

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN AND ST PAUL, CANTERBURY

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Details

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: The Anglican parish for South East Canterbury promoting therein the Christian Faith, good community relations, care for all, especially the disadvantaged, welcoming of visitors, friendly relations with other churches in the City, and responsible for the maintenance of two historic churches, one of which is part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site and is the oldest parish church in England.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£223,209	£214,475	-	-
2023-12-31	£222,882	£214,475	-	-
2022-12-31	£161,368	£190,431	-	-
2021-12-31	£224,144	£197,523	-	-
2020-12-31	£194,779	£196,194	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Mary Kells	Chair	2025-04-06
Andrea Helen Don		2024-05-19
Ben Hickman		2026-05-10
Camilla Titterton		2023-05-14
Charli Johnson James		2025-05-11
David Michael Stuart		2026-05-10
Dr Claire Rose Butler		2023-05-19
Dr Daniel Titterton		2023-05-14
Dr Hazel Isis Brook		2026-01-28
JACQUELINE PATRICIA CURD		
James Robert Sampson		2017-05-17
Joanna Mary Lawson		2019-04-28
Judith Dimond		2023-05-19
Kit-Sebastian Johnson-James		2024-05-19
Michael Charles Keeler-Walker		2015-04-27
Rev Charlotte Sleigh		2023-05-14
Rosemary Anne Newington		2019-04-28
Ruth Susanne Baker		2023-05-19
SUSAN MARY SPILLETT		2024-05-19
Samuel James Keeler-Walker		2022-05-29
Stefanos Alexandros Vassalos		2026-05-10
Wendy Mama Nsiah Frempong		2026-05-10

Accounts

THE PARISH OF ST MARTIN AND ST PAUL, CANTERBURY

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 11th May 2025



There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3: 28

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I) WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

I was delighted to join you, as your Rector, on 6th April 2025, in a splendid Evensong, with Bishop Rose officiating. Thanks go to Ros Newington for her hard work in putting the service together and to all of you for your outstandingly warm welcome. It was a rich occasion, well attended, with an anthem specially commissioned for the occasion. The text was Galatians 3.28, chosen by myself as both personally meaningful to me, and also representative, it seemed to me, of the radical inclusivity that we aim for at St Martin and St Paul. The fresh and modern setting was by Olivia Sparkhall, who was in attendance and the choir sang beautifully.

Services for Holy Week, with revised liturgy, were well attended. Two significant new additions were: the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, with 12 volunteers, representing the 12 disciples; and the addition of an early morning Eucharist as we greeted the Risen Lord on Easter Day, before having the traditional marvellous breakfast, prepared by Jackie Curd and team, to whom thanks. I have received enthusiastic feedback about both of these additions.

As we leave interregnum firmly behind us, I look forward to getting to know you all, and your hopes and dreams for the parish, and to moving forward in that same light of Christ with which we entered St Martin's early on Easter morning.

Mary Kells

2) THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2024-2025

* Indicates where one person holds more than one role

PCC members	
Rector (Chair)	Vacancy (to 5 April 2025) The Revd Dr Mary Kells (from 6 April 2025)
Vice Chair (acting Chair to 5 th April 2025)	Christopher Robinson
Curate (to December 2024) Associate Priest (from January 2025)	The Revd Prof Dr Charlotte Sleigh
Churchwardens at St.Martin's	Christine Robinson David Stuart
Churchwardens at St.Paul's	Michael Keeler-Walker Ros Newington
Parish Treasurer	Gordon Craig (and co-opted member)
Readers holding the Bishop's Licence	Mary Butcher (PTO non-voting member) Samuel Keeler-Walker (<i>also Deanery Synod*</i>) Christopher Robinson Dr Rosemary Walters (<i>also Deanery Synod*</i>)
Deanery Synod representatives 2023-2026	Andrea Don (<i>elected 2024 in place of H.Schoenefeldt</i>) Samuel Keeler-Walker (<i>elected 2024 in place of R.Matthews</i>) Dr Rosemary Walters
Elected members 2022-2025	Felicity Bolton Sue Spillett (<i>elected 2024 in place of R.Newington</i>) Camilla Titterton Dr Dan Titterton
Elected members 2023-2026	Prof Claire Butler Abraham Joseph Joanna Lawson (<i>also PCC Secretary</i>) James Sampson
Elected members 2024-2027	Ruth Baker Jackie Curd Judith Dimond Kit Johnson-James
Co-opted member 2024-2025	Monica Walling
Also in attendance (non-voting in matters of legal resolution and non-trustees)	
	Dominic del Nevo (Choir Director)

3) THE PCC'S REPORT

A) SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS 2024-25

All meetings receive reports and updates from the Treasurer, Churchwardens, parish centre and on safeguarding. Below are particular matters of significance or approved at meetings or both.

May

New PCC formed and elections / appointments made.

Christopher Robinson confirmed as acting chair during the vacancy.

Report from the parish profile group (collating ideas and preparing documents for the new Rector's recruitment) and the presentation of draft parish priorities for review and comment.

June

Sub-committee memberships and appointments made.

Rector vacancy – parish profile reviewed and approved.

Appointments of electoral roll officer, safeguarding officers, and parish disclosure officer.

Parish safeguarding policy statement adopted.

July – section 11 meeting attended by the Archdeacon

s.11 requirements regarding the formal process relating to the vacancy and steps needed to select and appoint a new Rector. Formal approvals given, and two lay members were appointed from the PCC to act as its representatives in connection with the selection of a new incumbent.

Appointment of new PCC Secretary.

September

Approval of transfer of moneys from our CCLA investment account to suitable alternative interest earning account to aid cashflow.

Sidespeople's rota agreed to be expanded to ensure all Churchwardens' Sunday duties covered.

Safeguarding action plan approved.

Lone worker policy approved.

November

Rector vacancy and appointment update.

Expenditure approved for both churches: St. Martin's for smoke detection hardware and monitoring system, and work on the Church tower; St. Paul's for investigation into water ingress.

Policy on recruitment of ex-offenders approved.

St. Martin's senior visitor host – contract renewal and pay approved.

January

Safeguarding – CofE guidance regarding appropriate boundaries with children and vulnerable adults reviewed and compliance confirmed.

Pilgrim Post – increase in cover price approved.

Parish priorities – discussed with collated ideas for future consideration with the new Rector.

March

Audited accounts approved.

Parish centre – expenditure approved for painting the exterior.

Church building maintenance – approvals for necessary work to be undertaken.

Safeguarding – a template for risk assessments was agreed to be created and sent to all groups for use.

Jo Lawson

B) A BRIEF CANTER THROUGH THE YEAR

Our report this year reflects another busy and fulfilling year in the life of the parish. As temporary, stand-in, and now ex-acting Chair of the PCC, I would like to thank all those who have given tirelessly over the last year: the many clergy who celebrated for us week by week; the resolute churchwardens; our many musicians; the rest of the ministry team; the administrators and printers; the anointing team; the bellringers; the cleaners; the coffee makers; the educators; the florists and gardeners; the H&S and Safeguarding co-ordinators; the sacristans and servers; the sides-people; the Sunday Zone tutors; the SP@TT, Hangouts, and other children's teams; and everyone else who have given their time and skill in so many ways in the service of God and neighbour - and apologies if I have missed your contribution!

This report is a record of a busy year which has seen us consolidate and, indeed, grow. In looking back there is much to celebrate and so many things going on, so these are just a few items. Back in May, Ros Newington joined Michael at St Paul's as churchwarden. In December, Charlotte finished her term as our curate and seamlessly transformed into our new Associate Priest as well as starting a new role at St Augustine's College. Thank you, Charlotte, for all that you have done (and, we hope, will carry on doing).

Thank you also to Revd Dr Perry Butler for preaching at Martinmas and to the Ven Darren Miller for preaching at St Paul's patronal Sunday, and to the many visiting clergy who preached at the monthly Evensong services.

Many people were involved in preparing the parish profile last Summer as part of our work to recruit our new Rector; thank you to all of them and especially to Sue Spillet and Dave Stuart who were part of the interviewing panel.

There is so much else that I have missed. In brief, our worshipping life continues to develop. And now, onwards and upwards!

Christopher Robinson

3) CHURCHWARDENS' REPORTS

A) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT - ST MARTIN'S

i. Worship

- We have been very grateful and want to give thanks to the retired clergy who have taken the services for us during the interregnum. We have managed to continue our normal pattern of worship and hopefully forged some long-lasting relationships.

- We have a small but loyal congregation. We have had some growth with four new regular attenders joining us in the last year. We continue to have our numbers augmented by visitors especially during the warmer months.
- For the St Martin's Patronal Festival we were delighted to premiere a new setting for the Mass composed by Canon Christopher Gower. It has become our regular sung service on the first Sunday of the month.

ii. **Buildings and Maintenance**

- The new sound system was installed last October. The speakers are extremely discreet and give a good quality of sound in the church.
- The fire alarm monitoring service had to be changed to a monitored system with the phasing out of copper telephone lines. This does incur an annual charge, but it is much more reliable than the previous system.
- The annual servicing of Gas boiler, Fire and Smoke Alarms are up to date
- All electrical equipment has been PAT tested (Portable Appliance Testing) including the Christmas lights.
- Buddleia and Birch growing on the outside of the Bell Tower has been removed by some heritage abseilers. They returned this year to treat woodworm in the Bell frame and reposition a stone on the Tower roof.
- Due to the interregnum, we have made no progress on possible plans for toilet facilities. This project would incur significant cost and would need whole Parish involvement. The Church Wardens and PCC felt this should wait until the new incumbent was in post before any further money was committed to this project.

iii. **Visitor Information**

- Jessica Morris has continued to work with our loyal volunteers. Without their support we wouldn't be able to keep St Martin's open throughout the year. The visitor numbers continue to grow, and Jessica has forged new relationships across the wider Canterbury Community. She has written her own report about some of the activities over the last year.
- Sadly, Jessica is leaving Canterbury in June, and we are in the process of advertising and recruiting for her replacement. We would want to give a vote of thanks for all her hard work and initiatives over the last twenty months. St Martin's consistently gets excellent reviews on both Google and Trip Adviser and this is due directly to Jess and the volunteers who help us keep the church open to visitors throughout the year.

Dave Stuart and Christine Robinson

B) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT - ST PAUL'S

This year has been a challenging but exciting year in the life of St Paul's without the Walls! Although most of it has been in a period of interregnum, there has been continued energy and enthusiasm to move forward and to grow.

We began the year by saying farewell to Jo Luck, who stepped down as Churchwarden in May. We are deeply grateful for her dedicated service, particularly in bringing the terrier and log book up to date and into the digital age - an overdue but vital piece of work that will serve the church well into the future. At Christmas we said congratulations to our Curate Charlotte Sleigh as she completed her studies and took on a new role at St Augustine's College. Thankfully she was also accepted as an Associate Priest to the parish, so she and her family continue to be present amongst us.

i. Worshipping and Community Life

We are truly thankful for all those who stepped up to support our worship during the interregnum. Special thanks go to Father David Stroud, Reverend Lindsay Yates, Reverend Sue White, and especially to Canon David Roper, whose faithful presence - often at a moment's notice - ensured that not a single Sunday went uncovered. We also extend our gratitude to Samuel Keeler-Walker, whose steady hand behind the scenes ensured each visiting priest had everything needed for services to run smoothly.

Sunday attendance has remained strong, even growing in some areas, and the live stream continues to connect with a wider audience - giving newcomers a window into our worship and encouraging them to join us in person.

Sunday Zone

Our provision for you people continues during the morning service (except on the second Sunday of the month). While numbers fluctuate, we've seen older children branching off into a new group - currently "Sunday Zone 2" - and are starting to take part in young leader roles in regular worship which aligns closely with our parish priority to involve young people more in the worshipping life of the church.

Wednesday Midweek Eucharist

This growing community has been supported by the support and leadership of Jennifer Llewelin and her small team who have arranged all the priests to take this special midweek and made sure that there is coffee available to everyone afterwards.

Home Communion

Thanks to Reverend Sue White undertook much of the pastoral role and home visiting during the interregnum who along with our lay Readers have visited parish care homes on a regular basis ensuring and ongoing ministry to our older communities.

