

Diocese of Leicester, Guthlaxton Deanery  
Parochial Church Council of  
**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COUNTESTHORPE**  
Registered Charity No 1135711

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year 2023**

### **OUR YEAR**

Thankfully St Andrew's managed to end the year 2023 with a financial surplus of over £6,000. That was in spite of rising costs, repairs to the tower and the loss of some families. We were helped by some large donations and continuing fund-raising efforts by many loyal members.

Some group activities are continuing in 2024 but sadly others are on hold. The Men's group is not meeting. The *Breathe* youth group is not currently running and there is no Sunday school at present. However, we are able to rejoice in the continuing success of Messy Church and the Little Friends group for mothers or carers with tiny children. The Mothers' Union branch is flourishing as are the Friendship Teas and the Craft Corner.

### ***The Church***

St Andrew's Church is a Grade II Listed building. The church was rebuilt in 1907, but its 13<sup>th</sup> century tower was retained and now holds eight bells. In more recent years the church has had a new roof, new electrical wiring and sound and projection equipment. The pews have been replaced with chairs and the old organ has been replaced with an electronic one. The main entrance now has glass inner doors and new steps and railings enhance it even more. The floor was refurbished in 2019.

The church is situated on Main Street, Countesthorpe, LEICESTER LE8 5QX, and is part of the Four Saints Benefice, with Foston, Peatling Magna and Willoughby Waterleys.

There is a church hall called The Cornerstone. The church's premises at 1 Main Street, next to the church, include a shop and a flat, both let to tenants, and The Bridge building, which has toilets, the church office, the Rainbow Shop and a meeting room. The Rainbow Shop is run by volunteers from St Andrew's, other local churches and the community and it raises funds for the interdenominational charity Christian Aid. Visitors can be sure of a cup of tea and a chat there. The Bridge meeting room is used by a number of organisations as well as the church itself. The PCC is still paying regular instalments of the loan from the Diocese for the Bridge building.

### ***The Church's Mission***

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) co-operates with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

### ***Mission Statement***

We wish to be

a transformed people who love God and each other,  
a people set on fire by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
a community that wants to share His Story with everyone we can,  
seed-throwers and fire-starters, hope-peddlers and grace-givers, risk-takers and dreamers,  
young and old.

We aim

to seek the lost, empower the poor, strengthen the weak, embrace the outcast.

We want

to serve together, play together, worship together, pray together, laugh together, cry together,  
learn together and live life together,  
to grow as a church in numbers and in loving service  
and to see our village changed by the love God has given to us to share.

The funding needed comes mainly from the donations of individuals and a few fundraising initiatives during the year. Much of the upkeep of the Cornerstone and No 1 Main Street is funded by rent and fees for lettings. A Parish Contribution is paid to the Diocese of Leicester for the salaries of the stipendiary clergy and central services.

### ***Structure of the PCC***

The PCC is a corporate body established and operating under the Church Representation Rules of the Church of England and is Registered Charity No 1135711.

The PCC normally holds five meetings during the year. The Standing Committee, made up of the Rector, the Churchwardens, the Lay Vice-Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary and two members elected by the PCC, prepares the agendas. Various PCC sub-groups are set up from time to time.

The PCC's bankers are:

HSBC, Leicester Clock Tower Branch, 2-6 Gallowtree Gate, LEICESTER LE1 1DA  
Advanced Payment Solutions Limited, Cashplus Bank, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, One London Wall, LONDON EC2Y 5EB

CBF Church of England Funds, CCLA Investment Management Ltd, 80 Cheapside, LONDON EC2V 6DZ (Central Board of Finance)

Santander (for the Rainbow Shop), Customer Service Centre, Bootle, Merseyside L30 4GB.

Its insurers are:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, GLOUCESTER GL1 1JZ.

The Independent Examiner is Mrs Susan V Wyllie FCA, 4 Mawby Close, Whetstone, Leicester LE8 6XA.

