

# St George's PCC Chichester

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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# **Trustees' Annual Report**

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

**Whyke, St George with Rumboldswyke, St Mary and  
Portfield, All Saints**

**For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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**Registered Charity No. 1133301**

# **St George's, Whyke, Chichester Trustees' Annual Report for 2023**

This report follows the guidance documents produced by the Diocese for use in the preparation of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Statutory Annual Report under English Law as required by the Charity Commission.

## **Our aims and purposes as a charity**

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Dr Angus Reid, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Providing practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objectives.

## **What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives**

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. To this end, the council has made safeguarding a key priority in the life of St George's, seeing it as intrinsic to the Gospel mandate to respect and champion the dignity of every person, especially people who are vulnerable and at risk, while also learning from failures in the past to protect those who are vulnerable and respond well to victims and survivors of abuse. Making safeguarding an integral part of all that we do at St George's means working to overcome any sense in which safeguarding is considered a marginal concern, doing so in tandem with an approach that promotes a healthier and safer ethos across all activities and events, and encourages a more transparent, collaborative, and proactive attitude to safeguarding within the life of the parish and in partnership with the diocese and other partner organisations. This has included, amongst other things: a) ensuring volunteers and the leaders within the church, especially in relation to children's work, are not only properly trained and checked but also supported and challenged to build a positive culture of attentiveness, welcome and care for all so that safeguarding is seen to be everyone's responsibility and people feel able to share whatever concerns they have with the appropriate person; b) ensuring good communication and working relationships between the incumbent, the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, other key officer holders, and council members around matters of safeguarding best practice, reflection, and learning; and c) establishing a safeguarding team to support the incumbent and PSO and reflect constructively and critically, within a framework of mutual accountability and the bounds of confidentiality, on the safeguarding culture and practices at St George's, the Diocese, the wider Church, and society as a whole.

For this year we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community
- Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish
- Holding a PCC away day to discuss the life, vision and mission of the parish, together with safeguarding
- Considering how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish
- Putting faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament
- Offering worship and prayer, and learning about the Gospel in small group situations
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish
- Forging closer links with the local Rumsboldswhyke Church of England Primary School
- Forming the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard as a sub-committee of the PCC to care for, celebrate, research and enhance our churchyard as a sacred space, historical site and haven for wildlife
- Developing partnerships with other organisations committed to the common good
- Reaching out to the unchurched through provision of events such as the Autumn and Christmas Fairs, coffee mornings, breakfast, quiz nights, and holding family focused events related to Shrove Tuesday, Halloween and Christmas
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a focus of church and social life in the parish

## **What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives**

### ***Attendance at worship***

The church welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. We wish to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church. We maintain that voluntary attendance to worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit as revealed in Jesus Christ and the life of the Church is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October, was 101 adults and 22 children. Over the course of the year, we have continued to see an increasing number of new families come to St George's. A central focus of our worshipping life is to foster the intergenerational makeup of our congregation, deepening faith for all ages. Our children's church provision on Sunday now has two offerings, the "J Team" for older children and "Diddy Disciples" for younger children. These groups have been led both by volunteers and by our newly appointed Youth Worker. We are grateful for those who lead and nurture our young people in this way.

Alongside this provision for children, we offer a monthly All-Age Eucharist in term time with a shorter interactive sermon. This enables children to participate more fully in the service by serving, reading, leading prayers and making craft to give as part of the offering of gifts. This service has seen people of all ages interact more closely as part of the worshipping life and has helped a greater sense of inclusivity at the heart of our worship in which, both young and old, families and those who are single, value each other's presence and gifts.

A new bi-monthly ministry of healing began in Advent as part of the main Sunday Eucharist. After Communion anyone who wishes is welcome to go to the Lady Chapel for the Laying on of Hands by lay ministers and Anointing with Oil by a priest. A new team of lay volunteers drawn from the congregation has been formed for these purposes and they work alongside retired clergy and the incumbent. The initial response has seen many people go up to receive this ministry of healing. The ministry team also meets after the service for debriefing and prayer.