Funeral Arrangements

Thanks to Reader Mary Butcher who has taken a principal role on this during the interregnum and supported grieving families and lead services.

St Paul's @ Tea Time

Tea time services have been consistent each month. The Autumn term saw a visit to stories from the Old Testament and this year the overarching focus has been on God so loved the world with many Scientific links.

Choral Evensong and Supper

This monthly service continues to flourish and grow in numbers with a range of interesting topics, speakers and a delicious supper afterwards.

Installation and induction of our new rector

Last summer a small cross-representative team of people put together our parish profile which went with the advertisement for a new parish rector. This was successful in encouraging a number of prospective candidates for the role. In April this year we were pleased to welcome Reverend Dr Mary Kells as our new rector with a splendid service and celebration. It included a piece of music by Olivia Sparkhall based on words from the bible chosen by Revd. Mary to reflect the inclusive nature of worship. This was specially commissioned and paid for by the choir.

Open doors

St Paul's Church doors are open throughout the week, allowing people to explore the space, where we hope they may find our church as a peaceful place to sit and pray in God's presence. The displays, available booklets, and the development of dedicated prayer area in the Lady Chapel support individual engagement with the Christian faith at a personal level. More people are also making use of the church's wider resources, including Christian literature, quiet spaces, and community features like the fiction book exchange.

ii. Community Events

Throughout the year, our community has enjoyed a range of activities that have enriched our fellowship. In January, we gathered for our Patronal Festival, which was marked by a shared meal and, on that occasion, a welcome from former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who preached for us. Later, in April, we held a farewell lunch for our former Rector, Reverend Mark Griffin, as we thanked him for his dedicated service and wished him well on his new journey. As the year continued, we also shared a delightful garden party, parish picnic, and a refreshing seaside visit. We're pleased that our chess club now meets informally in the church after coffee. In August, we celebrated Reg's 100th birthday with a special parish lunch. Additional events such as Harvest, Christmas gatherings, Ride and Stride, Nosh and Knowledge evenings, and the Blythewood Appeal, during which we filled shoeboxes with Christmas gifts, have provided further opportunities for connection, reflection, and community life.

iii. Buildings and Fabric

The overall fabric of the church remains sound. However, there is some water ingress in the South aisle ceiling which needs further investigation. This year has seen the mending of the altar rail and the main front glass door. Some ongoing issues require continual monitoring, including the need for repointing of the floor and a few minor cracks on the walls and ceilings that are being closely observed.

This year has seen a change of suppliers for gas and electricity to Octopus Energy and despite the incredible increase in cost per unit the bills have been carefully monitored and

can be controlled to suit the usage of the church. Mindful of the need for the National Church overall to be net zero by 2030, a continual review of ways to heat this ancient building sustainably is important to ensure it continues to be a place of worship and meet all the needs of people in the parish. Using our well-insulated parish centre and meeting rooms for non-worship events will help meet these goals.

iv. Looking forward

We are so grateful to every single person who has contributed to the life of St Paul's during this season of transition. Your dedication has ensured that even without a rector, we've not just managed - but grown in lots of different ways.

We're especially looking forward to welcoming Bishop Rose on Sunday 29th June for a Confirmation service - a celebration of faith and community as we confirm both young people and new members of our church family.

With joy, we now look forward to supporting Reverend Mary in her new role and embracing this exciting next chapter of ministry together. We continue to pray for wisdom and courage to follow where God is calling us - and to create a church where all feel they belong.

Alleluia - on we go!

Michael Keeler-Walker and Ros Newington.

4 PARISH ACTIVITIES

A) GROWING IN FAITH

We've had a great year at GIF. We are now meeting on a Wednesday and Saturday once a month around a theme of the month. On the Wednesday evenings, we talk about the theme; and on the Saturday mornings, we have worship, breakfast and continue the discussion. This year our themes have been: Anglo-Catholicism; environment and faith; the Reformation; Galatians; and Julian of Norwich.

We have also had a great Lent group based around Charlie Bell's book, *Searched me out and Known me*. Encouraged by this, we met every day during Holy Week for the first time offering compline on Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the whole church community. During Lent, we also virtually walked to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, all putting our miles in together to get there. Outside of this, we were involved with delivering the parish's Christmas cards, cleared part of the garden at Jesus' Hospital, and assisted with the cleaning morning at St. Pauls.

Samuel Keeler-Walker.

B) OUTREACH

The last year has seen the small Outreach Group putting in to practice our new plan to promote our support for our chosen causes. Each month we have a Cause of the Month which we highlight with a display at St Paul's and an article in Pilgrim Post. We are very

grateful to Ros Newington for her work on the displays and to Clive Barlow for guaranteeing us space in the magazine each month.

In the last year the Outreach group has grown in numbers and in a sense of purpose. We continue to promote support in the wider parish for our chosen charities, which we believe cover a range of God's work in the world; locally in Canterbury, nationally in U.K., and internationally. We hope people appreciate the monthly reports in Pilgrim's Post, and include the 'Cause of the Month' in their personal prayers and intercessions. Monthly displays are on view in St Paul.

Membership of the group changed this year; we said a sad goodbye to Ruth Matthews, whose passion and concern for many causes kept up on our toes! We have been pleased to welcome Michael Northey, Diane Fawcett, and Claire Butler to our group; and with Brian Munday and Judith Dimond we look forward to working with Rev. Mary.

This year we shared our Stewardship tithing with the following charities:

- Locally: Connecting Canterbury, Street Pastors, and Catching Lives.
- Nationally: Christians against Poverty.
- Internationally: support for local initiatives working with refugees from Calais, Pastos Verdes in Mozambique (with our personal link via Valerie Taylor's family), Open Doors UK (protecting Christians persecuted overseas), CORD (building peace where conflict destroys) and the Amos Trust - particularly its work in Gaza and the West Bank.

Since we choose to give a 'large' sum to fewer charities, we have been recognized by CORD as a 'Peace Partner', and have been linked with their initiative PLURAL: - Promoting Rule of Law and Understanding of Religious Affairs in Laos. The worrying news is that total funding for four other CORD projects (mainly in SE Asia, in areas of conflict where they work to strengthen civil society and particularly encourage women's voices), has been withdrawn by USA following the policies of the new Government, leading to their complete closure; so we must be all the more energized to step in where we can. The same goes for our support for Amos Trust which works, amongst other places, in Palestine and Gaza, where they support the Al Ahli 'Baptist' Hospital in Gaza, which has been decimated in recent fighting.

We continue to hold all these charities in our prayers, and thank the congregation for their Stewardship sacrifice and generosity which enables us to support such a variety of need, in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Judith Dimond, Convener

C) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As always, this is just the official connections that we have as a church and does not begin to count the many connections that you all have as individuals with different community projects across the city.

i Home Visits

Visits to members of our community from members of the Ministry Team have continued during the interregnum. Revd Sue White has been a pillar of strength, carrying out much visiting, for which we are very grateful.

ii The Night Shelter

The night shelter used our Hall once a week for three months under Jackie Curd's leadership, including on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Thank you to all who assisted in any way.

D) CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN CANTERBURY (CTC)

CTC continues to serve people in Canterbury, through the wide range of worship and ministry freely available in so many churches and different traditions in our city. Prominent is the help given to people in need, through the provision of food and information. The Baptist Church offers food and refreshments on Thursday 11-1pm, and at All Saints on Friday 10am – 12 noon (with breakfast from 9am). Through the support of the Social Justice Network in the Diocese, led by Canon Jonathan Arnold, Connecting Canterbury at both hubs continues to offer emergency small grants for gas and electricity, and the provision of grants via Acts345 for white goods such as cookers and beds. Help and information is also available for Citizens' Advice, City Council and KCC grants/benefits, GP access, links to Canterbury FoodBank, and Wave Community Bank et

The most public act of worship is the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, starting at the Salvation Army and led by their band to the High Street. There is a need to coordinate and promote the work of CTC to churches and supporters, as Lyndall Bywater has stepped down from her role as Secretary.

David Hartwell

E) CHILDREN AND YOUNG FAMILIES

In my report last year, I asked you to pray for this committee which oversees this important part of our Parish family. Thank you. I can report that our small committee has doubled in number and Christopher Robinson, Jackie Curd and Ros Newington joined myself, Ruth Baker, and James Sampson. We are now refreshed and invigorated as we continue to keep an eye on the many activities and events that affect our children and young people. Fisherfolk and St Paul's at Teatime continue to thrive. Hangouts has grown in numbers and those who come along each month are getting to know each other and enjoying a relaxed time together. Sunday Zone 2 has been instigated for those too old for Sunday Zone. Thank you to Rosemary and Val for their commitment to this which meets once a month during the 10.30am service at St Paul's. Sunday Zone and Messy Church now need our prayers and input. Thank you to all who work, pray and support all the work in this field.

Sue Spillett

F) MOTHERS' UNION

It has been a happy and productive year for the Mothers' Union both here and globally. As a branch, we have continued to support the Parish in many ways and there have been the initiatives of the *Rise Up Campaign* and the *Blue Christmas* service, as well as the regular activities of Fisherfolk, Mothering Sunday posies, Easter baskets, Christmas presents for St Martin's Hospital, and Baptism anniversary cards. We have enrolled new members and hosted and supported Parish, Archdeaconry, and Diocesan MU events and services, including a visit from our new worldwide President on 1st April. We are looking forward to showing our new Rector what a wonderful Christian organisation the Mothers' Union is and what an asset it can be to the Parish. We are without a Branch leader at the moment but carry on with all we have planned due to the continued hard work of the wonderful Branch committee. All MU activities are mentioned on the weekly newsletter and in the Pilgrim's Post and are open to all, so do join us if you would like.

Sue Spillett

G) ST PAUL'S AT TEATIME (SP@TT)

SP@TT continues to welcome new families to its monthly gatherings. It started soon after the reordering of St Paul's, so has been going for about 10 years. How amazing! It is good to see it evolve, with new team members as well as families. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who come along each month to create, play, chat, pray, and eat alongside our families; also those who help move all the furniture before and after the event. The pattern of craft, story, prayer, church search, and songs continues to stand the test of time, and we choose varying themes for each session. A mum said to me last month: "It is so good for my son to be able to come here, to a safe and welcoming space, where he can learn and have fun alongside lovely people of all ages". I was so thrilled to hear this, as it is exactly what we are hoping to achieve, Here's to the next 10 years!

Sue Spillett

H) MESSY CHURCH AT SPRING LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We have continued to hold Messy Church in the Spring Lane Community Centre but, frankly, it has been a bit of a struggle. Following discussions with Barbara, we will be holding meetings every three months or so starting at 1pm on Saturdays.

Thanks also to Barbara and all the staff at the Spring Lane Community Centre for their cheerful support for our work.

We are planning to hold the next meeting on 5th July. If you would like to help with one of the future Messy Churches in some way, or would just like to come along and observe, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07584 355001 for more information.

Christopher Robinson

I) THE CHOIR

The Choir's regular duties cover the 10.30am service most Sunday mornings, monthly choral evensong (except in April, August and December), and additional services throughout the year (e.g. Advent and Christmas carols, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Ascension). Alongside that, as in previous years, we have led a number of choral evensong services at the Cathedral (three of which were attended by the former Archbishop of Canterbury) over the year.

We continue to broaden our repertoire, introducing canticle settings by Ernest Moeran and Charles Gounod, responses by Philip Radcliffe, and some challenging pieces by Peter Warlock, William Harris, Hebert Howells, and Herbert Sumsion.

We have collaborated with other (relatively) local churches. In October, we welcomed the choir of St Clement, Sandwich to join us for evensong (with a return visit planned later in 2025); and in November, we hosted a combined choir evensong with delegations from St Michael's Sittingbourne, St Mary in Charity Faversham, St Mary's Dover, and St Andrew's, Reading Street.

Some of us have also reciprocated the support, with trips to Sittingbourne, Faversham, and Dover over the year, including a performance of Stainer's *The Crucifixion* in Sittingbourne on Palm Sunday, featuring an exceptional bass soloist. Whilst the music of Lent and Passiontide is generally less ebullient than the rest of the year, we did enjoy a particularly jovial evensong on Passion Sunday, during which we welcomed Rev Dr Mary Kells. The service included the premiere of a piece, commissioned by the choir themselves for the occasion, composed by Olivia Sparkhall.

