

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF JESMOND**

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS PCC MEMBERS (ALSO RECOGNISED AS TRUSTEES BY THE CHARITY COMMISSION) AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

PCC Members (also recognised as Trustees by the Charity Commission)

Rev D R J Holloway (Vicar)¹

Dr J S Holloway (resigned 14 May 2023)⁴

Rt Rev J J S Pryke (Curate and Chair)¹

Mr W A Coulson²

Dr W S Tufton²

Mrs H L Caisley (appointed 14 May 2023)⁴

Mr M R Whitehall (appointed 14 May 2023)⁴

Rev J J Redfearn (co-opted) (resigned 14 May 2023)¹

Mrs J V Parker (resigned 14 May 2023)⁴

Rev I T S Garrett⁴

Rev R P Adcock⁴

Mrs E Jackson³

Mrs J A Jolley⁴

Dr S M Lee⁴

Miss D R Lawrence⁴

Mr A B Mathers⁴

Mrs L M E Robb⁴

Mrs G M Mackie⁴

Mr V Ogburn⁴

Mr P Slegg⁴

Miss S Addison⁴

Mr J D McAllister⁴

Mr A D Shaw (appointed 14 May 2023)³

Mr J Green (appointed 14 May 2023)⁴

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Introduction

The members of the Parochial Church Council of Jesmond Parish Church (the PCC) present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. These are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Reference and Administrative Details

Jesmond Parish Church was consecrated on 14 January 1861 as 'a church in memory of the late Rev Richard Clayton (1802-1856) ... in which evangelical truth shall be declared', which would 'form a central point for the maintenance and promulgation of sound scriptural and Evangelical truth in a large and populous town.'

The church is located at Eskdale Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4DJ. The PCC accepts the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev David Holloway, in the furtherance of the above ideal and of co-operating in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The mission statement for the church is summarised as: Godly Living, Church Growth, Changing Britain.

The PCC members form the governing body of the PCC. The members who acted during the year and up to the date of this report are shown on page 1.

The PCC was previously a charity exempted from registration with the Charity Commission. Following the 2006 Charities Act it is now required to be registered. The PCC was registered as a charity on 26th February 2010 (registration number 1134530). The PCC has again during the year gratefully received the support of another charity, the Jesmond Trust – both in its original form (Charity Commission registration number 504491) and in its new CIO form (Charity Commission registration number 1193725). The Jesmond Trust is concerned to see the advancement of the Christian Religion through the provision of property (including accommodation for clergy), finance, ministry and other help for the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The following PCC members are also trustees of the Jesmond Trust:

- Rt Rev J J S Pryke, Mrs H L Caisley, Mr W A Coulson, Dr W Tufton, Mr M R Whitehall.

The following PCC members have received stipends from the Jesmond Trust in 2023:

- Rev R Adcock, Rev I Garrett, Mrs L Jackson, Mr A Shaw.

The registered office of the PCC and details of its principal advisers are given on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC for discussion and prayer.

Standing Committee – this is the only committee required by the Church Representation Rules. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. It is made up of the three representatives elected from the PCC, the churchwardens and the senior minister.

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Finance and Fabric Committee – this committee oversees the general financial and fabric dimension of the church's work by monitoring income and expenditure, preparing the budget, ensuring adequate financial controls are in place and operating effectively and co-ordinating the annual giving review. It also advises the Jesmond Trust, a registered charity, which helps facilitate the work of the church.

World Mission Committee – this committee aims to promote congregational interest and involvement in the world-wide church, support of missionaries associated with the church and reviews applications for support.

Youth and Review Committee – this committee provides an overview of the youth activities in the church, including the Sunday school groups, crèches, and uniformed organisations.

The induction and training of any new PCC members takes place in a number of ways. At the first PCC meeting of a new PCC year the senior minister and chairman explains the responsibilities, the basis and the workings of the PCC to all the members of the PCC including those who are new. New PCC members are already involved in the life of the church and have received a thorough introduction to the ministry of Jesmond Parish Church. New PCC members are also trained 'on the job' in main PCC meetings and sub-committee meetings by observation and explanation by other PCC members of the workings of the PCC.

During the year the PCC continued the process of systematically reviewing the risks that it faces. The greatest risk is ceasing to be faithful to Jesus Christ. That is managed by ensuring that the whole church in all its departments is biblically based. However, other risks include:

- Financial risk – managed mainly through the appointment of a qualified accountant as treasurer, producing an annual budget, having an annual giving review based on the financial needs identified in the budget, monitoring income and expenditure during the year on a regular basis, and practically having procedures for handling cash donated on Sundays;
- Reputational risk – managed mainly through rigorous vetting/training by the church of all potential church workers/volunteers based at Jesmond Parish Church, having safeguarding and child protection policies in place with the required Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and the taking up of references for all individuals involved in regular work with children and young people;
- Statutory/legal risk – managed mainly by tasking those who administer the Trust with responsibility for ensuring compliance with relevant legislation and purchasing adequate insurance cover; and
- Operational risk – managed mainly through the church recruiting and appointing only appropriately gifted and qualified workers and volunteers who are associated with the church's work to fill positions of pastoral responsibility.

Objectives and principal activity

The primary object 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 continued to work in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church, Church Hall and Church grounds of Jesmond Parish Church together with the vicarage and curate's house.

Public Benefit

When planning the church's activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on the advancement of religion. The PCC also considered how the Church had succeeded in delivering its aims, including public benefit, when reviewing the achievements for the year which are summarised below and which the members considered to be a public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

Average Sunday attendances at services at Jesmond Parish Church during October and November 2023 were 645 not including children. There were 238 on the Church Electoral Roll at the 2023 AGM. The six Carols by Candlelight services in December had a combined attendance of 3700.

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of the many teams of people involved, throughout the year a wide range of extensive ministries with those in all ages and stages of life was maintained. Some ministries still happened on-line if possible when they could not meet face-to-face. These include:

- toddler and baby group, Sunday crèches, Sunday School groups for children, with mid-week activities, outreach events and holiday club and weekends away.
- Scout and Guide groups;
- a youth group, with outreach events and a 'summer house party' for young people;
- for students, 'Focus' groups, and an annual conference;
- football and hockey teams;
- for internationals, a 'Globe Café' as well as Christian fellowship groups, day trips and weekends away;
- a Mandarin Fellowship;
- 'Life Explored', 'Christianity Explored' and 'Discipleship Explored' groups for students and older adults;
- music groups with over 100 in the choirs, and other musical ensembles were back in person as restrictions allowed;
- home groups with a total membership of over 400;
- a number of groups for women at different stages of life;
- activities and meals for those of retirement age.

This diverse, seven-days-a-week activity is centred on Jesmond Parish Church and involves people throughout Newcastle and Tyneside. The PCC thanked God for his working in these ways. Despite the constraints, across the year hundreds of volunteers who are members of the church gave wide-ranging help across all the different aspects of the church's work. Without all of this dedicated and committed work the church would not be able to accomplish all that it does. The PCC would like to record their gratitude to God for these volunteers.

The PCC has encouraged members of the church to continue to support missionary and aid work in the UK and overseas. The financial support through The Jesmond Trust has amounted to £192,426, for which we give thanks to God.

The PCC met in full session seven times during the year. Average attendance was 17. Committees met between meetings and written reports of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

On 23 January the council passed the Resolution with regard to the House of Bishops Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests. This concerned the need for male episcopal oversight and the requirement for a male vicar at JPC. At this time the bishop of Berwick was the acting diocesan bishop of Newcastle. It was reported that the new bishop would start on 22 April. The bishop of Berwick understood and accepted the situation regarding David Holloway's delegation of the leadership of JPC to Jonathan Pryke. Jonathan Pryke, Ramzi Adcock and Ian Garrett had made clear to the bishop of Berwick in their conversation with him that the option of the orthodox and the revisionists walking together in the Church of England as two mutually recognised integrities was not acceptable. The budget for 2023 was considered. It was challenging, not least because of increased utility costs. The senior minister shared his thoughts on the way forward for JPC, including the need for a church-wide survey. The council discussed the developing and very serious situation in the Church of England following the House of Bishops proposal for prayers of blessing of those in same-sex sexual relationships. There was great disappointment that both the acting diocesan bishop and the bishop-elect had commended the proposals. JPC would need to come to a mind about how to respond.

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On 6 March the council heard a report about the progress made towards establishing independent CIOs for Holy Trinity Gateshead and St Joseph's Benwell. There was discussion of a draft church survey. The senior minister updated the council on further developments in the C of E. The council passed a resolution expressing its dismay at the proposals from the House of Bishops, affirming with deep sadness our impaired communion with the House of Bishops, praying that it would change its mind, and confirming that we were seeking alternative episcopal oversight. It was agreed that JPC would join the North East Gospel Partnership.

On 20 March the council gave further consideration to options for the future of the church in relation to the C of E, and for alternative episcopal oversight. Each member of the council gave their perspective. The way forward was unclear. There was a need to involve the congregation in the conversation. We cannot compromise on the apostolic faith.

On 20 April there was a preliminary consideration of the accounts for 2023, prior to their finalisation. Thanks were expressed to the finance team. There was an early projection of a very significant shortfall at the end of the year. Andrew Shaw reported on progress towards the sale of 15 Lily Avenue. The council agreed to the authorisation of all members of the PCC and small group leaders to administer Holy Communion. There was discussion about the practicalities of Holy Communion at JPC. The senior minister reported on the ReNew Regional Leaders Conference in London, and also the GAFCON global gathering in Kigali, at which he had represented JPC. There was initial feedback on the responses to the church survey.

On 5 June (following the AGM on 14 May) new members were welcomed. There was a summary of key findings from the church survey. Overall it was very positive towards the life of the church, and there were also many suggestions for improvements, providing a lot of fuel for prayer and for action. We need to prioritise. Working groups would be set up. 25% of the church had begun to attend in the last 5 years. Regarding the C of E situation, there was discussion on how best to communicate about this with the wider congregation. Plans would be developed for this.

On 17 July a report from the world mission sub-committee was considered. It was noted that the introduction of missionary check-ins had been a helpful step forward in building and maintaining meaningful links with our mission partners. There was discussion of a range of issues relating to finance. There was a need for an autumn appeal. It was reported that working groups were being set up on teaching and training, staff team culture, and church planting and evangelism. There was a further discussion on the developing situation in the C of E, and on the church meeting about this. An additional working group would look into the various options facing the church. The teaching programme of the church was discussed.

On 18 September among other items there was a report on building maintenance work that was needed, and on the repairs being carried out at 15 Lily Avenue. Significant dates for the coming term were reviewed. There was a need to pray for a conductor for our Carols by Candlelight services.

On 11 November there was a report on progress with fabric repairs. There was discussion of the financial position, of detailed plans for the autumn gift week and for communication of our financial needs.

The meeting on 18 December followed the November General Synod meeting at which the plans of the House of Bishops for the implementation of the prayers of blessing of same-sex sexual relationships were narrowly approved. The Senior minister summarised the current position, and there was another long discussion about this crisis in the Church of England. There was a report on the thinking of the working group on JPC and the C of E, and possible scenarios for the future. The senior minister reported on discussions with Rob Munro, the bishop of Ebbsfleet, about the possibility that he could come to JPC for a confirmation service next year. It was reaffirmed that we would not be seeking his extended oversight, delegated from the bishop of Newcastle. Serious concern was expressed about the possibility of a negotiated settlement that would require unacceptable theological compromise. Practical responses were discussed and would be considered further in the new year.

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Financial review

Funds are donated primarily as people are taught the principles of Christian giving by the clergy, lay workers and volunteers. This is especially done annually at the end of January and/or the beginning of February.

During the year the PCC's total income increased from £239,387 to £249,435, an increase of £10,048 or 4%. Individual voluntary donations decreased from £18,277 to £14,043 a decrease of £4,234 or 23%. The PCC thanks God for his generous provision of these funds.

During the year the PCC's total expenditure increased from £238,921 to £251,189, an increase of £12,268 or 5%.

The total of the PCC's funds at 31 December 2023 was £205 which comprised an accumulated deficit on the General Fund of £320 and a surplus on restricted funds of £525.

The PCC's policy on reserves is to spend in full any unrestricted accumulated surplus carried forward in the immediate future. The expenditure would, therefore, normally be during the subsequent financial year. This is consistent with the PCC's belief that God will provide sufficient resources for the needs of the PCC.

Statement of PCC members' responsibilities

The PCC's members are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those accounts, the PCC members are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the PCC will continue its activities.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with statutory requirements and with PCC's constitution and rules. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

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

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Plans for future periods

The mission of the PCC is summed up as Godly Living, Church Growth, and Changing Britain. This comes from the Great Commandments of Jesus and his Great Commission.

Godly Living is based on the First and Greatest Commandment: "Jesus [said], 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment' (Matthew 22.37-38). Godly Living covers personal religion; accepting the importance of the Christian fellowship - the church - and its sacraments; belonging through small groups; biblical finance; Christian reading; and care for the poor - at home and abroad.

Church Growth is based on the Great Commission: "Jesus ... said, 'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you'" (Matthew 28.19-20). Church Growth covers evangelism at home and abroad; expository preaching; youth work; work with students - both UK students and international students; learning from and helping other churches and planting new churches; pastoral care; the welcome and incorporation of newcomers; the music ministry; overseas mission; Christian discipleship training seminars; and the use of the public media.

Changing Britain is based on the Second Great Commandment. "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matthew 22.39-40). Changing Britain covers influencing education; influencing the media; influencing politics; influencing the therapeutic services; influencing commerce; and re-evangelising the nation. It also involves meeting local needs through activities such as mother and toddler groups, holiday clubs for children, and uniformed groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers).

The PCC plans to continue to work towards the fulfilment of this mission. Its vision for growth and the planting of new churches will be taken forward by working to grow Jesmond Parish Church, and in partnership with its sister churches Holy Trinity Church in Gateshead and St Joseph's Church Benwell. New opportunities will be assessed as they arise, not least as the shape of church life inevitably changes in the continuing aftermath of the pandemic.


The facilities of Jesmond Parish Church are a vital tool for its work and mission, and the PCC hopes to make further improvements. The production of online Jesmond Parish Church services morning and evening will continue and develop, as will their broadcast on Clayton TV. The PCC will continue to support the growth of Christian work elsewhere in the UK and in other countries of the world.

Disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each member of the PCC at the date of approval of this report is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the PCC's auditors are unaware; and
- the PCC's members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 29 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Rt Rev J J S Pryke (Curate and Chair)
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Jesmond ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

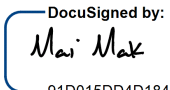
I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 
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Mai L C Mak

Dated: 08-May-2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	208,244	-	208,244	233,277
Charitable activities	4	4,207	-	4,207	3,990
Investments	5	133	-	133	-
Other income		36,851	-	36,851	2,120
Total income		249,435	-	249,435	239,387
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	251,189	-	251,189	238,921
Total expenditure		251,189	-	251,189	238,921
Net movement in funds		(1,754)	-	(1,754)	466
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,434	525	1,959	1,493
Net movement in funds		(1,754)	-	(1,754)	466
Total funds carried forward		(320)	525	205	1,959

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.


The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	400,000	400,000
		<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	11,554	9,652
Cash at bank and in hand		4,942	16,943
		<u>16,496</u>	<u>26,595</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(16,291)	(24,636)
Net current assets		<u>205</u>	<u>1,959</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>400,205</u>	<u>401,959</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(400,000)	(400,000)
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>205</u>	<u>1,959</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>205</u></u>	<u><u>1,959</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	525	525
Unrestricted funds	14	(320)	1,434
Total funds		<u><u>205</u></u>	<u><u>1,959</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 29 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Rt Rev J J S Pryke (Curate and Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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

1. General information

The PCC is a charity registered in England & Wales. Its registered office is Jesmond Parish Church, Eskdale Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4DJ

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published 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.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Jesmond meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The charity is a going concern and these financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income is recognised in the financial statements when it is received, or on an accruals basis where it can be assured with reasonable certainty and is receivable by the balance sheet date. Income tax recoverable on voluntary donations is recognised in the financial statements when it is receivable from HM Revenue and Customs.

All other incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities on a cash received basis or on an accruals basis where they are assured with reasonable certainty and receivable by the balance sheet date.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and support costs involved in undertaking each activity.

Direct costs are those costs that are capable of being allocated directly to a charitable activity.

Support costs are those costs which cannot be attributed to a single activity, such as the administration staff roles. The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice requires that Support costs are separately identified and then allocated between the Charity's activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. In practice, all support costs are allocated against ministry activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

The main church building is excluded from the financial statements under Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings requiring a faculty for disposal are classed as inalienable assets. Insufficient cost information is available on these assets and the PCC believes that the costs of obtaining this information far outweigh the additional benefit that would be derived by users of the financial statements. They have therefore been excluded from the financial statements.

The PCC occupies one further property. This property is carried at a revalued amount under the revaluation model, being the fair value of the property less any subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The value of the property at the end of its useful life is deemed to be equivalent to its current value and the property is not depreciated.

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is 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.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations			
Donations from The Jesmond Trust	192,426	192,426	215,000
General donations	14,043	14,043	18,277
Legacies	1,775	1,775	-
	<u>208,244</u>	<u>208,244</u>	<u>233,277</u>

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Ministry and other activities	4,207	4,207	3,990
	<u>4,207</u>	<u>4,207</u>	<u>3,990</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Bank interest received	133	133	-
	<u>133</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Ministry and other activities	9,811	11,336	21,147
Property	136,194	-	136,194
Diocesan Contribution	93,848	-	93,848
	<u>239,853</u>	<u>11,336</u>	<u>251,189</u>

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	<i>Direct costs</i> 2022 £	<i>Support costs</i> 2022 £	<i>Total funds</i> 2022 £
Ministry and other activities	13,335	10,752	24,087
Property	132,009	-	132,009
Diocesan Contribution	82,825	-	82,825
	<u>228,169</u>	<u>10,752</u>	<u>238,921</u>

Analysis of direct costs

	Ministry 2023 £	Property 2023 £	Diocesan 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Expense and ministry cost reimbursements	4,249	-	-	4,249
Services	3,522	-	-	3,522
Leadership	2,040	-	-	2,040
Repairs and maintenance - main church building	-	13,330	-	13,330
Repairs and maintenance - Lily Avenue	-	20,423	-	20,423
Rates and utilities	-	66,478	-	66,478
Cleaning costs	-	17,239	-	17,239
Insurance	-	11,289	-	11,289
Loan interest Lily Avenue	-	7,435	-	7,435
Diocesan contribution	-	-	93,848	93,848
	<u>9,811</u>	<u>136,194</u>	<u>93,848</u>	<u>239,853</u>

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)
Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	<i>Ministry 2022 £</i>	<i>Property 2022 £</i>	<i>Diocesan 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Expense and ministry cost reimbursements	9,304	-	-	9,304
Services	2,616	-	-	2,616
Leadership	1,415	-	-	1,415
Repairs and maintenance - main church building	-	61,867	-	61,867
Repairs and maintenance - Lily Avenue	-	1,565	-	1,565
Rates and utilities	-	35,884	-	35,884
Cleaning costs	-	15,874	-	15,874
Insurance	-	10,011	-	10,011
Loan interest Lily Avenue	-	6,808	-	6,808
Diocesan contribution	-	-	82,825	82,825
	<u>13,335</u>	<u>132,009</u>	<u>82,825</u>	<u>228,169</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Ministry 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Support	-	-	23
Refreshment	1,408	1,408	1,344
Telephone and internet	5,848	5,848	5,459
Ministry office costs	121	121	99
Bank charges and interest	479	479	467
Governance costs	3,480	3,480	3,360
	<u>11,336</u>	<u>11,336</u>	<u>10,752</u>

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £1,340 (2022 - £1,110), and accounts preparation fees of £1,900 (2022 - £1,770).

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8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

Some Trustees receive stipends from a related party to this charity, The Jesmond Trust, and further details of related party transactions are provided in note 15.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2023	400,000
At 31 December 2023	400,000
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	400,000
At 31 December 2022	400,000

The freehold property represents a house in Jesmond which is owned by The Newcastle Diocesan Society but is used by the PCC. The house is shown at its fair value the original cost being £77,689. The valuation was made by the Trustees on 31 December 2023.

10. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Amounts owed by The Jesmond Trust	10,660	-
Other debtors	172	117
Prepayments and accrued income	722	9,535
	11,554	9,652

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11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,632	5,776
Amounts owed to The Jesmond Trust	-	8,307
Accruals and deferred income	12,659	10,553
	16,291	24,636

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Church Commissioners loan	77,869	77,869
Accrued liability	322,131	322,131
	400,000	400,000

The Church Commissioners' loan is in respect of the property detailed in fixed assets note 9.

The terms of the loan are such that in the event that the property is sold for more than the original cost, the excess proceeds must be paid over to the Church Commissioners.

The accrued liability represent the fair value of the expected excess proceeds.

13. Related party transactions

The charity had the following transactions and balances with The Jesmond Trust (The Trust)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations from The Trust	192,426	215,000
Amounts due from the Trust	10,660	(8,307)

In addition, stipends, social security costs, pension costs and reimbursed expenses totalling £232,762 (2022 - £216,207) were received by PCC members and their connected parties from the Trust.

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	1,434	249,435	(251,189)	(320)
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Restricted funds				
May Gift Week	525	-	-	525
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Total of funds	1,959	249,435	(251,189)	205
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Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	793	239,387	(238,746)	1,434
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Restricted funds				
May Gift Week	700	-	(175)	525
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Total of funds	1,493	239,387	(238,921)	1,959
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