During the week, the church offers two mid-week Mass services, one on Wednesdays at 11.30am, followed by refreshments and fellowship; the other on Thursdays at 9.30am. This year we have also started new regular meditation sessions in term time, one on Mondays at 5:30pm and the other on Thursdays at 10:15pm. The church is also open for private prayer from Mondays to Thursdays.

Two Eucharistic services with the impositions of ashes were held on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. During Lent we also offered the meditative service of Stations of the Cross together with prayer before the sacrament of the Eucharist. We welcomed 199 people to our services at Easter.

Our Patronal Festival was celebrated on Sunday 23 April, during which children from the J-Team reenacted the story of St George and the Dragon. After the service, people enjoyed a bring and share where we welcomed people from both the church and the wider community.

The Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday 8 October and followed on from our Autumn Fair and Produce Show held the day before. Food, toiletries, and other items were donated to the Church at the Harvest Festival by Rumboldswyke Church of England Primary School, the Autumn Fair and parishioners. These items were passed on to the Chichester District Foodbank.

An evening choral Eucharist was held on All Souls Day in which the names of the deceased were read out.

Remembrance Sunday was observed on 12 November, with the laying of wreaths and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

An additional Remembrance service was held on 18 November lead by Fr Angus and in collaboration with Dillistone & Wraighs Funeral Directors where people were invited to remember a loved one who had died.

The J-Team Nativity Play, put on by the children of the J-Team during the sermon slot during the Parish Mass on Sunday 17 December was enjoyed by the congregation with many new families attending from Rumboldswyke School.

A contemplative service of night prayer was held every Wednesday during Advent. Beautiful services of Advent Liturgy and Christmas Carols were also held, together with Carol singing at various locations in the parish. Both Rumboldswyke Primary School and Kingsham Primary School held their Christmas services in the church with Fr Angus offering prayer, reflections, and a blessing. 218 people attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### ***Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers***

Nine children were baptised at St George's during 2023. There were also two marriages and six funerals, the latter held either in church, at the graveside in St Mary's Churchyard, or the crematorium.

After a period of preparation, some of our children were admitted to their First Holy Communion on 16 July. Three adult candidates were also confirmed by Bishop Martin Warner at the Parish Mass on 12 March.

Several new people have also come forward to join the team of lesson readers, intercessors and servers.

Three members of the congregation signed-up to the Diocesan Living Faith Course, a course for lay Christians to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and calling means for them.

A Lent Group met for five weeks looking in depth at the book of the Psalms. This attracted a good mix of people from the congregation as for learning, discussion and fellowship, and ended with praying the psalms together.

On Thursday afternoons during Advent, there was an Advent Reflection Group reading and reflecting on poetry in the light of faith and mission. This saw only a few people attend, with the afternoon slot not being convenient for many people.

### ***Evangelism and outreach***

#### ***Youth Worker and Children's Work***

The PCC appointed Zara Cross as our Youth Worker in September 2023. Zara has been a member of St George's for several years and already volunteers in the J-team where she has been using her creativity and energy to excite young and old alike about God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and the life of faith at St George's. As Youth Worker, amongst other things, Zara works alongside Fr Angus, the J-team and other volunteers to encourage children and their families in their faith, spirituality and life of prayer and service, rooting this in the Eucharistic worship and sacramental vision of St George's. With the J team, Zara helps to develop children's activities on Sundays and throughout the year. She also encourages and assist older children and adults to volunteer in

supporting our children's provision. A key part of the role has been to help establish and supervise a regular session for our teenagers, giving them a chance to meet together for activities, build friendships, discuss and debate questions of faith, explore prayer, spirituality and mission. The youth group meets once a month and is currently led by Zara and Fr Angus. Zara has also been key in developing the children's area in church, helping Fr Angus to shape the All-Age Eucharist and encourage more children to assist and serve. In addition, Zara has played a central role in organising, planning and putting on specific events geared towards children and families such as the Halloween Party, the Christmas Crib service. We look forward to continuing to develop the role of the Youth Worker and our Children's Work in 2024.

