

**Annual Report and Financial Statements for
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Earley St Nicolas**

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1138037

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF EARLEY ST NICOLAS

Registered Charity in England and Wales No. 1138037

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Aims and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Earley St Nicolas Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical within the whole parish of Earley St Nicolas.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many as possible to worship at our church and become part of the parish community of Earley St Nicolas. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish under the leadership of the Vicar and our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our church community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge of and trust in Jesus Christ
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, mission, and outreach work
- Maintaining and developing the church, centre, and grounds as a venue for church and community

Our Mission

To be *‘Open to God, open to one another, open to the community’*

We are followers of Christ who believe and seek to demonstrate that God is with and for all people.

Our Values

<p>We are God Centred If it were not for God, we would not be here we want the character and values of Jesus Christ to be the bedrock of who we are as a church. We have Holy Communion at the heart of our worship where everyone is welcome to receive.</p>	<p>We are open and friendly We come as we are and anyone else can do the same. We are serious about our faith but do not take ourselves too seriously. We believe God loves and welcomes everyone - we try to do the same.</p>
<p>We are supportive We try to support people in the good times and the bad. This support may be for a person in our congregation, in the local community or further afield.</p>	<p>We are seeking justice for all Jesus had a particular connection with people who were living in poverty, outcast or marginalised. We aim to follow his example by working directly, with charities and with communities for a fairer world.</p>

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Achievements and performance

Our Vicar, April Beckerleg retired at the end of July 2024. Since then, we have been in vacancy with the churchwardens responsible for the day to day running of the church, with the support of the Reading Area Dean and the Archdeacon and Assistant Archdeacon of Berkshire.

Worship and prayer

The PCC endeavours to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our usual pattern of Sunday services includes two services of Holy Communion (8am and 10am) and an online evening prayer service. Numbers attending the 8am Holy Communion service declined during the Winter months, so in consultation with that congregation, while in vacancy we have postponed the 8am service.

We also have a weekly midweek communion service. We have additional services throughout the year, particularly during Christmas and Holy Week, when we hold a service each evening. The PCC is committed to having the church open every day for anyone who wishes to spend time in prayer or reflection. Morning prayer is usually said in church Monday-Thursday each week, but has also been postponed during the vacancy.

The PCC has pledged to be a 'hybrid' church, committed to supporting those who worship virtually. Our 10am service is livestreamed on YouTube, and for those unable to access online services a CD recording of the service is delivered to them each week and our evening Sunday service is exclusively on Zoom. Our PCC meetings are both in person and on zoom. We hold a communion service each month at the nursing home in the parish.

All are welcome to attend our services. At present there are currently 141 on the parish Electoral Roll, 89 live within the parish. Attendance in person is around 45 for our 10am service. Online attendance is almost impossible to measure, but our Sunday services usually have around 25 views.

Pastoral Care

We endeavour to keep in regular contact with our church family and thanks to volunteers have offered practical assistance wherever possible, and visiting when people are unable to come in person to church. Much support and mutual care takes place in Home Groups. We have an active prayer chain, which continues to pray for those within the church community. All prayer requests are prayed at morning prayer in church.

Discipleship

We have a thriving network of Home Groups who meet both in person and virtually using Zoom. Most groups continue to follow a course, meeting fortnightly for fellowship, prayer and teaching. Other discipleship activities have included the Lent and Advent groups and Space to Breathe reflective service.

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Mission and outreach

We are delighted that the St Nicolas Centre is busy with many community groups, with a large range of activities for adults, and children are held each week, such as dance, drama, Scouts groups, a choir, tai chi and yoga.

There are also various fellowship groups that meet each week, for babies and carers, board game café, a popular community café every Friday and a monthly Memory Café for those affected by dementia and their carers. Other organisations who use our space include Parenting Special Children, Berkshire Vision and Women's Business Network. We have hosted meals for local refugees, providing a safe space for people to gather, play games and eat together.

At Christmas we held popular Carols By Candlelight 'Carols in the Car Park' and a Crib/Christingle service. This year, as a joint venture with Oasis Church Reading, hosted Christmas Craft Pop-Ups and After School Sessions. These proved to be very popular and we are looking to do similar in the future.

Making the Easter Garden on Good Friday is also very popular with local families, most of whom are not regular attenders at St Nicolas.

School services for Easter, Harvest and Christmas were held in church, each attended by around 350 local children and parents.

Financial Review of the Year

In 2024 we have seen two key regular hirers leave: Earley Montessori Nursery and Earley Charity. Since the combined income in 2023 was just under £27,000, this has been a major challenge to our finances. In addition, we have seen congregational giving fall, due to natural churn, as people move away etc and have been faced by increases in costs due to inflation.