As always I would like to extend my thanks to David (and our cover organists when he is away) and the members of the Choir for their commitment, and to everyone who supports our work throughout the year.

Dom del Nevo

J) VISITS AT ST MARTIN'S

In the last report, St Martin's was working with two other churches in Kent to form the *Royal Kentish Camino*. Since then, the pilgrimage route has been launched and we saw coverage in local news pages. Since then, we have seen more visitors to St Martin's enquiring about the walk and the history of the women behind it and so I am pleased to say that the life and history of Queen Bertha and St Martin's Church is being shared widely!

In connection to this, we have continued to progress our 2024 plan for a year of 'media'. The St Martin's social media page has become quite popular with the sharing of snippets of history, information about visiting or services, and the occasional 'Archival' find demonstrating the long history of the church. We continue to welcome visitors, who have welcomed their learning about our church through this new outreach. In the Summer of 2024, we expanded our publicity to include a write up in the city's *MyCanterbury* magazine. Thanks to these efforts, and the hard work of our volunteers, we witnessed a steady increase in visiting numbers (by over 3,000 in 2024 alone) and we hope that this year, with a write up happening in the local *Canterbury Courier* newspaper, we will continue reaching out to the local community so that

it can get involved with us. We have been far from idle over this winter; recently we did a short radio piece with BBC Radio Kent in the hopes of enticing more of the community to explore the rich history on their doorstep. We have also continued getting involved in local events, such as the Medieval Pageant and Heritage Open Days and have received vast amounts of positive feedback from families and visitors who came up to see us last year. We hope to repeat this where we can; and meetings for the 2025 Medieval Pageant and the involvement of St Martin's are already happening. We have also continued our work with local schools and universities to welcome students and provide a fantastic space to support education.

In a push to keep the learning and visiting experiences at St Martin's interesting for all, the volunteers at St Martin's are still researching as much as they can. We recently hosted, alongside our sister UNESCO site St Augustine's Abbey, an impromptu talk by Professor Paul Bennett to ensure the two sites are up to date with as much information as possible. This gave the volunteer guides at both places a chance to talk more and discuss the overall history and connectivity that the sites share. The Abbey is not the only site we have been keeping in touch with; Eastbridge Hospital remains a site we are talking with and with its re-opening, we hope to rekindle important pilgrimage links with them this year. This is made yet easier with St Martin's beginning to work closely with the Cathedral's newly appointed Pilgrim Officer.

We are continuing to work with the World Heritage Committee to create a World Heritage Plan for Canterbury. Last year, we had hoped to see the appointment of a Coordinator overseeing all three sites. This has been delayed but St Martin's continues to work with the committee to try and bring this position into fruition and create a more unified UNESCO front in Canterbury. That aside, we continue to work closely with the other sites to bring special UNESCO tours to St Martin's for another year running, something that has been well received to date.

2025/6 will see me stepping down from my role and I hope that whoever takes over will bring more exciting opportunities for visiting St Martin's.

Jessica Morris

K) PARISH LIFELONG LEARNING 2024-5

Highlights from The Life Long Learning Group in 2025 have been:

i Meet, Eat and Explore

June 2024: *Lisa Muerasse: **Green Pastures: Leading People to the Good Shepherd:*** a stimulating account of the amazing transformative work being done to help children and their communities in Lichinga, Mozambique.

Oct 2024: *David Kemp: **Money, Sex and Power: Reflections from General Synod:*** a fascinating insider view of debates, decisions and deliberations from one of our Diocesan House of Laity representatives.

Feb 2025: *Dr Claire Butler: **Assisted Dying: Concern or Celebration:*** a sensitive and informative presentation of perspectives on this emotive issue.

ii Advent and Lent Discussion Groups: A Selection of Resources

Advent 2024: *So What are You Waiting For?*

Lucy Winkett

Lent 2025: *On The Third Day*

John Pritchard

Prizing the Passion
Searched Me Out and Known Me

David Stevens
Charlie Bell

iii Miscellaneous

In addition, we have publicised the Church of England national campaigns:

Christmas 2024: *Follow the Star: Calm and Bright*

Lent 2025: *Living Hope*

and provided suggestions for lively reading and further study promoting the Diocesan *Deepening Discipleship* course.

The Life Long Learning section of the Parish website and our outward facing Parish Centre windows regularly provides poster details of the St Martin in the Fields online talks and the Canterbury Contemporary Theology Group events.

Thanks to all the members of the committee for their support and practical engagement and to Jackie and Mel for catering. The big question is **Where Do We Go Next?**

Rosemary Walters

L) PILGRIM POST

i Editorial Policy

We continue to comply with the seven guiding principles in the government's code of practice i.e. to be: lawful, cost effective, objective, even handed, appropriate, to have regard to equality and diversity, and to proceed with care during times of heightened sensitivity.

ii Editorial Team

Editor – Revd Clive Barlow. Member of The Association of Church Editors.

Advisory Group – Brian Munday, Rosemary Walters, and Judith Dimond (proof-reader).

iii Our Objectives

We aim to be relevant to our Parish Vision and to be outward looking by including:

- Details of our church's worship, ministry, children, youth and adult activities.
- Articles that help people learn more about God and what the Bible teaches., i.e. through the Parish Letter, Sermon in a Sentence, Life-long Learning events and opportunities.
- Information relating to the Diocese and Deanery, and other Christians, eg Christians Together Canterbury.
- Articles reflecting on Christian beliefs on various issues i.e. Eco-Church reports,
- and articles entitled *In Perspective, Point of View, Insight*, and book reviews.
- A Parish Diary of church services and weekly events.
- Articles in support of local charities i.e. Connecting Canterbury, Catching Lives, and the charities named in the PCC's 'Cause of the Month'.
- A parish archive researched by Brian Hogben (Parish Archivist) and regular reports from St Martin's Tourism Manager (Jessica Morris)

iv Production and Distribution

Pilgrim Post is printed 'in house' in the Parish Centre by the editor, and collated each month (at the editor's house) by a team of volunteers for subscribers who collect a magazine from church or receive one by post. A small number of volunteers deliver magazines around the

parish. A pdf copy of each edition is accessible on the parish website, and this is also emailed to subscribers who have requested pdf copies. Since 'Covid' the number of printed copies has reduced from 200 to appx. 130 each month.

v Cost

The parish magazine is produced on a low cost budget subsidised by income from advertisements. The editor's office expenses are reimbursed by the PCC. As from April 2025, the cover price is 70p and an annual subscription is £7.00. Church members living in the almshouses or Residential Homes receive a complementary copy, as do former clergy who have been on the staff. The PCC acknowledges that some of the cost of production is part of our outreach.

vi Thank You

To everyone involved in making Pilgrim Post what it is, and a warm welcome to Chris Kirkland, whose graphic design skills will be vital to our continuing development in a rapidly changing publishing world.

Clive Barlow.

M) ECO-GROUP

The group has continued to submit monthly articles to Pilgrim Post highlighting activities concerning the parish, particularly the need for help in St. Martin's Churchyard. There have been regular updates from Pat Crawford alerting us all to the effects that climate change is having on the whole earth. Local events and dates have been brought to the attention of readers, and it is hoped that some have been able to participate.

Within services, there has been a talk about the work of Fairtrade and the importance of seeking out Fairtrade goods. As far as possible, such items are in use in the parish, ranging from wine to sugar. Recycling of blister packs and crisps continue unabated to the extent that Super Drug, who recycle the blister packs, suggested that the latest bag constituted bulk delivery, and they didn't do that - nevertheless, they took the black bag! Paper is recycled in the church, while phones and electrical gadgets are taken to All Saints' for their roof Appeal. Tools of all kinds are collected for *Tools With A Mission*, who prepare packs for delivery to Africa. There, people are trained in their use, pay a nominal sum for the pack, and are encouraged to set up their own businesses.

No further progress has been made on Eco Church Awards as the PCC has declined to establish provision for solar panels and replacement boilers.

Work on St. Martin's Churchyard has continued. Some of the dead box has been cut down but more remains to be done. The last working party made significant inroads into the bramble patch, and the donation of a Magnolia tree and Witch Hazel in memory of Keith Dimond have been planted and are thriving. Further donations would be very welcome.

Sue White

N) FLOWERS

i Flowers at St Paul's

Despite the increasing price of flowers, the dedicated flower arrangers have ensured that St Paul's continues to be beautifully decorated with fresh flowers and look spectacular for festivals. The generous donations of the flower arranging team and members of the congregation have meant that the cost for the flowers has been completely met without requesting additional funding from the PCC. We are truly blessed and thankful. Also, appreciation goes to those who donated greenery over the year. There is much that goes on behind the scenes for which we are truly grateful.

Having completed her Duke of Edinburgh skill section with the flower arrangers, Annabel has returned regularly this year to help in the decoration of the church for festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter. This has included working to decorate the large Christmas tree and to create the Easter garden. Thank you!

We would gladly welcome new members to our little team of flower arrangers. No experience is necessary, as help and support will be given whilst you gain the confidence and faith to have a go.

May God grant that our hearts, our eyes and our hands may receive inspiration, enabling us to continue to glorify this place with the beauty of the leaves and blossoms created by God.

Ros Newington

ii Flowers at St Martin's

There are new things to report. First, a member who has recently joined the St Martin's regular congregation has agreed to help out our tiny band of flower arrangers. Secondly, since we abandoned "oasis" (because it never rots) for traditional and unhelpful chicken wire, my Climate Activist son-in-law found a foam that is neither very expensive nor environmentally harmful - and bought us our first box. Arranging is now much easier again and we continue to do our modest best.

Doreen Laven

6) SAFEGUARDING

Last year saw the retirement of Chris Page who was responsible for the DBS checks of all eligible members of the church involved with children, young people or vulnerable adults. This role is now undertaken by Ros Newington who has updated and extended the monitoring of this, alongside the record of safeguarding training, as Safeguarding Administrator.

The Parish Dashboard has been set up and the Level 1 *Standard of Safer Foundations* has been achieved. Work has commenced to complete Level 2 *Safer Activities* and Level 3 *Safer Practices* as well. These levels require considerable preliminary work involving creating policies and actions; safeguarding procedures and roles; ensuring training is undertaken for

key roles; displaying information; and making sure that safeguarding is on the agenda for every PCC meeting; and, importantly, that PCC members undertake the necessary safeguarding training to carry out their role effectively. Activities within the church will be the next focus, to ensure that full authorisation and risk assessments are recorded for every activity involving children, young people and vulnerable adults. Much of this is already carried out by dedicated volunteers, but it requires further formalisation to meet the new requirements and to be entered onto the secure Safeguarding hub.

The Parish Safeguarding Officers and Church Wardens continue to maintain their vigilance and awareness to ensure that any concerns are followed up immediately, with advice and information promptly sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers.

Ros Newington

7) DEANERY SYNOD 2024/5

A) SYNOD MEETINGS

Synod has met three times since our last APCM.

In June 2024 we met at Canterbury Cathedral's Studio and discussed Revitalisation, one of the three bold outcomes of the Diocesan strategy. Following an introduction from Archdeacon Will Adams, there were group discussions focussing on what revitalisation could look like in the parishes.

In October 2024 at St Paul's, we focussed on another of the bold outcomes, *New Worshipping Communities*. After a presentation by Shiela Porter on the work of Myriad (a national organisation which helps lay leaders to form new communities), there was a short video on three such communities. After a lively period for questions, there were group discussions.

In February 2025 at All Saints, Synod was an entirely open meeting which focussed on the Deanery Mission Plan. Revd Nick White gave a short presentation outlining the structure and main elements of the plan, followed by opportunities for discussion around six tables each led by a facilitator. These covered the main elements of the Plan: Ignite, Youth, Housing estates, University students, Buildings, and Eco church. Everyone had the opportunity to discuss each topic for 10 minutes during the hourlong session. Each facilitator gave a brief summary of the main issues raised and these comments will be taken back for further consideration by the Deanery Mission and Ministry Committee (DMMC). The Plan will be brought back for formal approval at the June meeting of Synod.

