

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR)
2025 Report and Accounts for
the
Parochial Church Council of St Mary & St Gabriel,
Harting

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary & St Gabriel Church and associated buildings.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at South Harting. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. 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 Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

There is a range of services during the week and over the course of the year, which all are welcome to attend. At present there are 81 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

The parish was deeply saddened by the departure of its previous incumbent, the Reverend Harriet Neale-Stevens, for a senior appointment at Portsmouth Cathedral in the summer of 2023. Her ministry had been particularly fruitful. Over the year that followed, services were maintained on a slightly reduced basis, thanks to the generosity and goodwill of a number of retired clergy. The current Rector, Simon Holland, was instituted in July 2024. There is a challenge to be faced in increasing regular attendance at services, which remains significantly below pre-Covid levels, but there are encouraging signs and a positive spirit among the congregation.

The monthly All Age Eucharist continues to attract a number of families as well as older regular members of the congregation, and attendance at Christmas services, both the Crib Service and the main Christmas Day Eucharist was high, as usual. The main Sunday Eucharist alternates between Harting and Elsted, and an 8am Communion service is held every Sunday. A midweek Eucharist has been

reintroduced on Wednesdays, and Morning Prayer is said in church every weekday morning.

The church is fortunate in having a skilled and committed organist and choirmaster, and worship is led by a dedicated choir. The church bells are rung at all principal services. Members of the congregation read lessons, serve at the Eucharist and provide refreshments after all the main services. There is a thriving branch of the Mothers' Union.

The Pastoral Offices remain freely available to any parishioner who requires them, and weddings, baptisms and funerals have been regularly held in church throughout the year. The churchyard is available for the interment of cremated remains, but burial space is nearly exhausted.

Harting Primary School

Links between the Primary School and the Parish Church remain strong. The Rector leads an Assembly every week and is a member of the Governing Body, together with another Foundation Governor from the congregation. The entire school comes to the church for services at the end of both the Easter and Christmas terms.

Pastoral care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The Rector takes Holy Communion to those who have requested it, either at their homes or in hospital, and makes regular pastoral visits to parishioners.

Mission and Evangelism

The parish benefits from having an excellent website and social media platform, and all services and church events are attractively advertised.

Study courses were held during Advent and Lent and a weekly soup lunch was held during Lent. A monthly Café offers a point of social contact, and a monthly Tots service for pre-school children is much appreciated by new parents from in and around the village.

The church supports the local Foodbank and also helps fund a Deanery Family Support Worker.

In all these ways the Christian faith is proclaimed and expressed.

Deanery Synod

Sarah Wilcox, Hatti Cossart and Julie Cragg are currently the Deanery Synod Representatives. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Ecumenical relationships

We maintain close ties with Harting Congregational Church, holding a number of joint services, including the Tent Service in August. The Rector has led two evening services there since his arrival.

The Church Building, Fabric and Contents (report by Hatti Cossart and Sarah Wilcox, Churchwardens)

Last year the rebuilding of the Garden Store was completed, on time and slightly below budget. The building is now completely water-tight and safe for use.

We have received the QQ report from Simon Dyson which was completed in January 2025. This is a very full report which will need the Standing Committee to examine in full before it can be reported on.

We needed to repair the organ, which was costly, added to which we had to hire a temporary organ. The work has now been completed.

The company Burrow's carried out an electrical inspection and this was followed up by a report which showed the installations within the church to be good and compliant with current legislation.

The lightning conductor was checked and passed inspection.

The usual monthly cleaning has been very successful, and due to all our willing volunteers we have saved a lot of money, while keeping our beautiful church clean and well presented.

A new lectern was commissioned and completed by Alex Jones in memory of Roger Holmes and has been installed in the church.

The paths throughout the churchyard have been jet washed clean during the past year.