#### *Rumboldswyke Church of England Primary School*

Rumboldswyke Primary School has flourished in the past year, culminating in an OFSTED inspection in September 2023 which judged the school to be overall 'Good' and 'Outstanding' in Early Years Provision. The school is still in the process of converting into a full primary school as part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership. There are now children in reception class up to year 5 with the school looking to have children all the way up to year 6 by 2024/2025.

The links between the school and St George's have continued to grow and strengthen in the past year. Fr Angus sits as a foundation governor on the school's local governing body which meets to plan the strategic vision of the school, oversee finances and hold the school leadership and its performance to account. There is also one parent governor from the St George's congregation.

Fr Angus also leads collective worship at school each Tuesday morning. This year Fr Angus has started to teach and lead meditation as part of the collective worship, enlisting students to help. There have been promising signs as the children learn to embrace stillness and silence and see how the practice of meditation relates to broader questions of spirituality, ethics, and faith and the message of the scripture. Earlier in the year, Fr Angus invited one of the classes to St George's to explore and examine the different objects and symbols in the church as part of their interactive learning on local history and religion. He also joined the school for an outing to Chichester Cathedral. Sue Howell-Evans, St George's Director of Music, continues to lead a music session at the school every Friday. There are also plans to explore the possibility of starting a choir for the children in partnership with St George's.

St George's has welcomed the whole school, staff and parents to a number of school services held in the church. These included an end of term service in the summer, a Harvest service, and a Nativity service. At each service the children sang songs and hymns which they had rehearsed; led prayers; read passages of scripture and other texts; and interactively presented different themes drawn from their lessons in the classroom. Some of the services have also been Eucharistic and seen children take on serving roles and, through their active participation, learn more about the significance of the Eucharist to Christian worship and practice. It has been a delight to welcome the children and their families to St George's and to witness their growing sense that St George's is an increasingly important part of their school experience.



This was further evidenced in several of the school families attending the Pancake Party, the Autumn Fair, the Halloween Party and Christmas Fair at St George's, with some families helping with games and stalls at the Fair.

Several of the families with children at the school are regular worshipers at St George's with many of the children attending the J-team and some of the parents taking an active role in the church.

#### *Friends of St Mary's Churchyard*

In March 2023, a new group called the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard was set up by Dr John Fitch and Dr Sam Kelly. This was in recognition of the need to attend to the churchyard which had become overgrown during the Covid pandemic as well as acknowledging the rich ecological, social, historical and spiritual significance of the site. The group is run as a sub-committee of the PCC, with the following objectives: a) to participate in the practical care and maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard; b) to raise and administer funds for the maintenance and improvement of Churchyard; and c) to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the Churchyard and its use by the whole community as well as enhance its value to local wildlife. Since its first inaugural meeting, the Friends has attracted a great deal of interest with many people signing up to be a Friend of the churchyard with members coming from both the church, local community and further afield. The membership currently stands at over 70 people who receive their quarterly newsletter, and there are also over 130 following and interacting with the group on their Facebook page. The Friends have put together a management plan for the churchyard that recognises the different profiles of the various sections of the churchyard from an ecological perspective as well as remembrance and burial. The Friends have hosted several successful events about the history of the site and the stories of those buried there, as well as wildlife related activities including bat walks, ecological surveys, children's activities and much more. Many more are planned for 2024, with increasing collaboration with other local interest groups. In addition, a regular series of working parties made up of volunteers have helped restore, maintain, and transform the churchyard; managing it both for the purposes of allowing access to graves and to encourage local wildlife to flourish. Some of the oldest sections of the churchyard have, over the course of the year, been brought back to life with the removal of dense bramble scrub, revealing long hidden gravestones. As a consequence of the work of the Friends, the churchyard has been revitalised as a source of life within the local community and serves as a meeting point for many different people from different walks of life with various interests. A history of the churchyard and of those buried there is currently being written by some of the volunteers.

