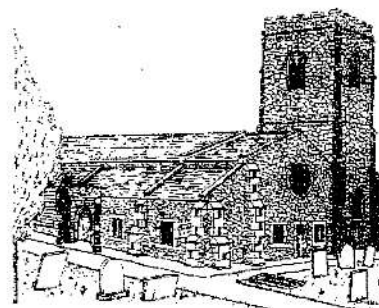


St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn  
Charity Number 1134810

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023



### SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

#### Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Bartholomew, Quorn

#### Other Names by which charity is known

None

#### Registered Charity Number

1134810

#### Charity's Principal Address

St Bartholomew's Church  
Church Lane  
Quorn  
LE12 8DP

#### Names of Trustees who Manage the Charity

Revd K A Beecham (joined 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023)

Revd S K Marshall

Mrs D E Bird

Mr M G Bird

Mr D F Bodicoat

Mr A G Coates

Mr D C Cooper

Mr J H Cox

Mr K F Croysdale

Mrs J Croysdale

Ms D E Daly

Dr M Gilbert

Mr A Mosley

Miss H D A Shacklock

Miss A M Treasure

Mr P Turlington

Mrs S Turlington

Mrs C I Young (joined 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Mr J G Maltby (left 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Miss S Newton (left 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Revd M A Lomax (left 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

Mrs C Thornborow (left 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

#### Names of the Trustees for the Charity, if any (for example custodian trustees)

The Trustees for St Bartholomew's Church (custodian trustee)

## **SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Type of Governing document**

Local Ecumenical Project Sharing Agreement between the Anglican and Methodist churches of Quorn: 10<sup>th</sup> May 1983

### **How the charity is constituted**

Act of Parliament

### **Trustee selection methods**

Ministers, together with people elected by the general meeting of all church members to specific posts. Plus, church representatives elected at the AGM for fixed terms.

## **SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The focus of this review of church activities and achievements will be how St Bartholomew's United Church reflects our love and devotion to God and our commitment to church members and the wider community.

### **Ministry, Worship and Music**

#### **The Worship Committee**

During this Interregnum we have continued to maintain the variety of services that have long been a feature of this church. Regular Morning Worship (some with Baptism) and Family Services have also been held, usually on the second and fourth Sundays. We continue to have a Book of Common Prayer sung Evensong service at 6.30pm once a month, usually on the second Sunday, and a midweek Book of Common Prayer Service of Holy Communion once a month on a Wednesday at 10am. Methodist services are usually on the third Sunday. Rev Steve Delaforce usually takes our Common Worship Communion services on the first Sunday of the month.

Services are regularly reviewed and any feedback from members of the congregation is noted. This feedback informs our future planning.

Future services are discussed up to six months in advance. I book the Officiants and prior to the service I also liaise with the Minister, Choir and Organist and those on our rotas (Readings, Intercessions and Servers) so that all are aware of what is planned for that particular service. Ray Rue writes the rota for Sidespeople.

A few services have been led by members of our congregation. Julie Croysdale led our service on Safeguarding in September. Keith Croysdale led a Morning Worship service in June and will lead a Taizé service in January 2024 to which members of the Baptist Church will be invited. During Holy Week Paul Turlington, Tony Coates and Su Turlington all led different forms of Compline.

Rev Canon Nick Bird was welcomed back to Quorn for a service of Evening Worship in July 2023. We also had a Speaker at the Morning Worship service led by Dawn Daly on 11<sup>th</sup> June from Exaireo, a Charity for the Homeless. We are looking forward to welcoming Professor Julian Allwood back to Quorn in February to speak at a Morning Worship service about the Environment.

Dawn Daly, our Lay Minister, has responsibility for Families and Life Events (Baptisms, Weddings Funerals.) Over the past year she has continued to develop the Family Service to include an expanding team of adults and an enthusiastic group of children who regularly take part. Heulwen Howells has assisted Dawn with the Family Services and has taken several services herself. Amanda Moxon has also helped with Family Services. We are very grateful to Dawn and the team for the hard work they have put into the planning of Family Services and to Dawn for planning and organising Morning Worship services including those with Baptism. Baptisms continue to be an

integral part of a Morning Worship service and we are grateful to ministers who are happy to attend baptism preparation sessions and officiate at the service. Several baptisms have been held during 2023, with Dawn and Heulwen initially working with the families, to advise in the selection of godparents, and to offer prayers and guidance. Baptism families are invited to attend Family Services in the months preceding the baptism service and they continue to receive invitations to subsequent Family Services as well as others, such as the Christmas Eve Crib Service.

The Crib service on Christmas Eve 2023 was very well attended by young families. Diane Bird, Julie Croysdale and the team put in a lot of hard work to ensure its success.

We have continued to develop our links with Quorn Baptist Church, supporting Joint Church events and services and in January 2024 we are invited to attend Quorn Baptist Church for a Unity service as part of the week of Christian Unity.

I am grateful to the members of the Committee for their support and for all their work. In my absence Dawn Daly chaired the meetings.

*Helen Shacklock (Chair, Worship Committee)*

### **St Bartholomew's Church Choir**

Choir practice has been held on a Friday throughout the year and the choir has been present at services every Sunday. Anthems have been sung at special services on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, the Memorial Service for the Bereaved, the Advent Light Service, Nine Lessons and Carols, Epiphany and Candlemas. We have also sung anthems at the monthly Book of Common Prayer Evensong services and, when we have been invited, at a few weddings and funerals. Several new members joined us for Advent and Nine Lessons and we are very pleased that some will also join us on Good Friday 2024.

Services have been accompanied on the organ by Angus McKechnie and Helen Shacklock. Chris Hill, David Bristow and Andy Stockley have also helped out. Tony Coates, Mary Treasure, Heulwen Howells and Charlotte Young, assisted by Steve Delaforce, have played guitar, violin, alto saxophone and bass at the monthly Family Services.

An orchestral group organised by Mary Treasure and assisted by Lindsey Holleworth, Kathryn Barwell and members of the Charnwood Orchestra will play at the service of Morning Prayer on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Angus McKechnie deserves a special mention. For personal reasons I was unable to come to Church in the late Summer and early Autumn of 2023. Angus took over the Choir and nearly all the organ playing, keeping everything going admirably and he continues to give me a lot of support.

As ever, I am very grateful to the members of the choir, organists and musicians for their support, hard work and loyalty over the past year.

A Children's Choir, Children's Voices, trained by Anna Davies has performed successfully at three family services during the year. Rachael Roberts has accompanied them on the piano on the last two occasions.

We are always keen to attract new choristers. Anyone who is willing to learn, enjoys singing and is enthusiastic, is invited to join us. Those with previous choral experience who can read music would be particularly welcome.

*Helen Shacklock (Director of Music)*

### **Bellringers**

The last Bell Maintenance Service was completed in July 2023, no issues were identified. Replacement ropes for three bells have been ordered at a cost of £105 + VAT per rope.

Ringling during 2023 included practice nights most weeks and Sunday Service ringling, as well as ringling for wedding and other special events. We continue to monitor that there is adequate air circulation and have the window / door open and extractor fan on when ringling to maintain this. This has meant that during really cold weather we have cancelled practice due to the ringling room being very cold. In 2023, we also had a number of visiting ringlers and trainee ringlers.

During 2023 we had the pleasure to ring for HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla's Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May, where a group of three ringlers from Quorn visited Seagrave to ring on the morning of the Coronation, in addition to ringling at Quorn just before the Coronation service commenced.

There have been a few opportunities for social events during the year: we enjoyed an evening meal in the village in January 2023 and visited Seagrave for practice in November, afterwards we shared an excellent pub meal at Seagrave.

*Faith Daykin (Tower Captain)*

### **Children and Families**

Monthly all-age services have been held to offer families opportunities to worship and learn together and also to meet other families. Our Voluntary Associate Minister, together with a member of the church council and the RE lead at St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School, have all planned and taken leading roles in these services and have always involved a number of children who have some connections with our church. These connections have been made mainly through contact with the Primary School and attendance at Messy Church in the past. Other members of the congregation and parents have also contributed, bringing their gifts of music, drama, etc.

Some special services are also geared to families and the Christmas Eve Crib service attracts sufficient families to fill the church. Children and their parents again participate and the nativity is portrayed visually with costumes, etc. Uniformed youth organisations also participate in the village Remembrance Service.

Family-oriented activities are published on social media as well as by more conventional means.

During all services, families are welcome to use our 'play corner' at the front of the church, which is now particularly well equipped thanks to the generosity of one of the older children in giving some of the toys she has grown out of.

A long-standing 'Open the Book' team, jointly run with Quorn Baptist Church, continues to offer a weekly assembly to the Primary School's Key Stage 1 and 2 students; it is much appreciated by both pupils and staff. Our Voluntary Associate Minister, Dawn Daly, also leads Key Stage 2 assemblies two or three times a term, and Rev Sandra Marshall has done some too. Church members are involved with Christmas and Easter sessions for the Primary School at QBC and also with the Holiday Club in August.

'Restoration Station' was the Holiday Club offered in August 2023. Bible-themed drama, crafts, music and games were presented over three days to 5-11 year olds. Quorn Baptist Church are the main organisers and leaders in what has historically been a joint project, but St Bartholomew's did make some contributions both practically and financially.

*Ruth Treseder (Youth Co-ordinator)*

### **St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School**

I have been in post for a year now, and have done all the training including preparation for the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection by the Diocese next year. The previous one gave the school an outstanding report. I am pleased to say that my experience of the ethos, teaching and upholding of Christian beliefs, values and standards is very evident throughout the school and hopefully bodes well for the next inspection.



The leadership of RE and Collective Worship by Amanda Moxon and Hannah Taylor, supported by the Head, Alex Clark, and staff is enthusiastic and inspirational. There is visual evidence of Christian symbols, texts and displays throughout the school. RE is taught as a core subject and should ideally, including assemblies, occupy 5-10% of the curriculum.

Assemblies and Collective Worship are held daily for all age groups, either in the hall or classroom. There is a weekly input from the Open the Book team, presenting costumed Bible stories to the younger children and this is always enjoyed. Collective Worship with a termly theme is for older children and is led by a team of staff plus Dawn, Ian Smith from Quorn Baptist Church, Keith from SOAR and myself. There are workshops to prepare for the Christian festivals and the congregation has enjoyed seeing their displays in church.

A group from Years 5 and 6 plan and lead an assembly for the whole school. I am impressed by their commitment and confidence, which shines out when they take part in Family Services in church.

I have accompanied visits to a synagogue and Hindu mandir and was impressed by the knowledge of the children in remembering all they were taught beforehand. I believe that a visit to the Loughborough mosque is also planned. It is important that the children learn about other faiths and can see how much common ground there is with Christianity.

My role is to be a link between church and school and I have enjoyed being in school, taking part in many of the assemblies, services and events, and getting to know the children and staff.

The school is providing an excellent grounding in Christianity for every child and this is important, too, for their spiritual, social and cultural development and well-being. This is a doubly important role as sadly many families do not provide this Christian background. The school is helping to prepare children to be kind, respectful and responsible as they take their place in the modern world.

*Alison Cooper (Foundation Governor)*

### **Rawlins Academy – a Church of England School**

The link between St Bartholomew's Church and Rawlins Academy, a Church of England school, has historically been most tenuous for several reasons. In fact, the only noticeable sign was the annual Christmas concert held in church and an occasional summer concert, with the venue itself being the only religious symbol. A significant obstacle for many years was the refusal by successive Principals to consider Rawlins anything but a church school in name only. A breakthrough came a few years ago with the appointment of Clare Darby, totally committed to honouring our link. Not only did she have to battle against more than 30 years of secularism, she then had to contend with the Covid pandemic; the re-introduction of students to attending school with appropriate behaviour and work ethic; the extended negotiations leading to a merger of Rawlins, a single academy trust, into Embrace, as part of a multi-academy Trust; and a school comprising of numerous buildings of varying age and suitability, some of questionable robustness requiring daily intervention, that are now part of an approved plan for a significant rebuild. Clare did her best, attending some church services and reading a lesson during our annual Nine Lessons and Carols, and introducing a Christmas service in church, starting with Year 7 in December 2022. A positive note during her tenure was the appointment of an enthusiastic Head of RE at Easter 2023 but sadly this ended in October owing to ill-health. Consequently, the teaching of RE and regular collective Christian worship remained a concern.

At the end of October 2023 Clare announced her departure from Rawlins. We have been fortunate that, as part of a multi-academy Trust, an acting Principal was immediately instated and, as from January 2024, Bob White has now agreed to remain as Principal with the intention of leading the school through its forthcoming OFSTED and SIAMS inspections.

Bob is continuing Clare's engagement with St Bartholomew's and has declared his intention to promote christianity to Christianity (note the capital C!). Since October 2023, the oversight of RE

at Rawlins and collective worship has been reviewed and made more robust. Members of staff with commitment to RE, collective worship and the school's Christian ethos have been identified. Two students read a lesson during the service led by Bishop Martyn at the end of October; two separate Christmas services were held in church at the end of term, one for Year 7 and the other for Year 8. The Year 7 service was attended by Tracey Manns, Deputy Director of Education for the Diocese of Leicester. Tracey was highly encouraged, through her conversations with Bob and with what she had witnessed for herself, about the steps being taken to increase the Christian ethos and for Rawlins to become visibly recognised as a church school. It is the intention to continue to bring students to church for services, building up over time to include services for all years, 7 through to 13, initially at Christmas, then at Easter and the end of the school year in July. As I write this, four Rawlins students are preparing to play a significant role in the Family Service on 25<sup>th</sup> February, a service that will hopefully be attended by some members of staff and students to offer their support, as well as some governors. A future initiative is to invite and encourage budding young journalists to contribute to our monthly church magazine, Quorn News.

I take my role as a Foundation Governor extremely seriously. I attend all meetings that I possibly can; I have completed training and courses appropriate for my role, such as Prayer Spaces in School, Safeguarding and preparation for SIAMS; together with my fellow Foundation Governor I have taken the role of link governor for RE; and I sign on to monthly Zoom briefings run by the Diocese's Department of Education for Foundation Governors. At the Christmas concert and Christmas services I was invited to speak and to give a blessing. I am encouraged that the future for our link with Rawlins shows great promise.

*Heulwen Howells (Foundation Governor (ex-officio))*

### **Safeguarding**

This year continues to be busy as we embed safeguarding to ensure it is core to our mission as a church.

In accordance with the request from the Diocese the church continue to operate the "Promoting a Safer Church Policy"; a copy of which is held at the back of the church in the policy folder and is available online for everyone to view at [Diocese of Leicester | Resources for Church Settings \(anglican.org\)](https://www.dioceseofleicester.org/resources-for-church-settings). In addition to the online resources and training, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team have offered advice and supported the church officers directly this year to help us ensure we are creating a safe environment for all our parishioners.

I am pleased to report that the church is continuing to actively using the Parish Dashboard as a means of keeping up to date with recording and reporting safeguarding activity, which covers a number of areas of compliance around training, policies and reporting and church activities. The dashboard is an excellent tool which is RAG rated, and therefore is a simple way to keep on top of any outstanding actions. A report is created for each UCC meeting and circulated as part of the minutes so the committee members can see any actions which are required.

We have continued to use the Parish Facebook page to promote services and it has been a great asset to ensure the villagers are aware of the portfolio of services on offer throughout the week; it was a particular help at Christmas as part of the wider communication strategy. The church members administering our social media pages are fully compliant with the Diocesan Social Media Policy.

The focus this year has been on UCC members and other key leaders ensuring their training was up to date and this was achieved by using the online platform and a series of face-to-face training sessions in our church in June and July which were attended by many in our church and the surrounding area.

We also held our second safeguarding service in September, considering something said by Bishop Martyn; Safeguarding is not about Policies, Procedures and Training, as important as these are. Safeguarding is about people and creating safe spaces. So the address considered how we

can show God's love at a practical level and how each and every one of us has a part to play in helping to create and importantly maintain that safe space for our church community.  
*Julie Croysdale (UCC Safeguarding Lead)*

### **Property**

This has been a busy year in which we have been involved in a wide variety of activities. The Property group met on seven occasions in 2023.

We have an annual maintenance list and ensured that all essential maintenance tasks were completed. These include checks on fire extinguishers, fire alarm and emergency lighting, and lightning conductor, PAT testing, servicing clock, bells and gas boiler, and organ tuning. Cleaning guttering and drains, and monitoring and maintenance of the roof security system, were also carried out.

Energy costs in winter 2022/2023 were of concern and the heating programme was modified to reduce these, although this did result in complaints from the congregation on colder days. Considerable time was spent investigating and costing the installation of pew heaters in the nave. Initial costs for installation were high due to the need to establish an appropriate route for wiring, and more work would be needed on this. The project would have been funded by a grant application and donations but was deferred while gas and electricity prices are volatile. To meet climate change requirements, we may need to return to this in future.

Further work was carried out on the project to create a new memorial garden in the old Churchyard. A design was produced by our architect and some minor modifications agreed. Material costs have been obtained and currently we are trying to obtain quotations from stonemasons for installation of the proposed stonework. We shall attempt to move this forward in 2024.

In May windows in the kitchen and creche were vandalised, and a considerable amount of time was spent to protect the Church until repairs were carried out, and to liaise with the insurers. After a lot of discussion the windows were repaired and are now protected by thick polycarbonate sheets.

A number of lights in the chancel failed and needed to be replaced by new LED light fittings. This work was agreed by the UCC in September, and a Faculty application submitted for a DAC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Smaller tasks have included monitoring unstable tomb stones in both old (Charnwood Council responsibility) and new (our responsibility) Churchyards, and replacing the overflowing waste containers in the new Churchyard by garden collection wheelie bins hired from the Borough Council. During the year, the Old Churchyard and Church View Gardens were designated as a Candidate Local Wildlife site. Work has commenced on organising archive material held in the Church.

*Marianne Gilbert (Chair, Property Group)*

### **Church Rooms**

The Church Rooms, which provide a community facility to Quorn as well as the Church, and also house a Pre-School Group during term-time, experienced in 2023 a year which was ultimately more successful than was thought likely at its commencement. Financially there was a deficit of around £3000, largely resulting from the roof repair as outlined in the following paragraph, but year-end reserves were satisfactory.

The felted flat roof above the area occupied by the Pre-School was finally renewed, having been delayed by adverse weather, during the summer at a cost of £9000 with the assistance of a contribution of £3000 from the UCC. The high cost of gas and electricity was a cause for concern



in 2023 but at the end of the year new three-year contracts at a far more favourable rate were negotiated for both these utilities. This will enable the finances to be stabilised and the thoughts of the Committee to turn to a degree of redecoration in the not too distant future.

As regards bookings, there was a significant increase in private hirings and therefore income compared with the previous year. The premises remain available for use by the Church and Sunday lunches are a regular event.

The membership of the Church Rooms Committee remained unchanged in 2023 but the Secretary, Joy Chapman, has indicated that she will be stepping down during 2024.

*David Bodicoat (Treasurer, Church Rooms Committee)*

### **Acknowledgements**

2023 was another busy year for the church.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April, we were pleased to welcome Bishop Martyn on his Lent Pilgrimage and offer him tea and cakes. He returned to Quorn on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, when he celebrated communion with us.

In May, we marked the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla during the Sunday service.

In June, Rev Andrew Lomax, Circuit Superintendent, took his last service at Quorn; his final service in the Circuit was on 30<sup>th</sup> July at Trinity in Loughborough. We wish him well in his new Circuit of Barwell. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August we welcomed Rev Karen Beecham as the new Superintendent at a service at Trinity. We were pleased to welcome her to Quorn at a service on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

During the year we have been heavily involved with the Diocesan proposals for the re-organisation of parishes, called Shaped by God Together. After consultation with the congregation, we submitted our paperwork, and our Churchwardens, Stewards and Secretary have attended meetings and discussion groups. We are hoping for resolution next year for what has been a long and involved procedure. We are grateful to all who gave much time and thought to this on-going process.

During the year we continued our ties with both St Bartholomew's Primary School and Rawlins School, with services for Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. The weekly 'Open the Book' sessions at the Primary School are much enjoyed by the children.

The church was open on the first Sunday in September, providing tea, coffee and biscuits for visitors to the Quorn Food and Craft Fair. The following week we were part of the Historic Churches Ride and Stride route.

Coffee and Chat takes place every Saturday morning, sessions which are enjoyed by the 'regulars' as well as those just popping in. Many thanks to the volunteers providing service on the day.

The very popular Parish Lunch, usually held after the service on the third Sunday of the month, continued through the year. Our thanks go to all those providing soup, sandwiches and desserts, and those attending.

As always, we are very grateful to the dedicated bands who keep our church in such good condition, the cleaners and brass cleaners, and the flower arrangers who work through the year and especially for their wonderful displays for special occasions. We also appreciate the hard work of those who sort out the rotas for church activities, cleaning, brass cleaning, coffee and chat, post-service tea and coffee, readers and intercessions for services.



We are also grateful for the immense amount of work done by our Worship Committee, providing a continuity of services throughout the year, and also the Property Committee for ensuring that the church structure remains in good condition.

We are thankful for all those, lay and ordained, who continue to be available to take our services through the interregnum. Without them we could not keep the level of ministry at its present level.

Finally, we would thank all our congregation for their love, support and prayers.  
*Paul Turlington (Churchwarden)*

## **SECTION D FINANCIAL REVIEW**

This report is effectively a repeat of last year. At the start of the year the financial situation was reasonably stable with income and expenditure, at best, in balance. High energy costs really hit in January and February. High inflation and the resulting cost increases continued. We replaced the flat roof on the church rooms at a cost of £9000. Nevertheless, we more or less managed to pay the Diocese our share, £45,000 and the Methodist Circuit theirs, £9462, although this did involve drawing upon our reserves.

Unfortunately our financial position deteriorated as the year progressed and, by the end of the year, we had accrued a loss of some £8000, in part due to the repairs to the Church Rooms roof, but the root cause is that our income is steadily reducing while our costs are rising. This position is no longer sustainable in the hope that things will improve; they will not unless drastic action is taken to balance the books. See also the Statement on Reserves.

In 2024 a major fund-raising campaign will take place and following that we will have to look closely at our financial position and make some tough decisions as to where our priorities lie.

## **SECTION E BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES**

The Church policy is to follow a recommendation from Leicester Diocese in 2015 suggesting that ideally, overall reserves should be maintained between 25% and 50% of the previous year's expenditure. Reserves at the end of 2023 were £35,619 (including Church Rooms accounts), corresponding to 35% of 2023 expenditure and remain within guidance. This is a snapshot of available funds on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and does not take into account the widening gulf between expenditure and income expected in 2024. A review of policy must be made following the 2024 fund-raising campaign.

*Jon Cox (Treasurer)*

## **SECTION F DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT**

None

## Deanery Synod Report for Akeley East Deanery 2023

There were three Deanery Synod meetings held through the year. Our representatives at these meetings were Paul Turlington and Keith Croysdale.

At the meeting held on 8 February, Chris York talked about the work of Exaireo, a faith-based charity working with the homeless in Loughborough. Exaireo (from the Greek new testament) means plucked out, and is intended to give a second chance.

The organisation has 15 houses across Loughborough, where the residents are given a room and allocated a key worker. Help is provided with health issues, life skills, English and maths tuition if required, and work. They also have accommodation for recovering addicts. Their income comes mainly from housing benefits, and residents pay a small rent, and the rest is covered by donations. In addition, Exaireo run a re-use project, taking items that would otherwise go to landfill and recycling them.

It was reported that Shaped by God Together (SBGT) currently had three pilot schemes in the Diocese. Churches were encouraged to engage in conversations locally.

Churches with large financial reserves were encouraged to release part of these to support other parishes and clergy. Diocesan income is dropping, with some assets sold off, and reductions in parish contributions.

A confirmation service was scheduled for 6 June at Kegworth, with further services at Woodhouse Eaves and Mountsorrel.

At the meeting held on 20 June, Revd Sue Willetts and Revd Liz Rawlings gave a presentation on diverse vocations and training pathways for both lay and ordained ministers. The work and ministry of a wide range of people (PCC Treasurers, Churchwardens, Sidespersons, etc) was recognised.

The need to involve and support the families of those exploring ordination was recognised. It was also understood that many good applicants may be put off by a perceived lack of qualifications. The Diocese is actively exploring alternative pathways to ministry. Concern was expressed that unpaid (lay) ministry can limit those who can afford to undertake it. Also the considerable time and commitment for training is very demanding, and could put off otherwise excellent applicants.

The final meeting of the year was held on 12 October, at which John Dodson was elected as Lay Chair and Kathryn Lewis was elected as Diocesan Synod Representative.

It was reported that the discussion on SBGT in the Akeley East area had started. A total of 23 benefices, incorporating 50 churches, were involved. While it is up to each parish to decide to participate, future clergy appointments will be made only to Minister Communities. Some freedom as to the final shape of the individual groups is possible within the available resources (people, finances, buildings) and Diocesan priorities (growing discipleship, deepening faith, supporting schools and young people). Bishop Martyn has stated that all churches need a designated Minister, but not necessarily one who is stipendiary or ordained, and lay ministry is to be encouraged. It is important to maintain communication with the whole parish throughout the procedure.

In reply to a question as to the status of deaneries after the implementation of SBGT, it was emphasised that Synods form part of the legal structure of the CofE, and cannot legally be abandoned.

## UCC Secretary's Report

The UCC held six meetings during 2023 plus two additional meetings. The average attendance was 12 members. Each meeting commenced with an opening prayer. The summary of proceedings is as follows:

17 January

Payments to the Diocese have been reduced further and will be reviewed in the spring. A contribution will be made from the reserves towards the cost of replacing the flat roof at the Church Rooms. It was suggested that succession planning be considered. More people are needed to help with the administration of communion. Su Turlington will take on the role of Church Trustee with the Thomas Rawlins Educational Foundation. Detailed plans for the new Garden of Remembrance are under discussion. Safeguarding training still needs to be completed.

22 March

The church is only just breaking even but, with gas bills due to reduce, it was agreed that payments to the Diocese could be increased, to be reviewed in the summer. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2022 were accepted. A number of new Communion Assistants were approved. There will be a safety inspection of gravestones in April. The Property Group is investigating options for supplementary heating in church. Julie Croysdale has joined the Diocesan Safeguarding Oversight Group. Alison Cooper has been appointed a Foundation Governor of the Primary School. Bishop Martyn will visit the church on Saturday 1 April as part of his Lent Pilgrimage. A proposal has been made to start a children's choir.

9 May Annual Parochial Church Meeting

14 June

Work to repair the recently vandalised windows in the church crèche and kitchen is ongoing. A GoFundMe page raised approximately £625; this has covered the insurance excess of £500 and the remainder will go into general church funds. Contributions to the monthly Intercare collection have halved. A formal event proposal document, to include a risk assessment and method process, will be prepared by Worship Committee for approval by UCC. There is a need to restart a pastoral care scheme if enough volunteers can be found. A church admin working group, under the leadership of Keith Croysdale, will look at workload issues.

12 September

A modest increase in the Parish Share and Methodist Circuit payments was approved. Revd Steve Delaforce gave a presentation on setting up a pastoral care scheme. It was agreed that the events approval process be adopted, subject to further discussion and fine tuning. The admin working group's proposals to trial an online Life Events Diary and to consider taking on an administrator were accepted. The Chancel lighting needs to be replaced, for which a full Faculty application is required. The window repairs have been completed. A proposal that UCC minutes be published on the church website was not accepted.

17 October

Minster Community process: meeting to finalise and agree the church's Storyboard submission.

15 November

Setting up a pastoral care scheme will be put on hold due to pressure of other commitments. Formation of a Church Leadership Team/Standing Committee to be considered. A subscription to the full iKnowChurch software will be taken out and the working group will put together a formal request for an administrator. A revised quote for the new Garden of Remembrance has been received which has reduced the cost. A crib festival in church has been proposed.

4 December

Minster Community process: meeting to finalise and agree the church's Conversation Prompts submission. Church members had been invited to submit responses to the Conversation Prompts workbook via church announcements and an email of 13 November.

## SECTION G DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

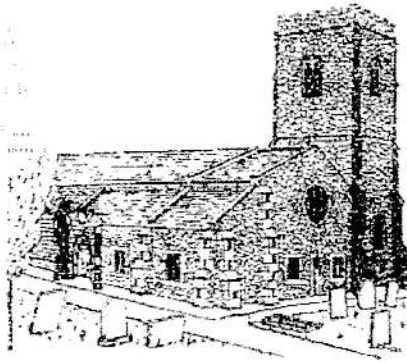
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Full name ..... ANNE MARY TREASURE .....

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) ..... SECRETARY .....

Date ..... 9th April 2024 .....





## St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn

Registered Charity Number 1134810

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31st December 2023

Charity no. 1134810

St Bartholomew's United Church Quorn

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<b>Total</b>	<b>108,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108,516</b>	<b>99,156</b>
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Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>-7,940</b>
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,713</b>	<b>-7,940</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	759,334	0	0	759,334	
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Vicars expenses	1,933	0	0	1,933	1,604



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Repairs & maintenance	14,352	0	0	14,352	7,906
Maintenance - consumables	609	0	0	609	694
Clock	287	0	0	287	274
Professional fees	0	0	0	0	2,906
Printing/photocopying	133	0	0	133	247
Postage, stationery, etc	31	0	0	31	0
Publicity costs	260	0	0	260	203
Subscriptions	155	0	0	155	163
IT costs	642	0	0	642	632
Equipment purchases	0	0	0	0	335
Other costs	304	0	0	304	562
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Other fees	3,275	0	0	3,275	3,688
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S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					
	0	0	0	0	0
S17 Transfers between funds					
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

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S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
S19 Other gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0	0

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	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	715,000	715,000
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	<b>715,000</b>	<b>715,000</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	35,620	44,334
<i>Total current assets</i>	<b>35,620</b>	<b>44,334</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	35,620	44,334
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	<b>750,620</b>	<b>759,334</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>750,620</b>	<b>759,334</b>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	750,620	759,334
Revaluation reserve	0	0
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>750,620</b>	<b>759,334</b>

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
A.M. Treasure	A.M. TREASURE	20/03/2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the United Church Council (UCC)**

### **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

This report on the financial statements of the UCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out in the Income and Expenditure Accounts together with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations'), s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act') and Charities SORP 102.

### **Respective responsibilities of the UCC and the Examiner**

As members of the UCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s.43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 Edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the UCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 comes 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 s.41 of the Act; and
  - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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Year to December 2023

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	<u>Turnover year to date</u>	<u>Turnover last year to date</u>
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Other income	605	240
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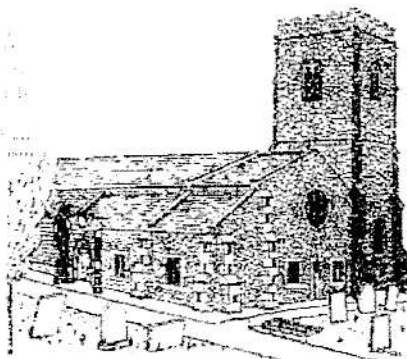
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	(103,532)	(93,446)
Other Resources Costs		
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TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(8,714)	(7,942)



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Stocks	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	0
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<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>750,620</b>	<b>759,334</b>
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Unrestricted funds	750,620	759,334
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
A.M. Treasure	A.M. TREASURE	20/03/2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the United Church Council (UCC)**

### **St Bartholomew's United Church, Quorn**

This report on the financial statements of the UCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out in the Income and Expenditure Accounts together with a Statement of Assets and Liabilities, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the regulations'), s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act') and Charities SORP 102.

### **Respective responsibilities of the UCC and the Examiner**

As members of the UCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under s.43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 Edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the UCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 comes 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 s.41 of the Act; and
  - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Michael Buckley  
Independent Examiner  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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Year to December 2023

All fund codes consolidated

	<u>Turnover year to date</u>	<u>Turnover last year to date</u>
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		
Donations received	3,213	4,322
Planned giving	37,965	36,533
Collections	4,648	5,368
Gift aid tax income	11,075	9,500
Grants received	0	1,087
Bequests and legacies	3,000	500
	<u>59,901</u>	<u>57,310</u>
<b>Fundraising Income</b>		
Fundraising income	1,621	4,424
Quorn News	789	735
Letting/hire income	25	225
Lettings (Previous year)	168	0
Lettings	9,165	7,369
Quorn Pre-School lettings	10,673	9,062
	<u>22,441</u>	<u>21,815</u>
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Interest received	884	265
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<b>Charitable Activities Income</b>		
Sales	13	248
Parochial fees	15,275	10,394
	<u>15,288</u>	<u>10,642</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Other income	605	240
Reimbursements	684	944
	<u>1,289</u>	<u>1,184</u>
<b>Charitable Activities Costs</b>		
Charitable donations	824	3,594
Vicars expenses	1,933	1,604
Parish magazine costs	1,075	818
Service expenses	354	214
Music	331	446
Youthwork, outreach, pastoral	481	737
Parish Gift	45,000	43,500
Circuit assessment	9,462	9,281
Volunteer expenses	1,134	538

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Utilities	212	362
Electricity	5,472	2,255
Gas	10,373	7,624
Water charges	361	245
Refuse collection	1,178	967
Insurances	4,572	4,215
Caretaking	3,997	3,124
Repairs & maintenance	14,352	7,906
Maintenance - consumables	609	694
Clock	287	274
Professional fees	0	2,906
Printing/photocopying	133	247
Postage,stationery,etc	31	0
Publicity costs	260	203
Subscriptions	155	163
IT costs	642	632
Equipment purchases	0	335
Other costs	304	562
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	(103,532)	(93,446)
Other Resources Costs		
Parochial fees DBF	1,710	2,024
Other fees	3,275	3,688
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	(4,985)	(5,712)
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TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(8,714)	(7,942)