B) MISCELLANEOUS

The Deanery Eco group continues to flourish, although Caroline Blamey is stepping back from the coordinating role, the Deanery is grateful for all the effort she has put into the group.

The *Care in a Crisis* initiative, networking local agencies working against poverty and disadvantage, was merged with the similar activity led by the Canterbury Society, to avoid unnecessary duplication.

Communication:

The Deanery Facebook page www.facebook.com/CanterburyDeanery/ provides current news of the huge range of activities among our Deanery parishes and Christians Together in Canterbury.

During the year, the Deanery welcomed back Revd Jo Richards after a period of illness. Revd Brian McHenry was appointed as Assistant Area Dean. Liz Morrison (Lay Chair) and John Morrison (Treasurer) stepped down from their roles. Professor Roger Vickerman was elected as Lay Chair and Canon Treasurer Revd Andrew Dodds as Treasurer.

Thanks to all members of the DMMC for their hard work on the Deanery Mission Plan and for their continuing dedication to the needs of the Deanery, and to Harry Macdonald, our Administrator, for his efficient work in serving the Deanery

Roger Vickerman

8) FINANCES

A) GENERAL NOTE

For details of our finances for the year just passed, please see the separate tables of figures in Appendix A (pages 21-25) which have been audited by Mrs Jane Neame FCA.

B) THE TREASURER'S REPORT: FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

I begin by welcoming Mary and I am sure she will have an interesting fulfilling and enjoyable time here. Thanks to the churchwardens for their hard work over the past year. I would like to thank everyone for their , whether it be financial, time, or extra voluntary work. Last year was a tough one with the accounts showing a small deficit. The accounts been audited in the manner required by the Charity Commission.

Looking forward, Parish Share has been increased by over 7 per cent for 2025. This is more than twice the rate of inflation. I had discussions with Diocesan House but to no avail. The monthly payment is now £8160. Parish Giving has not kept not kept pace with inflation and with other costs, such as wages and National Insurance, rising by above inflation, 2025 will be another difficult year. Although income from hiring out the Parish Centre and St Paul's, and income from visitors to St Martin's, has been encouraging, we need to increase our income further. Maybe a Stewardship campaign is required to bring in additional members?

With two very old churches, unexpected costs are always likely and, in order to improve our cash position, £10,000 was withdrawn from our investment reserves in February This has proved to be a well-timed decision. It should be possible to put aside £9,000 towards Outreach charities this year. Budgeting has proved to be totally inaccurate over the years and cash flow and cash maintenance are my aims.

I end my review by recommending that Jane Neame be reappointed as our Independent accounts examiner. She also looks after our payroll services.

Gordon Craig

APPENDIX A: ACCOUNTS FOR 2024 AND THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL of St. Martins and St. Pauls, Canterbury

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending 31st December 2024

Receipts & Payments Account - GENERAL FUND

<u>RECEIPTS :</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Legacy</u>	2024	2023
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Voluntary Income:	Christian Stewardship	86,552			86,552	88,761
	Income Tax recovered	26,237			26,237	26,254
	Collections / Bookstall	0			0	1,060
	Events and Tours	4,461			4,461	2,060
	Youth collections	0			0	0
	Sundry Donations	65,083			65,083	44,091
	Magazine Subscriptions/Sales	549			549	546
	Charities		1,507		1,507	3,687
	Fees	5,776			5,776	5,442
	Gift Fund	1,050			1,050	10,335
Legacies		0			0	0
Fund raising	Organ Fund	0			0	0
Friends of St Martins	Subscriptions		179		179	481
St Pauls Flower Fund	Donations		0		0	0
St Martins Flower Fund	Donations		0		0	0
St Pauls Choir Fund	Weddings / Bells		0		0	0
Trading Receipts:	Hall Lettings	21,007			21,007	19,315
	Printing	0			0	0
Investment Income:	Dividends	42			42	22
	Interest	23			23	27
VAT / Insurance claim		2,968			2,968	3,755
Movement on value of investments (Profit/(Loss))		7,775			7,775	17,046
TOTAL RECEIPTS		221,523	1,686	0	223,209	222,882

Chr. Robinson.

Approved by the PCC
24th March 2025

The Parochial Church Council of St. Martins & St. Pauls, Canterbury - ANNUAL REPORT 2024

PAYMENTS		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023	
		Fund	Fund			
Outreach Giving:		8,618		8,618	8,511	
	Charities		3,218	3,218	2,880	
Direct:	Parish Fairer Share	90,237		90,237	85,980	
Ministry:	Rector's expenses	362		362	1,294	
	Curate's expenses	0		0	0	
	Gift fund	1,130		1,130	1,980	
Church:	Insurances	6,691		6,691	6,236	
	Heat, light & water	8,297		8,297	7,589	
	Upkeep of services	22,896		22,896	19,035	
	Minor repairs	32,036		32,036	31,105	
	Licences/subscriptions	986		986	1,355	
	Website/publications/mag	428		428	249	
	Choir Director/music	5,357		5,357	5,288	
	Choir Fund expenses		0	0	321	
	Organist/maintenance	7,460		7,460	7,067	
	Traning/ Education	0		0	135	
	Flowers - St Pauls		0	0	98	
	Flowers - St Martins		0	0	327	
	Youth Leader	2,034		2,034	1,617	
	Godly play	0		0	0	
Fees	Weddings/choir/bells/verger	4,478		4,478	3,975	
Administration:	Audit costs	665		665	630	
	Payroll and licence costs	3,840		3,840	1,349	
Activities:	Events	0		0	0	
	Repayment of fees	0		0	0	
Friends of St Martins:	Expenses		0	0	740	
Parish Centre:	Caretaker/materials	4,523		4,523	3,069	
	Heat/light & water	4,359		4,359	3,288	
	Minor repairs	326		326	0	
	Insurances	2,016		2,016	1,993	
Parish Office:	Secretary	10,637		10,637	13,825	
	Tel/post/stationery	1,995		1,995	2,051	
	Photocopier/printer	2,010		2,010	785	
	Computercolour printer	679		679	1,703	
PROVISIONS:	Depreciation	444		444	0	
TOTAL PAYMENTS :		222,504	3,218	0	225,722	214,475
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		-981	-1,532	0	-2,513	8,407
Reordering		0	0	0	0	
Quinquennial		0	0	0	0	
		-981	-1,532	0	-2,513	8,407

Chr. Robinson

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24th March 2025

The P C C of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury						As at 31 December 2024
1 Unrestricted Funds	Property Maintenance Fund	Designated Donations Fund	Designated St Paul's Re-ordering Fund	Emergency Fund	General Fund	TOTAL £
Balance at 1 January 2024	67,843	13,444	20,475	2,000	688,164	791,926
Incoming resources	0	0	0	0	221,523	221,523
Resources expended	0	0	0	0	-222,504	-222,504
Reordering expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to General fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quinquennial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance as at 31 December 2024	67,843	13,444	20,475	2,000	687,183	790,945

2 Restricted Funds	Special Collections	Special Leacies	Friends of St Martin's	St Paul's Flowers	St Martin's Flowers	Choir	TOTAL
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,711	15,255	3,788	0	0	0	20,754
Incoming resources	1,507	0	179	0	0	0	1,686
Resources expended	-3,218	0	0	0	0	0	-3,218
Balance as at 31 December 2024	0	15,255	3,967	0	0	0	19,222

	FREEHOLD BUILDINGS	FIXTURES & FITTINGS	EQUIPMENT	TOTAL		£
Cost	713,640	52,464	9,324	775,428	Cash at Bank and in hand	
Additions	0	1,775	0	1,775	Scottish Widows	1,919.90
Disposals	0	0	0	0	Current account	499.57
	713,640	54,239	9,324	777,203	Friends of St Martin's	3,966.87
						6,386.34
Depreciation					Investments	
carried forward from earlier years	71,178	52,463	9,323	132,964	CCLA Investment Fund	159,812.02
Charge for the year	0	444	0	444	Charities: Baker Brown / Wilson	824.32
Disposals	0	0	0	0	War loan	0.00
	71,178	52,907	9,323	133,408		160,636.34
at 31 December 2024	642,462	1,332	1	643,795		
at 31 December 2023	642,462	1	1	642,464		

Chr. Robinson

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24th March 2025

The PCC of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	643,795	642,464
Investments	160,636	152,862
Current assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	6,386	17,984
	<u>6,386</u>	<u>17,984</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>650</u>	<u>630</u>
Net current assets	5,736	17,354
Net assets	<u>810,167</u>	<u>812,680</u>
Accumulated funds		
Unrestricted funds	790,945	791,926
Restricted funds	19,222	20,754
	<u>810,167</u>	<u>812,680</u>

Chr. Robinson.

Approved by the PCC
24th March 2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** The Parochial Church Council of St Martin's and St Paul's

**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 December 2024 **Charity no
(if any)** 1133979

Set out on pages 1 to 4 (one to four)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report** As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

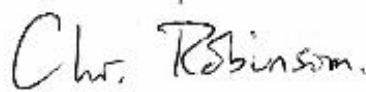
Signed:  **Date:** 21/03/2025

Name: Mrs J C Neame

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address: 52 Ham Shades Lane
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Approved by the PCC
24th March 2025

APPENDIX B: ATTENDANCE STATISTICS TAKEN FROM THE PARISH PROFILE

October 2023 Attendances *Unless stated	ST MARTIN	ST PAUL	PARISH
Usual Sunday Eucharist	18 Adults 01 Child	81 Adults 08 Children 25 Online	99 Adults 09 Children
SP@TT 2023 Average	N/A	20 Adults 16 Children	N/A
St Paul's Evensong and Supper 2023 Average	N/A	65 Adults 03 Children 36 Online	N/A
Usual Wednesday Eucharist	N/A	16 Adults	N.A
Thursday Midday Prayers (2024 average)	04	N/A	N/A
Easter Day Eucharist 2024*	35	169	204
Christmas 2023* (Eve & Day) Worshippers	31	119	150
Baptisms	05 Children 01 Adult	08 Children 05 Adults	13 Children 06 Adults
Weddings 2023	02	01	03
Funerals in Church	03	02	05
Funerals at Crematorium or Cemetery	00	07	07

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 To 31st December 2023

Charity name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martin & St Paul, Canterbury

Charity registration number: 1133979

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To further the mission of the Church of England in the southeastern part of Canterbury
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Offering prayer & worship to God; providing support to people in need; giving education about the Christian faith; resourcing the history of England by keeping St Martin's Church open (St Martin's being the first base for mission used by St Augustine from 597 AD).Building community links.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We donate 10% of our covenanted income to about 10 other charities that help people in need.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Our investments are managed by CCLA which invests in an ESG approved manner.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Too many to mention
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Providing spiritual support and fellowship to people living within the parish, as well as visitors from across the world. Supporting the Canterbury World Heritage Site by keeping St Martin's Church open for pilgrims and visitors. Using resources to educate adults and children about the Christian faith. Helping mothers by offering a children's playgroup twice a week. Offering hospitality by providing lunches and suppers. Encouraging artistic performances both through the work of our choir and being a venue available for other musicians and artists.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income: £222,882 Expenditure: £214,475 Balance sheet at 31 st Dec 2023: £812,680
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Held with CCLA for future projects and unknown future expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£152,863
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		A parish of the Church of England
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 & Charities Act 2011
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Corporation sole
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Annual parochial church meeting

