

**The Parish of St Mary, Beaminster**  
**(Charity Commission No: 1133757)**



**PCC Annual Report and Accounts 2023**

## **St Mary's Church Beaminster**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

St. Mary's Beaminster is situated in Church Street, Beaminster. It is part of the Beaminster Team Churches and in the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

**Status:** The PCC is a registered as a Charity with the Charity Commissioners.  
Charity registration No: 1133757

**Team Rector:** Revd. Canon David Baldwin  
**Team Vicar:** Revd. Jo Neary  
**Team Curate:** Rev. Fiona Beale until April 2023  
**Church Wardens:** Mrs Judith Hansen

#### **Elected Members:**

Judith Hansen, Philip Crawford and Gillian Perrott (Standing down in 2024)  
Sue Counsell, Marlene Jackaman and Barbara Simmonds (Standing down in 2025)  
Vivien McMurray, James Oldfield and Dan Rootham (Standing down in 2026)

**Deanery Synod Reps:** Ann Crawford and Rudi Simmonds due to step down in 2026.  
**Team Council Reps:** Judith Hansen.  
**Lay Vice Chairman:** Rudi Simmonds  
**Secretary to PCC:** Vivien McMurray  
**Treasurer to PCC:** Suzanne Flux. (Christine Ward: **Book keeper** until April 2023)  
**Chair of the Finance sub-committee:** Marlene Jackaman

**Church Office and address for correspondence:** 8, Hogshill Street, Beaminster DT8 3AE.

**Team Administrator:** Anne Woodward

**Team Online and Media Administrator:** Harry Neary

**Bank:** HSBC.

**Independent Examiner:** Scott Vevers Accountants (Bridport)

**Structure, Governance and Management:** the method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

**Objectives and Activities:** St. Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent the Revd Canon David Baldwin in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church-pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and churchyard.

**Committees and their briefs:** The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC business between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. The various subcommittees meet as and when required.

**Team Safeguarding Officers:** Liz Brown and Barbara Simmonds

**Team Health and Safety Advisor:** Vacant. The Health and Safety Group did not function as such as there was no volunteer to take this on. The churchwarden ensured that any incidents/events were recorded and risks assessed.

**Electoral Roll Officer:** Jenny Langridge who says that at the end of the year there were:- 96 parishioners on the roll. (Previous update: 101). 4 people died, 1 person had moved into a care home and 1 person had left the congregation. The 5 year update is due in 2025.

### **The Parochial Church Council: Review of the year January to December 2023**

The PCC met in January, May, July, October and November in church. The APCM was held in March. The Standing Committee comprising the Team Rector, Church Warden, Lay Vice Chairman, Chair of the Finance subcommittee and Secretary met to set agendas for PCC meetings and on an ad hoc basis, when decisions regarding the fabric projects needed to be made.

Minutes of the PCC meetings are displayed on the notice board in Church. The bulk of the PCC agenda is covered by reports of the work of the subcommittees:

1. Finance: Chairman: Marlene Jackaman took on this role when Hugh Lindsay stood down. A paid treasurer, Chris Ward who was appointed to get the accounts in order tendered her resignation in April. Suzanne Flux was appointed in her place. Gareth Hewitt who had examined the end of year accounts for some years also wished to stand down. The PCC agreed that a local firm of accountants be appointed to take on this work as a volunteer was impossible to find.
2. Fabric with the Church Environment Group: Rudi Simmonds, James Oldfield, Gill Perrott and Judith Hansen the churchwarden, continued to carry several projects forward and obtain the required faculties.
3. Mission and Outreach: Chairman Revd Jo Neary. Walk In Wednesday continued weekly.
4. Worship: Chairman Revd David Baldwin. The Director of Music liaises closely with him.
5. Pastoral care: Chairman Rev Prebendary Alastair Wheeler. The LPAs met every few weeks for support and to discuss any issues.

These groups also include members of the congregation and usually convene between PCC meetings sending their reports to the PCC via the secretary.

The Foodbank subcommittee: Chair Rev Jo Neary, later came under the auspices of the Team Office and then the Prout Bridge Project. It is no longer run by the church.

The PCC was also in regular contact with the local Police Support Officer as the church has had problems with school children causing vandalism on several occasions over the year.

A burglary took place and parts of the sound equipment were taken. The Rector and Churchwarden being dissatisfied with the police response made a formal complaint. Eventually finger prints were taken and subsequently the culprit was identified. The iPad was replaced as a result of the generosity of a member of the congregation. The CCTV is scheduled to be installed in April 2024.

In February a choir supper was held in the Strode Room. The event was held to say goodbye to Tom Cunningham who had sung for many years in the church choir. We were also able to say thank you to all our wonderful extras that joined us for the major festivals over the year.

In March several members of the congregation went to Salisbury Cathedral to take part in the Maundy Thursday service. A memorable occasion.

In April work was done on the trees at the back of the church as a new shed will be installed. Also our curate Fiona Beale left to take up a post in West Wales. Margaret Grant who had done so much for the church over the years was admitted to hospital and eventually died there. She had been the vergers and member of the choir and made sure everything ran smoothly each day until she had moved to Abbeyfield. The clergy certainly miss her devotion and attention to detail. On April the 13<sup>th</sup> the Quinquennial Inspection took place.

The Beaminster Festival came around again in June. The congregation was involved with catering for the performers, making coffee and welcoming initiatives linked to the local community. Two members of the Church Flower Team organised the floral decorations. Following another successful year, sadly Ron Emmett, who had founded the event 25 years ago, eventually moved to a nursing home. Also in June, a small group from the congregation met together and plans were made to start a monthly Bereavement Café and this new initiative began in October.

In July our Gin Church members organised a wonderful fundraising Cream Tea with Pimms. During the summer break, family play mornings took place in the memorial playing fields with a Summer Swap event in the church. In August Hugh Lindsay- a member of the congregation, Chair of the PCC Finance subcommittee and one time churchwarden died suddenly and unexpectedly. He had also contributed enormously to the life of the church. Large numbers attended his funeral.

In September Rev Jo Neary reduced her hours working in the team as she took up a part time teaching post at Salisbury Cathedral. She tried to find a volunteer to take on Messy Church preparations but that person remains difficult to find. Plans were also made for Mission and Outreach in the form of a Nativity Festival over the Advent weekend.

In October the church Architect Daniel Cantrell was appointed as Project manager to oversee the work on the upgrade to the kitchen area and the installation of mains drainage with an accessible toilet in the Vestry. Tenders were then invited so that the work can be done in 2024. Also the Gold Eco Award was presented to the team and Dr. Gill Perrott went to Salisbury Cathedral to receive the plaque. The Air Source Heat Pumps and solar panels had begun to show benefits.

