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Live for Christ, Advance the Gospel

Registered Charity 1133803

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARDINGLY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1133803

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Website: www.ardinglychurch.org.uk

Incumbent: The Reverend John H Crutchley

The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly RH17 6UR

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Walthamstow Branch



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During the year ended 31 December 2023, the following people served as members of the parochial church council ("PCC"):

Incumbent:	The Reverend John Crutchley	Chairman
Ex officio members:	Mr John Witherington	Reader
Church Wardens:	Mr Nigel Cheater Mr John Witherington	Vice-Chairman
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Mrs Jill Veasey Mr Mervyn James	
Elected members:	Mrs Carol Grossman Mrs Deb Ruse Mrs Jill Veasey Miss Sue Laker Mrs Gina Paul Mr Mervyn James Mrs Glynis Doerr	
Co-opted member:	Mrs Esther Wigmore	(From May 2023)
Secretary to the PCC and Parish Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Jane Taylor Cheater	

ST PETER'S ARDINGLY - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

OUR AIMS AND PURPOSES AS A CHARITY

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd John Crutchley, 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;
- 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.



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WHAT WE ACHIEVED AND HOW WE AFFECTED BENEFICIARIES' LIVES

Attendance at Worship

With New Year's Day falling on a Sunday we were able to begin 2023 together in church and by 'praying-in' the New Year in our Sunday worship. Praise and prayers for the local community were followed by the usual New Years' walk and lunch; an event enjoyed by many both in the church family and in the wider village community. Church attendance has remained very settled across the year. Happily we have been joined by some new and now regular attendees at our services and whilst we are a smaller gathering than we should prefer, we are in excellent heart and a church that offers a warmth of welcome to all those who visit whether to join in our regular praise and worship, or for baptism, weddings or funerals, or even simply to enjoy our beautiful 14th Century church building for a moment of peace and quiet reflection. A sample from the comments in the Visitors Book are testament to this: 'Lovely and peaceful;' 'What a lovely peaceful place;' 'Fantastic church for a return visit;' 'The free biscuits and water are a lovely touch!' The first comment to be written in 2023 is one that we really need to hold close and include in our mission action statement: ['Lovely. Keep it alive!'](#)

**A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. AN OASIS OF
PEACE.**

A CHURCH VISITOR – MAY 2023

And across the year we have worked hard to do just that, to 'keep it alive.' The regular weekly services have been enhanced and improved by the use of recorded/video led music in our worship and praise. This has not been exclusive, and we have continued to benefit from 'live' music led by keyboard, drums, guitar and vocals and of course by our marvellous organ on occasions. However, the combination of the two allows flexibility in our worship and ensures that we can continue to worship well, week on week without too much demand being placed upon any one person. All in all we have praised well, prayed well and learned well allowing our worship and God's Word to empower us in our mission and in the service of our community.

LOVELY. KEEP IT ALIVE!

We also learned the positive lessons about the use of technology that 'lock-down' had to teach and so have continued to maintain a Zoom link to our main service each Sunday throughout the year. This has attracted some who now see it as their weekly church attendance, facilitating their church attendance when there are so many other competing demands, including work demands across what is nowadays a seven-day timetable for so many. But it has also enabled others who may want to be in church in person

but who are restricted by ill-health or disability to remain a part of our worshipping community and church family. We have developed this across the year with better cameras allowing ever more participation in the service by those joining via Zoom. Thanks in this regard must go particularly to Nigel Cheater, one of our churchwardens, who quite rightly received the recognition his efforts deserve when in September he was awarded the Order of St Richard by the Bishop of Chichester.



