

FREMINGTON PCC
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023

Charity Registration Number 1133734

FREMINGTON PCC: 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full Name:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Fremington, Devon
Governing Document:	Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended by the Church Representation Rules
Registered Charity No:	1133734
Registered Address:	3 Linhay Drive Fremington Barnstaple Devon EX31 2QD
Membership of the PCC	
Ex-officio:	Rev Christopher Painter (Vicar – from 26 th April 2023) Mr J McKee (Churchwarden) Mr G Prosser (Deanery Representative)
Elected:	Mr M Smallridge Mrs K Prosser Mrs G Ashcroft Mrs T Warren Mrs M Roberts Mr L Prescott Mrs J Hansford Mr Gerald Lush (from 14 th May 2023) Mr Ben Freer (from 19 th July 2023)
Co-opted	
Electoral Roll:	77
Independent Examiners:	Crick & Co. Chartered Accountants 15a Silver Street Barnstaple Devon EX32 8HR

FREMINGTON PCC

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the PCC ('the Trustees') have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

Fremington PCC is a registered charity governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and by the Church Representation Rules.

The Charity is run by a Council. Holders of certain posts are automatically entitled to membership of the Council. Other members are elected by ballot at the AGM.

Objectives

The mission statement of Fremington PCC is to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in worship, fellowship, and service.

In carrying out this objective the PCC members have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioners on public benefit.

Achievements

Achievements

From John McKee, Churchwarden and PCC Chair until 26th April 2023:-

We started the year in very good shape. We had interviewed and appointed Rev Chris as our new vicar who was due to join us April. He was duly installed on Wednesday 26th April by the Bishop of Exeter. The church and congregation were on a sound footing and making progress whilst at the same time looking forward to new leadership.

During the year there has been steady updating of the church fabric with all the high level lights replaced with LED units which are much more energy efficient than the old ones and have the advantage of turning on and off instantly. Many areas of the internal church walls have been repainted and repairs have been carried out to the roof and rainwater good. All the routine inspections and servicing have been carried out.

Now that Chris has arrived, we have been actively thinking about how we might re-order the back section of the church near the font. Some urgent floor repairs have been put in hand. Also we have appointed the architects Rhind and Co. to assist and advise us as to how we do the work to meet our requirements. They have wide experience of re-ordering churches and taking into account the listed building status and also liaising with Exeter Diocese.

The Church Hall continues to be upgraded with new flooring to the toilets, new LED lights, new Velux Skylights, and a replacement dehumidifier. It is planned to have an internal and external repaint in 2023.

The churchyard is kept neat and tidy with regular maintenance and a huge amount of work has been done by a volunteer member of the congregation. Our sincere thanks for that.

The Bell-ringing team continue to grow with several new members training. However we are always looking for new learners or returners to join us.

2023 has been an exciting time with Chris leading us in new directions and introducing new ways of doing things, which is most refreshing.

From Rev Christopher Painter, Vicar and PCC Chair from 26th April 2023:-

It's a great privilege to be the Vicar for the three parishes in this mission community and I'm aware of hopes and expectations which come with any new appointment. Due to a number of incidents (now relegated to history) there is a strong desire for stability across the congregations, and I'd also add the need for unity. The efforts of those who have led during the vacancies are a matter of record and I'm aware that Revs Brenda, Liz, and John have been generous with their time and support, and much appreciated. Also Rev Marisa, who has now 'retired'. In December we were sad to learn that Rev Liz Norman decided not to renew her PTO license, but she remains part of the congregation and her insight and wisdom is appreciated in the Ministry Team. Rev Brenda is a popular and very supportive colleague, much appreciated by me.

I have endeavoured to shape ministry in the parishes as you requested in the parish profile around the six priorities, 3 for our congregations, and 3 for how we meet our communities.