The Nativity Festival turned out to be a very memorable event and people kindly lent their own sets- and some of them were very historic and much loved! The church twinkled with lights and greenery. The Advent Carol service brought the proceedings to a triumphal conclusion. Also in December the 3<sup>rd</sup> Martin Schellenberg Memorial concert took place and was much enjoyed.

The lift has continued to cause problems over the year and resulted in expensive call out charges.

Last but not least the PCC must mention Judith Hansen, our churchwarden who has gone beyond the call of duty to keep the show on the road. She has coordinated many projects and faculty applications. A big thank you goes to her.

*Vivien McMurray (PCC Secretary)*

## Churchwarden and Fabric Annual Report 2024

Another year has flown by and it has been a busy one with Fabric matters occupying a lot of my time and energy. After receiving the Quinquennial Report some of the team gave the external wooden doors a coat of Danish Oil and will continue with that when the weather allows. Ben Sabran has been carrying out various works for us. He regularly clears the guttering and hoppers on the roof which get clogged with leaves and nesting materials. He also repaired a broken drain at ground level, power washed the paths and gave the Rood Screen it's annual clean and polish in time for Christmas. We are grateful to Ben for his attention to fabric matters in and around our Church. The organ has been serviced, some chair seats have been repaired, and other minor tasks have been carried out.

### CCTV

Following the theft of some of our Sound Equipment last July and other minor incidents it was decided that CCTV would be installed. Installation took place after Easter with seven cameras internally and four externally now in place. The internal cameras are not in use during Church Services and some other designated events and do not cover the Hilary Chapel which is set aside as a prayer space. Temporary notices are now displayed until permanent ones are obtained. We are grateful to the Friends of St. Mary's who kindly agreed to pay for this work to be done.

### Kitchen/Toilet project

I am pleased to report that we have now accepted a tender from Stepnells building contractors for the work to the kitchen, toilet, crypt cover and drainage at a cost of £180,000 plus VAT. There will be additional costs, for example during the drainage work running underneath the grass to meet up with the main drains/sewers in Church Street, an Archeologist will need to be employed as it is likely some human bones will be discovered. This work will mean some disruption to the paths and lawns. We are at present in discussion with the contractors to set a start date. This is likely to be in early July/August and will obviously have some affect on our use of the Mort House and Vestry but thankfully our worship should not be affected very much. Prior to the work, the Vestry and Mort House will need to be cleared and the opportunity taken to sort out items that are no longer required and disposed of in a suitable manner. A contribution to the cost of the work will be made by the Friends of St Mary's.

Other members of the Fabric Team have also been busy and I am grateful to them all for their work on behalf of the Church:

### Church Heating (Gillian Perrott)

We have completed the second winter with the new heating installation. There have been some adjustments and one part failure following servicing in heavy rainfall with the cover removed from one of the ASHPs. This happened in December and the new part took some time to come due to the Christmas break. The part was covered by the guarantee. Rob (contractor) spent more than a day at the church sorting it all out but did not charge us anything. Unfortunately we were using the gas boiler for a month which increased the total kWh gas usage. Then when the boiler was serviced in early March there was another problem as the right connections were not reinstated. Again this was put right by the ASHP installers. At the beginning of 2024 at the request of the PCC and to use the ASHPs more effectively the thermostat was increased which resulted in the temperature being 18 degrees almost all the time for the rest of the winter.

<u>Data for 2023</u>	Usage Total	25,247kWh	(13,533 E + 11,714 G)
	Costs total	£4,240	(£2,798E + £1,442 G)
	Exported from solar installation 5,777 kWh Credited £879		

<u>Data for 2021 (for comparison)</u>	Usage Total	70,344 kWh	(66,5722G + 3772 E)
	Costs total	£670 E + £3,173 G)*	

**\*NB before energy prices rose dramatically**

#### Mould (Gillian Perrott)

At the last Quinquennial Inspection it was noted that there was extensive light mould dust inside the church over most of the South Aisle roof. It was particularly obvious just beyond the organ and opposite the North entrance door. It had also been noted near the base of the rear wooden organ pipes. There were also a few scattered deposits on the South Aisle roof, where the tables were stacked in the vestry and on the rear of the green baize display boards stored up against the wall in the Hilary Chapel. These 2 and inside the organ were places where air could not freely circulate. Advice was asked of the DAC and it was decided to monitor the temperature & humidity under the roofs and outside for comparison. Also Ben Sabran cleaned off a small area beyond the organ where it was worse. He checked the moisture in the wood and it was not damp. With the advice and help of Mike Chaney 4 Thermopro Monitors were purchased and placed. 3 monitors under the roof (one just beyond the organ, one opposite the North door and one opposite the south door). There was another placed on the ceiling of the porch outside. This was done before the heating was on in early October. The readings showed a high humidity of around 75% and temperature of 14 degrees. The North door had been open in the daytime throughout the summer, which had been a very wet one so humidity was around 90 to 100% outside.

After the door and windows were closed and the heating working the data was recorded at intervals throughout the winter. The readings showed humidity varied between 60 to 64 % and temperature between 16 and 18 degrees. The cleaned area of roof showed no reoccurrence of mould.

Later in November a visitation of the Archdeacon, Penny Sayer, the organ consultant and heating advisor to the DAC took place. Penny was concerned that it may be to do with the new heating arrangement and advised delaying cleaning the mould off and continuing the monitoring to collect data

The conclusion at the end of the winter was that the under floor ASHP heating is providing a good environment for the fabric of the church and the organ with humidity levels of 60 to 64%. At this level of humidity mould will not grow.

The problem last summer was probably the high humidity from outside encouraged damp to come into the church through the open door and windows and settle under the ceiling causing readings of mid 70's and in areas where the flow of air is restricted. We will continue to monitor the humidity throughout the coming summer. The plan is for the mould to be cleaned off after the installation of the new kitchen & toilet.

#### Church Lighting (Rudi Simmonds)

Work on specifying the replacement of the main church lighting did take place, but the only systems which were identified were very expensive and alternative solutions are being considered. However, concern about the possible increase in the costs for the Toilet/kitchen work and church finances put the lighting replacement project on hold. It is planned to resume this task in 2024. The Mort House light failed and has been replaced.

#### Lift (Rudi Simmonds)

The lift continues to be a problem, failing at various times during the year. The supplier has carried out repairs but the faults are still happening, the system is not reliable but we are unable to identify a long term solution.

Apart from the Triptych, which is on loan to Beaminster Museum until the end of November, and as far as I am aware, all other articles belonging to the Church are in place. I pray that our Church and grounds will continue to be a beautiful asset to our town and a peaceful haven in which to worship the Lord and a place to find solace and comfort in these troubled times.

