

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN

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Details

Other names SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN PCC

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of working with the incumbent in promoting the mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical and social throughout the parish. It has maintenance responsibilities for St Peter & St Paul's Church at Shiplake and All Saints Church at Dunsden

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£143,743	£110,882	-	-
2024-12-31	£179,555	£156,286	-	-
2023-12-31	£149,352	£168,502	-	-
2022-12-31	£124,614	£165,010	-	-
2021-12-31	£158,363	£82,960	-	-
2020-12-31	£112,521	£167,665	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Flinn		2020-04-01
John William Bodman		2013-10-29
Linda Heather Glithro		2017-04-01
Nigel Smith		2024-10-01
Rosemary Appleby		2020-04-01
Rosemary Sheridan Jones		2015-04-01
Wendy Jean ROBINSON		

Accounts

**St Peter & St Paul, Shiplake
All Saints, Dunsden
Annual Parochial Church
Report and Meeting
31st May 2026 10am**



The PCC of Shiplake and Dunsden has the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the parish: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings and other facilities in the benefice.

This booklet contains the statutory information required by canon law for us to hold our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), which will be held on Sunday 31st May 2026 at Shiplake at 10am before the 11am Trinity Sunday Holy Communion service.

The agenda for both the vestry meetings (to elect churchwardens) and the APCM can be found on the inside back page of this document.

In this document you will find the minutes of our 2025 APCM, together with the various reports and accounts.

Please read these reports ahead of the APCM. All parishioners are welcome to attend, but only those on the Electoral Roll are permitted to vote and participate within the meeting. The majority of the activity reports will be taken as read at the meetings, with time for questions if required.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden on Sunday 27th April 2025 at 12:30

Vestry Meeting – for the election of Churchwardens

Apologies

Jo Taylor, Malcolm Wright

Minutes of the last meeting – 5th May 2024

The Minutes of the 2024 Vestry Meeting were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Churchwarden Elections

John Bodman and Rosemary Jones were nominated, proposed and seconded and were duly elected as Dunsden wardens elected by unanimous agreement for the year 2025-2026

Wendy Robinson was nominated, proposed and seconded and was duly elected by unanimous agreement for the year 2025-2026.

Many thanks to all three for their commitment and willingness to take on the role.

Archdeacon Visitation

Archdeacon's Visitation – will be on Monday 2nd June 2025 7.30pm at St Mary's, Market Place, Wallingford, OX10 0EG, when our churchwardens are sworn in. Parishioners are encouraged to attend to support them.

APCM

Present

28 people were present as for the Vestry Meeting

Apologies

As for the Vestry Meeting

Minutes of the 2024 APCM

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Election of PCC members

John Flinn, John Bodman, Rosemary Jones, Linda Glithro, Rosemary Appleby and Wendy Robinson have all agreed to serve for another term and were duly nominated and unanimously elected by the meeting.

Tim Woods-Ballard has been nominated, proposed, seconded and elected by unanimous agreement.

Jo Taylor has been co-opted onto the PCC.
 We welcome them both onto the SwDPCC.
 Nigel Smith, as Treasurer, is an ex officio member of the PCC.

Secretary

LL will continue to act as secretary.

Safeguarding

LL to continue as Safeguarding officer. All agreed.
 Diocesan Safeguarding policy should be adopted. All agreed.

Data Protection

LL to continue as Data Protection officer. All agreed.
 Diocesan Data Protection policy to be adopted. All agreed.

Health and Safety

LL to continue as Health and Safety officer. All agreed.
 Health and safety policy to be adopted. All agreed.

Electoral Roll Officer

The roll must be revised annually, except in a year in which a new roll is to be prepared (every sixth year starting **2025**).

The electoral roll for Dunsden was 19.

The electoral roll for Shiplake was 18.

John Bodman will continue in this role for Dunsden.

Wendy Robinson and LL will take on the role for Shiplake.

