

# All Saints Mattishall with St Peter's Mattishall Burgh



Annual Report and Financial Statement  
of the  
Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended  
31 December 2023



## All Saints Parish Church

Church Plain, Mattishall, Dereham, NR20 3QF

## St Peter's Parish Church

Church Lane, Mattishall Burgh, Mattishall, NR20 3QZ

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1135038.

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PCC members who have served at any time from April 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

#### Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Rev'd Canon Mark McCaghrey (Chair and Standing Committee)
- Assistant Priest: Sally Thurgill
- Curate: Tori Venmore-Rowland
- Susan Cossey (Churchwarden and Standing Committee)
- Alan Cossey (Churchwarden, Lay Chair, Electoral Roll Officer, and Standing Committee)
- Mel Stevenson (LLM and Deanery Synod)

#### Elected members:

- Barbara Crawshaw (PCC, Treasurer and Standing Committee)
- David Rudling (PCC)
- Cheryl Bumpass (PCC)
- Steve Clay (PCC)
- Pauline Cox (PCC and Standing Committee)
- Jackie Clay (PCC, Secretary, Standing Committee, and Benefice Safeguarding Officer)
- Jonathan Rootham (PCC)

#### Officers (non-members)

- Patricia Menaul (Independent Examiner)

Report approved by the PCC on .....

and signed on their behalf by .....

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# **The Agenda for the Annual Meeting of 2024**

## **Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

1. Opening prayer, and short homily.
2. Minutes of the last AMP.
3. Nominations read.
4. Election of Churchwardens.
5. Any resolution to allow churchwardens to stand after six successive terms of office, or to disbar them from doing so.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last APCM.
3. Matters arising from these minutes.
4. Acceptance of the reports for 2023, contained within the Annual Report document.
5. Elections to the PCC.
  - a. Elections to Deanery Synod (if required)
  - b. Elections to PCC
6. Resolutions concerning the procedures for elections, or the number of lay representatives on the PCC and other items allowed by the CRR. These resolutions take effect from the next APCM.
7. Any questions from the meeting to be considered by the PCC.
8. Closing prayers.

## **First PCC Meeting**

1. Opening prayer.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last PCC meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Appointment of officers: Lay Chair of PCC, Secretary, Treasurer, Electoral Roll Officer, Independent Examiner, Parish Safeguarding Officer, and Deanery Synod Representative(s).
6. Co-option of members to the PCC until the next APCM.
7. The Standing Committee is constituted in accordance with the CRR rules M31.
8. Statutory items: Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Data Protection.
9. Important and urgent AOB.
10. Date of next meeting.

# **ALL SAINTS' MATTISHALL & ST. PETER'S MATTISHALL BURGH**

**APCM WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

Present: Rev. Canon Mark McCaghrey (Chair), Rev. Sally Thurgill, Rev. Tori Venmore-Rowland, Fiona McCaghrey, David Rudling, Jackie Clay (Secretary), Steve Clay, Pauline Cox, Janet Day, Barbara Crawshaw, Sue Cossey, Alan Cossey.

Apologies: Mel Stevenson, Eddie Stone, Ken Crawshaw, Dean Bumpass, Cheryl Bumpass, John Willers, Marian Willers, Liz Chappell, Sheila Rudling.

MM opened the meeting with prayer and a short homily based on Jeremiah 29: 4-14 and a game of Jenga, suggesting that, as a church, vital foundations are being removed leaving them shaky, at the same time as expanding ministries and activities. This is not sustainable in the long-term, which is of concern. As a counter, the passage in Jeremiah speaks of hope and God's promises: "11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV). The question is, how do we build strongly together as a church family?

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were accepted and signed without revision.

AEC & SEC have taken the decision to stand down as Churchwardens. MM thanked them for their years of service in the role, hard work, and persistence with some very frustrating projects.

There were no nominations, so the positions remained vacant. MM will work with others on how to make the role more manageable and appealing.

The meeting was closed.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The minutes from 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were agreed and signed without revision.

There were no matters arising.

The annual reports for the year 2022 were accepted.

MM expressed his gratitude to the Staff Team, the teams who deliver the regular activities, to BC for her work as Treasurer, to Mandy in the office, to JDC for moving forward on safeguarding and to Fiona for her constant love and support.

AEC thanked MM for all he gives to the church.

## **Elections**

Deanery Synod:

DR agreed to stand for another three-year term and was duly elected.

MS is prepared to stand and, due to her absence, will be elected at the next PCC.

One vacancy remains.

## **PCC:**

MM advised Eddie Stone and Liz Chappell have stepped down. MM thanked them for their service.

There are 6 x vacancies: 3 x 3-year term, 2 x 2-year term, 1 x 1-year term.

Nominations had been received from Alan Cossey, Jackie Clay, Pauline Cox, and Cheryl Bumpass.

MM clarified:

Terms ending 2024:	Terms ending 2025:	Terms ending 2026
SC	BC	JDC
JR	PC	AEC
1 x vacancy	1 x vacancy	CB

There were no resolutions or questions to be discussed.

The meeting closed in prayer.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Present: MM, ST, DR, PC, BC, AEC, SC, JDC. Rev Tori was present as an observer. Apologies from: MS. Minutes of the last PCC meeting have not yet been distributed, due to the postponement of the Standing Committee. **JDC to action.**

Appointment of Officers:

Lay Chair: AEC

Secretary: JDC

Treasurer: BC. Accounts to be prepared by Pauline Street from April 23 onwards.

Electoral Roll Officer: AEC

Parish Safeguarding Officer: JDC

This year the accounts were examined by Elizabeth Smith. Grateful thanks were expressed by the PCC, which MM will pass on when asking if she would be happy to continue. **MM to action**

Standing Committee: MM, AEC, PC, BC, JDC. MM distributed Trustee forms for signing.