Safeguarding **(report by Jane Thwaites, Safeguarding Officer)**

Safeguarding Training

1. There are now 12 qualified First Aiders in the Benefice following our completion of the St John Ambulance course on 7th March they are: Rev Simon, Church Wardens: Tom, John, Hatti and Sarah, Rosie, Dianne, Caroline, Julie, Peter, Nigel Johnson Hill and me. The outstanding action is to ensure and publicise how we access the Defib machines: in the Church porch in Harting and for Elsted and Didling there is one on the Cricket pitch side of Elsted Village Hall.
2. The training courses on the Diocesan website have been revised with the addition of Domestic Abuse which is recommended (not required) for Churchwardens, PCC members and the Director of Music, I have completed this training and would recommend it – it is very thought provoking. I am booked onto a taught leadership course next month as mine has expired.
3. The training requirements have been updated please do check you are up to date [Training Requirements - Diocese of Chichester Safeguarding](#)

Raising concerns

Every Church Warden and other key people in our Benefice have received an up-to-date list of contact phone numbers should they need to report or discuss a safeguarding concern, I have a few left so let me know if you'd like one.

New Safeguarding quality framework

The Diocese have finally seen sense and are introducing a much simpler Safeguarding Quality assurance framework in May. It is called the "Parish Dashboard". This will replace SQP which has been in effect for eight years.

It is a user-friendly and effective tool that is already being used by most other dioceses across the country. It is currently being trialled with more than 20 parishes (large and small) across our diocese and the feedback has been very positive.

The goal is to make safeguarding compliance simpler by providing safeguarding officers with everything they need in one place. I have already had a look and seems to be very helpful for me and all of you, there is an opportunity to start using it straight away, which I have applied to do.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary & St Gabriel the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, the Churchwardens, two Lay Readers and members elected from the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. Those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. During the year full PCC met three times.

Administrative information

The Parish Church of St Mary & St Gabriel is situated in South Harting, West Sussex. It is part of the Diocese of Chichester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Reverend Simon Holland, The Rectory, The Street, South Harting, Petersfield. GU31 5QB.

PCC members who currently serve are:

Ex Officio members:

Reverend Simon Holland (Rector and Chair)
Hatti Cossart (Churchwarden)
Sarah Wilcox (Churchwarden)

Elected members:

Julie Cragg. (Secretary)
Peter Cragg (Treasurer and Electoral Roll Officer)
Andrea Frears
Diane Hayman
Jane Hodgson
Emma Overend
Alun Thomas

Co-opted members:

Jane Thwaites (Safeguarding Officer)

Additional Reports

Midhurst Deanery Synod

Report on Activity in 2024

Meetings during the year

16 th January 2024	Synod Standing Committee	Attendance Clergy 3 out of 3 Attendance Laity 3 out of 3
27 th February 2024	Deanery Synod	Attendance Clergy 6 out of 7 Attendance Laity 15 out of 29
11 th June 2024	Synod Standing Committee	Attendance Clergy 3 out of 3 Attendance Laity 3 out of 3
25 th July 2024	Deanery Synod Awayday	Attendance Clergy 6 out of 9 Attendance Laity 16 out of 28
29 th October 2024	Deanery Standing Committee	Attendance Clergy 2 out of 3 Attendance Laity 3 out of 3
27 th November 2024	Deanery Synod	Attendance Clergy 5 out of 7 Attendance Laity 19 out of 28

The year has been led by the Rural Dean Revd Trish Bancroft and the Lay Chair Christina Heath.

The representatives on the Diocesan Synod were elected in the early summer and are -

Revd Trish Bancroft (Rural dean)
Revd Canon Derek Welsman
Revd Marcus Collis

Christina Heath (Lay Chair)
Kevin Edgeley (Deanery Treasurer)
Roger Bricknell (Deanery secretary)

Diocesan Finance PMC

The 2024 deficit for the Diocese was estimated at £1.5m, this had been reduced to £700,000 after a transfer of £800,000 from its reserves. It was emphasised at various meetings that this was likely to be the last available transfer from reserves.

The PMC for 2024 was set at -

PMC for 2024 after crediting Vacancy credit and Fees returned was £81,445 for a full time Priest.

