

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1135449

Parochial Church Council of St Alban, Wickersley

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2023

Parochial Church Council of St Alban, Wickersley

Content of the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Page
Trustees Report	1-3
Independent Examiners Report	4
Statement of Financial Activities	5
Balance Sheet	6
Notes to the Accounts	7 – 13

The Parochial Church Council of St. Alban, Wickersley

Annual Report 2023

The Parochial Church Council (the Trustees), are pleased to present the annual report, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 examined under the requirements of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Administrative Information

St Alban's Church is situated in Wickersley, in the Deanery of Rotherham in the Diocese of Sheffield.

St Alban's PCC, Wickersley became a registered charity with the Charity Commission on 12 April 2010 with the official title "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Alban, Wickersley" and registered number 1135449.

Membership

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

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are;

Mr L Tomlinson
Mr M Jacques
Mr J Barber to April
Mr J Dodds
Mr C Lovell
Mr M Carver from May

Mrs K Waite
Mrs K Carver
Miss J. Gascoigne
Mrs S Rose
Mrs J Watson
Mrs J Broxham
Mrs J Rose from September

Gentlemen 6

Ladies 7

PCC Secretary - Mrs K Evans

Churchwardens

Mr A Rose
Mr M Carver to April
Mr D Crabb from May

Rector

Rev. P J Hughes to October

Readers

Pastoral Workers

Deanery Synod Reps
Mr A Rose

Staff Team

The Church employed a maximum of 4 staff during the year. These part-time posts include the Musical Director Mr C Lovell, Parish Secretary Mrs K Evans, Verger Mrs S Rose, and Barn Cleaner Mrs N Cooke to May then Miss L Nightingale

The Staff Team consisted of:-

Rector
Pastoral worker

Rev. P J Hughes
Mrs J Broxham

Independent Examiner

Robert D Parkin FCA
Parkins Chartered Accountants
Moor Park House
Clifford Lister Business Centre
Bawtry Road
Wickersley
Rotherham
S66 2BL

Bankers

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.
Liverpool Csc
Stephenson Way
Wavertree
Liverpool
L13 1HE

The Parochial Church Council of St. Alban, Wickersley

Annual Report 2023

Investments

CCLA Investment Management Ltd
The CBF Church of England Funds
80 Cheapside
London
EC2V 6DZ

Insurance

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company plc.
Beaufort House
Brunswick Road
Gloucester

Structure, Governance and Management

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The affairs of the Parish are managed by the Parochial Church Council, which meets on alternate months, six times a year, and, in emergencies, on other occasions, to deal with business between normal meetings of the Parochial Church Council. The minutes of these, and other PCC committees, were received by the PCC and discussed where necessary. After the rector retired, the Standing Committee, a group of seven from the PCC, was created to deal with the day to day running of the church affairs.

Mission Statement

St. Alban's Church Wickersley is part of the Church of England within the Diocese of Sheffield and the Deanery of Rotherham. It is a community of faith that seeks to base life on the love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, to be open to the Spirit of God and to serve the Kingdom of God.

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we aim to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community by:

- Creating a strong centre for worship.
- Fostering a caring and open fellowship.
- Maintaining long-term service to the local community and the wider world.

We are committed to:

- Valuing every member of St. Alban's Church as part of the body of Christ and enabling each person to play their part in our shared mission.
- Helping people of all ages to discover and respond to the saving love of God, revealed in his Son, Jesus Christ, and to do this within the fellowship of Christ's Church.
- Supporting a priest for this parish and Mission Partnership and encouraging lay leadership which should find its focus within the Parochial Church Council to help this Church fulfil its mission.

The primary focus of our work is within the ecclesiastical parish of Wickersley, but we are also committed to working as closely as possible with other churches in evangelism and social concern.

The Parochial Church Council is required, as stated in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 to co-operate with the rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and Performance

St Albans offers the community a variety of services, three on Sunday, two of which offer communion, and also a communion service on Thursdays.

For those wishing to increase their knowledge of our faith then we offer a 'Lent Course', 'Christianity Explored' and 'Discipleship Explored'. For those who prefer it there are 'House Groups' which meet regularly throughout the year. During this year we have maintained our connection to the parish by live streaming services on YouTube.