Initial forecasts are predicting a shortfall for 2025, which would significantly eat into our reserves. PCC have therefore put a number of measures into place to address this:

- We are extremely grateful to our office staff who have worked very hard to get additional bookings for Centre. This work is ongoing.
- We are starting to accept bookings for children's parties on Saturday afternoons.
- We have increased our hire rates. This had not been done since the St Nicolas Centre opened in 2019.
- Having hosts during the day in the Served has increased the donations made to cover refreshments.
- We have publicised the various ways that donors can give to St Nicolas.
- We are planning a Stewardship Campaign to encourage an increase in donations from the congregation. We are starting to see an increase in the numbers attending our services, which, we hope, in time will translate into new regular donors.

We remain very grateful to all our donors.

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The accounts show gross income for the year of £125,359, of which £124,854 related to unrestricted funds and a further £505 was received for restricted funds. Of this gross income, £53,380 was unrestricted planned voluntary giving and £12,536 was from Gift Aid received into the General Fund. Income from renting the Church and Centre fell from £49,436 to £45,959.

Unrestricted expenditure rose slightly from £159,897 to £162,633. This figure includes depreciation of £27,447 which is an accounting entry reflecting the use of our assets. We gave £2,413 in outward giving and a list of grants is included in the notes to the accounts.

After reserve transfers the General Fund fell by £12,578 to £9,060. No transfers have been made into the Major Repairs Fund this year, due to the low balance on the General Fund.

During the year, the net movement on unrestricted funds was a decrease of £37,770 and the net movement on restricted funds was an increase of £401. Total funds fell by £37,369, to £1,133,799.

Reserves Policy

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to maintain a balance on free reserves equivalent to approximately three to four months of unrestricted expenditure to meet its needs, including its legal and constructive obligations and to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow. This is approximately £30,000. The balance of the General Fund at 31st December 2024 was £9,060.

Investment Policy

It remains our policy to invest our funds balances with the Central Board of Finance (CBF) Church of England Deposit fund.

Volunteers

We should like to thank all who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We want to thank the current church wardens, Wendy Neale, Julia Jones and Jane Olney. They have worked tirelessly on our behalf. Thanks also to the members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

Administrative Information

St Nicolas Church, Earley is situated on Sutcliffe Avenue in Earley. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Nicolas Church, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley, Reading RG6 7JN.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was registered as a charity in England and Wales on 15 September 2010, under registration number 1138037

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Trustees

The following served as Trustees throughout or for part of 2024 or were Trustees at the time of the report being approved:

Name	Position	Term Start	End
Revd April Beckerleg	Chair <i>Ex officio</i>	2020	July 24
Emma Major	Licensed Lay Minister <i>Ex officio</i>	2021	
Wendy Neale	Co-Churchwarden and PCC member	2020	2025
Julia Jones	Co-Churchwarden <i>Ex officio</i>	2020	2025
Jane Olney	Churchwarden <i>Ex officio</i>	2021	2025
Jane Olney	Safeguarding Officer	2021	2025
Jenny Bryce	Deanery Synod Member <i>Ex officio</i>	2023 (2020 (2017	2026 (2023) (2020)
Elaine Spratling	Deanery Synod Member <i>Ex officio</i>	2023 (2020 (2017	2026 (2023) (2020)
Denise Rees	Deanery Synod Member <i>Ex officio</i>	2023	2026
Dave Pooler	Elected Member	Apr 24	2027
Akinyele Olopade	Elected Member	Apr 24	2027
Bernie Choi	Elected Member	Apr 24	2027
Eleanor Gunbie	Elected Member	2023	2026
John Bethell	Elected Member	2023	2026
Lynn Olasunkanmi	Elected Member	2023	2026
Uki Abu	Elected Member	2022	2025
Pat Holloway	Elected Member	2022	2025
Doug Waldrond	Elected Member	2021	Apr 24
John Louth	Elected Member	2021	Apr 24

Non-Trustee members of PCC in regular attendance

Vicki Procko	PCC Secretary	2023 (2022 (2021	2024 (2023) (2022)
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Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are either ex officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Elected members are elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and hence are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition, members may be co-opted as necessary.

Structure and Governance

The Functions and purpose of the PCC

PCC is a body corporate in its own right; in other words it has a legal status to which attach certain rights and duties. The key to the role of the PCC lies first of its general functions: cooperation with the vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church. Other powers, rights and responsibilities include: responsibilities for the financial affairs of the church, the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the church and its goods; the care and maintenance of any churchyard; to decide jointly with the vicar forms of service to be used.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It meets as and when necessary.