Pledges were made in the normal way, and they have been complied with by the end of the year.

The Diocese passed a resolution about the financial status as follows

That this Synod:

(i) call upon the Church Commissioners and Archbishops Council to undertake everything necessary to effect a redistribution of financial resources directly to Diocesan Stipend Funds to reflect the value of contributions made by Diocesan Boards of Finance to the Church of England Funded Pension Scheme since it was established by the settlement of 1997 (£2.6 billion); and

(ii) call upon Diocesan Boards of Finance to manage the funds redistributed as a result of the above to support parish ministry in the ways discerned locally to be most effective in enabling growth and sustaining the Church of England's commitment to be a Christian presence in every community.

Deanery finances

The parishes contributed £30 to the deanery for expenses incurred by the Deanery such as –

Church Wardens Swearing in Service

Awayday expenses

Confirmation Service

Family Social Work

2024 has been a very successful year. All benefices managed to contribute the desired amount to the project which was £800. It was paid to the Deanery Treasurer who made the required payments to FSW at the end of the year. One Benefice was found to be considerably in advance with its payment and adjustment to account for this were made.

Kirsty, the FSW Practitioner has been joined by a second Practitioner to assist with the ever-increasing workload in our Deanery.

The monthly newsletters are circulated to all members of the deanery and indicate the work that goes on. FSW is proving to be a great service for the Deanery. We would have struggled to cope with these problems without them.

Deanery Mission Action Plan

During the year, at all of the meetings the Deanery action plan has been substantially modified. We have taken advice from the Diocese and the 4 mores as headings has been removed. The monitoring document, showing the details is attached to this report.

The major activity in this area has been the development within the Deanery of our own safeguarding courses, to be given as training seminars to groups of people within the Deanery. This was prompted because there were a consider number of people who were not happy with the diocesan computer training package. The deanery at one of its meetings strongly advised all Parishes/Benefices to have their own Safeguarding Officer / Individual, and asked the members of the Deanery Synod to make sure it happens.

It is hoped that the clergy exchange on one Sunday, where Clergy will conduct services in other than their own Benefice will take place in the spring summer of 2025.

Diocesan Net Carbon Zero by 2030 Project. (6-year project) ECO Church

The Deanery is now aware of what is entailed in this project. It has made a very Strong recommendations on the subject.

- All PCC's should have NCZ as a permanent item on all their agenda's. We have asked members of the Synod to make sure it happens.
- The deanery strongly recommend the use of the Roche system either direct or through the Diocesan Roche system.
- A diocesan group exists to give advice and exchange ideas. It has conferences to assist everyone in this area.
- A presentation on the ECO Church was given to the Deanery on their awayday.

The Deanery Treasurers

A very productive meeting was held with the PCC treasurers and the members of the Standing committee. The Deanery Treasurer was able to provide substantial information on the way the Diocese was progressing, answer questions and give advice.



Roger Bricknell Deanery Secretary.

Bell Ringers Report (Chris Rose, Tower Captain)

Harting bell ringers continue to meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm to practice and ring for the 10 o'clock service twice a month also ring for weddings and events throughout the year. We are lucky to have such an enthusiastic team of ringers when many of local Churches have stopped ringing due to lack of ringers and support. Harting bells are known throughout the ringing world as being difficult to ring this is due to the long draft and no guides to guide the ropes which require a good bell handling skills

Chris Rose is our current tower captain and steeple keeper and Pat James is our secretary. Pru Barlow looks after our finances and is our treasurer.