Presentation of Accounts and Treasurer's Report

- Nigel Smith explained how all the accounts from the past three years have had to be reconstituted
- The 2023 accounts figures have been marked as restated
- NS has now balanced the accounts and they reflect actual net figure
- All fees for weddings and funerals go through Shiplake which leads to a misleading income and expenditure
- The Diocese takes a percentage of these fees when the quarterly accounts are submitted to them
- Shiplake College pay £12,000 pa
- 95% of Parish Share was paid last year; 100% will be paid this year
- Lots of investments made a profit which kept the accounts in the black
- However, the stock market is in a period of extreme flux at the moment
- We need more money, which means we need more people
- The accounts were then accepted unanimously
- All presented voted NS a huge thank you for the immense amount of work spent on these accounts

Appointment of Auditor/ Examiner

Richard Parker examined the accounts and NS hoped he would do so next year as well.

However, it would be very helpful if someone else could be found to help with the accounts.

Inventory

The Terrier and Inventory has been checked and all items are present and correct. All agreed to accept.

Reports

All other reports were taken as read.

Thanks to all who submitted them.

Prayers

Rosemary Jones closed the meeting with a prayer and The Grace.

REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2025

CLERGY REPORTS

Revd Jane Wright

As a new arrival to the benefice during March 2026, this is more of an introductory note than a report. However, it's a welcome opportunity to reflect on the time since my first contact with you in autumn 2025, through the interview and appointment process, our move to the Rectory and licensing here in March 2026.

Words such as welcome, generosity and hospitality have framed our experience. A huge thank you from Alan and myself for all the practical and personal support you have given us, not least around organising the redecoration of the Rectory prior to our move. Also to Revd's Pam and Heather for their care and guidance, likewise to churchwardens and church members, and Leigh for her administrative assistance. We feel truly blessed to be here.

I reflect on the past few months as a 3-2-1 time. This sounds like a countdown, but the time between interview and licensing did feel that way. Then we reached the uplifting service on 9 March with its wonderful organization, music, bells, flowers and hospitality. Thank you. It's an occasion we will always remember, as will our friends and family who were made to feel so welcome.

Now in post, I'm enjoying getting to know our 3 churches in 2 parishes who comprise 1 community of faith within this benefice. For my first weeks to include worshipping with you from the period from Mothering Sunday through Holy Week and Easter has been very special.

I hope you will join me in continuing the prayerful reflection which marked the vacancy, to further discern the priorities for our ministry and mission in the time ahead. I anticipate my three years as Priest in Charge will go all too quickly, so will value opportunities soon for conversations with individuals and PCCs about what we feel God is calling us to prioritise together during this time.

It's a great joy to be sharing this ministry with so many others, both ordained and lay, and I'm excited about being part of the churches and wider communities in this benefice.

Revd. Pam Gordon

As with the SMARTY goals of 2024, there was consolidation of the Benefice aims and activities.

The interregnum guided all activities during 2025. During this year a team of PTO clergy, Shiplake College chaplain and Diocesan senior staff ensured the pattern of services continued in all 3 churches. The benefice all benefitted from visits by Bishop Gavin, Archdeacon David, Assistant Archdeacon Jane and Area Dean Jeremy, Revds.

Becky Medicott, John Ryeland, David Pritchard, Keith Knee Robinson, and Vincent Perricone who accepted my invitations to preside and preach. They complemented the regular team of Revd Heather Turner and me.

When asking for assistance to maintain the rota of services, I could be confident that each church would be so well organised with all that was needed, so hospitable, that visitors could arrive with just their sermon.

As requested by the PCCs I coordinated ministry and mission, the priest only aspects of church life. A significant consequence was monthly meetings with churchwardens who had legal responsibility. These complemented the monthly meeting of all commissioned lay leaders with the addition of representation from the choir, Dunsden's catering team, and inclusion of organists in all communication. I would suggest that we all learned from these face-to-face meetings and are better equipped to move forwards after interregnum.

Frequency and duration of meetings were a challenge of commitment. What a credit to all involved that the momentum was maintained and the resulting efficiency a benefit to the wider community.

