

Annual Report & Financial Statements

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The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BACKGROUND

Ewhurst with Okewood & Forest Green PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. It has the responsibility of promoting to the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church grounds. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the Year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Vacancy
Churchwardens	Tony Gauvain, Tom Murphy, Liz Tingley
Deputy Church Warden	Martin Lockwood
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Liz Tingley, Janet Templeman
Elected Members	Mike Brady, Graham Childs, Shirley Dighton (Pastoral Assistant), Clare Harding, Val Henry, Jan Jesson (Pastoral Assistant), Michelle Matthews (Treasurer), Jan Moir, Chris Owen, Janet Templeman, Angie Thomas (Safeguarding Liaison), Clive Ward,
Co-opted	Jackie Avery (Secretary)
In attendance	Rev'd Rosemary Mason, Elizabeth Coleman (parish administrator)

REPORT

The PCC, drawn from members of the three churches within our parish, meets every other month. The Standing Committee, comprising the Church Wardens, the PCC Treasurer, the PCC Secretary and two members of the congregations, meets every other month, prior to the PCC meeting.

The current PCC comprises three Church Wardens, two Deanery Synod representatives, twelve elected members, and the secretary. Rev'd Rosemary Mason and the PCC Secretary also attend.

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The total number of people on the combined electoral Roll is 125 which is 32 less than last year. (last year 157)

The losses are due to the complete revision of the Electoral Roll this year. This happens every 6 years. The next revision will be in 2031.

The total is made up of:

75 people at St Peter and St Paul Ewhurst (last year 97)

42 people at St John the Baptist Okewood (last year 52)

8 people at Holy Trinity Forest Green (last year 8)

Please keep the Parish Administrator abreast of any changes in contact details.

Liz Coleman, Parish Administrator

MINISTER'S REPORT

As I write this, it is just over 2 years since Rev Clare Shepherd left us, and our parish entered a position of vacancy. It has been, and continues to be, my pleasure and privilege to be asked by Area Dean Roy Woodhams to continue to take services at St. Peter and St Paul's church. This I gladly and willingly do.

The past 12 months have been busy. There have been 2 weddings, 11 funeral services, 3 baptisms, and 4 burials of cremated remains, as well as the other weekly services, and the other celebratory services, such as Harvest, Remembrance, All Souls, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter.

A very happy Songs of Praise evening was held in the grounds of the Old Rectory in the summer. As usual, I have taken a service of Holy Communion there on the first Wednesday of each month. These are always well attended. I am also often asked to go in to pray with individual residents.

We once again joined with the Baptist church for services on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, both of these following the traditional walk around the village, either with a donkey or carrying a cross. We also joined with them for the World Day of Prayer. 2 parishioners have received Holy Communion in their homes, as they can no longer come to church.

I have continued to take a weekly assembly in Ewhurst Infants school. They came over to church for their end-of-year service. Then in September, a new head teacher was welcomed, Mr. Tim Cheesman, a committed Christian, who divides his working week between Ewhurst and Wonersh schools. He is very keen to foster the links with the church and the village. The children came over for their harvest service, and also at Christmas. They will be coming at Easter, then having an Easter egg hunt back in the school garden. They held a lovely Mothers' Day service in school, and a pet service. The children from Rainbows End nursery have also been over several times, and the Toddler group are having an Easter egg hunt too.

My sincere thanks to everyone who in any way helps to make the services run smoothly. It is a great pleasure and a privilege to be here. I hope and pray that I may continue to serve God and his people in this way, for as long as it is necessary. Thank you.

Rev'd Rosemary Mason

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Church Wardens Report for Ewhurst

Rev'd Clare Shepherd left us in February 2023 since when we have been without a rector so we are now coming to the end of our second year of vacancy and we thank God constantly that we have been blessed with having Rev'd Rosemary Mason, a PTO in the Guildford Diocese. Thanks to her dedication and love for the church and village, we have had scheduled services every month, festivals, weddings, funerals, baptisms and pastoral care, thereby providing a secure and loving base for the church to continue to serve the parish. Liz Coleman is also an integral part of the Church, arranging the schedule of services and dealing with the queries and demands that continually come into the office. We are so lucky to have such a competent, smiling, helpful member of the team.

As you will be aware, the diocese has agreed that the Benefice of Ewhurst, Okewood and Forest Green (EOFG) will be dissolved as it has not been a happy alliance. This takes time as the legalities and finances have to be dealt with and as we know, the Church is not known for its speed. We have to prepare a new Parish Profile, Statement of Needs and the Church Development Plan, which I am delighted to say Martin Lockwood, our Deputy Church Warden, has agreed to work on. We will have to advertise the House for Duty vacancy again. We had a 3 month let through the diocese in the summer before the vacancy could be advertised. Then in the autumn we had 3 months with the advert in the Church Times, but not one iota of interest – very depressing. However, our new Arch Deacon, Catharine Mabuza, is very upbeat about our success this time as we will be advertising as a stand-alone parish church. Again, however, until the diocese agrees on the amount of the Parish Share we will have to pay, we cannot go forward.

We have been incredibly lucky to have found a Heritage stonemason of immense experience in all things building who has been prepared to help with the preservation of the church building, repairing many different problems of the structure much of which is the result of years of neglect – understandably to an extent as a 12th century building is bound to need expensive attention as buildings do not last forever. Martin Lockwood, our Deputy Church Warden, knows a great deal about building and has been kept very busy

applying for all the faculties the diocese has to grant for what needs to be done in order of necessity and ability to pay. See separate report.

The question of a defibrillator was raised in the last report. Various companies seem to offer a bargain but when the suggestion is investigated it turns out to cost nearly £1,000 when the extra costs like installation and servicing are added which make it impossible to afford. At present, our nearest defibrillator is installed in the porch of the Glebe Centre down the hill. There was also the necessity of having a First Aider at the church services. One course on which I have been given information costs £700 for 12 people for a 6 hour course so I will look further. I think it would be a good idea to put a poster out in the village inviting people to join a basic course and see if we can get sufficient people to join in. All we need is a basic course, so hopefully we can manage that.

In the meantime, we carry on and hope that one suitable priest sees our advert and feels convinced it is just where they want to be.

Liz Tingley, Church Warden

Parish Share/Rectory lets.

A meeting was held on February 3rd between Archdeacon Catharine Mabuza; Inigo Churchill, Director of Finance, Guildford Diocese; Tom Murphy, Clive Ward, and Tony Gauvain, to consider both the Ewhurst and Okewood / FG parish share, in the light of the planned pastoral reorganisation. A special case was made by and for Okewood/FG. No decisions were made, and the matter remains under consideration. The possibility of renting out the rectory at Ewhurst for short term lets during Vacancy was also discussed and it was agreed that consideration would be given to a written proposal.