Apart from the ex-officio members, there are fifteen elected members of the PCC, who serve for a three-year term of office, with five standing down each year.

### ***PCC Members 2023***

#### ***Ex Officio***

The Revd Richard Reakes, Rector

June Ainge, Reader Minister

Sally Bailey, Deanery Synod Representative

Stephen Bailey, Deanery Synod Representative and Churchwarden

Anne Jelves, Churchwarden and Vice Chair

Lindsey Jelves, Reader Minister

Gail Mackley, Associate Minister

Jacqui McAughey, Associate Minister from May 2023

Helen Stokes, Reader Minister and Deanery Synod Representative

#### ***Elected Members***

Christine Baxter

David McAughey

John Cook

Eva Morris (PCC Secretary)

Alison Dale (Treasurer)

Deborah Perkins

Gill Gillespie

Edward Thomas

Christopher Gradden (until November 2023)

There are currently several vacancies.

### ***Membership***

There were 103 people on the church Electoral Roll at 31 December 2023. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October 2023, was 45 adults and 3 children. In addition other families attended Messy Church and during the first part of 2023 young people met in the group called 'Breathe'.

### ***Ministry/People***

The Rector of the Four Saints Benefice is the Revd Richard Reakes. A retired priest with Permission-to-Officiate (the Revd Mick Gillespie) officiates at some of our services. The Revd Rod Allard has retired from regular ministry in this Benefice and his wife Gill has retired from her regular role as leader of the music group. They were presented with a thank-you gift at the benefice service in December and their ministry will be missed. The Benefice has four Reader Ministers (June Ainge, Lindsey Jelves, Michael Oates and Helen Stokes) and two Associate Ministers (Gail Mackley, and Jacqui McAughey who was licensed in May). We are looking forward to welcoming an Assistant Curate in training in the summer.

At the end of April we said goodbye to retiring Administrator Ant Johnson and in June welcomed Emma Adams as the new Administrator.

### ***Worship and Groups***

From the beginning of June 2023 the pattern of services changed, subject to review in the summer of 2024. Instead of two services on a Sunday (Holy Communion at 9am and Morning Praise at 11am) there is now only one service - alternating between Holy Communion at 9am and Morning Praise at 11am. Mid-week Holy Communion is still held at 9.30am on Thursdays. Morning Prayer is said in church at 8am from Tuesday to Saturday and there is a weekly Evening Prayer at the Vicarage on a

Wednesday. 'Messy Church' is held on the third Saturday of each month. If there is a fifth Sunday in the month just one service is held in one church in the Benefice, in turn. This service is well attended and at other times some St Andrew's members attend services in the other churches of the Benefice.

Home Communion is provided for those who cannot get to church and this includes ministry to the Cherrytree Residential Care Home. There is a Whats App prayer and support group. The church has mid-week groups for Bible study and prayer. There is a regular Craft Group.

The tower team ring the bells before Sunday morning services and for weddings. They also ring at St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys. There is a regular organist at the 9am service and singers and musicians lead the music at 11am. When they are not available the small sound and projection team are able to show pre-recorded song videos.

Currently there is no Sunday School and the youth group *Breathe* is on hold.

St Andrew's has a long-established Mothers' Union branch, which has a full programme of monthly meetings, including the Rally in October hosted by St Andrew's. The church takes part in the annual ecumenical World Day of Prayer service in early March.

The Men's Group called MAFIA (Men And Faith In Action) met for part of 2023, but is paused at the moment.

New members are welcomed to our groups.

### ***Outreach to the Community***

Funerals and weddings take place in St Andrew's Church and the 11.00am service sometimes includes a baptism. On these occasions St Andrew's endeavours to offer a welcome and ongoing pastoral care.

St Andrew's hosts the Remembrance Service for the whole village, in the churchyard, where the village War Memorial is situated. It includes the Scouts and Guides groups' parade. The Scouts held their carol service in the church in 2023 and some of their activities take place in St Andrew's Bridge building.