Church Attendance

There are 197 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. In the course of the year the average attendance on Sundays has been 93. Average attendance on Thursdays is now 10. The live streaming of some of our services begun during the pandemic has continued and these are being viewed by a number of people who are unable to attend in person.

During the year there were 24 Baptisms, 2 Weddings and 21 Funerals in church. In addition, there were 16 Funerals at the Crematorium, and 29 Committal or Burial of Ashes only.

The Parochial Church Council of St. Alban, Wickersley

Annual Report 2023

Financial Results

The deficit on all activities of the Church for the year amounted to (£12,858); 2022, £8,068 surplus, details
The results of the year can be summarised as follows:

- Gross income £102,853 (2022: £99,178) increased by 3.70%
- Unrestricted income £95,315 (2022: £91,927), increased by 3.69% and unrestricted expenditure £101,670 (2022: £81,142) increased by 25.30%.
- Restricted income £7,538 (2022: £7,251) increased by 3.95% and expenditure £17,342 (2022: £5,287) increased by 228.01%.
- Gift Aided Income £40,853 (2022: £56,191) decreased by 27.30%.
- Overall expenditure £119,012 (2022: £86,429) increased by 37.70%.

Fabric Report

The work required to repair the crack between the Vestry and the Nave was carried out early in the year. This involved installation of a soakaway in the churchyard and filling of the crack itself.

Redecoration work, involving repair of plasterwork and repainting, has been carried out on the area of staining on the ceiling of the nave, and on the damaged area on the south wall of the nave.

In late 2023 the boiler in church broke down. Attempts to repair this have been unsuccessful, and hence a decision has been made to apply for a faculty for its replacement. This is now in progress.

At different times there have been water leaks into the nave, which have been addressed.

The electrical work found to be necessary last year has not yet been carried out. This will be progressed this year.

Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to maintain sufficient available unrestricted funds to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. However, the PCC reserves the right to re-designate funds to meet demand from the general fund if the need arises.

The balance on the restricted fabric fund is held to contribute towards future repairs.

STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL'S (TRUSTEES') RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council members are responsible for preparing the Report of the Council and the Annual Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Council members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Council for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Council will continue in operation.

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Council and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charities (Accounts and reports) regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 / 04 / 2024 and signed on their behalf by

L N Tomlinson



**Independent Examiner's Report
to the Parochial Church Council of St Alban, Wickersley**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

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')

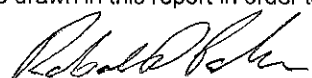
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 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.

 - Parkins Accountants Ltd

Robert D Parkin FCA
Parkins Chartered Accountants
Moor Park House
Clifford Lister Business Centre
Bawtry Road
Wickersley
Rotherham

Date: 01.10.2024

The Parochial Church Council of St. Alban, Wickersley

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

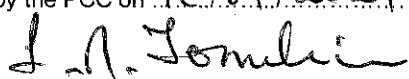
	See Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Income and Endowments		£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	2(a)	54,300	2,969	-	57,269	66,990
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	2,380	-	-	2,380	2,626
Income from investments	2(c)	1,834	3,984	-	5,818	2,555
Church activities	2(d)	36,801	585	-	37,386	27,007
Total Income		95,315	7,538	-	102,853	99,178
Expenditure						
Church activities	3(a)	100,488	17,213	-	117,701	86,429
Raising funds	3(b)	1,182	129	-	1,311	-
Total Expenditure		101,670	17,342	-	119,012	86,429
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(6,355)	(9,804)	-	(16,159)	12,749
Net gain/(loss) on investments	6	-	-	3,301	3,301	(4,681)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(6,355)	(9,804)	3,301	(12,858)	8,068
Transfers between funds	14	(25)	25	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(6,380)	(9,779)	3,301	(12,858)	8,068
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD 1 January 2023		151,853	112,851	35,083	299,787	
Net movement in funds		(6,380)	(9,779)	3,301	(12,858)	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31 December 2023		145,473	103,072	38,384	286,929	

The Parochial Church Council of St. Alban, Wickersley

**Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023**

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	-	-
Investments	6	<u>38,384</u>	<u>35,083</u>
		38,384	35,083
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	5,639	11,935
Current Account	8	15,213	14,229
Deposit Account	9	137,706	153,727
CBF Account	10	93,700	89,763
Cash in Hand	11	<u>364</u>	<u>140</u>
		252,622	269,794
Creditors: Amounts falling due within One year	12	<u>4,077</u>	<u>5,090</u>
Net Current Assets		248,545	264,704
NET ASSETS		<u>286,929</u>	<u>299,787</u>
PARISH FUNDS	13 & 14		
Unrestricted		145,473	151,853
Restricted		103,072	112,851
Endowment		38,384	35,083
		<u>286,929</u>	<u>299,787</u>

Approved by the PCC on 16.04.2024 and signed on their behalf by



L N Tomlinson
Treasurer

The Parochial Church Council of St. Alban, Wickersley

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of the Accounts

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS 102 1A as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The PCC has taken advantage of the exemption in the Financial Reporting Standards from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

Funds

Restricted funds represent income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

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

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; income may only be spent on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust.

Incoming Resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable. Funds raised from events and trading activities (e.g. Fetes, sale of books or magazines) are accounted for gross (i.e. before any retail costs that may have been deducted from the gross proceeds). Rental income from letting Church premises is recognised when the rental is due. Interest is accounted for when receivable.

The Parochial Church Council of St. Alban, Wickersley

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

1 Accounting Policies (Cont.)

Resources Expended and Liabilities

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

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable.

The Common Fund donation to the Diocese is accounted for when payable.

Fixed Assets and Benefice Property

Consecrated and moveable church furnishings

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. No value is placed on moveable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items costing less than £1000 are written off when the asset is acquired unless replacing an existing asset.

Parochial Church Council of St Alban Wickersley

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

2 Income and Endowments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving-donations	35,795	-	-	35,795	46,423
-tax recoverable	5,058	-	-	5,058	9,768
Other giving -donations	12,447	2,969	-	15,416	10,349
-tax recoverable					
Legacies	1,000	-	-	1,000	450
Total	54,300	2,969	-	57,269	66,990
b) Activity from generating funds					
Social and Fund Raising Events	2,380	-	-	2,380	2,626
Total	2,380	-	-	2,380	2,626
c) Income from Investments					
Interest	1,834	3,984	-	5,818	1,511
Dividends	-	-	-	-	1,044
Total	1,834	3,984	-	5,818	2,555
d) Church Activities					
Barn Lettings	7,097	-	-	7,097	8,056
Fees for Weddings and Funerals	29,704	585	-	30,289	18,951
Total	36,801	585	-	37,386	27,007
Total Income and Endowments	95,315	7,538	-	102,853	99,178

Parochial Church Council of St Alban Wickersley

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

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
a) Church Activities					
Donations from Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	219
Ministry -Common Fund Donation	38,000	-	-	38,000	37,000
Ministry-Diocesan Parish Fees	14,909	248	-	15,157	7,098
Ministry-Other Costs	416	-	-	416	2,245
Organist,Choir and Verger	4,240	-	-	4,240	5,247
Church Running Expense	23,465	14,035	-	37,500	14,422
Upkeep of Services	2,101	-	-	2,101	2,469
Purchase of Bibles / Hymn Books	96	-	-	96	1,782
Upkeep of Churchyard	3,630	1,000	-	4,630	4,525
Barn Running Costs	10,574	-	-	10,574	6,220
Postage and Stationery	475	-	-	475	238
Professional Fees	-	1,930	-	1,930	706
Independent Examination Fee	2,582	-	-	2,582	4,258
Total	100,488	17,213	-	117,701	86,429
b) Raising Funds					
Social and Fundraising Events	1,182	129	-	1,311	-
Total	1,182	129	-	1,311	-
Total	101,670	17,342	-	119,012	86,429

Parochial Church Council of St Alban Wickersley

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

4 Staff Costs

During the year the PCC employed four part time members of staff: a Director of Music, a secretary, a vergers and a cleaner

Two of the employees are also members of the PCC.