*Judith Hansen – Churchwarden April 2024*

### **St. Mary's Church Flower Arrangers**

Our group of ladies provide festival flowers and pedestal arrangements which are changed once a week except for Advent and Lent. We have added to our number of flower group members and welcome Georgie to the group. In addition we have had interest from a further two ladies.

Last year we commemorated the late Queen in flower and celebrated the Coronation of King Charles 111. In addition to this we provided flower arrangements for Freddie and Jenny's wedding which we were all excited about as they are regular members of the congregation.

Although Rita Cowie was extremely ill last year, she still coordinated festival flowers for most of the year. Jean Owen continues to allocate group members to take turns in doing the pedestal arrangements.

We continue to honour the town's commitment to a sustainable environment and that of the church, having won the sustainability award. We do not use Oasis flower foam. We include living plants in our displays to enable them be planted in the church grounds and have agreed to limit the number of silk flowers to be used in our arrangements.

This Christmas we celebrated together at the Stableyard Restaurant. We intend to continue enjoying fellowship of our group throughout the coming year.

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*Ava Livingstone*

### **Pastoral Care**

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) are a national feature of church life. They are encouraged and trained by a Diocesan scheme to have particular concern in caring for one another and for others in our wider community, supporting the pastoral care offered by the Staff Team. In this benefice I have been asked to support them in their work, meeting regularly with them for supervision and training. Those cared for in this way range from people who are sick or housebound, including taking communion out to some of them on a regular basis, regular visiting and pastoral contact. Very sadly, over the last few years the number of authorised LPAs here has continued to dwindle, and we are currently now down to 3 active LPAs trained and authorised to work in this way. The names and contact numbers are printed in the Team News. If you or someone you know feels that an LPA may be able to help someone, you are asked to talk to David or Jo in the first instance so that they know who is being supported in this way.

*Revd. Prebendary Alastair Wheeler*

### **Deanery Synod**

The main speaker at the February 2024 meeting was Antony Macrow-Wood, who is the Parish and Benefice treasurer. He explained the new system for the parish share to try and make it as fair as they can. They are keen to make it as transparent as possible. Affordability was important so that all could feel that they could actually pay it. The affluence of the general area was decided as a red herring, so not taken into account. The poorest area would be supported by a special account that had been set up from Glebe assets and other similar untied monies. Half the money from weddings and funerals would be returned to the parishes. It was accepted that the priest spent a lot of time on these matters and that was fair. Also, it would help the rural churches more as they tend to have more of both, and they are often the poorer churches and are more expensive to run, with extra transport costs (the vicar has to drive between churches as it is too far to walk), and they often have older and listed buildings which are more expensive to maintain. They are encouraging the letting out of vicarages during the inter-regnum, which would keep them in better condition as well as bringing in money.

There will be a series of road shows in the summer to explain all this to anyone who is interested. It is a thorny subject and not everyone will be happy but they are doing the best that they can, to be fair.

*Ann Crawford.*

### **Baby and Toddler Group**

2023 was another very successful year for the group, which celebrated its second birthday in May. The format of the Monday morning sessions remain unchanged; play from 10 - 11:15, then everyone joins in 'tidy up time', and we settle down to enjoy a story together, sing songs, and finish with a prayer at 11:30. There are still some of the original families attending regularly, but in July it was time to say goodbye to some of the children who had been coming since the start, as they were starting school in September – our first group of 'graduates'! Throughout the year we welcomed new members, and now have contact with over 20 families.

Many of our families attend Messy Church regularly, and it was a real joy to see many of them at the Crib service on Christmas Eve, confirmation that the Baby and Toddler group is now one of the many different expressions of church that make up the St Mary's church family.

*Jo, Judith, Veronica and Barbara*



### **St. Mary's Ringing Guild Report**

We continue to ring the bells for most services at St. Mary's. The highlight of the year was being part of the national ringing on Coronation day when all ten bells were rung by local ringers. There were very few weddings to ring for in 2023, no peals and only three quarter peals.

In the summer we had a successful outing despite it being a very wet day. We rang at four towers. It is always challenging but enjoyable to ring on different bells.

We purchased new ropes for four of the lighter bells while the ropes from the four heaviest bells were sent away to have new 'tail ends' professionally spliced on below their fluffy sallies.

We have a new member in our band and it is good to have a teenager amongst us.

*Jill Parr (Tower Captain)*

### **Team Safeguarding Officers Report for 2023**

All the necessary Safeguarding checks were carried out during the year. DBS checks have been completed as needed, for those new to posts, and those requiring renewal. All safeguarding information is securely stored on the Diocesan DBS Microsite.

Completion of the Basic and Foundation Safeguarding training courses is now a requirement for all members of a PCC. The highest level of training – i.e. Foundation – has to be updated every 3 years. PCC members are also required to complete the Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse training course, but this does not have to be updated. These training courses are available online, and we also plan to arrange some group training sessions in the Team.

The safeguarding statement required by the Diocese is on the front page of the Team website, and gives our contact details, as well as those of the Diocesan officers.

Safeguarding has been an agenda item at all PCC meetings across the Team during the year. As a Team we have complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

We should like to thank everyone in the Team for their continued care for each other and alertness to the needs of those around them so that our churches are truly safe and welcoming places.

*Liz Brown and Barbara Simmonds, Beaminster Team Safeguarding Officers*

### **The care and maintenance of the Churchyard 2023/24**

As reported previously. Wild flower seeds were sown in 2022 and provided a good display for the many visitors to the churchyard ever since.

During the winter last year we were able to get working much earlier as the weather was kinder to us and we had a better chance to start work in borders and with the compost bins. There is still some of last year's compost available and those that have taken some appear pleased with it.

We previously started work in about March as a team, but by starting earlier it has allowed less work during the rest of the year except for weeding and pruning.

This year despite many days of rain we have now started working on the compost heap and make it ready to accept the usual piles of grass and other compostable material. There are quite often things that do not compost very quickly and these we separate and they are taken to the tip with other things that require disposal.

We have decided that this year we will see what happens with the flower seed planted previously and just weed the border by the west wall of the larger weeds and nettles that have found their way back. Around the table tomb in the south west corner we have cleared the area and used the church compost, to ready it for sowing more mixed flower seed.

At present the gardening volunteers consist of Ing-Marie, Jean, Keith and Ian. It appears that Ian will be moving on in the near future so cutting the paths will need to be taken on by someone else. It has been said that this could be taken on by Fred and Jenny which would be very helpful.

We will continue to clear unwanted plants from the walls as we did last year.

The lift border turned out quite well again in 2023 with many people saying how good it was. It has had a first weed this year and the roses have been pruned by Noel. This border will still be maintained but, it is uncertain for us at present what will happen with that border until we know for sure where and when the drainage will cut its way through.

