church running costs		6,648	-	6,648	9,541
Upkeep of services		12,927	-	12,927	13,076
Upkeep of churchyard		356	-	356	891
Centre running costs		13,425	-	13,425	13,665
Centre refurbishment		1,236	-	1,236	-
Community activities and other		9,561	-	9,561	6,984
Office expenses		7,551	-	7,551	7,808
Nurture and miscellaneous		1,724	134	1,858	1,461
Non apportioned Staff costs		7,456	11,500	18,956	4,452
Depreciation		7,543	-	7,543	-
Independent examiner's fees		-	-	-	-
- independent examination		1,890	-	1,890	1,920
		<u>136,301</u>	<u>12,770</u>	<u>149,071</u>	<u>125,345</u>
8 Raising funds					
Fundraising expenses		1,590	-	1,590	8,422
		<u>1,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>8,422</u>
9 Staff costs					
Wages and salaries				18,185	8,904
Social security costs				-	-
Pension costs				771	-
				<u>18,956</u>	<u>8,904</u>
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.				1	1
Average number of employees					
10 Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions					
The payments made to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No PCC members received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the year.					
As allowed under our governing document no PCC members/trustee received any remuneration for services to the charity (2022 one £7,947).					
No PCC members/trustees were paid any expenses (2022 Nil).					
There were no related party transactions					
11 Operating leases					
Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases					
i) not later than one year;				1,499	-
ii) later than one year and not later than five years;				5,245	-
iii) later than five years.				-	-

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Centre improvements £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
1 January 2023	377,164	3,052	380,216
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
31 December 2023	377,164	3,052	380,216
Depreciation			
1 January 2023	-	3,052	3,052
Charge for year	7,543	-	7,543
Disposals	-	-	-
31 December 2023	7,543	3,052	10,595
Net book amount			
31 December 2023	369,621	-	369,621
31 December 2022	377,164	-	377,164
	2023 £	2022 £	

13 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year

Income tax recoverable	23,289	18,600
Other debtors	6,334	1,791
	29,623	20,391

14 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	7,039	5,646
	7,039	5,646

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15 Analysis of funds	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	166,534	69,250	(120,189)	(17,457)	98,138
Designated funds					
Fixed assets fund	377,164	-	-	(7,543)	369,621
Fabric	50,000	-	-	25,000	75,000
Centre Fund	765	34,807	(17,702)	-	17,870
	427,929	34,807	(17,702)	17,457	462,491
Total unrestricted funds	594,463	104,057	(137,891)	-	560,629
Restricted funds					
Administrator	-	11,500	(11,500)	-	-
Energy	-	1,136	(1,136)	-	-
Dans collection	-	134	(134)	-	-
Ukraine	23	-	-	-	23
	23	12,770	(12,770)	-	23
Total funds	594,486	116,827	(150,661)	-	560,652

Purpose of funds

The general fund represents the free unrestricted funds of the Church available for general use.

The Fixed Assets Fund is the value of unrestricted funds represented by fixed assets.

The Fabric fund is being held for the upkeep of the Fabric of the Church. The Quinquennial Review indicates that there are problems with the roof, church tower etc. which need to be resolved within the next five years.

The Centre Fund arises from surpluses made by the Centre and will be used for further refurbishment.

The Administrator fund was given towards the cost of the administrator.

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Dans collection fund was given towards his leaving present.

The Ukraine fund was given to support Ukraine.

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16 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	369,621	-	369,621
Net current assets	191,008	23	191,031
	<u>560,629</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>560,652</u>

17 Missionary and charitable giving

	2022 £	2021 £
DEC re Ukraine	730	-
Climate Stewards	234	-
Sofas and Beyond	-	1,200
Sundry giving re individuals (3)	-	65
	<u>964</u>	<u>1,265</u>

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18 PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds	
	Note			2022 £	2021 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	55,291	173,083	228,374	97,420
Activities for generating funds	3	1,730	-	1,730	466
Income from investments	4	13	-	13	1
Church activities	5	24,207	-	24,207	22,315
Other income	6	1,921	-	1,921	1,606
Total income		<u>83,162</u>	<u>173,083</u>	<u>256,245</u>	<u>121,808</u>
Expenditure					
Church activities	7	123,555	1,790	125,345	113,478
Raising funds	8	8,422	-	8,422	11,628
Total expenditure		<u>131,977</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>133,767</u>	<u>125,106</u>
Net expenditure before transfers		<u>(48,815)</u>	<u>171,293</u>	<u>122,478</u>	<u>(3,298)</u>
Transfers between funds	15	208,770	(208,770)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>159,955</u>	<u>(37,477)</u>	<u>122,478</u>	<u>(3,298)</u>
Funds brought forward	15	434,508	37,500	472,008	475,306
Funds carried forward	15	<u>594,463</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>594,486</u>	<u>472,008</u>