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We have always recognised that our remote location within our rural parish presents a major challenge. Whilst the church builders back in the fourteenth century built the church at the heart of the village, both geographically and spiritually, the geographical centre of the village has now moved leaving the church building a little distant. To counter this and to keep the church as a spiritual heart that welcomes all we have built upon other lessons learned from 'lock-down' by taking some of our services out of the church building and holding them instead on the Recreation Ground in the centre of the village. A walk of witness leading to one such service on Good Friday drew attention from many. And the provision of hot-cross buns and coffee after the service the attention of even more! As usual the Easter services that then followed saw us welcome many new folk both from within the village and among those visiting for the holidays.



**THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A PRAYER
AT THE PLACE MY GREAT GRANDPARENTS WERE
MARRIED IN 1818.**

A VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA SEPTEMBER 2023

A prayer vigil for the King and Queen Consort (as she then was) on the eve of the Coronation, and a service of Celebration for the Coronation held on the Recreation Ground and an afternoon tea provided by the church for all of those engaged in the King's 'Big Help Out' following the Coronation are among the many ways that we have tried to engage and serve all in the village. The harvest service followed by a lunch for all is another example, as is the annual Service of All Souls now held in the church graveyard and attracting three times the number of people usually expected for a similar service held in the church. The best example is perhaps the annual Service of Remembrance. Held in the open and with our local uniform groups in attendance, wreaths were laid in remembrance by both Parish and District Council representatives. This service has seen a growth in numbers attending in each year since we decided to hold the service as we now do, that is outside and on the Recreation Ground. We now see more younger people attending the service and many more from across our community who may previously not have thought about attending a church service for Remembrance. It is a good example of how we are striving to make our services more accessible and so to actively demonstrate our heartfelt call to support and work for our entire community.

A year that began in prayer for the community on New Year's Day came to its close in prayer with the community and as we celebrated Christmas. Again, we sought to serve our village by working together with the local Parish Council to lead a Christingle service around the oak tree in the village. The tree is always illuminated at Christmas with the lights being turned on after the Christmas Fair. The Christingle service then followed and was attended by a very large number of people of all ages and from all across the village. Looking back on the evening afterwards a member of the Parish Council wrote: 'Well done Ardingly.' Well done indeed. It was a great evening that set us up for our annual Carols by Candlelight Service the following week which was also very well attended and then our Crib and Carol service which once again saw the church overflowing with worshippers on Christmas Eve. This was a great start to a beautiful Christmas that saw us welcome many to our services.



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AS NIGHT FELL UPON ARDINGLY, ST. PETER'S CHURCH TOOK CENTRE STAGE, LEADING A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND CAROL SINGING. IT WAS A HEART-WARMING EXPERIENCE THAT BROUGHT VILLAGERS TOGETHER IN SONG AND REFLECTION.

ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL MEDIA REPORT

Evangelism and Outreach

The pattern of services is now settled around a traditional celebration of Holy Communion using the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer at 9.00am each Sunday. The 10.30am service follows a monthly pattern of a Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service on the first Sunday of each month; a service of Holy Communion using the liturgy of Common Worship Order One on the second Sunday; a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] on a Third Sunday; and a further service of Holy Communion [Common Worship Order One] on the fourth Sunday which includes each month an opportunity for prayer for healing and wholeness. Where the month includes a fifth Sunday, the main service is now usually a service of Morning Praise [Service of the Word] service. There is one evening service on the first Sunday in each month. This is called 'Open to God' and it attracts a committed congregation with a variety of services including Compline, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. In whatever format 'Open to God' is intended as a moment of peaceful reflection at the end of the day.

Evangelism and outreach is driven by our desire to connect with and to serve the community of which we are a part. To this end, our weekly services are only a part of what we do. All true mission begins with the establishment of good and loving relationships, so we have endeavoured to build good links across the village, with the Parish Council, with our neighbours on the Showground, with Ardingly Connected Together and with our schools – both primary school and Ardingly College. Our thanks have to go to our friends at the College who do the photocopying for our parish magazine each month. A vital village resource. We enjoy very close links with our local Church of England Primary school. Three members of the church serve as foundation governors on the school's governing body (one is a highly effective chair of the governing body) and the Rector leads a school assembly each week of term time. In addition, services have been held in church for pupils, staff and families in celebration of Harvest, Christmas and Easter. And in the Summer a special service is held for those leaving the school as they move on to secondary education with each leaver being presented with a bible. This is a tradition that we have followed in every year since 2007.