### Safeguarding

JDC distributed Confidential Declaration Forms for signing.

MM reminded all PCC members are required to complete Safeguarding training modules Basic Awareness & Foundations. Please advise JDC when completed.

### Health & Safety

DR will review the H&S policy by the next PCC. **DR to action**

Font: AEC has tripped over the font base twice more when moving items from the Tower Room. It transpires cutting away the base may not be feasible as the font could become unstable. Removing the font and replacing it with a moveable font may be an option but to do so, the age of the existing font needs to be established. BC and JDC will look at the previous reordering papers, MM will approach the Diocese to ask if they can recommend a font expert. **MM, BC & JDC to action**

Data Protection: nothing to report.

### Any Other Business

AEC advised the Terrier has not been reviewed this year. AEC will action when possible. **AEC to action**

### Oasis

A family outreach service is proposed for the second Sunday of June and July at 4pm. A review will then take place to consider whether it should continue from September. It will consist of drama, songs, prayer, and food. All agreed with the proposal. SC asked whether an Assistant Churchwarden would be required. The team will discuss and advise. Leaders will require a DBS check. JDC will draft a role description. **JDC to action**

### Churchwarden duties

AEC and SEC have produced lists of duties to be fulfilled outside of the Churchwarden role. MM will distribute them for further discussion at the next PCC meeting. **MM to action**

**BC/MM** will consider expense guidelines, particularly in the absence of Churchwardens.

### Weathervane repairs and two leaks

Scaffolding is required for the repair to the weathervane, for which the insurers have covered the cost. To carry out the roof repairs will also require scaffolding so it would be cost effective to combine the two projects. This could be managed with an additional cost of approximately £1600.

AEC advised of a query over the cost of the scaffolding which needs to be addressed. AEC will provide details so that MM can email. **AEC/MM to action**

Next Standing Committee meeting: TBC

Next PCC: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm, ASM

## Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of:

ALL SAINTS MATTISHALL AND ST  
PETER MATTISHALL BURGA P.C.C.

On accounts for the year ended:

31st DECEMBER 2023

Charity no (if any):

1135038

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/23

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [ ]]. ~~Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

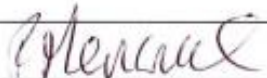
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

7.4.2024

Name:

PATRICIA MARIE MENAUL



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

RET'D. FINANCIAL DIRECTOR (COMPANY SECRETARY)

Address:

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MATTISHALL NORFOLK. NR20 3PJ

## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

# Parochial Church Council of All Saints Mattishall and St Peter's Mattishall Burgh

## Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Other Funds (Restricted)	2023 TOTAL FUNDS	2022 TOTAL FUNDS
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Voluntary receipts:						
Planned Giving		47,382	0	460	47,842	51,556
Collections at services		2,174	0	0	2,174	1,710
All other giving/voluntary receipts	5a)	8,128	0	4,759	12,886	1,897
Gift Aid recovered		7,352	0	63	7,415	7,408
Activities for generating funds	5b)	90	0	0	90	222
Investment income	5c)	918	0	20	937	407
Church activities	5d)	5,773	0	4,321	10,095	9,401
Other receipts	5e)	2,160	0	31,451	33,611	6,664
		<b>73,977</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41,073</b>	<b>115,050</b>	<b>79,265</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Church activities:						
Parish Share		38,058	0	0	38,058	37,376
Benefice Office Costs		7,707	0	0	7,707	8,772
All Saints Running Expenses	6)	9,563	0	686	10,249	8,021
All Saints Repairs and Maintenance	7)	2,875	294	39,610	42,779	10,715
St Peter's Running Expenses	6)	1,074	0	0	1,074	1,007
St Peter's Repairs and Maintenance		1,495	0	0	1,495	1,159
Church Rooms Running Costs	6)	2,428	0	0	2,428	1,766
Church Rooms Repairs and Maintenance		823	0	0	823	4,505
Church Activities Costs	5g)	4,993	0	2,553	7,547	3,097
Mission giving and donations	5h)	210	0	7,977	8,187	7,300
Accounting & Misc Costs		154	0	0	154	256
Total Payments		<b>69,381</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>50,827</b>	<b>120,502</b>	<b>83,974</b>
Excess/(Deficit) in year		<b>4,595</b>	<b>(294)</b>	<b>(9,753)</b>	<b>(5,452)</b>	<b>(4,709)</b>
Transfers between Funds	8)	<b>(5,785)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,785</b>		
Net Excess/Deficit in year		<b>(1,190)</b>	<b>(294)</b>	<b>(3,968)</b>		
Balances b/fwd at 1 January 2023		<b>21,159</b>	<b>24,197</b>	<b>8,822</b>		
Balances c/fwd at 31 December 2023		<b>19,969</b>	<b>23,903</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>48,726</b>	

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PATRICIA MENI  
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**Parochial Church Council of All Saints Mattishall and St Peter's Mattishall Burgh**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**as at 31st December 2023**