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martin & St Paul, Canterbury
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1133979
Charity's principal address	The Parish Office, 15 Church St (St Paul's), Canterbury, CT1 1NH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Miss Ruth Baker			Church congregation
2	Mrs Felicity Bolton			"
3	Prof Claire Butler			"
4	Mr Gordon Craig	Treasurer		"
5	Mrs Jacqueline Curd	Premises Supervisor		"
6	Mrs Judith Dimond			"
7	Ms Andrea Don		Elected 14th May 2023	"
8	Revd Mark Griffin	Chair of PCC	Resigned 21 st April 2024	By virtue of office
9	Mr Abraham Joseph		Elected 14th May 2023	Church congregation
10	Mr Michael Keeler-Walker	Churchwarden		"
11	Mr Samuel Keeler-Walker	Lay Reader		"
12	Ms Joanna Lawson			"
13	Mrs Jo Luck	Secretary/CW	Resigned 19th May 2024	"
14	Mrs Ruth Matthews	Deanery Synod rep.	Resigned 19th May 2024	"
15	Ms Rosemary Newington			"
16	Mr Christopher Robinson	Vice-chair/Lay Reader		"
17	Mrs Christine Robinson	Churchwarden		"
18	Mr James Sampson			"
19	Prof Henrik Schoenefeldt	Deanery Synod rep.	Resigned 19th May 2024	"
20	Mrs Ruth Sibson		Resigned 19th May 2024	"
21	Revd Charlotte Sleigh	Curate		By virtue of office
22	Mrs Susan Spillett			Church congregation
23	Mr David Stuart	Churchwarden		"
24	Mrs Camilla Titterton		Elected 14th May 2023	"
25	Dr Daniel Titterton		Elected 14th May 2023	"
26	Mrs Monica Walling			"
27	Dr Rosemary Walters	Lay Reader/Deanery Synod		"

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher Robinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Acting Chair of the PCC	
Date	26 th October 2024	

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL of St. Martins and St. Pauls, Canterbury

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending 31st December 2023

Receipts & Payments Account - GENERAL FUND

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Legacy</u>	2023	2022
RECEIPTS :		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Voluntary Income:	Christian Stewardship	88,761			88,761	81,295
	Income Tax recovered	26,254			26,254	23,492
	Collections / Bookstall	1,060			1,060	95
	Events	2,060			2,060	1,731
	Youth collections	0			0	0
	Sundry Donations	44,091			44,091	27,669
	Magazine Sales	546			546	415
	Charities	0	3,687		3,687	1,444
	Fees	5,442			5,442	8,354
	Gift Fund	10,335			10,335	2,515
Legacies		0			0	3,100
Fund raising	Organ Fund	0			0	0
Friends of St Martins	Subscriptions		481		481	154
St Pauls Flower Fund	Donations		0		0	1,062
St Martins Flower Fund	Donations		0		0	0
St Pauls Choir Fund	Weddings / Bells		0		0	0
Trading Receipts:	Hall Lettings	19,315			19,315	14,557
	Printing	0			0	0
Investment Income:	Dividends	22			22	22
	Interest	27			27	58
VAT / Insurance claim		3,755			3,755	938
Movement on value of investments (Profit/(Loss))		17,046			17,046	-13,530
Signboard		0			0	1,150
Furlough/Gas/Energy grant		0			0	6,847
TOTAL RECEIPTS		218,714	4,168	0	222,882	161,368

The Parochial Church Council of St. Martins & St. Pauls, Canterbury - ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PAYMENTS		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	2023	2022
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Outreach Giving:		8,511		8,511	8,160
	Charities		2,880	2,880	995
Direct:	Parish Fairer Share	85,980		85,980	80,400
Ministry:	Rector's expenses	1,294		1,294	695
	Curate's expenses	0		0	0
	Gift fund	1,980		1,980	1,759
Church:	Insurances	6,236		6,236	5,678
	Heat, light & water	7,589		7,589	6,024
	Upkeep of services	19,035		19,035	16,950
	Minor repairs	31,105		31,105	21,032
	Licences/subscriptions	1,355		1,355	954
	Website/publications/mag	249		249	249
	Choir Director/music	5,288		5,288	4,660
	Choir Fund expenses		321	321	0
	Organist/maintenance	7,067		7,067	7,590
	Traning/ Education	135		135	0
	Flowers - St Pauls		98	98	1,123
	Flowers - St Martins	136	191	327	0
	Youth Leader	1,617		1,617	1,352
	Godly play	0		0	0
Fees	Weddings/choir/bells/verger	3,975		3,975	4,605
Administration:	Audit costs	630		630	630
	Payroll and licence costs	1,349		1,349	1,148
Activities:	Events	0		0	0
	Repayment of fees	0		0	0
Friends of St Martins:	Expenses		740	740	2,324
Parish Centre:	Caretaker/materials	3,069		3,069	1,475
	Heat/light & water	3,288		3,288	3,975
	Minor repairs	0		0	0
	Insurances	1,993		1,993	1,827
Parish Office:	Secretary	13,825		13,825	12,550
	Tel/post/stationery	2,051		2,051	2,280
	Photocopier/printer	785		785	1,573
	Computercolour printer	1,703		1,703	423
PROVISIONS:	Depreciation	0		0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS :		210,245	4,230 0	214,475	190,431
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		8,469	-62 0	8,407	-29,063
Reordering		0	0	0	0
Quinquennial		0	0	0	0
		8,469	-62 0	8,407 0	-29,063

The P C C of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury

As at 31 December 2023

1 Unrestricted Funds

	<u>Property</u> <u>Maintenance</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Donations</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>St Paul's</u> <u>Re-ordering</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Emergency</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>£</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	67,843	13,444	25,475	2,000	674,695	783,457
Incoming resources	0	0	0	0	218,714	218,714
Resources expended	0	0	0	0	-210,245	-210,245
Reordering expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to General fund	0	0	-5,000	0	5,000	0
Quinquennial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance as at 31 December 2023	67,843	13,444	20,475	2,000	688,164	791,926

2 Restricted Funds

	<u>Special</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Legacies</u>	<u>Friends of</u> <u>St Martin's</u>	<u>St Paul's</u> <u>Flowers</u>	<u>St Martin's</u> <u>Flowers</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	904	15,255	4,047	98	191	321	20,816
Incoming resources	3,687	0	481	0	0	0	4,168
Resources expended	-2,880	0	-740	-98	-191	-321	-4,230
Balance as at 31 December 2023	1,711	15,255	3,788	0	0	0	20,754

	<u>FREEHOLD</u> <u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>FIXTURES &</u> <u>FITTINGS</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cost	713,640	52,464	9,324	775,428
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
	713,640	52,464	9,324	775,428
Depreciation				
carried forward from earlier years	71,178	52,463	9,323	132,964
Charge for the year	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
	71,178	52,463	9,323	132,964
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at 31 December 2023	642,462	1	1	642,464
at 31 December 2022	642,462	1	1	642,464

Cash at Bank and in hand

	<u>£</u>
Scottish Widows	1,897.00
Current account	12,299.00
Friends of St Martin's	3,788.00
St Paul's Flowers	0.00
St Martin's Flowers	0.00
Choir Fund	0.00
	<u>17,984.00</u>

Investments

CCLA Investment Fund	152,049.85
Charities: Baker Brown / Wilson	812.90
War loan	0.00
	<u>152,862.75</u>

The PCC of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	642,464	642,464
Investments	152,862	135,815
Current assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>17,984</u>	<u>26,624</u>
	17,984	42,157
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>630</u>	<u>630</u>
Net current assets	17,354	25,994
Net assets	<u><u>812,680</u></u>	<u><u>804,273</u></u>
Accumulated funds		
Unrestricted funds	791,926	783,457
Restricted funds	20,754	20,816
	<u><u>812,680</u></u>	<u><u>804,273</u></u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Parochial Church Council of St Martin's and St Paul's

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

15/03/2024

Name:

Mrs J C Neame

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

52 Ham Shades Lane

Whitstable

Kent CT5 1NX

Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL of St. Martins and St. Pauls, Canterbury

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending 31st December 2022

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FIRST CONTACT
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Receipts & Payments Account - GENERAL FUND

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Legacy</u>	2022	2021
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
RECEIPTS :						
Voluntary Income:	Christian Stewardship	81,295			81,295	82,524
	Income Tax recovered	23,492			23,492	28,201
	Collections / Bookstall	95			95	0
	Events	1,731			1,731	1,477
	Youth collections	0			0	243
	Sundry Donations	27,669			27,669	39,844
	Magazine Sales	415			415	817
	Charities	0	1,444		1,444	2,162
	Fees	8,354			8,354	6,076
	Gift Fund	2,515			2,515	4,579
Legacies		3,100			3,100	10,000
Fund raising	Organ Fund	0			0	0
Friends of St Martins	Subscriptions		154		154	227
St Pauls Flower Fund	Donations		1,062		1,062	700
St Martins Flower Fund	Donations		0		0	0
St Pauls Choir Fund	Weddings / Bells		0		0	0
Trading Receipts:	Hall Lettings	14,557			14,557	10,370
	Printing	0			0	0
Investment Income:	Dividends	22			22	21
	Interest	58			58	27
VAT / Insurance claim		938			938	1,564
Movement on value of investments ((Loss)/Profit)		-13,530			-13,530	22,267
Signboard		1,150			1,150	0
Furlough/Gas/Energy grant		6,847			6,847	13,045
TOTAL RECEIPTS		158,708	2,660	0	161,368	224,144

The Parochial Church Council of St. Martins & St. Pauls, Canterbury - ANNUAL REPORT 2022

PAYMENTS		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	2022	2021
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Outreach Giving:		8,160		8,160	5,837
	Charities		995	995	650
Direct:	Parish Fairer Share	80,400		80,400	86,783
Ministry:	Rector's expenses	695		695	1,306
	Curate's expenses	0		0	169
	Gift fund	1,759		1,759	2,217
Church:	Insurances	5,678		5,678	5,442
	Heat, light & water	6,024		6,024	6,333
	Upkeep of services	16,950		16,950	6,554
	Minor repairs	21,032		21,032	37,376
	Licences/subscriptions	954		954	949
	Website/publications/mag	249		249	249
	Choir Director/music	4,660		4,660	3,670
	Choir Fund expenses		0	0	0
	Organist/maintenance	7,590		7,590	4,324
	Traning/ Education	0		0	0
	Flowers - St Pauls		1,123	1,123	632
	Flowers - St Martins		0	0	96
	Youth Leader	1,352		1,352	1,217
	Godly play	0		0	0
Fees	Weddings/choir/bells/verger	4,605		4,605	3,829
Administration:	Audit costs	630		630	630
	Payroll and licence costs	1,148		1,148	3,188
Activities:	Events	0		0	0
	Repayment of fees	0		0	0
Friends of St Martins:	Expenses		2,324	2,324	0
Parish Centre:	Caretaker/materials	1,473		1,473	5,113
	Heat/light & water	3,975		3,975	3,006
	Minor repairs	0		0	0
	Insurances	1,827		1,827	1,778
Parish Office:	Secretary	12,550		12,550	11,632
	Tel/post/stationery	2,280		2,280	1,894
	Photocopier/printer	1,573		1,573	1,352
	Computercolour printer	423		423	1,297
PROVISIONS:	Depreciation	0		0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS :		185,989	4,442	0	190,431
					197,523
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		-27,281	-1,782	0	-29,063
					26,621
Reordering		0	0	0	0
Quinquennial		0	0	0	0
		-27,281	-1,782	0	-29,063
					0
					26,621

The PCC of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury

**Balance Sheet
As at 31st December 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	642,464	642,464
Investments	135,815	149,345
Current assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	26,624	42,157
	<u>26,624</u>	<u>42,157</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>630</u>	<u>630</u>
Net current assets	25,994	41,527
Net assets	<u><u>804,273</u></u>	<u><u>833,336</u></u>
Accumulated funds		
Unrestricted funds	783,457	815,145
Restricted funds	20,816	18,191
	<u><u>804,273</u></u>	<u><u>833,336</u></u>

The P C C of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury

As at 31 December 2022

1 Unrestricted Funds	<u>Property Maintenance Fund</u>	<u>Designated Donations Fund</u>	<u>Designated St Paul's Re-ordering Fund</u>	<u>Emergency Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
						£
Balance at 1 January 2022	67,843	13,444	25,475	2,000	706,383	815,145
Incoming resources	0	0	0	0	158,708	158,708
Resources expended	0	0	0	0	-185,989	-185,989
Reordering expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Cheeky Monkeys	0	0	0	0	-4,407	-4,407
Quinquennial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance as at 31 December 2022	67,843	13,444	25,475	2,000	674,695	783,457

2 Restricted Funds	<u>Special Collections</u>	<u>Special Legacies</u>	<u>Cheeky Monkeys</u>	<u>Friends of St Martin's</u>	<u>St Paul's Flowers</u>	<u>St Martin's Flowers</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Balance at 1 January 2022	455	15,255	-4,407	6,217	159	191	321	18,191
Incoming resources	1,444	0	4,407	154	1,062	0	0	7,067
Resources expended	-995	0	0	-2,324	-1,123	0	0	-4,442
Balance as at 31 December 2022	904	15,255	0	4,047	98	191	321	20,816

	<u>FREEHOLD BUILDINGS</u>	<u>FIXTURES & FITTINGS</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cost	713,640	52,464	9,324	775,428
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
	713,640	52,464	9,324	775,428
Depreciation carried forward from earlier years	71,178	52,463	9,323	132,964
Charge for the year	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
	71,178	52,463	9,323	132,964
at 31 December 2022	642,462	1	1	642,464
at 31 December 2021	642,462	1	1	642,464

<u>Cash at Bank and in hand</u>	£
Scottish Widows	11,870.14
Cash account (treasurer)	0.00
Current account	10,096.86
Cheeky Monkeys	0.00
Friends of St Martin's	4,047.00
St Paul's Flowers	98.39
St Martin's Flowers	191.00
Choir Fund	321.00
	26,624.39
<u>Investments</u>	
CCLA Investment Fund	135,076.65
Charities: Baker Brown / Wilson	739.18
War loan	0.00
	135,815.83



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Parochial Church Council of St Martin's and St Paul's		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1133979
Set out on pages	1 to 4 (one to four)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:  **Date:** 25/03/2023

Name: Mrs J C Neame

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address: 52 Ham Shades Lane
Whitstable
Kent CT5 1NX

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

A large empty rectangular box for providing details of items to disclose.