The annual Service of Light was held on Advent Sunday 2023. This is a service when people are enabled to remember their loved ones.

The church was opened for the village Christmas lights switch-on. A carol service was held in December and on Christmas Eve there was a Christingle service and a Midnight Communion.

The Cornerstone and The Bridge are used regularly by church and outside groups. There are 'Friendship Teas' on a Monday afternoon. On a Thursday afternoon during term time there is a group called *Little Friends*, for mothers or carers with tiny children.

As mentioned, the Rainbow Shop offers a welcome. It sent £14,500 to Christian Aid in 2023.

The Bridge garden is a quiet space accessible to the community, with a dedicated team to maintain it.

As a founder member of the Countesthorpe Foodbank the church continues to support it. Similarly we support the Community Fund for which money is raised by the collection of newspapers.

### ***Safeguarding and Other Policies***

The church has Safeguarding Policies for both children and vulnerable adults and a benefice Safeguarding Officer, Dave McAughey. The PCC has adopted the House of Bishops' Guidance. It has a Statement on Domestic Abuse. It also has a Health and Safety Policy, an Equality and Diversity Policy and a Data Protection Policy.

### ***Communication***

St Andrew's has a benefice website ([www.standrewscountesthorpe.co.uk](http://www.standrewscountesthorpe.co.uk)). There is a St Andrew's Church & The Bridge Facebook page and a St Andrew's Church Facebook group. The church also contributes a section in the local village newspaper, with the Baptist and Methodist churches - the newspaper is delivered free to every home and is available online. There is a weekly news sheet for church members called *What's On Where (WOW)*, which is also on the benefice website.

### ***Financial Review***

Our surplus for the year was achieved thanks to generous donations and church members' hardworking fund-raising efforts, for which we are very grateful. We managed to meet all our financial obligations, including the full Parish Contribution to the Diocese and paying off a further £12,000 of the Diocesan loan taken out a few years ago for our building project. There was a balance left on the loan of £74,000 at the end of the year, which is due to be repaid by around the end of 2029. The Balance Sheet is

looking healthy with net current assets of £15,376. The acquisition of a Card Reader for church collections, and the promotion of the Parish Giving Scheme (direct debits), have helped to facilitate people's giving and Gift Aid administration. A Deanery Outreach Grant of £400 was applied for and received, to help with outreach, primarily to the Ukrainians hosted in the village. The Rainbow Shop has had one of its most successful years ever, raising £14,500 to send to Christian Aid.

Looking ahead, it appears that income will be less in the coming year, because of fewer regular givers, but expenses will be higher. Last year we increased our offer of Diocesan Contribution as requested, as they were facing significant budgeting constraints and we are aiming to ensure we cover the cost of our Rector. Also we will need to cover at least some of the costs of work needed imminently on our buildings. And we would like to have sufficient funds to do more outreach to the community. So we are starting the new year with a reasonable level of reserves for now, but a deficit budget. We are prayerfully considering what we can do to try to boost funds to cover the expected shortfall.

E. Morris..... EVA MORRIS (PCC Secretary)

Alison Dale..... ALISON DALE (PCC Treasurer)

Signed on behalf of the PCC

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Date 16/04/24.....