	Note	£	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FUNDS - All Saints mattishall</b>				
Unrestricted - General Fund			19969	21159
Designated Funds	4)			
Special Project Fund			23903 ✓	24197 ✓
Restricted Funds	4)			
Mission Giving Fund		928 ✓		1549
All Saints & St Peter's Conservation Fund		841 ✓		3492
Vicar & Churchwardens Fund		2072 ✓		2344
Organ Fund		0 ✓		20
Bells Fund		767 ✓		767
JET Music Scholarship Fund		244 ✓		272
Worship Band Equipment Fund		0		38
Misc Collections & Special Events		0		202
Christmas Fayre		0		150
Little Angels		0	4853 ✓	(12)
			<u>48726 ✓</u>	<u>54178</u>
<b>FUNDS - Benefice Office</b>				
Benefice Office Expenses	9)	4169		26967
Benefice Initiatives - Restricted Fund	10)	19231		
Life Events	11)	2857	26257 ✓	0
			<u>74983 ✓</u>	
<b>REPRESENTED by:</b>				
Petty Cash in Hand			15 ✓	13
Barclays Bank balances				
Current Account		5945 ✓		4581
Deposit Account - General Fund		5969 ✓		10145
Deposit Account - SP & Conservation Funds		9633 ✓	21547 ✓	15514 ✓
CBF of the CE Deposit Account			27919 ✓	27052 ✓
Barclays Bank balances				
Current Account Benefice		3012 ✓		5716
Deposit Account Benfice		14106 ✓	17118 ✓	10000
CBF of the CE Deposit Account Benefice			8384 ✓	8124
			<u>74983 ✓</u>	<u>£81,145</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>				
Assets retained for church use	2)	7500	£	£
Investment Fund shares at market value	3)	1432		
			<u>8932</u>	<u>£8,811</u>

*Patricia Menaul*  
**PATRICIA MENAUL**  
**7.4.2024**

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints Mattishall and St Peter's Mattishall Burgh**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

- 1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payment basis
- 2 Fixed assets retained for church use are the Church Rooms, Dereham Road, Mattishall purchased in 1992. The proceeds from the sale of these premises may only be expended on a specific object. The DBF are the custodial trustees and the PCC are the managerial trustees.
- 3 The investment consists of 72.15 Units COIF Charities Investment Fund and is valued at market value at 31 December 2023. The investment was purchased from the sale of Charity Land and the income may only be credited to the Vicars and Churchwardens Fund.
- 4 The movement in reserved and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd 1.1.23 £	Receipts /Transfers £	Payments /Transfers £	Bal c/fwd 31.12.23 £
<b>Designated Funds</b>				
Special Project Fund	24,197 ✓	0	(294)	23,903 ✓
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Mission Giving Fund	1,549	5,785 ✓	(6,406)	928 ✓
All Saints & St Peter's Conservation Fund	3,492	34,142 ✓	(36,793)	841 ✓
All Saints Boiler Oil Fund	0	260 ✓	(260)	0 ✓
Vicar & Churchwardens	2,344	1,328 ✓	(1,600) ✓	2,072 ✓
Organ	20	159 ✓	(179) ✓	0 ✓
Bell	767 ✓	0	0	767 ✓
Worship Band Equipment	38	250 ✓	(288)	0
Misc Collections & Special Events	352	4,321	(4,673)	(0)
Little Angels & Who Let The Dads Out	(13)	613	(600) ✓	0
JET Music Scholarship Fund	272	0	(28) ✓	244 ✓
	<u>33,018</u>	<u>46,858</u>	<u>(51,120)</u>	<u>28,756</u> ✓

**5 Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts**

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 TOTAL FUNDS £	2022 TOTAL FUNDS £
<b>Receipts</b>					
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts					
Donations	8,128		0	8,128 ✓	1,607
Heating Oil Donations			0	0	240
Organ Fund			159 ✓	159 ✓	0
Bell Fund			0	0	0
ASM & SPMB Conservation Fund			3,500 ✓	3,500 ✓	0
Vicars & Churchwardens Fund			500 ✓	500 ✓	0
Little Angels			600 ✓	600 ✓	50
	<u>8,128</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,759</u>	<u>12,886</u> ✓	<u>1,897</u>
b) Activities for generating funds					
Cards and Magazines sales	90			90	222
	<u>90</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>222</u>
c) Investment income					
Dividends on COIF Investment			20 ✓	20 ✓	39
Interest from Deposit accounts	918			918 ✓	368
	<u>918</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>937</u> ✓	<u>407</u>

*Patricia Menaul*  
**PATRICIA MENAUL**  
7.4.2024



	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 TOTAL FUNDS	2022 TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£	£	£
d) Church activities					
Fees received	1,995			1,995	3,232
Church Room use	442			442	606
Special Events & Activities	0			0	1,268
Mission Activities receipts	3,336		957	4,293	1,442
Miscellaneous Collections	0		3,364	3,364	2,853
	<u>5,773</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,321</u>	<u>10,095</u>	<u>9,401</u>

NB Drop-In, Little Angels, Who Let the Dads Out & Bible Journalling are self funding activities that contribute to the cost of running All Saints Mattishall church. These are included in Mission activities receipts.

e) Other receipts					
VAT Refunds (ASM & SPMB)			5,682	5,682	406
Grants/Legacies	2,160			2,160	5,450
Insurance Claims			24,960	24,960	0
Rent received from Tithe Land			804	804	804
Mattishall Charities			5	5	5
	<u>2,160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,451</u>	<u>33,611</u>	<u>6,665</u>

The Grants/Legacies are as follows:

Mattishall Parish Council	450	towards the cost of maintenance of St Peter's churchyard
Norwich Diocese	1,710	towards the heating costs of ASM (2022 & 2023)
	<u>2,160</u>	

#### Payments

g) Church Activities Costs					
Purchase of Cards and Magazines	126			126	77
Discipleship, Pastoral and Mission Costs	792		1,628	2,419	694
Worship and Church Services Costs	4,076			4,076	706
Special Events & Activities			926	926	1,410
Subscriptions				0	210
	<u>4,993</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,553</u>	<u>7,547</u>	<u>3,097</u>

h) Mission Giving, Donations and Subscriptions					
Paula & Derek Finlayson		0	0	0	302
Open Doors UK		2,672	2,672	1,210	1,210
North Breckland Youth for Christ		1,530	1,530	1,210	1,210
Mission Aviation Fellowship		1,483	1,483	606	606
Mid Norfolk Food Bank		909	909	606	606
Disaster Emergency Fund (DEC)		0	0	2,808	2,808
Ian Bentley - Diocese collection		0	0	333	333
Historic Churches	25		25	0	0
Evangelical Alliance	100		100	0	0
Norfolk Churches Trust	60	550	610	0	0
Norwich Bellringers	25		25	0	0
Mattishall Rainbows/Brownies		152	152	81	81
Childrens Society		208	208	0	0
World Day of Prayer		158	158	145	145
Local appeal		186	186	0	0
Mattishall Charities		130	130	0	0
	<u>210</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,977</u>	<u>8,187</u>	<u>7,300</u>

