

2023

Annual Report

The Parish Church of the Ascension, Hall
Green

CHARITY NUMBER 1133810

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ascension, Hall Green

Aim and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) along with the vicar, Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel, share the responsibility of promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Objectives

Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship as well as providing multiple opportunities for service to the wider community. Anyone is welcome to worship here and to become part of our parish community.

Our Vision:

At The Church of The Ascension, we seek to be a friendly and welcoming church with a passion for loving service to the local community where people of all ages can experience the love of God, grow in faith and receive the spiritual and pastoral support they need.

Our Mission Statement:

The Church of The Ascension exists to love God, love People and to make disciples of Jesus who will make a difference in our community and beyond.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer, and education in the gospel.
- Provision of community spaces.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Partnership initiatives with other local charities, hall users, fellow churches and others.
- Pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Stewardship of the Ascension's physical, financial and human resources.

This Annual Report is the story of the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 14th May 2023 and 19th May 2024.

Our People

We acknowledge those continuing to give their time and talents in God's service. We would especially like to thank Revd. Canon Nejib Boumenjel for his outstanding dedication to God's service. He has continued to lead worship, mission and outreach and to give pastoral care to all who need it.

We thank Pauline Price, our churchwarden, for her hard work over the past three years and Clive Jones, deputy warden, for his work in relation to the churchyard wall and the Quinquennial Inspection repairs. We also acknowledge the vital contributions made by lay Readers, our Treasurer and PCC secretary, all those who coordinate aspects of our mission and outreach work and who perform important tasks 'behind the scenes'. We would also like to thank Martine Whitmore, our Parish Administrator, for her contribution to the life of our church.

The number of persons on the 2023 electoral Roll was 85, 5 fewer than last year: 18 were resident within the parish boundary and 67 non - resident.

The past year has sadly seen the passing of more long-standing members of our Church family including Bob and Lynne Hartley who contributed to the life of our church over many decades and Lorraine Collins who was a longstanding member of the church choir. We would like to pay tribute to them and to express our sympathy to their loved ones.

Worship and Prayer

Services are held at 8.30am (second and fourth Sundays), 10am and 4pm on Sundays plus a mid-week service at 10.30am on Wednesdays. We also have occasional services at 6pm.

A service of Holy Communion continues to be held each Sunday afternoon at 4pm, in Arabic on the first three Sundays and English on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

Congregations at our services generally remain smaller than before the Covid Pandemic although we have welcomed some new worshippers and our festival services at Christmas and Easter attract larger congregations.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete, commending the person into God's keeping.

On Sunday 1st October, seven candidates from the Ascension were confirmed by Bishop James, along with seven candidates for St Nicholas, Kings Norton.

Services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those we love who have died are held twice yearly. These continue to be well attended and are important as a public way to remember loved ones as well as being an expression of pastoral care as we keep in contact with those who have lost loved ones.

Music remains an important part of our worship and we would like to thank our Director of Music Clive Jones and the choir for their continued contribution.

Sunday School and creche operate at the 10am service on three Sundays a month (apart from August, Bank Holidays and major festivals) to give our children the opportunity to learn more about our faith. At present, we only have a small number of young children as regular members of our congregation, and we pray for this aspect of our mission to grow.

Messy Church continues to be an important ministry, planting seeds of faith in our 'Messy' community, guided by the values of being Christ-centred for all ages, creativity, hospitality, and celebration. There were five sessions in 2023, run by a dedicated volunteer team, and attended by an average of 30-35 children and 15-20 adults.

There are fortnightly Monday prayer meetings where we share and pray for those things for which we would like to seek God's guidance as well as things for which we would like to give thanks. Bible Study also takes place on alternate Mondays. A Home Group is also held on Tuesday evenings in Arabic.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The Vicar and lay pastoral team endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are sick or otherwise in need. Our continued thanks to the small, dedicated team involved in this vital ministry.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with its duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In November 2023, the PCC reviewed its Safeguarding Policy; a copy of this can be found on our website <http://www.ascensionhallgreen.uk/>.