#### *WRAP Community Choir*

After careful consideration the PCC decided not to continue with the WRAP community choir at St George's. The choir was set up in 2012 as part of St George's outreach work, welcoming anyone and everyone to come along and sing. In addition to a mutual love of singing and a willingness to try new things, a great sense of fellowship formed around the choir. The choir performed two concerts each year and donated all the proceeds to local charities. Unfortunately, however, membership of the choir and income were both significantly impacted by the Covid pandemic and was no longer sustainable. The hope is that a future opportunity to form a new community-focused choir will arise, perhaps linked to our church choir. Fr Angus and the PCC, on behalf of everyone at St George's, would like to extend their gratitude to Jason Howard, Geraldine Burrows and Nikki

Edge for founding and co-ordinating the WRAP Choir as well as thanking all those who have contributed to the life of the choir and the wider community over the years.

#### *WRAP-CHAT*

The monthly social group WRAP-CHAT has continued in its second year, meeting in the afternoon in the church centre on the 1st Wednesday of each month, excluding August. The group offers a chance for people to socialise over refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere while also having a focal point such as visiting speakers giving a talk, music entertainment, board games etc. The meeting continues to be popular and draw in a various crowd of people. Speakers have included: Claudia Deamer from Digital Ambassadors, Digital, Safety & Wellbeing, part of West Sussex County Council on how to protect oneself online; Edward Gray presenting on life in the world of hospitality; Margaret Barratt talking about her experience at Sue Ryder Charity; Ken Green on the history of Chichester Cathedral and an illustrated talk titled 'Chichester Remembered'; Dr Rhiannon Lloyd, a former medical doctor and psychiatrist, on her pioneering workshop called Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict in post-genocide Rwanda and her experience developing healing and reconciliation teams to carry on this work in many other countries; one of our sixth form students on her experiences from her recent trip to Mbeye in Tanzania with the Bishop Luffa sixth form and Grassroots charity; John Wilton, member of St George's church choir, telling about his journey on the Trans-Siberian railway; David Dodd, a multi-gold award winner at numerous Chelsea Flower Shows, taking us behind the scenes of this hugely popular annual show; Fr Philip Meader, who, with original costumes, talked about Palestinian wedding dresses, bridal customs, children, and the background to the Christmas Story. There was also a pre-Christmas tea party with Sue Howell Evans leading us in Christmas songs. We look forward to the events arranged for 2024.

#### *Music at St George's*

The choir remains a central part of our worship with Sue Howell-Evans as our musical director. The number of choir members has remained steady over the year and the hope is that more people will be encouraged to join in the coming year, particularly after the WRAP CHOIR has stopped. Fr Angus and Sue Howell Evans are both keen to promote singing in church amongst the children and families and continue to develop the music for the All-Age services. Conversations have also begun with the head teacher of Rumboldswyke Primary School to explore a joint church and school choir for children.

This year we celebrated Sue Howell Evans' 50 years as our Director of Music. The celebration was held as part of our Last Friday of Month Concert series and a collection was taken for a gift. A stone birdbath engraved with a message of thanks and appreciated was given to Sue from the congregation of St George's, thanking her for her long and faithful service.

The Last Friday of Month Concert series, which has been running for some six years, continued this year as part of St George's commitment to fostering and supporting music and musicians in the local community. The series included both returning musicians and new performers, including cello and piano performances by the local Luc Family; a celebration to mark Sue Howell Evans' at St Georges with the choir the Siena Singers; a singalong with

Arthur Robson together with organ and vocal solos. There was also more in the "Young, Talented and Local" category which showcased local musicians Tim Stewart (Cathedral Organ Scholar) and Luke Haydn; the Kelsall-Barnett Family offering guitar performances coupled with beautiful singing; stories and piano music from the life and times of Ivor Novello presented by Canon David Nason; the Eolandra Brass Quartet & Cuckoo Singers; the Horsham Borough Band; and Sophie Middleditch (recorders) and David Pollock (harpsichord) performing a programme of baroque and modern music.