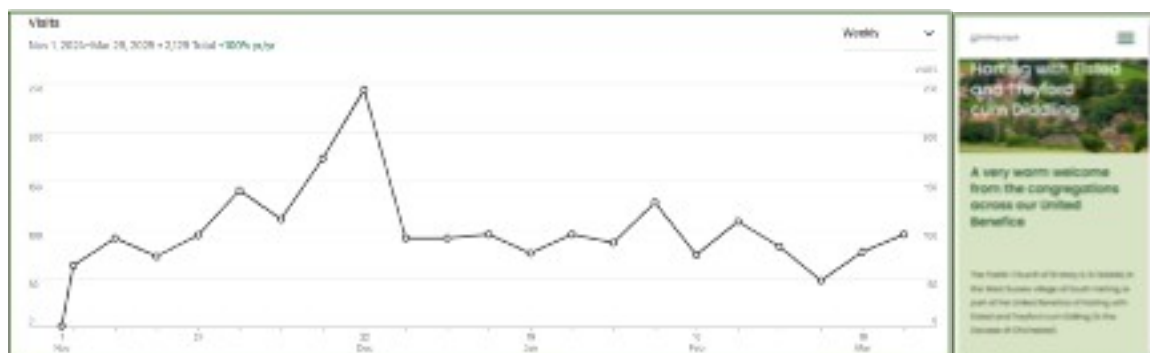
We are short of ringers at the present time and could do with some learners to keep our bells ringing. If there's any one who is interested please come up on Tuesday at 7.30

Website and Social Media update for APCM 2025

Harting.org.uk

The new Benefice Website was redesigned and launched last November and, since then, we have seen an immediate increase in activity. The graph below shows steady usage with a peak in December. Over half of visitors were using a mobile which shows the importance of having a 'responsive' website (see image below) which detects what is being used to view content (PC, Tablet or Mobile). Around half of the visits

came via Google searches with most of the remainder being direct use of the web address.



There has been a rolling programme of additional content, including the Community Page; Gallery section; News posts; a monthly message from Simon; regular additions to What's On and continuous updates to the landing page and Services.

Frustratingly, I still find that some people don't know about the website which includes content for all three churches. However, word is getting around, especially in Harting.

Please email me with any ideas for content or other contributions - pjhaymanathome@btinternet.com or click on my link on the Who's Who page.

Social Media

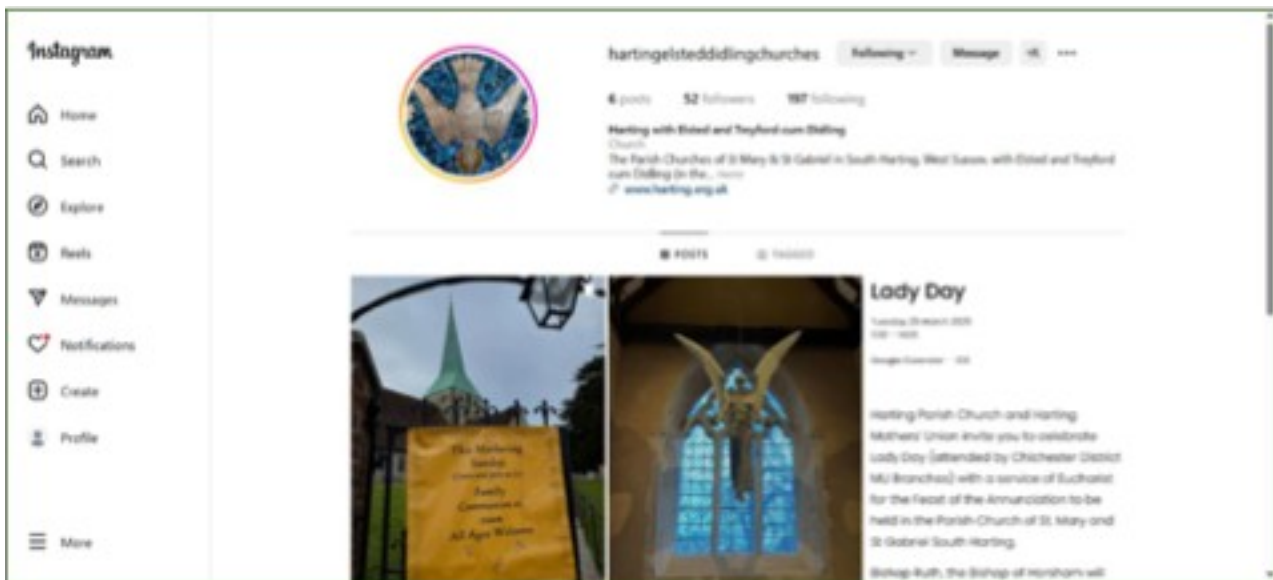
Some of you may have noticed that icons for Facebook and Instagram have appeared on the navigation bar and Contact Us page.