Other Committees

The PCC appoints sub-committees from time to time, who are all responsible to the PCC and report back regularly.

Where appropriate the PCC delegates a level of financial responsibility to individual committees. The PCC follows the Diocese of Oxford Safeguarding Training Requirements.

The PCC has a designated safeguarding officer, Jane Olney.

Approved by the PCC on 13th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Wendy Neale, PCC Vice Chair

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31st December 2024

All figures in £	Note	2024				2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and Legacies	A1	69,616	505	-	70,121	77,293
Charitable Activities	A2	3,804	-	-	3,804	3,739
Other Trading Activities	A3	48,733	-	-	48,733	50,295
Investments	A4	2,701	-	-	2,701	2,606
Total Income and Endowments		124,854	505	-	125,359	133,933
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	B1	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	B2	162,633	95	-	162,728	159,897
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		162,633	95	-	162,728	159,897
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(37,779)	410	-	(37,369)	(25,964)
Transfers between Funds		9	(9)	-	-	-
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)						
Gains/(Losses) on Revaluation of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(37,770)	401	-	(37,369)	(25,964)
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total Funds brought forward		1,138,879	22,289	10,000	1,171,168	1,229,422
Total Funds carried forward		1,101,109	22,690	10,000	1,133,799	1,171,168

- ♦ The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
- ♦ All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.
- ♦ See Note G3 for the comparative SOFA

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

All figures in £	Note	2024				2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Fixed Assets:						
Tangible Assets	C1	1,066,790	-	-	1,066,790	1,092,093
Total Fixed Assets		1,066,790	-	-	1,066,790	1,092,093
Current Assets:						
Debtors	D1	9,463	101	-	9,564	7,847
Cash at Bank and in Hand	D2	31,473	22,589	10,000	64,062	77,666
Total Current Assets		40,936	22,690	10,000	73,626	85,513
Liabilities:						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within a year	E1	6,617	-	-	6,617	6,438
Net Current Assets or Liabilities		34,319	22,690	10,000	67,009	79,075
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		1,101,109	22,690	10,000	1,133,799	1,171,168
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for Liabilities		-	-	-	-	-
Total Net Assets or Liabilities		1,101,109	22,690	10,000	1,133,799	1,171,168
The Funds of the Charity:						
Endowment Funds	F1				10,000	10,000
Restricted Income Funds	F2				22,690	22,289
Unrestricted Funds	F3				1,101,109	1,138,879
Total Charity Funds					1,133,799	1,171,168

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th March 2025

Jane Olney (Churchwarden)

Wendy Neale (Churchwarden)

Julia Jones (Co-Churchwarden)





1. Accounting Policies

1.01. Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019; the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The PCC consider that there are no material uncertainties about the church's ability to continue as a going concern. Although a loss is forecast for 2025, measures have been put into place to increase income as described in the Trustees Annual Report.

1.02. Funds structure

In 2013, the Vicar and Churchwardens received a bequest from Pat Dummer for £1m which was held as an expendable endowment fund. The trustees decided to use the bequest to fund the building of the St Nicolas Centre, an exciting replacement for the ageing hall building. The Endowment was fully consumed in 2018.

The PCC has a second endowment, the Amos Sharp Fund, which can be used to purchase fixed assets for the Church. The capital sum of the endowment must be maintained in the long-term at the value of £10k.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. The main restricted funds are the St Nicolas Centre Fund, the Church Repair Fund and the Sue Watson Memorial Fund which is to be used to purchase items visible in the church.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the PCC are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the PCC, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in notes F1 to F3.

1.03. Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the income to which they relate is received.

Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the church is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) that a distribution will be made or when a distribution is received from the estate. Investment income is accounted for when receivable.

All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income is accounted for gross.

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1.05. Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Parish Share is accounted for when due to be paid.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

1.06. Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.07. Costs of raising funds

The costs of raising funds include any direct costs attributable to fundraising events or fundraising activities.

1.08. Charitable activities

Charitable activities include the cost of the Parish share, staffing the Parish Office, maintaining and heating the church and the halls and providing church services.

1.09. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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.

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost.