The Memorial Garden continues to be maintained with Ian cutting the grass and the rest of the team cutting the larger shrubs including a fast growing *Pyracantha*. We also remove old flowers from the stones and after Christmas, wreaths (30 this year). Despite Kate not being part of the team she continued until her recent death to work on Lavender and Rosemary in this area and be another source of what needed to be done and when.

With so few people now, we have tended not to just go to the churchyard on a Thursday but to go when we see something that requires attention or a project to be undertaken.

We continued last year as volunteers to rake up the grass after David Enalls had done the two major cuts. This is a hard job especially when it rains and we have been unable to donate it to anyone. It has rotted down well though.

*Keith and Ing-Marie*

## ECO Church Report for the APCM

All sections of ECO church have continued to be worked on and addressed:-

**Worship & Teaching:** Intercessions have usually included prayers for creation and our environment. Pew News has contained ECO Tips every week. Children are encouraged to care for creation through teaching at St Mary's Academy and Messy Church. On one occasion at Messy Church the children were given wild flower seeds, gardening tools and water cans to enhance areas of the churchyard. On another they were taken on a supervised walk around Beaminster with litter pickers & bags to collect any litter they could find.

**Church Building:** The new Solar Installation worked well and we achieved getting credit for the electricity we exported from early June after changing supplier to Octopus and the installation of a new Smart Meter. The ASHP heating system continued to work well but needed some adjustments, which eventually achieved a comfortable temperature of 18 degrees in church. Most importantly we achieved Carbon Neutral due to huge reduction in kWh gas use. This was offset by electricity exported by the solar installation. Our imports were all green electricity. We are working on getting lighting changed to LED.

**Churchyard:** We took part in the RSPB bird count in January. Sadly hardly any small birds were seen but lots of Jackdaws in evidence, 19 at one time perching in the Copper Beech tree! Bird feeders were topped up. Early flowers on the wild plum tree and honeysuckle gave useful nectar to bees and in summer the wildflowers sown by Keith & Ing-Marie by the west wall were beautiful and attracted a large number of bees of many varieties. We arranged Churches Count on Nature in early June for the community and filed the results with irecord.

**Community & Global:** Some of us were part of a volunteer group looking after Michel's Wood at the south side of Beaminster school playing fields. We worked on constructing a 'dead hedge' at the border of the wood to encourage a wildlife corridor. Some of us also took part in surveying hedges as part of the Great Big Dorset Hedge project. We held a Fairtrade Coffee Morning in early March in the Strode Room. It was so well attended that we felt we needed a larger venue in future. We raised over £600 as a donation to the Fairtrade Organisation. Many of us have signed petitions calling the government for action on Climate Change and Global Justice.

**Lifestyle:** Our church members are continuing on doing what they can to reduce their impact on damage to creation & climate change. There is always more we can do and that is the challenge!

Gillian Perrott

### **Music Report, 2023**

I'm pleased to report that over the past year we have flourished and grown as a choir. The published monthly music scheme helps to keep us all on track, and the repertoire and variety of the choir's anthems has grown. A few of the singers suggested that we should wear the choir robes rather than leaving them to hang in the cupboard. I don't have a strong view on this but it seems to me that the choir actually sings a little better when they wear them. We don't wear them all the time but more recently we have used them to mark the important feasts of Christmas and Easter etc. and we also were robed for our Advent Carol service. I hope that congregation members felt that the carol services were enhanced by having both organist and conductor, and I am ever grateful and thankful for the regular contributions made by our visiting organists Jonathan Delbridge and Simon Clarkson.

December 2023 also marked the choir's first outing in concert in recent years. We joined Malcolm Archer (Organ) and Winston Leese (Trumpet) in a very successful concert organized by Alex Schellenberg to raise funds for The Martin Schellenberg Music Trust (TMSMT). It was very much a Christmas Concert and we hope to repeat the format at 4pm on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024. A date for your diaries!

Choir membership has increased over the year with the welcome addition of Coral Dakin, Chris & Rob Howard and Mary Lester although I am sad to record that declining health has resulted in the departure from the choir of Ron and Pauline Emmet. They have both contributed greatly to the music of St Mary's over the years and we all miss their presence in our choir family.

Last year I mentioned the addition of some music desks for the choir. These were in St Mary's, Bridport, where there has been no choir for some time now. One of our basses, Barry Gibbs had arranged for them to come to us on a permanent loan and we were very grateful to him for doing the work required to necessitate this change. Since this announcement Barry has suffered the bereavement following the death of his wife Jean but has responded positively by generously donating a new (fourth) choir desk to be made in Jean's memory. Hopefully by the time you read this the desk will be in place.

Many will be aware that, behind the scenes, there are some key people who assist greatly in keeping the music on track at church, namely Vivien McMurray, Dan Rootham and Brian Ridley. They are the unsung heroes of the choir and my gratitude to them is matched only by my thanks to Revd. Canon David Baldwin and Revd. Jo Neary. Without their solid support and love of music, worship and God (perhaps not in that order), I doubt that there would be a choir at all.

*Peter Nardone Director of Music & Organist*

## BEAMINSTER ST MARY'S ACADEMY

### SUMMARY OF 2022-23

During 2022 – 2023, the school continued on its upward trajectory. It received a call by Ofsted in May 2023. For the first time in its history, the school was categorised as 'Good' in all areas.

Highlights from the report include:

- Beamminster St Mary's Academy is a highly positive, vibrant school community. Pupils enjoy coming to school and are motivated to learn. Strong relationships between staff and pupils mean they feel safe and happy.
- Pupils behave well. Staff have high expectations of pupils. The school's values underpin these expectations. Pupils know that it is important to treat everyone with respect and kindness. They are clear about the rewards and sanctions and say teachers use these fairly.
- Any pupils who struggle to manage their behaviour are well supported by adults. Pupils are adamant that bullying does not happen at the school. They know what bullying is and can distinguish this from fallouts with friends. They are confident that adults will help to resolve any issues they have.

Leaders, at all levels, have worked tirelessly both before and after the Ofsted visit to ensure that Beamminster St Mary's offers the best possible education that it can. Numbers are increasing with an extra 20 children joining in the last two years – above our normal intake.

Results in KS2 were not quite up to our high expectations, but these children have had a large amount of their education disrupted through staff turnover and two years' worth of home-school learning.

Our KS1 results bear the fruits of our hard work, and we were ecstatic to receive a letter from Damien Hinds; who is the minister for schools, telling us that our Phonics Check of 100%, puts us in the top 1% of all school in the country.

Attendance is still below pandemic levels but compares very favourably against other schools within our Hub. The school works with parents to enable their children to attend, even to the extent of providing transport.