It was my privilege to see people increase their contributions to worship and the social aspects of life in all three churches. The cooperation and support I saw, and received, was instrumental in navigating the breadth of opportunities we offered for worship and pastoral support. All requests for pastoral services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, memorial services, burials and cremations were met.

Behind all the public signs of ministry and mission was the constant, well informed, diligent work of our administrator, Leigh Leadbetter. If ever there was a ministry of oiling the wheels or pouring oil on troubled waters – she is the epitome of that care and ability.

On behalf of the Benefice, I attended some ministers of Henley ecumenical meetings to ensure our churches were represented and could be involved in the wider decisions. I was involved in training that connected ministry to psychology and that facilitated some wider conversations about gifting and vocation.

This year has shown evidence of the congregations pulling together to support visiting clergy, to offer worship and provide social events that meet the interests of the local community. It is my understanding that, through the lay leaders, members of the 3 churches have grown in awareness of the different church situations. It is a team that has pooled knowledge, experience and skills for the common good.

I reflect on the year with gratitude for the energy and abilities so many have contributed. For myself, I hope that my particular part was to enable, encourage and equip others in their ministry, their discipleship journey. Only they can comment if it was so, time will tell.

I was blessed to have been offered these opportunities and responsibilities. May God's Kingdom continue to grow.

Shalom <><

Revd. Heather

During the interregnum I continued to exercise my Permission to Officiate ministry under the Church Wardens of the Benefice, seeking their goodwill to extend my ministry where appropriate. This included introducing two new worship initiatives:

Maundy Thursday celebration took place in a more informal manner....and using the prayer book Eucharistic Prayer... at 4 pm. In December, an afternoon 1662 service of communion accompanied by Carols was also well received. Principally this was to accommodate those unable to get to the evening provision. Both were accompanied by refreshments and gave the opportunity to those attending to both worship and socialise. Another initiative was to celebrate an Ascension Day simple worship and picnic at Harpsden.

Thanks to the Anna team services were maintained to both Lashbrook and Tower House as well as taking the sacrament to people's homes on a monthly basis.

The monthly church community lunches have continued with visits to several venues and the Anna teas have been well supported (the later free thanks to a very generous donation). During Lent the attendees decided they would like to donate for the benefit of others: both the local Nomads Charity (£70) and internationally Mary's Meals (£70) benefited from their generosity.

My liturgical role has continued to have been enhanced by conducting worship within the three churches of the Benefice.

I was also privileged to be asked to contribute a topical article on a bi monthly basis for the Harpsden Magazine and the Benefice News Letter.

Treasurer's report for Shiplake and Dunsden- Nigel Smith

Introduction

Yet again the Parish has a surplus at the end of the year but only because the value of our investments increased by £58,403. The deficit on income and expenditure was £25,542 compared with £13,694 in 2024. 2024 benefitted from the insurance claim following the demolition of the church hall at Shiplake.

Income

Voluntary income was almost the same as last year at £50,988 (£50,717). Other funds generated includes a refund of £7,880 from SSE concerning the removal of electric supply from the church hall. Shiplake College continues to be an important part of our income with a regular index linked contribution to the running expenses of Shiplake church. Other income also includes occasional use of the church car park by parties who make donations.

Expenditure

The Parish Share is the biggest item £48,235 representing 44% of total expenditure and 60% of our income. The Parish paid what was asked of its share in full. This represented 79% of the share in accordance with the Deanery plan. 2026 will see an increase to £51,921. Maintenance reflects work carried out mainly at Shiplake Church on the church walls and the lighting. Further work has been carried out on a new soakaway which will be included in 2026 figures. Energy costs were £4,000 lower as a result of entering into new contracts. The organists' costs were lower following Adrian's retirement during the year. Helen and Roger are playing on an ad hoc basis as required.

Balance Sheet

As mentioned above the Parish had a surplus of £25,542 as a result of unrealised profits on investment valuations of £58,403. This was a stock market valuation at the end of the year. Since then, valuations have been adversely affected by the war in the Gulf and parishioners will be aware that ongoing uncertainty is not going to improve these valuations. The parish continues to have an outflow of cash of about £20,000 per annum. This is unlikely to change in the near future. However, it is also important to point out that the parish is wealthy and has cash and realisable investments of about £600,000 at the year-end (£571,000 in 2024).