PCC Away Day

In January 2023, the PCC held an away day at St Swithin's, Barston which provided a much needed opportunity to pause, reflect and reaffirm our vision. We created a 'Parish Tree' to identify those things that are working well, those which need revitalisation and those which had fallen away from the tree, and we should let go of. The Parish Tree was then made available for congregation members to look at, and some comments and suggestions were added.

We need to continue to seek to grow and, in response, the PCC has been seeking a Children and Families worker to build relationships with existing groups serving children and families, help to build Messy Church and deliver activities that serve the needs of families from the local community. We have so far been unable to find the right person to support us in this mission and are beginning to explore other opportunities.

Churches Together in Hall Green (CTHG)

The Christian churches in Hall Green continues to work and pray together. A planned Prayer Breakfast at the Ascension had to be cancelled due to illness but will be rearranged.

As in past years, we also participated in the CTHG Lent Course. The 'Joy of the Gospel' study course in sharing faith was used, written by Paula Gooder, based on the Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis.

Mission and Evangelism

The Church continues to operate a Foodbank out of the Church Hall on Friday afternoons, 52 weeks a year.

We are part of the Sparkhill Foodbank which consists of 4 satellites distribution points plus the main depot in Tyseley. During the last year the volunteers at the Ascension distributed approximately 16 tonnes of food to 1,200 clients who represented 1,850 adults and 1030 children. This represents a slight fall in numbers from the previous year, partly due to a 'rationing' system that was put in place due to reduced donations of food.

We are grateful to the team of 20 or so volunteers who between them not only serve the clients but fetch and carry the stock from Tyseley, collect donations from the local Waitrose branches and make sure the hall is set up and ready on a Friday morning.

In February 2024, the PCC reviewed its approach to charitable giving. We give to Hall Green Youth and the food bank and, together, these equate to nearly 20% of our general income. We also collect for Christian Aid, the Children's Society, Mission to Seafarers, the Diocesan Malawi link and Birmingham City Mission, largely through collections at designated services.

It was agreed that we will continue to support the above charities and add the Bible Society and potentially Water Aid to those that we collect for. When we have a charity collection, we will encourage donations by asking someone to talk about the charity as well as promoting the opportunity to give on the screen, through the weekly notices etc.

The fifth Mark of Mission calls on us all to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. In responding to this call, the Church of England nationally has decided that it will become Net Zero Carbon by 2030. But to do that, it needs to work in partnership with parishes and Birmingham Diocese has set up a network of Deanery Environment Champions to assist parishes with information and help to work with the wider church in ensuring that we all tread more lightly on the earth.

In March 2023, we achieved the first step in our journey as an eco-church, as we were awarded Bronze Eco Church status. Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th June 2024 will be Churches Count on Nature week. This focuses on the wildlife in churchyards, and we plan to undertake some activities to highlight the value of our churchyard to the local community. The PCC records its thanks to Pauline Price, our Parish Environmental Champion, for the work she has done to enable us to lessen our environmental impact and to attain this status.

Heritage Open Day

On Saturday 16th September 2023, we held an open morning as part of national Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week. Church was open for people to look around and find out about its history and we also provided refreshments and a display about activities past and present in the Chatterton Hall. We had over 30 visitors, including a number with past connections to the Church.

Fellowship

The Ascension Coffee Shop continues to meet on Wednesdays between 10 and 2. The aim is to provide a low-cost snack and friendship for members of our local community. The coffee shop team has reduced in size, but we were successful in recruiting new volunteers through an appeal on the Hall Green Residents Facebook page.

Monday Club

We managed a full programme at Monday Club in 2023 apart from one charity failing to attend to speak to us, but they are rescheduled to come this year instead.

We still have fewer members attending meetings than before lockdown though we made double figures for all but three meetings last year. With this situation it is impossible for us to make a profit without putting our prices up beyond what might be considered 'value for money' for those sessions when we don't have 'outside entertainment'. (We made a loss of over £260 in 2023.) However, we still have considerable funds in the bank so will continue to use this to cover the shortfall and prevent Monday Club closing altogether as it provides a good mix of entertainment, and the social aspect is appreciated by all who attend.