**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ending 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (GENERAL CHURCH FUNDS) £	Restricted Funds (RAINBOW SHOP BRIDGE LOAN FUNDRAISING AND YOUTH TRAVEL FUND) £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming resources from donors	p.7				
Other voluntary incoming resources inc. grants	2(a)	59,423	5,867	65,290	73,250
Incoming resources from operating activities to further the PCC's objects	2(b)	-	400	400	5,721
Incoming resources from operating activities to generate funds	2(c)	5,274	5,274	5,274	7,447
Income from investments	2(d)	4,147	18,174	22,321	19,721
	2(e)	30,129	64	30,193	29,236
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>98,973</b>	<b>24,505</b>	<b>123,478</b>	<b>135,375</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Costs of generating funds	p.8				
Grants to charities	3(a)	247	2,699	2,946	3,376
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3(b)	1,020	14,500	15,520	11,575
Support costs: Parish administrator	3(c)	87,378	1,488	88,866	84,499
Church management and administration		6,212	-	6,212	5,920
	3(d)	3,315	-	3,315	2,928
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>98,172</b>	<b>18,687</b>	<b>116,859</b>	<b>108,298</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>801</b>	<b>5,818</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>27,077</b>
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS:</b>					
Loan repayments made		12,000	(12,000)	-	-
<b>ADJUSTED NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>12,801</b>	<b>(6,182)</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>27,077</b>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY		272,760	12,952	285,712	258,635
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER</b>		<b>285,561</b>	<b>6,770</b>	<b>292,331</b>	<b>285,712</b>

**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023**

Item	Note <u>p.9</u>	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS AT COST</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	4	350,955	350,751
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash balances		63	1,203
Bank balances		10,482	19,715
CBF Deposits		1,657	1,657
Debtors			
HMRC tax refunds due		1,221	1,983
Rentals due - Cornerstone		5,850	-
Rentals due - Main Street		217	570
Other Debtors		639	144
Stock of Goods for resale		400	830
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		20,529	26,102
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNT FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
Creditors - Parish Contribution		-	-
- LDBF Fees		2,356	2,562
- Clergy expenses		61	48
- Utilities		1,307	640
- Loan interest		568	666
- HMRC PAYE due		345	286
- Other creditors		516	939
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		5,153	5,141
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		15,376	20,961
<b>LIABILITIES: LONG TERM</b>			
Diocesan Loan		74,000	86,000
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		292,331	285,712
<b>FUNDS</b>	5		
Unrestricted		285,561	272,760
Restricted		6,770	12,952
		292,331	285,712

Approved by the Parochial Church Council  
on 16/4/24 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend Richard Reakes  
Rector

The notes on pages 5 to 9 form part of  
these accounts.



**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
**Restricted Funds Income and Expenditure Accounts**  
**For the Year Ending 31 December 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Rainbow Shop (restricted)</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Income from charitable trading	18,174	14,529
Donations/grants for refurbishment fund	-	110
Interest received	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>18,174</b>	<b>14,639</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Purchase of goods for resale (adjusted for stock balances)	2,699	2,832
Restocking expenses (from Refurbishment Fund)	-	103
Running expenses	1,306	1,060
Overseas missions and relief agencies	14,500	11,000
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,505</b>	<b>14,995</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>	<b>(331)</b>	<b>(356)</b>
Total Funds at 1 January	2,125	2,481
Total Funds at 31 December	1,794	2,125

<b>Countesthorpe (St. Andrews) Youth Fund (restricted)</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Interest	64	11
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Payments towards youth travel	-	-
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>11</b>
Bank account at 1 January	147	136
	1,657	1,657
<b>Total Fund at 1 January</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>1,793</b>
Bank account at 31 December	211	147
CBF deposit fund account at 31 December	1,657	1,657
<b>Total Fund at 31 December</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>1,804</b>

**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
**Restricted Funds Income and Expenditure Accounts**  
**For the Year Ending 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
<b>Bridge Loan Fundraising account (restricted)</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Gift aided regular donations	4,320	4,720
Donations from groups and other single donations	470	640
Gift Aid Income tax recovered	1,077	1,180
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,867</b>	<b>6,540</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Loan capital repayments made during the year	12,000	8,000
	-	-
	<b>12,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>(6,133)</b>	<b>(1,460)</b>
Accumulated Fund at 1 January	9,023	10,483
Surplus for the year	(6,133)	(1,460)
<b>Total Fund at 31 December</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>9,023</b>

**Deanery Outreach Grant (restricted)**

<b>Income</b>		
Grants received	400	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Projects supported during the year	182	-
	-	-
	<b>182</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>-</b>
Accumulated Fund at 1 January	-	-
Surplus for the year	218	-
<b>Total Fund at 31 December</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>-</b>



**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ending 31 December 2023**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the Going Concern basis.