This parish is currently financially sound.

Separate booklet

Church Wardens' Report - Dunsden– Rosemary Jones and John Bodman

A fairly quiet year for All Saints on the whole. Despite still being in Interregnum we have managed very well with the regular services. When there was a Joint Benefice Service it was a joy to have the church full and Roger or Helen playing our pipe organ. Despite our best efforts we still have not been able to replace Adrian in the Organist role. We are managing with our PA system via downloads to our phones from Roger and the internet. We had hoped to have more concerts at All Saints, but time overtook us and our main fundraiser this year was Snowdrop Sunday. Organised by John (with a little help from Rosemary) it was a real triumph with a Ukelele Band, Morris Dancers and various speakers to entertain getting on for 400 visitors during the afternoon. And despite our worst fears the Snowdrops hung on through a mild winter to carpet the graveyard in snowy white flowers. The catering was superbly managed by Yvonne Watson with plenty of assistance. The Harvest and Pancake Suppers were extremely successful too, organised by Yvonne Watson and various help from the ladies in the church. We have managed to organise new cleaners, using the same ladies that clean at Shiplake. Already there is a noticeable improvement. The church was invaded by a small infestation of mice and after attempting to get rid of them ourselves, we called in a professional and they haven't been seen since.

Maintenance of the graveyard, car park and boundary walls has again been carried out by Steve Bevan who will be retiring soon leaving us to find a replacement. The fabric of our buildings was examined by our usual architect and some urgent issues to flashings and external rendering has arisen which requires urgent attention to prevent rainwater ingress. In general, we have had a very good report again. Sonning Common Green Gym members have worked two sessions this year in cutting back our boundary hedges and brambles. Overall, our Church is in good shape both spiritually and in practical terms. We now need to pray and work to increase our congregation.

Shiplake Church Wardens' Report –Wendy Robinson (Acting Warden)

Needless to say, in an interregnum a church warden's job is quite intense. The responsibility of the church is ultimately on your shoulders and all problems have to be processed through you. This responsibility though was shared and I could not have coped without the skills of others, particularly Leigh, Vic Morgan and Tim Woods Ballard who offered their own personal skills.

Our 3 at 3 services, which were Lay lead and mostly organised by Vic Morgan were proving to be successful and more people came to this service than to an 11 am Sunday morning.

These services were more relaxed and included hymns that had been chosen by regular attendees.

We had three concerts over the year. The first was a violin concert by Liz Lipscombe who gave her concert free for the use of the church to practice. All proceeds went to the church.

The second concert was by Michael Sterling who is a renowned West End singer and actor and lives in Shiplake. He included others of very high calibre which made for a very enjoyable evening and raised much needed money for our church. The work involved was considerable but brought awareness of the church to a wider audience. The third concert was a carol concert for the local area branch of the Lowland Rescue charity, put together by its members who came with their search dogs. An excellent evening was had by all. This was held in late November bringing us nicely into Christmas.

This year involved the writing of the profile for advertising for a new priest in charge. This was undertaken by myself along with Linda Glithro from Dunsden and Valerie Nicolson from Harpsden.

Advertising and interviews took place, and after the first rejection Jane Wright was chosen and accepted the post. We were very happy with her appointment and looked forward to working with her.

Tim Woods Ballard worked tirelessly at organising the necessary barriers and notices to the car park, this makes the area much safer from use by unauthorised large vehicles. We are so grateful to Tim for organising this work.

Damp was seen in the Church walls and this was due to full up "soak a way" that needed replacing. During the necessary work bones were found causing a long and frustrating wait to get the work completed. This is now done and bones suitably re blessed by the clergy and buried. This work again was organised by Tim along with Leigh and both need our grateful thanks.

