THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1134700

Details

Other names	HAMBLEDEN P.C.C.
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-03-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. The provision of youth activities with a Christian ethos. Promoting the whole mission of the Church.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£127,389	£109,613	-	-
2023-12-31	£97,045	£99,342	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,135	£103,386	-	-
2021-12-31	£85,254	£103,651	-	-
2020-12-31	£69,417	£81,738	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elizabeth Wilks		2019-04-10
GIDEON EDWARD LACEY		
Gareth David Morris		2021-09-28
Gillian Margaret Cruse		2020-10-21
Jill Steward		2017-04-27
Lynda Jane Marston-Weston		2018-04-17
MRS J.A. HUNT		
Mardi Wilkins		2019-04-10
Mrs S Smith		2013-04-23
PAUL MARSTON-WESTON MBA		
Rev Andrew Julian Storch		2023-12-04
Shirley Ann Allott		2023-05-22

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Accounts

St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden

With

St John the Evangelist, Frieth and Skirmett

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Rector:
Revd. Andy Storch
The Rectory, Pheasants Hill
Hambleden RG9 6SN

Associate Priest:
Revd. Sue Morton
The Vicarage
Turville

Churchwarden: Hambleden
Mrs Jill Steward
Kenricks
Hambleden,

Churchwarden: Frieth
Vacant

Treasurer:
Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
Frieth

Secretary:
Mr Paul Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
Frieth

Independent Examiner:
Mr M.G.Wortley
Fingest
Henley-on-Thames
Oxon

Registered Charity No. 1134700

Background

Hambleden with Frieth and Skirmett Parochial Church Council is the largest Parish in the Hambleden Valley group of churches (HVG), managing jointly the affairs of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hambleden and St. John the Evangelist Church, Frieth.

This is the first full year with Rector Revd Andy Storch in post following his appointment on Monday 4 December 2023 when he was licensed at St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden. The existing rectory in Hambleden was sold as it was too expensive to maintain or refurbish and a suitable existing property was purchased and subsequently modernised to create a new rectory in Pheasants Hill. Revd. Andy and his family moved into the new Rectory, during April 2024.

Throughout the year, the parish continued to be supported by various visiting and retired clergy. In particular, Revd. Peter Viney regularly took services and is a very welcome visitor to the benefice.

PCC Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The number on the electoral roll for the parish is now 103, (98 in 2023).

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Clergy	*The Revd. Andy Storch, Rector, *The Revd. Sue Morton, Associate Priest	Chairman
Churchwardens	*Mrs Jill Steward, Lay Chairman *Vacant	Hambleden Frieth
Deputy Churchwardens	Mrs Sharon Smith Vacant	Hambleden Frieth
PCC Members:	*#Mr Paul Marston-Weston *Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston +Mrs Sharon Smith *Mrs Judy Hunt +Mr Gideon Lacey Mrs Diane Parkins (until 20 May 2024) Miss Christine Wells (until 20 May 2024) *Mrs Jill Steward Mrs Elizabeth Wilks Ms Mardi Wilkins ~Mrs Gillian Cruse Mr Gareth Morris Mrs Shirley Allott	Secretary Treasurer Dep Lay Chair Lay Chairman ER Officer

Key: Symbol(s) denote additional role(s)
* Member of the Standing Committee, ** Co-opted Member, + Deanery Synod Representative, # Safeguarding Officer,~ Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

The PCC met four times during the year, (excluding the APCM) in person (no meetings were held by Zoom this year) to conduct the business of the PCC. Three meetings were held at St Katharines', Parmoor and the first two meetings started with a group meeting session of all the PCC's followed by individual meetings by each PCC.

Revd Andy decided to change the format from the July 2024 meeting and hold separate meetings for each PCC. One PCC meeting was held at Frieth School as St Katharines' was unavailable. Revd Andy introduced a shared meal with two PCC's at each PCC meeting from July 2024, as a means of improving our fellowship with other PCC's in the valley.

The PCC Standing Committee did not meet to expedite urgent business during the year, as "virtual meetings" are usually arranged to involve all members of the PCC in decision making. All PCC members are given full details of the issue and asked to vote to accept or reject proposals by email. No virtual meetings were held in 2024.

Church Services

In 2024, the pattern of services has remained unchanged.

Average attendances at Sunday services in October 2024 was 32 in Hambleden and 32 in Frieth (Hambleden 2023 – 40, 2022 - 21 adults, Frieth 2023 - 36 2022 - 20 adults). This numbers are sometimes skewed by baptism or group services being held.

Zoom church services have proved popular with some people and continued on most Wednesdays the year.

A monthly **lay-led service in Hambleden** has a small but steady congregation.

Hambleden monthly 8am BCP Communion is consistently well attended 10-14. A different congregation from11am

Frieth 5th Sunday 8am BCP Communion is regularly attended by 6 – 10 parishioners.

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

Hambleden church has held 10 (12) weddings, 7 (8) baptisms, 11 (11) funerals and 2 (2) burials of ashes. Last year's figures are in brackets.

Frieth church has held 0 (0) weddings, 0 (1) children baptised, 3 (4) funerals and 0 (0) burials of ashes. Last year's figures are in brackets.

'Wild Church' outdoor services take place every second Sunday throughout the years and have continued at a variety of venues throughout the valley all year (excluding August). An activity of some sort, a couple of hymns are sung, a Bible passage is read and simple prayer usually followed by some appropriate refreshments.

Significant Improvement Works

Hambleden Church Roof: the 1st phase of the replacement of tiles, battens and felt was completed in March 2024 by Chadbone's roofing. This comprised about 1/3 of the roof area: the north east quadrant over the choir vestry, organ and D'Oyley chapels, northside of the chancel, and on the south side, the inner face of the Lady chapel roof, and the gulley between the south transept and Lady chapel. The work was completed to a high standard though some snagging works were needed.

Conservation work was undertaken on the **Hambleden Norman Doorway surround** by Cliveden conservation.

Quinquennial Inspection on Hambleden Church completed in August 2024 by architect Tony Mealing. The main recommendations included the re-tiling of the north elevation of the Nave, and west elevation of the North Transept; thorough maintenance and repair of all the south elevations of the roof, pointing of low stonework to prevent ingress of water damaging internal plaster. All these items are deemed urgent. Other smaller tasks to be done within the quinquennial period.

Pheasants Hill Cemetery tree survey for safety purposes was carried out in September 2024, by Pyramid Consulting who recommended several dead trees be removed, and 13 Ash trees with Die back Disease to be felled. This survey should be repeated every 2 years.

Kitchenette and Loo Project: an initial meeting held in Hambleden Church in December 2024, with several members of the DAC including the buildings advisor Sophie Hammond attending. All were very encouraging to the Hambleden volunteers from congregation and community including Lin Gilbey who will lead the project.

Hambleden Church Lighting – The faulty Lutron lighting module controlling the external lighting was replaced revealing that only 4 of the 17 path lights were operational. After the Lutron lighting module replacements, an engineer reset the keypad settings for the exterior lighting – this proved to be a tricky exercise. Several light bulbs in the internal chandeliers failed which appeared to be due to faulty electrical connections in the light fittings - this would need ongoing exploration. Furthermore, the safety lights in the bell tower failed and were replaced and tested.

Hambleden Electrics - The main path lights trip switch and the broadband router trip switch were separated so that the router would not trip thus ensuring Nest hub heating controller continued to operate as expected. The porch light has been repaired and now set to operate on a 20 minute timer from dusk throughout the hours of darkness.

Howson Memorial Project –The project to provide a memorial to Major George Howson to honour his work with the foundation of the Poppy Factory that continues to this day commenced in 2023. George Howson lived in The Hyde and sadly died there in 1936. Several grant applications were made, as well as many individual donations, funds were also received from several members of the Howson family, together with grants from the South West Chilterns Community Board and Hambleden Parish Council. Gwyneth Ashcroft designed (free of charge) an interpretive map which will be located at Pheasants Hill and inside Hambleden church to cross reference the two sites.

Faculty approval was received in January 2024 and the beautiful Portland stone memorial was carved and placed in the Lady Chapel by Martin Cook in June 2024. It was decided that the memorial service would take place in January 2025.

Special Services and Study Courses

Wednesday Morning Communion Service is a weekly said service of Eucharist in St Mary's, Turville with prayers for healing and anointing with oil, on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10.15am. However, these were held at Fingest for most of the year whilst Turville was closed for extensive refurbishment works.

There is a **Candlemas Service** held at Fingest around 2nd February annually.

There was an **Ash Wednesday** service with imposition of Ashes.

The **Bible Study group** continues to meet regularly in Turville.

Christine Wells directed the choirs and played the organ until she retired as Organist in April 2024, after 67 years service. A special service to mark her retirement and to express our thanks was held in March 2024 where she was presented with an award from the Royal School of Church Music. She is now **Organist Emeritus**. We also welcomed our **new Director of Music, Jo Hutchins** who took over from Christine Wells following her retirement.

A special service was held in Hambleden church in September when **Revd. Andy was inducted as Rector** by the Archdeacon of Buckingham.

Harvest Festival services were well attended in both churches. A Wild Harvest service was held at Frieth and proved very popular with over 100 people attending.

The Animal Blessing Service is held annually in October on the Village Green, Turville.

All Souls Service is held annually to remember those who have departed. This year it was held at Frieth whilst Turville church was closed for refurbishment.

The Royal British Legion Annual Service of Remembrance was held in **Hambleden church** with a large congregation, and ceremony afterwards at the village memorial. Since the disbanding of the local RBL a few years ago the Valley Annual Service of Remembrance is held in Hambleden with a large congregation and followed by the laying of wreaths on the village war memorial. All the men lost from all the parishes in both Wars are remembered at this service. All the other churches have prayers or a service. **Frieth Church** held a short service and had a fascinating talk by local historian and broadcaster Andrew Green.

A **Mothering Sunday** lay led service was held at Hambleden with children assisting with the distribution of posies for all. Frieth church also held a special "Wild Church" Mothering Sunday service with local children saying special prayers and giving thanks for mothers. Posies of daffodils were given to all women in attendance.

Two **Wedding Preparation Days** were held in the early part of the year with the couples that were to be married later in the year. These days are always very popular with couples as useful information, tips and hints help make final preparations for wedding services go smoothly.

Plough Sunday is a service of prayer, dedication and blessing for all those involved in agriculture and the countryside. This year it was held at Hangar Farm in Fingest in January on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

Local people from the valley and much further afield supported the annual **Footprints service** which was held in June and led by Revd. Sue Morton. "Footprints" is a service is for anyone who has lost a child.

There was a **special service of thanks** on 22 September at Frieth church to celebrate several joyous events including the "welcome banner", thanks to previous churchwardens, Michael and Merelina Tebbot, the redecoration of the inside of the church and the wonderful new oak storage cupboard.

Advent and Christmas Services were held at Hambleden and Frieth churches and included Carol service (H), Christingle service (H, F), Midnight Mass (H) and Christmas morning (H, F). As always, these services are very well attended.

Frieth Church of England Combined School continue to hold several services each school year at Frieth Church, including Easter, Christmas, leavers service and new school

year and the Rector attends school fortnightly to undertake whole school assembly and is also a member of the governing body.

On 18 June 2024, a group of 14 visitors from **St Andrews, Caversham** came to have a guided tour of Hambleden Church led by Alan Armstrong and then a service of Compline.

Charitable Giving

Charitable giving reduced slightly over last year but the PCC felt it was important to continue to support various charities that do such good work and rely on grants. This year a total of £3,962 was given (2023 - £4,778). Organisations supported include; Bishop's Outreach Appeal, One Can Trust, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Community Matters, Friends of Christchurch Cathedral, Children's Society, Sightsavers, Royal British Legion, Parkinson's UK, local Christmas gift boxes to local people. Please see the accounts for full details of grant aided amounts.

Other Activities

The **Tea Club**, for residents of the parish and valley, meet weekly at St Katharine's Parmoor throughout the year to enjoy activities such as, cards, board games, bingo, quizzes, a talk, or occasional visit, and include tea, cakes good company and great conversation and fellowship. The Tea Club celebrated its **22nd birthday in October 2024** except for a brief suspension during the Covid pandemic. Well done Tea Club, Keep it going!

Frieth Church had its **formal Inspection** by Assistant Area Dean Keith Johnson in February and also the **Quinquennial Inspection** by architect Tony Mealing in November. Both inspections were very helpful and no major issues were found.

Hambleden and Frieth churches host services and events through **Lent and Holy Week. Palm Sunday** service was held at Fawley. **Friendly Lent lunches** were held at Frieth (1 date) and Hambleden (3 dates). The Frieth lunch proceeds were given to the One Can Trust. **Good Friday and Easter Day** services were held in Hambleden and Frieth.

The **Hambleden and Frieth Choirs**, under the direction of the new Director of Music Jo Hutchins following Ms Christine Wells retirement earlier in the year, operated throughout the year providing wonderful musical support and joy at all services, many weddings, funerals and baptisms.

A film 'Three Bags Full' was made in Hambleden in July 2024. The Church and Churchyard were used over a period of a month and a substantial fee was paid to the church for the filming rights.

Hambleden and Turville Bell-ringers - There have been bells in the Hambleden valley for at least six hundred years. Out of the six churches in the group, only Turville (5 bells) and Hambleden (8) have bells hung for change-ringing, where the ringing order can be changed. The oldest is the "Agincourt Bell" at Hambleden, which dates back to the battle of Agincourt in 1415. There are more than a dozen enthusiastic ringers who give up their evenings to practice at Turville (Mondays) and Hambleden (Fridays), so they can properly call the congregation to service, and to ring after weddings and mark other special dates or events.

Church Porch Teas through the summer months offer refreshments to locals and passers-by on Sunday afternoons in Hambleden and make an extremely valuable financial contribution to the running of the churches. Our sincere thanks go to Penny Wright who organised the church teas. There was musical entertainment on three occasions, including Frieth School Choir. £ 7,000 was raised for church funds.

The PCC agreed to support the Scout movement request to use Hambleden churchyard as a stop-off point for the **Southern 50 challenge** organised by Greater London North Scout County. The checkpoint provided refreshments and first aid to the teams as they passed through.

Rural Forum Church Warden's Group

Charlotte Lawson set up and chairs a very useful group giving church wardens from the Wycombe Deanery the opportunity to pool ideas and to create a long-term support network. Early indications show that this will be a very positive group providing both practical and moral support via regular meetings and the WhatsApp group.

Hambleden church signed up once again to the **annual Ride and Stride** organised by the Bucks Historic Churches Trust event where people through the county visit churches and record their attendance and receive refreshments and hospitality.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston would like to give her sincere thanks to Mr Rex Alott and Mrs Sharon Smith for their assistance with the banking of donations throughout the year. Sincere thanks are also due to Mr Mike Wortley, for preparing and inspecting the annual accounts.

The church is very grateful for the continued financial support received from the many supporters who give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme or by standing order. Their continued support is critical for the continued success of the church.

The 2024 Accounts and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC at its Meeting held on the 7 April 2025.

Revd. Andy Storch
Rector
7 April 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 – 20 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the church accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the Central Board of Finance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

- have not been met; or

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

M.G.Wortley
Fingest,
Henley-on-Thames
Oxon

7 April 2025

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31st December 2024

Incoming resources	Note	2024	2023
Incoming resources from donors	2a	47,312	40,870
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	14,786	14,549
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	48,390	23,247
Income from investments	2d	16,617	16,349
Other income, non-recurring	2e	284	2,030
Total incoming resources		**127,389**	**97,045**
Resources used			
Grants	3a	3,962	4,778
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	105,651	94,564
Total resources used		**109,613**	**99,342**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**17,776**	**(2,297)**
General Fund at 1st January 2024		**114,645**	**116,942**
General Fund at 31st December 2024		**£ 132,421**	**£ 114,645**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Assets held for investment purposes	4	671,146	656,112
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	-	11,218
CCLA deposit account		105,014	-
Barclays Bank - current account		104,333	136,995
		209,347	148,213
Total Assets		880,493	804,325
less liabilities - creditors	6	189	1,276
Total nett assets		**£ 880,304**	**£ 803,049**
Which are represented by:-			
Funds			
Endowments	9	59,341	57,997
Restricted - Youth Project	7	1,981	1,981
Restricted - Hardship Fund	8	3,519	3,519
Restricted - School House Fund	4.2	611,804	598,114
		676,645	661,611
General Funds			
Designated - Frieth Church	4.1	2,884	4,414
Restricted - Hambleden Roof	4.3	11,074	18,994
Restricted - Choir fund	4.4	1,030	3,385
Restricted - Hambleden Facilities	4.5	56,250	-
Unrestricted funds carried forward		132,421	114,645
Total Funds	9	**£ 880,304**	**£ 803,049**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their Meeting held on 7 April 2025

Revd. Andy Storch
Rector
7 April 2025

The Notes on pages 8 to 20 inclusive form part of these accounts.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2024

Note		2024	2023
2	**Incoming Resources:**		
2a	***From donors:-***		
	Committed giving (gift aided)	17,739	17,585
	Committed giving (not gift aided)	648	648
	Collections at all services (gift aided)	13,065	10,323
	Collections at all services (not gift aided)	2,595	1,888
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	8,539	6,248
	Church boxes	1,076	1,711
	Other donations	3,650	2,467
		£ 47,312	**£ 40,870**
2b	***From legacy and other grants:***		
	Gomm dividends	9,266	9,124
	Harris dividends	3,915	3,855
	From endowments		
	Lord Parmoor	1,208	1,178
	Augusta Murray	330	326
	Clerks Piece	67	66
		£ 14,786	**£ 14,549**
2c	***From charitable, statutory and ancillary trading:-***		
	Rector's fees - weddings	6,881	7,214
	Rector's fees - funerals	8,657	9,653
	Porch teas	4,799	6,060
	Lent lunches	-	320
	Special income	28,053	-
	Other special events (including car parking)	-	-
		£ 48,390	**£ 23,247**
2d	***From investments:-***		
	School House dividends	16,603	16,349
	CCLA deposit interest	14	-
		£ 16,617	**£ 16,349**
2e	***Other income (non-recurring)***		
	Miscellaneous sales and other income	284	2,030
		-	-
		£ 284	**£ 2,030**
	Total incoming resources	**£ 127,389**	**£ 97,045**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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. Some trusts in the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance are restricted, and their capital cannot be used.

The accounts 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

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

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

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aided donations is recognised when the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses on the School House fund and the Mission Housing Property are recognised when the investments are sold. Realised gains and losses on the various other funds and bequests are taken into account each year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota 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.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Investments

All investments are now included at market value.

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.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2024

Note		Note	2024	2023
3	**Resources used**			
3a	***Grants made:-***			
	Missionary societies	3a(i)	902	200
	Relief and development agencies	3a(ii)	1,175	2,108
	Home Mission and other Church societies	3a(iii)	385	1,058
	Secular charities	3a(iv)	1,500	1,412
			£ 3,962	**£ 4,778**
3b	***Expenditure relating to the cost of the Church:-***			
	Parish Share		47,944	49,115
	Deanery expenses		540	520
	Hambleden Valley Group expenses		10,230	9,844
	Church running expenses - Hambleden		4,234	7,453
	Church running expenses - Frieth		2,563	3,055
	Maintenance costs - Hambleden		11,403	6,531
	Maintenance costs - Frieth		2,770	283
	Organ maintenance and Director of Music	14	12,782	11,605
	Church service expenses		1,353	1,546
	Upkeep of Pheasants Hill churchyard		1,545	180
	Upkeep of Frieth churchyard & maintenance of Parmoor graves		6,526	3,581
	Other expenses		3,761	851
			£ 105,651	**£ 94,564**
	Total resources used		**£ 109,613**	**£ 99,342**

Storage of Silver: The Hambleden heritage silver is now lodged at Christchurch Cathedral for safekeeping. It is occasionally made available for public display. The storage and insurance costs are currently borne by the Diocese.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2024

Note		2024	2023
3a	**Grants to charities**		
3a(i)	***Missionary Societies:-***		
	Wycliffe Bible Translators	200	200
	Bishop's Outreach	702	-
		£ 902	**£ 200**
3a(ii)	***Relief and development agencies:-***		
	Christian Aid	-	1,560
	Community Matters	1,175	548
		£ 1,175	**£ 2,108**
3a(iii)	***Home mission and other Church societies:-***		
	Friends of Christchurch Cathedral	10	10
	Christmas boxes	226	238
	Childrens Society	149	810
		£ 385	**£ 1,058**
3a(iv)	***Secular charities:-***		
	Breast Cancer	135	-
	Sightsavers	-	648
	RCSM	137	-
	Royal British Legion	969	668
	Parkinsons	33	-
	Child Beravement	-	96
	One Can Trust	226	-
		£ 1,500	**£ 1,412**
	Total grants to charities	**£ 3,962**	**£ 4,778**

Grants made exclude offertory proceeds passed directly to the charity concerned or the occasional third party cheque received made payable to a charity.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2024

Note 4 Assets held for investment purposes
Unrestricted:-

	Lord Parmoor	*AEA Murray*	*Clerks Piece*	*School House*	*TOTAL*
Market value at beginning of year	43,728	11,868	2,402	598,114	656,112
Additions at cost				-	-
Disposals at market value				-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	1,022	268	54	13,690	15,034
Market value at the end of the year	44,750	12,136	2,456	611,804	671,146

	2024	2023
Total assets held for investment purposes	**£ 671,146**	**£ 656,112**

4.1 Designated:-

Frieth Church - Funds received and set aside for refurbishment		
Fund at 1st January 2024	4,414	45,000
Amounts set aside from Unrestricted Funds	-	-
Expended in the year - redecoration (and stonework)	(1,530)	(48,604)
VAT refund	-	8,018
Fund at 31st December 2024	**£ 2,884**	**£ 4,414**

Restricted:-

4.2 ***School House fund***

Fund at 1st January 2024	598,114	546,680
Dividends and interest received	16,603	16,349
From Central Board of Finance deposit account	-	-
	614,717	563,029
Cash transferred to HPCC bank account	(16,603)	(16,349)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on Market Value	13,690	51,434
Fund at 31st December 2024	**£ 611,804**	**£ 598,114**

Represented by:-

Market value of investments		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 26,459.04 Income shares at 2,312.27 (2023 - 2,260.53) pence per share	**£ 611,804**	**£ 598,114**

4.3 ***Hambleden Church - Roof repairs***

Fund at 1st January 2024	18,994	76,828
Grant from Save our Churches	-	-
VAT refund	-	14,766
Expended in the year	(7,920)	(72,600)
Fund at 31st December 2024	**£ 11,074**	**£ 18,994**

4.4 ***Choir funds***

Fund at 1st January 2024	3,385	2,865
Funds received in year	4,800	840
Expended in the year	(7,155)	(320)
Fund at 31st December 2024	**£ 1,030**	**£ 3,385**

4.5 ***Hambleden Church Facilities project***

Fund at 1st January 2024	-	
Funds received in year including gift aid	56,250	
Expended in the year	-	
Fund at 31st December 2024	**£ 56,250**	

5 Debtors

Income tax recoverable under gift aid	-	3,200
VAT refund due - Frieth redecoration	-	8,018
Undeposited cash from December collections	-	-
	£ -	**£ 11,218**

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For the year ending 31st December 2024

Note		2024	2023
6	**Creditors**		
	Sundry creditors	189	150
	Church cleaning - Hambleden	-	206
	Frieth Churchyard	-	920
		£ 189	**£ 1,276**
7	**Youth project**		
	Balance at 1st January 2024	1,981	1,981
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2024	**£ 1,981**	**£ 1,981**
8	**Hardship fund**		
	Balance at 1st January 2024	3,519	3,519
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Deduct disbursements	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2024	**£ 3,519**	**£ 3,519**

9 **Statement of Funds**

		Balance 31/12/2023	*Incoming*	*Outgoing*	*Transfers*	*Gain/(Loss) on revaluation*	*Balance 31/12/2024*
Endowments - Note 12							
Lord Parmoor	***Investment Fund***	40,803	1,133		(1,133)	934	41,737
	Fixed Interest	2,925	75		(75)	88	3,013
AEA Murray		11,868	330		(330)	268	12,136
Clerks Piece		2,401	67		(67)	54	2,455
		57,997	1,605	-	(1,605)	1,344	59,341
Restricted							
Youth Project		1,981					1,981
Hardship Fund		3,519					3,519
School House Fund		598,114	16,603		(16,603)	13,690	611,804
		603,614	16,603	-	(16,603)	13,690	617,304
Other funds							
Designated - Frieth Church		4,414		(1,530)			2,884
Restricted - Hambleden roof		18,994		(7,920)			11,074
Restricted - Choir fund		3,385	4,800	(7,155)			1,030
Restricted - Hambleden facilities		-	56,250				56,250
Unrestricted - General Fund		114,645	127,389	(109,613)			132,421
		141,438	188,439	(126,218)	-	-	203,659
TOTAL FUNDS		**£ 803,049**	**£ 206,647**	**£ (126,218)**	**£ (18,208)**	**£ 15,034**	**£ 880,304**

10 No remuneration was paid to Mr M.G. Wortley, the independent examiner of these accounts

11 The PCC manages two further funds in addition to School House. The Sidney Arthur Harris Will trust and Dorothy Clara Gomm Will Trust are shown in separate accounts on the following pages. Each year appropriate transfers are made from these funds into the general fund

12 Monies are received annually from various endowments. In each case the principal is held by the Oxford Diocese Board of trustees as custodian
The Lord Parmoor Bequest for the upkeep of the Parmoor family graves in Frieth churchyard, and a small bequest for the children of Frieth school.
Miss Augusta E A Murray, originally as a stipend for any one curate for the time being appointed to the parish in addition to any curate appointed by the incumbent
The Clerk's Piece, originally for the parish clerk - or to the sexton, or other person performing the parish clerk's duties.

13 The PCC had 1 employee during the year (2023 - one)

14 **Restricted Choir Fund**: includes fees from attendance at weddings and funerals and covers members expenses and robes etc. The choirs charity fundraising during the Christmas season is a separate, independent activity and not reflected in these funds.

THE DOROTHY CLARA GOMM WILL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Dividends received	9,266	9,124
Interest from Central Board	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	7,640	28,705
	16,906	37,829
Outgoings		
Grant to PCC	(9,266)	(9,124)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 7,640	£ 28,705
BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 14,766.30 Income shares at 2,321.27 (2023 - 2,260.53) pence per	341,437	333,797
	£ 341,437	£ 333,797
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	333,797	305,092
Surplus/Deficit for the year	7,640	28,705
	£ 341,437	£ 333,797
Analysis of Movement of Investments		
Market Value at beginning of year	333,797	305,092
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	7,640	28,705
Market value at the end of the year	£ 341,437	£ 333,797

Dorothy Clara Gomm died on 13 February 1978 and her residuary estate was bequeathed to "the Vicar and Churchwardens of St John's Church, Frieth", after a life interest in the house and investments given to her husband, Daniel Gomm. Mr Gomm died on 26 February 1988. Insofar as the parishes of Frieth and Hambleden are joined together and managed by one Parochial Church Council of Hambleden with Frieth and the will specified that the bequest should be for St Johns Church, Frieth, the PCC operates the trust as a restricted trust so that money may be applied primarily for the benefit of St John's Church, Frieth.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 7 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

Registered charity number: 296482

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Dividends received	3,915	3,855
Interest from Central Board	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	3,228	12,127
	7,143	15,982
Outgoings		
Grant to PCC	(3,915)	(3,855)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 3,228	£ 12,127

BALANCE SHEET

Assets		
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 6,238.76		
Income shares at 2,312.27 (2023 - 2,260.53) pence per	144,257	141,029
	£ 144,257	£ 141,029
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	141,029	128,902
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3,228	12,127
	£ 144,257	£ 141,029

Analysis of Movement of Investments

Market Value at beginning of year	141,029	128,902
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	3,228	12,127
Market value at the end of the year	£ 144,257	£ 141,029

Sidney Arthur Harris died on 13th May 1983 and his residuary estate was bequeathed to Hambleden Parochial Church Council "upon trust to invest the same and apply the income thereof as to one half part thereof towards the upkeep of Hambleden Parish church itself and as to the remaining one half part of the income of my residuary estate towards the upkeep of the churchyard at Hambleden". On 7th January 1987 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme whereby "the half-share of the income ..... which is to be applied towards the upkeep of the churchyard of Hambleden church shall be applied for the upkeep of the new churchyard at Hambleden and subject thereto for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Hambleden with St John the Evangelist, Frieth and All Saints, Skirmett". The will trust is a registered charity, No. 296482 and is a permanent endowment fund.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 7 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES OF THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

I have examined the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet of the Sidney Arthur Harris Will Trust set out on page 19 relating to the year ended 31 December 2024.

My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the Statement accords with the accounting records of the Trust and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.



M.G.Wortley
Fingest,
Henley on Thames,
Oxon,

7 April 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1134700

Accounts

St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden

With

St John the Evangelist, Frieth and Skirmett

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Priest in Charge:
The Revd. Andy Storch
7 Barrington Way, Reading
(from 4 December 2023)

The Revd. Sue Lepp
St Katharine's, Parmoor
Frieth (until 30 September 2023)

Associate Priest:
The Revd. Sue Morton
The Vicarage
Turville

Churchwarden: Hambleden
Mrs Jill Steward
Kenricks
Hambleden,

Churchwarden: Frieth
Vacant

Treasurer:
Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
Frieth

Secretary:
Mr Paul Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
Frieth

Independent Examiner:
Mr M.G.Wortley
Fingest
Henley-on-Thames
Oxon

Registered Charity No. 1134700

Background

Hambleden with Frieth and Skirmett Parochial Church Council is the largest Parish in the Hambleden Valley group of churches (HVG), managing jointly the affairs of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hambleden and St. John the Evangelist Church, Frieth.

Following the resignation of the Rector in 2020, the benefice was suspended which allowed an Interim Priest in Charge to be recruited for a period of up to 18 months. Revd Sue Lepp was appointed as Interim Priest in Charge in December 2020 and commenced her duties in early January 2021. She was assisted by the Associate Priest, Revd. Sue Morton and the part time parish administrator Jenny Neagle. During 2022, the Archdeacon agreed to extend the contract of Revd Sue Lepp until December 2023 in order to allow her to continue her work within the HVG group of churches whilst the recruitment and selection process was being undertaken for a new permanent Priest in Charge.

Revd Sue Morton went on a 3 month sabbatical from January to April to Chile.

Following an extensive advertising campaign, applicants were shortlisted and interviews undertaken and the Revd Andy Storch was duly appointed and commenced his duties on Monday 4 December 2023 when he was licensed at St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden. During the interregnum, the existing Rectory in Hambleden was sold as it was too expensive to maintain or refurbish and an alternative property was purchased and subsequently modernised to create a new Rectory in Pheasants Hill.

In the meantime, Revd Sue Lepp was successful in securing a new post and left the Hambleden Valley during September 2023 to commence her new duties in Surrey. The whole HVG wished her continued success in the future and thanked her for all her hard work and efforts in the Hambleden valley.

Throughout this period, the parish continued to be supported by various visiting and retired clergy. In particular, Revd Peter Viney regularly took services and is a very welcome visitor to the benefice, and a certain curate, Revd Andy Storch spent some weeks within the HVG as part of his learning about ministry in rural areas.

The ongoing Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic

The significant impact the Covid 19 pandemic also hit the Hambleden valley group of churches throughout 2020 and 2021. With the easing of covid restrictions in December 2021, life slowly returned to normal in 2022 and in 2023, it has been very much back to normal and business as usual.

"Zoom" video church services started in May 2020 and have continued to be popular with many local people throughout the valley. These services have been taking place most Sunday's and Wednesday's for daily prayer since their introduction.

The negative financial impact to the church has continued to affect the church in spite of largely normal services resuming but with numbers still down on pre-covid levels. As a consequence, the donations on the plate have reduced whilst most expenses remain at the same or at a higher level owing to inflation.

HAMBLEDEN WITH FRIETH AND SKIRMETT PCC – ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The numbers on the electoral roll for the parish now stands at 98, (90 in 2022).

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Clergy	*The Revd. Andy Storch, Priest in Charge, Chairman (from 4 December 2023) *The Revd. Sue Lepp, Priest in Charge, Chairman (until 30 September 2023) *The Revd. Sue Morton, Associate Priest	
Churchwardens	*Mrs Jill Steward, Lay Chairman *Vacant	Hambleden Frieth
Deputy Churchwardens	Mrs Sharon Smith Vacant	Hambleden Frieth
PCC Members:	*#Mr Paul Marston-Weston *Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston +Mrs Sharon Smith *Mrs Judy Hunt +Mr Gideon Lacey Miss Christine Wells *Mrs Jill Steward Mrs Elizabeth Wilks Ms Mardi Wilkins ~Mrs Gillian Cruse Mr Gareth Morris Mrs Shirley Allott	Secretary Treasurer Dep Lay Chair Lay Chairman ER Officer

Key: Symbol(s) denote additional role(s)
* Member of the Standing Committee, ** Co-opted Member, + Deanery Synod Representative, # Safeguarding Officer,~ Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

The PCC met four times during the year, (excluding the APCM) in person (no meetings were held by Zoom this year) to conduct the business of the PCC. Each meeting was held at St Katharines', Parmoor and started with a group meeting session of all the PCC's followed by individual meetings by each PCC. The PCC Standing Committee did not convene to expedite urgent business during the year, however five virtual meetings were held where PCC members were given details and asked to vote to accept or reject proposals by email.

Church Services

In 2023, the pattern of services has been restored, however, a number of parishioners have continued to shield or been unwilling to return to services due to the fear of being exposed to the covid virus.

Average attendances at Sunday services in October 2023 was 40 in Hambleden and 36 in Frieth (2022 Hambleden - 21 adults, Frieth 20 adults).

Zoom church services have proved popular with many people and continued on most Wednesdays and also on Sunday services at Frieth for the early part of the year although the popularity of the Zoom service has reduced over the year.

Average Zoom attendances at Sunday services across the group have reduced to a regular few but Wednesday mornings continue with around a dozen people attending each week. A monthly **lay-led service in Hambleden** has a small but steady congregation.

Hambleden monthly 8am BCP Communion is consistently well attended 10-14. A different congregation from11am

Hambleden church has held 12 (20) weddings, 8 (9) baptisms, 11 (11) funerals and 2 (3) burials of ashes. Last year's figures are in brackets.

Frieth church has held 0 (0) weddings, 0 (1) children baptised, 4 (1) funerals and 0 (8) burials of ashes. Last year's figures are in brackets.

'Wild Church' services take place every second Sunday and have continued outdoors at a variety of venues throughout the valley all year. An activity of some sort, a couple of hymns are sung, a Bible passage is read and simple prayer usually followed by some appropriate refreshments. There was also a special remembrance Wild Church service in the grounds of Danesfield house Hotel with a fly past to commemorate a young spitfire pilot who crashed and died in December 1943.

Significant Improvement Works

Hambleden Church Roof had a large proportion of the tiles replaced during the year and our sincere thanks are due to "Save our Churches" who gave £100,000 towards the cost. All the north east side of the works to chancel and north transept roof were completed by Christmas (south side to be completed by mid March 2024). Total cost approximately £109,000 met by £100,000 donation + VAT rebate from 'Save our Churches'. Only £2-£3,000 over budget). It was a very good quality job and everyone has been pleased with the results.

Hambleden Church Lighting – The Lutron lighting system continues to be expensive to maintain. Three lighting modules controlling various internal lighting 'scenes' were replaced during the year and a further module will be replaced in the new year. Currently, only 4 of the 17 Lutron path lights are working. Each lighting unit (rather than changing a bulb) has to be replaced. As a result, it was decided to install six lighting posts (independent of, and not affecting the Lutron lighting system,) along the main path - it was felt that lighting posts would offer better protection against footfall, water and mower damage. It should be noted that this work required a Faculty which was submitted in August 2023 but not received by the end of the year. A meeting is planned for the new year to decide what action is to be taken with regard to the faulty Lutron units.

The **safety lights in the bell tower** failed and were replaced and tested.

Conservation work done to **Hambleden North doorway** surround was undertaken by Cliveden Conservation.

Frieth Church was completely redecorated internally and now looks absolutely fantastic. The total cost was circa £40,000

Howson Memorial Project – Revd Sue Lepp was approached about the possibility of a memorial for George Howson to honour his work with the foundation of the Poppy Factory that continues to this day. George Howson lived in The Hyde and sadly died there in 1936. Several grant applications were made, and a generous donation was received from a member of the Howson family along with other on-going fundraising. Gwyneth Ashcroft designed (free of charge) an interpretive map which will be located at Pheasants Hill and inside Hambleden church to cross reference the two sites. It is hoped the project will receive a faculty and be completed in 2024.

Special Services and Study Courses

Prayers for Peace. These quiet, prayerful services are normally held quarterly (in February, May, August and November), in response to world conflict, and are attended by those of all denominations.

Wednesday Morning Communion Service is a weekly said service of Eucharist in St Mary's, Turville with prayers for healing and anointing with oil, on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10.15am.

A new **Bible Study group** was formed meeting regularly in Turville.

Harvest Festival services were well attended in both churches. A Wild Harvest service was held at Frieth and proved very popular with over 100 people attending.

The Animal Blessing Service is held annually in October on the Village Green, Turville.

All Souls Service is held annually to remember those who have departed. This year it was held in Turville.

The Royal British Legion Annual Service of Remembrance rotates between the four churches across the valley and with individual services at some of the churches. This year it was held in **Hambleden church** with a large congregation, and ceremony afterwards at the village memorial. Since the disbanding of the local RBL a few years ago the Valley Annual Service of Remembrance is held in Hambleden with a large congregation and followed by the laying of wreaths on the village war memorial. All the men lost from all the parishes in both Wars are remembered at this service. All the other churches have prayers or a service. **Frieth Church** held a short service and had a fascinating talk by local historian and broadcaster Andrew Green.

Mothering Sunday
A Mothering Sunday lay led service was held at Hambleden with children assisting with the distribution of posies for all. Frieth church also held a special Mothering Sunday service with local children saying special prayers and giving thanks for mothers. Posies of daffodils were made by the children at Frieth school and given to all women in the congregation.

Two **Wedding Preparation Days** were held (January and February) with the couples that were to be married later in the year. These days are always very popular with couples as useful information and tips and hints help make final preparations for services go smoothly.

Plough Sunday is a service of prayer, dedication and blessing for all those involved in agriculture and the countryside. This year it was held at Hangar Farm in Fingest in January on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

Local people from the valley supported the annual **Footprints service** which was held in June and led by Sue Morton. "Footprints" is a service is for anyone who has lost a child.

A Celebratory Service was held for the **Coronation of Charles III** on the weekend of 5/6 May which was well attended by many villagers and followed by picnic, music and celebrations on the Dene.

A very popular and well attended Group Service in Hambleden in September gave **thanks for Revd. Sue Lepp's** time with us, followed by a party in the village Hall.

The Licensing of Revd. Andy Storch, our new Priest in charge was held in St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden Church, on Monday 4 December 2023 to a full church and in the presence of Bishop Alan, Archdeacon Guy, civic leaders and many invited clergy, family, friends and parishioners. It was a truly joyous occasion.

Advent and Christmas Services were held at Hambleden and Frieth churches and included Carol service (H), Christingle service (H, F), Midnight Mass (H) and Christmas morning (H, F). As always, these services are very well attended.

Frieth Church of England Combined School continue to hold several services each school year at Frieth Church, including Easter, Christmas, leavers service and new school year and the Rector attends fortnightly to undertake whole school assembly and is also a member of the governing body.

Charitable Giving

Charitable giving increased over last year as the PCC felt it was important to support various charities that do such good work and rely on grants. This year a total of £4,778 was given (last year £3,632). Organisations supported include; Christian Aid, One Can Trust, Community Matters, Christ Hospital, Children's Society, Sightsavers, Royal British Legion, Child Bereavement. Please see the accounts for full details of grant aided amounts.

Other Activities

The **Tea Club**, for residents of the parish and valley, meet weekly at St Katharine's Parmoor throughout the year to enjoy activities such as, cards, board games, bingo, quizzes, a talk, or occasional visit, and include tea, cakes good company and great conversation and fellowship. The Tea Club celebrated its 20th birthday in October 2023 except for a brief suspension during the Covid pandemic. Well done Tea Club! Here's to the next 20 years!

Hambleden and Frieth churches host services and events through **Lent and Holy Week. Palm Sunday** service was held at Frieth with a donkey (pony) processing to the church. **Friendly Lent lunches** were held at Frieth (1 date) and Hambleden (3 dates). The Frieth lunch proceeds were given to the One Can Trust. **Good Friday and Easter Day** services were held in Hambleden and Frieth.

The **Hambleden and Frieth Choirs**, under the direction of Ms Christine Wells, were able to operate as normal and flourish during the yea,r providing wonderful musical support and joy at all services.

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TWO CONCERTS were held in Hambleden in June and December, organised by Phil Cashian of Northend Concerts.

The **West Wycombe Chamber Music Festival** was established twelve years ago by the internationally acclaimed viola player Lawrence Power. Lawrence was born and brought up in High Wycombe and is now recognised as a performer of the very highest calibre in the music world.

Each September Lawrence returns to the area to direct and perform in this three-day music festival which offers audiences five attractively programmed concerts. He attracts an array of top flight musicians who join him to take part in this exclusive series of concerts.

Each of the five 2023 Festival concerts has a distinct theme and they all took place at the **beautiful 12th century Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden**. We are very grateful to the church for hosting the festival this year as our traditional 'home', the Church of St Lawrence in West Wycombe, is currently closed.

Hambleden and Turville Bell-ringers - There have been bells in the Hambleden valley for at least six hundred years. Out of the seven churches in the parish, only Turville (5 bells) and Hambleden (8) have bells hung for change-ringing, where the ringing order can be changed. The oldest is the "Agincourt Bell" at Hambleden, which dates back to the battle of 1415. There are more than a dozen enthusiastic ringers who give up their evenings to practice at Turville (Mondays) and Hambleden (Fridays), so they can properly call the congregation to service, and to ring after weddings and mark other special dates or events.

Church Porch Teas through the summer months offer refreshments to locals and passers-by on Sunday afternoons in Hambleden and make an extremely valuable financial contribution to the running of the churches. Our sincere thanks go to Karen Musgrave-Hill who organised the church teas and regular musical entertainment with much enthusiasm and ideas for increasing customers.

Frieth church organise a monthly **Lunch Club** held at The Yew Tree, Frieth. This was restarted in 2022 and approximately 25 - 30 people now regularly attend each monthly event.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston would like to give her sincere thanks to Mr Rex Alott and Mrs Sharon Smith for their assistance with the banking of donations throughout the year. Sincere thanks are also due to Mr Mike Wortley, for preparing and inspecting the annual accounts.

The church is very grateful for the continued financial support received from the many supporters who give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme or by standing order. Their continued support is critical for the continued success of the church.

The 2023 Accounts and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC at its Meeting held on the 15 April 2024.

Revd. Andy Storch
Priest in Charge
15 April 2024



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 – 20 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the church accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the Central Board of Finance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

- have not been met; or

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

M.G.Wortley
Fingest,
Henley-on-Thames
Oxon

15 April 2024

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31st December 2023

Incoming resources	**Note**	**2023**	**2022**
Incoming resources from donors	2a	40,870	54,293
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	14,549	14,487
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	23,247	31,628
Income from investments	2d	16,349	16,259
Other income, non-recurring	2e	2,030	2,468
Total incoming resources		**97,045**	**119,135**
Resources used			
Grants	3a	4,778	3,632
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	94,564	99,754
Total resources used		**99,342**	**103,386**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**(2,297)**	**15,749**
General Fund at 1st January 2022		**116,942**	**31,180**
Exceptional income			
Grant from Save our Churches			100,000
Realisation of Mission Housing Association loan			107,613
Transfers			
To restricted fund - Hambleden Church roof repairs			(100,000)
To designated fund - Frieth Church refurbishment			(37,600)
To School House Fund			
General Fund at 31st December 2023		**£ 114,645**	**£ 116,942**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Assets held for investment purposes	4	656,112	599,814
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	11,218	2,292
Barclays Bank - current account		136,995	247,558
		148,213	249,850
Total Assets		804,325	849,664
less liabilities - creditors	6	1,276	2,716
Total nett assets		**£ 803,049**	**£ 846,948**
Which are represented by:-			
Funds			
Endowments	9	57,997	53,133
Restricted - Youth Project	7	1,981	1,981
Restricted - Hardship Fund	8	3,519	3,519
Restricted - School House Fund	4.2	598,114	546,680
		661,611	605,313
General Funds			
Designated - Frieth Church	4.1	4,414	45,000
Restricted - Hambleden Roof	4.3	18,994	76,828
Restricted - Choir fund	4.4	3,385	2,865
Unrestricted funds carried forward		114,645	116,942
Total Funds	9	**£ 803,049**	**£ 846,948**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their Meeting held on 15 April 2024

Revd. Andy Storch
Priest in Charge

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

The Notes on pages 8 to 20 inclusive form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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. Some trusts in the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance are restricted, and their capital cannot be used.

The accounts 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

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

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

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aided donations is recognised when the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses on the School House fund and the Mission Housing Property are recognised when the investments are sold. Realised gains and losses on the various other funds and bequests are taken into account each year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota 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.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Investments

All investments are now included at market value.

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.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2023

Note		2023	2022
2	**Incoming Resources:**		
2a	***From donors:-***		
	Committed giving (gift aided)	17,585	21,377
	Committed giving (not gift aided)	648	648
	Collections at all services (gift aided)	10,323	11,901
	Collections at all services (not gift aided)	1,888	2,799
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	6,248	5,923
	Church boxes	1,711	1,495
	Other donations	2,467	10,150
		£ 40,870	**£ 54,293**
2b	***From legacy and other grants:***		
	Gomm dividends	9,124	9,074
	Harris dividends	3,855	3,834
	From endowments		
	Lord Parmoor	1,178	1,189
	Augusta Murray	326	324
	Clerks Piece	66	66
		£ 14,549	**£ 14,487**
2c	***From charitable, statutory and ancillary trading:-***		
	Rector's fees - weddings	7,214	13,529
	Rector's fees - funerals	9,653	7,285
	Porch teas	6,060	4,048
	Lent lunches	320	1,298
	Special income	-	5,285
	Other special events (including car parking)	-	183
		£ 23,247	**£ 31,628**
2d	***From investments:-***		
	School House dividends	16,349	16,259
		£ 16,349	**£ 16,259**
2e	***Other income (non-recurring)***		
	Miscellaneous sales and other income	2,030	775
	VAT refund	-	1,693
		£ 2,030	**£ 2,468**
	Total incoming resources	**£ 97,045**	**£ 119,135**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2023

Note		Note	2023	2022
3	**Resources used**			
3a	***Grants made:-***			
	Missionary societies	3a(i)	200	-
	Relief and development agencies	3a(ii)	2,108	1,668
	Home Mission and other Church societies	3a(iii)	1,058	193
	Secular charities	3a(iv)	1,412	1,771
			£ 4,778	**£ 3,632**
3b	***Expenditure relating to the cost of the Church:-***			
	Parish Share		49,115	50,317
	Deanery expenses		520	520
	Hambleden Valley Group expenses		9,844	7,681
	Church running expenses - Hambleden		7,453	10,325
	Church running expenses - Frieth		3,055	2,348
	Maintenance costs - Hambleden		6,531	8,107
	Maintenance costs - Frieth		283	2,230
	Organ maintenance and Director of Music	14	11,605	11,360
	Church service expenses		1,546	1,565
	Upkeep of Pheasants Hill churchyard		180	1,220
	Upkeep of Frieth churchyard & maintenance of Parmoor graves		3,581	1,955
	Other expenses		851	2,126
			£ 94,564	**£ 99,754**
	Total resources used		**£ 99,342**	**£ 103,386**

Storage of Silver: The Hambleden heritage silver is now lodged at Christchurch Cathedral for safekeeping. It is occasionally made available for public display. The storage and insurance costs are currently borne by the Diocese.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2023

Note		2023	2022
3a	**Grants to charities**		
3a(i)	***Missionary Societies:-***		
	Wycliffe Bible Translators	200	-
		£ 200	**£ -**
3a(ii)	***Relief and development agencies:-***		
	Christian Aid	1,560	1,251
	One Can Trust		131
	Community Matters	548	286
		£ 2,108	**£ 1,668**
3a(iii)	***Home mission and other Church societies:-***		
	Friends of Christchurch Cathedral	10	-
	Christmas boxes	238	-
	Christ Hospital	-	10
	Childrens Society	810	183
		£ 1,058	**£ 193**
3a(iv)	***Secular charities:-***		
	Sightsavers	648	623
	Royal British Legion	668	1,048
	Child Beravement	96	100
		£ 1,412	**£ 1,771**
	Total grants to charities	**£ 4,778**	**£ 3,632**

Grants made exclude offertory proceeds passed directly to the charity concerned or the occasional third party cheque received made payable to a charity.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2023

Note						2023	2022
4	**Assets held for investment purposes**						
	Unrestricted:-						
		Lord Parmoor	*AEA Murray*	*Clerks Piece*	*School House*	*TOTAL*	
	Market value at beginning of year	40,065	10,869	2,200	546,680	599,814	
	Additions at cost				-	-	
	Disposals at market value				-	-	
	Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	3,663	999	202	51,434	56,298	
	Market value at the end of the year	43,728	11,868	2,402	598,114	656,112	
						2023	**2022**
	Total assets held for investment purposes					**£ 656,112**	**£ 599,814**
4.1	**Designated:-**						
	Frieth Church - Funds received and set aside for the following						
	Fund at 1st January 2023					45,000	12,500
	Amounts set aside from Unrestricted Funds					-	37,600
	Expended in the year - redecoration and stonework					(48,604)	(5,100)
	VAT refund					8,018	-
	Fund at 31st December 2023					**£ 4,414**	**£ 45,000**
	Restricted:-						
4.2	***School House fund***						
	Fund at 1st January 2023					546,680	619,620
	Dividends and interest received					16,349	16,259
	From Central Board of Finance deposit account					-	-
						563,029	635,879
	Cash transferred to HPCC bank account					(16,349)	(16,259)
	Unrealised gain/(loss) on Market Value					51,434	(72,940)
	Fund at 31st December 2023					**£ 598,114**	**£ 546,680**
	Represented by:-						
	Market value of investments						
	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 26,459.04 Income shares at 2,260.53 (2022 - 2,064.59) pence per share					**£ 598,114**	**£ 546,680**
4.3	***Hambleden Church - Roof repairs***						
	Fund at 1st January 2023					76,828	
	Grant from Save our Churches					-	100,000
	VAT refund					14,766	
	Expended in the year - Deposit for tiles & bat survey					(72,600)	(23,172)
	Fund at 31st December 2023					**£ 18,994**	**£ 76,828**
4.4	***Choir funds***						
	Fund at 1st January 2023					2,865	-
	Funds received in year					840	2,865
	Expended in the year					(320)	-
	Fund at 31st December 2023					**£ 3,385**	**£ 2,865**
5	**Debtors**						
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid					3,200	-
	VAT refund due - Frieth redecoration					8,018	
	Undeposited cash from December collections					-	2,292
						£ 11,218	**£ 2,292**
6	**Creditors**						
	Sundry creditors					150	-
	Church cleaning - Hambleden					206	
	Donations held at the year end transferred in January					-	2,716
	Frieth Churchyard					920	-
						£ 1,276	**£ 2,716**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2023

Note		2023	2022
7	**Youth project**		
	Balance at 1st January 2023	1,981	1,981
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2023	**£ 1,981**	**£ 1,981**
8	**Hardship fund**		
	Balance at 1st January 2023	3,519	3,519
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Deduct disbursements	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2023	**£ 3,519**	**£ 3,519**

9 **Statement of Funds**

		Balance 31/12/2022	*Incoming*	*Outgoing*	*Transfers*	*Gain/(Loss) on revaluation*	*Balance 31/12/2023*
Endowments - Note 12							
Lord Parmoor	***Investment Fund***	37,294	1,115		(1,115)	3,509	40,803
	Fixed Interest	2,771	63		(63)	154	2,925
AEA Murray		10,869	325		(325)	999	11,868
Clerks Piece		2,199	66		(66)	202	2,401
		53,133	1,569	-	(1,569)	4,864	57,997
Restricted							
Youth Project		1,981					1,981
Hardship Fund		3,519					3,519
School House Fund		546,680	16,349		(16,349)	51,434	598,114
		552,180	16,349	-	(16,349)	51,434	603,614
Other funds							
Designated - Frieth Church		45,000	8,018	(48,604)			4,414
Restricted - Hambleden roof		76,828	14,766	(72,600)			18,994
Restricted - Choir fund		2,865	840	(320)			3,385
Unrestricted - General Fund		116,942	97,045	(99,342)			114,645
		241,635	120,669	(220,866)	-	-	141,438
TOTAL FUNDS		**£ 846,948**	**£ 138,587**	**£ (220,866)**	**£ (17,918)**	**£ 56,298**	**£ 803,049**

10 No remuneration was paid to Mr M.G. Wortley, the independent examiner of these accounts

11 The PCC manages two further funds in addition to School House. The Sidney Arthur Harris Will trust and Dorothy Clara Gomm Will Trust are shown in separate accounts on the following pages. Each year appropriate transfers are made from these funds into the general fund

12 Monies are received annually from various endowments. In each case the principal is held by the Oxford Diocese Board of trustees as custodian
The Lord Parmoor Bequest for the upkeep of the Parmoor family graves in Frieth churchyard, and a small bequest for the children of Frieth school.
Miss Augusta E A Murray, originally as a stipend for any one curate for the time being appointed to the parish in addition to any curate appointed by the incumbent
The Clerk's Piece, originally for the parish clerk - or to the sexton, or other person performing the parish clerk's duties.

13 The PCC had one employee during the year (2022 - one)

14 **Restricted Choir Fund**: includes fees from attendance at weddings and funerals and covers members expenses and robes etc. The choirs charity fundraising during the Christmas season is a separate, independent activity and not reflected in these funds.

THE DOROTHY CLARA GOMM WILL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Dividends received	9,124	9,074
Interest from Central Board	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	28,705	(40,706)
	37,829	(31,632)
Outgoings		
Grant to PCC	(9,124)	(9,074)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 28,705	(£ 40,706)
BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 14,766.30 Income shares at 2,260.53 (2022 - 2,064.59) pence per	333,797	305,092
	£ 333,797	£ 305,092
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	305,092	345,798
Surplus/Deficit for the year	28,705	(40,706)
	£ 333,797	£ 305,092
Analysis of Movement of Investments		
Market Value at beginning of year	305,092	345,798
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals at market value	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	28,705	(40,706)
Market value at the end of the year	£ 333,797	£ 305,092

Dorothy Clara Gomm died on 13 February 1978 and her residuary estate was bequeathed to "the Vicar and Churchwardens of St John's Church, Frieth", after a life interest in the house and investments given to her husband, Daniel Gomm. Mr Gomm died on 26 February 1988. Insofar as the parishes of Frieth and Hambleden are joined together and managed by one Parochial Church Council of Hambleden with Frieth and the will specified that the bequest should be for St Johns Church, Frieth, the PCC operates the trust as a restricted trust so that money may be applied primarily for the benefit of St John's Church, Frieth.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 15 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

Registered charity number: 296482

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2023

		2023		2022
Income				
Dividends received		3,855		3,884
Interest from Central Board		-		-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments		12,127		(17,198)
		15,982		(13,314)
Outgoings				
Grant to PCC		(3,855)		(3,884)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£	12,127	(£	17,198)
BALANCE SHEET				
Assets				
Investments at Market Value				
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 6,238.76 Income shares at 2,260.53 (2022 - 2,064.59) pence per share		141,029		128,902
	£	141,029	£	128,902
Represented by				
General fund - 1st January		128,902		146,100
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		12,127		(17,198)
	£	141,029	£	128,902
Analysis of Movement of Investments				
Market Value at beginning of year		128,902		146,100
Additions at cost		-		-
Disposals at market value		-		-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation		12,127		(17,198)
Market value at the end of the year	£	141,029	£	128,902

Sidney Arthur Harris died on 13th May 1983 and his residuary estate was bequeathed to Hambleden Parochial Church Council "upon trust to invest the same and apply the income thereof as to one half part thereof towards the upkeep of Hambleden Parish church itself and as to the remaining one half part of the income of my residuary estate towards the upkeep of the churchyard at Hambleden". On 7th January 1987 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme whereby "the half-share of the income ..... which is to be applied towards the upkeep of the churchyard of Hambleden church shall be applied for the upkeep of the new churchyard at Hambleden and subject thereto for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Hambleden with St John the Evangelist, Frieth and All Saints, Skirmett". The will trust is a registered charity, No. 296482 and is a permanent endowment fund.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 15 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES OF THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

I have examined the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet of the Sidney Arthur Harris Will Trust set out on page 19 relating to the year ended 31 December 2023.

My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the Statement accords with the accounting records of the Trust and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.



M.G.Wortley
Fingest,
Henley on Thames,
Oxon,

15 April 2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1134700

Accounts

St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden

With

St John the Evangelist, Frieth and Skirmett

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

Priest in Charge:
The Revd. Sue Lepp
St Katharine's, Parmoor
Frieth

Associate Priest:
The Revd. Sue Morton
The Vicarage
Turville

Churchwarden: Hambleden
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Kenricks
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Churchwarden: Frieth
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Registered Charity No. 1134700

HAMBLEDEN WITH FRIETH AND SKIRMETT PCC – ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Background

Hambleden with Frieth and Skirmett Parochial Church Council is the largest Parish in the Hambleden Valley group of churches (HVG), managing jointly the affairs of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hambleden and St. John the Evangelist Church, Frieth.

Following the resignation of the Rector in 2020, the benefice was suspended which allowed an Interim Priest in Charge to be recruited for a period of up to 18 months. After a thorough recruitment and selection process, the Revd Sue Lepp was appointed as Interim Priest in charge in December 2020 and to commence her duties in early January 2021 and was assisted by the Associate Priest Revd. Sue Morton and the part time parish administrator Jenny Neagle. During 2022, the Archdeacon agreed to extend the contract of Revd Sue Lepp until December 2023 in order to allow her to continue her work within the HVG group of churches.

The parish continues to be supported by various visiting and retired clergy at times throughout the year. In particular, Revd Peter Vinney regularly takes services and is a very welcome visitor to the benefice, and curate Revd Andy Storch spent some weeks within the HVG as part of his learning about ministry in rural areas. Mrs Jenny North has continued her work as Parish Visitor.

The Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic

As the whole world is only too aware, the significant impact the Covid 19 pandemic hit the Hambleden valley group of churches throughout 2020 and 2021 but with the easing of covid restrictions in December 2021, 2022 has been largely unaffected with business very much back to normal. In fact, it has been a very busy year especially in Hambleden with 20 (0) weddings taking place, 9 (1) children baptised, 11 (1) funerals and 3 (8) burials of ashes. Figures for Frieth church in brackets.

"Zoom" video church services started in May 2020 and have continued to be very popular with many local people throughout the valley. These services have been taking place most Sunday's and Wednesday's for daily prayer since their introduction.

Frieth Village Hall installed broadband during 2021 for their use and generously agreed to allow Frieth Church to connect and use the broadband service by beaming the connection from the hall to the church. The church paid for the additional technical equipment as a one-off cost but enjoy the use of the broadband at no additional cost. We are very grateful to the Frieth Village Hall management committee for this on-going generous and kind arrangement.

The negative financial impact to the church has continued to affect the church in spite of largely normal services resuming but with numbers still down on pre-covid levels. As a consequence, the donations on the plate have reduced whilst most expenses remain at the same or higher level owing to inflation.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The numbers on the electoral roll for the parish now stands at 90, (91in 2021).

HAMBLEDEN WITH FRIETH AND SKIRMETT PCC – ANNUAL REPORT 2022

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Clergy	*The Revd. Sue Lepp, Priest in Charge, Chairman *The Revd. Sue Morton, Associate Priest	
Churchwardens	*Mrs Jill Steward, Lay Chairman *Mrs Judy Hunt	Hambleden Frieth
Deputy Churchwardens	Mrs Sharon Smith Vacant	Hambleden Frieth
PCC Members:	*#Mr Paul Marston-Weston *Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston +Mrs Sharon Smith *Mrs Judy Hunt +Mr Gideon Lacey Miss Christine Wells *Mrs Jill Steward Mrs Elizabeth Wilks Ms Mardi Wilkins ~Mrs Gillian Cruse **Mr Gareth Morris **Mrs Shirley Allot	Secretary Treasurer Collector, ER Officer

Key: Symbol(s) denote additional role(s)
* Member of the Standing Committee, ** Co-opted Member, + Deanery Synod Representative, # Safeguarding Officer,~ Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

The PCC met four times during the year, in person (no meetings were held by Zoom this year) to conduct the business of the PCC, excluding the APCM, each meeting started with a group meeting session of all the PCC's (three at St Katharines, Parmoor and one at Frieth School, Frieth) followed by individual meetings by each PCC. The PCC Standing Committee did not convene to expedite urgent business during the year, however three virtual meetings were held where PCC members were given details and asked to vote to accept or reject proposals.

Church Services

The pattern of services has been restored as the Covid restrictions have been eased by the government. However, a number of parishioners have continued to shield or been unwilling to return to services due to the fear of being exposed to the virus.

Average attendances at Sunday services in October 2022 was 21 in Hambleden and 20 in Frieth (2021 Hambleden - 33 adults, Frieth 19 adults).

Zoom church services have proved popular with many people and continued on most Wednesdays and also on Sunday services at Frieth throughout the year.

Average Zoom attendances at Sunday services across the group have reduced to a regular few but Wednesday mornings continue with around a dozen people attending each week.

A monthly **lay-led service in Hambleden** has a small but steady congregation.

'Wild Church' services take place every second Sunday and have continued outdoors at a variety of venues throughout the valley during the year. An activity of some sort , a couple of hymns are sung, a Bible passage is read and simple prayer usually followed by some appropriate refreshments. There was also a special remembrance Wild Church service in Turville Heath with a fly past to commemorate a young spitfire pilot who crashed and died in December 1943.

Special Services and Study Courses

Prayers for Peace. These quiet, prayerful services are normally held quarterly (in February, May, August and November), but this year a service was held in February only. Sometimes these events are held in people's homes or in churches, in response to world conflict, and are attended by those of all denominations.

Wednesday Morning Communion Service is a weekly said service of Eucharist in St Mary's, Turville with prayers for healing and anointing with oil, on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10.15am. Again these services were suspended owing to the pandemic and began again in the church in summer 2021.

A new **Bible Study group** was formed meeting regularly in Turville.

Harvest Festival services were well attended in both churches. A backpack service was held in September in Hambleden to bless those beginning a new year of tasks.

The Animal Blessing Service is held annually in October on the Village Green, Turville.

All Souls Service is held annually to remember those who have departed. This year it was held in Turville.

The Royal British Legion Annual Service of Remembrance rotates between the four churches across the valley and with individual services at some of the churches. This year it was held in Hambleden church with a large congregation, and ceremony afterwards at the village memorial. Frieth Church held a short service and had a talk by local historian and broadcaster Andrew Green regarding the history of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress leading up to its very considerable connections to the Great War - both as a comforting text for soldiers and as a focus for memorial.

Special Evensong for Christine Wells, Director of Music BEM –
A special evensong in May was held for Christine Wells, to mark her 65 years as Hambleden organist. A surprise certificate was presented by the President of the Royal College of Organists and there were refreshments afterwards.

Buckinghamshire Council – Annual Civic Church Service
Buckinghamshire Council Chairman, Councillor Zahir Mohammed held his annual church service at Hambleden church on Sunday 6 March 2022 which was attended by the 'good and the great' of the county together with many local people.

Mothering Sunday
A Mothering Sunday service was held at Hambleden with children assisting Sue Lepp with the distribution of a posy to every lady. Frieth church also held a special Mothering Sunday service with local children saying special prayers and giving thanks for mothers. Posies of

daffodils were made by the children at Frieth school and given to all women in the congregation.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 3rd June - Revd Sue Lepp opened the celebrations on the Dene in Hambleden with prayers, before children's games and races, castles, picnics and the Steel Band began. There was a small tribute table in the church with photographs of the Queen, and a prayer.

Owing to Covid restrictions Hambleden was unable to host the annual **Valentine's service**, a service for everyone, but in particular for couples who have been or are going to be married in the Hambleden Valley.

Two **Wedding Preparation Days** were held (January and February) with the couples that were to be married later in the year. These days are always very popular with couples as useful information and tips and hints help make final preparations for services go smoothly.

On the 7th September, the **Her majesty the Queen** sadly died. Hambleden church marked this sad event with **Prayers** on Friday 8th and a **Commemoration Service for the whole Valley on Sunday 10th**. These services were very well attended (40 and 90 respectively). The Bell ringers did us proud, ringing on all the occasions throughout the mourning period where bells were rung nationally. There was a tribute table in the church with a **Book of Condolence**, as in the other churches, which many people came to sign. This has been put together with the other Church books and sent to Buckingham Palace. A copy was made by Revd Sue Lepp, to be kept for the Hambleden Valley, with foreword by Alan Armstrong.

Plough Sunday is a service of prayer, dedication and blessing for all those involved in agriculture and the countryside. It is usually held annually in Turville Church in January on the first Sunday after Epiphany. Unfortunately, it was not possible to hold the service in 2022

Local people from the valley supported the annual **Footprints service** held in March and this year in Hambleden (usually held at Lane End) which was led by Sue Morton. "Footprints" is a service held just before Mother's Day and is for anyone who has lost a child.

Barney's Toddler Group was suspended in March 2020 owing to the Coronavirus pandemic. Under normal circumstances the group would meet monthly at Frieth Village Hall with activities for children and babies and a meeting point for parents. Each month there was a Bible story, crafts, songs, toys and homemade cake. It is hoped to re-start Barney's when circumstances and resources allow.

Women's World Day of Prayer for the Hambleden Valley Group was unfortunately not held in 2022.

Advent and Christmas Services were held at Hambleden and Frieth churches and included Carol service (H), Christingle service (H, F), Midnight Mass (H) and Christmas morning (H, F). As always, these services are very well attended.

Charitable Giving

Charitable giving increased over last year as the PCC felt it was important to support various charities that do such good work and rely on grants. This year a total of £3,632 was given (last year £4,997). Organisations supported include; Christian Aid, One Can Trust, Community Matters, Christ Hospital, Children's Society, Sightsavers, Royal British Legion, Child Bereavement. Please see the accounts for full details of amounts grant aided.

Other Activities

The **Tea Club**, for residents of the parish and valley, meeting weekly at St Katharine's Parmoor had to be suspended owing to Covid but it was hoped to restart later in the year.

Hambleden and Frieth churches host services and events through **Lent and Holy Week. Friendly Lent lunches** were held at Frieth (1 date) and Hambleden (3 dates) having been cancelled for the past two years because of Covid restrictions. The Frieth lunch proceeds were given to the Ukraine appeal. **Good Friday and Easter Day** services were held in Hambleden.

The **Hambleden and Frieth Choirs**, under the direction of Miss Christine Wells, were able to operate during the year as normal. The popular **Hambleden Concerts** continued in the summer and Christine Wells arranged for **The Queen's Six** to come to Hambleden. This choir based at St George's chapel, sang at the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral. A full church was treated to the most exquisite singing. In addition, A **'Festive Choral Concert'** with the **UCL Chamber Choir**, organised by Northend Concerts took place at Hambleden Church in December.

Hambleden and Turville Bell-ringers - There have been bells in the Hambleden valley for at least six hundred years. Out of the seven churches in the parish, only Turville (5 bells) and Hambleden (8) have bells hung for change-ringing, where the ringing order can be changed. The oldest is the "Agincourt Bell" at Hambleden, which dates back to the battle of 1415. There are more than a dozen enthusiastic ringers who give up their evenings to practice at Turville (Mondays) and Hambleden (Fridays), so they can properly call the congregation to service, and to ring after weddings and mark other special dates or events.

Church Porch Teas through the summer months offer refreshments to locals and passers-by on Sunday afternoons in Hambleden and make an extremely valuable financial contribution to the running of the churches. Our sincere thanks go to Karen Musgrave who is now the organiser for church teas, with much enthusiasm and ideas for increasing customers.

Frieth church organise a monthly **Lunch Club** held at The Yew Tree, Frieth. This was restarted in 2022 and approximately 25 - 30 people now regularly attend each monthly event.

Hambleden Church has introduced **prayer cards** for use during the year.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston would like to give her sincere thanks to Mr Rex Alott and Mrs Sharon Smith for their assistance with the banking of donations throughout the year. Sincere thanks are also due to Mr Mike Wortley, for preparing and inspecting the annual accounts.

The church is very grateful for the continued financial support received from the many supporters who give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme or by standing order. Their continued support is critical for the continued success of the church.

The 2022 Accounts and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC at its Meeting held on the 24 April 2023.

Revd Sue Lepp.

Revd. Sue Lepp
Priest in Charge
24 April 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 – 20 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the church accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the Central Board of Finance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

- have not been met; or

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

M.G.Wortley
Colstrope Lane
Hambleden,
Henley-on-Thames
Oxon
RG9 6SL



24 April 2023

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31st December 2022

Incoming resources	**Note**	**2022**	**2021**
Incoming resources from donors	2a	54,293	37,824
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	14,487	13,946
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	31,628	17,196
Income from investments	2d	16,259	15,410
Other income, non-recurring	2e	2,468	878
Total incoming resources		**119,135**	**85,254**
Resources used			
Grants	3a	3,632	4,997
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	99,754	98,654
Total resources used		**103,386**	**103,651**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**15,749**	**(18,397)**
General Fund at 1st January 2022		**31,180**	**65,637**
Exceptional income			
Grant from Save our Churches		100,000	
Realisation of Mission Housing Association loan		107,613	
Transfers			
To restricted fund - Hambleden Church roof repairs		(100,000)	
To designated fund - Frieth Church refurbishment		(37,600)	
To School House Fund			(16,060)
General Fund at 31st December 2022		**£ 116,942**	**£ 31,180**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022	2021
Assets held for investment purposes	4	599,814	787,491
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	2,292	2,897
Central Board of Finance - deposit account			-
Barclays Bank - current account		247,558	50,207
		249,850	53,104
Total Assets		849,664	840,595
less liabilities - creditors	6	2,716	3,925
Total nett assets		**£ 846,948**	**£ 836,670**
Which are represented by:-			
Funds			
Endowments	9	53,133	60,257
Restricted - Youth Project	7	1,981	1,981
Restricted - Hardship Fund	8	3,519	3,519
Restricted - School House Fund	4c.1	546,680	619,620
Unrestricted - Mission Housing Association Ltd	4a & 11	-	107,613
		605,313	792,990
General Funds			
Designated - Frieth Church	4b	45,000	12,500
Restricted - Hambleden Roof	4c.2	76,828	
Restricted - Choir fund	4c.3	2,865	
Unrestricted funds carried forward		116,942	31,180
Total Funds	9	**£ 846,948**	**£ 836,670**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their Meeting held on 24th April 2023

Revd Sue Lepp

Revd. Sue Lepp
Priest in Charge
24th April 2023

The Notes on pages 8 to 20 inclusive form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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. Some trusts in the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance are restricted, and their capital cannot be used.

The accounts 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

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

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

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aided donations is recognised when the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses on the School House fund and the Mission Housing Property are recognised when the investments are sold. Realised gains and losses on the various other funds and bequests are taken into account each year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2022

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota 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.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Investments

All investments are now included at market value.

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.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2022

Note		2022	2021
2	**Incoming Resources:**		
2a	***From donors:-***		
	Committed giving (gift aided)	21,377	9,639
	Committed giving (not gift aided)	648	775
	Collections at all services (gift aided)	11,901	1,523
	Collections at all services (not gift aided)	2,799	5,587
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	5,923	7,398
	Church boxes	1,495	966
	Other donations	10,150	11,936
		£ 54,293	**£ 37,824**
2b	***From legacy and other grants:***		
	Gomm dividends	9,074	8,735
	Harris dividends	3,834	3,668
	From endowments		
	Lord Parmoor	1,189	1,163
	Augusta Murray	324	316
	Clerks Piece	66	64
		£ 14,487	**£ 13,946**
2c	***From charitable, statutory and ancillary trading:-***		
	Rector's fees - weddings	13,529	9,751
	Rector's fees - funerals	7,285	4,506
	Porch teas	4,048	2,587
	Lent lunches	1,298	-
	Special income	5,285	-
	Other special events (including car parking)	183	352
		£ 31,628	**£ 17,196**
2d	***From investments:-***		
	School House dividends	16,259	15,404
	Central board of finance (deposit account)	-	6
		£ 16,259	**£ 15,410**
2e	***Other income (non-recurring)***		
	Miscellaneous sales	775	878
	VAT refund	1,693	-
		£ 2,468	**£ 878**
	Total incoming resources	**£ 119,135**	**£ 85,254**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2022

Note		Note	2022	2021
3	**Resources used**			
3a	***Grants made:-***			
	Missionary societies	3a(i)	-	900
	Relief and development agencies	3a(ii)	1,668	1,600
	Home Mission and other Church societies	3a(iii)	193	837
	Secular charities	3a(iv)	1,771	1,660
			£ 3,632	**£ 4,997**
3b	***Expenditure relating to the cost of the Church:-***			
	Parish Share		50,317	49,782
	Deanery expenses		520	520
	Hambleden Valley Group expenses		7,681	7,013
	Church running expenses - Hambleden		10,325	3,372
	Church running expenses - Frieth		2,348	84
	Maintenance costs - Hambleden		8,107	12,904
	Maintenance costs - Frieth		2,230	11,750
	Organ maintenance and Director of Music	14 & 15	11,360	6,240
	Church service expenses		1,565	783
	Upkeep of Pheasants Hill churchyard		1,220	1,460
	Upkeep of Frieth churchyard & maintenance of Parmoor graves		1,955	2,355
	Other expenses		2,126	2,391
			£ 99,754	**£ 98,654**
	Total resources used		**£ 103,386**	**£ 103,651**

Storage of Silver: The Hambleden heritage silver is now lodged at Christchurch Cathedral for safekeeping. It is occasionally made available for public display. The storage and insurance costs are currently borne by the Diocese.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2022

Note		2022	2021
3a	**Grants to charities**		
3a(i)	***Missionary Societies:-***		
	Church Mission Society	-	300
	Barnabas Fund	-	300
	Wycliffe Bible Translators	-	300
		£ -	**£ 900**
3a(ii)	***Relief and development agencies:-***		
	Christian Aid	1,251	1,000
	Marlow Refugee Action	-	300
	One Can Trust	131	300
	Community Matters	286	-
		£ 1,668	**£ 1,600**
3a(iii)	***Home mission and other Church societies:-***		
	Friends of Christchurch Cathedral	-	10
	Wycombe Homeless	-	300
	Bishop's Outreach Fund	-	300
	Christmas boxes	-	146
	Christ Hospital	10	-
	Childrens Society	183	81
		£ 193	**£ 837**
3a(iv)	***Secular charities:-***		
	Sightsavers	623	895
	Royal British Legion	1,048	-
	Child Beravement	100	-
	Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution	-	300
	RCSM	-	300
	Rennie Grove Hospice	-	165
		£ 1,771	**£ 1,660**
	Total grants to charities	**£ 3,632**	**£ 4,997**

Grants made exclude offertory proceeds passed directly to the charity concerned or the occasional third party cheque received made payable to a charity.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2022

Note		Note	2022	2021
4	**Assets held for investment purposes**			
	Unrestricted:-			
4a	Mission Housing Association Ltd (formerly Victoria Park Homes) - repaid in year	11	£ -	£ 107,613
4b	**Designated:-**			
	Frieth Church - Funds received and set aside for the following			
	Fund at 1st January 2022		12,500	-
	Amounts set aside from Unrestricted Funds		37,600	18,000
	Expended in the year - roof repairs (2021 cupboard and plaster refurbishment)		(5,100)	(5,500)
	Fund at 31st December 2022		£ 45,000	£ 12,500
	Restricted:-			
4c.1	***School House fund***			
	Fund at 1st January 2022		619,620	527,197
	Dividends and interest received		16,259	15,404
	From Central Board of Finance deposit account		-	16,060
			635,879	558,661
	Cash transferred to HPCC bank account		(16,259)	(15,404)
	Unrealised gain/(loss) on Market Value		(72,940)	76,363
	Value of investments at Market Value		£ 546,680	£ 619,620
	Represented by:-			
	Market value of investments			
	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 26,459.04 Income shares at 2,064.59 pence per share		£ 546,680	£ 619,620
4c.2	***Hambleden Church - Roof repairs***			
	Grant from Save our Churches		100,000	
	Expended in the year - Deposit for tiles & bat survey		(23,172)	
	Fund at 31st December 2022		£ 76,828	
4c.3	***Choir funds***	15		
	Funds received in year		2,865	
	Expended in the year		-	
	Fund at 31st December 2022		£ 2,865	

Analysis of Movement of Investments

	Mission Housing Assoc'n	*Lord Parmoor*	*AEA Murray*	*Clerks Piece*	*School House*	*TOTAL*
Market value at beginning of year	107,613	45,470	12,299	2,489	619,620	787,491
Additions at cost					-	-
Disposals at market value	(107,613)				-	(107,613)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	(5,405)	######	(289)	(72,940)	(80,064)
Market value at the end of the year	-	40,065	10,869	2,200	546,680	599,814

	2022	2021
Total assets held for investment purposes	£ 599,814	£ 787,491

5	**Debtors**		
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	-	2,500
	Funeral fees	-	397
	Undeposited cash from December collections	2,292	-
		£ 2,292	£ 2,897
6	**Creditors**		
	Sundry creditors		1,230
	Donations held at the year end transferred in January	2,716	-
	Hambleden maintenance - stained glass		2,695
		£ 2,716	£ 3,925

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2022

Note		2022	2021
7	**Youth project**		
	Balance at 1st January 2022	1,981	1,981
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2022	**£ 1,981**	**£ 1,981**
8	**Hardship fund**		
	Balance at 1st January 2022	3,519	3,519
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Deduct disbursements	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2022	**£ 3,519**	**£ 3,519**

9 **Statement of Funds**

		Balance 31/12/2021	*Incoming*	*Outgoing*	*Transfers*	*Gain/(Loss) on revaluation*	*Balance 31/12/2022*
Endowments - Note 13							
Lord Parmoor	***Investment Fund***	42,270	1,109		(1,109)	(4,976)	37,294
	Fixed Interest	3,200	80		(80)	(429)	2,771
AEA Murray		12,299	325		(325)	(1,430)	10,869
Clerks Piece		2,488	66		(66)	(289)	2,199
		60,257	1,580	-	(1,580)	(7,124)	53,133
Restricted							
Youth Project		1,981					1,981
Hardship Fund		3,519					3,519
School House Fund		619,620	16,259		(16,259)	(72,940)	546,680
		625,120	16,259	-	(16,259)	(72,940)	552,180
Other funds							
Mission Housing Association Ltd		107,613	(107,613)			-	-
Designated - Frieth Church		12,500		(5,100)	37,600		45,000
Restricted - Hambleden roof				(20,400)	100,000		79,600
Unrestricted - General Fund		31,180	107,613	(103,386)	1,779		37,186
		151,293	-	(128,886)	139,379	-	161,786
TOTAL FUNDS		**£ 836,670**	**£ 17,839**	**£ (128,886)**	**£121,540**	**£ (80,064)**	**£ 767,099**

10 No remuneration was paid to Mr M.G. Wortley, the independent examiner of these accounts

11 **Mission Housing Association Ltd (Previously Victoria Park Homes)**
The Parish's loan balance to the Median Road project was repaid at its agreed market value of £107,613 during the year.

12 The PCC manages two further funds in addition to School House. The Sidney Arthur Harris Will trust and Dorothy Clara Gomm Will Trust are shown in separate accounts on the following pages. Each year appropriate transfers are made from these funds into the general fund

13 Monies are received annually from various endowments. In each case the principal is held by the Oxford Diocese Board of trustees as custodian
The Lord Parmoor Bequest for the upkeep of the Parmoor family graves in Frieth churchyard, and a small bequest for the children of Frieth school.
Miss Augusta E A Murray, originally as a stipend for any one curate for the time being appointed to the parish in addition to any curate appointed by the incumbent
The Clerk's Piece, originally for the parish clerk - or to the sexton, or other person performing the parish clerk's duties.

14 The PCC had 1 employee during the year (2021 - none)

15 **Restricted Choir Fund**: includes fees from attendance at weddings and funerals and covers members expenses and robes etc. The choirs charity fundraising during the Christmas season is a separate, independent activity and not reflected in these funds.

THE DOROTHY CLARA GOMM WILL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
Dividends received	9,074	8,735
Interest from Central Board	-	1
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	(40,706)	43,128
	(31,632)	51,864
Outgoings		
Grant to PCC	(9,074)	(8,735)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(£ 40,706)	£ 43,129
BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 14,766.30		
Income shares at 2,341.81 pence per share	305,092	345,798
	£ 305,092	£ 345,798
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	345,798	302,669
Surplus/Deficit for the year	(40,706)	43,129
	£ 305,092	£ 345,798
Analysis of Movement of Investments		
Market Value at beginning of year	345,798	300,650
Additions at cost	-	2,020
Disposals at market value	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(40,706)	43,128
Market value at the end of the year	£ 305,092	£ 345,798

Dorothy Clara Gomm died on 13 February 1978 and her residuary estate was bequeathed to "the Vicar and Churchwardens of St John's Church, Frieth", after a life interest in the house and investments given to her husband, Daniel Gomm. Mr Gomm died on 26 February 1988. Insofar as the parishes of Frieth and Hambleden are joined together and managed by one Parochial Church Council of Hambleden with Frieth and the will specified that the bequest should be for St Johns Church, Frieth, the PCC operates the trust as a restricted trust so that money may be applied primarily for the benefit of St John's Church, Frieth.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 24 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

Registered charity number: 296482

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
Dividends received	3,884	18,138
Interest from Central Board	-	1
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	(17,198)	3,668
	(13,314)	21,807
Outgoings		
Grant to PCC	(3,884)	(3,668)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(£ 17,198)	£ 18,139
BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 6,238.76		
Income shares at 2,064.59 pence per share	128,902	146,100
	£ 128,902	£ 146,100
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	146,100	127,961
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(17,198)	18,139
	£ 128,902	£ 146,100
Analysis of Movement of Investments		
Market Value at beginning of year	146,100	125,966
Additions at cost	-	1,996
Disposals at market value	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(17,198)	18,138
Market value at the end of the year	£ 128,902	£ 146,100

Sidney Arthur Harris died on 13th May 1983 and his residuary estate was bequeathed to Hambleden Parochial Church Council "upon trust to invest the same and apply the income thereof as to one half part thereof towards the upkeep of Hambleden Parish church itself and as to the remaining one half part of the income of my residuary estate towards the upkeep of the churchyard at Hambleden". On 7th January 1987 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme whereby "the half-share of the income ..... which is to be applied towards the upkeep of the churchyard of Hambleden church shall be applied for the upkeep of the new churchyard at Hambleden and subject thereto for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Hambleden with St John the Evangelist, Frieth and All Saints, Skirmett". The will trust is a registered charity, No. 296482 and is a permanent endowment fund.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 24 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES OF THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

I have examined the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet of the Sidney Arthur Harris Will Trust set out on page 19 relating to the year ended 31 December 2022.

My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the Statement accords with the accounting records of the Trust and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

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24 April 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1134700

Accounts

St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden

With

St John the Evangelist, Frieth and Skirmett

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2021

Priest in Charge:
The Revd. Sue Lepp
St Katharine's, Parmoor
Frieth

Associate Priest:
The Revd. Sue Morton
The Vicarage
Turville

Churchwarden: Hambleden
Mrs Jill Steward
Kenricks
Hambleden,

Churchwarden: Frieth
Mrs Judy Hunt
Claypit House
Moor Common, Lane End

Treasurer:
Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
Frieth

Secretary:
Mr Paul Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
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Independent Examiner:
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Registered Charity No. 1134700

Background

Hambleden with Frieth and Skirmett Parochial Church Council is the largest Parish in the Hambleden Valley group of churches (HVG), managing jointly the affairs of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hambleden and St. John the Evangelist Church, Frieth.

Following the resignation of the Rector, the benefice was suspended which allowed an Interim Priest in Charge to be recruited for a period of up to 18 months. After a thorough recruitment and selection process, the Revd Sue Lepp was appointed as Interim Priest in charge in December 2020 and to commence her duties in early January 2021 and was assisted by the Associate Priest Revd. Sue Morton and the part time parish administrator Jenny Neagle.

The parish was supported by various visiting and retired clergy at times throughout the year. The six churches in the valley are also supported by a licensed lay minister, John Kimberley, together with visiting clergy. Unfortunately, John and Carol Kimberly moved away during the year and are no longer able to support the HVG. Mrs Jenny North has continued her work as Parish Visitor.

The Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic

As the whole world is only too aware, the significant impact the Covid 19 pandemic has continued to hit the Hambleden valley group of churches. This impact has been significant throughout 2020 and 2021 but with the easing of covid restrictions in May 2021 more services have been possible together with many rearranged weddings and baptisms. In fact, it has been a very busy year especially in Hambleden with 12 weddings taking place, 11 children baptised, 9 funerals and 3 burials of Ashes. However, all services have been conducted with the congregation wearing covid masks throughout the entire year to reduce the potential spread of Covid.

“Zoom” video church services started in May 2020 and have continued to be very popular with many local people throughout the valley. These services started in May and have been taking place most Sunday’s and Wednesday for daily prayer throughout the remainder of the year.

Frieth Village Hall installed broadband during the year for their use and generously agreed to allow Frieth Church to connect and use the broadband by beaming the connection from the hall to the church. The church paid for the additional tech equipment as a one-off cost but enjoy the use of the broadband at no additional cost. We are very grateful to the Frieth Village Hall management committee for this generous and kind arrangement.

There has also been a significant negative financial impact to the church as there have been very few physical services and as a consequence the donations on the plate have plummeted whilst most expenses remain payable.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The numbers on the electoral roll for the parish now stands at 90, down from 91 last year.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Clergy	*The Revd. Sue Lepp, Priest in Charge, Chairman	
	*The Revd. Sue Morton, Associate Priest	
Churchwardens	*Mrs Jill Steward	Hambleden
	*Mrs Judy Hunt	Frieth
Deputy Churchwardens	Mrs Sharon Smith (from 28 Sept 2021)	Hambleden
	Vacant	Frieth
PCC Members:	*#Mr Paul Marston-Weston	Secretary
	*Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston	Treasurer
	+Mrs Sharon Smith	Collector,
	*Mrs Judy Hunt	
	+Mr Gideon Lacey	
	Miss Christine Wells	
	*Mrs Jill Steward	
	Mrs Elizabeth Wilks	
	Ms Mardi Wilkins	
	Mr Geoffrey Beanland (Resigned 3 Nov 2021)	
	~Mrs Gillian Cruse	ER Officer
	**Mr Gareth Morris (Co-opted 28 Sept 2021)	
	**Mrs Shirley Allot (Co-opted 23 Nov 2021)	

Key: Symbol(s) denote additional role(s)
* Member of the Standing Committee, ** Co-opted Member, + Deanery Synod Representative, # Safeguarding Officer,~ Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

The PCC met five times during the year, excluding the APCM, two meetings were held by Zoom and three meetings in person to conduct the business of the PCC. The PCC Standing Committee did not convene to expedite urgent business during the year, however two virtual meetings were held where PCC members were given details and asked to vote to accept or reject proposals.

Church Services

The pattern of services has slowly been restored as the Covid restrictions have been eased by the government. However, a number of parishioners have continued to shield or been unwilling to return to services due to the fear of being exposed to the virus.

Hambleden has held all services inside the church since June 2021, with social distancing & masks, and varying numbers in the congregation, according to the waves of Covid 19. A monthly Lay led service began in June. 'Wild Church' services were held outdoors in Frieth and Hambleden in June and July and throughout the valley during the remainder of the year.

Average attendances at Sunday services in October 2021 was 33 in Hambleden and 19 in Frieth (Hambleden - 2019 - 28 adults plus 0 under 16, Frieth – 2019 - 20 adults plus 3 under 16).

Zoom church services have proved very popular with many people and continued on most Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the year.

Average Zoom attendances at Sunday services across the group was 35 last year and 30 this year.

Special Services and Study Courses

Hambleden was unable to host the annual **Valentine's service** – a service for everyone, but in particular for couples who have been or are going to be married in the Hambleden Valley. Three **Wedding Preparation Days** were held by Zoom one in January, February and March with the couples that were to be married later in the year. These were very successful, but face to face sessions would have been desirable.

Plough Sunday is a service of prayer, dedication and blessing for all those involved in agriculture and the countryside. It is held annually in Turville Church in January on the first Sunday after Epiphany. It was held on Zoom in 2021.

Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic, many of the usual regular services did not take place in the usual way and these include the following services/events;

Local people from the valley supported the annual **Footprints service** usually held at Lane End. "Footprints" is a service held just before Mother's Day and is for anyone who has lost a child. This was held on Zoom in 2021 and was well attended.

Barney's Toddler Group was suspended in March 2020 owing to the Coronavirus pandemic. Under normal circumstances the group would meet monthly at Frieth Village Hall with activities for children and babies and a meeting point for parents. Each month there was a Bible story, crafts, songs, toys and homemade cake. It is hoped to re-start Barney's when circumstances and resources allow.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2021 for the Hambleden Valley Group was unfortunately not held in 2021.

Charitable Giving

Charitable giving increased over last year as the PCC felt it was important to support various charities that do such good work and rely on grants. This year a total of £4,997 was given (last year £2,653). Organisations supported include; Church Mission Fund, Barnabas Fund, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Christian Aid, Marlow Refugee Action, One Can Trust, Friends of Christchurch Cathedral, the Wycombe Homeless Connection, Bishop's Outreach Fund, local Christmas boxes, Children's Society, Sightsavers, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, Royal School of Church Music, Rennie Grove Hospice Care and Hambleden Parish Hall. Please see the account for full details of amounts grant aided.

Other Activities

Prayers for Peace. These quiet, prayerful services are normally held quarterly (in February, May, August and November), but this year a service was held in February only. Sometimes these events are held in people's homes or in churches, in response to world conflict, and are attended by those of all denominations.

The **Tea Club**, for more elderly residents of the parish and valley, meeting weekly at St Katharine's Parmoor had to be suspended.

Wednesday Morning Communion Service is a weekly said service of Eucharist in St Mary's, Turville with prayers for healing and anointing with oil, on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10.15am. Again these services were suspended owing to the pandemic and began again in the church in summer 2021.

Hambleden and Frieth churches would usually host services and events through **Lent and Holy Week. Friendly Lent lunches** would normally be held at Frieth and Hambleden and again had to be cancelled owing to the pandemic. Well Attended outdoor Mothering Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day services were held in Hambleden.

The **Hambleden and Frieth Choirs**, under the direction of Miss Christine Wells, were able to operate during the year subject to Covid restrictions. The popular **Hambleden Concerts** were cancelled this summer but there was a wonderful concert by St Martin's Voices in Concert held in Hambleden church in October and that also raised substantial funds for the church.

Hambleden and Turville Bell-ringers - There have been bells in the Hambleden valley for at least six hundred years. Out of the seven churches in the parish, only Turville (5 bells) and Hambleden (8) have bells hung for change-ringing, where the ringing order can be changed. The oldest is the "Agincourt Bell" at Hambleden, which dates back to the battle of 1415. There are more than a dozen enthusiastic ringers who give up their evenings to practice at Turville (Mondays) and Hambleden (Fridays), so they can properly call the congregation to service, and to ring after weddings and mark other special dates or events.

Church Porch Teas through the summer months offer refreshments to locals and passers-by on Sunday afternoons in Hambleden.

Outdoor Harvest Festival services were well attended in both churches as these were permissible during the restrictions. Hambleden held Harvest festival in church with large congregation and traditions. A Backpack service was held in September in Hambleden to bless those beginning a new year of tasks.

The Animal Blessing Service is held annually in October on the Village Green, Turville.

All Souls Service is held annually to remember those who have departed. This year it was held in Turville.

Frieth church organise a monthly **Lunch Club** at a local pub. Approximately 20 - 25 people now regularly attend each monthly event. Unfortunately, this was also suspended for much of the year during the pandemic.

The Royal British Legion Annual Service of Remembrance rotates between the four churches across the valley and with individual services at some of the churches. This year it was held in Hambleden church with a large congregation, and ceremony afterwards at the village memorial. Frieth Church was able to display a very special crocheted Poppy Banner measuring 4m x4m and also had a talk by Andrew Green regarding Major George Howson, the founder of the Poppy Appeal who is buried in Pheasants Hill Cemetery.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston would like to give her sincere thanks to Mr Rex Alott and Mrs Sharon Smith for their assistance with the banking of donations throughout the year. Sincere thanks are also due to Mr Mike Wortley, for preparing and inspecting the annual accounts.

The church is very grateful for the continued financial support received from the many supporters who give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme or by standing order. Their continued support is critical for the continued success of the church.

The 2021 Accounts and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC at its Meeting held on the 4 April 2022.

Revd. Sue Lepp
Priest in Charge
4 April 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 7 – 19 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the church accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the Central Board of Finance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

- have not been met; or

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

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4 April 2022

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL			
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES			
For the year ending 31st December 2021			
Incoming resources	**Note**	**2021**	**2020**
Incoming resources from donors	2a	37,824	35,603
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	13,946	13,389
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	17,196	5,491
Income from investments	2d	15,410	14,934
Other income, non-recurring	2e	878	-
Total incoming resources		**85,254**	**69,417**
Resources used			
Grants	3a	4,997	2,653
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	98,654	78,926
Church management and administration	3c	-	159
Total resources used		**103,651**	**81,738**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**(18,397)**	**(12,321)**
General Fund at 1st January 2021		**65,637**	**77,958**
General Fund at 31st December 2021		**£ 47,240**	**£ 65,637**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021			
	Note	**2021**	**2020**
Assets held for investment purposes	4	787,491	618,056
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	2,897	4,814
Central Board of Finance - deposit account			16,053
Barclays Bank - current account		50,207	70,703
		53,104	91,570
Total Assets		840,595	709,626
less liabilities - creditors	6	3,925	2,434
Total nett assets		**£ 836,670**	**£ 707,192**
Which are represented by:-			
Funds			
Endowments	9	60,257	53,358
Restricted - Youth Project	7	1,981	1,981
Restricted - Hardship Fund	8	3,519	3,519
Restricted - School House Fund	4c	619,620	527,197
Unrestricted - Mission Housing Association Ltd	4a & 11	107,613	37,500
		792,990	623,555
General Funds			
Designated - Frieth Church	4b	12,500	18,000
Unrestricted		47,240	
Less transfer to School House Fund		(16,060)	
Unrestricted funds carried forward		31,180	65,637
Total Funds	9	**£ 836,670**	**£ 707,192**
		-	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their Meeting held on 4th April 2022

Revd. Sue Lepp
Priest in Charge
4 April 2022

The Notes on pages 9 to 16 inclusive form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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. Some trusts in the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance are restricted, and their capital cannot be used

The accounts 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

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

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

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aided donations is recognised when the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses on the School House fund and the Mission Housing Property are recognised when the investments are sold. Realised gains and losses on the various other funds and bequests are taken into account each year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2021

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota 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.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Investments

All investments are now included at market value.

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.

Note		2021	2020
	HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		
	NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)		
	For the year ending 31st December 2021		
2	**Incoming Resources:**		
2a	***From donors:-***		
	Committed giving (gift aided)	9,639	17,988
	Committed giving (not gift aided)	775	616
	Collections at all services (gift aided)	1,523	2,219
	Collections at all services (not gift aided)	5,587	5,429
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	7,398	4,898
	Church boxes	966	891
	Sundry donations	11,936	3,562
		£ 37,824	**£ 35,603**
2b	***From legacy and other grants:***		
	Gomm dividends	8,735	8,413
	Harris dividends	3,668	3,455
	From endowments		
	Lord Parmoor	1,163	1,148
	Augusta Murray	316	310
	Clerks Piece	64	63
		£ 13,946	**£ 13,389**
2c	***From charitable, statutory and ancillary trading:-***		
	Rector's fees - weddings	9,751	2,240
	Rector's fees - funerals	4,506	3,021
	Porch teas	2,587	-
	Lent lunches	-	-
	Hambleden Men's Day	-	-
	Other special events (including car parking)	352	230
		£ 17,196	**£ 5,491**
2d	***From investments:-***		
	School House dividends	15,404	14,867
	Central board of finance (deposit account)	6	67
		£ 15,410	**£ 14,934**
2e	***Other income (non-recurring)***		
	Miscellaneous sales	**£ 878**	**£ -**
	Total incoming resources	**£ 85,254**	**£ 69,417**

HAMBLEDEN PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2021

Note		Note	2021	2020
3	**Resources used**			
3a	***Grants made:-***			
	Missionary societies	3a(i)	900	247
	Relief and development agencies	3a(ii)	1,600	775
	Home Mission and other Church societies	3a(iii)	837	289
	Secular charities	3a(iv)	1,660	1,342
			£ 4,997	**£ 2,653**
3b	***Expenditure relating to the cost of the Church:-***			
	Parish Share		49,782	49,351
	Deanery expenses		520	520
	Hambleden Valley Group expenses		7,013	6,925
	Church running expenses - Hambleden		3,372	2,142
	Church running expenses - Frieth		84	750
	Maintenance costs - Hambleden		12,904	5,877
	Maintenance costs - Frieth		11,750	3,889
	Organs and choirs		6,240	5,922
	Church service expenses		783	36
	Upkeep of Pheasants Hill churchyard		1,460	1,696
	Upkeep of Frieth churchyard & maintenance of Parmoor graves		2,355	1,280
	Other expenses		2,391	-
	Hambleden Rewiring		-	538
			£ 98,654	**£ 78,926**
3c	***Church management and administration:-***			
	Printing and stationery etc		-	159
				-
			£ -	**£ 159**
	Total resources used		**£ 103,651**	**£ 81,738**

Storage of Silver: The Hambleden heritage silver is now lodged at Christchurch Cathedral forsafekeeping. It is occasionally made available for public display. The storage and insurance costs are currently borne by the Diocese.

Organ and Choir: many choir costs (eg robes) are met by fundraising by the choir and Director of Music at bring and buy stalls during the summer. This is separate from their charity fundraising activities during the Christmas season.

	HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		
	NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)		
	For the year ending 31st December 2021		
Note		**2021**	**2020**
3a	**Grants to charities**		
3a(i)	***Missionary Societies:-***		
	Church Mission Society	300	-
	Barnabas Fund	300	-
	Wycliffe Bible Translators	300	247
		£ 900	**£ 247**
3a(ii)	***Relief and development agencies:-***		
	Christian Aid	1,000	-
	Marlow Refugee Action	300	-
	One Can Trust	300	-
	Medic Malawi	-	775
		£ 1,600	**£ 775**
3a(iii)	***Home mission and other Church societies:-***		
	Friends of Christchurch Cathedral	10	10
	Wycombe Homeless	300	279
	Bishop's Outreach Fund	300	-
	Christmas boxes	146	-
	Childrens Society	81	-
		£ 837	**£ 289**
3a(iv)	***Secular charities:-***		
	Sightsavers	895	-
	Frieth School (Lord Parmoor bequest)	-	20
	Riding for the Disabled	-	776
	Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution	300	-
	RCSM	300	246
	Rennie Grove Hospice	165	-
	Hambleden Parish Hall	-	300
		£ 1,660	**£ 1,342**
	Total grants to charities	**£ 4,997**	**£ 2,653**
	Grants made exclude offertory proceeds passed directly to the charity concerned or the occasional third party cheque received made payable to a charity.		

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2021

Note		Note	2021	2020
4	**Assets held for investment purposes**			
	Unrestricted:-			
4a	Mission Housing Association Ltd (formerly Victoria Park Homes)	11	**£ 37,500**	**£ 37,500**
4b	**Designated:-**			
	Frieth Church - Funds received and set aside for the following			
	Improvement of the welcome area		2,000	2,000
	Expended in the year		(2,000)	-
	Rebuild cupboards and refurbishment		3,500	3,500
	Expended in the year		(3,500)	-
	Refurbishment including plasterwork		12,500	12,500
			12,500	**£ 18,000**
	Restricted:-			
4c	School House fund			
	Fund at 1st January 2021		527,197	493,356
	Dividends and interest received		15,404	14,783
	From Central Board of Finance deposit account		16,060	-
			558,661	508,139
	Cash transferred to HPCC bank account		(15,404)	(14,867)
	Unrealised gain/(loss) on Market Value		76,363	33,925
	Value of investments at Market Value		**£ 619,620**	**£ 527,197**
	Represented by:-			
	Market value of investments			
	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 26,459.04 Income shares at 2,341.81 pence per share		**£ 619,620**	**£ 527,197**

Analysis of Movement of Investments

	Mission Housing Assoc'n	*Lord Parmoor*	*AEA Murray*	*Clerks Piece*	*School House*	*TOTAL*
Market value at beginning of year	37,500	40,408	10,771	2,180	527,197	618,056
Additions at cost					16,060	16,060
Disposals at market value					-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	70,113	5,062	1,528	309	76,363	153,375
Market value at the end of the year	107,613	45,470	12,299	2,489	619,620	787,491

	2021	2020
Total assets held for investment purposes	**£ 787,491**	**£ 618,056**

5	**Debtors**		
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	2,500	4,497
	Funeral fees	397	317
		-	-
		£ 2,897	**£ 4,814**
6	**Creditors**		
	Sundry creditors	1,230	934
	Pheasants Hill Churchyard	-	1,000
	Hambleden maintenance - stained glass	2,695	500
		£ 3,925	**£ 2,434**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2021

Note		2021	2020
7	**Youth project**		
	Balance at 1st January 2021	1,981	1,981
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2021	**£ 1,981**	**£ 1,981**
8	**Hardship fund**		
	Balance at 1st January 2021	3,519	3,519
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Deduct disbursements	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2021	**£ 3,519**	**£ 3,519**

9 **Statement of Funds**

		Balance 31/12/2020	*Incoming*	*Outgoing*	*Transfers*	*Gain/(Loss) on revaluation*	*Balance 31/12/2021*
Endowments - Note 13							
Lord Parmoor	***Investment Fund***	36,980			-	5,290	42,270
	Fixed Interest	3,428			-	(228)	3,200
AEA Murray		10,771	316		(316)	1,528	12,299
Clerks Piece		2,179	64		(64)	309	2,488
		53,358	380	-	(380)	6,899	60,257
Restricted							
Youth Project		1,981					1,981
Hardship Fund		3,519					3,519
School House Fund		527,197	31,464		(15,404)	76,363	619,620
		532,697	31,464	-	(15,404)	76,363	625,120
Unrestricted							
Mission Housing Association Ltd		37,500				70,113	107,613
Designated - Frieth Church		18,000		(5,500)			12,500
General Fund		65,637	69,470	(103,651)	(276)		31,180
		121,137	69,470	(109,151)	(276)	70,113	151,293
TOTAL FUNDS		**£ 707,192**	**£ 101,314**	**£ (109,151)**	**£ (16,060)**	**£ 153,375**	**£ 836,670**

10 No remuneration was paid to Mr Mike Wortley, the independent examiner of these accounts

11 **Mission Housing Association Ltd (Previously Victoria Park Homes)**

The valuation of the Parish's current loan balance of £37,500 in the Median Road project is now advised to be **£107,613 as at the 31st December 2021** (2020 - £122,190 and 2019 - £107,613). Since repayment of the share invested in Median Road is due for repayment in July 2022 it has now been included in the accounts at its estimated realisation.

12 The PCC manages two further funds in addition to School House. The Sidney Arthur Harris Will trust and Dorothy Clara Gomm Will Trust are shown in separate accounts on the following pages. Each year appropriate transfers are made from these funds into the general fund

13 Monies are received annually from various endowments. In each case the principal is held by the Oxford Diocese Board of trustees as custodian

The Lord Parmoor Bequest for the upkeep of the Parmoor family graves in Frieth churchyard, and a small bequest for the children of Frieth school.

Miss Augusta E A Murray, originally as a stipend for any one curate for the time being appointed to the parish in addition to any curate appointed by the incumbent

The Clerk's Piece, originally for the parish clerk - or to the sexton, or other person performing the parish clerk's duties.

THE DOROTHY CLARA GOMM WILL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Dividends received	8,735	8,389
Interest from Central Board	1	9
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	43,128	19,392
	51,864	27,790
Outgoings		
Grant to PCC	(8,735)	(8,413)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 43,129	£ 19,377
BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
Deposit account	-	2,019
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 14,766.30 Income shares at 2,341.81 pence per	345,798	300,650
	£ 345,798	£ 302,669
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	302,669	283,292
Surplus/Deficit for the year	43,129	19,377
	£ 345,798	£ 302,669
Analysis of Movement of Investments		
Market Value at beginning of year	300,650	274,678
Additions at cost	2,020	6,580
Disposals at market value	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	43,128	19,392
Market value at the end of the year	£ 345,798	£ 300,650

Dorothy Clara Gomm died on 13 February 1978 and her residuary estate was bequeathed to "the Vicar and Churchwardens of St John's Church, Frieth", after a life interest in the house and investments given to her husband, Daniel Gomm. Mr Gomm died on 26 February 1988. Insofar as the parishes of Frieth and Hambleden are joined together and managed by one Parochial Church Council of Hambleden with Frieth and the will specified that the bequest should be for St Johns Church, Frieth, the PCC operates the trust as a restricted trust so that money may be applied primarily for the benefit of St John's Church, Frieth.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 4th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

Registered charity number: 296482

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended 31st December 2021

		2021		*2020*
Income				
	Dividends received	18,138		3,455
	Interest from Central Board	1		8
	Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	3,668		8,191
		21,807		11,654
Outgoings				
	Grant to PCC	(3,668)		(3,455)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		£ 18,139		£ 8,199
BALANCE SHEET				
Assets				
	Deposit account	-		1,995
	Investments at Market Value			
	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 6,238.76 Income shares at 2,341.81 pence per share	146,100		125,966
		£ 146,100		£ 127,961
Represented by				
	General fund - 1st January	127,961		119,762
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	18,139		8,199
		£ 146,100		£ 127,961
Analysis of Movement of Investments				
	Market Value at beginning of year	125,966		105,994
	Additions at cost	1,996		11,781
	Disposals at market value	-		-
	Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	18,138		8,191
	Market value at the end of the year	£ 146,100		£ 125,966

Sidney Arthur Harris died on 13th May 1983 and his residuary estate was bequeathed to Hambleden Parochial Church Council "upon trust to invest the same and apply the income thereof as to one half part thereof towards the upkeep of Hambleden Parish church itself and as to the remaining one half part of the income of my residuary estate towards the upkeep of the churchyard at Hambleden". On 7th January 1987 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme whereby "the half-share of the income ….. which is to be applied towards the upkeep of the churchyard of Hambleden church shall be applied for the upkeep of the new churchyard at Hambleden and subject thereto for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Hambleden with St John the Evangelist, Frieth and All Saints, Skirmett". The will trust is a registered charity, No. 296482 and is a permanent endowment fund.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 4th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES OF THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

I have examined the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet of the Sidney Arthur Harris Will Trust set out on page 18 relating to the year ended 31 December 2021.

My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the Statement accords with the accounting records of the Trust and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

M.G.Wortley
Colstrope Lane
Hambleden
Henley on Thames
Oxon, RG9 6SL

4 April 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HAMBLEDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1134700

Accounts

St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden

With

St John the Evangelist, Frieth and Skirmett

ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2020

Rector:
The Revd. Stephen Southgate
The Rectory,
Hambleden
(on sabbatical from August 2019 and resigned September 2020)

Associate Priest:
The Revd. Sue Morton
The Vicarage
Turville (on secondment from January 2019 until April 2020)

Churchwarden: Hambleden
Mr Michael Tebbot
Highmoor, Spurgrove Lane
Little Frieth (Until 20 October 2020)

Churchwarden: Frieth
Mrs Judy Hunt
Claypit House
Moor Common, Lane End
(From 21 October 2020)

Churchwarden: Hambleden
Mrs Jill Steward
Kenricks
Hambleden (From 21 October 2020)

Treasurer:
Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
Frieth

Secretary:
Mr Paul Marston-Weston
6 Innings Gate
Frieth

Independent Examiner:
Mr M.G.Wortley
Colstrope Lane
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Registered Charity No. 1134700

Background

Hambleden with Frieth and Skirmett Parochial Church Council is the largest Parish in the Hambleden Valley group of churches, managing jointly the affairs of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hambleden and St. John the Evangelist Church, Frieth.

The Rector, Revd. Stephen Southgate was supported by the Associate Priest Revd. Sue Morton. The Associate Priest was seconded to Lane End from January 2019 until her return in April 2020 and the Rector went on sabbatical and later secondment from August 2019 until his resignation in September 2020. In January 2020 until Easter 2020, the Revd. Jonathan Chaffey was appointed as Interim Priest in Charge for the Hambleden Valley group of Churches.

Following the resignation of the Rector, the benefice was suspended which allowed an Interim Priest in Charge to be recruited for a period of up to 18 months. After a thorough recruitment and selection process, the Revd Sue Lepp was appointed as Interim Priest in charge in December and to commence her duties in early January 2021.

The parish was supported by various visiting and retired clergy at times throughout the year. The six churches in the valley are also supported by two licensed lay ministers, Jenny Roughan and John Kimberley, together with visiting clergy. Unfortunately, Jenny Roughan had to suspend her assistance owing to personal reasons. Mrs Jenny North has continued her work as Parish Visitor.

The Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic

As the whole world is only too aware, the significant impact the Covid 19 pandemic has also hit the Hambleden valley group of churches throughout the entire year. The first national lockdown closed all churches completely from 23 March 2020, including all public services, and weddings. Funerals were only permissible with greatly reduced numbers in attendance and sadly a number of funerals took place throughout the year.

From 15 June 2020, the government allowed churches to open for individual private prayer, subject to complying with Covid guidance and directions. It was for each church to decide when and how the churches could open. Throughout the remainder of the year, the Hambleden and Frieth churches have remained open for private prayer.

It has been necessary for all planned weddings to be postponed and pushed back into 2021 and beyond and it has been a very sad and disappointing time for all of our wedding couples.

A couple of outdoor services took place in the grounds of the churches around the Harvest and Christmas period before the second national lockdown was implemented. These proved very popular with local people who were very happy to be able to attend an informal family service.

One significant positive development has been the introduction of “Zoom” video church services which have proved incredibly popular with many local people throughout the valley. These services started in May and have been taking place every Sunday and Wednesday for daily prayer throughout the remainder of the year.

There has also been a significant negative financial impact to the church as there have been very few physical services and as a consequence the donations on the plate have plummeted whilst most expenses remain payable.

Membership

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The numbers on the electoral roll for the parish reduced sharply following the complete refresh of the roll to 62 (previously 93), but this has since increased with encouragement from Churchwardens to people who were previously on the electoral roll, and the electoral roll last now stands at 87.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Clergy	*Rector, The Revd. Stephen Southgate Chairman (On sabbatical/secondment from August 2019 until resignation in September 2020 The Revd. Sue Morton ,Associate Priest (On secondment from January 2019 until her return in April 2020)	
Churchwardens	*Mr Michael Tebbot (Until 20 October 2020 *Mrs Jill Steward (From 21 October 2020 *Mrs Judy Hunt (From 21 October 2020	Hambleden Hambleden Frieth
Deputy Churchwardens	Vacant Vacant	Hambleden Frieth
PCC Members:	*#~Mr Paul Marston-Weston *Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston Mrs Sharon Smith *Mrs Judy Hunt +Mr Gideon Lacey *Mr Michael Tebbot Miss Christine Wells *Mrs Jill Steward Mrs Elizabeth Wilks Ms Mardi Wilkins Mr Geoffrey Beanland Mrs Gillian Cruse	Secretary Treasurer Collector,

Key: Symbol(s) denote additional role(s)
* Member of the Standing Committee, ** Co-opted Member, + Deanery Synod Representative, # Safeguarding Officer,~ Acting Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Meetings

The PCC met five times during the year, excluding the APCM, all except the first meeting in February 2020 were held by Zoom video conferencing to conduct the business of the PCC with an average attendance of 93% (84% last year). The PCC Standing Committee did not convene to expedite urgent business during the year.

Church Services

Since March 2020, the pattern of services has been decimated by the coronavirus pandemic and all services ceased from 23 March 2020 until 15 June 2020 when churches were permitted to reopen for private prayer only. When allowed by the government, there were a number of Churchyard prayers services at Frieth and Hambleden led by Revd Sue Morton for a few weeks before services resumed.

However, Zoom church services have proved very popular with many people and continued on most Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the year from May 2020 onwards.

Average Zoom attendances at Sunday services across the group was 35 (Hambleden - 2019 - 28 adults plus 0 under 16, Frieth – 2019 - 20 adults plus 3 under 16).

Special Services and Study Courses

Hambleden hosted the annual **Valentine's service** – a service for everyone, but in particular for couples who have been or are going to be married in the Hambleden Valley. This was held again in 2020 but nearly all weddings planned for 2020 had to be postponed.

Plough Sunday is a service of prayer, dedication and blessing for all those involved in agriculture and the countryside. It is held annually in Turville Church in January on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

Unfortunately, as a result of the pandemic, many of the usual regular services did not take place and these included the following;

Local people from the valley supported the annual **Footprints service** at Lane End. "Footprints" is a service held just before Mother's Day and is for anyone who has lost a child.

Barney's Toddler Group was suspended in March owing to the Coronavirus pandemic. Under normal circumstances the group would meet monthly at Frieth Village Hall with activities for children and babies and a meeting point for parents. Each month there is a Bible story, crafts, songs, toys and homemade cake.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2020 for the Hambleden Valley Group was held in Turville just before the first national Covid lockdown.

Charitable Giving

Charitable giving continued at a much reduced level as the church finances were badly affected by the pandemic as there were very few church services and so no collections, or weddings. This year a total of £2,653 was given (last year £8,580). Organisations

supported include; Wycliffe Bible Translators, Friends of Christchurch Cathedral, the Wycombe Homeless Connection, Frieth school, Royal School of Church Music and Hambleden Parish Hall.

Other Activities

Prayers for Peace. These quiet, prayerful services are normally held quarterly (in February, May, August and November), but this year a service was held in February only. Sometimes these events are held in people's homes or in churches, in response to world conflict, and are attended by those of all denominations.

The **Tea Club**, for more elderly residents of the parish and valley, meeting weekly at St Katharine's Parmoor had to be suspended.

Wednesday Morning Communion Service is a weekly said service of Eucharist in St Mary's, Turville with prayers for healing and anointing with oil, on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10.15am. Again these services were suspended owing to the pandemic.

Hambleden and Frieth churches would usually host services and events through **Lent and Holy Week. Friendly Lent lunches** would normally be held at Frieth and Hambleden and again had to be cancelled owing to the pandemic.

The **Hambleden and Frieth Choirs**, under the direction of Miss Christine Wells, were unable to operate during most of the year owing to the Covid restrictions. In January 2020, our combined Hambleden Valley Choir participated in the **Henley Choirs Festival**. The ever popular **Hambleden Concerts** were cancelled throughout the summer. Charities supported from the December 2019 choir carol singing were Riding for the Disabled and Medic Malawi, a charity specifically focused on one area in Malawi.

Hambleden and Turville Bell-ringers - There have been bells in the Hambleden valley for at least six hundred years. Out of the seven churches in the parish, only Turville (5 bells) and Hambleden (8) have bells hung for change-ringing, where the ringing order can be changed. The oldest is the "Agincourt Bell" at Hambleden, which dates back to the battle of 1415. There are more than a dozen enthusiastic ringers who give up their evenings to practice at Turville (Mondays) and Hambleden (Fridays), so they can properly call the congregation to service, and to ring after weddings and mark other special dates or events.

Church Porch Teas through the summer months offer refreshments to locals and passers-by on Sunday afternoons in Hambleden. Again, this has had to be cancelled owing to the pandemic.

Outdoor Harvest Festival services were well attended in both churches as these were permissible during the restrictions.

The Animal Blessing Service is held annually in October on the Village Green, Turville and unfortunately this year, it had to be cancelled owing to very poor weather.

All Souls Service is held annually to remember those who have departed. This year it was held in Turville.

Frieth church organise a monthly **Lunch Club** at a local pub. Approximately 20 - 25 people now regularly attend each monthly event. Unfortunately, this was also suspended during the pandemic

The Royal British Legion Annual Service of Remembrance usually rotates between the four churches across the valley. This year we were unable to provide any indoor services but there was a special Zoom service and at Frieth church, the churchwarden read the names of the fallen, laid a new poppy cross and said prayers. There was also an outdoor village ceremony held in Hambleden.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston would like to give her sincere thanks to Mr Rex Alott and Mrs Sharon Smith for their assistance with the banking of donations throughout the year. Sincere thanks are also due to Mr Mike Wortley, for preparing and inspecting the annual accounts.

The church is very grateful for the continued financial support received from the many supporters who give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme or by standing order. Their continued support is critical for the continued success of the church.

The 2020 Accounts and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC at its meeting held on the 27 April 2021.

Revd Sue Lepp

Revd. Sue Lepp
Priest in Charge
27 April 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 7 – 19 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the church accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the Central Board of Finance. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

- have not been met; or

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

M.G.Wortley
Colstrope Lane
Hambleden,
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27 April 2021

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31st December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors	2a	35,603	52,109
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	13,389	12,428
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	5,491	16,527
Income from investments	2d	14,934	14,263
Other income, non-recurring	2e	-	2,305
Total incoming resources		**69,417**	**97,632**
Resources used			
Grants	3a	2,653	8,540
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	78,926	89,423
Church management and administration	3c	159	-
Total resources used		**81,738**	**97,963**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**(12,321)**	**(331)**
General Fund at 1st January 2020		**95,958**	**96,289**
General Fund at 31st December 2020		**£ 83,637**	**£ 95,958**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Assets held for investment purposes	4	618,056	580,941
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	4,814	9,340
Central Board of Finance - deposit account		16,053	15,986
Barclays Bank - current account		70,703	77,257
		91,570	102,583
Total Assets		709,626	683,524
less liabilities - creditors	6	2,434	1,127
Total nett assets		**£ 707,192**	**£ 682,397**
Which are represented by:-			
Funds			
Endowments	9	53,358	50,083
Restricted - Youth Project	7	1,981	1,981
Restricted - Hardship Fund	8	3,519	3,519
Restricted - School House Fund	4c	527,197	493,356
Unrestricted - Mission Housing Association Ltd	4a	37,500	37,500
		623,555	586,439
General Funds			
Designated - Frieth Church	4b	18,000	-
Unrestricted		65,637	95,958
Total Funds	9	**£ 707,192**	**£ 682,397**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their Meeting held on 27th April 2021

Revd Sue Lepp

Revd. Sue Lepp
Priest in Charge
27th April 2021

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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. Some trusts in the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance are restricted, and their capital cannot be used

The accounts 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.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

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

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

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aided donations is recognised when the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses on the School House fund and the Mission Housing Property are recognised when the investments are sold. Realised gains and losses on the various other funds and bequests are taken into account each year.

Resources used

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota 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.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Investments

All investments are now included at market value.

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.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2020

Note		2020	2019
2	**Incoming Resources:**		
2a	***From donors:-***		
	Committed giving (gift aided)	17,988	22,440
	Committed giving (not gift aided)	616	600
	Collections at all services (gift aided)	2,219	6,021
	Collections at all services (not gift aided)	5,429	6,230
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	4,898	9,351
	Church boxes	891	2,547
	Sundry donations	3,562	4,920
		£ 35,603	**£ 52,109**
2b	***From legacy and other grants:***		
	Gomm dividends	8,413	8,605
	Harris dividends	3,455	2,319
	From endowments		
	Lord Parmoor	1,148	1,139
	Augusta Murray	310	304
	Clerks Piece	63	61
		£ 13,389	**£ 12,428**
2c	***From charitable, statutory and ancillary trading:-***		
	Rector's fees - weddings	2,240	4,455
	Rector's fees - funerals	3,021	2,477
	Porch teas	-	4,913
	Lent lunches	-	1,741
	Hambleden Men's Day	-	1,195
	Other special events (including car parking)	230	1,746
		£ 5,491	**£ 16,527**
2d	***From investments:-***		
	School House dividends	14,867	14,144
	Central board of finance (deposit account)	67	119
		£ 14,934	**£ 14,263**
2e	***Other income (non-recurring)***		
	Miscellaneous sales	**£ -**	**£ 2,305**
	Total incoming resources	**£ 69,417**	**£ 97,632**

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
For the year ending 31st December 2020

Note		Note	2020	2019
3	**Resources used**			
3a	***Grants made:-***			
	Missionary societies	3a(i)	247	1,497
	Relief and development agencies	3a(ii)	775	4,929
	Home Mission and other Church societies	3a(iii)	289	1,377
	Secular charities	3a(iv)	1,342	737
			£ 2,653	**£ 8,540**
3b	***Expenditure relating to the cost of the Church:-***			
	Parish Share		49,351	49,100
	Deanery expenses		520	475
	Hambleden Valley Group expenses		6,925	7,524
	Church running expenses - Hambleden		2,142	3,742
	Church running expenses - Frieth		750	465
	Maintenance costs - Hambleden		5,877	3,815
	Maintenance costs - Frieth		3,889	2,228
	Organs and choirs		5,922	8,246
	Church service expenses		36	674
	Upkeep of Pheasants Hill churchyard		1,696	2,910
	Upkeep of Frieth churchyard & maintenance of Parmoor graves		1,280	6,926
	Upkeep of rectory garden		-	1,230
	Hambleden Rewiring		538	2,088
			£ 78,926	**£ 89,423**
3c	***Church management and administration:-***			
	Printing and stationery etc		159	-
	Bank charges		-	-
			£ 159	**£ -**
	Total resources used		**£ 81,738**	**£ 97,963**

Storage of Silver: The Hambleden heritage silver is now lodged at Christchurch Cathedral forsafekeeping. It is occasionally made available for public display. The storage and insurance costs are currently borne by the Diocese.

Organ and Choir: many choir costs (eg robes) are met by fundraising by the choir and Director of Music at bring and buy stalls during the summer. This is separate from their charity fundraising activities during the Christmas season.

HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Note		2020	2019
3a	**Grants to charities**		
3a(i)	***Missionary Societies:-***		
	Church Mission Society	-	600
	Barnabas Fund	-	600
	Wycliffe Bible Translators	247	297
		£ 247	**£ 1,497**
3a(ii)	***Relief and development agencies:-***		
	Christian Aid	-	2,638
	Marlow Refugee Group	-	300
	One Can Trust	-	300
	Sightsavers	-	845
	Thames Valley Air Ambulance	-	846
	Medic Malawi	775	-
		£ 775	**£ 4,929**
3a(iii)	***Home mission and other Church societies:-***		
	Friends of Christchurch Cathedral	10	10
	Wycombe Homeless	279	289
	Bishop's Outreach Fund	-	355
	Fawley PCC	-	266
	Fingest PCC	-	191
	Medmenham PCC	-	266
		£ 289	**£ 1,377**
3a(iv)	***Secular charities:-***		
	Royal Agricultural Benevolent Insititution	-	257
	Frieth School (Lord Parmoor bequest)	20	180
	Riding for the Disabled	776	-
	RCSM	246	-
	Hambleden Parish Hall	300	300
		£ 1,342	**£ 737**
	Total grants to charities	**£ 2,653**	**£ 8,540**

Grants made exclude offertory proceeds passed directly to the charity concerned or the occasional third party cheque received made payable to a charity.

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Note		Note	2020	2019
4	**Assets held for investment purposes**			
	Unrestricted:-			
4a	Mission Housing Association Ltd (formerly Victoria Park Homes)	11	**£ 37,500**	**£ 37,500**
4b	**Designated:-**			
	Frieth Church - Funds received and set aside for the following			
	Improvement of the welcome area		2,000	-
	Rebuild cupboards and refurbishment		3,500	-
	Refurbishment including plasterwork		12,500	-
			£ 18,000	**£ -**
	Restricted:-			
4c	School House fund			
	Fund at 1st January 2018		493,356	443,164
	Dividends and interest received		14,783	14,193
			508,139	457,357
	Cash transferred to HPCC bank account		(14,867)	(14,144)
	Brokers fees		-	(6,270)
	Unrealised gain/(loss) on Market Value		33,925	56,413
	Value of investments at Market Value		**£ 527,197**	**£ 493,356**
	Represented by:-			
	Market value of investments			
	CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 25,732.87 Income shares at 2,048.73 pence per share		527,197	492,723
	Cash held at brokers		-	549
	Dividends held as cash by brokers		-	84
			£ 527,197	**£ 493,356**

Analysis of Movement of Investments

	Mission Housing Assoc'n	*Lord Parmoor*	*AEA Murray*	*Clerks Piece*	*School House*	*TOTAL*
Market value at beginning of year	37,500	37,912	10,124	2,049	493,356	580,941
Additions at cost					549	549
Disposals at market value					-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in cash at Brokers					(633)	(633)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation		2,496	647	131	33,925	37,199
Market value at the end of the year	37,500	40,408	10,771	2,180	527,197	618,056

		2020	209
	Total assets held for investment purposes	**£ 618,056**	**£ 580,941**
5	**Debtors**		
	Income tax recoverable under gift aid	4,497	9,340
	Funeral fees	317	-
		-	-
		£ 4,814	**£ 9,340**
6	**Creditors**		
	Sundry creditors	934	870
	Frieth churchyard	-	257
	Pheasants Hill Churchyard	1,000	-
	Hambleden maintenance - Bell tower	500	-
		£ 2,434	**£ 1,127**

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Note		2020	2019
7	**Youth project**		
	Balance at 1st January 2020	1,981	1,981
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Expenditure	-	-
	Balance at 31st December 2020	**£ 1,981**	**£ 1,981**
8	**Hardship fund**		
	Balance at 1st January 2020	3,519	3,614
	Incoming funds	-	-
	Deduct disbursements	-	(95)
	Balance at 31st December 2020	**£ 3,519**	**£ 3,519**

9 **Statement of Funds**

		Balance 31/12/2019	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gain/(Loss) on revaluation	Balance 31/12/2020
Endowments - Note 13							
Lord Parmoor	***Investment Fund***	34,600	1,036		(1,036)	2,380	36,980
	Fixed Interest	3,312	112		(112)	116	3,428
AEA Murray		10,124	310		(310)	647	10,771
Clerks Piece		2,049	63		(63)	130	2,179
		50,085	1,521	-	(1,521)	3,273	53,358
Restricted							
Youth Project		1,981					1,981
Hardship Fund		3,519					3,519
School House Fund		493,356	14,783		(14,867)	33,925	527,197
		498,856	14,783	-	(14,867)	33,925	532,697
Unrestricted							
Mission Housing Association Ltd		37,500					37,500
General Fund		95,958	53,029	(81,738)	16,388		83,637
		133,458	53,029	(81,738)	16,388	-	121,137
TOTAL FUNDS		**£ 682,399**	**£ 69,333**	**£ (81,738)**	**£ -**	**£ 37,198**	**£ 707,192**

10 No remuneration was paid to Mr Mike Wortley, the independent examiner of these accounts

11 ***Victoria Park Homes:-***

The charity known previously as Victoria Park Homes is now the Mission Housing Association Ltd. The valuation of the Parish's current loan balance of £37,500 in the Median Road project is now advised to be £122,190 as at the 31st December 2020 (2019 - £107,613 and 2018 - £111,624). However like stocks and shares, this is only a paper valuation. Therefore, for accounting purposes only the original loan figure is shown in these accounts, until such time as any gain is realised. The loan is due for repayment in July 2022, although this may be rolled over again.

12 The PCC manages two further funds in addition to School House. The Sidney Arthur Harris Will trust and Dorothy Clara Gomm Will Trust are shown in separate accounts on the following pages. Each year appropriate transfers are made from these funds into the general fund

13 Monies are received annually from various endowments. In each case the principal is held by the Oxford Diocese Board of trustees as custodian

The Lord Parmoor Bequest for the upkeep of the Parmoor family graves in Frieth churchyard, and a small bequest for the children of Frieth school.

Miss Augusta E A Murray, originally as a stipend for any one curate for the time being appointed to the parish in addition to any curate appointed by the incumbent

The Clerk's Piece, originally for the parish clerk - or to the sexton, or other person performing the parish clerk's duties.

THE DOROTHY CLARA GOMM WILL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
Income		
Dividends received	8,389	8,046
Interest from Brokers	-	13
Interest from Central Board	9	15
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	19,392	30,510
	27,790	38,584
Outgoings		
Broker's management fees	-	3,307
Grant to PCC	8,413	8,605
	8,413	11,912
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 19,377	£ 26,672
BALANCE SHEET		
Assets		
Deposit account	2,019	2,011
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 14,674.93 Income shares at 2,048.73 pence per	300,650	274,678
Dividends held by Brokers	-	23
Cash held at Brokers	-	6,580
	£ 302,669	£ 283,292
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	283,292	256,620
Surplus/Deficit for the year	19,377	26,672
	£ 302,669	£ 283,292
Analysis of Movement of Investments		
Market Value at beginning of year	274,678	252,873
Additions at cost	6,580	289,188
Disposals at market value	-	(297,893)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	19,392	30,510
Market value at the end of the year	£ 300,650	£ 274,678

Dorothy Clara Gomm died on 13 February 1978 and her residuary estate was bequeathed to "the Vicar and Churchwardens of St John's Church, Frieth", after a life interest in the house and investments given to her husband, Daniel Gomm. Mr Gomm died on 26 February 1988. Insofar as the parishes of Frieth and Hambleden are joined together and managed by one Parochial Church Council of Hambleden with Frieth and the will specified that the bequest should be for St Johns Church, Frieth, the PCC operates the trust as a restricted trust so that money may be applied primarily for the benefit of St John's Church, Frieth.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 27th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Jill Steward
Churchwarden, Hambleden

Mrs Lynda Marston-Weston
Honorary Treasurer

THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

Registered charity number: 296482

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Year ended 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
Income		
Dividends received	3,455	2,134
Interest from Brokers	-	3
Interest from Central Board	8	14
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	8,191	14,820
	11,654	16,971
Outgoings		
Broker's management fees		1,403
Grant to PCC	3,455	2,319
	3,455	3,722
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 8,199	£ 13,249

BALANCE SHEET

Assets		
Deposit account	1,995	1,987
Investments at Market Value		
CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 6,148.51 Income shares at 2,048.73 pence per share	125,966	105,994
Dividends held by Brokers	-	-
Cash held at Brokers	-	11,781
	£ 127,961	£ 119,762
Represented by		
General fund - 1st January	119,762	106,513
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	8,199	13,249
	£ 127,961	£ 119,762

Analysis of Movement of Investments

Market Value at beginning of year	105,994	103,688
Additions at cost	11,781	120,494
Disposals at market value	-	(133,008)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	8,191	14,820
Market value at the end of the year	£ 125,966	£ 105,994

Sidney Arthur Harris died on 13th May 1983 and his residuary estate was bequeathed to Hambleden Parochial Church Council "upon trust to invest the same and apply the income thereof as to one half part thereof towards the upkeep of Hambleden Parish church itself and as to the remaining one half part of the income of my residuary estate towards the upkeep of the churchyard at Hambleden". On 7th January 1987 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme whereby "the half-share of the income ..... which is to be applied towards the upkeep of the churchyard of Hambleden church shall be applied for the upkeep of the new churchyard at Hambleden and subject thereto for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Hambleden with St John the Evangelist, Frieth and All Saints, Skirmett". The will trust is a registered charity, No. 296482 and is a permanent endowment fund.

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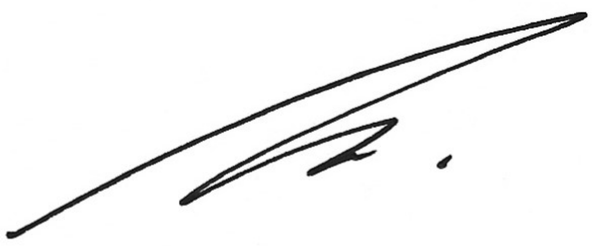
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF HAMBLEDEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES OF THE SIDNEY ARTHUR HARRIS WILL TRUST

I have examined the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet of the Sidney Arthur Harris Will Trust set out on page 18 relating to the year ended 31 December 2020.

My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the Statement accords with the accounting records of the Trust and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.



M.G.Wortley
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27 April 2021