1. Discipleship - we have started new homegroups and re-started former groups, and have taught on the need for prayer. We have run an intercession training session.
2. Leadership/Lay ministry – The efforts of John McKee (Warden) and Marion Roberts in managing the church and preparing for worship cannot be overstated. We are thankful for the continuing ministry of Graham Prosser and delighted that Gerald Lush has been licensed for the diocese. We have re-made the link with the Methodist church and enjoyed a service together. We hope to do more together in time. It was a delight to create a pop-up choir to lead the singing at Advent and Christmas and there is enthusiasm to grow this ministry. The congregation of St Peters has diverse needs and traditions. The seasons of the Anglican year are becoming clearly marked with a different liturgical expression for each and we continue to explore patterns of worship to meet the different tradition - the music across a month draws on a number of styles.
3. Draw the mission community together - the Ministry Team comprises the leadership for all 3 congregations and views our mission as a whole. The pattern of worshipping together on a 5th Sunday continues - my first Sunday in the community was Communion, with baptism, and all 3 churches! Our Communications is a tool for closer cooperation.
4. Communication - We have established a weekly newsletter for all 3 churches so we can support each other's events and pray for each other. We have a common website (the lack of which has been a source of frustration for a while) and information on A Church Near You. I'm grateful for a number of volunteers who post information from time to time.
5. Gillian Ashcroft (as Children, Youth and Families (CTF) ministry) works very hard. The Sunday Club (3rd Sunday) and Altogether service (1st Sunday) are well received and supported. On several Sundays we welcome the uniformed organisations to participate and contribute to worship, especially this year for a service marking the coronation. It's a privilege to coordinate with Gillian on taking regular assemblies in Fremington school where we enjoy an excellent relationship; the school also holds its own act of worship in our church building for major festivals. The Baby and Toddlers group on a Monday morning continues to thrive with three families seeking baptism. We have plans to develop our contacts with local families.

6. The church supports Crosslinks with Graham Prosser as the contact and makes a substantial contribution to our Crosslinks family in mission. However, there seems to be little ownership of this across the congregation and we hope to address this presently.

We are grateful for those who manage the building and prepare for worship. We have seen a gentle increase in numbers over the year, in no small part to the culture of welcome and hospitality at which St Peter excels.

Financial Review

Our Common Fund assessment for the year amounted to £49,765 and this was paid in full. Our assessment for 2024 is £51,697, i.e. an increase of £1,932 on the 2023 figure.

During the year, we were delighted to receive the unrestricted legacy of £69,424.75 under the will of the late Mary Stidworthy and a restricted £3,000 donation to be used for the ministry and mission of the church.

Throughout the year we have been able to continue to fund a number of essential repairs to the church and the church premises.

In accordance with our **Reserves Policy**, we have maintained £10,000 in the General Reserve Account.

In spite of the continuing difficult current economic climate and the cost of living crisis, our direct giving from the congregation shows a slight increase on last year, and as always, we continue to give thanks for the generosity of the congregation in direct giving.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:-

Rev Christopher Painter (PCC Chair)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FREMINGTON PCC

I report on the accounts of Fremington PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of Fremington PCC 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