We started back on 4th March and have a varied programme planned for 2024. There is musical entertainment (including The Gilbert and Sullivan Savoyards and Ukuleles again) and talks from charities such as Mary's Meals and Troop Aid. Most of our outside speakers donate their fees to charity and we will have Kathy Lloyd Roberts, who told us last year about how she ended up becoming ordained, telling us, this year, about the

challenges of her life as a vicar. And in October we are looking forward to a talk entitled 'From Christmas Past to Christmas Present'. Last year Jon and Kim Meadows told us about the Caribbean cruise they had taken in the Spring, and this year Jon will give us his talk 'Leaves of Gold'. Our programme also has the usual 'in house' sessions including Bring and Buys, a Cream Tea in the summer and a Christmas Tea at the end of the year. And already this year we've have played bingo, listened to Nejib's 'Thoughts for Lent' followed by a craft session, and had Armchair Aerobics.

We had our 2023 Summer lunch at the Home Guard Club and a switch to the Robin Hood Carvery for our Christmas lunch proved popular, so we have decided to have both lunches there this year.

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone as a new member to join our meetings and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship, entertainment, and refreshments.

Anthea Tinline

Partnerships

Activities undertaken by other organisations with strong links to The Ascension are described below.

Church of the Ascension Pre-School Playgroup

We were greatly saddened to hear that the playgroup is closing its doors in July 2024. Over 54 years, they welcomed countless children, including the children and grandchildren of many church members, and helped to set them on their way in life. Regrettably, current financial circumstances make it impossible for them to continue.

The playgroup team have expressed gratitude for the support the church has given them over the years, and it is hoped to join together to celebrate the playgroup's accomplishments this summer.

Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre

The most significant event of 2023 was the reaccreditation of both Hall Green and North Solihull Child Contact Centres by NACCC (National Association of Child Contact Centres) for a further three-year period. There is a six month preparation period for this process, during which a portfolio of documents has to be completed and forwarded to the NACCC Assessor. As was the case in 2020, NACCC agreed to both Centres being re- accredited together and the Assessor visited on Saturday, 24th June 2023. Following on from the Assessor's reports both Centres were successful in achieving reaccreditation. In the case of Hall Green this is until 24th July 2026 and for North Solihull until 12th November 2026.

North Solihull Child Contact Centre is now well into the second year of its operation at the Connection Church Centre, Cooks Lane, Kingshurst. The arrangement is working well.

At the request of the Birmingham Magistrates Association, three visits by some Birmingham Family Court Magistrates (nine in all) were arranged in March and April 2023 to the Hall Green Centre. They were interested in seeing how child contact sessions operated in a supported child contact. None of them had visited a child contact centre before. The visits went well, and all the magistrates were appreciative of the experience.

There are 13 families currently using Hall Green Centre and 4 families using North Solihull Centre. In the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 there were 25 referrals to Hall Green and 11 to North Solihull. There are fluctuations in the number of families using each Centre, but both figures are less than for the corresponding period in 22/23. Numbers are still significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels.

There are currently 29 volunteers at Hall Green (including the Trustees) and 11 at North Solihull (a significant increase). We are currently looking for new volunteers for our Hall Green Centre.

In the financial year 2023/24 grants were awarded by 'We Are All Making A Difference' Charity of £1,000 and the Ministry of Justice totalling £5,000. In addition, there was income from donations and registration fees. In the current financial year (2024/24) we will also be seeking grant support from three new potential funders.

Grateful thanks are due to my colleague Coordinators, Frances Hooper, Sarah Ali and Angela Feenan for all the work they do. The Centres could not operate without the commitment of our Team Leaders and volunteer support workers; they are a remarkable team – many thanks to them for all they do.

Finally, my personal thanks to my colleague Trustees - Revd Canon Nejib Boumenjel, David Andrews, Frances Hooper and Revd Ian Crockford. Many thanks also to Patrick Hooper who assists with the financial affairs of the charity.