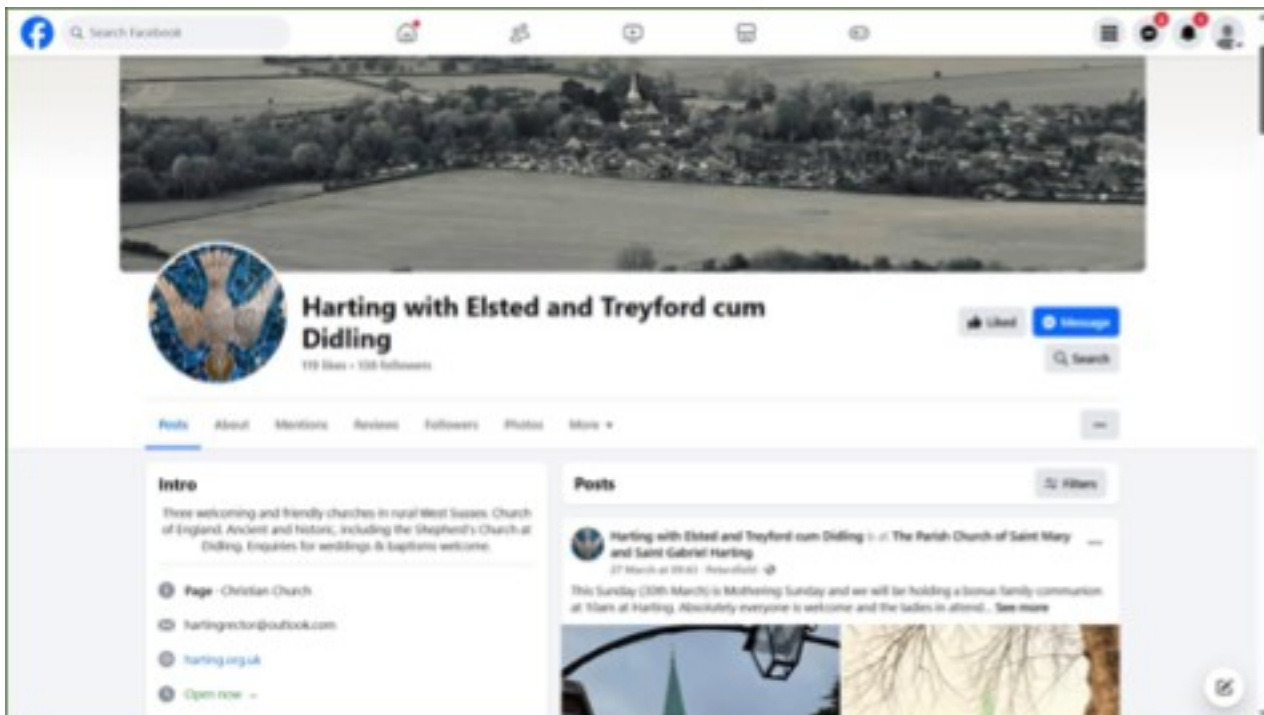
I am delighted that Sarah Hames has kindly taken on our Social Media communications. She has now put these channels live and is starting to add content.



<https://www.instagram.com/hartingelsteddidlingchurches/>



<https://www.facebook.com/hartingchurch>



Both platforms are linked, being part of META, which means that a post on Instagram can show on Facebook and vice-versa. Our strategy is to extend our reach and connect with people who are not necessarily parishioners but look to our churches as being at the heart of the community.