'Meeting Point,' organized and led by church family members, meets every other week in the centre of the village drawing together a dedicated group of mainly older people for coffee, cake and above all fellowship. 'Angels and Urchins' established and run by the church and led by church members meets weekly in school term time providing a much-needed gathering place for those caring for very young children. With toys and games, singing, and of course coffee, tea and refreshments, it is a very important amenity serving a huge need within the village.



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'At your Service,' also established and run by church members offers lifts to appointments, help with shopping and other small acts of 'domestic service' to any in the village who need support. The importance of what it offers has been recognised by local GP's who have referred some in need to its service. And the church has been pleased to provide financial support to Ardingly Connected Together a village wide group in all its work among those in need in our village. Each of these groups in their own way bring support to our community and tackle the ever-growing problems of loneliness and isolation that are experienced by so many, young and old alike.

We also look beyond our village in trying to assist and support others. Each year we dedicate our Christmas giving to support both the work of the Children's Society and that of 'Off the Fence' – a Brighton based charity that works with the homeless.



IT WAS LOVELY THAT THE CHURCH WAS OPEN AND I STOOD AT THE DOORWAY AND
SOAKED IN THE ATMOSPHERE. MY VERY MUDDY BOOTS WERE THE REASON I DIDN'T
VENTURE FARTHER IN BUT I SAID A PRAYER WHILE I STOOD THERE.

THE CHURCH LOOKED AMAZING IN HOW IT HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR EASTER AND THE
PERFUME OF THE FLOWERS WAS WONDERFUL.

A CHURCH VISITOR AT EASTER

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

The Rector is assisted in the pastoral care for people living in the village by two pastoral care assistants, who have completed a diocesan organized training course and who have been approved in their work by the bishop. In addition, we have a team of church members who give their time and energies caring, listening, and helping people in the church family and wider village community. The Rector is also assisted by a Reader, John Witherington to whom thanks need to go for his leading of our services, for his informed and challenging preaching and for his tireless work as a churchwarden. He is a great asset to our parish.



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Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others, as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. There were two baptisms in 2023, seven funerals in church, one funeral conducted at a crematorium and two burials of ashes. Most teaching is offered through our weekly sermons which seek to explore God's word, to apply it, to bridge the context and explain its contemporary significance. This is built upon in home groups. A large number of the church family have been involved in leading various aspects of worship, lending great encouragement to those involved, as well as the whole congregation.

WE ALL WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR TODAY, WE'RE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE PERFECT, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY WHAT MUM WOULD HAVE WANTED. MANY PEOPLE COMMENTED ON WHAT A TRULY LOVELY SERVICE IT WAS.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy.

It has always been important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end the church building is open daily and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to the benefit this brings. It is a joy to welcome so many visitors, from the village and from across the UK, and also from overseas.

In July we were pleased to welcome The Monumental Brass Society who held both their annual meeting and a general meeting in the church as they focussed upon the 'Culpepper' brasses.

Many of those who visit remark not only how refreshing it is to find an open church but, also the sense of peacefulness and spirituality the church pervades. Other remarks include the sense of history within; that people of much earlier generations found life and presence there. There are also many comments on and appreciation of the architectural beauty of the building and biblical archaeology.

CAME HERE TO SEE MY FOURTEENTH CENTURY GREAT GRANDPARENTS, RICHARD AND ELIZABETH CULPEPPER, BURIED IN THIS CHURCH. THE CULPEPPERS. MY FAMILY!