Depreciation is charged on assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life as follows:

- o Furniture, fixtures, fittings and equipment: 5 years
- o Improvements to the Fabric of Buildings: 8 Years
- o Church Hall: 50 years

1.10. Pensions

The charity participates in a defined contribution pensions scheme, administered by Nest. Contributions in respect of this scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable. Timing differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

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A1: Donations & Legacies

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Income from Standing Orders	53,380	-	-	53,380	60,517
Donations to the Plate	20	-	-	20	-
Other Donations	3,133	404	-	3,537	3,902
Donations given via CAF	547	-	-	547	108
Gift Aid Recovered	12,536	101	-	12,637	12,766
Total Income from Donations & Legacies	69,616	505	-	70,121	77,293

A2: Charitable Activities

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Church Fees	673	-	-	673	1,468
Servery income	2,334	-	-	2,334	2,052
Miscellaneous	797	-	-	797	219
Total Income from Charitable Activities	3,804	-	-	3,804	3,739

A3: Other Trading Activities

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Fundraising Events	2,207	-	-	2,207	95
Income from Renting the Centre and Church	45,959	-	-	45,959	49,436
Income from services to Centre Hirers	567	-	-	567	764
Total Income from Other Trading Activities	48,733	-	-	48,733	50,295

A4: Investments

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Bank Interest	2,701	-	-	2,701	2,606
Total Income from Investments	2,701	-	-	2,701	2,606

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B1: Raising Funds

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure on Raising Funds	-	-	-	-	-

B2: Charitable Activities

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Parish Share	60,271	-	-	60,271	61,257
Staffing Costs	23,484	-	-	23,484	20,538
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	-	20
Building & Maintenance - Church and grounds					
Church	2,559	-	-	2,559	1,299
Grounds (including car park)	188	-	-	188	156
Buildings & Maintenance Total	2,747	-	-	2,747	1,455
Centre Running Costs					
Depreciation	24,450	-	-	24,450	24,540
Cleaning	9,395	-	-	9,395	6,376
Utilities	10,255	-	-	10,255	10,332
Repairs and maintenance	2,191	-	-	2,191	5,645
St Nicolas Centre build related costs	-	-	-	-	1,500
Centre Expenditure Total	46,291	-	-	46,291	48,393
Church Running Costs					
Cleaning and refuse	2,787	-	-	2,787	2,475
Utilities	4,792	-	-	4,792	2,905
Insurance (including Centre insurance)	2,601	-	-	2,601	3,181
Photocopier	3,081	-	-	3,081	3,195
Other office costs	1,438	-	-	1,438	800
Telephone and IT costs	2,735	-	-	2,735	2,588
Bank Charges	211	-	-	211	204
Serving and catering costs	2,191	-	-	2,191	863
Depreciation	853	-	-	853	2,907
Church Running Costs Total	20,689	-	-	20,689	19,118
Church Service Costs					
Altar Requisites	1,262	-	-	1,262	980
Flowers	272	-	-	272	697
Licences	122	-	-	122	-
Music costs including organ tuning	3,354	-	-	3,354	4,279
Visiting Clergy costs	1,051	-	-	1,051	131
Miscellaneous	473	-	-	473	636
Church Service Costs Total	6,534	-	-	6,534	6,723
Subtotal carried forward	160,016	-	-	160,016	157,504

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B2: Charitable Activities (cont'd)

All figures in £

		2024			2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Subtotal brought forward		160,016	-	-	160,016
Marketing		-	-	-	-
Grants / Outward Giving	B3	2,428	95	-	2,523
Loan interest		-	-	-	18
Church Groups		189	-	-	189
Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities		162,633	95	-	162,728

B3: Grants / Outward Giving

All figures in £

		2024			2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Christian Aid		24			24
RE Inspired		1,740			1,740
Embrace Middle East		144			144
Royal Berkshire Hospital		10			10
Communicare		-			-
Care4Calais		-			-
Alexander Devine Children's Hospice		270			-
Children's Society		42			257
Ukraine Appeal					200
Macmillan Coffee		198			-
Link Visiting			95	-	-
Other Costs Total		2,428	95	-	2,375

C1: Tangible Assets

Cost

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment £	Total £
At beginning of the year	1,256,038	33,505	1,289,543
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At the end of the year	1,256,038	33,505	1,289,543

Depreciation

At beginning of the year	165,702	31,748	197,450
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	24,450	853	25,303
At the end of the year	190,152	32,601	222,753
Net Book Value at beginning of the year	1,090,336	1,757	1,092,093
Net Book Value at end of the year	1,065,886	904	1,066,790

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D1: Debtors

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Prepayments and Accrued Income					
Gift Aid Claim	1,285	101	-	1,386	1,506
Prepayments	2,532	-	-	2,532	2,531
Other Debtors					
Debtors for hall hire	2,749	-	-	2,749	1,623
Parish Share Rebate	1,813	-	-	1,813	1,587
Other debtors	1,084	-	-	1,084	600
Debtors Total	9,463	101	-	9,564	7,847

D2: Cash at Bank and in Hand

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
HSBC Current Accounts	20,047			20,047	26,373
CCLA Deposit Account	11,426	22,589	10,000	44,015	51,293
Cash in Hand	-			-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand Total	31,473	22,589	10,000	64,062	77,666

E1: Creditors, Amounts falling due within one year

All figures in £

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Total
Trade Creditors	6,617	-	-	6,617	5,187
Other Creditors					
Service Fees	-	-	-	-	1,251
Other accruals	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors (within one year) Total	6,617	-	-	6,617	6,438

F1: Endowment Funds

All figures in £

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
Amos Sharp Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Total Endowment Funds	10,000	-	-	-	10,000

F1.1. The capital may be used to purchase fixed assets but must be rebuilt to £10,000. Any interest earned is transferred into general funds.