**15a Silver Street
Barnstaple
Devon
EX32 8HR**

**Crick & Co
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

FREMINGTON PCC
GENERAL ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023			2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
OPENING BALANCES:						
Restricted Funds						
Wednesday Fellowship	32.40	-	32.40	32.40	-	32.40
Organ maintenance	614.35	-	614.35	614.35	-	614.35
Churchyard maintenance	9,993.58	-	9,993.58	13,860.83	-	13,860.83
Garden Wall Repairs	-	-	-	2,300.00	-	2,300.00
Military Road	44,000.00	-	44,000.00	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
Building & Fabric	-	-	-	5,688.58	-	5,688.58
Children, Youth & Families Ministry	-	-	-	1,988.01	-	1,988.01
Audio Visual System	2,222.46	-	2,222.46	2,222.46	-	2,222.46
Designated Funds						
Car Park Fund	-	-	-	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
Reserve Fund	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Unrestricted	-	1,869.85	1,869.85	-	2,883.40	2,883.40
	<u>56,862.79</u>	<u>11,869.85</u>	<u>68,732.64</u>	<u>86,706.63</u>	<u>14,183.40</u>	<u>100,890.03</u>
RECEIPTS:						
Direct Giving						
Planned Giving	-	47,627.79	47,627.79	-	48,415.88	48,415.88
Other	-	7,137.41	7,137.41	-	5,772.62	5,772.62
	-	54,765.20	54,765.20	-	54,188.50	54,188.50
Gift Aid tax refunds	195.00	11,164.20	11,359.20	195.00	11,212.18	11,407.18
Weddings baptisms & funerals collections	-	1,904.40	1,904.40	-	90.00	90.00
Donations inc. Offertory Box & Finance Appeal	-	530.00	530.00	-	963.00	963.00
Specific Donations:						
For Ministry & Mission Fund	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	-	-
Friends of St Peter's	-	580.00	580.00	-	745.00	745.00
Parochial fees – statutory	-	3,520.00	3,520.00	-	4,135.50	4,135.50
- non-statutory	-	660.00	660.00	-	428.00	428.00
Wedding deposits	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
Hall hire	-	3,694.00	3,694.00	-	5,811.00	5,811.00
Events & activities	-	1,672.75	1,672.75	-	514.00	514.00
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,740.00	2,740.00
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	3,024.00	-	3,024.00
Wider World	1,269.42	-	1,269.42	1,861.00	-	1,861.00
Wednesday Fellowship	116.00	-	116.00	-	-	-
Legacies	-	69,424.75	69,424.75	-	-	-
Children, Youth & Families Ministry	1,163.80	-	1,163.80	1,290.00	-	1,290.00
	<u>5,744.22</u>	<u>147,915.30</u>	<u>153,659.52</u>	<u>6,370.00</u>	<u>80,927.18</u>	<u>87,297.18</u>
Agency Accounts						
Incumbent's fees assigned to Diocese	3,459.00	-	3,459.00	3,796.00	-	3,796.00
Music, verger, bells, minister's fees	2,416.00	-	2,416.00	3,117.40	-	3,117.40
	<u>11,619.22</u>	<u>147,915.30</u>	<u>159,534.52</u>	<u>13,283.40</u>	<u>80,927.18</u>	<u>94,210.58</u>
Transfer from Military Road	-	-	-	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Transfer from Car Park Fund	-	-	-	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>11,619.22</u>	<u>147,915.30</u>	<u>159,534.52</u>	<u>29,283.40</u>	<u>82,227.18</u>	<u>111,510.58</u>
	<u>68,482.01</u>	<u>159,785.15</u>	<u>228,267.16</u>	<u>115,990.03</u>	<u>96,410.58</u>	<u>212,400.61</u>

**FREMINGTON PCC
GENERAL ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

PAYMENTS	2023			2022		
	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£ Total	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£ Total
Common Fund	-	49,765.00	49,765.00	-	51,340.00	51,340.00
Clergy expenses	-	955.94	955.94	-	256.60	256.60
Music	-	344.00	344.00	-	328.00	328.00
Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Requisites	-	202.11	202.11	-	41.14	41.14
Gift Day and Friends envelopes	-	-	-	-	388.00	388.00
Wider World	1,094.42	1,500.00	2,594.42	1,861.00	1,440.00	3,301.00
Wednesday Fellowship	100.00	-	100.00	-	-	-
Heat light & water	-	6,682.31	6,682.31	-	6,084.15	6,084.15
Maintenance & repairs	-	25,925.69	25,925.69	21,688.58	11,062.11	32,750.69
Hall cleaning	-	1,115.00	1,115.00	-	1,280.00	1,280.00
Insurance	-	5,112.56	5,112.56	-	4,869.42	4,869.42
Photocopier & computer	-	1,915.00	1,915.00	-	1,553.06	1,553.06
Broadband & telephone	-	581.67	581.67	-	443.40	443.40
Books, stationery, and office supplies	-	315.39	315.39	-	360.34	360.34
Churchyard grass cutting & maintenance	4,550.00	-	4,550.00	6,891.25	-	6,891.25
Accountancy	-	876.00	876.00	-	846.00	846.00
Website	-	148.00	148.00	-	174.00	174.00
Organ Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children, Youth & Families Ministry	1,358.80	4,465.38	5,824.18	3,473.01	1,779.63	5,252.64
Garden Wall repairs (restricted)	-	-	-	2,300.00	-	2,300.00
Vacancy interview expenses	-	-	-	-	972.90	972.90
Miscellaneous	-	377.97	377.97	-	21.98	21.98
	7,103.22	100,282.02	107,385.24	36,213.84	83,240.73	119,454.57
Agency Accounts						
Incumbent's fees assigned to diocese	3,459.00	-	3,459.00	3,796.00	-	3,796.00
Organist, verger, bells & minister's fees	2,416.00	-	2,416.00	3,117.40	-	3,117.40
	12,978.22	100,282.02	113,260.24	43,127.24	83,240.73	126,367.97
Transfer from Military Road Fund	-	-	-	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Transfer from Car Park Fund	-	-	-	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	12,978.22	100,282.02	113,260.24	59,127.24	84,540.73	143,667.97
CLOSING BALANCES						
Restricted Funds:						
Wednesday Fellowship	48.40	-	48.40	32.40	-	32.40
Organ maintenance	614.35	-	614.35	614.35	-	614.35
Churchyard maintenance	5,443.58	-	5,443.58	9,993.58	-	9,993.58
Military Road	44,000.00	-	44,000.00	44,000.00	-	44,000.00
Audio Visual system	2,222.46	-	2,222.46	2,222.46	-	2,222.46
Ministry & Mission Fund	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	-	-
Agency accounts: Wider World:						
Bishop of Exeter's Discretionary Fund	175.00	-	175.00	-	-	-
Designated Funds:						
Reserve Fund	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Unrestricted	-	49,503.13	49,503.13	-	1,869.85	1,869.85
	55,503.79	59,503.13	115,006.92	56,862.79	11,869.85	68,732.64
	68,482.01	159,785.15	228,267.16	115,990.03	96,410.58	212,400.61

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WIDER WORLD (INCLUDING WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP) – YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bishop of Exeter Discretionary Fund	175.00	-	175.00	-	-	-
Crosslinks	-	-	-	745.00	-	745.00
Royal British Legion	425.00	-	425.00	260.00	-	260.00
Children's Society (Christingle)	120.00	-	120.00	81.00	-	81.00
DEC Earthquake appeal	464.42	-	464.42	-	-	-
DEC Ukraine appeal	-	-	-	775.00	-	775.00
North Devon Against Domestic Abuse	85.00	-	85.00	-	-	-
On behalf of Wednesday Fellowship	116.00	-	116.00	-	-	-
	<u>1,385.42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,385.42</u>	<u>1,861.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,861.00</u>

PAYMENTS

Bishop of Exeter Discretionary Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crosslinks		1,500.00	1,500.00	745.00	1,000.00	1,745.00
Royal British Legion	425.00	-	425.00	260.00	-	260.00
Children's Society (Christingle)	120.00	-	120.00	81.00	-	81.00
DEC Ukraine appeal	-	-	-	775.00	200.00	975.00
DEC earthquake appeal	464.42	-	464.42	-	-	-
Tarka Learning Partnership	-	-	-	-	240.00	240.00
North Devon Against domestic Abuse	85.00	-	85.00	-	-	-
On behalf of Wednesday Fellowship:-						
Unicef	50.00	-	50.00	-	-	-
Appledore RNLI	50.00	-	50.00	-	-	-
	<u>1,194.42</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,694.42</u>	<u>1,861.00</u>	<u>1,440.00</u>	<u>3,301.00</u>

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES MINISTRY - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023			2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
OPENING BALANCE	-	-	-	1,988.01	-	1,988.01
RECEIPTS						
General Donations & Offerings	307.00	-	307.00	200.00	-	200.00
Planned Giving	780.00	-	780.00	780.00	-	780.00
Gift Aid Tax refunds	195.00	-	195.00	195.00	-	195.00
Fundraising	76.80	-	76.80	310.00	-	310.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>1,358.80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,358.80</u>	<u>1,485.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,485.00</u>
PAYMENTS						
Children and Families Worker	1,358.80	3,983.20	5,342.00	3,473.01	1,476.99	4,950.00
Expenses and resources	-	422.18	422.18	-	302.64	302.64
Purchase of books	-	60.00	60.00	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>1,358.80</u>	<u>4,465.38</u>	<u>5,824.18</u>	<u>3,473.01</u>	<u>1,779.63</u>	<u>5,252.64</u>

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SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£
ST PETER'S BELL FUND		
(RESTRICTED FUND)		
Opening Balance	2,965.24	2,976.54
Add Receipts	<u>996.00</u> 3,961.24	<u>1,465.00</u> 4,441.54
Less Payments	1,144.20	1,476.30
Closing Balance	<u>2,817.04</u>	<u>2,965.24</u>