PARISH OF ST MARTIN AND ST PAUL, CANTERBURY
Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting May 2023



'Shew me thy ways O Lord, and teach me thy paths.' Psalm 25 V3

PARISH OF ST. MARTIN AND ST. PAUL CANTERBURY

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2022-2023

<u>Rector (Chairman)</u>	The Reverend Mark Griffin
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Mr Christopher Robinson (also Reader/Diocesan Synod)
<u>Curate</u>	The Reverend Charlotte Sleigh (from July 2nd)
<u>Churchwardens at St. Martin's</u>	Mr. David Stuart Mrs Christine Robinson
<u>Churchwardens at St. Paul's</u>	Vacant Mr Michael Keeler-Walker
<u>Parish Treasurer</u>	Mr Gordon Craig (and Co-opted member)
<u>Readers holding the Bishop's Licence</u>	Dr Rosemary Walters (also Deanery Synod) Mr. Samuel Keeler-Walker Mrs Mary Butcher (PTO- non-voting member)
<u>Deanery Synod Representatives</u>	Mrs Ruth Matthews Mr Henrik Schoenefeldt
<u>Elected Members 2020-2023</u>	Mr John Salmon Mrs Clare Butler Ms Jo Lawson Mr James Sampson
<u>Elected members 2021-2024</u>	Miss Ruth Baker Mrs Jackie Curd Mrs Judith Dimond Mrs Ruth Sibson
<u>Elected Members 2022-2025</u>	Ms Ros Newington Mrs Jo Luck Ms Felicity Bolton Vacancy
<u>Co-Opted Member 2022-2023</u>	Monica Walling
<u>Also in Attendance (non-voting in matters of legal resolution and non-trustees)</u>	Mr Dominic del Nevo (Choir Director) Mrs Christine Page (PCC secretary)

Welcome to our 2023 Annual Report.

Our report this year continues to reflect the return towards normality as we move away from the covid years. Our congregations have returned close to pre-covid numbers and social events are happening again. There is still much to do as we continue to rebuild but much to be thankful for.

I would like to thank all those who have given tirelessly over the last year, churchwardens, our musicians, the ministry team and everyone who have been there giving of their time and skill in so many ways.

This report is a record of a tough year but one that has seen us face all that has come our way with faith, empathy, tears, and laughter.

Introduction

At the 2022 APCM, Jennifer Llewelin stepped down with our grateful thanks. Our other three wardens were re-elected for the year, leaving us with a vacancy at St Paul's. We give thanks for their service as our Churchwardens over the last year.

Sadly we lost some much-loved members of our congregations in the last year- notably Ruth Smith, Bob Parvin, Bill Valentine and Dorothy Dobbs, also friends like Eric Griffiths. Each of them played an important part in the life of our parish and gave much to our mission, each in their own way. We will miss them and our thoughts are with their families.

This year we welcomed Charlotte Sleigh as our new self-supporting curate in July. Charlotte has quickly become part of our life as a parish, bringing her own gifts while developing her ministry with us. We look forward to her priesting in July. Henrik Schoenefeldt paused his training as Reader but we hope he will be able to continue in the not too distant future.

Clary Read was selected for training for ordination and is currently on a long placement at St Nicholas, Thanington. Jeanne MacKay joined us as our Senior Visitor House at St Martin's in the summer and has been a great asset to the parish bringing her enthusiasm, her networking skills and her love of St Martin's.

Among the highlights was the blessing of the new organ at St Martins and the tidying of the North West corner, our joining the Inclusive Church Network, the choir visit to Rochester, the arrival of our new Archdeacon, the Venerable Will Adam and the Deanery visit by Bishop Rose. We marked the unprecedented Platinum Jubilee of a sovereign when we celebrated Queen Elizabeth the Second's 70th year on the throne and in September we marked the passing of her long reign. We celebrated the accession of King Charles III and this year will mark his Coronation.

Christmas saw us back to normal with our carol singing in our estates and a full range of services all well supported. Mary and Joseph travelled around the parish from house to house once again blessing all they visited.

So, read on for the story of the year gone - and prepare to write the next year's story.

Reverend Mark Griffin, Rector

Significant decisions of the PCC

- Away afternoon planned
- Minutes for all meetings to be published.
- Committee minutes to be circulated to PCC members
- St Paul's literature to be updated to reflect Canterbury Archaeology Trust report and the significant new findings.
- Jeanne McKay to be invited to talk to PCC
- Architect instructed to draw up a specification for the west end at St Martin's
- Participation in Warm Space Initiative
- Recording of the death of Queen Elizabeth the Second
- Investigation of options on environmental matters including possible solar panels
- Agreement to use Denniss Parrett legacy and gift in his memory to set up a camera in St Paul's.
- Lydia Newington appointed Safeguarding Officer in succession to Tess Hickson
- Henrik's decision to withdraw from Reader training was noted
- Decision for Christmas collections to go to Pilgrim's Way Bursary Fund and Canterbury for Ukraine
- It was agreed to join the Inclusive Church Network
- It was decided to return to the 10% of giving figure for Outreach – supporting our 10 core charities.
- Christopher Robinson to set up a small group looking at the website and work with Jeanne McKay on a St Martin's site both to report back to PCC
- Resolution passed for List B application for stonework repairs at St Paul's
- It was agreed to accept Henrik Scheonefeldt's offer of students to help with our environmental planning.
- Samuel Keeler-Walker was asked to oversee our YouTube page.
- The 2022 accounts were approved unanimously
- It was decided to have a leaflet about legacies for the church and an advert in Pilgrim Post
- It was noted that the clergy office would revert to being a meeting room available for hire.

Churchwardens Report – St Paul's

Somehow, I now realise that I am writing my third of these reports. One of the things I always regret when I come to the end of the year is wishing I'd made a note of all the things that were happening this time last year to do a like for like comparison. For example, it's very difficult to remember what COVID restrictions were still in place in our worshipping life in Easter 2022. I still can't remember but we celebrated Easter 2023 with pretty much all the restrictions of our common life and worship gone for which we give ongoing thanks!

There have been a number of significant milestones in the year of our country which the church played an important role in marking with our community. First of all was the joy of the royal Jubilee, with special platinum puddings galore followed by the poignant stillness as we gathered to remember the death of the late Queen Elizabeth just a few months later. It was at these moments, that our determination to keep our doors open every day of the week means that our church is there for all of our parish, not just those of us who worship here each Sunday. What the impact is on those who visit, what encounters those have who stop to pray here we may never know but that being open and there means our church both as a building and as a people continues its age-old mission day by day.

After many years of routine building maintenance only, it would be remiss of me not to mention that a nasty surprise that appeared in the South East Gable Wall which had, unbeknownst to anyone, invisibly been taking on water for many years. Alas that wall had not been built well by the Victorians and their mortar had turned to powder. Very hard frosts in early December led to bulging flintwork and partial collapse. The problem appeared small but was in fact enormous with much of the upper facing flintwork needing to be dismantled and completely rebuilt. All told the bill was circa £15,000 including repairs to some rotten framework on the dormer windows. This has left the St Paul's emergency building fund perilously low. Our Parish have responded very generously to bolster up that coffer once again and we have plans later in the year to undertake some further fundraising events to get ourselves back on an even keel. Thank you for all you have given in helping us in this work to date.

The worshipping life of the parish continues in its pattern and as Warden I hope I have encouraged us to always put our best foot forward to make sure we are making the best of the gifts and traditions we have to make our Worship to God as beautiful and purposeful as it can possibly be.

Numbers have stabilised across most of our services including the Parish Eucharist, Mid-Week Eucharist, TeaTime and Choral Evensong but a look over our statistics show that numbers although healthy are below where we are before the pandemic.

We regularly have new people coming to join our worship for which we give thanks. They tell us they like our worship and appear to be staying but my instinct is we sometime struggle to build the deeper relationships with new people that would help them become more part of our community and mission here. Some people who try us out, inevitably will think we are not right for them, and I observe that those who stay are the ones whom we get involved quickly and teach about our life together often through serving or singing in the choir.

So, getting people through the door seems to be the easier bit, it's building the deeper, quality relationships that seem to be harder. Maybe this suggests that we need to offer more in terms of our life together outside of the quality worship offering on Sunday mornings, perhaps we need to explain more about what we do and think about how our younger people have more ministry opportunities. The answer is not yet clear, but we need to pray and discern it.

Our priorities for the next year therefore need to be - drawing people in. Not just new people but other, faithful members of our worshipping community. As warden I am hugely grateful for all that everyone does to keep the life of the parish vibrant and alive from our meals together, to the care of our church and the running of our worship – there are actually too many to count.

However, some parts of our life have thin foundations at the moment, too much of the 'bigger jobs' is dependent on too few. This puts our mission and life together at risk. This has been demonstrated clearly this year where we only have one warden and sadly St Paul's has suffered because of it – the wheels of Sundays, heating and maintenance kept turning but I had no time left for planning, resourcing imagination, vision or innovation. My duty as Churchwarden has been to support our Rector and people to ensure we are always putting our best foot forward. In today's church keeping the 'show on the road' by making sure the day to day happens is just not good enough. Nor is it good enough that our Rector Mark has had to do some of the churchwarden jobs too, eating into his ministry time. This is a great pity when we give so generously to make ends meet which enables us to have our own Rector which few other parishes are lucky enough to afford on their own. We owe it to him and our mission, to ensure he has the team around him to enable him to undertake his work.

So let's move into 2023/24 well-resourced in gifts, in time and in talents so we can all continue to build the kingdom here. Building it by putting our best foot forward, confident in the message of the resurrection hope that we have to share with those around us.

Michael Keeler-Walker, Churchwarden St Paul's

Churchwarden's Report – St Martin's

In our last report we described a 'game of two halves' as we eased out of restrictions and start our road to recovery. This year we have been making up for lost time and putting ourselves in the strongest position we can be. The two significant changes for 2022 have been the installation of our new organ and the introduction of our paid senior visits host. When you see the installation of a new organ written down it sounds so easy but it was anything but and we are entirely grateful to Christopher Gower for all his efforts in managing the project for us. There was a significant amount of work to both the West End area of the church where an extensive amount of furniture and a fixed pew needed to be removed and a radiator pipe moved. Alongside this work the old organ had to be removed and the space left boarded up. We have been left with a beautiful organ and a spacious vestry which we will spend 2023 planning how we reorder.

In July 2022 we welcomed Jeanne as our Senior Visitor Host which enables us to open continuously throughout the year on a Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 3pm. Jeanne has taken over organising volunteers and forging links with English Heritage and the Cathedral. She has taken over the bookings for organised tours and put it on a more formal footing. She is getting excellent reviews on both TripAdvisor and Google. Jeanne is also in the early stages of some exciting new initiatives, exploring a possible tour involving both Lyminge and Folkestone Churches, with the connection of Bertha, Ethelberga and Eanswythe; Grandmother, daughter and granddaughter.

Jeanne is also hoping to reach out to local Primary Schools and give them the opportunity to bring Key stage 2 students to visit as part of the Anglo-Saxon part of the history curriculum. We are continuing to analyse the benefit of this both in terms of increasing visitor numbers and income and look forward to sharing this with PCC over the coming months.

Alongside these two significant, noteworthy changes we have continued to maintain our wonderful church including replacing our smoke alarms and a deep clean across all areas of the church. We clearly would not be able to do all of this without the support of our community who do so much for us, in particular John, Ruth, Doreen, James, Gordon, Judith, Christopher and Sylvia. We are also grateful for Mike Butler's work with the World Heritage Committee.

We have a busy 2023 planned as we continue to work on planning the reordering of the vestry, introducing a toilet facility, improving access to the Bell Tower and maximising the number of pilgrims and tourists to St Martins and next year it is time for our Quinquennial again, how it comes around so quickly!

Dave Stuart and Christine Robinson, Churchwardens

Community Engagement

The last year has seen things grow again after the covid years. As always, this is just the official connections that we have as a church and does not begin to count the many connections that you all have as individuals with different community projects across the city.

Schools

This saw us begin to take assemblies again for Pilgrims Way School especially around festivals and seasons of the year. Again we gave small gifts to all of the staff at Pilgrims Way for Christmas and Easter to say thank you for their hard work. The Christmas collections from our services went partly to the school for their Bursary Fund helping families to access activities and trips that they otherwise might not be able to afford. The school were very grateful for the £500 that we presented. There were also visits to both churches by year groups and Mary Butcher was able to help with those. The school are keen to increase the level of contact with us, which I'm very keen to capitalise on. The relationship between parish and school is a strong one and long may that continue and flourish.

Spring Lane and Querns

We have kept in touch with both community centres over the last year, offering support where we could. Querns has had a more difficult year, as the centre needs some repairs and less activities have taken place. We supported their family work in the summer and this year we were able to go carol singing after a two year break. Their work with food poverty and food waste issues over the past few years has continued despite the problems with the centre and we have been offering our help in various ways.

Messy Church has continued at Spring Lane and is very well supported. We were able to sing carols in the Neighbourhood Centre at Christmas with musical backing from our churches and was a great success. As ever Barbara has been a good friend to us at Spring Lane and we look forward to working with her and the residents in the year ahead.

Chaucer and Highland House

We now have two services at Chaucer House each month- one a communion, the other a morning prayer with hymns. We visit Highland House on a monthly basis where twenty residents sing favourite hymns. We also visit regularly two residents at the Red House with communion and a number of other people who are housebound receive the sacrament at home.

Night Shelter and winter warmth

The night shelter this year wasn't able to run in churches in the city due to insurance concerns but we have been able to provide treats each week.

Across the city this winter an initiative was started to provide warm spaces in the time of rising energy spaces. We participated for most of the winter but numbers were very low and we learned that simply opening St Paul's as we do allows people to find space and peace. Hall and church hire

The hall and church have hosted singing groups over the last year making the most of our wonderful acoustic. This year we've continued to welcome Domenica and her team to the hall for the drop in on Thursday mornings for refugees from Afghanistan who are living in local hotels. We are also hiring to Migrateful Cooking who help refugees to develop their culinary skills. The new AV facilities installed in the autumn has helped us to offer the hall to community groups as well as hirers.

Reverend Mark Griffin, Rector

Finance and Stewardship

2022 was a difficult year due to expected and unexpected costs. There were further costs associated with the refurbished organ at St Martins while the new fire alarm system was installed at St Martins. Masonry repairs at St Pauls were unexpected and are ongoing. The final cost will be over £10000 but the Without Walls appeal has already raised £2500. Energy prices are fixed until September 2024 while insurance premiums have increased by a below inflation amount. The increase in Upkeep of Services was mainly due to the wages of Jeanne Mckay, the Senior Visitor Host at St Martins. She has been a great success and has had a positive effect on visitor numbers and income. Parish Share is our major outlay -around 45% of total costs – and this risen from £6700 monthly in 2022 to £7165 monthly in 2023. Quinquennial work maybe carried out at both churches depending on the availability of finances. Stewardship income has been stable. The move to Parish Giving began in April and has been a success. Income is received on the 10th of the month and tax refunds shortly afterwards. Over 80% of donors have joined the scheme. Diocesan House will cease to be involved with Gift Aid from April and Richard has set up an account with HMRC to deal with with small gifts and those not in Parish Giving. We have benefitted from many generous donations and also some legacies. Outreach payments of £800 each were paid to 10 charities while our Christmas charities -Pilgrims Way School and Canterbury 4 Ukraine – both received £500. The current year will be challenging but with good cash management, strict cost control and further income breakeven should be achievable. Jane Neame is our independent accounts examiner and also provides our payroll service. Jane does an excellent job and I recommend that she be reappointed for 2023. Finally I would like to thank you all for your efforts, time, and money.

Gordon Craig, Treasurer

Sunday Zone

We have continued to meet weekly during the Sunday morning Eucharist with varying numbers and a loyal core of about 4 children. We have a committed group of adult leaders - Felicity, Marilyn and Sue who have been joined by Irene this year. We continue to use Godly Play as a way of telling stories, enabling the children to draw their own learning from what they have heard. It is always a challenge to slow down the pace to give the children space to reflect. I recently wrote about the outline of each session in Pilgrim Post so encourage you to read that if you want to know more detail or ask to come along!

The wondering questions I ask the children include (not always all each week) They don't have to respond directly but are encouraged to think about each one

- I wonder which part of the story you like best?
- I wonder which part of the story is the most important?
- I wonder which part of the story you like the least?
- I wonder if there is a part of the story we could leave out and still have all of the story?
- I wonder which part of the story is most about you?

I have also had the privilege of regularly sharing a Godly Play Story at St Pauls @Teatime. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of our young people.

Ruth Baker, Sunday Zone Leader

Choir Report

The Choir's regular duties cover the 10.30am service most Sunday mornings, monthly choral evensong (except in April, August and December), and additional services throughout the year (e.g. Advent and Christmas carols, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Ascension). Alongside that, as in previous years we have led choral evensong at Canterbury Cathedral a couple of times, and this year we also travelled up the road to Rochester, whose Cathedral is a beautiful setting for evensong, and also a very welcoming place – much more laid back than 'the local'. Alas our anticipated trip to Guildford was cancelled due to filming restrictions at the Cathedral there, though we will arrange for a trip in the future.

In October we completed the Psalmathon, and raised over £1,600 for the Canterbury Food Bank. Prior to this we completed our project of reproducing the Parish Psalter (both pointing and chants) into a format that Charlotte could convert into Braille. Several in the choir put in hours of work to see this completed, and I am very grateful for their efforts. I mentioned last year that we were doing a bit of this on an 'ad hoc' basis as demanded by the Lectionary, but we have now completed the exercise for all 150 psalms, which also makes my weekly music planning a lot easier.

In terms of repertoire this year, I have tried to feature more music by female composers. Our Christmas carol service was the pinnacle of this, with all the choir items (and two descants for the congregational carols) composed by women. As part of this, we have engaged with the Multitude of Voyces project, which looks to promote music by people whose demographics have historically been under-represented. The Royal School of Church Music has commissioned an anthem in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III later this year, "The mountains shall bring peace", composed by Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange. We have purchased copies in loving memory of Bob Parvin, thanks to a donation from Bob's family, and it will feature as part of the Sunday morning service on the weekend of the Coronation. We did not use David Rees-Williams's Mass setting during Epiphany this year, as it was undergoing essential maintenance; however we did sing the re-worked Gloria during Maundy Thursday, and we are using the full service setting shortly after Easter. Alongside David's setting, we continue to use Thorne's *Mass of St Thomas* and *Trinity Mass* settings in rotation during Ordinary Time, along with Nardone's *Mass of St Cedd* for Lent and Advent. The use of four settings should strike the right balance of keeping the worship fresh, without straying too far from the familiar. Congregational copies of the settings are available. As always I would like to extend my thanks to David and the members of the Choir for their commitment, and to everyone who supports our work throughout the year.

Dom del Nevo, Choir Director

Outreach

The last year has seen the small Outreach Group putting in to practice our new plan to promote our support for our chosen causes. Each month we have a Cause of the Month which we highlight with a display at St Paul's and an article in Pilgrim Post. We are very grateful to Ros Newington for her work on the displays and to Clive Barlow for guaranteeing us space in the magazine each month.

We have a champion for each cause now in place, who are able to promote the charity's work and answer queries that the congregation have. Last year Lisa Marchusson came to St Paul's while on furlough to update us on Pastos Verdes and we are hoping to have several guest speakers during the year to highlight their work, some giving us an update, others like Lisa using the sermon slot.

We have 11 causes that we support, although that was reduced to ten when Kidzklub folded in the summer. In 2022 PCC agreed to restore the pre covid level of financial support for our causes after our budgeted reduction in 2020 and 2021, meaning that each cause received £800. We as a group hope that our Outreach is becoming more embedded In our life as a parish and that by promoting ten causes we can focus our support. There continue to be other one-off appeals and causes that we support often in response to need.

The causes that we support regularly are:

Local

Connecting Canterbury
Schools Work Trust
Street Pastors
Catching Lives
KRAN (working with refugees in Canterbury)

National

Christians Against Poverty

International

Pastos Verdes
Open Doors UK (working with those facing persecution for their faith)
CORD (working in justice and development)
Amos Trust

Reverend Mark Griffin, Rector

St Paul's at Teatime (SP@TT)

SP@TT has become a vibrant and important part of Parish life. Meeting each second Sunday from 3.30-5pm in St Paul's Church, it reaches and touches a lot of families who we do not see at other Parish services and events. With time spent by the organising team beforehand and on the day, themes and stories are shared, with activities, prayers and songs. We aim to create a welcoming, happy atmosphere where there is safety, acceptance and fun in a sacred space. Thanks go to the wonderful team, who offer their varied talents and gifts to make this such a success. Do come along and join us if you would like to – everyone is welcome.

Mothers' Union

It has been a happy and fulfilling year for our branch of the MU. We have enjoyed meetings with speakers, social events and of course, times of prayer and reflection. We have enrolled new members and have organised family activities for the school holiday times when possible. The branch has supported Archdeaconry and Diocesan functions, with 4 of our members volunteering to help at the Away From It All holiday. This is a free week's holiday in August for families at Ashburnham in Sussex, paid for entirely by the MU Canterbury diocese. The Mothers' Union is an important worldwide organisation, which is part of the Anglican Communion, supporting families around the world and giving fellowship to its members.

Children and Young Families Committee

This small committee continues to meet to oversee the Parishes work in this area of life. We said a sad farewell to Tess Hickson in November, when she and Matt moved away from Canterbury. She had been a wonderful Safeguarding Officer for the Parish and an efficient secretary for the committee. We are delighted that Lydia Newington agreed to take over the role of Safeguarding Officer. How lucky we are. There have recently been opportunities for Safeguarding Training in the Parish and soon we will be joining in the Diocesan First Aid training days. We are trying to concentrate our thoughts on a new provision for Secondary School age young people. Hoping to investigate what may be possible in readiness for September. Please hold this initiative in your prayers and talk to Mark if you feel you could help in any way. Perhaps you would like to join the committee?

Sue Spillett, MU Branch leader

Celebrating the Deanery: 2022-2023

Meetings: Deanery Synod met at

- St Peter's in June when we explored successes, developments and new ideas for the Deanery Mission Plan.
- St Nicholas Sturry in October with a positive presentation by Rev Nick White our Deanery Mission Estates Enabler and a General Synod report by Neil Logan Green
- St Michael and All Angels Harbledown in February which included the installation of Rev Jo Richards as Area Dean, contributions on various aspects of the Deanery Mission Plan by the members of the Deanery Mission and Ministry Team and a General Synod report by Holly Adams.

Personnel:

- In the course of this year we said farewell and thanks for all his hard work at All Saints and, as Assistant Area Dean, with the Deanery Mission Plan, to Rev Phil Grieg.
- Thanked Rev Mark Griffin and Janet Bentley for their caring and conscientious terms as Area Dean and Co Lay Chair as Mark handed over to Rev Jo Richards and Janet stepped down from the Lay chair role.
- Welcomed Rev Preb Gillean Craig to Sturry in a part time role in collaboration with a Methodist colleague.
- Bishop Rose visited the Deanery in April and encountered a variety of people and places. A letter of appreciation for her experiences and the initiatives suggested in the Deanery Mission Plan followed the visit.

Highlights:

Working together on aspects of the Deanery Mission Plan this year, Deanery highlights have been

- Living Lent Together a Deanery Lent leaflet encouraging folk to join groups across the Deanery.
- Caring in a Crisis the first of a series of occasional networking events bringing together many of the support agencies in Canterbury for sharing and encouragement.
- Deanery Eco meetings to support and develop positive ways forward in each parish.
- A Deanery Newsletter publicising information and good news.
- Regular General Synod Reports keeping us up to date with national initiatives.

- Publicity A Deanery Facebook page and Easter and Christmas services advertised in local media in the press and online. Parish pew sheet and magazine editors are given regular updates of Deanery and CTC events.

Parishes have been circulated with the new Deanery Mission Plan to discuss and the next stage in its development will consider the feedback from them.

Finally: Thanks go to Harry Macdonald our administrator, John Morrison our treasurer, Liz Morrison, Lay Chair, Rev Jo Richards and our Mission and Ministry Committee for carrying us forward through 2023 and into 2024 as we move on in good heart.

Dr Rosemary Walters

Parish Lifelong Learning 2022-2023

Highlights from the Parish LLL group 2022-2023 have included:

- **A Questionnaire** to explore what people would like us to implement. Answers featured sessions on Bible teaching, faith investigation and fellowship groups.
- **Bible Study** a group holding weekly sessions during autumn 2022
- **Occasional Events**
 - Advent** activity: four sessions on **The Puzzling Sayings of Jesus**
 - Post Christmas** activity: four sessions on **The Church and the Kingdom, The Eucharist** (from the Pilgrim Course) and **Living in the Light** (a York Course)
 - Lent** activity: contributing to the Deanery Lent leaflet Living Lent Together with **The Passion in St John** and the **Four Gospels**
- **Meet, Eat and Explore**
 - Interim Dean Jane Hedges on **Being a Dean**
 - Professor David Ormrod on **Economic Realities and Environmental Catastrophe**
- **Publicity and Resources** for national Church of England initiatives
 - Follow the Star**
 - Dust and Glory**
 - Recommendations for **reading in Advent and Lent** in Pilgrim Post
 - Publicity on **parish displays** and the **parish website** and **A Church Near You**

The LLL group is always open to any ideas you may have for future activities. Do let us know.

Dr Rosemary Walters

Christians Together in Canterbury, 2022/2023

Simon Redman of the Vineyard Church and Healing on the Streets continues as Moderator, with Lyndall Bywater as Secretary. Regular meetings of representatives have now resumed after covid, and there is a willingness to share and support social action by churches. The Walk of Witness on Good Friday, led by the Salvation Army band, was again our principal act of witness in Canterbury, and there was an uplifting Taize service at St Thomas's in the Week of Prayer. Information on prayer meetings and talks etc are widely shared.

The board of Christians Together provided a grant to help pay for the appointment of Tim Cook, as a part-time Network Coordinator to Connecting Canterbury, to develop the vision of Connecting Canterbury in working more effectively for the good of those in need, through greater ecumenical partnership, and to social agencies across Canterbury. Due to the wonderful support of Christians, Churches and charitable trusts, Connecting Canterbury were able to make 505 small, discreet emergency grants in 2022 totalling £8752 (more than

double 2021), and 63 grants for white goods, travel and rent, principally through the gracious giving of Acts 435.

My thanks too to Ruth Sibson, for her willingness to share our link to Christians Together.

David Hartwell

Flowers at St Paul's

Grateful thanks must firstly be conveyed to Anthea Rishworth who retired as the St Paul's Flower Team organiser after many years. Fortunately, Anthea still helps with flower arranging and her knowledge and experience is very much appreciated by all of us.

This year has been a much more active one. Flower arrangements were required for several weddings and a 60th celebration of ordination in the summer, as well as the usual festival and service arrangements. The flower team welcomed Jo Luck who joined us at Christmas. In addition, as part of a new venture, Annabel Marsh has been helping and training with us towards her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

The cost of flowers has risen considerably over the past year and we are extremely grateful for the donations given. The greenery for all the arrangements comes from our gardens and we are always looking out for further sources. New flower arrangers are also very welcome. No experience is necessary, just a love of flowers and a little bit of creativity!

Finally, thank you to Yvonne Pearson, Sue Spillett and Ruth Sibson, who have given so freely of their time over the past year, and to Ann Gosbee for the Remembrance arrangement.

Ros Newington

Flowers at St Martin's

Three of us have done our modest best to provide fresh flowers at our little church – visited by increasing numbers of pilgrims and tourists. Sometimes we have greeted Advent and Lent with relief and have been extremely grateful to Vanessa Stanton and Diana Francis who once again produced wonderful arrangements at Christmas and Easter.

Doreen Laven

Parish Office/Parish Centre Bookings

The Parish Office remains busy. Reflecting on the pandemic has encouraged us to look at how and why we do things, streamlining and changing how we operate in order to keep up with an ever changing Parish. We continue to think about how we work and communicate with the Parish. We are still sending the Keeping in Touch email out, and people are responding well to us being more present online, especially through Social Media and YouTube. We are pleased to continue with so many of our stalwart hirers, and are pleased that Bookings remain constant and new enquiries seem to be increasing. Things look busy as we approach the summer months, and we thank you all for the help, support and cooperation you give us.

Sylvia del Nevo and Chris Page, Parish Administrators

St. Martin's and St. Paul's Eco Group

Another year, and a flood of blister packs recycled. It is clear that during the past year more people have engaged with our efforts to recycle and the Eco group is very grateful to everyone who has and is taking part. From the volume of crisp packets we have donated to Tesco we can only assume that they are equally grateful for the level of sales that has engendered. We have continued to have gardening parties at St. Martin's churchyard and

these will continue throughout the coming year. I think it is amazing that we were once again awarded a silver gilt despite the judge having reservations about our recycling of freezer baskets to hold the pine cones in the Bee Ritz. I refrained from responding to this observation, after all we were actively upcycling items that would have gone to landfill. He did suggest we label the areas where we have put prunings between the trees as wildlife habitats. That seems a good idea though only the wild will be able to get through the accompanying brambles to the safety of the branches we have cut down. Next year promises new challenges as we must forge ahead and achieve a bronze if not a silver from Eco-Church.

Sue White

Accounts

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PAYMENTS	Fund		Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	Reordering	Quinquennial
	Unrestricted	Restricted			
Outreach Giving:	5,837	550	24,910	0	-1,415
Direct:	86,783		1,711	0	0
Ministry:	1,306		0	0	0
Church:	2,217		0	0	0
Charities	169		0	0	0
Parish Fairer Share	1,306		0	0	0
Rectors' expenses	1,306		0	0	0
Curate's expenses	169		0	0	0
Gift fund	2,217		0	0	0
Insurance	5,442		0	0	0
Heat, light & water	6,333		0	0	0
Upkeep of services	6,554		0	0	0
Minor repairs	37,376		0	0	0
Licences/subscriptions	949		0	0	0
Website/publications/mag	249		0	0	0
Choir Director/music	3,670		0	0	0
Choir Fund expenses	3,670		0	0	0
Organist/maintenance	4,324		0	0	0
Training/ Education	0		0	0	0
Flowers - St Pauls	632		0	0	0
Flowers - St Martins	96		0	0	0
Youth Leader	1,217		0	0	0
Godly play	0		0	0	0
Weddings/choir/bells/verger	3,829		0	0	0
Audit costs	630		0	0	0
Payroll and licence costs	3,188		0	0	0
Events	0		0	0	0
Repayment of fees	0		0	0	0
Expenses	0		0	0	0
Caretaker/materials	5,113		0	0	0
Heat/light & water	3,006		0	0	0
Minor repairs	0		0	0	0
Insurance	1,778		0	0	0
Wages / expenses	0		0	0	0
Secretary	11,632		0	0	0
Tel/post/stationery	1,894		0	0	0
Photocopier/printer	1,352		0	0	0
Computer/colour printer	1,297		0	0	0
Depreciation	0		0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS:	196,145	1,378	24,910	0	-1,415
Friends of St Martins:	5,113	0	26,621	0	0
Parish Centre:	5,473	0	26,621	0	0
Activities:	3,731	0	26,621	0	0
Administration:	4,921	0	26,621	0	0
Fees	620	0	26,621	0	0
Cheeky Monkeys	4,962	0	26,621	0	0
Parish Office:	11,640	0	26,621	0	0
PROVISIONS:	11,632	0	26,621	0	0
Reordering	11,632	0	26,621	0	0
Quinquennial	0	0	26,621	0	0

The P C C of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury

As at 31 December 2021

1 Unrestricted Funds	Property	Designated	Designated	Emergency	General	TOTAL			
	Maintenance Fund	Donations Fund	St Paul's Re-ordering Fund	Fund	Fund	£			
Balance at 1 January 2021	67,843	13,444	25,475	2,000	681,473	790,235			
Incoming resources	0	0	0	0	221,055	221,055			
Resources expended	0	0	0	0	-196,145	-196,145			
Reordering expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Quinquennial	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Balance as at 31 December 2021	67,843	13,444	25,475	2,000	706,383	815,145			

2 Restricted Funds	Special Collections	Special Legacies	Cheeky Monkeys	Friends of St Martin's	St Paul's Flowers	St Martin's Flowers	Choir	TOTAL
	Balance at 1 January 2021	-1,057	15,255	-4,407	5,990	91	287	321
Incoming resources	2,162	0	0	227	700	0	0	3,089
Resources expended	-650	0	0	0	-632	-96	0	-1,378
Balance as at 31 December 2021	455	15,255	-4,407	6,217	159	191	321	18,191

FREEHOLD BUILDINGS **FIXTURES & FITTINGS** **EQUIPMENT** **TOTAL**

Cost	713,640	52,464	9,324	775,428
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
	713,640	52,464	9,324	775,428

Depreciation	71,178	52,463	9,323	132,964
carried forward from earlier years	0	0	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
	71,178	52,463	9,323	132,964

at 31 December 2021	642,462	1	1	642,464
at 31 December 2020	642,462	1	1	642,464

Cash at Bank and in hand

Scottish Widows	26812.00
Cash account (treasurer)	0.00
Current account	8457.50
Cheeky Monkeys	0.00
Friends of St Martin's	6217.00
St Paul's Flowers	159.00
St Martin's Flowers	191.00
Choir Fund	321.00
Investments	42157.50
CCLA Investment Fund	148509.00
Charities: Baker Brown / Wilson	836.00
War loan	0.00
	149345.00

The PCC of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Martins and St Pauls, Canterbury

Balance Sheet	As at 31st December 2021	2021	2020
Fixed Assets		£	£
Tangible Assets		642,464	642,464
Investments		149,345	127,078
Current assets			
Debtors		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		42,157	37,793
		42,157	51,044
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		630	620
Net current assets		41,527	37,173
Net assets		833,336	806,715
Accumulated funds			
Unrestricted funds		815,145	790,235
Restricted funds		18,191	16,480
		833,336	806,715

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Mrs J C Neame

Name:


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Signed:

Date: 21/03/2022

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

- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

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

Set out on pages

1 to 4 (one to four)

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2021	Charity no (if any) 1133979
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Report to the trustees/ members of

The Parochial Church Council of St Martin's and St Paul's

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Parochial Church Council of St Martin's and St Paul's,
Canterbury

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1133979

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

[Signature box]

Date:

19 March 2020

Name:

Mrs Jane Neame

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).