Sarah will be posting regularly as you can see from in the image above. Please take a look and join in.

Peter Hayman



**Parochial Church Council
of
St Mary and St Gabriel, South Harting**

**Financial statement
for the year ended
31 December 2024**

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**Income from:**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL Funds 2024	TOTAL Funds 2023
a. Donations & legacies					
Planned Giving	30,797			30,797	32,699
Collections at services	9,207			9,207	6,154
Sundry donations and appeals	3,464			3,464	2,658
Repay donation received in error in earlier year	(5,000)			(5,000)	0
Tax recovery from HMRC	8,833			8,833	8,735
Legacies	193,120			193,120	0
Grants	0			0	0
	240,421	0	0	240,421	50,246
b. Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund-raising	1,509	0	0	1,509	2,069
	1,509	0	0	1,509	2,069
c. Investment Income					
Interest and Dividends	5,639	5,357	11,855	22,851	18,619
	5,639	5,357	11,855	22,851	18,619
d. Church Activities					
Rental of premises	200	0	0	200	210
Fees from Weddings, Funerals, Elsted	3,710	0	0	3,710	8,558
	3,910	0	0	3,910	8,768
Total Income	251,479	5,357	11,855	268,691	79,702

Expenditure on:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL Funds 2024	TOTAL Funds 2023
a. Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	0	0
b. Mission Giving and Charitable Donations	2,790			2,790	1,716
c. Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share paid	55,573			55,573	55,960
Salaries, wages	5,360			5,360	6,245
Expenses					
Office & general expenses	2,942	4,078		7,020	4,059
Rectory/Malthouse utilities/maintenance	6,267			6,267	0
Rectory council tax & water rates	1,237			1,237	2,220
Assistant staff	232			232	52
Church Running Expenses					
Repairs and maintenance	10,550	23,791		34,341	7,620
Quinquennial report	0			0	0
Upkeep of Services	3,793			3,793	3,305
Churchyard	1,367			1,367	2,523
Church Utility Bills	4,255			4,255	4,046
Insurance	3,549			3,549	3,510
Bank Charges	156			156	148
	98,071	27,869	0	125,940	91,404
d. Major Capital Expenditure					
New building works	0			0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resources Expended	98,071	27,869	0	125,940	91,404
Net Incoming Resources	153,408	(22,512)	11,855	142,751	(11,702)
Transfers between funds	1,663	10,192	(11,855)	0	0
Gains/Losses on investment assets	0	528	10,288	10,816	40,629
Net Movement in Funds	155,071	(11,792)	10,288	153,567	28,927
Fund balances at 1 January 2024	142,956	92,421	449,521	684,898	655,971
Fund balances at 31 December 2024	298,027	80,629	459,809	838,465	684,898

Approved by the Parochial Church Council of St Mary and St Gabriel Harting

Signed on their behalf by

P Cragg
Treasurer

Balance Sheet, 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	1	0	0
Investments	2	483,801	472,636
Total fixed assets		483,801	472,636
Current assets			
Debtors	3	200	400
Short term deposits	4	172,589	184,957
Cash at bank and in hand	5	187,024	29,765
		359,813	215,122
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(5,149)	(2,860)
Net current assets		354,664	212,262
Total assets less current liabilities		838,465	684,898
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
NET ASSETS		838,465	684,898
Funds	7		
Endowment funds		459,809	449,521
Restricted funds		80,629	92,421
Unrestricted funds		298,027	142,956
		838,465	684,898

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P Cragg
Treasurer

Notes for Financial Statements, 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

a Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. 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 which are informal gatherings of church members.

b Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds - general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) 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 the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds - funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment

c Income from

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Donations & legacies

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

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

Grants and legacies are recognised when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they are received.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains are recognised when the investments are sold

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation on 31 December.

Notes for the Financial Statements, 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

d Expenditure on

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

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

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable 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. Other tangible fixed assets are written off as acquired.