#### 6 Analysis of Running Costs from General Fund

	TOTAL	Electricity	Insurance	Water	Oil	Misc
	£	£	£	£	£	
All Saints Church	9,563	3,490	2,449	198	2,972	454
St Peter's Church	1,074	147	869	0	0	58
Church Rooms	2,428	1,872	316	240	0	
	<u>13,065</u>	<u>5,509</u>	<u>3,634</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>2,972</u>	<u>512</u>

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7.4.2024

7 **All Saints Repairs and Maintenance**

Includes Ongoing Project costs from the Designated Fund  
Includes maintenance costs from the Conservation, Organ & Worship Equipment Funds & from Special Collections  
The major repair costs to the weathervane were covered by an Insurance claim

8 <b>Transfers</b>	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds
Mission Giving monthly provision	(5,785)		5,785 ✓
Mission Giving paid	6,406 /		(6,406)
	<b>621</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(621)</b>

**BENEFICE FUNDS**

These Funds are held and managed by Mattishall PCC on behalf of the other parishes in the Benefice

9 **Benefice Expenses Account - General Fund**

	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£
Interest received	597 /	118
Misc receipts	87 /	142
<b>Parish Contributions</b>		
East Tuddenham	144 /	291
Hockering	1,068 /	890
Mattishall	7,707 /	8,772
North Tuddenham	870 /	870
Welborne	724 /	727
Yaxham	1,231 /	1,236
	<b>12,428 /</b>	<b>13,046</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Benefice Staff Costs	6,646 /	6,115
Ministerial Costs	+ 100.00 3,007 /	898
Church Office Overheads	2,652 /	2,386
Church Office Repairs & Renewals	164 /	347
Printing & Stationery	1,751 /	1,946
Website & Computer Costs	453 /	353
	<b>14,672</b>	<b>12,046</b>
Excess/(Deficit) in year	<b>(2,244)</b>	<b>1,001</b>
<b>Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2023</b>	<b>6,413</b>	
<b>Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>4,169</b>	

10 **Benefice Initiatives Fund - Restricted**

<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	2,000 /	11,493
Leaving gift donations	620 /	0
Gift Aid	0	2,873
Events Receipts	0	1,086
	<b>2,620 /</b>	<b>15,453</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Resources & Miscellaneous Costs	1,829 /	4,459
Leaving Gift	620 /	0
Event Costs	306 /	1,075
	<b>2,755 /</b>	<b>5,534</b>
Excess/(Deficit) in year	<b>(135) /</b>	<b>9,919</b>
<b>Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2023</b>	<b>19,367 /</b>	
<b>Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>19,231</b>	

11 **Life Events - Restricted**

Fees received	11,825 /	13,430
Fees paid to the Diocese, Parishes, Organists & Vergers	(10,156) /	(15,273)
Excess/(Deficit) in year	<b>1,669</b>	<b>(1,843)</b>
<b>Balance B/fwd at 1st January 2023</b>	<b>1,188</b>	
<b>Balance C/fwd at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>2,857</b>	

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19367 opening Bal.  
1188  
26968 ✓

4169  
19231  
2857  
26257 Closing Bal

**ALL SAINTS & ST PETER'S MATTISHALL & MATV BENEFICE  
ASM GENERAL FUND & BENEFICE EXPENSES ACCOUNT  
BUDGET 2023 & Comparison to Actual for year & 2024 BUDGET  
& BUDGET 2024**

	2023 BUDGET	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGET
<b>ASM GENERAL FUND</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£
Voluntary receipts:			
Planned Giving - Gift Aided	28000	27599	28000
Planned Giving - Other	24000	19783	20000
Collections at services	1800	2174	2120
All other giving/voluntary receipts	0	8128	0
Gift Aid recovered	7350	7352	7530
Activities for generating funds	0	90	0
Investment income	350	918	900
Church activities - Fees	2000	1995	2000
- Church Rooms use	500	442	450
- Mission Activities	0	3336	3500
Other receipts			
- Grants/Legacies	0	2160	0
<b>Total General Fund receipts</b>	<b>£64,000</b>	<b>£73,977</b>	<b>£64,500</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Church activities:			
Parish Share	38088	38058	35763
Benefice Running Expenses	8770	7707	8760
All Saints Running Expenses	6000	9563	7500
All Saints Repairs and Maintenance	4000	2875	2500
St Peter's Running Expenses	1000	1074	1000
St Peter's Repairs and Maintenance	1200	1495	1000
Church Rooms Running Costs	1400	2428	1800
Church Rooms Repairs and Maintenance	600	823	750
Church Activities Costs	1000	4993	3000
Mission giving and donations	5400	5996	5200
Miscellaneous/accounting costs	750	154	500
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£68,208</b>	<b>£75,167</b>	<b>£67,773</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(4,208)</b>	<b>(1,190)</b>	<b>(3,273)</b>