Clive Jones

Hall Green Youth

Hall Green Youth was formed in 2006, building on a long history of interest in youth work through Churches Together in Hall Green. Its mission is to connect with, and meet the needs of, young people. Since the Covid Pandemic, it is focused on providing support for young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Overall, we supported 40 young people in 2023 who are vulnerable and / or need support with their emotional wellbeing and helped them to build constructive social networks.

We continue to provide weekly 1-to-1 mentoring for young people with emotional, social and mental health needs identified by pastoral staff in Hall Green Secondary School. This continues to go well, with positive feedback from the young people and the school about how beneficial the mentoring is.

We also run 'Just Chill' as a youth group once a week in term time and, with the aid of 2 dedicated volunteer leaders in addition to 2 paid youth workers. This group continues to attract young people who have extra needs, including autism, learning difficulties, speech impediments, motor issues, dyspraxia and mental health struggles. These sessions enable these young people to build their confidence, social skills, and networks by interacting with their peers in a positive environment. Feedback from the young people, local schools and community organisations indicates that 'Just Chill' makes a real difference to their confidence and self-esteem.

A highlight of 2023 was a residential weekend for 10 young people from the 'Just Chill' Group at the Pioneer Centre. The young people are keen to go on another residential trip and in July 2023 undertook a 10 mile sponsored walk which raised over £1600 towards the cost.

Sarah Barnes

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club

Beechcroft facilitates an extensive range of sporting activities at its premises in Beechcroft Avenue, Hall Green. The leading sports include Tennis and Walking Football, but Table Tennis, Netball (including Walking Netball), Hockey, Controlled Adult Football, Junior and Toddler Football and Fitness Classes are also offered. For more information, please see the Club's website [Beechcroft TC / Beechcroft Tennis & Sports Centre | Birmingham Tennis \(lta.org.uk\)](#) and its Facebook page [Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Community Club | Birmingham | Facebook](#)

The Club leases its premises from the Church of the Ascension. The current lease is for 15 years from 1st July 2014 with rent reviews at 4, 8 and 12 years. In relation to the 8 year review negotiations the church and club have now agreed an increase of £400 per annum. This increases the rent to £4,150 per annum - it is retrospective and runs from 1st July 2022. The Club's sponsor will continue to pay £3,750 per annum on behalf of the Club and the increase of £400 per annum will be paid directly by the Club. The total of the increase across the four year period is £1,600, which the Club has agreed to pay at the rate of £200 per quarter during the review's remaining two year period.

Clive Jones

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, three licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and 9 members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 16 members and met 6 times between June 2023 and April 2024.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The Church of the Ascension is part of the Hall Green Oversight Area alongside St Peter's and St Micael's. On 4th May 2024, representatives of each of the 3 churches met together to begin the process of considering how we can best collaborate going forward in mission and ministry.

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. At the APCM on 14th May 2023,

Georgina Urwin was elected to represent The Ascension on the Deanery Synod until the next elections in May 2026 and there are currently two vacancies.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary

Financial Review

The Generals Funds of the Church showed an excess of income of £23,500. Once again, we were in receipt of generous unrestricted legacies during the year totalling £37,000, so in effect our day to day income showed a deficit of £13,500.

Income, from regular planned and one off donations, was £40,531 including £6,696 from Gift Aid. A further £20,000 was received from various investments. In total, receipts (including legacies) to unrestricted funds totalled £99,072.

£74,509 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full.

At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £119,28. Whilst this appears to be a healthy position there are, going forward, unfunded calls on general funds, amounting to some £15,000. If the shortfall in day to day finances continues then action will need to be taken to 'balance the books' in the medium to long term.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £56,000. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 22nd February 2024.

Jon Meadows, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension Annual Property Report, 2023/24

This report covers the period between our Annual Parish Meetings on 14th May 2023 and 19th May 2024.