Shiplake Church Music Report 2024-2025 Helen Lam

Sunday Services

This year, music at Shiplake Church continued to support the regular Sunday services. A notable development was the introduction of a new afternoon service on the third Sunday of each month, beginning in September 2024. For this service, I have usually played the digital piano instead of the organ, helping to create a slightly more relaxed and informal atmosphere, while still supporting congregational singing.

Hand chimes

On 27 October, I offered two “open-to-all” hand chimes sessions at the church. These were attended by two adults and one teenage boy as new ringers, alongside six adults with previous handbell experience who came to “have a go” on the chimes.

As a result, we successfully recruited eight ringers — five adults and three children — for the Carol Service on 21 December, helping to maintain the tradition of hand chime music in our Christmas celebrations.

Flute and piano concert

On 28 October, I organised a flute and piano concert at the church in collaboration with local flutist Bob Preston. The programme featured a blend of timeless classical works, providing a varied and enjoyable musical experience for the audience. Around 40 people attended, and the concert raised approximately £220 in support of the church.

Music at Shiplake school

In December 2024, **Year 3 and Year 4 pupils showcased their musical talents** through singing and glockenspiel performances in the school’s Christmas concert. In the summer term, Year 5 and 6 spent four weeks working with hand chimes and bell plates, while Year 4 and 5 participated in a video ensemble performance featuring singing, keyboard, guitars, and colour bells. I am no longer offering regular music lessons to Shiplake School, but these activities supported young musicians and reinforced the connection between the church and the school community.

I look forward to another year of music at Shiplake Church, and to continuing to support the worship and life of our church community through music.

3rd Sunday at 3pm: Vic Morgan

We have had a very positive year with the 3rd Sunday at 3pm service. It has a warm and relaxed atmosphere and we usually welcome 18-20 people to most services. We have only cancelled one service since the start in September 2024, which was on Mothering Sunday 2026 as it coincided with Revd Jane's first Sunday service, and have had a range of services through the church calendar. We now ask people for their favourite hymns and use them in the services as they fit with the readings or themes. Wendy C is our resident baker who brings a delicious treat to share after the service, with warm drinks and fellowship.

After Service Refreshments

At Shiplake, we share refreshments and fellowship after all services, seated at tables in the vestry. In December, Wendy stepped back from the coffee rota, so these are usually provided by Helen WB and Vic. This fellowship is a very welcome part of the life of Shiplake church.

Church of St Margaret of Antioch, Harpsden: Roger Derbyshire

January – December 2025 Annual Report for the APCM: Music and the Choir

During 2025 music continued to play an integral part in supporting and enhancing our worship at St Margaret's, both by helping to lead the congregation's singing, and where appropriate by performing beautiful and more challenging music to the praise of God.

We were very fortunate again to be able to rely upon the resources of a dedicated choir numbering up to twenty individuals, singing a wide variety of hymns, anthems, psalms, Taizé chants, songs and carols.

We continued to hold a regular weekly choir practice. Services with a special focus on music included a Choral Evensong, two Taizé Services, a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and 'Hymns and Pimms' at the Patronal Festival. Anthems sung spanned many centuries of musical styles, including 'Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts' by Purcell (1695), 'Cantique de Jean Racine' by Fauré (1865) and '10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)' by Matt Redman (2011). At the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols we sang a new carol, 'O Eden lost', telling the Genesis story of the fall of Man, with lyrics written by our very own Jo Taylor.

In addition to singing at the regular Sunday services at St Margaret's, the choir sang at the monthly Benefice Services at Shiplake and Dunsden, and at a number of weddings and memorial services throughout the Benefice.

Other singing events in the wider community included concerts and carols at Albert Court, Henley Manor, Tower House, and at the Lowlands Rescue Carol Concert held at Shiplake Church.