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F2: Restricted Income Funds

All figures in £

		Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
Sue Watson Memorial Fund	F2.1	1,833	-	-	-	1,833
Loan fund	F2.2	-	-	-	-	-
Memory café	F2.3	299	25	-	-	324
Other restricted items	F2.4	246	480	(95)	(9)	622
St Nicolas Centre	F2.6	8,545	-	-	-	8,545
Youth fund	F2.7	241	-	-	-	241
Gardens and Grounds fund	F2.8	125	-	-	-	125
Church repair fund	F2.9	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Refugee Resilience fund	F2.10	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Total Restricted Income Funds		22,289	505	(95)	(9)	22,690

F2.1. Fund to purchase items visible in the Church.

F2.2. Fund for donations for the repayment of the Diocesan Loan

F2.3. Fund for donations to the Memory Café

F2.4. Fund for small restricted donations

F2.6. Fund to build new St Nicolas Centre

F2.7. Fund for donations towards youth work

F2.8. Fund for work in gardens and grounds

F2.9. Fund for donations for repairs to the church

F2.10. Fund for work with refugees

F3: Unrestricted Funds

All figures in £

		Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
General Fund		21,638	124,443	(137,137)	116	9,060
Designated						
Fixed Assets reserve	F3.1	1,092,093	-	(25,303)		1,066,790
Major Repairs Fund	F3.2	25,148	-	-		25,148
Craft Pop-up	F3.3		411	(193)	(107)	111
Total Designated Funds		1,117,241	411	(25,496)	(107)	1,092,049
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,138,879	124,854	(162,633)	9	1,101,109

F3.1 Fixed asset reserve: amounts put aside by the PCC to fund the fixed assets of the church.

F3.3 Craft Pop-up: a joint fundraising activity run by St Nicolas and Oasis Church Reading with the income from the events split equally between the two churches.

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F3.2: Major Repairs Fund

In 2013, the PCC created a designated Major Repairs fund to set aside monies to cover the expected costs of repairs and maintenance to the fabric of the church, the Centre and its grounds. There is also a Restricted Fund of £10,000 available to be used for repairs to the Church (see note F2.9).

G1: Staffing Costs and Remuneration

All figures in £

	2024	2023
Salaries and Wages	22,960	20,044
Employers NI	-	-
Pension Costs	494	494
Training costs	30	-
Total Staffing Costs	23,484	20,538

G2.1. The average number of employees in the year was 2 (2023: 1).

G2.2. No employees received emoluments over £60,000 during the current or prior year.

G2: Trustee and Staff Remuneration, Related Party Transactions, and Other Transactions

Trustee Remuneration

None of the trustees of the charity were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

Trustee Expenses

In 2024, no trustees reclaimed expenses.

Trustee Donations

The total amount of donations received without conditions from trustees in the year was £11,655

Related Party Transactions

None

Audit, Independent Examination and Other Financial Service Fees

There were no audit or independent examination fees paid by the charity in the year.

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G3: SOFA for the year ended 31st December 2023

		2023			
All figures in £	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	A1	71,657	5,636	-	77,293
Charitable Activities	A2	3,739	-	-	3,739
Other Trading Activities	A3	50,295	-	-	50,295
Investments	A4	2,606	-	-	2,606
Total Income and Endowments		128,297	5,636	-	133,933
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	B1	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	B2	158,070	1,827	-	159,897
Other	B3	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		158,070	1,827	-	159,897
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments		-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(29,773)	3,809	-	(25,964)
Transfers between Funds		3,764	(3,764)	-	-
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)					
Gains/(Losses) on Revaluation of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		(26,009)	45	-	(25,964)
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds brought forward		1,164,888	22,244	10,000	1,197,132
Total Funds carried forward		1,138,879	22,289	10,000	1,171,168



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

St Nicolas Church, Earley PCC

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1138037

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31st December 2023**.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

22nd May 2025

Name:

R A Sedgwick

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

FCA. Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

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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.

None