The ASEC continue to work closely with the school, providing that critical challenge that is so important in developing outstanding provision. We have had some movement within the governing body, but the new members have settled in quickly and have a variety of skills to support the school.

Our curriculum is developing – especially writing – where we have been asked by DSAT to work alongside fellow schools to show how Early Writing should be taught. This is a testament to both the class teacher Miss Gadsby and our tenacious English Leader Miss Woodrow, who throughout the school's journey has never settled for anything less than perfection.

This year we are looking at refining our Biblical underpinning and it is extremely likely that we will be using the parable of 'The Lost Sheep'. This is something the children can clearly understand and we are looking forward to visiting the church, and for the children to demonstrate to parents and carers their understanding.

Every day, we endeavour to develop the whole child and help them to achieve their potential. We will also remind them every day that they are loved as one of God's own children and we are hopeful that our new parable will help them to further understand their place at our special school.

Darren Marklew

Headteacher

### **The Friends of St. Mary's Church' Beaminster Treasurer's Report 2023**

Once again there is a healthy balance in the Bank due to the interest accrued on the CCLA deposit account. For new members amongst us the large amount sitting in the CCLA a/c is due to a legacy of over £100,000.00 left to the Friends in 2019. £50,000.00 of this is earmarked for the kitchen refurbishment and the provision of a WC in the Church and £10,000.00 for the installation of CCTV.

The two fund raising events brought in over a £1,000.00. The Open Garden afternoon at Sally Mallinsons was a huge success attracting a large number of people and not just Friends. We are extremely grateful to Sally for allowing us to use her garden and for the hard work she put into making it such a success. Equally the Steel Band concert was well received and our thanks go to Mike Hayes and his band for putting a smile on the faces of the majority of the audience.

Back in 2010 donations were over £1600.00 suggesting a membership of 160 people. Current membership stands at 90, 35 of whom are Life Members. We have lost 8 Friends this year for one reason or another and only gained 3 new members.

I made an appeal in the February Team News last year for new members with no response at all and have tried again this February. When the Friends were set up more than 20 years ago the membership was made up of both Church folk and people from the town with no connection to the Church. It was a link between the church and the people of Beaminster to support the PCC in the maintenance and enhancement of Beaminster's historic church. The Church is open to all and well used by the community - Mother and Toddler Group, Walk in Wednesday, the Beaminster Festival and many concerts throughout the year as well as regular services. The Church is a vital asset and meeting place in Beaminster but the Friends need more help if it is to continue to support the Church. As you will see from our expenditure another 1,000 leaflets have been printed. One way Friends could help is to talk to people, hand out leaflets either to longstanding inhabitants of the town or the many newcomers and encourage them to join. I will talk to the local Estate Agents and ask them if they would be willing to include the Friends leaflet in their "Welcome Packs" along with details of all the Church services and groups which meet in the Church. Any other ideas would be most welcome.

Once again my thanks go to Linda le Breton for auditing the accounts and to Brian Ridley for submitting our Gift Aid application.

I am now standing down as treasurer after 9 years but am happy to stay on as a committee member during the changeover period. Lastly our next event in the Church is a return visit of the Sunset Cafe Stompers who last gave a concert in 2022 raising over £1,000.00 towards funds. Please support us if you can.

***Gill Sansom Treasurer***

Friends of St Mary's Church, Beaminster  
Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	980.00	1256.00
Tax recovery	232.50	437.50
Tax recovery - paid twice by mistake	232.50	
Open Garden 2023 – Jazz Concert 2022	593.75	1703.00
Steel Band Concert 2023 – PV Concert 2022	470.10	680.90
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2508.85</b>	<b>4077.40</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Admin, photocopying, stationery etc	40.83	33.92
Gift Aid error	232.50	
Bank charges £5.00 per month)	60.00	60.00
Bank activity charges	10.68	13.01
Footprints – brochures	119.00	
Steel Band 2023 – Jazz Concert	50.00	662.50
PV Concert		231.30
Defibrillator		1170.00
Transfer to CCLA deposit a/c	3000.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3513.01</b>	<b>2170.73</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the Year</b>	<b>1004.16</b>	<b>1906.67</b>
<b>Statement of Account</b>		
Carried Forward HSBC	5856.12	3949.45
Carried Forward CCLA	116358.37	115234.08
<b>Total resources at start of year</b>	<b>122214.49</b>	<b>119183.53</b>
Income	2508.85	4077.40
Money transferred to CCLA from current account	3000.00	
Interest CCLA	5169.84	1124.29
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>132893.18</b>	<b>124385.22</b>
Less expenditure	3513.01	2170.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>129380.17</b>	<b>122214.49</b>
Represented by		
Balance at HSBC	4851.96	5856.12
Balance at CCLA	124528.21	116358.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>129380.17</b>	<b>122214.49</b>



**THE BEAMINSTER AREA TEAM MINISTRY**  
**ANNUAL CLERGY REPORT TO THE PARISHES 2024**

This is my fourteenth Annual Report to the Parishes of the Beaminster Area and I would wish to record my deep appreciation to all those who work tirelessly in all of our churches. Holding any office in the church is an onerous task and I thank all Church Wardens, Treasurers, PCC members, Deanery Synod and Team Council members for their tireless work throughout the past twelve months. I would also like to thank all those who have given their time as Lay Pastoral Assistants, Bereavement Visitors, Messy Church and Lay Worship Leaders. Further thanks go to the many often unseen yet heard people who do so much to keep our churches worshipping and functioning; musicians and singers, bell ringers, flower arrangers, sidespeople, cleaners, church yard keepers, office volunteers, caterers, fundraisers, - the list is endless so please accept my apologies if I have missed you off the list.

Over the past nine years I have been trying to encourage the parishes of the team to work more cooperatively as one church of God and giving the Team Council a greater role. Needless to say, whilst some could see the benefit of this way forward, others have doggedly refused to give such discussions any countenance. However, as church attendance declines and time in years catches up with all of us and fewer church members are willing or able to take on roles and responsibilities, the inevitable is beginning to happen and PCCs cannot be upheld and are having to look at different ways for parish churches to survive and flourish in the future.

I feel that the Beaminster Area Team has reached a point of imbalance. Year after year we fail to elect an ever decreasing number of church officers. Last year six parishes had no elected

Churchwardens; this is likely to rise to seven this year and four parishes only had one Churchwarden. For a twelve month trial I will be inviting these parishes to join together for joint PCC business meetings. Finances will still be held at a local level as will the upkeep of their buildings and social activities. Should other parishes wish to be part of this trial I would be very happy to encourage this.