A VISITOR TO THE CHURCH JUNE 2023



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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unrestricted incoming and outgoing resources

The PCC is grateful to be able to record that planned giving via direct debits remained at almost the same level as the previous year 2022. Planned giving via the parish Giving Scheme remained constant and this method continues to be the preferred mechanism for the congregation to give. It is an extremely helpful way of managing cash flow and allows for gift aid to be paid to us at the time the gift is made.

For other donations, gift aid is claimed on a quarterly basis and total gift aid from these unrestricted donations amounted to £6,682.23. This is lower than in 2022 as claims for gift aid were brought up to date during that year. Thanks in particular to some generous additional donations, unrestricted giving was over £4000 higher than in 2022.

Income received via the envelope scheme continued to fall and now only a small minority of the congregation use this method. The "Tap" machine located near the entrance of the church continues to grow in popularity, averaging approximately £120 per month throughout 2023 – an increase of 70% on 2022.

Lettings of the Church Centre remained steady compared to 2022, though income was down due to the late payment of one regular user. This meant that, when taken in isolation, there was a significant increase in deficit (42%) compared to 2022 (15%).

The PCC remains most grateful for the continued generosity of those who faithfully give to the Church and their resilience in continuing to do so with all the financial challenges we currently face.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £59,096 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. In 2023, we pledged to pay 75% of the amount asked by the Diocese. This was an increase of 5% of that paid in 2022. The Diocese are conscious of the financial pressures facing both individuals and congregations and have once again expressed their extreme gratitude to Parishes who have been able to meet their pledged giving in these financially challenging times.

Overall, the unrestricted spend for the year was £82,001.

Restricted Income and Expenditure

Note 10 shows a breakdown of income and expenditure by fund.

The largest expenditure over the year was in respect of the repair work that is needed to the West Window and Tower. This largely relates to preparatory work that was necessary to obtain quotations, etc and this was all met from restricted gifts. Other significant expenditure was in relation to church maintenance and upkeep of the graveyard. In 2023, a grant of £500 was again received from the Parish Council towards the cost of maintaining the graveyard. All other costs are met by the church family itself.

Just under £5,500 was received in the year, which includes gift aid receipts.

The total value of restricted funds at the end of 2023 was £39,661 and this figure includes the Burgess Trust.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of St Peter's to aim to return to a surplus in the year and to transfer to reserves an amount equal to or less than this surplus. The objective is to provide for future years where a deficit has been returned. Current reserves are £15,000 and have been maintained for 2023. It is the policy of St Peter's to invest these funds on a short-term basis with CBF Church of England deposit fund.



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Balance Sheet

As At 31 December 2023

Unrestricted

	As At 31/12/2023 £	As At 31/12/2022 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	1.00	1.00
Heritage Assets	150,913.83	150,913.83
Investments	5,068.56	4,632.70
	<u>155,983.39</u>	<u>155,547.53</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	71,688.28	73,139.39
	<u>71,688.28</u>	<u>73,139.39</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>71,688.28</u>	<u>73,139.39</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>227,671.67</u>	<u>228,686.92</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>227,671.67</u>	<u>228,686.92</u>

Represented by

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted—General Fund	22,115.83	23,339.53
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Designated Funds

Designated—General Funds	15,000.00	15,000.00
Designated—Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	150,914.83

Restricted Funds

Restricted—Village Discretionary Fund	640.50	393.00
Restricted—Youth Worker Fund	7,411.12	7,411.12
Restricted—Church Centre Upgrade Fund	1,640.85	2,181.89
Restricted—Mission Fund	344.49	344.49
Restricted—Other Restricted Funds	845.18	1,086.99
Restricted—West Window and Tower Fund	16,135.30	17,315.30
Restricted—Church Maintenance Fund	6,339.93	4,906.93
Restricted—Burgess Trust Fund	6,283.64	5,792.84

Funds of the Church

<u>227,671.67</u>	<u>228,686.92</u>
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20.04.24

and signed on its behalf



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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