The historic organ at St Margaret's continued to be well maintained with a tuning visit completed in July, and the Yamaha piano was used extensively to support choir practices, add variety to music at services, and for off-site singing in the community. I would like to record my sincere thanks to the following choir members in particular for their help and support throughout the year: Josie Peddie for continuing to look after all the administration work behind the choir - music, robes, bookings, attendance; Caroline Fulton for looking after the choir finances and accounts; and Nigel Smith, both for his wise words of advice and his help in conducting the choir; Thanks go also to Jonty for his help playing the hymns during Morning Praise in August and the carols at the Christingle Service, and to Helen Lam and Gary Howarth for kindly covering the services for me when I was away.

We look forward to continuing to support the worship at St Margaret's and throughout the Benefice during 2026.

"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." - J S Bach

Ringling Master's Report – Shiplake -Bob Partridge

During 2025 we maintained ringing for the majority of the main Sunday morning services. We've also, with help from visitors, managed to ring for several funerals, weddings and special services. Practices have continued each Tuesday supported by friends from Sonning, Wargrave and Waltham St Lawrence.

We were delighted to welcome Jenny Townsend back to ringing after a 40-year break. She learnt at Shiplake as a teenager and has already become a reliable and valued member of the Sunday service band. Stephanie Lane temporarily gave ringing a slightly lower priority following the birth of her daughter in November! We would very much like to recruit some more potential ringers, (aged 9-10 upwards), and are very happy to arrange a no-commitment taster session for anybody interested.

Cyril's death has been a great loss and has meant that we have lost one of our three very experienced ringers who are able to provide safety cover during ringing. This now just leaves Tower Captain Bob and Deputy Steve to provide this cover, one of whom needs to be present if we are to ring. Unfortunately, absence of both of us meant that on a couple of occasions in 2025 we were not able to ring for a service. The bell installation has not suffered any problems, but we have had three old ropes fitted with new sallies and tail ends and also bought one new rope at a total cost of £800. The clock developed a problem when it kept stopping for no apparent reason. Eventually this was traced to a faulty circlip in the chain drive from the electric winding motor in the "going" train. Since that has been fixed, the clock has run without problem.

Churchyard Report John Buckley

The last meeting of the Shiplake Churchyard Trustees was held on Tuesday 20th May 2025, when the 2024 Financial Report was presented by Paul Robinson and discussed.

The only significant tree work during 2025/26 was the felling of four conifers to allow access to Shiplake College classroom walls for maintenance and repair; the cost of this work was borne by the College.

Dunn & Co completed repair work on a section of churchyard wall in the Southwest corner. Some further repair work is needed by the ledger stones on the Southern boundary with the College, though this is understood to be the responsibility of the College.

It was a struggle to manage another year of grounds maintenance without the use of contractors. This included lilac hedge trimming, spraying paths, weeding and cutting back the lavender beds and regular mowing.

Routine mower servicing was carried out in-house. The old Hayter 53 machine became unreliable and was disposed of successfully on eBay. The proceeds covered the purchase of a good second-hand Mountfield mulching machine.

My plea on the Shiplake Villages website for another volunteer has produced no results so far (but over 70 views).

The careless and inconsiderate use of churchyard wheelie bins – plants put in green bins, recyclables in brown bins, cartons, plastic bottles and worse in black bins has resulted in bins being rejected weekly. It has been necessary to empty out full bins and sort items into the correct bins, otherwise they are not taken. It is an unpleasant and unnecessary task, occasioned by an anti-social section of the Shiplake community (and not bona-fide visitors to the churchyard); it calls for a radical solution.

Henley Deanery Report for the APCM in the Benefice of Shiplake and Dunsden with Harpsden cum Bolney: Paul Barrett

During the period under review there were three Deanery Meetings as well as a Quiet Day at Christ the King, Sonning Common.

At the BBQ held at Goring in June 2025, John Blair stood down as Area Dean and was replaced by Jeremy Tayler with David Benskin and Ben Phillips serving as Assistant Area Deans. Sylvia Warner serves as Lay Chair, Gillian Walmsey as Secretary and Judith Hogg as Treasurer. Tilden McKean has recently joined the Deanery Standing Committee as lay representative for our Benefice.