The Church Representation Rules 2020 allows for PCCs to form Joint Councils within teams and contains the rules and legal agreements that can be made between PCCs and I genuinely believe that this will help to give longer term security to all of our parishes, not just those that are struggling to keep going

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to Jo and Barbara and all of our Partner Priests for their help and support over the year and to Harry for all of his support with our media and communication platforms. I can't end without saying a special thank you to two people who have given so much to the team. Firstly to David Shearlock who took the very difficult decision to stand down as an active partner priest during the past year. David has been a constant support to the staff team for many years and his wisdom and counsel have been greatly appreciated by all who have had the privilege to work alongside him. Thank You David and Jean for being there to support him. Secondly to Anne who retired at Easter after nearly six years as Team Office Administrator and gave so much support to the parishes and to Jo and myself.

**Revd Canon David Baldwin**

**Revd Jo Neary writes:** 2023 in the Beaminster Team involved baptisms, weddings and funerals. We read a Lent book on failure. We hosted new Lent activities for the first time including a music reflection, theological discussion, and spiritual walk.

We continued our ministry in schools with collective worship, Ofsted support, foundation governors and support for RE lessons, school visits and school services. Messy Church ran both inside and outside the building, with our Good Friday Messy Church telling the Easter story to a hundred people.

We said goodbye to Fiona our curate and sent her with love and best wishes to the Church in Wales. We engaged in our communities with eco activities, litter picks, community events, fundraising, coffee mornings, fetes, barbeques, quizzes, walks, concerts, creams teas, the list goes on.

We celebrated the agricultural festivals of Plough Sunday, Rogation, Lammas and Harvest. We were up hills, in barns, round fields. We hosted the community for a summer swap event of toys and books and supported families with a uniform bank.

We fed the hungry by supporting the Foodbank, nurtured preschoolers with our toddler group and provided community connection with drop ins, Walk in Wednesday, coffee mornings and the regular pattern of worship. We knitted prayer shawls to comfort the lost, the bereaved, the ill. The summer holidays offered Pop up toddler groups and summer play days in the villages. Band on the Green began in the rain, but our songs of praise remained undampened.

A monthly bereavement café began, complementing our busy funeral ministry. We hosted our first baby loss service alongside our annual memorial service. We worked with our local communities to facilitate Remembrance Sunday events.

And to end the year and begin Advent we hosted over fifty different Nativity sets displayed for our first ever Nativity festival, engaging the communities of the team in different ways as we made Jesus known.

Every single community engagement, every act of worship, every school visit, every conversation, every book studied, every prayer, every meeting, every fundraising event, every social moment helped make Jesus known. We told his story, shared his life, lived out his love, demonstrated his forgiveness and showed his welcome and hospitality.

There is always good news to share, even in a year where some felt fragile or tired or overstretched. I have found it difficult dropping down to part time, despite being energised by the way my Sarum college job supports my parish role, and visa versa. One treasurer congratulated me on my new job in Salisbury. Well done, he said, you cost us less now. And he is right.

We have so much: beautiful churches, good relationships in our parishes, talented and gifted people, lively activities, holy worship, community connections. How might we work more effectively together to make Jesus known, how might we pray more and seek God's activity in the world, how might we share our abundance and bring hope into even the fragile places. That is the challenge of next year perhaps. But for now, thank you for all you do. You are amazing.

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1st	January	2023		31st	December	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary of the Annunciation Beaminster

Other names charity is known by

Beaminster St Mary's PCC

Registered charity number (if any)

1133757

Charity's principal address

Beaminster Church Office

8 Hogshill Street

Beaminster

DT8 3AE

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd David F B Baldwin	Rector – PCC Chair		
2	Susan Counsell			
3	Ann P Crawford			
4	Philip A V Crawford			
5	Judith A Hansen	Churchwarden		
6	Marlene W G Jackaman	PCC - Chair Finance		
7	Vivien McMurray	PCC - Secretary		
8	Revd Joanna B Neary	Team Vicar		
9	Gillian M Perrott			
10	John D Rootham			
11	Barbara A Simmonds			
12	Ronald C Simmonds			
13	James R Oldfield		28.03.23	
14				
15				
16				
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18				
19				
20				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members of the congregation at the Annual Meeting

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Safe-guarding training and individual testing (on-line)

Risk assessment adhered to at all times

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Educating people about the religion  
Pastoral care,  
Outreach  
Missionary,  
Evangelical  
MAKING JESUS KNOWN

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Drop in café style morning – attracting all age groups – a friendly chat/listening ear and opportunities to meet people  
 Toddler/young mums/child minders morning – children's play area with story time and songs – promoting Jesus  
 Messy church – aimed more towards school age children with mums/child minders – activities/art and talk/song – promoting Jesus  
 Bereavement group

A warm environment in which to have quiet moments – the church is open during daylight times.

Sunday worship – BCP and CW  
 Mid-week communion

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Making this church an integral part of the Beaminster Community.  
 Keeping a Grade 1 listed building in good repair which, in turn, is leaving a legacy for the future generations of this beautiful town.  
 Making a contribution to Christian Aid (trying to help others in deprived areas around the world)  
 Selecting worthwhile charities (home and overseas) and making annual donations.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In recent years we have been fortunate with legacy donations. These monies are attracting interest with a 'secure' investment institution.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Our day to day running costs are tremendous and due diligence has to be applied to spending.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

## Other optional information



We are carrying out building works to create a disabled toilet necessitating extensive drainage works. We are creating a kitchen area which will comply with statutory regulations to enable food preparation. We want our church building to be a multi-functional venue, utilising this magnificent building and at the same time, receiving a revenue from hiring charges.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Revd Canon David Baldwin	Marlene Jackaman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair – Beaminster PCC	Chair - Finance
Date	14.03.2024	



**Report Of The Independent Examiner To The Trustees Of The Parochial Church Council Of  
The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**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.



Mr. M. J. Cridland B.A. (Hons) F.C.A  
Scott Vevers Ltd  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
65 East Street  
Bridport  
Dorset  
DT6 3LB

Date: .....19/03/24.....