	General & Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments				
Donations and Legacies	72,258.23	5,319.51	77,577.74	67,007.24
Income from charitable activities	3,095.00	-	3,095.00	2,475.00
Other trading activities	4,934.85	-	4,934.85	6,406.00
Investments	421.90	177.34	599.24	323.10
Other income	71.10	-	71.10	-
Total Income	80,781.08	5,496.85	86,277.93	76,211.34
Expenditure				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	82,001.28	4,360.44	86,361.72	76,116.57
Other expenditure	3.50	1,363.82	1,367.32	1,534.28
Total Expenditure	82,004.78	5,724.26	87,729.04	77,650.85
Net expenditure before transfers	-1,223.70	-227.41	-1,451.11	-1,439.51
Transfers				
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/losses				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charities own use	-	435.86	435.86	-618.11
Net movements in funds	-1,223.70	208.45	-1,015.25	-618.11
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	189,254.36	39,432.56	228,686.92	230,744.54
Total funds carried forward	188,030.66	39,641.01	227,671.67	228,686.92

For further breakdown of income see Note 2,
For further breakdown of expenditure see Note 3



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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared, as far as applicable, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Charity Law, Financial Reporting Standards and the current SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRSSE), effective 1st January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

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

Restricted funds - i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest;
ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and accounted for gross.

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the tax is recovered. Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investment is sold.

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

d) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding obligation to the PCC.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.



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e) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets

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

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected but are not included in the accounts. For other property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Individual items acquired since 2000 have been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life (see note (d)).

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off on the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful life. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixture and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values as high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f) Current Assets

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



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Notes to the Financial Statements

Analysis of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note 2

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
0100 Planned giving GA	11,990.45	-	40.50	12,030.95	11,970.00
0110 Planned giving non-GA	35,176.40	-	-	35,176.40	35,002.30
0120 Envelope Scheme GA	383.00	-	-	383.00	669.00
0140 Church collections GA	2,545.49	-	-	2,545.49	2,272.20
0150 Church collections non-GA	30.43	-	-	30.43	-
0160 Donations GA	11,200.00	-	3,970.00	15,170.00	3,153.93
0170 Donations non GA	3,500.22	-	80.00	3,580.22	1,727.66
0180 Gift Aid tax recovered	6,682.23	-	229.01	6,911.24	9,373.05
0190 Legacies and endowments	-	-	-	-	-
0200 Fund-raising (non trading) income	-	-	-	-	165.00
0220 Special collections	667.64	-	-	667.64	1,964.76
0230 Grants received	-	-	500.00	500.00	540.00
0390 Other donations	82.37	-	500.00	582.37	169.34
Donations and legacies Total	72,258.23	-	5,319.51	77,577.74	67,007.24
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
0400 Fees for services	3,095.00	-	-	3,095.00	2,475.00
Total Income from charitable activities	3,095.00	-	-	3,095.00	2,475.00
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
0500 Centre hire	4,276.00	-	-	4,276.00	5,679.00
0510 Magazine income	259.50	-	-	259.50	359.00
0520 Sale of goods for fundraising	399.35	-	-	399.35	368.00
Total Other trading activities	4,934.85	-	-	4,934.85	6,406.00
<i>Investments</i>					
0600 Deposit interest received	421.90	-	-	421.90	170.89
0610 Investment interest received	-	-	177.34	177.34	152.21
	421.90	-	177.34	599.24	323.10
<i>Other Income</i>					
0790 Other income	71.10	-	-	71.10	-
Total Other incomes	71.10	-	-	71.10	-
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	80,781.08	-	5,496.85	86,277.93	76,211.34