Building on last year's success, towards the end of the year, a group of people met to go Carol Singing round the parish. They met first at Eastgate Square in Chichester and made our way to Royal Close where mince pies and hot drinks were served. It was a joyous occasion with several passers-by joining in along the way.

#### *St George's Tots*

Tots meets on Monday mornings in term time, offering term-time sessions of soft play, stories and singing for families with young children. It offers an easy introduction to church life and the wider community. Between 12-20 children normally attend with a parent or carer.

#### *Coronation of King Charles III*

To mark King Charles III's coronation, we held a toast after Mass on Sunday 7 May and sang a few rousing songs with nibbles.

#### *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party*

A Pancake Party for families with young children was held on 19 February. Following a time for crafts, a story and singing in church, pancakes were enjoyed by about 40 children and their families in the Centenary Centre.

#### *Halloween Party*

On Sunday 29 October, a Halloween Party for families and some 45 children was held at St George's. This included activities and crafts in the centre and a time of prayer in the church to remember those who have died, as a way of reconnecting Halloween to the feast of All Souls and All Saints.

#### *Other outreach events*

St George's Rambles continue to organise walks with an opportunity to explore local walkways, enjoy other people's company and an opportunity for refreshments and conversation. Again, this year, in September people from St George's took part in the Ride & Stride cycling and walking event with other local churches in partnership with the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. During the year, two quiz nights with fish and chip suppers were held, the event being very popular and a good opportunity for fellowship. There were also two Happy Café events in which a full breakfast was cooked and served by volunteers, which attracted people from within the church and wider community. Coffee mornings and a Vintage Tea Party also took place.

### *Autumn Fair and Produce Show*

On 7 October, we held our first Autumn Fair and Produce Show at St George's. The event included a produce competition which encouraged people to enter their produce or artistic creations. There were categories for vegetables, fruit, flowers, preserves, cakes and bakes and young gardeners as well as young artists. In addition to the produce competition, there were refreshments, a fire engine, face painting, different stalls and games for all the family. The event proved to be a great success with many people entering items into the produce show and a good selection of people from the wider community taking part in the other activities. The organisers and volunteers ensured the event was well organised with a hospitable and joyful atmosphere that was appreciated by many who attended. We plan to repeat this event in 2024, holding it earlier in the autumn and growing season.

### *Christmas Fair*

Our Christmas Fair on 9 December was again one of the year's highlights and saw many people attend from the local area. Stalls included home-made cakes, craft items such as hand-knitted hats and scarves, books, toys, a tombola, festive raffle, a Friends of St Mary's stall, Father Christmas in his grotto and music played by some of our older children. Teas, coffees and mince pies were enjoyed and provide a good opportunity for conversation and for meeting others. Again, the event relied on the effort, time and generosity of the event's organisers and volunteers. Their contribution was appreciated by many.

### ***Provision of the church building for people to enjoy***

As indicated above, the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard was set up this year as a sub-committee of the PCC. They have drawn in a large number of volunteers who have helped to main the churchyard and graves, while also managing the site as a rich haven for wildlife and research the history of the people buried there.

A cake, plant and book sale was held after the service on Sunday 16 July which raised money towards a community herb garden which a group of volunteers planted in the raised beds at the entrance to the church car park.

### ***Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish***

A high value is placed on the provision of discreet pastoral care for parishioners. Alongside providing pastoral support in conjunction with confession, funerals, baptism and weddings, Fr Angus regularly met with people to talk through questions of faith and pastoral need. He has also visited people in their homes, bringing communion to those who are unable to attend church. The Deputy Church wardens and Healing Ministry Team also provide additional lay support.