The major project this year has continued to be work on the listed boundary wall and associated groundworks. All other expenditure across the site has been in response to issues that have arisen. As a result, some matters raised by the last quinquennial inspection of the church and churchyard in 2019 remain to be addressed. Principally this is work required on the balustrades which are such a feature of our church. There is also the restoration of the 18th century sundial on the south wall of the nave, and exterior paintwork including repainting the deep Victorian guttering and water pipes.

The Church

Following a major leak the lead water pipe supplying the church had to be replaced with modern plastic pipework at a cost of £8,678 plus VAT. Much of this cost was incurred because it required lifting and relaying paving slabs, careful hand digging of a trench then refilling with compacted layers of sand and stone. The parish surveyor supervised the tendering process then worked with Hobday Solutions Ltd to achieve the least expensive solution. This not only saved us professional fees but ensured a happy outcome. Archaeological observation of the work was carried out by Richard Cherrington from Benchmark Archaeology. It is hoped that the VAT on all the church work this year can be reclaimed under the Listed Churches Scheme.

In January, List B consent was given for the reglazing of one broken glass pane and four others which were badly cracked. E.J. Gilbert carried out the work using the appropriate clear heritage glass. (£696 inc. VAT).

Minor work was carried out on the vestry header tank (£104). In October, Justice Fire and Security completed their annual check of the roof alarm and sensors. The contract has been renewed (£150.90 incl. VAT of £25.15).

Churchyard

Consent was given for the removal of the large wild cherry tree which was infected with bacterial cancer and had become a safety risk. It was agreed with Gemstone Tree Surgery that approximately one metre of the trunk and the basal buttress roots would remain as a feature. (£1920 including waste removal and protection of graves in the vicinity).

During February half term all the sucker regrowth at the bases and on the trunks of the limes was removed by the church gardener plus some additional wood clearance. (£720).

We are repeating the “no Mow May” approach to some areas of the churchyard this year to encourage wildlife. Churchyard Wall Repairs

The saga of the churchyard wall repairs has been ongoing for nearly four years. At this time last year the six trees immediately behind the section of churchyard wall fronting to Fox Hollies Road had been felled down to stump height and four trial holes, evenly spaced along the length of the wall, had been excavated. An inspection by the structural engineer, Ben Chase of Mann Williams, Bath, necessitated some minor design changes, the most significant of which was the reduction of the foundation depth to 60 cms to match the existing foundations of the wall. This had proved to be half of the depth originally anticipated and meant that all 13 reverse buttresses had to remain in the design.

Although the changes were minor, the Diocesan Registrar advised that a further faculty application was necessary to approve the design changes. This meant it was not possible to carry out any further work until the further (third) faculty application was granted; it was submitted and logged on 5th June 2023 and was eventually granted on 26th September 2023.

For various reasons, the recommencement of the works was delayed until 9th January 2024. However shortly after the works started, in the course of excavating the holes for the reverse buttresses, a number of tombs were discovered under ground level. Two of these, which were quite substantial, were very close to the wall. There was ongoing archaeological observation of the ground works by the church's archaeologist, Richard Cherrington of Benchmark Archaeology, during their execution and he had seen both tombs. Their size meant it was impractical to consider moving them to another location in the churchyard.

The structural engineer visited the site again to assess the situation and gave the following advice to the church's architect, Matt Vaughan:

The concentration and proximity of crypts prohibits the construction of buttresses B3 and B4. It has become clear that the tree roots were jacking off the crypts pushing the wall over. The jacking action has been

arrested by felling the trees. The lean of the wall is significant here and could collapse without warning.
We are

therefore of the opinion that the wall will need to be taken down to four courses above pavement level and rebuilt 'like for like' for a 14 metre length between buttresses B1 and B5. An updated plan, showing the change in design, was provided. In fact buttress B2 is also to be omitted. In addition, to provide extra strength at the site of buttress B1, which is near to the School Road junction and on higher ground behind the wall, that buttress is to be mass concreted to a depth of 150cms in three lifts, with six 400 long H12 Rebar Dowels between lifts and 8 Helibar Dowels fixed into the brickwork and cast into the concrete.