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Analysis of Expenditure

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Note 3

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Expenditure	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities					
220 Parish contribution	59,096.00	-	-	59,096.00	53,877.00
2210 Charitable giving	1,250.00	-	-	1,250.00	10.00
2220 Church utilities	1,824.88	-	-	1,824.88	1,472.41
2230 Church service expenses	1,427.11	-	-	1,427.11	2,076.09
2240 Church maintenance and equipment	5,796.89	-	3,447.00	9,243.89	3,541.20
2250 Rectory expenses	4,142.26	-	-	4,142.26	4,483.90
2260 Rector's expenses	1,410.67	-	-	1,410.67	1,282.55
2290 Administrative expenses	157.99	-	122.40	280.39	81.99
2300 Children and young people	155.21	-	-	155.21	699.43
2320 Giving from special collections	667.64	-	250.00	917.64	1,994.36
2330 Gifts made	-	-	-	-	200.00
2600 Centre utilities costs	4,036.64	-	-	4,036.64	3,453.56
2610 Centre running costs	1,198.79	-	-	1,198.79	1,080.75
2620 Centre maintenance and equipment	837.20	-	541.04	1,378.24	1,863.33
2650 Magazine costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	82,001.28	-	4,360.44	86,361.72	76,116.57
Other expenditure					
2990 Other expenditure	3.50	-	1,363.82	1,367.32	1,534.28
Total Other expenditure	3.50	-	1,363.82	1,367.32	1,534.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	82,004.78	-	5,724.26	87,729.04	77,650.85
TOTAL OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-1,223.70	-	-227.41	-1,451.11	-1,439.51



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4 Staff Costs

No-one was employed by the PCC during the year and there were no transactions in respect of PCC members, or persons closely connected to them or other related persons.

5 Analysis of transfer between funds

See Note 10.

6 Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Church Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Additions/disposals/valuations	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-
Provided in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	-	-	-
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2023	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83
At 31 December 2022	150,913.83	1.00	150,914.83

As a freehold building, according to the PCC accounting policies, the value of the church centre is not subject to depreciation.

The Church Centre was insured for losses up to £2,960,000 inclusive of buildings and contents, although the building is carried on the balance sheet at its cost.

b) Investments

	Total	Total
	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2023	4,632.70	5,250.81
Increase/(2022 Decrease) in market value	435.86	-618.11
Market value at 31 December 2023	5,068.56	4,632.70

An investment is held by the Diocesan Board of Finance (G L Burgess Trust) as CBF Investment Fund (Income) Shares the income from which is restricted to be used for the maintenance of church notice boards or similar communication-related items.



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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Fund Balances at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	150,914.83	-	-	-	150,914.83
Investment fixed assets	-	-	6,283.64	-	6,283.64
Current assets	22,783.47	15,000.00	32,689.73	-	70,473.20
Current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2023	173,698.30	15,000.00	38,973.37	-	227,671.67

8 Debtors

There were no debtors as at 31 December 2023.

9 Creditors

There were no creditors as at 31 December 2023.

10 Fund movement summary

Fund	Fund Balances as at 01/01/2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/losses	Fund Balances as at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Village Discretionary Fund	393.00	497.50	250.00	-	-	640.50
Youth Worker Fund	7,411.12	-	-	-	-	7,411.12
Church Centre Upgrade Fund	2,181.89	-	541.04	-	-	1,640.85
Mission Fund	344.49	-	-	-	-	344.49
Other Restricted funds	1,086.99	1,122.01	1,363.82	-	-	845.18
West Window and Tower Fund	17,315.30	-	2,280.00	-	-	16,135.30
Church Maintenance Fund	4,906.93	3,700.00	1,167.00	-	-	6,339.93
Burgess Trust Fund	5,792.84	177.34	122.40	-	435.86	6,283.64
General Reserves	15,000.00	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Church Centre Capital	150,914.83	-	-	-	-	150,914.83
	205,347.39	5,496.85	5,724.26		435.86	205,555.84
General Fund	23,339.53	80,781.08	81,337.14		-	22,115.83
	228,686.92	86,277.93	87,729.04		435.86	227,671.67



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Independent Examiner's Report 2023

The Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Peters' Ardingly

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (*the 2011 Act*) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date – 4 May 2024

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