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical  
Parish of St. Mary Of The Annunciation of Beaminster

No (if any)  
1133757

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary giving	53,880	3,625	-	57,505	60,084
Legacies	23,132	-	-	23,132	7,000
Stewardship income	32,453	-	-	32,453	-
Gift aid recovered	9,815	-	-	9,815	-
Outreach	2,900	-	-	2,900	2,437
Activities for generating funds	4,456	-	-	4,456	6,745
Church Activities	11,481	-	-	11,481	13,566
Other incoming resources	122	-	-	122	4,889
Other income	200	-	-	200	19,371
CAF	156	-	-	156	156
VAT recovered	12,204	-	-	12,204	-
Investment income	8,070	18	-	8,088	2,961
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>158,869</b>	<b>3,643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,512</b>	<b>117,209</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>158,869</b>	<b>3,643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,512</b>	<b>117,209</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overheads	61,021	-	-	61,021	69,390
Receipts disbursed	3,589	-	-	3,589	3,517
Services support	11,704	-	-	11,704	13,882
Church building & grounds	24,991	2,621	-	27,612	23,115
Mission & outreach	133	-	-	133	67
Project expenditure	2,880	-	-	2,880	126,353
Bank charges	123	-	-	123	128
Donations	3,127	125	-	3,252	-
Other expenditure	1,000	-	-	1,000	2,221
Transfer from Stewardship	42,209	-	-	42,209	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>150,777</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153,523</b>	<b>238,673</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>150,777</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>153,523</b>	<b>238,673</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,092</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>- 121,464</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>387,177</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>388,177</b>	<b>509,641</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>395,269</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>397,166</b>	<b>388,177</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CCLA	15,947	-	-
	CCLA Fabric	227,440	-	-
	HSBC BMM Fabric	100,512	-	-
	HSBC BMM Restricted	-	1,897	-
	HSBC Fabric	39,774	-	-
	HSBC General account	11,181	-	-
	HSBC Stewardship account	415	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>395,269</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

David Ball  
M. Jackaman

Print Name


David Baldwin

Marlene Jackaman

Date of approval

14/3/24

4.03.2024



# The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St. Mary Of The Annunciation Beaminster

Annual Accounts  
1st January - 31st December 2023

Prepared by  
**Suzanne Flux**

Prepared on  
**11 March 2024**

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# Finance Committee Report

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It was with much sadness that Hugh Lindsay, former Chair of Finance, died in August 2023. He was a wise, steadfast gentleman and very supportive when I took over as Chair of Finance two years ago.

During 2023 we appointed a new bookkeeper, Suzanne Flux. We now look after all our finances online using Quickbooks, this is a flexible online system that clearly shows where our bank accounts and spending are on a day to day basis.

We have opened two new savings accounts this year, one for Fabric & one for Restricted Funds; these are bringing in some interest but leave the monies on instant access.

We are now using an online giving machine within the church; this raised £2600 in 2023.

There are still major projects ongoing, these being the kitchen and toilet works, lighting and CCTV. It is extremely likely that the estimated costs for these proposed works will have increased considerably to those figures given pre-Covid. The works are not expected to commence until later in the year. In these circumstances contractors are unlikely to give firm quotations months ahead of commencement of works. As shown on the Year End Balance Sheet 2023, we are in a fortunate position to have a healthy bank balance in our Fabric Accounts, but due diligence must be applied to future expenditure.

We have been able to reclaim £850 VAT on works completed within 2023 (the VAT claim monies will be shown in the 2024 accounts).

From the accounts you will notice we are showing a deficit on the 2023 General Account of £14,433 (£24,470 deficit for 2022). This deficit would have been higher had we not transferred £15,000 from the Fabric account. This is a worrying trend. We need regular committed income (setting up standing orders and completing gift aid forms if you are a taxpayer). We need suggestions for fund raising events and we need enthusiastic people to help us in fund raising.

The General Account is basically our 'housekeeping account', where our day to day running costs are met. Our biggest outlay is the Parish Share, rising over recent years from £50,045 in 2018 to £53,973.45 in 2023; this is slightly lower than 2022 due to personnel changes. Our 2024 share will be £54,648.11 after we have taken advantage of a discount for paying by monthly direct debit. Another big outlay is our annual insurance premium of £7979.

On a more positive note, £26,000 has been received through legacies and very generous donations.

Thanks to the Finance Committee for their valued input at our meetings and to David Baldwin and the PCC members for their support during the year. Lastly, thanks to Suzanne for creating our new reporting procedures and for her patience and determination when with dealing with our bankers.

We have appointed a new independent examiner for 2023, Scott Vevers.

Marlene Jackaman  
Chair of Finance  
12 February 2024

# Year End:Balance Sheet 2023

As of December 31, 2023

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of Dec 31, 2022 (PP)	Total Change
<b>FIXED ASSET</b>			
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>			
CCLA CCLA	15,946.61	15,451.41	495.20
CCLA Fabric CCLA Fabric	227,439.53	220,376.65	7,062.88
HSBC BMM Fabric	100,512.56		100,512.56
HSBC BMM Restricted Funds	18.62		18.62
Restricted funds - bells	1,000.00		1,000.00
Restricted funds - electrical/sound system	878.86		878.86
Restricted funds - organ	0.00		0.00
<b>Total HSBC BMM Restricted Funds</b>	<b>1,897.48</b>		<b>1,897.48</b>
HSBC Fabric account	39,773.68	125,319.83	-85,546.15
FABRESTBELLS HSBC Fabric account (restricted - bells) (deleted)	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
<b>Total HSBC Fabric account</b>	<b>39,773.68</b>	<b>126,319.83</b>	<b>-86,546.15</b>
HSBC General account	11,180.81	25,950.05	-14,769.24
HSBC Stewardship account	415.00	415.00	0.00
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>397,165.67</b>	<b>388,512.94</b>	<b>8,652.73</b>
<b>DEBTORS</b>			
Debtors	0.00	1,798.65	-1,798.65
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,798.65</b>	<b>-1,798.65</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>397,165.67</b>	<b>390,311.59</b>	<b>6,854.08</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			

			Total
	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of Dec 31, 2022 (PP)	Change
<b>Trade Creditors</b>			
Creditors	0.00	2,134.55	-2,134.55
<b>Total Trade Creditors</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,134.55</b>	<b>-2,134.55</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,134.55</b>	<b>-2,134.55</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>397,165.67</b>	<b>388,177.04</b>	<b>8,988.63</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>397,165.67</b>	<b>388,177.04</b>	<b>8,988.63</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£397,165.67</b>	<b>£388,177.04</b>	<b>£8,988.63</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Opening Balance Equity	509,641.37	509,641.37	0.00
Retained Earnings	-121,464.33	-121,464.33	0.00
Profit for the year	8,988.63		8,988.63
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>£397,165.67</b>	<b>£388,177.04</b>	<b>£8,988.63</b>