These changes had to be referred to Birmingham DAC and were approved at its meeting on 13th March 2024. It was suggested at the meeting that the alteration to the design was a consequence of an unforeseen hazard and that it be considered as a variation of design rather than work requiring a new faculty. However, the Diocesan Registrar advised a new faculty was required. Therefore, yet another (fourth) faculty application was submitted on 25th March 2024, and, after completion of the faculty petition, the public notice was displayed from 30th March to 29th April 2024. The Certificate of Publication of the notice was then forwarded to the Registrar with a request that the Diocesan Chancellor (Judge) be requested to deal with the faculty application urgently. On 3rd May the Deputy Registrar advised that the Chancellor had granted the faculty.

In spite of these problems, the contractors carried out a substantial amount of work on site authorised by the third faculty, including some repairs to the wall itself, repointing / grouting and the building of the reverse buttresses not affected by the problems described above. The contractors then had to stand down at the end of the first week of April until the fourth faculty was granted. They were able to resume work on site in the week commencing 6th May.

Because of the additional works that must be undertaken, the architect and quantity surveyor have revised the work specification to make savings (omissions), where they can, to keep within the existing budget. The provisional final account figure is currently £134,458.36 (£112,048.63 plus VAT of £22,409.73), of which £72,784.02 (£60,653.35 plus VAT of £12,130.67) has already been paid. This does not include professional fees. An example of the changes that have had to be made is the rebuild of the 14 metre section of the wall (additional work), costed at £26,500. There are savings to be made against this on buttresses 1 – 5 (including the omitted buttresses) of (£14,037.62 (£12,462.38 plus VAT)).

Quinquennial Part 2 Repairs on the Church

These works cannot be commenced until after the current churchyard wall repairs are completed and further fundraising has been undertaken. In last year's report the following information was provided in relation to likely cost increases.

The original budget estimate provided by the Quantity Surveyor, Paul Daniels was £78,080, which includes the usual 10% contingency. In May 2022 a review of that figure (for grant application purposes) added 18% (£14,054) to make it £92,134. Following receipt of the churchyard wall tenders and the 40% plus increase advised by our architect Matt Vaughan, it's reasonable to increase this figure by the same percentage (£36,854) giving a figure of £128,988. VAT on this (which is recoverable under the government grant scheme) is £25,798 making a total of £154,786.

Additions to this sum are Architect's Fees at 12% on £128,988 - £15,479 plus VAT £3096 (£18,575). A Quantity Surveyor visiting the site to monitor costs would be somewhere between £1,500 - £2,000. In broad terms we are looking at £128,988 (works) and professional fees of £18,575. That total is £147,563. Regrettably this figure will increase with the passage of time.

Rather than speculate on cost increases over the last 12 months, a further costs appraisal will need to be obtained from our Quantity Surveyor when further fundraising is undertaken.

Pauline Price and Clive Jones

Registered Charity Number: 1133810

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

Thomas & Young Limited
Chartered Accountants
Solihull

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

CONTENTS

	Page
Report of the Trustees	1 to 3
Independent Examiner's Report	4to 5
Statement of Financial Activities	6
Balance Sheet	7
Notes to the Financial Statements	8 to 13
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities	14 to 16

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees present their report for the purposes of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2023, the charity sought to benefit:

1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank and Benefits Advice Service for those in food poverty and/or those in financial difficulty.
2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dance Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in their own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Generals funds of the Church showed an excess of income for the year of £23,500. Once again, we were in receipt of generous unrestricted legacies during the year totalling £37,000 so in effect our day to day income showed a deficit of £13,000.

Income from regular planned giving and one off donations totalled £40,500 including £7,000 from Gift Aid claims. A further £17,000 was received from various investments. In total, receipts (including legacies) to unrestricted funds totalled £99,000.