The Parish Share Recovery Plan for the Henley Deanery has been a constant topic at Deanery Meetings with a target of 89% payment by the end of 2026. Julia Dziegiel from Oxford Diocese made a presentation on Church Finance to the September meeting but failed to persuade the majority that the present system perpetuates a disconnect between support for rural parishes and spending on the church hierarchy.

Other topics covered during the year included the success of St. Mary's Youth club at Whitchurch, Eco Church, and the five most pressing issues for Henley Deanery in future.

There has been a greater emphasis on spirituality at Deanery meetings with prayer and worship preceding the business agenda and the introduction of a Deanery Prayer card on a quarterly basis made up from the foremost prayer concerns for each parish and benefice in the Henley Deanery.

Benefice Administrator Report – Leigh Leadbetter

As Benefice Administrator, I manage the day-to-day operations of the parish, ensuring smooth communication between staff, volunteers, and the wider community. I oversee administrative tasks, coordinate events and maintain records.

Safeguarding Officer's Report: Leigh Leadbetter

Overview

During the past all three churches have remained committed to ensuring they provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, particularly children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is not just a legal requirement but a core part of our mission and ministry.

Policy and Compliance

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has formally adopted the House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy. We have complied with the duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance. Our safeguarding policies are reviewed annually and are clearly displayed on our parish noticeboards and website.

Safer Recruitment and Training

DBS Checks: All eligible volunteers and staff holding relevant roles have undergone Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. These are tracked and renewed every three years as per national guidelines.

Training: It is a requirement that all PCC members and volunteers complete the appropriate level of safeguarding training (Basic Awareness and Foundation). I am pleased to report that the majority of our team are currently up to date.

Reporting and Incidents

All matters will be handled in accordance with Diocesan procedures and, where necessary, referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA). We continue to maintain a confidential recording system for any concerns.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the clergy, PCC, and all our volunteers for their ongoing vigilance and cooperation. Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and your support ensures that our parish remains a safe place for all to worship.

Health and Safety Officer's Report: Leigh Leadbetter

Overview

All three churches are committed to providing a safe environment for all members of the congregation, staff, volunteers, and visitors. This report outlines our adherence to the Health and Safety at Work Act and our efforts to maintain our premises and activities to the highest safety standards.

Policy and Risk Assessment

The Health and Safety Policy has been reviewed by the Joint PCC this year to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Risk assessments have been conducted (and updated where necessary) for:

- Regular Sunday services and mid-week groups.
- Special events (e.g., Christmas/Easter services, community fairs).
- External hires and third-party use of the church hall.
- Each church now has a folder with a general risk assessment for a service and a short ticklist to complete. The folders also contain a checklist to be completed for any fundraising activities to ensure compliance with the new fundraising regulations.

Maintenance and Inspections

To ensure the safety of our physical structure and equipment, the following checks were completed:

Fire Safety: All fire extinguishers were serviced annually and the fire alarm system and emergency lighting have been tested regularly.

Electrical Safety: Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) was carried out on for all church-owned equipment.

Building Fabric: Routine inspections of the [e.g., roof, floor surfaces, heating system] were conducted to identify and mitigate any trip hazards or mechanical failures.

Accidents and Incidents

I am pleased to report that there were very few reportable accidents during the past year. Our First Aid kits are located in the kitchen area and have been renewed this year.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Churchwardens and the buildings committee for their tireless work in keeping our site safe. If any member of the congregation notices a potential hazard, please report it to me immediately.

SwDPCC/ Joint PCC Secretary's Report: Leigh Leadbetter

Membership and Governance

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Shiplake and Dunsden met seven times during the year, and the joint PCC met six times.