**BENEFICE EXPENSES ACCOUNT**

	2023 BUDGET	2023 Actual	2024 BUDGET
	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Benefice Staff Costs	6650	6646	6800
Ministerial Costs	2000	3107	1000
Church Office Overheads	2500	2652	2500
Church Office Repairs & Renewals	400	164	300
Printing & Stationery	2000	1751	2000
Website & Misc Costs	300	452	250
Payroll costs	0		220
	<b>£13,850</b>	<b>£14,772</b>	<b>£13,070</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Interest Received	0	597	0
Adverts, photocopying, miscellaneous	50	87	0
<b>Parish Contributions</b>			
East Tuddenham	397	144	321
Hockering	1192	1068	734
Mattishall	7707	7707	8761
North Tuddenham	1325	870	779
Welborne	1192	724	1100
Yaxham	1987	1231	1375
	<b>£13,850</b>	<b>£12,428</b>	<b>£13,070</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>-£2,344</b>	

*Patricia Menall*  
PATRICIA MENALL  
7.4.2024

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

#### **RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

The General Fund ended the year with a deficit of £1,190 giving a balance of £19,969 in the fund at the end of the year. This deficit was despite receiving unplanned giving of just over £8K during the year, together with grants of £1,710 from the Diocese to help towards the cost of heating the church and a grant from Mattishall Parish Council of £450 towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard at St Peter's.

However, the estimated expenditure for 2024 is projected to be £67,773, thus giving a still acceptable reserve of just under 3.4 months. This is slightly less than in 2022, which if the trend continues, indicates a need for both a stewardship campaign together with a careful approach to spending.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the church family and others for your financial support during the year, both by your regular giving and through supporting ASM's outreach activities.

#### **OTHER FUNDS**

Special Project Fund (Unrestricted). This was set up to provide funds for the Restoration and Refreshment work to be carried out at ASM. This project has for the time being, only hopefully, come to a halt.

Conservation Fund - During the year work was carried out on the weathervane that had suffered from wind damage. An insurance claim of £24,960 covered this cost.

The Miscellaneous Collections consisted largely of pledges and donations towards the cost of further upgrading our audio/visual system with a new screen and projector at ASM.

The total Mission Giving paid out in the year from both 10% of our voluntary receipts and any special collections amounted to £8,187 (see Note 5h).

#### **FINALLY**

We must put our hope in God that He will bless us and see us through this time of change during the coming months in 2024.

Keep praying!

**Barbara Crawshaw**

## **Rector's Report**

In 1 Corinthians chapter 12, the apostle Paul speaks of the church being a body – with many parts, but which all contribute to the whole. That there are different spiritual gifts and abilities, and different callings, but one purpose. These verses came to mind as I was thinking over the last twelve years. For each parish has had people working, using different spiritual gifts and abilities, different callings for the furtherance of the work of the church in each place.

I am reminded of many acts of loving service, which have contributed in different ways to the work of the kingdom. Some of these acts of loving service have been public and well known, others much more silent.

Each year in my report I say thank you, usually thanking specific people who have contributed significantly over the year. However, this year I'm going to thank you all for your contribution to the mission of God in these parishes, as I don't want anyone to be left out. Thank you for your support and for all you do.



All our APCMs this year are after Easter, and therefore in the season of Easter. Therefore, my mind also calls to mind these words of the apostle Paul in Ephesians chapter 1 when he says *“For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”*

As Paul focused his mind on the church at Ephesus (and elsewhere in Asia Minor), Paul thinks of the resurrection not as a past event at the first Easter, but an ongoing event in the life of the church – and that calls him to give thanks for them, and to ask that their spiritual life may deepen so that their lives are filled more and more with the reality of the resurrection. That is my prayer for each of you as my time with you draws to a close – firstly giving thanks for you and remembering you in my prayers – but also praying that you may know more and more the reality of the resurrection in your lives and in the life of our six parishes.

Lastly, I hope that you will be able to come to Fiona and my final service, on Trinity Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, at 10.00am at All Saints Mattishall, so we can bid you farewell.

May God bless you richly.

**Mark McCaghrey**

## **Churchwardens & Fabric Report**

### **Being Churchwardens, then not, then being again.**

2023 was a complicated year for us (Sue and Alan Cossey) as churchwardens. During the early part of the year, we felt very frustrated with the amount of work involved and, despite requests for help, not getting very much (apart from at Sunday services, where Steve Clay continued to organise assistant wardens). In the end we decided to stand down as churchwardens from the Annual Parish Meeting in April (formally known as the Annual Vestry Meeting) with immediate effect.

During the early summer people at ASM were asked, in a structured way, to offer to help with some of the tasks that we had been being doing, but which were not formally part of the churchwarden role. A good number of people have indicated interest in helping out (not all of whom we have yet contacted fully to follow up as the tasks are to do with work to be done as the weather improves). The biggest help has been the creation of a Maintenance Team, whose members have been taking on small to medium-sized tasks on a regular basis, with our main means of keeping in contact with each other is via a WhatsApp group. Such tasks are now being carried out in a much better way than before. Members are: Dean Bumpass, Eddie Stone, John Willers and Rod Stevenson. Thank you, gentlemen.

With this concrete extra help, we offered again in October to become churchwardens, with the formalities being completed a few weeks later.

### **Buildings and Fabric**

The R&R project is on hold. There has not been enough time for us to proceed with this project, despite its importance, both for better use of the church building (the proposed new servery, additional loo, improvement of the tower room and much-needed extra storage space, totalling somewhere in the region of £200k) and for the maintenance work that needs carrying out (a further £200k or so). For the project to continue, it will need volunteers and some serious time put in.

The 5-yearly Quinquennial Inspection (QI) is due in February 2024 for both ASM and St. Peter's, Mattishall Burgh, which we have responsibility for even though we don't use the building anymore.