Cory Lovell is the Music Director and received remuneration of £4,255 (2022 £4,150)

Stella Rose is the Verger and received remuneration of £1,550 (2022 £1,235)

The Rector's salary, social security and pension costs are met by the Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance

The average head count of staff employed was 4 (2022 :4)

No employees received benefits totalling more than £60,000

The key management personnel of the PCC comprise the trustees (as listed on page 1)

The amount of employee benefits received by management personnel for their services was £5,805 (2022 £5,385)

5 Fixed Assets for use by the PCC

All tangible fixed assets have been fully depreciated and therefore the assessed value of fixed assets is now nil.

6 Fixed Assets: Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fair Value at 1 January	35,083	39,764
Revaluation Gain	3,301 -	4,681
Fair Value at 31 December	<u>38,384</u>	<u>35,083</u>

7 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid receivable	4,044	9,807
Small donations scheme	1,000	1,200
Barn rent	595	928
Total	<u>5,639</u>	<u>11,935</u>

8 Current Account

	2023	2022
	£	£
RBS Current	500	-
RBS Current Account-Churchyard	4,246	521
RBS Current Account-Barn	10,467	13,708
Total	<u>15,213</u>	<u>14,229</u>

9 Deposit Account

	2023	2022
	£	£
RBS Deposit Account-Refurbishment	12,787	12,634
RBS Deposit Account	-	141,093
RBS Business Reserve	124,919	-
Total	<u>137,706</u>	<u>153,727</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Alban Wickersley

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

10 Central Board of Finance Accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit Fund -Fabric	28,054	27,183
Deposit Fund-Churchyard	10,004	9,693
Deposit Fund-Barn	4,200	4,070
Deposit Fund -General	3,425	3,319
Deposit Fund -Heath Trust	48,017	45,498
Total	<u>93,700</u>	<u>89,763</u>

11 Cash in Hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Churchwardens Fund	364	140

12 Creditors-Amounts Falling Due Within 12 Months

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals of Utility and other costs	75	626
Other Creditors	4,002	4,464
Total	<u>4,077</u>	<u>5,090</u>

13 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	-	-	38,384	38,384	35,083
Current Assets	149,421	103,201	-	252,622	269,794
Current Liabilities	- 3,948	- 129	-	- 4,077	- 5,090
Total	<u>145,473</u>	<u>103,072</u>	<u>38,384</u>	<u>286,929</u>	<u>299,787</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Alban Wickersley

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

14 Reconciliation of Funds

	Balance at 1-1-2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Fund Transfers £	Balance at 31-12-23 £
Restricted Funds					
Special Collections and Donations	995	414	146	-	1,263
Heath Trust Income	46,519	2,479	-	-	48,998
Fabric Fund	55,241	1,456	13,667	-	43,030
Bell Fund	3,611	50	-	25	3,686
Organ Fund	1,721	-	-	-	1,721
Restoration Fund	1,942	123	1,126	-	939
SAM Mission Fund	46	-	-	-	46
Pew Bibles	465	-	-	-	465
Churchyard Fund	126	1,000	1,000	-	126
Hymn Books	- 167	-	-	-	167
JM Memorial	114	-	-	-	114
Children and Youth Work	646	-	-	-	646
Music Fund	1,377	1,320	718	-	1,979
Barn Fund	79	-	-	-	79
NSPCC	-	129	129	-	-
Sound System	-	50	-	-	50
Flower Festival Fund	136	517	556	-	97
Total	112,851	7,538	17,342	25	103,072
Unrestricted Funds					
Churchyard Funds-Designated	19,647	-	-	-	19,647
Barn Fund-Designated	14,997	-	-	-	14,997
Organ Fund-Designated	6,029	-	-	-	6,029
Fabric Fund-Designated	6,206	-	-	-	6,206
Restoration Fund -Designated	11,068	-	-	-	11,068
General Fund	93,906	95,315	101,670	- 25	87,526
Total	151,853	95,315	101,670	- 25	145,473
Endowment Funds					
Heath Trust Fund	35,083	3,301	-	-	38,384
Total	299,787	106,154	119,012	-	286,929

15 Related Party Transactions

Other than through employment contracts, no member of the PCC received remuneration or other benefits from the funds of the PCC during the year