Reorganisation timescale

Diocesan advice is that Pastoral reorganisation usually takes at least 6 months, if not longer, depending on when meetings are happening and how quickly the Church Commissioners respond. The draft proposals will be going to the DMPC for their approval on 3rd March 2025, after which time it goes to the Bishop for his views. On receipt of his approval, it then goes to the Church Commissioners. So the likely timescale for that will be mid-March latest. If the Church Commissioners can turn it around within a month, it will then go out for formal consultation mid to late April for a further 6 weeks. If there are no objections the scheme will be made by the Church Commissioners sometime in June, and it would then most likely come into effect between 1st July 2025 and 31st September 2025.

Newsletters

The next Ewhurst and Ellens Green newsletter, which is due to be published in early 2025, April will carry a notice advertising for a new editor, and will carry 'Church News' on the back page.

Tony Gauvain, Church Warden

Church Warden Report for Okewood and Forest Green

This time a year ago we were advertising for a new Rector for Ewhurst, Okewood and Forest Green. Much has happened in the meanwhile. Following a series of meetings with the diocese hierarchy and an open meeting of the PCC, it was agreed that EOFG would be divided, with Ewhurst again becoming a parish in its own right, with Okewood and Forest Green also stepping out as a separate parish.

It was initially expected that this would be a relatively quick and painless process, scheduled for completion by the end of February 2025. This has now been shown to be optimistic; 'the mills of the Church of England grind exceedingly slow'. At each stage approval has to be sought and given by a series of committees. If there are no objections and all goes smoothly the new parishes will launch sometime between July and September of this year.

Although this is frustrating, it has given us time to prepare and plan at Okewood and Forest Green. Revd Peter Nevins, the vicar of South Holmwood and Dorking Area Dean will be our Priest-in-Charge, exercising oversight of the new parish. He has visited our congregations, and we are looking forward to getting to know him better. John Marsh, our dedicated local priest, has continued to give his time and his wisdom generously. Volunteers have come forward to fill all of the official posts required by the diocese. We are confident that by the time we launch everything we need will be in place.

Our giving has held up well during the vacancy, and there have been some new regular givers. We are very grateful to all those who give generously, and to the Friends' charities which are so supportive of our churches.

We have not stood still and marked time during the extended vacancy. The full range of services we offer has continued in our churches, and there have been many highlights in the past year. Christmas saw full churches for the Crib service, as well as '9 lessons and Carols' services in Forest Green. All-age services have continued in Okewood under the leadership of Jan Moir. The Okewood Christmas Day service, led by Bishop Peter Hancock and accompanied on the organ by Maureen, was another highlight of the season. As ever special thanks are due to Elizabeth Coleman, our excellent parish administrator who works tirelessly and patiently to keep us all on track. Thanks also go to our team of dedicated helpers who maintain the buildings, clean the churches, care for the gardens, arrange flowers, run the pastoral services and many activities of the parish, and to those who support our services: lay preachers, organists, singers, vergers, sides-people, intercessors, refreshment providers and our faithful worshippers. If the vacancy has taught us one thing, it is the importance of us all contributing in whatever way we can to the church.

Please continue to pray for our parish and for guidance for the future. We are very grateful for your support.

Tom Murphy, Church Warden

Ewhurst Church Fabric Report

During this past year we have made considerable progress in restoration and repair works with the appointment of our new Inspecting architect / Surveyor, Ryan Bunce, and with the great works by Jamie Barnett whose expertise and experience has been amazing in tackling so many areas and different types of repairs.

APCM Report 2024

In addition to these repairs, we have formed the “Ewhurst Church Preservation Fund” to raise much need funds to finance future restoration work including the urgent need to repair the eroding and delaminated stone facing to the church walls, which has been reported in the architects Quinquennial reports as a matter in need of attention. We have also refurbished and put in place the Ewhurst Church Model as a donation box set at rear pew in the church, which is already receiving donations from our visitors.

We are seeking quotations for replacing the guttering and downpipes as required in the architects reports as these badly corroded and failing, which we hope to undertake this summer.

Our surveyor is currently producing a highly detailed report with marked up photographs and specifications for the restoration work to the stone-faced walls that has been identified in the reports.

We have sought and obtained Diocese faculty consents for the following works most of which has now been completed. Repairs and re pointing of the tiled flooring in the church, Installation of memorial bench, removal of dead Hawthorn tree, cutting back of overhanging trees to Wilson room, replacement of existing guttering, replacing missing roof stone slab over Vestry, refurbishment of the Nave and Transept oak doors, repairs to the badly damaged font, new waste bin enclosure to churchyard Ashes area, Repointing and repairs to the brick drainage channels, rebuilding the disabled access to the porch entrance, repairs to the west porch roofing, refurbishment and varnishing to the Wilson room south doors.

Other works have included repairs to Wilson room roof and replacing damage tiles, fitting PIR lighting in church to help visitors,

Future works planned include Installation of Fibre broadband lines to the Wilson room and to the Vestry, replacement of entrance door mats, waste bin enclosure in churchyard, and repairs and repainting of old water damage on church walls.

Martin Lockwood, Deputy Churchwarden

DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod meeting Monday 8th July 2024 at St Nicholas, Alfold.

A poll was sent out prior to the meeting to ascertain if people would prefer 2 or 3 meetings each year. The majority said , so 2 deanery synod meetings will be held annually; Roy added that an extra meeting will be added if needed.

Roy welcomed Archdeacon Catharine Mabuza thanking her for agreeing to join us at her first meeting in the diocese.

She introduced herself by asking: ‘Where have you seen God at work?’ and invited small group discussions before feeding back to the whole group.

Prior to the meeting, members had been invited to send questions to her, which she answered.

She is the first woman archdeacon in the diocese and is aware of her role in encouraging diversity and women in leadership.

There are 80 parishes that she works with so is prioritizing those that are in vacancy -10 at present.

Guildford diocese is privileged to have so many parishes with 1 vicar : 1 church or 1 vicar : 2/3 churches. Lots of rural deaneries have 1 vicar : 7+ churches. Cranleigh is the most rural deanery in the diocese.

Catharine's question to us all was: What are the joys in your parishes? To which each parish gave their answer. What are the challenges?

AD Catharine was disappointed with the result of the vote to meet only twice a year and hoped that that would change.

Saturday 26th November 2024

Cranleigh Deanery Synod held a Strategy Morning at St Nicolas Church 10am – 1pm.

An opportunity for teams from parishes to come together to consider their priorities and plans. All incumbents were invited along with up to 12 members of the core team – PCC, staff and leadership.