# Year End:Income and Expenditure - General Year End

January - December 2023

			Total
	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2022 (PY)	Change
<b>INCOME</b>			
1100 Voluntary giving	53,880.18	60,084.19	-6,204.01
1200 Outreach	2,900.31	2,437.16	463.15
1300 Activities for generating funds	4,456.41	6,744.68	-2,288.27
1500 Church Activities	11,480.86	13,566.00	-2,085.14
1600 Other incoming resources	122.37	4,888.97	-4,766.60
Uncategorised Income	200.00		200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,040.13</b>	<b>87,721.00</b>	<b>-14,680.87</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>73,040.13</b>	<b>87,721.00</b>	<b>-14,680.87</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
2100 Overheads	61,021.45	69,389.84	-8,368.39
2200 Receipts Disbursed	3,588.97	3,516.74	72.23
2300 Services Support	11,704.15	13,882.51	-2,178.36
2400 Church Building & Grounds	27,610.24	23,115.35	4,494.89
2500 Mission & Outreach	133.00	67.02	65.98
2600 Donations	66.80		66.80
2700 Other Expenditure	1,000.00	2,220.54	-1,220.54
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>105,124.61</b>	<b>112,192.00</b>	<b>-7,067.39</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>-32,084.48</b>	<b>-24,471.00</b>	<b>-7,613.48</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
FROMREST Transfer from Restricted to General	2,671.14		2,671.14
INCCAID Christian Aid (income)	1,900.74		1,900.74
INCCASH Cash (income)	452.00		452.00
INCEAST Easter Offerings (income)	655.00		655.00
INFF Transfer from Fabric Account	15,000.00		15,000.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>20,678.88</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,678.88</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
EXPCAID Christian Aid	1,900.74		1,900.74
EXPEAST Easter Offerings	625.00		625.00
EXPGIFT Gifts	452.00		452.00
TOREST Transfer to Restricted BMM from General	50.00		50.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>3,027.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,027.74</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>17,651.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,651.14</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>£ -14,433.34</b>	<b>£ -24,471.00</b>	<b>£10,037.66</b>



# Year End:Income and Expenditure - Fabric Year End

January - December 2023

			Total
	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2022 (PY)	Change
INCOME			
5110 CAF (Fabric)	156.00	156.00	0.00
5120 VAT recovered	12,203.97		12,203.97
5140 Other income (Fabric)		19,371.40	-19,371.40
5150 Donation Income Restricted TBC (Fabric)	3,625.00		3,625.00
LEGRES Legacy Income Restricted (Fabric)		1,000.00	-1,000.00
LEGUN Legacy Income Unrestricted (Fabric)	23,132.20	6,000.00	17,132.20
Total Income	39,117.17	26,527.40	12,589.77
GROSS PROFIT	39,117.17	26,527.40	12,589.77
EXPENSES			
4100 Project 1 - Boundary Wall	277.02	50,800.45	-50,523.43
4200 Project 2 - Solar Panels (Carbon Zero)		32,629.19	-32,629.19
4300 Project 3 - Kitchen and Toilet	1,981.50	1,536.66	444.84
4400 Project 4 - Air source heat pump	132.00	40,999.37	-40,867.37
4500 Project 5 - Church Lighting	432.00		432.00
4600 Project 6 - Online giving Machine		388.00	-388.00
4700 Project 7 - CCTV	57.00		57.00
4998 Gold ECO Church award	96.00		96.00
4999 Bank charges (Fabric)	62.80	68.00	-5.20
5600 Donations (Fabric)	3,125.00		3,125.00
Total Expenses	6,163.32	126,421.67	-120,258.35
NET OPERATING INCOME	32,953.85	-99,894.27	132,848.12
OTHER INCOME			
FABINT Interest (Fabric funds)	512.56		512.56
Total Other Income	512.56	0.00	512.56
OTHER EXPENSES			
TOFABBMM Transfer to Fabric BMM	0.00		0.00
TOGA Transfer to General Account (from Fabric)	15,000.00		15,000.00
TORESTFAB Transfer to Restricted BMM from Fabric	4,500.00		4,500.00
Total Other Expenses	19,500.00	0.00	19,500.00
NET OTHER INCOME	-18,987.44	0.00	-18,987.44
NET INCOME	£13,966.41	£ -99,894.27	£113,860.68

# Year End:Income and Expenditure - Restricted Year End

January - December 2023

			Total
	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2022 (PY)	Change
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
FROMFAB Transfer from Fabric to Restricted	4,500.00		4,500.00
RESTINT Interest (Restricted funds)	18.62		18.62
Transfer from General to Restricted	50.00		50.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,568.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,568.62</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
INRESTG Transfer to General Account (from Restricted)	2,671.14		2,671.14
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>2,671.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,671.14</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>1,897.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,897.48</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>£1,897.48</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,897.48</b>

# Year End:Income and Expenditure - CCLA Year End

January - December 2023

			Total
	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2022 (PY)	Change
INCOME			
Total Income			0.00
GROSS PROFIT	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES			
Total Expenses			0.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME			
CCLAINT Interest (CCLA)	495.20	200.59	294.61
Total Other Income	495.20	200.59	294.61
NET OTHER INCOME	495.20	200.59	294.61
NET INCOME	£495.20	£200.59	£294.61

## NOTE

Please note that CCLA accounts are reported on a quarterly basis.

# Year End:Income and Expenditure - CCLA Fabric Year End

January - December 2023

			Total
	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2022 (PY)	Change
INCOME			
Total Income			0.00
GROSS PROFIT	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES			
Total Expenses			0.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME			
CCLAINTF Interest (CCLA Fabric)	7,062.88	2,559.76	4,503.12
Total Other Income	7,062.88	2,559.76	4,503.12
NET OTHER INCOME	7,062.88	2,559.76	4,503.12
NET INCOME	£7,062.88	£2,559.76	£4,503.12

## NOTE

Please note that CCLA accounts are reported on a quarterly basis.

# Year End:Income and Expenditure - Stewardship Year End

January - December 2023

			Total
	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2022 (PY)	Change
<b>INCOME</b>			
STEWGIFT Gift Aid recovered (Stewardship)	9,815.56		9,815.56
STEWINCOME Stewardship income	32,453.00		32,453.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,268.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>42,268.56</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>42,268.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>42,268.56</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
STEWCHAR Bank charges (Stewardship)	60.00	60.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>42,208.56</b>	<b>-60.00</b>	<b>42,268.56</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
STEWINT Interest (Stewardship)		200.59	-200.59
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.59</b>	<b>-200.59</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
STEWGEN Transfer to General Account	42,208.56		42,208.56
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>42,208.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>42,208.56</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>-42,208.56</b>	<b>200.59</b>	<b>-42,409.15</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£140.59</b>	<b>£ -140.59</b>

## Notes to the Accounts

### Notes from the independent examiners :

Change	Jan - Dec 2023 (FY)	Jan - Dec 2022
INCOME		
STEWART Gift Aid recovered (Stewardship)	9,812.56	9,812.56
STEWARTINCOME Stewardship income	32,453.00	32,453.00
Total income	42,265.56	42,265.56
GROSS PROFIT	42,265.56	42,265.56
EXPENSES		
STEWART Bank charges (Stewardship)	60.00	60.00
Total Expenses	60.00	60.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	42,205.56	42,205.56
OTHER INCOME		
STEWART Interest (Stewardship)	200.56	200.56
Total Other income	200.56	200.56

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