



**Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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**The Parish Church of Charles with St Matthias and St Simons
'St Matts Plymouth'
North Hill, Plymouth, PL4 8HF
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THE **EVANGELISATION** OF THE NATIONS
THE **REVITALISATION** OF THE CHURCH AND THE **TRANSFORMATION** OF SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
(presented Sunday 21st April 2024)

'CHARLES WITH ST MATTHIAS AND ST SIMON '

Diocesan ID - 9187

Registered Charity Number - 1134139

PURPOSE - St Matts is a **City Centre Resource Church** with a vision to play it's part in the:

The **EVANGELISATION** of the nations;

The **REVITALISATION** of the Church;

The **TRANSFORMATION** of society.

MISSION - St Matts aims to fulfil this vision through four operating lenses:

KNOW GOD - We want everyone to come into a personal relationship with Jesus. We do this principally through our **Sunday Services** and encouraging people in their own personal faith journey.

FIND FREEDOM - We want everyone to grow in their relationship with God and to discover freedom and life. We believe this happens supremely in community with others in midweek **Small Groups** where we can grow in life, faith and friendship.

DISCOVER PURPOSE - We want everyone to discover their purpose in life. We do this through our **Join the Adventure sessions** providing people with an opportunity to learn how to get the most out of their faith and how God has made them.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - We want everyone to get up and running living a life of service and blessing. Through our **Dream Team** of volunteers we hope to connect every person with an area of the church's life that energises them, blesses others and spills out into other areas of their life.

Background - The church in its current format was launched on **25 September 2016** by Revd Olly & Ali Ryder and a small staff & volunteer team, at the invitation of the Bishops of Exeter and Plymouth in partnership with Holy Trinity Brompton, London. St Matts is part of the **Plymouth City Deanery** in the **Diocese of Exeter** in the **Church of England** and is based at the top of North Hill, Plymouth, PL4 8HF. St Matts has been in interregnum (vacancy) since Nov 2022 but Sophie Chatten was licensed as Priest-in-Charge to the parish on **29th February 2024**!

Structure, Governance and Management - St Matts is led by the **PCC** (Parochial Church Council). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church of England's 'Church Representation Rules'. All church attendees who consider themselves as belonging to the worshipping community of St Matts are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. All those on the Electoral Roll may stand for election on the PCC. The Church Council should reflect the diversity of the church and local community. PCC members are re-elected every three years. The Church Council has responsibility, alongside the Vicar, staff team, and lay pastors, of fulfilling the church's vision. PCC members who served from **April 2023** until the date this report was approved are:

PCC Members

Ex-Officio Members

Vicar and Chairman	Sophie Chatten (licensed 2024)
Assistant Curate	Mike Knight

Church Wardens

Steve Campion	Elected 2023
Sally Pearson	Elected 2023

Elected annually up to six successive years

Deanery Synod Members

Teresa Cornish	Elected 2022
Jeff Stephenson	Elected 2022

Treasurer

Elected every three years

Safeguarding Representative

Mark Pearson	Appointed 2023
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Other Members

Dean Jacobs	Elected 2021 [serving second term]
Laura Fraser-Crewes	Elected 2021
Neil Mawson	Elected 2021
Beth Horton	Elected 2021
Sam Ansell	Elected 2022
Jonny Wilson	Elected 2022
Janet Stirling	Elected 2022
<i>Vacant</i>	Elected 2022
Lizzie Philips	Elected 2023
Amy McCusker	Elected 2023
Peter Horton	Elected 2023
<i>Vacant</i>	Elected 2023

Co-Opted Members

Hannah Bowker	Secretary	[re-elected annually since 2017]
Claire Worth	Staff - Executive Director	[re-elected annually since 2017]

Staff Team - (as of April 2024)

Claire Worth	Executive Director
Mike Knight	Associate Minister
Vacant	Worship Pastor
Amy Wheeler	Kids & Youth Pastor
Lizzie Roberts	Youth Pastor Intern
Hannah Bowker	Church Coordinator & Executive Assistant

ANNUAL REVIEW - 2023/24

St Matts has completed its **seventh** full year as a '**HTB Network**' **City Centre Resource Church** with a vision to play its part in the '**evangelisation of the nations, the revitalisation of the church and the transformation of society**' by helping people to know God, find freedom, discover purpose and make a difference. The church has grown from a small group of 30-50 to a post pandemic level of 300+ every Sunday.

2023 was a full year of interregnum for St Matts. We are extremely grateful to so many people in the church who have stepped up in so many different ways to make the last year a success. Olly and family have been missed but many people have commented that it hasn't felt that there has been an 'Olly-shaped hole' and that is thanks to the hard work of staff, PCC members, team leaders, team members, small group leaders- the list could go on. Thank you so much!

We had three rounds of interviews for the position of Priest-in-Charge- thanks so much for persevering in prayer through all this, and thanks to the PCC and panel (especially Sally and Jeff) who were careful and faithful to discern who the right person would be for St Matts. It's super exciting to have Sophie, Simon, Benjamin and Oliver joining the church family!

Over the last year we've continued to meet and provide a space for encounter and encouragement with our whole church family and visitors at our **Sunday Services** offering both 'in-person' and 'online' provision. Over the year we've continued to have around 2-300 people gathering every Sunday in the building at the Ten and Five, as well as around 50-100 online over the course of a Sunday and 40-50 children/ young people. We've also continued providing smaller midweek communities for people to grow in faith and friendship through our **Small Groups** - this term there have been 30 groups.

Over the year we have had some change on our staff team having said goodbye to Phil Jones, Noah Gilbert and Lucy Gilbert (who did not return to the team after maternity leave) - all three brought an immense amount to the church and the team and we are really glad that they are

all sticking around at St Matts albeit in a different capacity. We've also had the joy of having Lizzie Roberts join us initially to cover maternity leave and then as a SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) intern; Amy Wheeler has also returned to work after her maternity leave.

Church Planting- In August the PCC made the decision (after an 18-month) discernment period) to commit fully to church planting at St Simons, Mount Gould. St Simons is now officially part of the St Matts family and parish ('Charles with St Matthias and St Simons'). Mike Knight has been appointed as Associate Vicar and will have responsibility for launching St Simons whilst still having some involvement in the wider St Matts family. We are hoping to launch Sunday service on the pentecost weekend (19th May).

Looking ahead - We are excited about all the God will do among us this year- as we continue to grow and encourage our Sunday Services, church family, small groups, teams and ministries with a new vicar in place and as we church planting at St Simons.

Love South West - We are looking forward to another united weekend of worship, service and invitation as part of Love South West 2024 which will be held 17-19 May 2024 (<https://www.lovesouthwest.org.uk/>). We'll gather again at Methodist Central Hall for a Kingdom Come night of worship and prayer on Fri 17th May (tickets available now); and encourage our church to run social action projects in our streets and local communities on Sat 18 May; and invite people to 'Try Church' at St Matts on Sun 19 May and launch St Simons at the same time!

Creation Fest - We are looking forward to the whole St Matts family attending Creation Fest (1-4th August) - <https://creationfest.org.uk/>) for an extended weekend with churches across the South West for worship, teaching, prayer, fun and time together.

As you read the rest of this report, we hope you enjoy and are inspired by all that God is doing in and through us and all that lies ahead. Thank you so much for being part of this family and this God-adventure by the sea!

KNOW GOD - Sunday Services

CONTACTS

Database - 'Join the Adventure' cards												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	387	450	494	543	604	639	657	667	702	743	865	902
2018	935	996	1022	1040	1099	1116	1145	1161	1208	1251	1315	1363
2019	1386	1401	1440	1438	1488	1500	1549	-	1584	-	1665	-
2020	1719	1727	1785	1795	data cleanse		1154	-	1148	-	1236	-
2021	1246	cleanse	-	-	1250	1252	1256	-	1260	-	1374	-
2022	1375	1402	1417	1446	1458	1483	1488	*archiving	1353	*archiving	1131	1138
2023	1138	1176	1191	1223	1227	1224	1226	1234	1235	1267	1309	1318
2024	1310	1323	1330									
Facebook - 'Followers'												
2017	633	685	762	797	825	852	862	894	980	1036	1059	1098
2018	1109	1123	1155	1188	1217	1226	1248	1262	1337	1402	1424	1458
2019	1482	1500	1521	1626	1628	1678	1688	-	1762	-	1825	-

2020	1828	-	1943	1971	-	-	1997	-	1941	-	2026	-
2021	2095	-	2089	-	2128	2022	2025	-	2133	-	2144	-
2022	2144	2100	2086	2096	2102	2106	2110	2134	2146	2158	2166	2170
2023	2197	2206	2220	2227	2232	2235			2192	2250	2300	2368
2024	2399	2386	2381									
Instagram - 'Followers'												
2018	-	725	792	843	870	885	917	952	982	1024	1066	-
2019	-	1144	1160	-	1207	-	1267	-	1342	-	1403	-
2020	1447	-	-	1490	-	-	1507	-	1,510	-	1542	-
2021	1560	-	1580	-	1601	1608	1611	-	1,618	-	1651	-
2022	1667	1676	1680	-	1691	1697	1703	1700	1699	1710	1724	1738
2023	1740	1741	1743	1752	1756	1767			1758	1763	1767	1770
2024	1765	1750	1747									

ELECTORAL ROLL - (members of the church's official register): **163** (as at 3rd Apr 2024).

SUNDAY SERVICES - St Matts currently has two main Sunday services - **THE TEN & THE FIVE** with an average weekly attendance of around 350 people across the two services - 300 adults & 50 children - and a further 50-100 for 'Church Online'.

Average Main Service Attendance													
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	TEN	242	257	200	285	245	259	253	236	297	291	280	282
2018	SIX	183	190	158	168	154	126	98	106	199	230	215	166
	Total	407	447	358	453	399	385	351	342	496	521	495	448
2019	TEN	332	311	306	297	269	321	291	257	321	319	299	213
2019	SIX	229	254	208	177	200	172	148	127	240	227	220	201
	Total	561	565	514	475	469	493	439	384	561	546	519	414
2020	TEN	318	265	CO 298	CO 351	CO 267	CO 211	CO 172	CO 120	79	70	70	-
2020	SIX	203	225	CO 157	CO 87	CO 66	Live 54	CO 44	Live 31	66	70	70	-
	YouTube	-	-	-	418	497	441	354	393	340	366	464	569
	Total	521	490	455	856	830	706	570	544	485	621	644	569
2021	TEN	-	-	-	-	104	74	63	-	-	TEN	150	272
2021	SIX/Five	-	-	-	-	83	70	85	-	-	FIVE	40	87
	SEVEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SEVEN	90	119
2021	Online	69	89	97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	YouTube	235	262	219	-	358	133	170	-	-	YouTube	280	114
	Total	304	351	316	-	545	277	318	--	-	-	560	
2022	TEN	118	131	156	225	207	170	137	153	175	166	182	139
2022	FIVE	96	124	147	108	132	98	98	55	65	132	109	168
2022	YouTube	156	121	111	157	110	98	110	82	72	85	110	102
	Total	370	376	414	490	449	366	345	290	312	383	401	356
2023	TEN	159	175	138	197	144	136	148	136	118	138	152	131
2023	FIVE	88	100	105	71	70	100	96	86	96	73	80	179
2023	YouTube	72	70	79	109	133	138	103	88	88	110	120	119
	Total	319	345	322	377	347	374	335	310	301	321	352	429
2024	TEN	149	143	206									
2024	FIVE	92	86	84									
2024	YouTube	79	82	103									
	Total	320	311	393									

BAPTISMS - It's been a joy to welcome people into the Christian faith and join with them as they publicly affirm their faith in Baptism.

Baptisms and Reaffirmations of Baptismal Vows				
	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Total over year
2017	19	5	1	25
2018	7	-	10	17
2019	17	12	8	37
2020	0	2 (reaffirmations)	0	2 (reaffirmations)/ Covid
2021	0	12	5	17
2022	8	9	6	23
2023	7	7	5	19

CHILDREN & YOUTH - Amy Wheeler (Kids & Youth Pastor) and Lizzie Roberts (Youth Pastor Intern)

The vision of our Kids and Youth ministry is to love and serve the children and young people of St Matts, to enable them to become wholehearted followers of Jesus Christ. This is based on the scripture: 'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.' (Proverbs 22:6)

On Amy's return from Maternity leave it was decided that she would take on the oversight of the youth work at St Matts. Lizzie Roberts who covered Amy and Lucy's (Previous Youth pastor) Maternity leave was kept on as she wanted to do an internship with South West Youth Ministries (SWYM). Amy has been overseeing Lizzie's work in running the majority of the Youth work for St Matts. Lizzie's internship with SWYM finishes at the end of August 2024. We are hoping to have another intern for September 2024.

This year we are focusing on building faith, having fun and establishing friendships.

Age groups & rooms

For Kids Church, we have Preschool (2 - 4.5 year olds) meeting in the lower hall, Foundation - Year 4 (4.5 - 9 Year olds) meeting in the upper hall and Year 5 and 6 (9 - 11 Year olds). Our Year 5 and 6 children stay in church for worship then they all head up to the library for their session. Our young people (11-16s) meet in the Church for worship then gather in the youth room for their session.

The inclusion team has expanded, with almost every week having a one-to-one helper for children with additional needs. Recently Amy did some training with Urban Saints all about supporting children with additional needs. She will be implementing many of the resources and knowledge she gained from that. A notice board in the corridor of the Hall will have information on how we can support anyone with additional needs coming to Church.

Attendance

On an average Sunday we get between 30 - 50 children attending the 4 age groups with 20 young people. For our youth club Fusion we have between 8 and 10 that regularly attend.

Curriculum

For the Preschool room the emphasis is on play and creative based learning. We are still really enjoying the Scripture Union resources which Amy is currently creating a 3 year plan for that

room, so planning will be a lot easier for the future.

For Foundation - Year 4 the main objective is to create a foundation of knowledge in discipleship and fellowship amongst their peers and leaders. We finished using the Scripture Union materials and may revisit that in the future. We did try the Big Start Assemblies materials but after a meeting with the Leaders it was decided that Amy could write the curriculum for Foundation - Year 4 to save money on buying materials and for ease of use for the volunteers.

Year 5 and 6 the overarching principle is to prepare the children for being a Christ following young person. Amy has been writing the curriculum for Year 5 and 6 room and has been focusing on spirituality and discipleship.

Youth are currently using the curriculum from South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) called TAG, which stands for 'Transforming A Generation'. This has a discipleship focus and is very accessible for young people of faith and no faith background.

Team

In Kids Church, we currently have 31 volunteers on team, 25 female and 6 male, 2 of which are under 18 helpers. We are continuing to develop junior leaders to help regularly on a Sunday morning with younger aged groups. In our Youth groups, we currently have 6 volunteers that lead Sunday sessions, 3 female and 3 male. Lizzie runs Fusion with 2 volunteers, 1 male and 1 female.

Light Party

Around 70 children turned up with their parents and carers to our Light party. It was decided last year that there would be a joint Light party for Kids and Youth. We had a bouncy castle, candy floss, glitter tattoos, craft, face painting and a lot more. The majority of the children were not attending St Matts at the time. Lizzie gave a short message on Jesus being the light of the world and we are called to be a 'City on a hill' which the song of the same title was played to conclude the evening.

Schools

Lizzie helped to continue the great relationship with Prince Rock school and Amy has re-established a relationship with Mount street school. These assemblies are a form of outreach and create a strong connection in the community. Amy visits both schools once a term. Lizzie has been tasked with establishing a stronger link with Plymouth High School for Girls. We have in previous years hosted them for their christmas carol concert. This has been a joy to do for them, but we would like to help them with their Christian Union and possibly other activities for them like assemblies in due course.

Mini-Matts

Amy, Lizzie and Mike have been running a weekly parents/carers/toddlers group in the Church Hall. It's a space for parents and carers to connect, enjoy coffee, cake, conversation and mutual support and encouragement and for their children to have a safe and fun place to play and grow in friendships. We have a lovely group of childminders and a group of parents who have formed social groups. Amy has been using her background in Early years education by adding themes and activities to the sessions. Our numbers attending has increased from an average of 10 regular parents/childminders to 20 with our busiest week having 31 adults and 45 Children.

Vision/Next Steps

Amy and Lizzie have done extensive reorganisation of our Kids resources to ensure storage has been used effectively and volunteers find it easier to access resources. This will continue with Amy meeting volunteers regularly to ensure they have the right resources in place.

There will be changes to Fusion to make the Hall a more inviting place and to have small groups for discussions on Monday evenings. This will be more of a christian hang out rather than replicating what we do on Sundays. We hope to invite speakers to share and have themed evenings like testimony week.

Amy has been connecting with Transforming Plymouth Together to organise events in the school holidays to help with the issue of holiday hunger. Lizzie is taking the Youth and Year 5 & 6 on a holiday camp called Spree South West in June. It is the first time St Matts young people will be going on this trip.

Our social media channels will be getting more regularly updated to show the church community and wider Plymouth area what our children and young people do in their sessions. We will also be releasing a termly Kids & Youth newsletter to keep parents and anyone else interested in what our children and young people are doing.

We would like to do some outreach events where we can connect with the local community. These would be holiday clubs and celebration events for the community to join in. We hope to deepen our connection with the local schools by offering more resources and reaching out to more schools in our local area.

SAFEGUARDING - All those working with children and youth are expected to have **DBS disclosures**. St Matts has a **Child Protection Policy** and an **Equal Opportunities Policy**. Any concerns regarding children's safety should be referred to our **Safeguarding Representative, Mark Pearson - safeguarding@stmplymouth.org.uk**

Children & Youth - Average Weekly Service Attendance												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	57	59	46
2018	69	67	65	86	66	71	71	69	92	84	81	70
2019	81	87	116	73	69	87	62	60	89	81	71	64
2020	78	64	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	98	112	75	-	-	78	81	29	72	54	43	63
2022	45	48	52	48	58	51	57	36	48	45	52	28
2023	37	42	37	45	42	40	42	18	32	41	40	42
2024	39	38	38									
Children & Youth - Total Contacts on Database												
2017	-	-	96	96	97	97	97	97	180	189	198	211
2018	219	242	259	274	308	314	331	357	387	418	435	444
2019	467	481	499	523	532	563	561	568	575	-	591	-
2020	612	623	644	641	-	-	642	-	-	-	-	-
2021	-	-	-	-	637	-	649					
2022	668	673	676	680	688	707	711	592	602	604	606	612
2023	612	621	625	629	634	637	641	645	647	652	659	660
2024	664	666	668									
YOUTH NIGHTS												
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	16	-	18

2021	-	-	-	5	7	8	7	-	-	-	9	9
2022		6	8	9	10	9	-	-	10	10	8	6
2023	7	8	6	8	8	6	7	-	8	10	7	7
2024	10	11	10									

STUDENTS - Revd Mike Knight -

We love students and are super thankful for the many who commit to being part of the St Matts Family.

Student Night - Student Nights are the highlight of student life at St Matts. We meet weekly on a Thursday evening with around 20-40 students for time to hang out, worship together, hear from scripture or on particular topics and chat/ pray in our small groups. Highlights of the year included our packed out 'Testimony Takeover nights' and end of year Beach BBQ at Bovisand with over 60 people attending. We said goodbye to a huge year group for final year students in the summer so it has been a bit of a rebuilding year and we've loved seeing a good group of freshers getting involved this year- and particularly getting stuck in quickly with teams, serving and sharing as part of the church community.

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Vision/Next Steps - As Mike transitions towards a new role leading at St Simons the Student team are taking on responsibility for running Student nights with Hanne Deakin coordinating this team. We will now start to look for a new Student Pastor for the next Academic year - there is so much opportunity (to reach out to the 35,000 students at Plymouth's three universities) and St Matts holds an important position as we sit right at the heart of the student area of the city.

Students - connected with community (Facebook Group)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178	184
2018	189	196	206	214	207	207	209	213	218	234	240	-
2019	-	255	259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	272	-
2020	-	-	-	295	296	297	298	295	305	313	313	312
2021	313	314	-	-	308	308	306	-	-	-	308	-
2022	309	307	305	307	307	307	307	308	309	306	305	303
2023	300	299	296	293	290	289	289	289	289	290	290	288
2024	288	288	288									

Instagram - @stmstudents

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	401	-
2022	419	422	430	433	439	439	439	436	434	445	469	471
2023	473	474	475	472	468	465	465	466	466	487	495	495
2024	495	494	492									

Student Nights - Thursday night gathering during term time for food, worship, message, discussion, prayer

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	-	67	50	40	41	-	-	-	52	59	47	-
2020	45	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68 (in person)	42 (online)	45 (online)
2021	37 (online)	40 (online)	-	50	52	46	-	-	40-60	40-60	40-60	-
2022	-	40	45	45	49	49	-	-	45	45	45	45
2023	50	40	40	40	40	-	-	-	30-40	30-40	20-35	45 christmas

												party
2024	35	35	35									

FIND FREEDOM - Small Groups

SMALL GROUPS - Revd Mike Knight (Curate) - *Small Groups have one, simple purpose - to bring people together. We believe God created us to live in community with others and only then can we experience the full life he intends for us. Small Groups provide a place for us to **connect with others, share life, and grow in faith** together. We believe life-change happens in the context of relationships. Our belief and vision is that St Matts is a church **of** Small Groups, not a church **with** Small Groups.*

Small group numbers have been slightly lower over the course of the interregnum year with c. 40 groups each term in 2022 and c. 30 groups currently). However many of those that have been running have seemed to be more committed and vibrant than ever before. We have an opportunity now to begin to strengthen our current small group leadership and encourage wider sign up to this vital part of church life. I'd love to develop our small group training further (with smaller groups of leaders meeting more regularly for discipleship and shared learning so that we continue to grow our groups as places of deeper discipleship, closer community and mission.

SMALL GROUPS				
		SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN
2017	GROUPS	28	28	24
	LEADERS	-	-	-
	MEMBERS	154	181	135
2018	GROUPS	34	33	48
	LEADERS	-	-	65
	MEMBERS	246	252	357
2019	GROUPS	46	40	44
	LEADERS	58	60	60
	MEMBERS	329	315	353
2020	GROUPS	52	44	50
	LEADERS	60	54	62
	MEMBERS	497	400	382
2021	GROUPS	37	38	41
	LEADERS	47	48	56
	MEMBERS	319	290	360
2022	GROUPS	43	41	44
	LEADERS	55	52	48
	MEMBERS	410	355	330
2023	GROUPS	45	33	24
	LEADERS	55	45	30
	MEMBERS	345	251	286
2024	GROUPS	26		
	LEADERS	34		
	MEMBERS	250		

ALPHA - We encourage members of the congregation to share their faith with others in their everyday life. We also run the Alpha course as a more intentional way of providing an opportunity for people wanting to investigate Christianity or are new to faith.

Alpha				
	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	Total
2016 attendees	-	-	120	120
2017 attendees	14	28	100	142
2018 attendees	11	6	70	87
2019 attendees	-	-	90	90
2020 attendees	60	30	23	113
2021 attendees	29	?	?	29
2022 attendees	50	-	-	50
2023 attendees	20	-	-	-
2024 attendees	-			

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Every member of St Matts is encouraged to serve on the **DREAM TEAM** whether it's helping with Kids Church, Worship, Welcome, Production, Cafe, Students, Youth, Small Group Leadership, Prayer Team.

GIVING - We would love to help everyone that calls St Matts 'home' and is part of the DREAM TEAM to develop Godly practices with their finances including — *'earning diligently, spending carefully, saving wisely, and giving generously'*. We would love to grow the number of people worshipping God through their finances and enabling the vision of the church to grow through their 'tithes' and 'offerings' and we are very grateful for everyone who gives financially into the life of the church enabling us to flourish and grow as a church family and bless the city, region and further afield.

GIVING: Number of individual monthly givers & monthly amounts given														
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017	Givers	45	34	52	50	52	60	58	57	54	70	85	82	58
	Amount	4192	5627	8697	5123	5219	5806	7437	6771	6991	9831	9993	9145	84832
2018	Givers	77	85	86	105	99	93	97	102	96	123	116	120	100
	Amount	9207	12382	11372	13815	12536	11762	12004	12936	12037	14941	13000	14,376	150368
2019	Givers	141	149	149	151	143	143	143	143	145	137	154	148	145
	Amount	15,444	13,707	16,046	15,097	14,945	15,743	14,201	15,615	16,546	14,755	21736	18288	192123
2020	Givers	147	132	162	162	161	150	147	136	138	138	152	140	147
	Amount	19,034	14,385	20,563	14,607	16,000	17,885	16,359	14,312	14,866	14,439	17,356	17,452	197258
2021	Givers	134	136	132	126	142	140	127	122	125	142	132	126	132
	Amount	14273	18174	16933	13460	13210	15061	13,456	13,318	13,138	15,891	14782	15438	177134
2022	Givers	130	132	170	143	152	139	173	135	141	157	148	171	155
	Amount	15450	14938	19089	15810	16913	14586	16,438	14,457	15634	17829	14660	13993	189797

2023	Givers	135	131	130	139	130	131	126	115	112	131	113	107	125
	Amount	14826	14166	13682	16347	14,231	15,083	13,420	13,041	13,352	13,617	13,338	12678	167781
2024	Givers	111	104											
	Amount	13122	12664											

OTHER ACTIVITIES/REPORTS DURING THE YEAR

Soup Run -

St Matts have now been supporting Plymouth Soup Run for 4 years making and delivering food to 4 locations across the city every other Tuesday evening. Over the last year we have seen numbers reach a peak, with almost 100 meals being provided on a regular basis during Autumn 2023 reflecting the increased need in the city.

We have been blessed again this year by a group of longstanding and committed volunteers, many of whom but not all are members of St Matts and we are hugely thankful for them. We are grateful for the £2.5k of church funds that have enabled us to serve over 2000 hot meals this year, alongside cash donations of around £1,500, clothing and sleeping bags. This has allowed us to maintain the same level of service to those in need despite increasing costs. The new stove and storage cupboards have also made a real difference to our efforts thanks to the generosity of the church and Jerry Morris' sterling efforts.

Soup Run continues to provide an outlet for service and community for those in the church who are motivated to be involved in social action and to demonstrate the love of God. We would be happy to talk to anyone who would like to contribute to this ongoing ministry.

MISSIONS - St Matts 'tithes' 10% of it's income to other local, national and international charities and mission organisations including:

- **2% - Trevi House / Sunflower Project** (<https://trevi.org.uk/>) - Trevi is a nationally award-winning women's and children's charity based in St Matts parish, Plymouth providing safe and nurturing spaces for women in recovery to heal, grow and thrive.
- **2% - Shekinah** (<https://shekinah.co.uk/>) - South West charity providing opportunities for people who are experiencing all forms of homelessness.
- **2% Creation Fest** (<https://creationfest.org.uk/>) - regional Christian festival supporting and encouraging the church in the South West.
- **2% - Church Planting Fund** - a fund to support and enable church planting in and around Plymouth through St Matts.
- **1% - St Matts 'Acts 4 Fund'** - a fund providing small grants for St Matts members in financial hardship
- **1% - St Matts 'Missionary Fund'** - a fund providing small grants to support St Matts members with missionary endeavours.

ST SIMONS MOUNT GOULD -

In December 2021 the derelict church of St Simon's Mt Gould (Edith Avenue, PL4 8TJ) legally became part of St Matts. The PCC agreed with the Diocese of Exeter to an 18 month period to assess the longer term viability of developing a new worshipping community at the church, restoring the buildings and serving the area. In August 2023 St Matts PCC officially agreed to church plant at St Simons Mount Gould. Mike Knight has been appointed as Associate Vicar with responsibility for St Simons and we are hoping to launch Sunday services on the 19th May as part of the Love South West weekend. Do get in touch if you are interested in this exciting endeavour, and especially if you live over towards St Simons.

Considerable work has been accomplished over the years by dedicated volunteers. As well as generally maintenance of the site and upkeep of the gardens we have also installed new inner doors, made repairs to the external doors, and repaired stone tile flooring. We look forward to getting going with some larger projects (particularly installing heating and a PA) which will make the building more welcoming as we enter into the next season of church life.

The midweek service continues with around 20-30 people, monthly Sunday hangouts have varied (with 30-40 during the summer months but much fewer over the winter) and our Christmas Carols by Candlelight service was attended by well over 200 people with standing room only at the back!

BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE REPORT - Claire Worth (Executive Director) -

The Church site and buildings have continued to be used in many different ways; The Church Hall has continued to be used for AA meetings, cooking and preparation for the bi-weekly Soup Run and providing pastoral care, support, friendship and advice. The Church Building is in full swing with Sunday services, Alpha, Student nights, St Mellitus College, Kingdom Come and other ad hoc events.

Last year's wins! - 2023 saw us complete some big projects that have been in the pipeline for many years. The toilet project was finished on time and within budget. This has made a big difference to the site and the users. It has been so nice to have a fully functioning, warm and clean space that is accessible to all. In addition, the sale of Dale Gardens not only allowed us to finance this project, but also gave us 3 months of operational reserves and some additional funds to invest back into the life and ministry of St Matts.

AA - Since lockdown and beyond, we have seen an increase in the number of people attending the Alcoholics Anonymous 'Road to Recovery' group in the Church Hall. The group continues to meet twice a week with over 100 members coming each week.

Site Maintenance - We were able to recruit a volunteer handyman who has been working hard to keep the grounds and garden area clean and tidy. There are some other church family members who have offered to help in this way so the team is building slowly but surely.

Flat roof in upper hall - The flat roof in the fire escape section of the upper hall (by the kitchen) had been leaking for some time. We have now had this replaced and the inner roof plastered and decorated. This will enable access to the disabled toilet.

Roof in the Church - As many of you will be aware, the roof in the church is slowly showing more and more leaks as the year progresses. With such wet weather, these leaks have gotten worse and we are getting quotes from various roofing contractors to see what needs to be done. This will likely be quite an expensive project and we are looking at grant/ matched funding opportunities to aid us with this.

Cleaner - We currently have an individual cleaning for us on a weekly basis, which is a cost saving in comparison to the various companies we have used over the last few years. We will keep an eye on this and assess our needs as required.

FINANCE REPORT - Teresa Cornish (Treasurer) -

During the year, the charity received a total income of £322,118. Although the majority of this was voluntary giving, £26,862 was received from hall rental and £48,734 was profit generated from the sale of the investment property at Dale Gardens.

Operating expenditure in the year amounted to £339,306. This includes costs of £47,995 to refurbish the toilet facilities in the church building. In addition, £19,948 of depreciation was charged in the year.

As a result of the significant deficit brought forward from 2022, substantial efforts have been made during the year to reduce operating expenditure. Despite the additional challenge caused by continued cost increases, expenditure in 2023 was approximately £40,000 less than the previous year. A considerable drop in regular giving of approximately £20,000 reduced the net impact of these savings on church funds. The church is currently operating with a monthly deficit of around £1,500. The monthly operating deficit in 2022 was £4,500. Plans are in place to increase giving and further reduce costs in 2024, with the aim of achieving a balanced budget.

The investment property at Dale Gardens was sold during the year. Proceeds of sale totalled £194,734. £75,000 of this has been used to establish a designated reserves fund, in accordance with the organisation's reserves policy. £47,995 was used to cover the cost of the toilet refurbishment. The remaining £71,739 was allocated to general funds to offset the negative balance brought forward from 2022 and to cover the anticipated 2023 deficit. There were no capital purchases in the year.

The 3 separate charities controlled by the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC were dissolved during the year. The associated endowment accounts relating to these charities were closed and all funds were transferred to the church reserve account, where they are temporarily being held as general funds. The PCC will continue to decide how to utilise these funds to fulfil the purposes for which they were originally intended.

During the year, £3,379 was added to the church planting fund, which now stands at £72,241. £1,689 was used to establish a new mission fund to support individuals wishing to undertake

short term mission projects. £1,689 was also allocated to the hardship fund; 'The Acts 4 Fund' is available to support members of the congregation in financial difficulty. The balance of this fund is currently £8,222.

£8,294 of funds held for youth and media were used to offset some of the salary costs of the Youth Pastor and Media Coordinator during the year.

After the deduction of the £106,671 former endowment funds awaiting further allocation (see above), the general fund year end balance stands at £19,172.

Investment policy

In accordance with the charity's governing document, the Trustees have the power to invest funds in any investments that they see fit. The policy is to adopt a low risk strategy whilst maximising returns. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the investments held and that the policy adopted remains adequate and appropriate.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves, at a sufficient level to secure the continued provision of normal charitable activities for a maximum period of six months.

Teresa Cornish

Treasurer

Safeguarding - The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Trustees' Responsibilities - Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described later in the accounts, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 trustees 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.

Independent Examination

A resolution to appoint Tony Jopson & Co. as independent examiners for the ensuing year will be proposed at the next APCM during which the financial statements are approved in accordance with the Charities Act 2011

On behalf of the PCC

Sophie Chatten, Priest In Charge

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHARLES WITH ST
MATTHIAS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

I report on the attached accounts of the Parochial Church Council ("PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2023, in respect of an examination carried out under regulation 3 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001 and Section 145, Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (members of the PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b)) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these 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 as set out in the statement below.

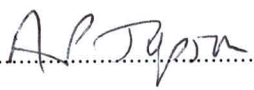
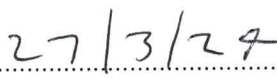
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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A P Jopson, FCA

Date

(Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

Tony Jopson & Co Ltd, Peverell Corner, 246 Peverell Park Road, Plymouth, PL3 4QG

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from							
Donations and legacies:							
Regular giving	2	197,067	17,050	2,713	0	216,830	238,340
Other voluntary receipts	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church activities	4	53,170	0	0	0	53,170	43,696
Investments	5	3,384	48,734	0	0	52,118	67
Total Income		253,621	65,784	2,713	0	322,118	282,103
Expenditure on							
Church activities	6	318,320	11,117	29,817	0	359,254	356,834
Total Expenditure		318,320	11,117	29,817	0	359,254	356,834
Net income / (expenditure) before investment gains / (losses)		-64,699	5,933	-27,104	0	-85,870	-74,731
Net gains / (losses) on investments		0	48,734	0	0	48,734	-11,812
Net income / (expenditure)		-64,699	54,667	-27,104	0	-37,136	-86,543
Transfers between funds		219,648	-114,666	1,689	-106,671	0	0
Transfers in of 3 charities							
Assets controlled by PCC		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		154,949	-59,999	-25,415	-106,671	-37,136	-86,543
Total funds brought forward		-29,109	208,929	105,765	106,671	392,256	478,799
Total funds carried forward	12	125,840	148,930	80,350	0	355,120	392,256

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BALANCE SHEET

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	8				
Freehold investment property			0		146,000
Furniture, fixtures and fittings			27,493		35,453
Audio visual equipment			32,374		44,363
Investments	9		0		106,671
			<u>59,867</u>		<u>332,487</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	10	11,616		29,504	
Cash on deposit		263,030		22,308	
Cash at bank and in hand		27,691		19,019	
		<u>302,338</u>		<u>70,831</u>	
Creditors					
Falling due within one year	11	<u>7,085</u>		<u>11,061</u>	
Net Current Assets			295,253		59,770
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			355,120		392,256
Creditors					
Falling due after more than one year			0		0
Net Assets			<u>355,120</u>		<u>392,256</u>
Funds	12				
Endowment funds			0		106,671
Designated funds			148,930		208,929
Restricted funds			80,350		105,765
Unrestricted funds			125,840		-29,109
Total Funds			<u>355,120</u>		<u>392,256</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21/3/2024 and signed on its behalf by



Dr S Pearson
PCC Chair



Ms T Cornish
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are amounts which have been received by the PCC with specific directions concerning the way in which capital and any income arising are to be expended.

Endowment funds are sums which are held by or on behalf of the PCC and where only the income can be spent, with the capital being retained permanently, or at the PCC's discretion, and invested.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

Donations and legacies: Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognised only when received. Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognised when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognised as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

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Charitable activities: Income from church fee income is recognised when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities: Rental income is recognised when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognised in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

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

Expenditure

Raising funds: Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis. Raising funds includes the costs of the investment property.

Charitable activities: Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis. The diocesan common fund is accounted for when payable. Any unpaid amount at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (although not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Grants are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing: Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold property: Freehold property is valued at purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC members, depreciation of freehold properties would be immaterial and has not been charged. The members carry out an annual impairment review, and in their opinion no provision is necessary in respect of the value at which freehold properties are included in the financial statements.

Other fixed assets: Other fixed assets are recognised at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight-line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

- Fixtures and fittings - 10 years
- Computers and equipment - 5 years

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Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value in accordance with FRS 102 and are not depreciated.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible. These are recognised initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt, or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

Financial instruments

The church only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. All (including debtors and creditors) are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		General £	Designated £	£	£	£	£
2	Regular giving						
	Planned giving inc. envelopes	165,453	15,150	2,457	0	183,060	198,824
	Collections at services	3,473	0	0	0	3,473	0
	Income tax recovered	28,141	1,900	256	0	30,297	39,516
		197,067	17,050	2,713	0	216,830	238,340
3	Other voluntary receipts						
	Government COVID relief grants	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Love Your Neighbour & Covid relief giving	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Donation to youth and media	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hardship fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Income from church activities						
	Statutory fees - weddings, funerals, etc.	372	0	0	0	372	1,408
	Miscellaneous	20,722	0	0	0	20,722	13,545
	Gross income (solar panels)	5,214	0	0	0	5,214	0
	Gross income (hall lettings)	25,996	0	0	0	25,996	23,543
	Gross income (letting 18 Dale Gardens)	866	0	0	0	866	5,200
		53,170	0	0	0	53,170	43,696
5	Income from investments						
	Profit from sale of investments	0	48,734	0	0	48,734	0
	Dividends & interest	1,859	0	0	0	1,859	0
	Bank interest received	1,524	0	0	0	1,524	67
		3,384	48,734	0	0	52,118	67
	Total Income	253,621	65,784	2,713	0	322,118	282,103
6	Expenditure on charitable activities						
	Ministry: common fund	67,637	0	0	0	67,637	56,918
	Church running expenses	16,227	834	0	0	17,061	13,708
	Church maintenance	55,068	9,845	0	0	64,913	20,758
	Upkeep of services	4,515	294	0	0	4,809	6,283
	Music and production	8,716	0	0	0	8,716	10,908
	Parish hall – services and maintenance	20,001	0	0	0	20,001	23,925
	Events and other parish expenditure	3,643	0	0	0	3,643	13,623
	Youth / student work	5,089	0	0	0	5,089	6,177
	Maintenance costs – 18 Dale Gardens	866	0	0	0	866	1,581
	Salaries and fees	117,355	0	8,294	0	125,649	155,046
	Training	1,098	0	0	0	1,098	1,829
	External giving	10,209	0	1,575	0	11,784	13,600
	Depreciation	0	0	19,948	0	19,948	19,948
	Administration	7,496	144	0	0	7,640	12,529
	Accountant's fees	400	0	0	0	400	0
	Total Expenditure	318,320	11,117	29,817	0	359,254	356,833

7 Transactions with PCC members and related parties

- None of the members of the PCC were remunerated or reimbursed for their expenses in their capacity as PCC members.
- Hannah Bowker was paid £18,540 for her role as Church Centre Manager. Claire Worth was paid £38,625 for her role as Executive Director.
- During 2023, the PCC received £27,708 in donations from Trustees. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gift which required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

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8	Tangible fixed assets	Investment Property £	A/V & IT Equipment £	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1/1/23	146,000	119,887	79,595	345,482
	Additions	-146,000	0	0	-146,000
	At 31/12/23	0	119,887	79,595	199,482
	Depreciation				
	At 1/1/23	0	75,524	44,143	119,666
	Charge for the year	0	11,989	7,960	19,948
	At 31/12/23	0	87,512	52,102	139,614
	Net book value				
	At 31/12/2023	0	32,374	27,493	59,867
	At 31/12/2022	146,000	44,363	35,453	225,816

9	Investments	Market Value 31/12/23 £	Market Value 31/12/22 £
	Household of Faith	0	34,247
	Victoria Almshouses	0	30,682
	Charles Plymouth Relief in Need	0	41,742
		0	106,671

- These investments were held in separate charities and were shown on the church's balance sheet as they were under the control of the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC, in line with guidance from the Diocese.

- These charities were dissolved during 2023 and the balances held were transferred to the church general fund, as directed by the PCC.

10	Debtors	31/12/23 £	31/12/22 £
	Gift Aid reclaimable	2,175	10,157
	Prepayments	0	3,777
	Rent due	7,551	6,600
	Solar feed-in	0	0
	Other debtors	1,890	8970
		11,616	29,504

11	Creditors	31/12/23 £	31/12/22 £
	Fees due	229	64
	Other creditors	1,846	5,774
	Accrued expenses	5,010	5,223
		7,085	11,061

12	Funds	Bal b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Bal c/fwd £
	General unrestricted	-29,109	253,621	318,320	219,648	125,840
	Designated for church planting	62,929	17,050	11,117	3,379	72,241
	Designated property investment	146,000	48,734		-194,734	0
	Designated mission	0			1,689	1,689
	Designated reserves	0			75,000	75,000
	Restricted youth & media	20,557		8,294		12,263
	Restricted hardship fund	5,395	2,713	1,575	1,689	8,222
	Restricted fixed assets	79,813		19,948		59,865
	Endowment funds - 3 separate charities	106,671			-106,671	0
		392,256	322,118	359,254	0	355,120