To follow: 1. Incumbent meeting in Jan 2025 for 1/1.4 hrs.

2. Follow up in Feb for 2 -3hrs

3. Check with the incumbent in Feb/March

4. An Archdeacons visitation after the check in March/April to talk about the Church development plan.

As we have no incumbent, no staff and no leadership, I politely absented Ewhurst from this Strategy Morning.

16th October 2024

On Wednesday 16th October a Deanery Synod Social evening was held, cheese, wine and an inspirational talk from guest speaker David Senior. A very pleasant evening and an excellent talk.

Janet Templeman, Liz Tingley

MINISTRIES

GLEBE COFFEE MORNING

The Glebe Coffee Morning continues to flourish and now has regularly around thirty participants each week.

We have gained some more volunteer cake makers this year and the committee is very grateful to everyone who helps to make the Coffee Morning such a success.

In July, we held our annual lunch at the refurbished Bull's Head. Forty friends enjoyed lunch and friendship there.

In August, our volunteers had their Helper's Lunch in the Glebe Centre, to thank them for their continued support.

At the end of November, we had a visit to Newbridge Nurseries for coffee/tea and mince pies and a chance to make a start with our Christmas shopping.

At Christmas, we had our usual visit from the Village School children. Thirty two children from years one and two entertained us with songs from their Nativity Play.

At our Christmas Special morning, Revd Rosemary Mason and Ben Scadden from the Baptist church led the short service. Val Henry kindly accompanied our carol singing on the piano. We had requests for favourite carols too this year. We enjoyed the seasonal food and handmade bags filled with goodies to take home. The bags were made by Jan Jesson. The Coffee Morning takes place each Wednesday morning from 10.30 - 12.00. All age groups are welcome. We are always happy to welcome new friends and you can be assured of a warm welcome. Transport can be arranged.

Sally Thompson (Secretary)

NEWS AND VIEWS

The quarterly Parish Magazine has continued to be published throughout 2024. The editorial team set up in 2023 continued to operate through 2024. This consisted of Amanda Elsdon-Dew, Josh Root, Barry Thomson, Robin Stride, Mariia Kovalska, John White and me. Their dedication and enthusiasm has been wonderful and it has been a delight to operate with all of them. They have all done a really good job for the Parish and we should give them our heartfelt thanks.

Over this period our Parish has grown as new houses and occupancy has increased. We also cover all pubs, clubs, shops and businesses. Therefore our print production run has grown from 1,750 copies (and continues to grow). We must also give grateful thanks to our printers, Top Print (Andrew Lock) as he really does give us preferential rates thus keeping our costs down.

We all must remember that we would not have a magazine if we did not have commercial advertisers. Our turnover in costs has grown dramatically over the last two years, just to keep pace with inflation. Generally all our advertisers have been very loyal to us and as nearly all of them are local businesses which we should support whenever we can. Our turnover for 2024 was £7,185. We still had approximately 40 commercial advertisers. There have been some changes to the production and editorial for 2024 and I intend to stand down after the 2024 Winter edition. We need more people to step up and we will need a new Editor for 2025.

Finally, it must be always remembered that this is a Church Parish magazine. It must, at all times ensure that Church Faith is at the forefront of the production.

Peter Bennett, Editor

YOUTH TEAM

Much has happened since last year's APCM. After much prayer and discussion, with heavy hearts we felt it was right to disband the YT from the end of the school summer term 2024 and sadly made up the school and nurseries bags for the last time. All Age Services at Okewood were organised and run by the youth team and since July 2024 these services have continued, being run by the same people but as individuals.

As a small group we felt we were no longer able to offer the time needed to put on children/youth/family events. We will always be ready to help and support future events across the parish should this be requested.

When we knew our three churches were to become a new parish in 2018, the YT from Ewhurst and Okewood met together, joined forces and worked together immediately, before our new rector was appointed.

Below is a list of all that has been achieved between 2018 to date:

Members of the team have attended in Guildford, Diocesan Training Days and also Safeguarding Training.

Sunday morning groups at SPSP and Okewood.

Prior to Covid, All Age Services at Okewood and 20/20 Services, including puppets, at SPSP.

Preparing and leading 2023 Christingle in WR.

Preparing and leading Crib Services at Okewood and SPSP, encouraging youngsters to take part. Organising Christmas Crib Posada which circulated through our village

Monthly All Age Services at Okewood, encouraging youngsters to take part – which they do!

Running Messy Church for two years in Walliswood Village Hall

During Covid, Easter and Pentecost, services and weekly bedtime stories were filmed and shown online.

School assemblies.

Involvement with school services held in SPSP.

Three times a year bags containing activities, crafts, sweets and ‘something’ sharing the Christian message have been distributed at the school as well as Okewood and Rainbows nurseries, totalling 200 per term. This was initially started during Covid. I

Trips to Air Hop in Guildford.

Movie Time showing films in Wilson Room with drinks and popcorn.

Running craft/activity stalls at local fetes.

Holiday Clubs

Fun Days.

Members of both congregations and friends have helped with some of the above, so it really has been a ‘team’ effort and we are very grateful for the help, support and prayers which have been vital.

We have had a wonderful time getting to know each other, making new friends and sharing Jesus with the children and families across our parish and pray this will continue. Why?

Because ‘the harvest is plenty’.

Jan Moir, Angie Thomas, Grace Thomas, Michelle Matthews, Anne Charlesworth, Sarah Smith

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We have had another successful year, with lots of families consisting of Mums, Dads and Grandparents. They have brought babies of different ages and young and older toddlers. They are a friendly group always keen to welcome new people and quickly making new friends. A few of the Toddlers have now started at Rainbows and it’s lovely to see the difference in them, with sharing and developing more social skills.

We have been able to offer a welcome with friendship, fresh filter coffee and tea. We then encourage free play with a choice of lots of different toys, plus great craft with Mary. We have been able to celebrate Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Red Nose day, and our annual Easter egg hunt in the church which we combine with our yearly fire drill.

This last Christmas we had a party, plus the Nativity story told kindly by Rev Rosemary Mason followed up with Away in a Manger and Jingle Bells.

Each week we have a fruit snack and the toddlers are all encouraged to sit at the table. This is followed up with a singalong with shakers, the children are again encouraged to sit in a little chair to be given a shaker. We celebrate any birthdays with the children, parents and grandparents.

Mary, Kate, Pam and Graham have continued to be a great asset to the group. Graham has helped set up each week, with Pam offering cover when needed.

The numbers of families attending varies each week, they come from Ewhurst, Cranleigh, Ellens Green and Rudgwick. We are happy to offer any parenting advice and support when requested. We have continued to ask for £1 per family which we use for coffee, tea, fruit snacks, craft materials and party food at Christmas.

I am hoping to set up Parenting classes with Mary using the Family Caring Trust material which Elizabeth has helped me to collate.

Rosie Smy

MUSIC

As I pen this report, fragments of the Women's World Day of Prayer, keep popping into my mind. A Service representing the 200 years of Christianity of the womenfolk of the Cook Islands (Pacific Ocean) – all this from within the walls of Ewhurst Baptist Church – worldwide travel without the air miles! A very interesting and worthwhile service. My thanks to Reverend Rosemary and Jane Harry, in particular, for their readiness and ability to enable this experience. The banana melt was memorable!!..

It is always a treat to experience how others worship – the music, liturgy, variety. THE CHOIR is a very important asset to our church. It enables the congregation to participate not only in the sung elements but in the corporate responses; they are integral to the integrity of worship. Furthermore, they participate in the weekly rehearsals, services and events outside the walls of St Peter and St Paul: i.e. Summer Songs of Praise in the grounds of The Old Rectory Nursing Home, Christmas Carol Singing around the village.

Interested in joining? Want to know more? Then contact me, Valerie

Currently we do not have any choristers under the age of 18, this is not an uncommon situation within The Church of England. I am delighted, however, to report that the youngsters of David Minns day are doing exceedingly well in their musicianship and associated skills. Music is a powerful attribute and can give one so much confidence. Our Adult Choir is beyond thanks. They are an amazing group of individuals who are real enablers and I am so blessed to have them. Their attributes bring so much to our services and to my humble offerings.

The run-up to Christmas was hectic but thoroughly enjoyable and with the help of occasional contributors – singers, musicians - added to the magic of Christmas. Thank you ALL.

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, QUADRAGESIMA, and in the stillness of our 12 century church we shall sing Evensong from The Book Music of Common Prayer.

A perfect way to start the week.

Val Henry, Director of Music Ewhurst

BELL RINGING

The band of bellringers is still going, but not as strong as it was in 2023 as the number of ringers reduced by 6 in 2024. Jan Jesson, our bell captain, retired for health reasons after many years of service leading and growing the team, Val Jolly moved to Devon, Bella went to university, and the 3 teenage girls that joined at the end of 2022 to “ring for the king” do not have the time now with other activities.

Rob Matthews has taken over as bell captain and leads the remaining band comprising Sue, Dave, Dee, Clive, Lucy and Kelvin. Lucy and Kelvin joined in 2023 and are now full members of the band. Graham Lucas, the Cranleigh bell captain, has been visiting us on Wednesdays to share his invaluable teaching skills.

Since the restoration of our bells in 2018, they have become popular with visiting ringers from around the country. We allowed several quarter peals (45 minutes) but only 2 full peals (3 hours) as we are cognisant of the impact these have in the village. We received much positive feedback on these and only 1 complaint and even then, the complainant became supportive after we showed them round the bell tower.

We are in need of more ringers to help keep the tradition alive and would welcome newcomers of any age.

Clive Ward

FLOWER GUILD

A big thank you to all the talented ladies who skilfully help and provide wonderful floral arrangements throughout the church year.

If you would like to join our small team of volunteers, please seek me out. Additional contributors – flower arrangers, flower providers would be most welcome.

Val Henry

HOSPITALITY GROUP

The PCC Charities Group has undergone a change in the last year and, with the approval of the PCC, has changed its name and it's remit from a Charities Group to a Hospitality Group.

This change has come about as we recognised that we were more and more providing hospitality for church events – lunch after the Harvest Festival, tea and cakes after the All Souls Service, and so on. We were no longer able to fulfil our original remit of raising funds specifically for outside charities, but have instead found ourselves in the role of providing support (and nourishment) for church events in general.

Having said that, and acknowledging how important that is for the life of the church, we continue to keep an eye on what we can do to raise some funds for local causes. A surplus from the Harvest lunch last October enabled us to give a small donation to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice of around £110.

We have just provided the catering for the Quiz Night, run by Jane and Geoff Harry, which raised £1380, £700 of which has gone to FSPSP and £680 to the Riverside Trust for use at Vaughan House.

Our next venture is to return to the Lent lunches, always popular but less frequented in recent years. Any surplus from these lunches, which are primarily run for the companionship and friendship which we all benefit from, will again go to a local cause close to our heart.

Joanna Cadman

Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine

The Spring Collection in 2024 was one of the largest we have received, with a wide range of goods from clothing to mobility aids, nappies to sweet & toys, garden & household equipment, plus medicines, bedding & toiletries. It did all go into the van, but only just. Donations came from all three churches, the Baptist church and the wider community including the local schools.

The Harvest Collection in September was also a parish initiative advertised in News & Views but also in the three parish churches, around Ewhurst, Ewhurst village school and Pre-school. The Baptist church was also informed of the Collection. The collection received generous Christmas items and essentials for the children of Chernobyl in Ukraine. The Items began their journey with a trip to the charity's warehouse in Canterbury, then by lorry to Poland where they were transferred to Ukrainian lorries, to make a "Happy Christmas" for the children.

Submitted by Jane Harry on behalf of the Hospitality Group

FRIENDS REPORTS

Friends of St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst

There have been slight changes to the board of trustees this year. Martin Lockwood stood down as an ex-officio trustee when he was no longer churchwarden, with this role passing to the new churchwarden Tony Gauvain.

Martin remained as a co-opted trustee, as a building advisor, but sadly had to step down. His time as trustee was much appreciated. Jan Allen was unanimously re-elected as a trustee by the other trustees on the board, when her tenure came to an end in November. As usual, FSPSP hosted various schools to enjoy learning about the history of our lovely church. This included three from Sayers Croft and two visits from Rainbows End Pre School. Janet Balchin, one of our trustees gave history talks to the village school and three U3A groups.

Our Fundraising continued to involve the community with Geoff Harry's Quiz with the money raised split equally between the Friends and Vaughan House in Guildford. The Easter Market in March had much better weather than in the past, a wide array of stalls and plenty of people. Next was our main event, the Family Fun Day at Sayers Croft in July. This year, Ewhurst History Society joined us with a "Meet the Romans" event by the Round House which gave another dimension to the day. Once again, the weather was kind, and we had good attendance and an excellent profit from the Raffle to boost our funds.

As usual, the Friends and the Ewhurst History Society had a joint stall at the Rectory Fete in September and our banners and activity packs were on show in the church as it was also Heritage Weekend.

Christmas was a good time of year for us with Christmas cards selling well, plus a bonus with an invitation from the Bulls Head to host a carol singing Eve. The church choir kindly came to make this happen and also generously donated the proceeds from their carol singing at other village venues. The Friends and Ewhurst History Society came together again with a joint stall at the Village school Christmas Market.

Our thanks must go to our loyal supporters and volunteers who help at our many events. These would not happen without them.

Our efforts to get a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) have been less successful. We submitted a bid for a grant above £250,000 in September but were advised to re-submit for a grant below £250,000 as it is less competitive at this level. This involved re-writing quite a lot of the application, which was re-submitted in December for a grant of £204,000. Sadly, we heard in February 2025 that this was not accepted. However, FSPSP can re-apply, which we plan to do later in 2025.

FSPSP very much appreciated the support from many village organisations who contributed to the application both through their support and involvement with plans for community links.

FSPSP will continue fundraising for the urgently needed restoration of the south transept, both through new grant applications and continued fundraising events.

FSPSP continues to send Reports to EOFG for all PCC meetings as well as keeping their supporters updated.

Jan Allen kindly sends out regular information e-mails to our registered supporters and Geoff Harry works hard to keep the website updated, as information is sent to him. During the year, FSPSP sent articles to all editions of News & Views and the Ewhurst & Ellens Green Newsletter.

Jane Harry (Chairman)

Friends of Okewood

The trustees of The Friends had 4 meetings during the course of the year.

As requested by Barclays Bank a new bank account was opened for the charity and became active from May 2024.

A new Facebook page for The Friends was set up by Sarah Murphy.

A team led by Liz Thorne arranged a “Bluebell Walk” in Chapel Copse in April providing tea, coffee and cake for visitors which raised awareness of Okewood Church and raised a small amount of funds.

During the course of the year a donation of £200 was received from “Kindred Spirits”.

Phil Waller agreed to arrange a second “Night at the Musicals” fund-raising event in the Spring of 2025 following the success of this event in November 2023.

In view of the deterioration of the very old Christmas crib a local resident, Richard Mlarnic, agreed to construct a new crib and The Friends arranged for new set of nativity figures to be acquired. The crib was completed during the year and used at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve to widespread acclaim.

Barry Thomson, Chairman

Friends of Holy Trinity, Forest Green

It has been a quiet year for the Friends with the highlight being our bi-annual fundraiser, once again featuring musical duo Isosceles and local rock legends Bill and Oscar Cuthbert. A tremendous evening raised nearly £2,000 which leaves us with a healthy bank balance for future spend.

A number of small issues raised in the last Quinquennial have been addressed and we await the next – due this year – with bated breath. We already know that the roof will need replacing in the next 10-15 years while heating may well also need refreshing.

We are also alert to the parish’s need to fundraise harder for its share so foresee something of a balancing act over the next few years, highlighting more than ever the need to support both the building and the ministry.

Matt Sparkes (Secretary)

EWHURST C of E INFANT SCHOOL

At the end of the 2023-24 academic year Jonathan Walters completed a 2 year term as headteacher of Ewhurst School. We were incredibly fortunate to have Jonathan lead our school through a process of transformation following our OFSTED inspection. Jonathan built a vibrant team around him, implemented new curricula, and actioned an ambitious improvement strategy that has seen our school flourish.

In September 2024, Tim Cheesman became Executive Headteacher at Ewhurst School in addition to his role as headteacher at Wonersh and Shamley Green Church of England Primary School (WSG) which he has lead since September 2020. Tim brought with him a wealth of experience and a legacy of success in leading small schools that has helped Ewhurst move from strength to strength. Tim’s appointment was made possible by the

hard work and support of the Diocese, SAE (School's Alliance for Excellence) and the Local Authority.

Tim's appointment represents an important opportunity to build strong leadership that will drive improvement, support success, and ensure a sustainable future for our school. Collaboration with WSG is an opportunity to enrich our school by sharing resources, expertise and best practice for the benefit of our staff and pupils.

The quality of education at Ewhurst School remains a top priority. We are extremely proud of our children's academic achievements. Last year 100% of our Year 1 children passed the National Phonics Check, significantly ahead of both the national (79%) and Surrey (81%) pass rates.

Ewhurst School continues to face major financial challenges due to falling enrolment. At present the school is at less than 50% capacity. Our beautiful albeit old building presents maintenance and major works challenges. Ewhurst School has been very fortunate to receive financial support from, among others, the Ewhurst Charity, the school's trust, the PTA, and SAE.

Ewhurst School continues to benefit hugely from its ties to the community. End of term services in the Church and other special events such as the Christingle service are looked forward to by the children and their families. We have been very fortunate to have had the fundraising support of the staff at Eden's Hair Salon, the Bull's Head, the Fabulous Nobodies, and the team from Secret Gardens – to name but a few! It was wonderful to see so many from the community attend the Ewhurst Christmas Fair, hosted by the school, for carols and mince pies, and a lovely craft market.

Ariela Fish, Governor

SAFEGUARDING

Sarah Smith resigned as Parish Safeguarding Officer on 28th May 2024.

We have had no Safeguarding Officer in the Parish this year. The PCC members are up to date with the required levels and should there be a worry about any safeguarding issue, we would contact Roy Woodhams, our Area Dean, who would contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

Our Parish states that we take the safeguarding of our children and vulnerable adults very seriously. This is the responsibility of everyone. Along with the Incumbent, the PCC provide a vital role in promoting a safer environment. Safeguarding training is key in reminding people of their responsibilities and also to help them feel confident in how to report and respond, should they become aware of a potential safeguarding issue. Safeguarding training by members of the PCC has been carried out over the year.

If you have any queries or concerns, however big or small, even if you are not sure if it is a concern or not, please always follow the correct procedure, by reporting as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours, to any of the following people:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Vacant

Jackie Broadfoot: Diocesan Safeguarding Officer jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk

To report an emergency safeguarding concern out of hours please telephone the police on 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm, or 101 if there is not an immediate risk and follow up with Safeguarding Officer or Jackie Broadfoot on the next working day. All safeguarding contact information can also be found on the Parish website.

Safeguarding Policy Annual Review

The adoption of the Safeguarding Policy is renewed annually, at the first PCC meeting after the APCM.

Jackie Avery, PCC Secretary

FINANCE

Finance Report

Treasurer is responsible for reviewing and monitoring financial policies including payroll and outward giving. They review and monitor the annual budget and assists the Parish with stewardship and financial management of the parish.

Unrestricted Funds

We entered 2024 with a vacancy which reduced our Parish share liability, and using some of our Ministry funds to help cover costs for advertising and outreach we have managed to keep our deficit in unrestricted to minimum of £7,242 we have now used the legacy we received in 2021 now. (we are very thankful for that legacy as it has kept us afloat for the last couple of years). Our aim is to breakeven and in the following pages we are nearly getting there as a Parish and individual churches.

Our Policy is to have 3 months expenditure of unrestricted funds we enter 2025 with £7,982 in our bank our monthly costs are £9,978 and our regular monthly income is £7,482, we rely on and in thanks to God for the faithful spirit shown by our congregations, the generosity of our donors. I give thanks for those who commit to regular financial support and add my encouragement to participate in this way. I thank those who make essential contributions of their time and skills to the financial resourcing (in the widest sense) of the Church in helping keeping costs down.

Restricted Funds

The PCC has in addition restricted funds totalling £345,572.

2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Financial Report Background & Policies

The Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers

Measure. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, and in a vacancy the Church Wardens and PCC in promoting to the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church grounds.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities. preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102."

Reserve Policy

The Finance Committee of the PCC conducts an annual review of the level of reserves by considering risks associated with the various income streams, expenditure plans and balance sheet items. This enables an estimate to be made of the level of reserves that are sufficient to continue to meet its objectives.

Risks and issues considered in making this judgement included:

- The over dependence on any single source of income or likelihood of downturn in income
- The period of time required to re-establish income streams or downsize activities
- The adequacy of control over budgets
- The requirement for a reasonable level of working capital

The PCC has agreed that we should hold unrestricted funds equal to at least a minimum of three months budgeted unrestricted expenditure.

Michelle Matthews, Treasurer

THE PARISH OF EWHURST WITH OKEWOOD AND FOREST GREEN

Reports & Accounts

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Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: THE PARISH OF EWHURST WITH OKEWOOD AND
FOREST GREEN

Charity Number: 1134020

Charity Address: THE STREET
EWHURST
SURREY
GU6 7PX

Trustees: AMBER WOOD

ANGIE THOMAS

CHRIS OWEN (Appointed 01/06/2023)

CLARE HARDING (Appointed 25/05/2023)

Clive Ward

GRAHAM CHILDS (Appointed 25/05/2023)

JAN JESSON

JAN MOIR

JANET TEMPLEMAN

LIZ TINGLEY

MARTIN LOCKWOOD (Appointed 25/05/2023)

MICHELLE MATTHEWS

MIKE BRADY

SHIRLEY DIGHTON

TOM MURPHY (Appointed 25/05/2023)

VAL HENRY

Key Management Personnel: STANDING COMMITTEE
TOM MURPHY - CHURCHWARDEN
MARTIN LOCKWOOD - CHURCHWARDEN
LIZ TINGLEY - CHURCHWARDEN
JACKIE AVERY - PCC SECRETARY
MICHELLE MATTHEWS - TREASURER
LIZ COLEMAN - PCC MEMBER
CLIVE WARD - PCC MEMBER

Name & Address of Primary
Banker: SANTANDER
BRIDLE ROAD
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GIR OAA

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Trustees Report

Objects of the charity

The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document PUBLIC WORSHIP FOR ALL. THE PROVISION OF SACRED SPACE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION PASTORAL WORK, INCLUDING VISITING THE SICK AND THE BEREAVED. TEACHING OF RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLIES IN SCHOOLS. PROMOTION OF CHRISTIANITY THROUGH SERMONS AND SMALL GROUPS. RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLIES IN SCHOOLS. PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, PARENTS, TODDLERS. SUPPORTING OTHER CHARITIES IN THE UK & OVERSEAS. The Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers, Measure. It has the responsibility of co-operating with a incumbent, when there is a vacancy we co-operate with the area-dean Rev Roy Woodhams, in promoting to the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church grounds. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

brief report about our current parish situation and said that our vacancy has been going well. The end is possibly in sight. The clergy advert is live in the Church Times with interviews to be held in early June. We are grateful to the huge team who keep this parish running. All normal services have continued, we haven't missed a beat! and all those who volunteer their services in a myriad of roles. We very much appreciate you. Thank you to our congregation,

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Recognised by HMRC for gift aid

Policies: Complaints handling Conflicting interests Paying staff Risk management Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries Volunteer management

Financial Review

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust

deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold a minimum of 3 months of expenditure as unrestricted cash, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £36,055.

Responsibilities of Trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:



Elizabeth C. Tingley

29 May 2025

**THE PARISH OF EWHURST WITH OKEWOOD AND FOREST GREEN
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH OF EWHURST WITH OKEWOOD AND FOREST GREEN**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I would like to draw attention to the fact that the prior year figures have been realigned due to the change in software and new coding system. The realignment has affected the breakdown of income and expenditure only, with headline total figures remaining in line with the prior year. Other than stated above, 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 30 May 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	99,409	0	99,409	103,030
Charitable Activities	14,927	0	14,927	13,501
Investments	8,562	500	9,061	8,552
Trading Activities	3,690	0	3,690	6,454
Other	1,146	0	1,146	18,311
Total incoming resources	127,733	500	128,233	149,848
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	156,036	20,655	176,691	193,634
Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Governance Costs	3,660	0	3,660	0
Support	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total resources used	159,696	20,655	180,351	193,634
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-31,964	-20,155	-52,118	-43,786
Fund Transfers In	8,166	1,597	9,763	0
Fund Transfers Out	9,763	0	9,763	0
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	-33,561	-18,558	-52,118	-43,786
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0	21,411	21,411	-7,250
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-33,561	2,853	-30,708	-51,036
Asset Revaluation	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Funds	-33,561	2,853	-30,708	-51,036
Total Funds Brought Forward	63,697	363,577	427,274	478,310
Total Funds Carried Forward	30,136	366,430	396,566	427,274
Represented By				
General - Santander (Unrestricted)	13,422	0	13,422	34,081
Ewhurst Restoration PCC - 617131001D (Restricted)	0	2,168	2,168	2,168
Embroidery 617131001D (Restricted)	0	995	995	393
Jim Jennings Bells 617131001D (Restricted)	0	650	650	800
Ewhurst Roof 617131001D Bank (Restricted)	0	13,675	13,675	13,675
Graves 617131001D (Restricted)	0	939	939	939
Choir fund 617131001D (Restricted)	0	574	574	574

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Youth 617131001D (Restricted)	0	1,027	1,027	1,828
Fixed Interest Securities Fund 116.14 617131001F (Restricted)	0	420	420	416
Property Inv Fund 617131001P(17216.15 Shares) (Restricted)	0	22,123	22,123	22,123
Capital Fund 617131001S (Restricted)	0	259,082	259,082	237,718
Capital Fund Wilson Room Bank (Restricted)	0	43,155	43,155	50,000
CBFCOE 1002D Restoration 617131002D (Restricted)	0	6	6	0
Restoration CofE Investment Fund 617131002S (Restricted)	0	14,414	14,414	14,998
CBFOE, 1005D Buildings Fund 617131005D (Restricted)	0	1	1	1
Okewood Village Hall (Restricted)	0	2,338	2,338	12,296
The Trust Fund 617131006D (Restricted)	0	639	639	619
Okewood Pastrol Care (Restricted)	0	2,486	2,486	2,486
Parish Ministry Bank (Designated)	16,715	0	16,715	29,616
Ewhurst Fabric 617131001D (Restricted)	0	1,740	1,740	1,740
WIFI Bank (Designated)	0	0	0	803
WIFI Bank (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

Statement of Financial Position

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Current Assets				
Cash	28,142	53,524	81,666	135,779
Accounts Receivable	12,655	0	12,655	0
Prepayments	0	0	0	0
Total	40,796	53,524	94,321	135,779
Non-Current Assets				
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Investments	0	312,906	312,906	291,495
Total	0	312,906	312,906	291,495
Non-Current Assets				
Accounts Payable	10,660	0	10,660	0
Deferred Income	0	0	0	0
Total	10,660	0	10,660	0
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term Loan / Mortgage	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets	30,136	53,524	83,661	135,779
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	30,136	366,430	396,566	427,274
Represented By				
General - Santander (Unrestricted)	13,422	0	13,422	34,081
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Ewhurst Fabric 617131001D (Restricted)	0	1,740	1,740	1,740
WIFI Bank (Designated)	0	0	0	803
WIFI Bank (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:



Elizabeth C. Tingley

29 May 2025

Notes - Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in the accounting policies below.

* The prior year figures have been realigned due to a change in software and new coding system. The realignment has affected the breakdown of income and expenditure only, with headline total figures remaining in line with the prior period.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider The Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green PCC is going concern at the date for approving the accounts. There are no material uncertainties that the charity can continue as a going concern for the next year.

Key Risks & Uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks, including operational, financial and reputational risks. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from members of the charity are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as at the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity. Governance costs are shown within 'Analysis of Expenditure' note.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

There are no Tangible Fixed Assets

Pensions

The charity operates a NEST pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

There are no Operating Leases.

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Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.
- The constructive obligation for grants payable is based on an assessment of the likely duration of the supported activity. This estimate is re-assessed annually and the obligation is adjusted to reflect current expectations.

Concessionary Loans

No Loans

Notes - Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Analysis of Income

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies			
Donations	74,078	0	74,078
Gift Aid	25,331	0	25,331
Grants	0	0	0
Charitable Activities			
Event Income	14,927	0	14,927
Investments			
Bank Interest	8,562	500	9,061
Trading Activities			
Rental Income	790	0	790
Sales	2,900	0	2,900
Other			
Other Income	1,146	0	1,146
Total incoming resources	127,733	500	128,233

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies			
Donations	71,729	0	71,729
Gift Aid	31,301	0	31,301
Grants	0	0	0
Charitable Activities			
Event Income	10,477	3,024	13,501
Investments			
Bank Interest	8,552	0	8,552
Trading Activities			
Rental Income	454	0	454
Sales	6,000	0	6,000
Other			
Other Income	0	18,311	18,311
Total incoming resources	128,513	21,335	149,848

Analysis of Expenditure

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Resources Used			
Charitable Activities			
Activities	82,639	3,201	85,840
Admin	15,308	0	15,308
Advertising	2,699	0	2,699
Bank Charges	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0
Event Costs	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	0	10,458	10,458
Premises	34,726	6,995	41,722
Staff Costs	20,664	0	20,664
Governance Costs			
Governance Costs	3,660	0	3,660
Total resources used	159,696	20,655	180,351

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Resources Used			
Charitable Activities			
Activities	92,070	1,914	93,984
Admin	8,590	0	8,590
Advertising	3,402	0	3,402
Bank Charges	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0
Event Costs	510	3,024	3,534
Gifts Given	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	0	0	0
Premises	56,176	12,997	69,173
Staff Costs	8,951	6,000	14,951
Governance Costs			
Governance Costs	0	0	0
Total resources used	169,699	23,935	193,634

Notes - Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Current Assets	40,796	53,524	94,321
Non-Current Assets	0	312,906	312,906
Current Liabilities	10,660	0	10,660
Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	30,136	366,430	396,566

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Current Assets	63,697	72,082	135,779
Non-Current Assets	0	291,495	291,495
Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	63,697	363,577	427,274

Notes - Other

Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money. Please refer to the trustees' APCM report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

Independent Examination Fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for independent examination were: £1,860 (£1,550 +VAT) (fee payable in the prior year: £1,800 (£1,500 + VAT)).

Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows: Gross wages and salaries: £16,332, Employers NI costs £898.00, Employers Pension costs £281.00 (prior year Gross wages and salaries: £13,988, Employers NI costs £731.00, Employers Pension costs £232.00) The average number of employees during the year was 1 (the average number of employees during the prior year was 1) No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year or prior year.

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the PCC. The total employee benefits received by the key management personnel (including employer national insurance and pension contributions) was £0.00 (total employee benefits for the prior year were: £0.00).

Trustee Remuneration

During the year no trustee received remuneration.

Trustee Expenses

During the year there were no expenses incurred by trustees.

All expenses were incurred for the day-to-day running of the charity's activities.

Trustee Donations

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustees was £8,410.00. There were no conditions attached to the donations.

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Total
Cost	
Prior to 1st January 2023	0
Additions in financial year	0
Total as at 31st December 2023	0
Depreciation	
Prior to 1st January 2023	0
Additions in financial year	0
Total as at 31st December 2023	0
Net Book Value	
As at 31st December 2023	0
As at 31st December 2022	0

Investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Market Value Brought Forward	0	291,495	291,495	291,495
Additions	0	22,002	22,002	0
Disposals	0	592	592	0
Gains (losses)	0	21,411	21,411	0
Market Value Carried Forward	0	312,906	312,906	291,495

Debtors

Accounts Receivable

Description	Amount
Gift Aid	12,655
Trade Debtors	0
Total	12,655

Prepayments

Description	Amount
Prepayments	0
Total	0

Creditors

Accounts Payable

Description	Amount
Accruals	10,660
Finance Lease Liabilities	0
Tax & Social Security	0
Trade Creditors	0
Total	10,660

Deferred Income

Description	Amount
Deferred Income	0
Total	0

Analysis of Charitable Funds

Current Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Investment Gains (or Losses)	Closing Balance
Unrestricted						
General - Santander (Unrestricted)	34,081	134,733	161,961	6,569	0	13,422
Total	34,081	134,733	161,961	6,569	0	13,422
Designated						
Parish Ministry Bank (Designated)	29,616	0	4,735	-8,166	0	16,715
WIFI Bank (Designated)	803	0	0	-803	0	0
Total	30,419	0	4,735	-8,969	0	16,715
Unrestricted Total	64,500	134,733	166,696	-2,400	0	30,136
Restricted						
Ewhurst Restoration PCC - 617131001D (Restricted)	2,168	0	0	0	0	2,168
Embroidery 617131001 D (Restricted)	393	0	0	0	602	995
Jim Jennings Bells 617131001 D (Restricted)	800	0	150	0	0	650
Ewhurst Roof 617131001D Bank (Restricted)	13,675	0	0	0	0	13,675

Graves 617131001D (Restricted)	939	0	0	0	0	939
Choir fund 617131001D (Restricted)	574	0	0	0	0	574
Youth 617131001D (Restricted)	1,828	0	801	0	0	1,027
Fixed Interest Securities Fund 116.14 617131001F (Restricted)	416	0	0	0	4	420
Property Inv Fund 617131001P(17216.15 Shares) (Restricted)	22,123	0	0	0	0	22,123
Capital Fund 617131001S (Restricted)	237,718	0	0	0	21,364	259,082
Capital Fund Wilson Room Bank (Restricted)	50,000	0	6,845	0	0	43,155
CBFCOE 1002D Restoration 617131002D (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	6	6
Restoration CofE Investment Fund 617131002S (Restricted)	14,998	0	0	0	-584	14,414
CBFOE, 1005D Buildings Fund 617131005D (Restricted)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Okewood Village Hall (Restricted)	12,296	500	10,458	0	0	2,338
The Trust Fund 617131006D (Restricted)	619	0	0	0	20	639
Okewood Pastoral Care (Restricted)	2,486	0	0	0	0	2,486
Ewhurst Fabric 617131001D (Restricted)	1,740	0	0	0	0	1,740
WIFI Bank (Restricted)	0	0	2,400	2,400	0	0
Total	362,774	500	20,655	2,400	21,411	366,430
Restricted Total	362,774	500	20,655	2,400	21,411	366,430
TOTAL	427,274	135,233	187,351	0	21,411	396,566

Prior Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Investment Gains (or Losses)	Closing Balance
Unrestricted						
General - Santander (Unrestricted)	148,938	67,905	151,036	-31,726	0	34,081
Total	148,938	67,905	151,036	-31,726	0	34,081

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Designated						
Parish Ministry Bank (Designated)	31,450	18,312	6,000	-14,146	0	29,616
WIFI Bank (Designated)	6,702	0	9,638	3,739	0	803
Total	38,152	18,312	15,638	-10,407	0	30,419
Unrestricted Total	187,090	86,217	166,674	-42,133	0	64,500
Restricted						
Ewhurst Restoration PCC - 617131001D (Restricted)	0	20,542	18,374	0	0	2,168
Embroidery 617131001 D (Restricted)	393	0	0	0	0	393
Jim Jennings Bells 617131001 D (Restricted)	800	0	0	0	0	800
Ewhurst Roof 617131001D Bank (Restricted)	-16,046	29,721	0	0	0	13,675
Graves 617131001D (Restricted)	939	0	0	0	0	939
Choir fund 617131001 D (Restricted)	574	0	0	0	0	574
Youth 617131001 D (Restricted)	2,949	793	1,914	0	0	1,828
Fixed Interest Securities Fund 116.14 617131001F (Restricted)	411	0	0	0	5	416
Property Inv Fund 617131001P(17216.15 Shares) (Restricted)	21,935	0	0	0	188	22,123
Capital Fund 617131001S (Restricted)	237,855	0	0	0	-137	237,718
Capital Fund Wilson Room Bank (Restricted)	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
CBFCOE 1002D Restoration 617131002D (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restoration CofE Investment Fund 617131002S (Restricted)	14,697	0	0	0	301	14,998
CBFOE, 1005D Buildings Fund 617131005 D (Restricted)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Okewood Village Hall (Restricted)	15,738	204	3,646	0	0	12,296
The Trust Fund 617131006 D (Restricted)	619	0	0	0	0	619

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Okewood Pastoral Care (Restricted)	2,486	0	0	0	0	2,486
Ewhurst Fabric 617131001D (Restricted)	0	1,740	0	0	0	1,740
WIFI Bank (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	283,351	53,000	23,934	50,000	357	362,774
Restricted Total	283,351	53,000	32,934	50,000	357	362,774
TOTAL	470,441	139,217	190,608	7,867	357	427,274

Fund Transfers

Description	From	To	Amount
Outward work done by parish officer	Parish Ministry Bank	General - Santander	8,166
to balance overspend in WIFI	General - Santander	WIFI Bank	1,597
Wi-Fi – Opening Balance	Designated	Restricted	803

Fund Descriptions

Name	Description
General - Santander	General running of the Parish
Ewhurst Restoration PCC - 617131001D	to cover emergency capital
Embroidery 617131001D	to replace Ewhurst tapestry only
Jim Jennings Bells 617131001D	Ewhurst Bells
Ewhurst Roof 617131001D Bank	To replace Part of the Roof to keep for Ewhurst Roof repairs
Graves 617131001D	for 3 graves to replace their stone work only
Choir fund 617131001D	to replace ewhursts robes only
Youth 617131001D	Youth
Fixed Interest Securities Fund 116.14 617131001F	Toilet rebuild in Ewhurst
Property Inv Fund 617131001P(17216.15 Shares)	Capital only in Ewhurst
Capital Fund 617131001S	Capital only in Ewhurst
Capital Fund Wilson Room Bank	Capital only in Ewhurst
CBFCOE 1002D Restoration 617131002D	Restoration in Ewhurst
Restoration CofE Investment Fund 617131002S	Beam in Ewhurst
CBFOE, 1005D Buildings Fund 617131005D	Wilson room
Okewood Village Hall	Looked after by separate Team
The Trust Fund 617131006D	Wilson room
Okewood Pastrol Care	Okewood Pastrol care only
Parish Ministry Bank	Ministry split per church based on parish share split
Ewhurst Fabric 617131001D	Ewhurst Fabric
WIFI Bank	To put WIFI into the three churches

Transactions to Related Parties

NONE

Prior Period Adjustment

There were no prior year adjustments.

Pensions

Our Workplace Pension is held with NEST

**THE PARISH OF EWHURST WITH OKEWOOD AND FOREST GREEN
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH OF EWHURST WITH OKEWOOD AND FOREST GREEN**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I would like to draw attention to the fact that the prior year figures have been realigned due to the change in software and new coding system. The realignment has affected the breakdown of income and expenditure only, with headline total figures remaining in line with the prior year. Other than stated above, 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 30 May 2025

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