

**Parish of Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton
(Charity Registration Number: 1134504)**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St Mary and St Michael has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

- Regular public worship open to all.
- Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and meditation.
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools and provision of church services for schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through the provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers, young people and special needs groups.
- Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Achievements and performance

Combined electoral roll 136 (139)

Average Sunday attendance 130 (94)

The attendance at the regular major services at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance as well as monthly Messy Church are much greater.

Worship and Prayer

The pattern of worship has continued with Sunday services being mainly Eucharistic. Mid-week services at St Mary's are also Communion, while mid-week services at St Michael's are Morning prayer with Communion once a month.

Home Communion

Home communions continue to be offered throughout the parish for people who are housebound. These are taken by clergy, readers and our licenced Pastoral Assistant monthly on request.

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets monthly in St Michael's.

The Intercessory Prayer Circle has been active and a prayer chain by email is actioned for the sick or anyone else who requests this support.

The Bible Study Group meets monthly in Broughton Astley.

Schools and Youth and Children's Work

Positive links continue with all 6 schools in the parish. Rev Pauline is a governor at all three CofE primary schools and she has also been involved in the launch of a lunchtime Bible Group at Thomas Estley College. She has also been invited to be Chaplain to the Broughton Astley Sea Cadets. Rev Pauline takes regular assemblies in all the schools in the parish, not only the C of E ones. Sheila Yates, our licenced lay minister for children and young people, also takes school assemblies.

Local schools continue to hold Christmas and Harvest services in our churches, as well as making visits to the church buildings as part of their RE curriculum. A new link has been established with the playgroup in Croft. These visits enable clergy and other members of the church to share and talk about their faith.

Messy Church

Messy Church meets monthly in both St Mary's and St Michael's churches on a Sunday morning. Numbers continue to grow and it is a valuable outreach to families.

Open the Book

Our Open the Book team has 10 people representing all 3 churches in the Parish.

Since September we have been able to take the stories into Hallbrook School. This means that we are now visiting all 5 Primary Schools in the Parish- Manorfield in Stanton, Croft Primary, Orchard, Old Mill and Hallbrook in Broughton Astley. Of those 3 are church schools.

Our visits are welcomed by the schools and greatly enjoyed by the children.

Christingle

Christingle services were held in all three churches and were once again exceptionally well attended.

Remembrance

Rev Pauline and the Readers worked with Parish Councils to offer Remembrance Services in each village which were very well attended.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

In 2023 there were 15 (23) Baptisms, 5 (11), Confirmation 1 (1), Weddings 5 (11), 1 Wedding Blessing and 20 (28) funerals across the Parish.

Christmas

An Advent 'Darkness to Light' service took place once again at St Mary's and there were carol services and a Christmas Midnight Mass in all three churches. The combined parish choir worked very hard indeed and produced music of a very high standard. Croft Silver Band made a unique contribution to the village carol service. All these services were very well attended and greatly appreciated.

Missions and Evangelism, Outreach and Communications

The three churches maintain an open and inclusive tradition embracing Catholic and broad church elements in their worship and ministry, although each has its own particular ethos, so that all parishioners are catered for in a non-discriminatory way in their faith journey.

In September, St Michael and All Angels church, Croft welcomed Bishop Saju of Loughborough where he conducted a service of confirmation.

The unique, historic church buildings and the tradition of regular bell-ringing make people in each community aware of the church's presence. The monthly Parish Magazine has an average circulation of approximately 280. We make regular use of village notice boards, both physical and on social media. There is a Parish Website which Rev Pauline has updated and maintains, and a Parish Facebook page.

There is a Parish Administrator, Denise Carrington, to assist with general enquiries and bookings for weddings, baptisms and funerals. Her contact number and email are widely advertised. she also maintains the Parish Diary and service rotas.

A Lent Course was led by Peter and Sheila Yates, and Rev Pauline led a “Deeper into Faith” course in the autumn. Both were well attended.

Groups and Fellowship

The choirs of St Mary’s and St Michael’s regularly rehearse and work together for occasional offices, united services and concerts under the guidance of Sebastian carrington, Director of Music and principal organist and conductor, assisted by organist Andrew McMillan. Tamara Dugdale plays keyboard at Croft. Each church has a dedicated group of bell-ringers who add to the villages’ quality of life by ringing most Sundays.

The Ladies’ Fellowship meets monthly at St Mary’s.

Teddy Bear Bunch for toddlers and their parents/carers meets weekly during term time at St Mary’s.

The Bible Study Group meets monthly in Broughton Astley.

Each church offers regular opportunities for people to meet friends and socialise:

Community Market and Coffee Morning every first Saturday of the month at St Mary’s.

Lunches at St Michael and All Angels, also every first Saturday.

Coffee Morning at St Michael’s every second Saturday of the month, plus Winter Warmer

Lunches.

Numerous social events are held throughout the year such as quiz nights, Harvest Supper, concerts, Christmas Festivals etc. It is noteworthy that the congregations of all three churches enjoy meeting together and supporting each other’s events.

Ecumenical Relationships

Friendly and co-operative relationships are maintained with other denominations in the Parish (Baptist, Evangelical and Methodist). There are no centres of worship of other faiths within our Parish.

Support for the Wider Church

Representatives of the PCC participate fully in the Guthlaxton Deanery Synod and we receive the Leicester Diocesan weekly Diomail ensuring contact with and awareness of the wider church. Rev Pauline has been commissioned as a member of the Diocesan Women’s Ministry Group.

Support for the Wider Community

As well as our pastoral ministry and the provision of the ‘occasional offices’ marking the various rites of passage, our policy is to serve each community in the Parish, and we have made significant progress in adapting our buildings for greater community use including exhibitions, concerts and other community occasions. Our three buildings have adequate energy efficient heating and lighting systems as well as loop systems for those using hearing aids. The reordering in all three churches has created flexible and useful spaces in which people may gather for a variety of events.

A hiring agreement is in place for each church so that community groups can use these reordered spaces sanctioned by the PCC.

At St Mary’s the Broughton Astley Volunteer Group holds a weekly coffee morning attended by around eighty, mostly older people. Two Brownie Packs and a Guide Pack also use the church, plus a fitness class and a slimming club

Safeguarding in the Parish of Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone. It is central to our mission and ministry and is integral in the Diocesan Vision which asks us to consider how to make our church communities healthier.

The Parish of Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton has in place arrangements which include:

- Procedures to identify, respond to and report concerns

- Codes of safer practice
- Safer recruitment procedures

Safeguarding roles

The following people have Safeguarding roles in the Parish:

- Parish Safeguarding Officer Peter Yates
- Parish Safeguarding Officer for Vulnerable Adults - Mr John Bass

We take advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

- Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor - Rachael Spiers
- Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor - Peter Holloway
- Safeguarding Administrator - Julie Foulds

Safeguarding Policy

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.

- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

Reported safeguarding concerns

In 2023, there were no reported safeguarding concerns.

Display

- Safeguarding arrangements are clearly visible on the front page of the parish website.
- There is a signed formal statement of adoption of the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement'.
- Information is displayed in all three churches about how to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, (DSA), PSO's and how to get help outside the church.
- A hard copy of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook is kept in the churches

Safeguarding Audit

In line with Church of England advice, our Safeguarding procedures were audited in 2023. This action plan is monitored annually and any concerns addressed.

DBS & Safeguarding Training

All lead volunteers, licensed ministers and clergy are required to complete a DBS application and to complete the Church of England online Safeguarding training.

Equal Opportunities

The PCC has adopted the Leicester Diocese Equal Opportunities Policy.

Health and Safety Policy

The PCC has a Health and Safety Policy which is reviewed annually.

Charitable Contributions

The Parish continues to organise collections within and beyond our congregations, giving to Christian Aid, The Children's Society and USPG among others. In addition the Parish responds readily to other causes and emergency appeals as they arise. We also maintain Foodbank collection points in all three churches.

Maintenance of Historic Buildings

Our churches are listed historic buildings (Grades II* and II) which, despite very significant challenges in their upkeep and maintenance and their adaptation for community use, are greatly cherished. Our buildings are maintained in good order. Following the quinquennial inspections, work is being progressed at St Mary's

and at St Michael and All Angels. We maintain recommended levels of insurance with Ecclesiastical Insurance Company.

Financial Review

Our 2023 total income was £112,326 (2022 was £ 114,416 and 2021 was £148,965, including significant grants and donations).

Our core regular giving to the Parish by our congregation was £ 47,695 (2022 was £51,198 and 2021 was £50,140). Unfortunately the pool of regular givers has been falling slightly over the last few years.

Fund raising and Church hire continue to bring in substantial funds.

The sale of the Stoney Stanton Church Hall and Land finally took place in December 2023, raising net proceeds of £124,992 which are shown as an exceptional item in the Financial Statements.

Our 2023 total expenses were £ 92,404 (2022 was £104,226 and 2021 was £157,262 which included significant repair costs).

There were no major repair and maintenance costs in 2023 which is largely why the 2023 expenses are less than in 2022.

Our "normal " running costs are approximately £90-95k per year.

Overall in 2023 our income exceeded our expenses by £19,921. However there are sizeable repair and maintenance costs to come in 2024.

The Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023 shows the Parish has net assets of £263,291, which includes the net proceeds of Stoney Stanton Church Hall and Land of £124,992.

As ever the Financial Statements reflect the efforts and generosity of many people to maintain and upgrade our church buildings and to further the church ministry.

Priest's Report

I have now been in the parish for a year and this month sees the 1st anniversary of my installation into the parish. My report is an observation of the parish and its 3 churches' mission and relationship with their communities during the past 12 months and my leadership within it.

Journey

I think that how you begin and are received in a new work place, will always influence your journey. I have reflected many times on how I began and realise the growth within myself which has been aided by some very good people within the parish and I am thankful for their prayerful support.

Schools

The past year has seen a growing relationship with all the schools in the parish with all the churches experiencing good numbers of parents and pupils attending various festival services throughout the year. In all occasions the churches were full to capacity with children and parents, many of whom had never been inside a church before and remarked on the beauty and warm welcome. We are still looking on how we can engage and encourage young people from the school to be more involved with our parish services and life. A work in process.

I have also volunteered at Broughton Astley Sea Cadets as their chaplain and I am also encouraged that they help all sorts of children in building their confidence in all sorts of different ways. Very inspiring.

Services

I am pleased to report that our services has seen a steady increase in numbers and that we are able to offer a variety of services from BCP, Café Worship, Morning Praise and Worship, Messy Church and Eucharistic Services. Also for baptismal services, weddings and funerals. I thank the ministry team, sides-people, vergers and of course wardens for their continued hard work in engaging everyone who comes through the church gates and beyond. To be able to create a warm welcome for many can mean so much. I have mentioned specific people, however, there are many more people in our parish that remain the cornerstone of our churches who ensure that behind the scenes everything runs smoothly and that nothing is a problem that cannot be solved. They know who they are.

Fundraising

Over the past 12 months the fundraising committees have been and continue to be imaginative in finding different ways to engage people from the communities such as Community markets, lunches, special events and these have also been well attended.

Challenges

However, challenges remain, and that is in the continuance of raising the profile of the church in the community and to have more people attending services. This is not just because we want to have more people on seats, but it is to have more people involved in ministry and to share not only the love of Christ, but also to share in the work that is needed to enable growth in discipleship and the good news of Christ. We still need more people to volunteer to do various jobs, so that it is not just the same people doing the same job. This challenge is on-going.

There are challenges that are ahead as the parish and deanery will be involved in the Shaped by God Together – Minister Community scheme and what that will mean.

Finally, I want to thank all the faithful people of our church community who have always been prepared to go that extra mile in supporting each other and of their support to me personally during this past year. Thank you.

Reverend Pauline Cummins

Structure, Governance and Management

The Scheme for management of the Parish ("The Constitution ") was approved at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2019 and implemented.

Appointment of PCC members complies with the Church Representation Rules 2020. The PCC as at 31st December 2023 consisted of:

- The Associate Priest
- Licensed Clergy
- Churchwardens (x6)
- Readers' Representative
- Licensed Lay Representative
- Deanery Synod Representatives (x3)
- Elected members (x6 ie 2 per congregation)
- Safeguarding Officer
- Vice chair
- Secretary of the PCC
- Treasurer of the PCC
- Co-opted members as necessary

All who attend worship regularly are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC and the DCCs.

The full PCC met 5 times during 2023 and was quorate on all occasions with an average attendance of 81%. Its objectives are to consider and conduct day to day Parish management, agree goals, visions and parish policy. The PCC also deals with the legal requirements of the church in areas such as Safeguarding and Health and Safety.

For practical reasons, the PCC continues to delegate management of funds raised by and maintained by each church to that church's District Church Council. The Parochial Church Council in law has ownership of all funds (subject to any donor-made restrictions) and each DCC is accountable to the PCC for them. The policy of the Council is to regard the funds managed by each DCC as designated to the church of that DCC.

Administrative Information

The Parish has churches in Broughton Astley, Croft and Stoney Stanton. It is part of the Diocese of Leicester within the Church of England.

The Parish Contact is:

Denise Carrington (Parish Administrator)

07534 820197 bacsschurches@gmail.com

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners as indicated above. The PCC during 2023 and to date of signing below was:

Ex officio

Rev Pauline Cummins Associate Priest chair of the PCC from 12th March 2023

Churchwardens: Edmund Brew and Richard Sweeting until May 2023, Paul Lawrence, Rachel Smith, John Bass and Colin Atkinson. The Churchwardens are sworn in each year.

Vice chair of the PCC Sheila Yates

Readers' Representative: Peter Yates

Licensed Lay Representative: vacant

Deanery Synod Representatives: Paula Atkinson, Margie Brimacombe, Edward Bestwick

Safeguarding Officer: Peter Yates

Secretary of the PCC: Paula Atkinson

Treasurer of the PCC: Barbara Bedford

Elected: Broughton Astley: Steve Windram, Sheila Yates

Croft: Lester Halling, Jeremy Davis

Stoney Stanton: Margie Brimacombe, Edward Bestwick

Acknowledgements

We are grateful to retired clergy Rev Vic Goodman and Rev Frances Knight (until February 2023) who have played a key support role in our ministry team.

The PCC is grateful to the Lay Ministers Sheila Yates, Alison and Martin Macklin, Pastoral Assistant John Bass, Readers Peter Yates and Lester Halling, Director of Music Sebastian Carrington and Parish Administrator Denise Carrington, and also the many volunteers who continue to give substantially of their services in all spheres of our church activity.

All those who financially support our churches in these difficult times are much appreciated as are all those who have made donations, grants and legacies which have greatly enhanced our work during 2023.

We thank the PCC's Financial Statements Examiner David Rupp FCCA for his services.

Signed for and on behalf of the PCC _____

Chair of the PCC Rev Pauline Cummins _____

Vice chair of the PCC Sheila Yates _____

Secretary of the PCC Paula Atkinson _____

The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Michaels, Broughton
Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Diocese of Leicester UK

Parochial Church Council

Charity Commission Registration No 1134504

Statement of Financial Activities of the Parish for the year ended
31 December 2023 and the Independent Examiner's Report
thereon

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Michaels, Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) 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 and has since been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



David Rupp, FCCA
10 Crowfoot Way,
Broughton Astley
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12 April 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income					
Voluntary Giving	2a	77,749	7,300	85,049	83,756
Activities for generating funds	2b	16,972	380	17,352	17,399
Income from Investments	2c	585	-	585	222
Church activities	2d	4,347	-	4,347	5,945
Trading activities	2e	4,992	-	4,992	6,559
Other income	2f	-	-	-	535
TOTAL INCOME		104,646	7,680	112,326	114,416
Expenditure					
Cost of fundraising activities	3a	1,099	-	1,099	1,003
Church activities	3b	63,110	-	63,110	62,300
Church running expenses	3c	24,850	-	24,850	38,088
Cost of trading activities	3d	2,961	-	2,961	2,825
Major repairs to Churches	3e	-	-	-	-
Major repairs to other PCC Property	3f	-	-	-	-
New building work to Churches	3g	-	-	-	-
Other	3h	384	-	384	50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		92,404	-	92,404	104,266
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)		12,241	7,680	19,921	10,151
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2023 (2022)		116,878	1,500	118,378	108,227
Sale of Stoney Stanton Church Hall	14	124,992	-	124,992	-
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2023 (2022)		254,111	9,180	263,291	118,378

The Parish of St Mary and St Michaels - Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	4,750	6,025
Cash at Bank & in hand		135,058	120,347
Sale of Stoney Stanton Church Hall	14	124,992	-
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		264,800	126,372
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due within one year	6	(1,509)	(7,994)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		263,291	118,378
Liabilities: Amount Falling Due after one year		-	-
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TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>263,291</u>	<u>118,378</u>
 Parish Funds			
Unrestricted and designated	7	254,111	116,878
Restricted	7	9,180	1,500
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		<u>263,291</u>	<u>118,378</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
on 19th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Reverend Pauline Cummins

The notes in sections 1 to 14 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and all major accruals included. The presentation currency is GB pounds sterling. The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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 unrestricted. Restricted funds must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 7. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from Charities Act 2011.

Current assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at a bank.

Indemnity Insurance

The parish has centrally effected insurance to protect trustees and other voluntary workers

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

2 Income

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Voluntary Giving	2a				
Regular giving		47,695	-	47,695	51,198
Collections at services		6,567	-	6,567	8,240
Donations and all other giving		3,674	2,550	6,224	6,694
Gift aid recoverable		18,422	-	18,422	10,703
Charity collections less paid to charities		-	-	-	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	2,206
Grants received		1,391	4,750	6,141	4,716
		<u>77,749</u>	<u>7,300</u>	<u>85,049</u>	<u>83,756</u>
Activities for generating funds	2b				
Fund Raising		15,500	380	15,880	15,698
Subscription draw & 100 club		1,472	-	1,472	1,701
		<u>16,972</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>17,352</u>	<u>17,399</u>
Income from Investments	2c				
Bank Interest		585	-	585	222
		<u>585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>222</u>
Church activities	2d				
Fees retained by PCC		4,347	-	4,347	5,945
		<u>4,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,347</u>	<u>5,945</u>
Trading activities	2e				
Parish Magazine		991	-	991	824
Printing income		168	-	168	
Hire of churches (mainly BA)		3,833	-	3,833	3,215
Stoney Stanton Church Hall lettings		-	-	-	2,520
		<u>4,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,992</u>	<u>6,559</u>
Other income	2f				
Miscellaneous inc Nat West compensation		-	-	-	535
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>535</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>104,646</u>	<u>7,680</u>	<u>112,326</u>	<u>114,416</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

3 Expenditure

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Cost of fundraising activities	3a				
Hall hire and other event costs		559	-	559	558
100 club prizes		540	-	540	445
		1,099	-	1,099	1,003
Church activities	3b				
Mission and charity giving		493	-	493	95
Diocesan parish share contribution		52,000	-	52,000	52,000
Administrator costs		5,368	-	5,368	4,020
Organists & music		4,713	-	4,713	4,965
Clergy and staff expenses		537	-	537	1,220
		63,110	-	63,110	62,300
Church running expenses	3c				
Mission and evangelism - youth work		1,640	-	1,640	1,157
Insurances		9,822	-	9,822	8,929
Routine repairs & maintenance		6,130	-	6,130	18,780
Insurance refund	-	2,361	-	2,361	-
Croft Lights		2,760	-	2,760	-
Altar requisites		452	-	452	812
Printing & stationery		203	-	203	105
Parish Telephone & Broadband		327	-	327	-
Bank charges		72	-	72	72
Midshire printer contract		431	-	431	-
Heat light & water		5,374	-	5,374	8,233
		24,850	-	24,850	38,088
Cost of trading activities	3d				
Stoney Stanton church hall costs		2,029	-	2,029	1,828
Parish Magazine costs		932	-	932	997
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31 December 2023 and the Independent Examiner's Report
thereon

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Michaels, Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) 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 and has since been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



David Rupp, FCCA
10 Crowfoot Way,
Broughton Astley
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12 April 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Income					
Voluntary Giving	2a	77,749	7,300	85,049	83,756
Activities for generating funds	2b	16,972	380	17,352	17,399
Income from Investments	2c	585	-	585	222
Church activities	2d	4,347	-	4,347	5,945
Trading activities	2e	4,992	-	4,992	6,559
Other income	2f	-	-	-	535
TOTAL INCOME		104,646	7,680	112,326	114,416
Expenditure					
Cost of fundraising activities	3a	1,099	-	1,099	1,003
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Major repairs to other PCC Property	3f	-	-	-	-
New building work to Churches	3g	-	-	-	-
Other	3h	384	-	384	50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		92,404	-	92,404	104,266
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Balances carried forward at 31st December 2023 (2022)		254,111	9,180	263,291	118,378

The Parish of St Mary and St Michaels - Broughton Astley and Croft with Stoney Stanton

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	4,750	6,025
Cash at Bank & in hand		135,058	120,347
Sale of Stoney Stanton Church Hall	14	124,992	-
		264,800	126,372
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due within one year	6	(1,509)	(7,994)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		263,291	118,378
Liabilities: Amount Falling Due after one year		-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		263,291	118,378
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted and designated	7	254,111	116,878
Restricted	7	9,180	1,500
		263,291	118,378

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
on 19th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Reverend Pauline Cummins

The notes in sections 1 to 14 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), FRS102 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and all major accruals included. The presentation currency is GB pounds sterling. The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

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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 unrestricted. Restricted funds must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 7. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from Charities Act 2011.

Current assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at a bank.

Indemnity Insurance

The parish has centrally effected insurance to protect trustees and other voluntary workers

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

2 Income

Description	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Voluntary Giving	2a				
Regular giving		47,695	-	47,695	51,198
Collections at services		6,567	-	6,567	8,240
Donations and all other giving		3,674	2,550	6,224	6,694
Gift aid recoverable		18,422	-	18,422	10,703
Charity collections less paid to charities		-	-	-	-
Legacies received		-	-	-	2,206
Grants received		1,391	4,750	6,141	4,716
		<u>77,749</u>	<u>7,300</u>	<u>85,049</u>	<u>83,756</u>
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Subscription draw & 100 club		1,472	-	1,472	1,701
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Trading activities	2e				
Parish Magazine		991	-	991	824
Printing income		168	-	168	
Hire of churches (mainly BA)		3,833	-	3,833	3,215
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Church running expenses	3c				
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Insurances		9,822	-	9,822	8,929
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Altar requisites		452	-	452	812
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Bank charges		72	-	72	72
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