One highlight, at least for us as churchwardens, was the removal of the 14 remaining stand-alone pews in ASM after 2 years of trying with many emails and some visits and bargaining with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). Back in the noughties, when most of the pews had been removed from ASM to allow for the introduction of around 150 chairs, it had only been allowed on the proviso that we would keep 14 stand-alone pews, as well as the fixed pews in the chancel. Removal of those remaining stand-alone pews was an initial part of the R&R project (to give us more space for the new server and extra storage space and avoid having to hoick them around from time to time). This had been recommended by some of the DAC themselves who had come to visit ASM earlier, but on making a formal application, it met with resistance. It was finally resolved by an agreement to move those pews down to St. Peter's where they replaced some of its own uninteresting pews. This deal allows anyone who wants to see those 14 ex-ASM pews to still do so, with us still retaining the pews in chancel to still give an idea of how ASM used to look, yet freeing up the space we need in ASM.

Another significant piece of work that was done, at least in terms of cost, was the repair of the weathervane on ASM. A period of very windy weather had damaged the fixings of the weathervane, causing it to tilt over even more than it had been doing beforehand, with several people in the village being concerned about it. Our insurance company, Trinitas, was very helpful and paid out for the vast majority of the work to be done. We made use of the scaffolding involved to get a repair done on the leadwork where the tower joins the knave, a point where rain had been coming through. We also had some work done on the lead on the roof of the side (Lady) chapel, but this latter work looks like being only a stopgap.

One ongoing saga is the work on ASM's clock. The clock required manual winding by volunteers twice a week. As its maintenance is the responsibility of Mattishall Parish Council and not ours, they decided to get the winding automated, which was a very good idea. This took two years to get done and now seems to be working well. One remaining piece of work, which has dragged on several months, is the installation of a means of keeping the clock accurate. We look forward to seeing that completed.

One piece of work that needs to be done at some point, is work on the font. As you may well have seen, the base is marked with yellow and black warning tape these days after a number of people have tripped over it while moving things in and out of the tower room (one reason why we need the extra R&R storage space). We have made some enquiries about cutting the base back, but it would seem that this may make the font unstable as we don't know what is underneath it. This will be brought up in the 2024 QI.

## **Services**

We continued to hold two services each Sunday, with our more formal service at 9.00 and a more informal one at 10.30. Thanks are due to Anna English, in particular, for organising the "Sunday Special" services, led once a month by congregation members, and those who regularly help at all 9.00 services, particularly Rob Amey who plays the organ. Attendance at the 9.00 service is back to roughly where it was pre-pandemic, but attendance at the 10.30 service has dropped.

However, we started the Oasis service once a month on Sunday afternoons aimed at families with young children. Though the number of people attending has gone up and down, it is now a contender for being our largest service, albeit once a month. For more details, please see the separate Oasis report.

Thanks are also due to those who help at the 10.30 service, particularly Jonathan and Sara Rootham for leading the musical worship, despite difficult family circumstances. We continue to struggle to get people to help out on the 10.30 rota (not the 9.00) one and it would be a great help if people would more readily volunteer at 10.30 and for us to not have to continually ask for help.

## **Events**

A number of events, over and above normal services, took place in 2023. Drop In, Little Angels and Who Let The Dads Out? have their own reports in this year's report, but below are some other events as well.

Bible Journalling. Each Thursday there is now a small group who do bible journalling while Drop In is taking place. It is an artistic way of learning bible verses led by Cheryl Bumpass.

"A Romp Through the Old Testament" (April 2023), "Mark my Word" and "John – The Word became Flesh" (two half-day courses in October 2023) were run by Rev. Dr. Sue Woan, with 30+ attendees from around the diocese.

An Easter Fun Day was run on the Saturday of Easter, with a pleasantly surprising number of participants. We will run this again in 2024.

The Bright Party took place again on 31<sup>st</sup> October, with 155 participants, a number up on 2022.

The Christmas Fayre took place again in November, with many attendees again.

A Valuation Day, aiming at getting people to visit ASM (maybe for the first time) to get their antiques valued, went well in November.

The Christmas Fun Activities Afternoon again went well in December. Normally, this is followed by carol/song singing on the village green followed in turn by the switching on of the Christmas Tree lights, but the weather was so bad this year that the singing took place, as agreed only shortly beforehand, in ASM. There were a few minor hiccups, but it generally went well so we are looking to do it again in 2024.

Though it is now an established Christmas service, it is worth noting that the Christingle service continues to attract large numbers of people, with – to our surprise – twice as many adults at it as children.

## **Mission Partners**

With Derek and Paula's work on hold, at least temporarily, money that was being sent to them, has now been transferred to others of our mission partners. Thus, our current mission partners are:

Open Doors UK - North Breckland Youth for Christ - Mission Aviation Fellowship - Mid Norfolk Foodbank

As of the end of 2023, we were intending to restart the Youth Café with NBYFC early in 2024 and to have a speaker from Open Doors come to our services one Sunday in March.

## **Alan & Sue Cossey**

## **Curate's Report**

APCM season has arrived once again, marking a year since I joined you all. I want to start out by thanking all of you for how welcome you've made me feel.

I've been thinking about stories recently. I'm struck by the power of storytelling. We are inherently beings of narrative, people of story. It's inbuilt in us and informs every aspect of us. We have a personal narrative about ourselves and about the people we know. Think about how we describe our loved ones—not with mere statistics, but through the rich tapestry of shared experiences and anecdotes. If I ask you to tell me about someone you love, would you give me height, weight, date of birth? Or would you tell me 'well, there was this one time...'

Jesus understood the power of stories deeply, speaking in parables that go beyond time and culture to convey truths.

The parable of the lost sheep works even if the closest you've ever come to shepherding is roast lamb on Sunday. By making the truth into a story, we can all enter in. Stories allow us to step into the shoes of others, experiencing different perspectives, emotions, and life circumstances.