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		£
ST PETER'S CHURCH FLOWERS		
(RESTRICTED FUND)		
Opening balance	180.75	180.75
Add Receipts	<u>180.75</u>	<u>-</u>
		180.75
Less Payments		-
Closing Balance	<u>180.75</u>	<u>180.75</u>

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SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
General Account						
Wider World	1,269.42	-	1,269.42	1,861.00	-	1,861.00
Children, Youth & Families Ministry	1,163.80	-	1,163.80	1,290.00	-	1,290.00
Agency Accounts	5,875.00	-	5,875.00	6,913.40	-	6,913.40
Transfer from Military Road Fund	-	-	-	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Transfer from Car Park Fund	-	-	-	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
All remaining items	3,311.00	147,915.30	151,226.30	3,219.00	80,927.18	84,146.18
	11,619.22	147,915.30	159,534.52	29,283.40	82,227.18	111,510.58
Subsidiary Accounts:						
St Peter's Bell Fund	996.00	-	996.00	1,465.00	-	1,465.00
St Peter's Church Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,615.22	147,915.30	160,530.52	30,748.40	82,227.18	112,975.58
Less: Payments						
General Account						
Wider World	1,094.42	1,500.00	2,594.42	1,861.00	1,440.00	3,301.00
Childrens, Youth & Families Ministry	1,358.80	5,824.18	7,182.98	3,473.01	1,779.63	5,252.64
Agency Accounts	5,875.00	-	5,875.00	6,913.40	-	6,913.40
Transfer from Military Road Fund	-	-	-	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Transfer from Car Park Fund	-	-	-	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
All remaining items	4,650.00	92,957.84	97,607.84	30,879.83	80,021.10	110,900.93
	12,978.22	100,282.02	113,260.24	59,127.24	84,540.73	143,667.97
Subsidiary Accounts						
St Peter's Bell Fund	1,144.20	-	1,144.20	1,476.30	-	1,476.30
St Peter's Church Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,122.42	100,282.02	114,404.44	60,603.54	84,540.73	145,144.27
Net receipts / (payments)	(1,507.20)	47,633.28	46,126.08	(29,855.14)	(2,313.55)	(32,168.69)
Add: Cash balances b/f	60,008.78	11,899.85	71,908.63	89,863.92	14,213.40	104,077.32
Cash balances c/f	58,501.58	59,533.13	118,034.71	60,008.78	11,899.85	71,908.63

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

£ £ £

Bank Accounts and Petty Cash

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
General account	55,503.79	59,503.13	115,006.92
Petty Cash Float	-	30.00	30.00
Subsidiary accounts			
St Peter's Bell Fund (Restricted Fund)	2,817.04	-	2,817.04
St Peter's Church Flowers (Restricted Fund)	180.75	-	180.75
	<u>58,501.58</u>	<u>59,533.13</u>	<u>118,034.71</u>

Land and buildings

Church Hall (insurance value £362,660)

Other Assets

Sound system
Piano
Boiler
Computers
Projector and screen
SumUP card reader
Piano in Church Hall

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. **The movement in the Restricted Funds** during the year was as follows:-
 - 1.1 **Wednesday Fellowship:** £116 was received and £100 paid out.
 - 1.2 **Organ Maintenance Fund:** no movement.
 - 1.3 **Churchyard Maintenance Fund:** this account has been used towards the maintenance of the churchyard and reduced from £9,993.50 at the beginning of the year to £5,443.58 at the end.
 - 1.4 **Military Road Fund:** no movement.
 - 1.5 **Audio Visual System Fund:** no movement.
 - 1.6 **Ministry & Mission Fund:** This resulted from a generous donation of £3,000 to be used for “the ministry and mission of the church” and has yet to be called on.
2. **Agency Account:** At the end of the year we were still holding £175 for the Bishop of Exeter’s Discretionary Fund while we await presentation of the cheque sent to them.
3. **Designated Fund:** There has been no movement in the General Reserve Fund and the balance remains at £10,000.
4. **The Children & Young Peoples Fund** has been renamed the **Children, Youth & Families Ministry Fund**. Where planned giving has been made specifically for this fund, the related tax refund has been added to that account. There was no balance in that account at the end of the year.