**Funds**

Restricted funds represent 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.

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC only are also unrestricted.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**Incoming resources**

***Voluntary income and capital sources***

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

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

Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is receivable.

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 it is received.

***Other income***

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is receivable.

Bank interest is recognised when credited

**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ending 31 December 2023 continued**

**Resources used**

***Grants***

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over (i.e. a cheque is issued), or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

***Activities directly relating to the work of the church***

The Diocesan Parish Contribution is accounted for when paid (i.e. a cheque is issued). Any Contribution unpaid at 31 December, but is intended to be paid, is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

**Fixed assets**

***Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts under the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to about 1990 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 1990 have been capitalised in the accounts and are now being depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years, their currently anticipated useful economic life. The railings and gates, having a much longer anticipated useful life, are being depreciated on a straight line basis over 40 years.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, or individual items under about £1000, or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1990, is written off.

***Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment***

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years unless the decision is taken to not do so. Individual items with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

**Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, provided they are not considered to be irrecoverable.

**Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to pay out resources, and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
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<b>2 INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
2(a) <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Tax-efficient giving				
Gift aided envelopes	230		230	510
Gift aided standing orders	25,929	4,320	30,249	32,574
Gift Aided single donations	2,538		2,538	1,414
Income tax recoverable	8,503	1,077	9,580	9,547
Other giving				-
Envelopes (not Gift Aided)	2,446		2,446	3,074
Standing Orders (not Gift Aided)	15,250		15,250	10,250
Single Donations (not Gift Aided)	969	470	1,439	13,532
Rainbow Shop donations for refurbishment				110
Collections				
Services - cash or card reader	2,426		2,426	1,664
Gift collections	114		114	-
Charity collections	1,018		1,018	575
	<u>59,423</u>	<u>5,867</u>	<u>65,290</u>	<u>73,250</u>
2(b) <i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
Legacies	-	-	-	300
Grants	-	400	400	5,421
	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>5,721</u>
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities to further the PCC's objects</i>				
2(c) Christmas Fair funds raised	1,041		1,041	920
Fees - weddings, funerals etc	3,228		3,228	5,437
Contribution from Rainbow Shop	660		660	660
Contributions for use of Church	345		345	430
	<u>5,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,274</u>	<u>7,447</u>
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities to generate funds</i>				
2(d) Fundraising events (gross)	3,995		3,995	5,093
Rainbow Shop trading income	-	18,174	18,174	14,529
Miscellaneous income	152		152	99
	<u>4,147</u>	<u>18,174</u>	<u>22,321</u>	<u>19,721</u>
2(e) <i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank Interest		64	64	11
Rental Income from The Cornerstone	14,940		14,940	14,994
Rental Income from 1 Main Street	15,189		15,189	14,231
	<u>30,129</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>30,193</u>	<u>29,236</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>98,973</u>	<u>24,505</u>	<u>123,478</u>	<u>135,375</u>



**Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe**  
**Notes to The Financial statements**  
**For the Year Ending 31 December 2023**