A new residential care home, Lakeview Grange, opened in the beginning of 2023 and Fr Angus has offered a monthly communion service with assistance from parishioners. During Advent, this included singing carols with Sue Howell Evans and several parishioners helping. Fr Angus also conducted a service in which he blessed all the different floors and main rooms in the care home.

### ***Care and tangible support for others***

Throughout the year, St George's has continued to support the Chichester District Foodbank, a project founded over ten years ago by local churches and community groups to alleviate food poverty in the local area.

The partnership with the charity UK Harvest has continued to strengthen. This has involved hosting a fortnightly pop-up pantry/community food hub in the Centenary Centre. 'Fed and Nourished' seeks to address the twin issues of food poverty and food waste. In return for a modest donation, anyone can come and fill a shopping bag with groceries and fresh food. Volunteers from St George's provide a warm and friendly welcome and serve refreshments. The project also connects people with organisations that offer long-term support.

The pilot of the new community-based project, Food for Friends, which allows Afghani refugee groups to access the Centre kitchen and eating space, to be together with befrienders, and to shop for and cook their own dishes, came to an end this year. The project was run by Jenny Cole in partnership with St George's, Transition Chichester and the Quakers. The project attracted grants from Church Urban Fund, Arun and Chichester Food Partnership and the Coop Midshires Food stores. Due to a new hostel for migrants being set up in another part of Chichester, it was decided that a different venue was needed for the project to be easily accessible to those housed there. It is hoped that the lessons learnt from the project's time at St George will put it in good stead for this next chapter.

### ***Charitable giving***

A collection was held for the Turkey and Syria Disaster Fund at the beginning of the year following the earthquake in the area. £468 was received and forwarded to the DEC Disaster Fund.

We also continue to collect milk bottle tops and used stamps that help to raise funds for the Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and St Wilfrid's Hospice respectively.

## **Financial Review**

### **Income and Outgoings**

Total receipts were £93,000 of which £41,500 related to unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £11,000 was from Gift Aid, and £19,600 received through the Parish Giving Scheme. Overall income has increased by £4,400 which includes restricted donations that are detailed in Note 5 to the accounts.

£40,000 was transferred to the CCLA deposit account to maximise on increased interest rates.

Fundraising activities included quiz nights, vintage tea party and the Christmas fair, well done to all involved in fundraising activities.

Using funds from the Glover bequest, a new dishwasher was purchased for the centre costing £3,048. Our utilities have increased by £1,015 due to the continuation of high energy prices. The quinquennial inspection was carried out during the year at a cost of £1,680 and a further £2,330 was spent on church maintenance and repairs.

### **Sharing ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester**

The PCC reduced the Parish Share to the Diocese to £50,000 to ensure the church maintains its reserves in accordance with the reserves policy. The Parish Share goes towards meeting the costs of clergy stipends, housing, training, and pensions, as well as national church responsibilities.

The PCC also pays to insure the church with Ecclesiastical Insurance. The cost of the policy in 2023 was £2,898.

### **Staff Costs**

Our organist, who is also a trustee, received payments totalling £4,990 during 2023 for their role as church organist and not for being a trustee. The Iris Woodham fund has been used to pay for our youth worker; £1,492 has been used in 2023 for HR and wages.

### **Office costs**

The PCC is fortunate in that office administration is carried out by able and hard-working volunteers. There have been no major purchases for the office during 2023.

### **Money held in reserve.**

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, returning funds to our current account as and when finances are required to pay day-to-day bills. At the year end, the total cash held by the charity increased by £5,100 to £71,900, of which £64,200 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The PCC have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £43,000 (which equates to roughly 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £64,200.