£74,500 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full. At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £118,000.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £56,000. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 22nd February 2024.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Organisational structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2022 and April 2023.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (Charity Number 1187634) and the PCC as its trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1133810

Principal address

93b School Road
Hall Green
Birmingham
B28 8JQ

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Continued)

Trustees

Reverend N Boumenjel
Mrs C Dixon
N Fahrni
Mrs M
Hyde J
Meadows
Miss J
Payne Mrs A
Tinline Mrs
P Wagg Mrs
S Barnes
Ms M Hob Shoar
C Jones
J Mobasher
Mrs P Price
Mrs J Whittington
Ms G Urwin
K Meadows (appointed 14.05.23)

Independent Examiner

Thomas and Young Limited
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Carleton House
266-268 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
West Midlands
890 3AD

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22nd February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows -Trustee

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTIAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by 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 independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTIAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM {continued}

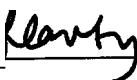
Independent examiner's statement

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 accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have 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.

J Carty FCA FCCA

Thomas & Young Limited
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors



Carleton House
266 - 268 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
West Midlands
B90 3AD

Dated:

9 May 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		General Fund <i>E</i>	Restricted Fund <i>E</i>	2023 Total Funds <i>E</i>	2022 Total Funds <i>E</i>
	Notes				
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and legacies		82,293	11,169	93,462	96,499
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		893	47	940	903
Other trading activities	2	579	48,826	49,405	46,943
Investment income	3	15,311	1,612	16,923	14,869
Total		99,076	61,654	160,730	159,214
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		189		189	87
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		75,021	106,387	181,408	120,430
Other		299		299	1,421
Total		75,509	106,387	181,896	121,938
Net gains/(losses) on investments		903	4,028	4,931	(36,581)
NET INCOME/ {EXPENDITURE}					
Transfers between funds	10	24,470	(40,705)	(16,235)	695
Net movement in funds		24,470	{40,705}	{16,235}	695
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		223,479	270,984	494,463	493,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463


The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	6	43,642	194,741	238,383	233,451
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	4,272	2,845	7,117	8,765
Cash at bank and in hand		202,299	40,669	242,968	253,937
		206,571	43,514	250,085	262,702
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,264)	(7,976)	(10,240)	(1,690)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		204,307	35,538	239,845	261,012
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
NET ASSETS		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
FUNDS	10				
General fund				247,949	223,479
Restricted funds				230,279	270,984
TOTAL FUNDS				478,228	494,463

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22nd February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Meadows - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income (Continued)

Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals or tangible fixed assets.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

'Cost of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events'

'Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep'

'Other expenditure represents those items not falling to the categories above'.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	105	196
Magazine sales	474	685
Church hall lettings	15,231	11,958
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,595	34,104
	49,405	46,943

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent received	1,875	3,750
Interest and dividends	15,048	11,119
	16,923	14,869

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustee remuneration	4,750	4,500
Trustee expenses		
	<u>4,750</u>	<u>4,500</u>

2. COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM			
Donations and legacies	80,952	15,547	96,499
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	799	104	903
Other trading activities	881	46,062	46,943
Investment income	14,576	293	14,869
Total	97,208	62,006	159,214
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	87		87
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	78,871	41,559	120,430
Other	1,421		1,421
Total	80,379	41,559	121,938
Net gains on investments	(6,698)	(29,883)	(36,581)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	10,131	(9,436)	695
Transfers between funds	6	(6)	
Net movement in funds	10,137	(9,442)	695
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	213,342	280,426	493,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	223,479	270,984	494,463

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments
	£
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January	233,452
2023	4,931
Revaluations	
	<hr/>
At 31 December 2023	238,383
	<hr/>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid	2,282	2,847
receivable	4,835	5,918
Prepayments		
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	7,117	8,765
	<hr/>	<hr/>