<b>3</b>	<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
3(a)	<i>Costs of generating funds</i>				
	Rainbow Shop purchases		2,699	2,699	2,832
	Fundraising expenses	247		247	544
		<u>247</u>	<u>2,699</u>	<u>2,946</u>	<u>3,376</u>
3(b)	<i>Grants</i>				
	Overseas relief and mission	660	14,500	15,160	11,000
	Home missions	198		198	515
	Home relief and secular	162		162	60
		<u>1,020</u>	<u>14,500</u>	<u>15,520</u>	<u>11,575</u>
	<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>				
3(c)	Parish Contribution to Diocese	44,000		44,000	44,000
	Fees paid to LDBF & staff	2,716		2,716	3,289
	Clergy expenses	810		810	588
	Church running expenses			-	
	Utilities	5,378		5,378	3,049
	Insurance	1,930		1,930	1,756
	Maintenance & Miscellaneous	3,614		3,614	3,834
	Donated items			-	-
	Upkeep of services:			-	
	Worship inc music	1,719		1,719	1,522
	Related activities	115		115	173
	Outreach inc Messy Church	556	182	738	397
	Children & Youth groups	441		441	662
	Memorial plaques - from collections received in previous year			-	408
	Miscellaneous expenses	727		727	830
	Premises Management and cleaning	10,413		10,413	9,943
	Cornerstone running expenses			-	
	Utilities	2,562	-	2,562	1,423
	Insurance	1,930		1,930	1,785
	Maintenance & Miscellaneous	449		449	315
	1 Main St running expenses			-	
	Utilities	1,633		1,633	1,409
	Insurance	2,270		2,270	2,025
	Hygiene items and contract	874		874	932
	Maintenance & Miscellaneous	1,536		1,536	1,008
	Rental expenses/professional fees	594		594	648
	Rainbow Shop expenses		1,306	1,306	1,163
	Garden development	56		56	57
	Diocesan Loan interest	2,359		2,359	2,737
	Depreciation of fixed assets	546		546	546
	Leaving/retirement gifts etc.	150		150	-
	Grants from Youth Travel Fund	-	-	-	-
		<u>87,378</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>88,866</u>	<u>84,499</u>
	<i>Church management and administration</i>				
3(d)	Office expenses - Printing, Phone etc	3,067	-	3,067	2,928
	Depreciation of office equipment	248	-	248	-
		<u>3,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,315</u>	<u>2,928</u>

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**4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**

	<b>1 Main Street</b>	<b>Railings and gates</b>	<b>Office equipment: Laptops</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>at valuation</b>	<b>at cost</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
At 1 January 2023	330,000	21,843		<b>351,843</b>
Additions			998	<b>998</b>
At 31 December 2023	<u>330,000</u>	<u>21,843</u>	<u>998</u>	<b><u>352,841</u></b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2023	-	1,092		<b>1,092</b>
Charge for the year	-	546	248	<b>794</b>
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>248</u>	<b><u>1,886</u></b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 December 2023	<u>330,000</u>	<u>20,205</u>	<u>750</u>	<b><u>350,955</u></b>
At 31 December 2022	<u>330,000</u>	<u>20,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>350,751</u></b>

**5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	<b>Fixed Assets £</b>	<b>Current Assets £</b>	<b>Current Liabilities £</b>	<b>Long Term Liabilities £</b>	<b>- £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					<b>-</b>
General Fund	350,955	13,759	(5,153)	(74,000)	<b>285,561</b>
	<u>350,955</u>	<u>13,759</u>	<u>(5,153)</u>	<u>(74,000)</u>	<b><u>285,561</u></b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Rainbow shop	-	1,794	-	-	<b>1,794</b>
Youth Travel Fund	-	1,868	-	-	<b>1,868</b>
Outreach Grant balance		218			<b>218</b>
Bridge Loan Repayment		2,890			<b>2,890</b>
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>6,770</u></b>
	350,955	20,529	(5,153)	(74,000)	<b>292,331</b>

**6 TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCC AND RELATED PARTIES:**

There have been no material transactions with, or payments of expenses to, PCC members.

**7 EMPLOYEE EMOLUMENTS**

Total remuneration for the year:	£	(Gross pay)
Administrator	6,212	
Premises Officer	10,413	

The number of employees for the year was two. There was no change in the year. Neither employee is a member of the PCC.

## Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe

### Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Countesthorpe

I report on the accounts of the charity for the for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the attached pages.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner.**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider the audit requirement of s144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under s 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiners report.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiners statement.**

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

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

\* to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act; and

\* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.

(2) There are no other matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date... 16 April 2024