## **Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity**

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

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of ex-officio members (the incumbent, the churchwardens, members of the Deanery/Diocesan or General Synods) and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to encourage a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Rev'd Dr Angus Reid, PCC Chairman:

  
Angus Reid (Apr 26, 2024 14:36 GMT+1)

Date Apr 26, 2024

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St George's PCC Chichester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 15 to 18 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

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**ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		41,474	-	822	42,296	46,044
Gift aid receipts		10,704	-	295	10,999	10,564
Parish giving scheme		19,616	-	-	19,616	12,000
Fundraising		4,206	-	-	4,206	5,140
Other grants		-	-	-	-	1,175
Charitable activities		5,455	-	3,252	8,707	6,592
Income from letting of facilities		3,720	-	-	3,720	5,537
Investment income		1,625	-	-	1,625	710
Insurance claim		1,503	-	-	1,503	-
Other		335	-	-	335	820
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>88,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>93,007</b>	<b>88,582</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Parish share		50,000	-	-	50,000	55,000
Fundraising		-	-	-	-	271
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	29,858	3,048	4,381	37,287	30,822
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	190	-	468	658	2,118
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>80,048</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>4,849</b>	<b>87,945</b>	<b>88,211</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		8,590	(3,048)	(480)	5,062	371
Transfers between funds	5	965	-	(965)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>9,555</b>	<b>(3,048)</b>	<b>(1,445)</b>	<b>5,062</b>	<b>371</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		7,349	50,387	9,079	66,814	66,443
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>16,903</b>	<b>47,339</b>	<b>7,634</b>	<b>71,876</b>	<b>66,814</b>

The notes on pages 17 - 18 form part of these accounts.



**ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	8,156	-	7,634	15,791	50,984
Notice deposits	8,537	47,339	-	55,876	15,630
Petty cash	210	-	-	210	200
	<u>16,903</u>	<u>47,339</u>	<u>7,634</u>	<u>71,876</u>	<u>66,814</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	698	-	182	880	2,434
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	1,786
	<u>698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>4,220</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Taxes due	437	-	-	437	249
Fee for Independent Examination	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,140
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	416
	<u>1,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,637</u>	<u>1,805</u>

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the charity assets.

**E Investment assets**

		Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2023	Value 2022
			£	£
CCLA investment fund income shares (bid market value)	Note 5	Restricted	1,952	1,827
Parish Trust investments	Note 5	Endowment	20,499	19,416
			<u>22,451</u>	<u>21,242</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Angus Reid date Apr 26, 2024  
Angus Reid (Apr 26, 2024 14:36 GMT+1)

Revd. Dr Angus Reid

The notes on pages 17 - 18 form part of these accounts.

**ST GEORGE'S PCC CHICHESTER**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		General funds £	Designated funds £	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>						
<i>Clergy and staffing</i>						
Cost of payroll	Note 4	4,174	-	1,492	5,666	4,320
Running costs for clergy accommodation	Note 4	3,133	-	-	3,133	3,572
Training and other expenses		-	-	-	-	86
<i>Church running costs</i>						
Church repairs and maintenance		5,088	3,048	725	8,861	7,124
Utilities		4,986	-	-	4,986	3,971
Hall repairs, maintenance and running exps		449	-	-	449	1,165
Ministry costs, activities, admin and support		5,684	-	2,164	7,848	7,916
Insurance		2,898	-	-	2,898	2,558
Governance		1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Quinquennial inspection		1,680	-	-	1,680	-
Other legal and professional fees		266	-	-	266	110
		<u>29,858</u>	<u>3,048</u>	<u>4,381</u>	<u>37,287</u>	<u>30,822</u>
<b>3 Grants and gifts paid to others</b>						
Organisations:						
Disaster Emergency Committee		-	-	468	468	1,451
Organisations < £1,000		40	-	-	40	20
Individuals		150	-	-	150	-
		<u>190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>1,471</u>
<b>4 Transactions with related parties</b>						

Rev. Dr Angus Reid (who is a clergy member of the PCC) receives a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of this stipend is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipend. Rev. Dr Reid was also provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy; these costs are also disclosed in the above note.

Susan Howell-Evans, a trustee, served as the church organist and was paid £4,990 [2022: £4,990] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee. A non-monetary gift was given in recognition of long-service and this was mostly funded from members.

A person connected to the trustee Ken Green was paid £1,119 [2022: £550] for his gardening services.

## 5 Movement of funds