We're coming out of Holy Week, 2024, where I told the story of Easter to many people. I don't mean stories in the sense that they're untrue, but that they are a narrative by which we see our lives. For us, of course, the story of Easter is a success, a triumph. Jesus, by his death and resurrection, has won. He has conquered death and by extension, we as Christians, as followers of Christ, have also conquered. The Easter story is our story as people of God, as Easter people. The story shapes us, informs how we live our lives, but also informs how we see ourselves. Our story, our identity as people of God, is that we are beloved, welcomed into God's presence, that all barriers of sin and death are removed from us, because of this love. The challenge for us all is how we live out that story in our lives. We who are welcomed, how do we welcome others? We who are loved, how do we love and show that love?

As we go into our interregnum in 2024, we will be asked to create a parish profile. Here we have an opportunity to tell the story of our churches, of the people who worship here, of the villages and communities we serve. Let's paint a vivid portrait of our churches, our communities, and the values that bind us together. What story will we tell those who seek to join us on this journey?

**Tori Venmore-Rowland**

## **Safeguarding Report**

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

The majority of role descriptions are now in place and DBS checks have been carried out where appropriate. Most people who hold a role have completed their training as required and I am confident we will have reached 100% compliance by the end of April 2024.

I am standing down as Benefice Safeguarding Officer at the Mattishall APCM, but I am handing over to Leroy Burrell, who has a lot of knowledge and experience in this subject area and will be a very safe pair of hands. I feel very confident that he will do a great job and I am sure you will give him your full support.

**Jackie Clay**

## **Electoral Roll**

Total on the NEW Roll 58

**Alan Cossey**

## **Deanery Synod Report**

Each of our parishes belongs to the Dereham in Mitford Deanery, which stretches from the Longwater Retail Park and the A47 bypass around Norwich all the way to Rougham and includes five other benefices than ours. There are 48 parishes and 57 church buildings in the Deanery, and although it goes from the outskirts of Norwich, through the town of Dereham into deep countryside around Litcham, most parishes are similar – rural, deeply connected to their local villages, and in multi-parish benefices like ours.

It has a Synod to coordinate activities across the Deanery and to make decisions on behalf of it. Some parishes in this benefice have elected a lay representative(s) to the Synod, and others have not done so – which means they are not represented in any decisions made. Sally, Tori and I are automatically members of the Synod, but it is vitally important that the Synod represents the wider life of the church too.

There are three Synod meetings a year, this last year, the Synod has been focusing on the implementation of a Deanery Plan, to simplify some items of administration and to overcome the challenges that we all face – of buildings, volunteers, and finances. This work will be continuing into 2024. The Synod also had a visit from Tim Sweeting, the Diocesan Secretary, who runs the team at Diocesan House that support parishes, which gave an opportunity for parish representatives to hear more about the work of the Parish Support Team and for Tim to find out more about this part of the Diocese. The next Synod meeting will on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, at Shipdham Church at 7:30pm.

ASM PCC is allowed 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Over the last year David Rudling has been unable to attend and has stood down from this role. Mel Stevenson has only been able to attend one of the meetings but will continue. At this APCM, 2024, there are therefore 2 vacancies for Deanery Synod. If you feel this is a role you would like to consider, please speak to myself or Mel.

**Mark McCaghrey**

## **Little Angels Toddler Group Report**

*Team members include Sue C, Alan C, Carolyn P, Jackie Crp, June R, Karen K, Marney K, Patricia M, Pauline C and Val G*

As we come to the end of another year, we have much to celebrate and thank God for within our Little Angels Toddler group. Our wonderfully committed team of volunteers bring so much as they serve the families week by week with their own individual giftings. The church building too gives us so much space to set out toys and equipment.

As the year has progressed we've had new families join us and some have left as their little ones have moved on to big school or nursery school. We've received many favourable comments shared with team members about how they enjoy the group which is so encouraging.

We have at present 46 families registered and around 25 to 35 families attend each week. The parents/grandparents/carers are served hot drinks and biscuits throughout the morning and there is water or squash for the children. During the session there is a time for the children to sit at tables and enjoy a healthy snack. This is always a highlight for many! The adults are sometimes treated to cake as well!!

Our aim is to provide a warm friendly atmosphere to welcome families into, for the children to enjoy the various toys and activities and for the adults to have a chance to chat and share with one another. However, alongside this, we aim to build relationships with the families to enable us to share something of our own faith and what Jesus means to us. This can be through conversation, the way we act showing love and concern and if appropriate to offer to pray for them.

We also promote our Who Let The Dads Out? group and Oasis sessions and encourage families to join with us on those occasions as well.

During the summer break we offered 'meet ups' on a Wednesday at various parks/beaches for families to come along to if they wanted. At Christmas and Easter, the children all receive an age appropriate Christian book and also a small gift and card on their birthday.

The sessions are always lively with a craft item that is based on a bible story. Songs and nursery rhymes are enjoyed during our closing music session, including action songs and musical instruments.

Thank you Lord for all you have provided, and we want to make your love known to those in our benefice communities.

With love and blessings

**Sue Cossey**

<b>LITTLE ANGELS ACCOUNTS 2023</b>			
<b>As at 31.12.23</b>			
<b>Cash in hand b/f</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>114.65</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>£ 356.50</b>		
<b>Fees received</b>	<b>£1,414.99</b>		
		<b>£</b>	<b>1,886.14</b>
<b>Plus cash from Bank</b>	<b>£ -</b>		
		<b>£</b>	<b>1,886.14</b>
<b>Less - Costs in year</b>			
<b>Snacks</b>	<b>£ 491.15</b>		
<b>Resources</b>	<b>£ 693.69</b>		
<b>Cleaning/Misc</b>	<b>£ 92.06</b>		
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>£ 462.09</b>		
<b>Boxes</b>	<b>£ -</b>		
		<b>£</b>	<b>1,738.99</b>
<b>Less cash to Bank</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash in Hand</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>147.15</b>

## **Drop In Report**

2023 has been a good year at Drop In. We have several new people now coming along and have had up to 35 people attending at a time. Some of the group also meet for lunch after the session and friendships have been made and enriched.