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note		
9) Trade creditors	10,240	1,690
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	10,240	1,690
	<hr/>	<hr/>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1Jan 2023 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31Dec 2023 £
House - Assisted Clergy	190,563				4,028	194,591
Charity Giving			1,417	(1,417)		
Chellingworth Memorial fund	5,000					5,000
Choir Fund	324					324
Coffee Shop	250	(965)	1,119	(154)		250
Diocese Fees			47			47
Fabric Repair Fund	58,987		3,572	(23,708)		38,851
Flower Fund			557	(382)		176
Food Bank	1,654		3,733	(2,948)		2,439
Halls Fund	12,143	965	51,261	(77,779)		(13,410)
Monday Club Funds	2,063		(52)			2,011
	270,984		61,654	(106,387)	4,028	230,279

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1Jan 2023 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31Dec 2023 £
General Fund	93,812		99,076	(75,509)	903	118,282
Fabric Repair Fund	70,800					70,800
Fay Lord Legacy	8,867					8,867
Parish Mission Support Fund	50,000					50,000
	223,479		99,076	(75,509)	903	247,949

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aided - envelopes	1,043	1,925
Gift aided - BGC	19,136	20,999
NTE envelopes	90	616
NTE BGC	5,775	5,422
Cash collections	5,039	5,378
Contactless donations	2,140	1,938
Donations - in memoriam	300	6,030
Sundry donations	387	518
Christmas gift to the church	1,317	990
Flowers fund donations	215	80
Coffee shop	1,099	1,219
Monday club	(52)	99
Other donations	425	3,921
Monthly charity - gift aided	628	835
Monthly charity - not gift aided	600	550
Gift aid recovered	7,918	9,053
Legacies	37,234	28,000
Recurring grants	5,726	4,707
One off grants	2,935	1,968
Food bank	1,507	2,251
	93,462	96,499
Other trading activities		
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	105	196
Magazine sales	474	685
Church hall lettings	15,231	11,958
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,595	34,104
	49,405	46,943
Investment income		
Rent received	1,875	3,750
Interest and dividends	15,048	11,119
	16,923	14,869
Charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals	853	799
Diocesan fees	47	14
Flowers		90
Vergers Fees	40	
	940	903
Total income resources	160,730	159,214

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity		
Giving envelopes		17
Fundraising costs		70
Publicity	189	
	<hr/>	
	189	87
Charitable activities		
Church mission society	115	164
Mission to seafarers	335	406
Malawi fund	180	190
Bible society	106	201
Children's society	296	247
Birmingham City Mission	114	225
Other charities	301	976
JMC subsidy refunds		
Diocesan parish share	39,830	39,852
Support staff costs	4,750	4,540
Parish administrator salary and pension	10,290	9,381
Parish administration		156
Incumbent expenses	434	495
Vicarage upkeep	1,864	827
Pastoral staff and youth worker	3,500	3,500
Mission and outreach	29	262
Food bank cost	2,947	1,985
Coffee shop costs	154	94
Church insurance	3,263	3,088
Church maintenance	568	6,970
Cost of worship services	1,712	1,587
Church off expenses	1,939	1,497
Church flowers	382	640
Bank charges	300	366
Upkeep of churchyard	6,495	6,178
Visiting speakers and locums		34
Church utilities - gas	5,969	2,275
Church utilities - electric	1,029	1,314
Church utilities - water	160	129
Magazine printing	932	931
Editorial expenses	50	47
Bookstall and bible reading fellowship	242	236
Magazine postage	169	224
Hall utilities - gas	13,770	5,512

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hall utilities - electricity	4,035	2,905
Hall utilities - water	634	517
Hall cleaning	3,964	3,005
Hall repairs and maintenance	4,081	2,267
Hall insurance	2,755	1,498
Chatterton hall maintenance	5,045	3,080
Chatterton hall and house cleaning	8,842	8,043
Chatterton hall and house	380	1,502
Independent examination fee	1,756	720
Major repairs to church hall	23,984	
Major repairs to church yard	23,275	2364
Major works to church	432	
	181,408	120,430
Support Costs		
Other		
Sundries	299	1,421
Professional fees		
	299	1,421
Total resources expended	181,896	121,938
Net income before gains and losses	(21,166)	37,726
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	4,931	(36,581)
Net income	(16,235)	695

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements