

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, COSBY

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2024



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, COSBY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

(ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT)

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT

BACKGROUND

St Michael and All Angels P.C.C. has the responsibility in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St Michael and All Angels, Cosby and for the Bunning Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cosby.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the P.C.C.

Incumbent: **Reverend Stewart Betts (to August 2023)**

Readers: **Mr Eric Leese ***
Mr Martin Stevenson

Churchwardens: **Mrs Susan Lee**
Mrs Christine Newton

Representative on the Deanery Synod:
Mrs Janice Wyllie

***Elected members:** **Mrs Hilary Cooper – P.C.C. Secretary**
Mr Brian Woodcock – P.C.C. Treasurer
Mrs Joy Franklin
Mrs Winifred Furborough
Mrs Jean Graham
Mrs Linda Stevenson – Pastoral Care

*** In accordance with the Resolution passed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2008 Parochial Church Members are elected on a three year cycle.**

*** Lay Reader, Mr Eric Leese, did not wish to serve on the P.C.C.**

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates through a number of committees and teams which meet as required between full meetings of the P.C.C. All recommendations from such committees are decided by the P.C.C.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance and Property Committee: This committee oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St. Michael and All Angels by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regularly reviewing all matters relating to finance. It also oversees matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as the Church and the Bunning Memorial Hall, and the fabric of both buildings, although much of this work is undertaken under the direction of the Churchwardens.

Pastoral Concerns: As evident from the report, many members of the congregation do a wonderful job pastorally to ensure those in need are contacted by visits, phone calls and the taking round of gifts from the church when appropriate to do so. Linda Stevenson oversees Pastoral Care.

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Policies are reviewed annually, changes made as necessary and adopted by P.C.C.

Wedding and Funeral fees were reviewed and non-statutory charges revised. Marriage registration requirements changed in May 2021 with Register offices now responsible for the registration of marriages and issuing of certificates. Our registers and certificate books were deposited – the registers have been closed and we were able to keep one copy for research purposes.

Health and Safety Policy is reviewed annually and changes made as necessary. No changes were made to the policy in 2023. We review arrangements post-Covid at each PCC meeting.

Safeguarding Policy is covered at every PCC meeting and reviewed and updated annually in line with guidance from Leicester Diocese. Janice Wyllie is the church Safeguarding Officer.

Data Protection is covered at every PCC meeting and continually reviewed. Hilary Cooper is the church Data Protection Officer.

Social and Fundraising Committee: Members of this committee arrange fundraising and social events, such as coffee mornings and supper group. Their hard work catering and organising these events is much appreciated. Money raised is vital towards the costs of running the church. They also organise coffee mornings for charity.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Electoral Roll Report 2023

There were 63 names on the Roll in January 2023. During the year there were three deaths - Harold Anthony (Tony) Durance, Joy Crabbe and Raymond Allen Franklin. The year ended with 60 persons on the Roll and 11 of these live outside the village.

Joy Franklin December 2023

Attendance at Services 2023

Palm Sunday – 39, Good Friday – 44, Easter Sunday - 36, Harvest – 25, Remembrance – 100+, Advent Praise – 46, Christingle – 19, Nine Lessons & Carol – 100+, Crib Service – 42, Christmas Eve carols– 78. Christmas Day – 23. Of the regular services during the rest of the year, average Sunday attendance was 26 attendees. Wednesday morning Holy Communions attracted an average of 10 attendees.

Funeral Services numbered 10 included those held for Tony Durance and Burton Graham. There were several baptisms and weddings.

Parochial Church Council

During 2023, Parochial Church Council met in March, June, September and November and Standing Committee meets a few weeks before each PCC to set the agenda and discuss matters for ratification at PCC. There was a Finance and Property Meeting in November 2023. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in April 2023.

A detailed, independently examined, breakdown of the church financial situation can be seen on the accompanying Financial Statement and Accounts.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2023

A considerable amount of work has to be done yearly in the Bunning Hall to maintain the high levels of safety for the hall users.

P.A.T testing of all the electrical equipment, the checking of fire extinguishers, central heating, dishwasher and the gas cooker and extractor fan are checked, and the appropriate certificates are displayed on the Notice Board. All electrical equipment in the Church was also checked as well as Fire Extinguishers. Guttering around the church was cleaned by Steve Mills from Croft in March. It was during the inspection of the lightning conductor- by Thunderbolt- that a fault was found in the area on the chimney of the vestry. Remedial work had to be undertaken. Whilst this was in progress the workman capped both chimneys thus preventing debris or birds falling down the cavities.

E-Bound Security tested the roof alarm in September, and up-dated the modem at no cost to the Church.

The shock announcement by Rev Stewart Betts in June that he would leaving the Benefice in August left us all slightly unsure of the future. However, thanks to the very hard work of the Church Wardens and Lay Readers of all three churches we have been able to continue with a range of Sunday Services. We have been very grateful to the retired clergy who have visited us so enabling Communion Services to take place.

Permission was granted in April 2023 to extend The Garden of Remembrance allowing fifty more plots to be available for the interment of ashes.

The Remembrance Service in November went ahead as planned after a meeting between the Church and Parish Council. A plan was devised but unfortunately the actual morning was very wet and not all the plans could be achieved. However, most people decided to come into Church and remained dry. The Service was well received, and it was heartening to see members of the young Uniformed Clubs, bringing their standards and attending with their Leaders.

2023 has not been an easy year, but we have all pulled together and tried to make the Church a place of welcome for all who enter, and we thank-you so much for all the help and support you have given us during this year of change.

Susan Lee and Chris Newton

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2023

Members of the Committee met on 6th November 2023 when the Fees, end-of-year Donations and Budget for 2024 were discussed. Their recommendations were considered by the P.C.C. members on 20th November 2023 and approved.

Table of Statutory Fees for 2024 came out at the end of 2023 with fees increasing by 5%. The total fee for a **Wedding in Church** would be £912 but there could be various reductions if certain services were not required. The total fee for a **Funeral Service in Church** would be £423 with deductions if the heating and organ were not required. **Burial in a cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from a service in church** would be £34. **Burial of Ashes** in the churchyard at another time would attract a fee of £192. For a **Service only at the crematorium** the fees totalled £228 (but if a crematorium had fixed different charges those would apply). **Burial Certificate issued at time of burial** £18. **Funeral Service in Premises belonging to Funeral Director** £228. **Cremation preceding or following Funeral Service in Premises of Funeral Director** £34.

Fee for a **Memorial Service** would be £278 – largely as laid down by the Archbishop's Council – plus any optional fees.

Local Fees for Weddings and Funerals

Organist – no increase, remains at **£75**

Verger – increase from **£45** to **£50**

Heating (October to Easter) – increase from **£60** to **£70**

Bells – no increase, remains at **£150** (£25 to each of six ringers)

Choir – on application.

Donations have been made to:- Royal British Legion, Kimbilio, Children's Society, Leicestershire Historic Churches, Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank, Loros, Sightsavers and Medecins Sans Frontiers Earthquake Appeal in Turkey/Syria.

There was an in-depth discussion about our financial position. The Church Treasurer, Brian Woodcock, said that in 2023 we were £6000 short and in 2024 this is likely to increase to £8,500. We need to increase our regular giving having lost givers over the years and gained few. We will invite Philip

Leech from Leicester Diocese to a meeting in February 2024 to which the congregation will be invited to discuss a Generous Giving Campaign.

The **Budget** for 2024 was prepared by Brian Woodcock. We paid £22,032 to the Diocese for our Parish Contribution in 2023 which was the amount agreed upon in 2022.

The financial situation in Leicester Diocese is serious with a significant shortfall meaning fewer stipendiary clergy. We try to give generously with our Parish Contribution mindful of our own financial situation.

We received a donation and a legacy from the estates of Peter Wakely and Joy Sellers the latter which went towards the upkeep the Garden of Remembrance, a peaceful place appreciated by church and community.

Hilary Cooper

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2023

Jane Micklethwaite is Area Dean and Nigel Byard, Deputy Area Dean. The main discussion topic in 2023 was the state of Diocesan Finance:

- The diocese has been in persistent deficit for at least five years worsened by Covid.
- A general drop in numbers leading to a lower level of income to parishes.
- Costs are rising.
- The assets are largely in building such as vicarages and other buildings.
- There is only £20m available to fund the deficit. Other assets are income only.
- An increase in income is necessary due to Parish Contributions are sinking rapidly, and inflation.
- There is a funding gap of £2.2m.

The Diocese produced an interesting document from the questions and answer sessions held by the deaneries. Here are a couple of questions from discussions at Guthlaxton Deanery Synod:

Q Multi-parish benefices in long-term vacancy need leadership to co-ordinate and motivate giving. Telling such groups to WAIT only breeds despondency. What leadership is being offered in the short to medium term?

A All benefices in vacancy receive support through the Archdeacons and Area Deans. In the vast majority of cases there are other ministers who contribute to the ongoing leadership in ministry and mission while an incumbent post is

vacant. This includes self-supporting clergy and licensed lay ministers working alongside church officers.

Q What is the expectation for parishes who have no incumbent? Parishes may be happy to pay much more -which comes first? Pay for a priest and get one – or get a priest and then pay? Rather like chicken and egg.

A We work on the principle that Parish Contributions should cover the cost of ministry. Even if there is not a stipendiary incumbent in post, there is still a cost to the other ministry within the benefice and for the specific support provided during vacancy. This is alongside the important principle that Parish Contribution payments are to the “common purse”, as an outworking of our belonging together to the diocesan family – it is not a transactional system. It is important that parishes continue to pay Parish Contributions during periods of incumbent vacancy.

The treasurer of Guthlaxton Deanery reported a healthy balance in both accounts and encouraged parishes to apply for funding for events or resources. At Cosby we received a helpful grant towards Family Fun Day 2023.

Janice Wyllie

SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023

All relevant policies have been updated and accepted. They are displayed and stored in the usual places in church, and copies sent to the Safeguarding Team, as requested.

- One point on the safeguarding questionnaire needs attention: that ‘the hire agreements for church premises contain the appropriate provisions and arrangements made by hirers are verified by obtaining a copy of relevant documents’. I would like to suggest that when an organisation wants to hire the hall we should ask them for a copy of their Safeguarding Policy
- Training for all PCC members is 99% complete. Leadership Training is required for Church Wardens, the Messy Church leader and the Safeguarding Co-ordinator. No suitable dates were available but new dates for 2024 will be available.
- The DBS’s which were outstanding were renewed 2023.
- Carolyn Joseph agreed to be the Lead Recruiter for Cosby and Whetstone. Carolyn and I will liaise when necessary.

- The action plan reflects these points
- I attended the Safeguarding Co-ordinators Conference on November 4th on ZOOM. The guest speaker spoke about what we can do to empower children to feel safe in church, which mainly involved making sure that notices with relevant information are displayed in places suitable for children.
- Although much of the input was not relevant in our church setting, it highlighted the need for appropriate safeguarding advice for the demographic we have, but also the availability of Domestic Abuse literature in the Bunning Hall as well as the church itself.

Jan Wyllie

DATA PROTECTION REPORT 2023

Data Protection appears on the agenda at all PCC meetings during the year. As new contacts come our way, they are given a copy of the Data Privacy Notice and a Data Collection Form as required by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Those who send out emails to a large number of people, some of whom may not be members of the church, have been asked to use the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) feature to ensure email addresses are kept private.

Hilary Cooper

PASTORAL REPORT 2023

During 2023 we sent out our usual Easter and Christmas cards and at Harvest we sent out 9, gifts to people who are housebound, ill or who have been bereaved. The packets and tins we received went to the Lutterworth Food Bank who are desperate for food etc. at the moment.

At Christmas we continued with the toy collection for the children and gift sets for the teenagers, for the Salvation Army Toy Collection. This enables children to have a toy or gift set who probably would not have got a gift without our help. Apparently, the Salvation Army in Hinckley area where we send our gifts are helping about 165 families. Also this year we have provided woolly hats, scarves and gloves for the benefit of the homeless in Hinckley. We would still like to hear about people or families who need help in any way, so we can possibly make a visit or send a card. If you hear of anyone please let someone know.

We were still able to offer a lift to people who needed a lift to church or

appointments and we were also able to offer people meals who needed a bit of extra help.

Thank you to all the people in 2023 who went on one or more of the many rotas.

Linda Stevenson

BIBLE STUDY GROUP 2023

The joint Cosby Whetstone discussion group met through the autumn months. The theme was 'What kind of book is the bible?' Should we place the bible on our nature shelf, alongside our history books, with our volumes on the law, or with our poetry collections? Twelve members joined the group and we discussed the issues and prayed. Thanks to all who took part.

Eric Leese

CHOIR REPORT 2023

2023 saw the Choir continuing to rehearse every week and sing for the Communion services on the first Sunday of each month. We were also pleased to be able to sing for some of the special services, in particular Remembrance, Advent, Nine Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve service. As always, I ensured that we performed a range of music over those services, from the 13th to the 21st centuries.

It was very good to see the increased congregation for The Nine Lessons and Carols this year – gradually getting back towards the sorts of numbers we used to see before the Pandemic. Thanks go to Ros Clark for promoting the Carol Service in place of the cancelled 'Sing Christmas'. We were unable to hold a Christmas Eve Communion service at Cosby this year but did not want there to be nothing to mark the evening. As an experiment we ran 'Carols for Cosby', which was an informal hour of carol singing with a mix of the traditional congregational carols and choir carols. The event was publicised on some of the local media and it was amazing to see the large number of people who came along. We will plan to organise a similar event for next Christmas.

Two other special events for the Choir were singing for the christening of my Grandson, Walter, and the summer concert, 'You'll Never Walk Alone' which was on the theme of songs of travel. As always we are very grateful to Anne de Graeve who accompanied us on the piano, and Martin and the team who

helped with the refreshments and logistics. We are currently planning for another concert this summer, which will coincide with the Cosby Yarn Bomb and have the same theme – ‘Fun & Games!’. The possible date is Saturday July 20th but we will organise more publicity once that is confirmed – do bring your friends!

As always, the members of the Choir have been working very hard, often rehearsing the music at home in order to make sure that they get it right and they have, I believe, performed really well. Thanks are also due to Martin Barstow who plays the organ for our sung services and, likewise, works very hard to produce music of a high standard.

As noted for the last two years, I am sorry to say that the future look is challenging. St Michael's is very rare in having a choir that can regularly perform 4-part, unaccompanied music: aside from the major Churches in the City such as the Cathedral and St James, there are now almost none across the County. We have to be very aware, though, that the Choir is getting older and we are gradually losing members. Also, several of us have children/grandchildren who live away from Cosby and so there are quite often weekends when several of us are away catching up with our families. We will do our best to continue to support the services and produce good music over the coming year but I must admit that, without new members who can sing, the long-term future does not look very bright.

Jon Scott March 2024

BELL RINGERS' REPORT 2023

It's been another quiet year for us.

Unfortunately, we have still not had many practices due to the lack of ringers- we have an ageing band with various other commitments now.

We have still managed to ring for any weddings, only two this year, and there have been a couple of visiting bands.

We finally got some new bell ropes in August. (I was originally promised them by Easter) The cost was just under £1,500.00 which included fitting them. £500 was paid out of the bell ringing fund and the rest by the church, I believe aided by a donation from the late Mary Freer for which we are very grateful. Let's hope that 2024 will be a more successful year.

Sarah Freer (Tower Captain) Feb 2024

MESSY CHURCH REPORT 2023

Thankfully, we were able to return to normal this year after the Covid restrictions, although we did cancel the March session due to snow. The themes for the first half of the year were: "Mary and Martha", "Looking after God's World" and, "I will make you Fishers of Men".

At Easter we had a special session one morning during Holy Week and this was especially successful with 24 children and lots of parents attending. We used the Rhyming Bible to tell the story. As well as lots of crafts and a cookery activity, there were props on each craft table, such as bread and 'wine' to illustrate the Last Supper.

In the Autumn, the October session theme was, "Only a Boy named David", where we played a "Knock over Goliath" game and in November the story was, "Man up a Tree – story of Zacchaeus", ably told by Hazel Tingle.

December 2023 was our Messy Christmas where we had Gingerbread nativity Story with themed activities followed by a buffet.

Attendance through the year has been somewhat patchy with an average of around 11 children for each session. We struggle to involve more children from Cosby than we used to. But we have children and their parents/carers from local villages other than Cosby and are pleased to encourage this especially as we are a three-church benefice and we just want children to come along, wherever they are from. It is good to see lots of parents and carers and the atmosphere is good. The children have generally been receptive and keen to take part in the crafts and activities.

As always, I would like to give thanks to God for all the Messy Church helpers – they are very encouraging and supportive as they assist with storytelling, doing the craft activities and producing a lovely meal for all to share each time. We are very pleased that one of the Messy Church regulars, Eden, is now old enough to help on a craft table each session.

Hilary Cooper

FAMILY FUN DAY REPORT 2023

We had our very popular annual Fun Day again in September and it was well attended even though it was 30 degrees, which kept the numbers down on previous Fun Days. But, yet again, it was a very successful afternoon meeting new families and welcoming back familiar faces. We welcomed back Richard the Juggler and yet again children and adults enjoyed doing new tricks. As always, the craft tables were kept very busy with the ever-popular "Design Your Own T-Shirt". With all that was going on, there was still time for adults to enjoy tea and cake and the children, pop and ice-lollies. Then for the children to get rid of some energy we had the bouncy castle. We gave to adults a leaflet informing them of Messy Church dates for the year. Lastly, we shall be doing Family Fun Day again in 2024.

Martin Stevenson

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SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING REPORT 2023

We planned the usual events, but unfortunately had to cancel three due to lack of helpers and illness.

We raised around £1,900 through the year.

The biggest fundraiser is the Book and Puzzle Sale, so a big "thank-you" to Ros and her team of helpers.

The afternoon tea when the Yarn Bomb was on, did not do so well this year. Maybe too many people/churches are doing them now?

On a positive note, we do see new faces coming into events to support us, which is good.

I would like to say a big "thank-you" to all the committee and friends who help us out at events.

SUPPER EVENING 2023

First Friday of every second month, we meet up for supper and a chat, visiting different homes each time. There is always a great variety of food.

We have a BBQ in August and a Christmas get-together, too. All are welcome.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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

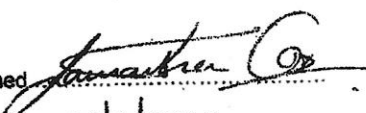
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent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

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
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Signed

Date


22/2/2024

CA Mufu (Church warden)

SAH E (Churchwarden)

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	18182		17984	
Legacies	3000		1500	
Church collections	1474		1575	
Income tax recovered	5382		4551	
Interest on Income tax recovered	40		1	
		28078		25611
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	4072		7014	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	128		216	
Donations for Good Causes	921		640	
Grants for Church Restoration	470		675	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		150	
Grants for Energy costs	0		1087	
		5590		9782
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1107		1000	
Flower Festival	135		0	
Ride or Stride	737		669	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	120		350	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	230		529	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	396		579	
Christmas Coffee Morning	781		639	
Christmas Quiz	1		70	
Plant / Cake Sales	0		0	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	176		0	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	58		73	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 2)	40		0	
Spring Fayre	675		549	
Yarn Bomb Social event	0		0	
		4455		4457
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	471		40	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	48		10	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	5		2	
		525		52
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Sale of Magazine (See Note 1)	16		987	
Printing	3		0	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	2891		4498	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
		2910		5485
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	11578		11766	
		11578		11766
Total Receipts		53136		57152

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	2036		2230	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 3)	35		970	
Grants				
			2071	3200
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	26		44	
Diocesan Parish Share	22032		20400	
Wedding and Funèral Expenses, incorporating	590		936	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	500		293	
Religious Education	173		40	
Out Reach	347		470	
Youth Fund	0		0	
Upkeep of Services	536		563	
Insurances	3487		3270	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	5747		5291	
Church Grounds/Garden	983		883	
Electricity	7351		3583	
Quinquennial Inspection	0		0	
			41772	35774
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	74		627	
Miscellaneous Expenses	902		732	
Magazine Expenses	0		939	
Risograph Expenses	671		168	
New Printer	0		0	
			1647	2466
Church Hall				
Gas	3633		1422	
Electricity	1351		669	
Water Rates	181		122	
Insurances	1043		978	
Furniture			150	
Repairs	1497		1609	
Cleaning Expenses	1307		1396	
Miscellaneous Expenses	390		12	
Ground Maintenance	900		760	
			10300	7117
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	1350		0	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	0		0	
			1350	0
Total Payments			57140	48557

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

	£	£
Excess of Receipts (Payments)	-4004	8595
Unaccounted funds		
Cash in Hand, Bank and Building Society accounts as at 1st January (see note 4)	57430	48835
Cash in Hand, Bank & Building Society accounts as at 31st December (see note 4)	53426	57430

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2023	£	2023	£	2022
General Fund - Monetary Assets				
Floats/Cash in Hand		37		148
A&L Bank Accounts :- Current Account		807		2503
:- Business Deposit Account		4041		8517
:- Bunning Hall Fund		877		495
		<u>47664</u>		<u>45767</u>
Coventry Building Society Investment Account		0		57430
		53426		

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Debtors		
Prepayments	120	230
	<u>120</u>	<u>230</u>

Accruals - Liabilities		
Other Expenses	161	0
Electricity	2147	2147
Gas	277	609
	<u>2586</u>	<u>2757</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Notè 1

With on-line presence Magazine discontinued from this year onward

Note 2

Sales in church via donations in offertory box amounted to £39.60

Note 3

Donations paid made up as follows:

Restricted Giving		Other	
Kimbilio	140	LDG Bell Ringers	35
The Royal British Legion	223		
Childrens Society	405		
Historic Churches	737		
Loros	50		
MSF Earth Quake Emergency Appeal	110		
Sight Savers	96		
Lutterworth Food Bank	275		
	<u>2036</u>		

Note 4

Note 4 **As at**
The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following : **31.12.2023**

Note 4	As at	As at
The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	£	£
Fabric Repairs Fund (Major items)	26435	24108
Clock Fund	6234	6168
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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester

This report on the accounts of Cosby PCC (Charity No. 1133983) for the year ended 31st December, 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 4,

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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

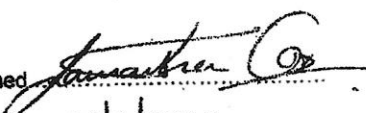
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent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

I have 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.

Mrs. Samantha J. Cox
11 The Paddocks
Littlethorpe
Leicester
LE19 5JP

Signed

Date


22/2/2024

St Michael Church Warden

SAH (Churchwarden)

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Stewardship envelopes, income under covenants & Gift Aid	18182		17984	
Legacies	3000		1500	
Church collections	1474		1575	
Income tax recovered	5382		4551	
Interest on Income tax recovered	40		1	
		28078		25611
Other Voluntary Incoming Resources				
Donations to Funds (see Note 3)	4072		7014	
Donations to Bunning Hall Upkeep	128		216	
Donations for Good Causes	921		640	
Grants for Church Restoration	470		675	
Grants for Bunning Hall	0		150	
Grants for Energy costs	0		1087	
		5590		9782
Activities for Generating Funds				
Book & Puzzle Sale	1107		1000	
Flower Festival	135		0	
Ride or Stride	737		669	
Concerts (Style Concert/Sing Christmas)	120		350	
Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Tea	230		529	
Children's Society Box Opening/Christingle etc	396		579	
Christmas Coffee Morning	781		639	
Christmas Quiz	1		70	
Plant / Cake Sales	0		0	
Parish Breakfast/Soups & Puds etc	176		0	
Miscellaneous Fund raising	58		73	
Cards/Mugs/Church History etc (See Note 2)	40		0	
Spring Fayre	675		549	
Yarn Bomb Social event	0		0	
		4455		4457
Income from Investments				
Building Society Interest	471		40	
Bank Deposit Account Interest	48		10	
Bunning Hall Fund Deposit Account Interest	5		2	
		525		52
Other ordinary Incoming Resources				
Sale of Magazine (See Note 1)	16		987	
Printing	3		0	
Fees from Wedding and Funerals	2891		4498	
Insurance Claim	0		0	
		2910		5485
Church Hall				
Sundry Lettings	11578		11766	
		11578		11766
Total Receipts		53136		57152

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund - Receipts and Payments Account - Continued

Payments	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations to Missions and Relief Agencies & Other Charitable Organisations	2036		2230	
Other Charitable Giving (See Note 3)	35		970	
Grants				
			2071	3200
Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church				
Fund raising expenses	26		44	
Diocesan Parish Share	22032		20400	
Wedding and Funèral Expenses, incorporating	590		936	
Ministry expenses - includes Travel, Telephone Charges & Internet Line	500		293	
Religious Education	173		40	
Out Reach	347		470	
Youth Fund	0		0	
Upkeep of Services	536		563	
Insurances	3487		3270	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance inc Organ	5747		5291	
Church Grounds/Garden	983		883	
Electricity	7351		3583	
Quinquennial Inspection	0		0	
			41772	35774
Church Management and Administration				
Books, printing and stationery	74		627	
Miscellaneous Expenses	902		732	
Magazine Expenses	0		939	
Risograph Expenses	671		168	
New Printer	0		0	
			1647	2466
Church Hall				
Gas	3633		1422	
Electricity	1351		669	
Water Rates	181		122	
Insurances	1043		978	
Furniture			150	
Repairs	1497		1609	
Cleaning Expenses	1307		1396	
Miscellaneous Expenses	390		12	
Ground Maintenance	900		760	
			10300	7117
Major Capital Expenditure				
Major repair costs to church building inc redecoration	1350		0	
Major repairs to church hall inc redecoration	0		0	
			1350	0
Total Payments			57140	48557

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Cosby, Leicester - Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

	£	£
Excess of Receipts (Payments)	-4004	8595
Unaccounted funds		
Cash in Hand, Bank and Building Society accounts as at 1st January (see note 4)	57430	48835
Cash in Hand, Bank & Building Society accounts as at 31st December (see note 4)	53426	57430

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2023	£	2023	£	2022
General Fund - Monetary Assets				
Floats/Cash in Hand		37		148
A&L Bank Accounts :- Current Account		807		2503
:- Business Deposit Account		4041		8517
:- Bunning Hall Fund		877		495
		<u>47664</u>		<u>45767</u>
Coventry Building Society Investment Account		0		57430
		53426		

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Debtors		
Prepayments	120	230
	<u>120</u>	<u>230</u>

Accruals - Liabilities		0
Other Expenses	161	2147
Electricity	2147	609
Gas	277	
	<u>2586</u>	<u>2757</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Note 1

Note 1
With on-line presence Magazine discontinued from this year onward

Note 2

Sales in church via donations in offertory box amounted to £39.60

Note 3

Donations paid made up as follows:

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Restricted Giving		LDG Bell Ringers	35
Kimbilio	140		
The Royal British Legion	223		
Childrens Society	405		
Historic Churches	737		
Loros	50		
MSF Earth Quake Emergency Appeal	110		
Sight Savers	96		
Lutterworth Food Bank	275		
	<u>2036</u>		

Note 4

Note 4

The figures stated include amounts which the PCC has earmarked for the following

As at 31.12.2023

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