We held 4 after Drop In lunch/party events over the year and all were very well attended. We had some musical entertainment and games as well as food.

Using the church building in Mattishall has proved to be much better than the Mattishall church rooms as we have space for more people and space to have private chats if needed.

We have a team of people who all take turns to make teas and coffee as well as setting up and clearing away afterwards. If it were not for these people the morning could not take place. They are Anne B, Ruth S, Anne R, Paul N, Ivan L and David B.

Praying for a blessed and successful 2024.

### **Lizzie Loades**

Income £2851.69    Outgoings £2851.69 (Expenses £631.69 / Given to ASM £2220.00)

## **Quiet Mornings Report**

This past year we have hosted another couple of Quiet Mornings for the Benefice at All Saints church, Mattishall. One themed on The Wilderness in Lent and the other was Harvest themed. Both mornings were well attended by people from the Benefice as well as a few others in the area, averaging 30-35 people throughout the mornings.

The Quiet Mornings are centred on reflecting and meditating on bible scriptures followed by some personal quiet space to engage with God in our reflective and creative spaces, exploring the thought provoking, interactive prayer path or simply resting in the presence of God.

Spending quality time with Jesus is important for our spiritual growth. At the Quiet Mornings, we are led into a space where that is possible. If you've never been on a retreat or not sure how to draw closer to God, one of our Quiet Mornings is a good place to explore what that would be like. Many people have been deeply touched by the presence of God during one of these mornings, so you would be welcome to come along and give it a try. It's an informal time of personal prayer. Feel free to stay as long or short a time as you wish. You have the freedom to come and go. Do give it a try!

**Anne Molyneux**

## **Oasis Report**

*Team members include Cheryl & Dean B, Nicola C, Alan & Sue C, Marney K, Mark & Fiona McC, Anne M, Carolyn P, Mel S and Leroy B*

In June 2023 we commenced a monthly session called Oasis which runs from 4pm – 5pm every second Sunday in the month at All Saints Mattishall but serves our benefice communities. It is organised and currently implemented by the above team. This is designed to attract children and families to enjoy something along the lines of a 'service' but specifically tailored to meet the needs of families with young children. Each session is based around a bible story or event.

A craft time is set up ready as families arrive based around the story that is being used. This is followed by a short drama (sometimes a video) again based on the bible story being depicted. The drama has proved a popular way of bringing the story to life for the children as they can be involved by dressing up and playing a part. After the sketch, a team member summarises and leads a short prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Then follows one or two action songs that the children (and adults!) can join in which complements the story. Finally, a snack time tea is served for all to enjoy. Food is provided by the team and members of the church family which is enjoyed and appreciated. A good opportunity follows over food to mix and chat.

At present we are attracting around 30 to 40 children and adults (including team members). Connections are being forged predominantly between families who attend Little Angels and Who Let The Dads Out? groups.

Please continue to pray for God's direction for this as we seek what is the best way forward.

**Sue Cossey**

## **Who Let The Dads Out? Report**

This is a group that meets from 9.00am to 10.30am each 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (except August) in All Saints, Mattishall, for dads and their kiddies up to and including school year 2. It is usually the dads who come along, but sometimes granddads do instead, which is fine too. We have a good number of families who attend regularly, some from when we started up 5 years ago. In 2023 we averaged 10 dads and 16 kiddies.

We see ourselves as having two main purposes:

- 1) To give dads a place to spend time and have fun with their kids and to get to chat with other dads in a similar situation as well as with the team. We remind mums beforehand that this is a chance for them to have a bit of peace and quiet on a Saturday morning!
- 2) To show that Christians are not too weird in the hope of having some conversations about Jesus.

We make use of similar toys to Little Angels, but do also have table hockey, table football, and Connect 4 as we have some older kiddies than in Little Angels (and dads like to play those). We also provide bacon rolls as part of the snacks and food, so there is a delicious aroma when people come in. I can smell it now...

We spend from 9.00am to about 10.15am in an unstructured way, but for the last 15 minutes or so we gather together to give out birthday presents, have a song, and do something like mess around with a parachute or do the hokey-cokey (those who want to)!

We thoroughly enjoy our time with the dads and kids and there is the occasional conversation about God stuff. We do also encourage the families to come along to Oasis, which normally happens the following weekend, with a small number also coming along to that.

A really big thank you to the team who help on those Saturdays and for those who pray for the families and us.

**Alan Cossey**

<b>WLTD0 ACCOUNTS 2023</b>	
<b>Cash in hand b/f</b>	<b>£54.57</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>£256.00</b>
<b>Fees received</b>	<b>£216.00</b>
	<b>£526.57</b>
<b>Less - Costs in year</b>	
<b>Snacks</b>	<b>£201.74</b>
<b>Resources</b>	<b>£91.12</b>
<b>Cleaning/Misc</b>	<b>£-</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>£82.96</b>
<b>Boxes</b>	<b>£-</b>
	<b>£375.82</b>
<b>Less cash to Bank</b>	<b>£-</b>
<b>Cash in Hand</b>	<b>£150.75</b>



## **Singing For Fun and Wellbeing Report**

This new activity was started mid-2023 and seems to be going quite well. All Saints Mattishall hosts the sessions. We have an average of 12 people attending each time, second Wednesday each month from 1pm, and have now introduced an extra session on the fourth Thursday each month at 7pm. Current people attending are mainly from Mattishall village although we have had others come along as well. We meet up a bit earlier so people can have a cuppa before singing, this gives an opportunity to chat. The music is mainly well known popular songs.

We hope that this new outreach activity will continue to grow during 2024 and can serve our benefice communities well.

Everyone is welcome.

**Lizzie Loades**