

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BEXLEY

PART OF THE BEXLEY TEAM MINISTRY

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024 AT 11.15am IN THE CHURCH

Annual Reports
Financial Statement
of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2023

Team Rector: Vacant
Incumbent: Vacant

Other Clergy of the Bexley Team Ministry
Team Vicar: Reverend Edward Barlow
Associate Priest: Reverend Sue Twyman

CLERGY SITUATION

We have been without a Team Rector since July 2022 and a Team Vicar since March 2023. In addition, the Team Curate, Matt Hodder, left in August having been largely working in the St Barnabas Parish.

The post of Team Rector has been advertised twice. The representatives of the four Team churches worked hard with the Archdeacon over this process but unfortunately it has not been possible to make an appointment. As a consequence of this the Team Vicar post remains vacant as well. The Archdeacon, Allie Kerr, advised re-advertising again in May or June.

During these challenging times we have been grateful to the many visiting clergy who have helped us to maintain services at St Mary's. Reverend Sue Twynam has helped Andrew Hill (Licensed Lay Funeral Minister) and Maureen Denman (Churchwarden) in arranging this cover.

WORSHIP

The existing pattern of 10 am services on Sundays has been maintained: Holy Communion (Common Worship) except for the fourth Sunday in the month, when Andrew Hill has led Family Service. At times when no priest was available to preside over Holy Communion Andrew, or on occasion a churchwarden, has led a Service of the Word.

We are particularly indebted to Andrew for his work throughout the year.

On two occasions we have joined the morning service at St Barnabas, the first for Reverend Matt Hodder's farewell and the second for the visit of the Archdeacon, Venerable Allie Kerr.

On one occasion we joined the morning service at St John's.

The 8.30 service of BCP Holy Communion has been held fortnightly when possible, but has had to be suspended for the present due to difficulty in obtaining clergy for this early time. An 8 am service is held weekly at St John's.

The monthly 3.30 pm service of Holy Communion has also had to be suspended, as has Messy Church, due to lack of clergy or helpers.

Holy Communion services on Wednesdays at 10 am, alternating with St John's and occasionally at St James have been maintained, some led by Reverend Edward Barlow, others by visiting clergy.

900th ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate nine hundred years as a parish we held an Open Weekend on June 24-25.

Church silver and interesting historical items were on display in the church. There were refreshments and stalls in the churchyard. The bells were rung by a team from Crayford and people were able to visit the ringing chamber.

On the Sunday a special service was held at which we welcomed our friends from St John's.

On November 19 Bishop Jonathan presided at the 10 am service and preached. A reception was held afterwards in the Church Hall.

We were delighted to welcome former vicars Reverend Alison Letchka and Reverend Clive Wood together with spouses Patrick and Christine.

We were also grateful to Louie French MP and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Bexley for their attendance, along with members of the other Bexley Team churches and other local churches.

To mark the anniversary Chris Thomas, Director of Music, gave three organ recitals in aid of the Reordering Fund.

OLD BEXLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reverend Mel Jemmett, Area Dean, and Andrew Hill take assemblies at the school fortnightly. They also led the school's Christmas and Easter services at St Mary's for pupils in years 4,5 and 6.

PASTORAL CARE

Much pastoral care is facilitated by an informal network of church members who look out for each other. It is important that new members are catered for. The congregation is encouraged to look out for and welcome visitors. Home Communion is taken to the housebound by three lay members.

CHARITABLE GIVING

We collect items for Bexley Food Bank and support it and Bexley Women's Aid by Harvest time offerings. We have given to Church Mission Society, Christian Aid and other charities through direct donations.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The magazine LINK is produced monthly and distribution continues.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

St Mary's is a member of Churches Together in Old Bexley. We hosted the combined service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A joint Lent course was held at Bexley URC and Baldwyns Park Baptist Church.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The church of St Mary the Virgin is situated at the junction of Bexley High Street and North Cray Road. There has been a church on this site since at least the eleventh century. It is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. St Mary's, St John's Bexley, St Barnabas Joydens Wood and St James North Cray together form the Bexley Team Ministry under the Team Rector.

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Following the APCM of 21 May 2023 the PCC members were:

Melanie Simpson - Churchwarden (Chair)
Maureen Denman - Churchwarden (Vice Chair)
Chris Kirk - Deanery Synod
John Bowerman (Secretary)
Chris Lee (Treasurer)
Janet Bird
Barbara Graham
Marion Smith
Ann Whatson

On 15 October Melanie Simpson's resignation as churchwarden on health grounds was accepted by the Bishop. Maureen Denman therefore became Chair of the PCC.

At the PCC Meeting of 14 November Melanie was co-opted as a member, along with Chris Pryke. Scheduled meetings have been held every two months with an average attendance of 92%. Single issues have been dealt with at other times by email.

Sub Committees are: Standing Committee, Reordering Committee, Hall Management Committee

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with Team clergy in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC seeks to enable St Mary's to work collaboratively within the Bexley Team Ministry.

CHURCHYARD

The hedge of Japanese holly around the new Garden of Remembrance has failed. As an alternative the PCC have applied for a faculty to install a border of dark grey paving around the area.

In August a tree in the churchyard fell. In January a storm caused two large portions of a tree in the Cemetery to fall. The Diocesan Advisory Committee's opinion is that the maintenance of trees is the responsibility of Bexley Council in law. This has been disputed by the Council's Trees and Conservation Manager. The Diocesan Registrar has now written to the Council stating our legal case.

Bexley Council continue mowing on a regular basis.

200 CLUB

After some forty years of raising money for the church, the 200 Club came to an end in December. Many thanks to Ann Whatson, the last and longest - serving organiser.

BEREAVEMENTS

With great sadness we have said goodbye to Pat Harvey, Roger Thompson, Cynthia Howard, David Jones and Mary Andrews.

John Bowerman / Maureen Denman

CHOIR AND ORGAN

The choir has continued with two-weekly practices, with the option to practice every week when there is a need, for example in the lead up to Christmas. This worked for the first time last year.

Our Christmas Carol Service was reduced to three choir members due to illness. The three very competent members produced a carol service of a very high standard.

The choir is still looking for new members. Young children between the ages of 7 and 12 would be most welcome so that a junior choir could be re-started. Adults of any age would be most welcome. Choir practice occurs between 6.45 and 7.15 pm on a Friday for any interested children, Adults practice between 7.00 and 7.30 pm. All participants have the opportunity to learn basic music and singing skills.

Lesley left the choir in March when she decided to move to the local Catholic church. She has stated that she is available for weddings and will join us for the carol service this year.

Chris Thomas

**Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
Bexley**

**Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
For the year ended 31st December 2023**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 (£)
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary income	2a	28,881	1,000	6,181		36,062	33,656
Activities for generating funds	2b	1,234	0	282		1,516	1,816
Income from investments	2c	709	1,120	2,031	136	3,996	1,587
Church activities	2d	2,447	18,692	1,472		22,611	24,097
Total Incoming Resources		33,271	20,812	9,966	136	64,185	61,156
Resources expended							
Church activities	3a	29,615	18,158	7,537	136	55,446	70,288
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resources Expended		29,615	18,158	7,537	136	55,446	70,288
Net incoming/outgoing resources		3,656	2,654	2,429	0	8,739	(9,132)
Other recognised gains/losses		0			0	0	
Transfers between funds		(136)	136	0	0	0	0
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Gains/losses on investment assets	6	1,940	0	0	428	2,368	(3,357)
Net movement in Funds		5,460	2,790	2,429	428	11,107	(12,489)
Total funds b/ forward at 1 Jan 2023		815	425,151	63,996	4,546	494,508	506,997
Total funds c/fwd at 31 Dec 2023		6,275	427,941	66,425	4,974	505,615	494,508

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 (£)
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary income	2a	32,708	367	581	0	33,656	42,243
Activities for generating funds	2b	1,816	0	0	0	1,816	1,616
Income from investments	2c	629	250	572	136	1,587	798
Church activities	2d	3,374	20,723	0	0	24,097	17,357
Total Incoming Resources		38,527	21,340	1,153	136	61,156	62,014
Resources expended							
Church activities	3a	43,422	23,036	3,694	136	70,288	63,076
Raising funds	3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resources Expended		43,422	23,036	3,694	136	70,288	63,076
Net incoming/outgoing resources		(4,895)	(1,696)	(2,541)	0	(9,132)	(1,062)
Other recognised gains/losses							
Transfers between funds		5,734	(5,734)			0	0
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets	5						
Gains/losses on investment assets	6	(2,751)			(606)	(3,357)	3,570
Net movement in Funds		(1,912)	(7,430)	(2,541)	(606)	(12,489)	2,508
Total funds b/ forward at 1 Jan 2022		2,727	432,581	66,537	5,152	506,997	504,489
Total funds c/fwd at 31 Dec 2022		815	425,151	63,996	4,546	494,508	506,997

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BEXLEY
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes		2023 £		2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5		375,000		375,000
Investments	6		27,534		25,166
Total Fixed Assets			402,534		400,166
Current Assets				2022 £	
Stock					
Debtors and Prepayments		4,234		2,860	
Short-term deposits		83,035		77,253	
Cash at bank and in hand		19,489		17,035	
		106,758		97,148	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(3,677)		(2,806)	
Net current assets			103,081		94,362
Total assets less current liabilities					
Creditors falling due after one year					
Net Assets			505,615		494,508
Funds					
Endowment funds	10	4,974		4,546	
Restricted funds	10	66,425		63,996	
Designated funds	10	427,941		425,151	
Unrestricted funds	10	6,275		815	
		505,615		494,508	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by
Mrs. Maureen Denman (Churchwarden/chair of PCC)



The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of Investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. 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 affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated funds – monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects Provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

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

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold.

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

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d Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded where the award creates a binding Obligation to the PCC.

Church activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishing held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £1000 are written off in the year they were incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over Their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	30% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subjected to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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

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2 Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 (£)
a Voluntary income						
Planned Giving	16,622				16,622	18,561
Collections at all services	2,206				2,206	2,234
Gift Aid envelopes	668				668	789
Sundry donations and appeals	3,077		2,390		5,467	1,882
Income tax recoverable	6,308		541		6,849	4,765
Grants	0		3,250		3,250	4,408
Legacies	0	1,000			1,000	167
Insurance claims	0					850
	28,881	1,000	6,181		36,062	33,656
b Activities for generating funds						
Fetes, bazaars and other fund-raising events	1,234		282		1,516	1,816
	1,234		282		1,516	1,816
c Investment income						
Dividends and interest	709	1,120	2,031	136	3,996	1,587
	709	1,120	2,031	136	3,996	1,587
d Income from church activities						
Church hall lettings etc.	60	18,692			18,752	20,803
Fees from weddings etc.	1,963		1,472		3,435	2,924
Parish magazine/bookstall	424				424	370
	2,447	18,692	1,472		22,611	24,097
Total incoming resources	33,271	20,812	9,966	136	64,185	61,156

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Resources expended							
		Unrestricted Funds (£)	Designated Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 (£)	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 (£)
3a	Church activities						
	Missionary and charitable giving						
	Overseas						
	Home	20				20	
		20				20	1,688
	Ministry costs:						
	Rochester Diocese	8,958				8,958	8,958
	Other clergy costs	254		1,024		1,278	807
	Church running expenses	7,506				7,506	22,644
	Church maintenance	7,248			136	7,384	11,064
	Extra quinquennial work						
	Upkeep of services	5,148		10		5,158	4,590
	Upkeep of churchyard		134			134	561
	Parish magazine/bookstall	225				225	88
	Sunday school costs (Messy church)						
	Church hall running costs		18,024			18,024	17,936
	Extension expenses			6,503		6,503	1,470
	Administration	199				199	203
	Depreciation	0				0	0
	Other costs	57				57	279
		29,615	18,158	7,537	136	55,446	70,288
3b	Raising funds						
	Stewardship costs						
	Costs of appeals						
		0	0	0	0	0	
	Total Resources expended	29,615	18,158	7,537	136	55,446	70,288

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4 Staff costs

a wages and salaries

During the year the PCC employed a music director, a caretaker and cleaners, all part time, but no payment was large enough To attract social security costs.

b Payments to PCC members

Mrs. M. Smith, who is a member of the PCC, was paid £1,917 during the year for cleaning the church and Hall Administration and Mrs. B. Graham was paid £600 for Hall maintenance. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, nor persons closely connected to them, nor other related parties.

Donations to the PCC made by PCC members and related parties amounted to £5,840

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	375,000		375,000
Additions			
Disposals			
Revaluation			
At 31 December 2023	<u>375,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>375,000</u>

Depreciation

At 1 January 2023

Provided in the year

Disposal

At 31 December 2020

Net Book Amounts

At 31 December 2023	<u>375,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>375,000</u>
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The Freehold land and buildings comprise the church hall.

For accounting purposes the Insurance value of the property is used.

6 Investments

Market value 1 January 2023	25,166
Disposals at carrying value	
Purchases at cost	
Net gains and revaluation	<u>2,368</u>
Market value 31 December 2023	<u>27,534</u>

General Fund

998 shares CBF Investment fund

Market value 31 December 2023 £22,560

Chancel Endowment Fund

220 Shares CBF Investment fund

Market value 31 December 2023 £4,974

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7 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	0	375,000	0	0	375,000	375,000
Investment fixed assets	22,560	0	0	4,974	27,534	25,166
Current assets	(16,285)	56,618	66,425	0	106,758	97,148
Current liabilities	0	(3,677)	0	0	(3,677)	(2,806)
Long term liabilities						
	6,275	427,941	66,425	4,974	505,615	494,508

8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	2,680	1,985
Prepayments and accrued income	1,554	875
Other debtors		
	4,234	2,860

9 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income	0	0
Accruals for utilities and other costs	3,352	1,138
Other creditors	325	1,668
		2,806
	3,677	

**Creditors: amounts falling due
after more than one year**

2023	2022
£	£
0	0

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10 Statement of Funds

	Bal b/fwd 01-Jan-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers, other gains and losses £	Bal c/fwd 31-Dec-23 £
Unrestricted Fund					
General fund	815	33,241	(29,615)	1,804	6,275
	815	33,271	(29,615)	1,804	6,275
Designated Funds					
Church repair fund	16,063	466	0	136	16,665
Churchyard fund	200	0	(134)		66
Donations in Memorium	2,170	0	0		2,170
Hall general fund	383,985	18,692	(18,024)		384,653
Hall reserve fund	8,496	390	0		8,886
Hall repair fund	9,125	263	0		9,388
Legacies fund	5,112	1,001	0		6,113
	425,151	20,812	(18,158)	136	427,941
Restricted Funds					
Bells fund	4,695	131	0		4,826
Charities fund	0	0	0		0
Choir	516	210	0		726
Extension fund	47,093	7,510	(6,503)		48,100
Flowers fund	256	160	(10)		406
Hall Capital fund	5,209	239	0		5,448
Organ fund	4,890	224	0		5,114
Refurbishment fund	424	20	0		444
Sequestration fund	0	1,472	(1,024)		448
Special fund	827	0	0		827
Work with Children fund	86	0	0		86
	63,996	9,966	(7,537)		66,425
Endowment Fund					
Chancel fund	4,546	136	(136)	428	4,974
	4,546	136	(136)	428	4,974
Total Funds	494,508	64,185	(55,446)	2,368	505,615

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The Treasurer has the discretion to transfer monies from the designated funds into the General fund. At such times the transfer will be reported to the PCC at their next meeting.

Church Repair Fund	A Designated fund to finance major repairs to the church fabric. The money is deposited in the Diocesan Repair Fund.
Churchyard Fund	A Designated fund to be used for the upkeep of the churchyard.
Donations in Memorium	A Designated fund to set aside unrestricted donations made in memorium. Such monies to be used for specific purposes at the discretion of the PCC.
Hall General Fund	A Designated fund for the management of the church hall.
Hall Reserve Fund	A Designated fund to receive monies set aside for future large scale maintenance and refurbishment of the hall. The initial balance consisted of the unrestricted part of the Hall Capital fund.
Hall Repair Fund	A Designated fund to be used for essential repair and maintenance work on the fabric of the hall. The money is deposited in the Diocesan Repair Fund .
Legacies Fund	A Designated fund for legacies received without any restriction as to their use. The PCC has resolved that such monies should, at the discretion of the treasurer, be primarily used for specific purposes. Legacies with restrictions as to their use are transferred to the appropriate Restricted funds.
Bells Fund	A Restricted fund for the maintenance and refurbishment of the church bells.
Charities Fund	A Restricted fund for monies raised for outside charities as a result of special appeals.
Choir Fund	A restricted fund for monies set aside for choir expenses.
Extension Fund	A Restricted fund for the proposed extension to St. Mary's.
Flowers Fund	A Restricted fund for monies donated for church flowers.
Hall Capital Fund	A Restricted fund to be used for the maintenance and refurbishment of the church hall, formed from money which was left over after the hall was originally built. The PCC has decided, with the approval of the Diocesan office, that it is within the original purpose of this fund for its money to be used for the transfer of funds into the Hall Repair Fund.
Organ Fund	A restricted fund to finance major repairs or alterations to the present organ, or to replace it.
Refurbishment Fund	A Restricted fund for the refurbishment of St. Mary's.
Sequestration Fund	A Restricted fund for use during the interregnum to record DBF fees received and ministry costs
Special Fund	A Restricted fund for monies donated specifically for short term projects which are not large enough to warrant separate funds.
Work with Children	A Restricted fund for monies donated for children's activities.

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Donations to Outside Charities (including Donations from the Church General Fund)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Bexley Women's Aid	59	90
CBM (Madagascar)	0	0
Children's Society	0	83
Christian Aid	0	278
CMS	0	278
CRIBS	0	278
CRUK	0	0
Embrace The Middle East	138	156
Evergreen	0	278
Friends of Rochester Cathedral	20	20
MAF	0	278
Poverty and Hope	60	90
Wateraid	0	278
Total	277	2,107

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BEXLEY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St.Mary the Virgin Church, Bexley

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St.Mary the Virgin,Bexley Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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.

Signed:

Name: Brian Jones

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 35 Boundary Road, Sidcup DA15 8S

Date:

7th March 2024