Depreciation

As it is the PCC's policy to write off fixed assets in the year of acquisition no depreciation is provided in the accounts.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

f Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

Notes for the Statement of Financial Activities, 31 December 2024

Income from

- a. Voluntary Income - donations to the Church
 - Planned Giving - consists of standing orders and Parish giving scheme
 - Collections at services - the collection plate and one-off donations
 - Sundry donations and appeals - collections such as the Lenten Appeal
 - Tax recovery from HMRC - Gift Aid returns
- b. Activities for Generating Funds
 - Cream teas, Thursday Cafe etc
- c. Investment Income
 - Interest and Dividends - interest from bank accounts and deposit accounts
- d. Church Activities
 - Rental of premises
 - Fees from Weddings, Funerals, etc

Expenditure on

- a. Fundraising Costs
 - Fundraising costs are minimal, and are often waived by the fundraisers
- b. Mission Giving and Charitable Donations
- c. Church Activities
 - Diocesan Parish Share paid - Diocesan monthly fee - £4,631
 - Salaries, wages - Secretarial and organist fees
 - Expenses
 - Office expenses - IT costs, printing, subscriptions, professional fees
 - Rectory/Malthouse expenses - oil, water, maintenance
 - Rectory council tax & water rates
 - Assistant staff - assistant clergy
 - Mission and Evangelism Costs
 - Church Running Expenses
 - Cleaning
 - Repairs and maintenance
 - Upkeep of Services - candles, books, communion supplies, music and choir
 - Churchyard - maintenance of the churchyard
 - Church Utility Bills - electricity, oil, water
 - Costs of Trading (Bank Charges) - CAF Bank and credit card fees
- d. Major Capital Expenditure
 - Major Church repairs or redecoration
 - Major Hall repairs or redecoration
 - New building works

Notes for the Balance Sheet, 31 December 2024

1. See Accounting policies, 1e.
2. Investments - CCLA shares accounts valued at 31/12/24
3. Debtors - accruals for Gift Aid & prepaid expenses
4. Short term deposits - CCLA deposit accounts
5. Cash in bank at hand - bank balances for Lloyds TSB and CAF Bank
6. Creditors - trade creditors and accruals

7. Statement of Funds

The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and Income Shares

	Balance 1/1/2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ Losses	Transfers	Balance 31/12/2024
Unrestricted Fund						
General Fund	142,956	251,479	(98,071)		1,663	298,027
	142,956	251,479	(98,071)	0	1,663	298,027
Restricted Funds						
Fabric Reserves	64,091	3,555	(27,869)	225	10,488	50,490
Chancel Tithe Act	15,060	1,433				16,493
Sunday School and Choir	10,667	296		244	(296)	10,911
Organ Fund	2,603	73		59		2,735
	92,421	5,357	(27,869)	528	10,192	80,629
Endowment Funds						
Banks Trust	355,219	9,861		8,130	(9,861)	363,349
Chancel Tithe Act	22,463			514		22,977
Fabric Reserve	22,604	627		517	(627)	23,121
Other Trusts (Warren, etc)	49,235	1,367		1,127	(1,367)	50,362
	449,521	11,855	0	10,288	(11,855)	459,809
Total Funds	684,898	268,691	(125,940)	10,816	0	838,465

Notes:

Endowment income from Banks Trust 3S is deposited to Restricted Fund Banks Trust 6D

Endowment income from Fabric Reserve 5S is deposited to Restricted Fund Fabric Reserve 1D

Dividends are reinvested for the Organ Fund 2S, Fabric Reserve 1S.

Interest is retained for Fabric Reserve 1D, General Purposes 3D and Banks Trust 6D

The Diocese maintains Chancel Tithe and Warren etc Funds on our behalf.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Harting for the Year Ended 31st December, 2024

Section A

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of Harting, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an 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 examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below in Section B below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. This report is made solely to the members of the PCC, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008. My work has been undertaken so I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the members of the PCC, as a body, for my work in this report.

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

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