Key Areas of Deliberation

Over the past twelve months, the PCC has focused its attention on:

- **Fabric and Buildings**
- **Finance**
- **Compliance**

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The PCC continues to comply with its obligations under GDPR. Our privacy notice is available on the website, and we have updated our contact lists to ensure we only communicate with those who have given explicit consent.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, the PCC's primary focus will be supporting Revd Jane Wright. We remain committed to supporting the Clergy and Churchwardens in the spiritual and practical growth of the parish.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all PCC members for their time, prayerful consideration, and hard work behind the scenes. Their dedication ensures the smooth running of our church life.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
of the Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney
Sunday 31st May 2026**

Vestry Meeting Agenda

1. Prayers
 2. Apologies for absence
 3. Minutes of last meeting
 4. Elections
 - Church Wardens
- Vestry Meeting Ends

APCM Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting 27th April 2025
3. Elections of PCC Members

Safeguarding Officer – Leigh Leadbetter

- Need to adopt Diocesan policy

Data protection Officer – Leigh Leadbetter

- Need to adopt Diocesan policy

Health and Safety Officer - SD/H – Leigh Leadbetter

- Need to adopt Diocesan policy

Electoral Roll Officer - SD – John Bodman

H -James Frost

4. Accounts to be adopted
5. Appointment of Auditor for 2026
6. Presentation of Terrier and Inventory
7. All other reports to be taken as read– and questions asked if needed
8. Prayers to close
The Grace

The first meeting of the PCC will elect a Secretary and Treasurer and agree the dates of the PCC meetings for 2025/26

The parish of

Shiplake with Dunsden

Parochial Church Council

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for the year ended 31st December 2025

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Basis of my Report

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Signed..... RICHARD PARKER

Date..... 13/2/26

Address..... RHOEWELL COTTAGE, 6 CRAWWELL GARDENS, MALLOW SL7 1BG

Qualification.....Chartered Accountant (retired)

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Insurance claim					60,788		60,788
Activities for generating funds		27,288		27,288	22,599		22,599
Investment income		3,203	3,861	7,064	3,861	4,627	8,488
Total Income		79,915	5,425	85,340	130,067	12,525	142,592
Resources used (Expenses)	3						
Cost of generating funds (Running costs)		46,895	3,861	50,756	46,839	4,627	51,466
Church Hall Demolition					37,285		37,285
Governance costs (parish & deanery share)		60,126		60,126	67,535		67,535
Total expenses		107,021	3,861	110,882	151,659	4,627	156,286
Surplus/(Deficit)		- 27,106	1,564	- 25,542	- 21,592	7,898	- 13,694
Gain/(loss) on value of Investments		58,403		58,403	34,632	2331	36,963
Increase/(reduction) in funds		31,297	1,564	32,861	13,040	10,229	23,269
Funds at 1st January 2025		459,731	361,774	821,505	446,691	351,545	798,236
Funds at 31st December 2025		491,028	363,338	854,366	459,731	361,774	821,505
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Heritage Assets			
Investments	5	518,819	460,420
		768,819	710,420
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	8,897	11,015
Bank accounts			
Current account		8,647	9,517
Deposit account		72,101	90,553
Total Current Assets		89,645	111,085
Current Liabilities	7	4,098	-
Net Current Assets		85,547	111,085
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Funds			
Restricted Funds		363,338	361,774
General Fund		491,028	459,731
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:			
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	Funds			Funds		
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Gift Aid income	30,049		30,049	28,217		28,217
Tax recoverable	3,634		3,634	6,864		6,864
Loose plate collections	4,719		4,719	4,249		4,249
Appeals and donations	3,141		3,141	2,452		2,452
Other funds generated	7,881		7,881	1,037		1,037
DunsdenExtension		1,564	1,564		7,898	7,898
Legacies			-			
	49,424	1,564	50,988	42,819	7,898	50,717
2b. Insurance claim				60,788		60,788
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Fund raising events	493		493	1,647		1,647
Shiplake Colleg donation	16,120		16,120	13,040		13,040
Fees for weddings & funerals	10,675		10,675	7,912		7,912
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Dividends	1,655	3,861	5,516	2,076	4,627	6,703
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Property maintenance -Shiplake	3,146	2,577	5,723	6,746	3,497	10,243
Property maintenance -Dunsden	3,187	1,284	4,471		1,130	1,130
Organist Fees	5,401		5,401	7,060		7,060
Upkeep of services	1,739		1,739	2,663		2,663
Churchyard maintenence - Shiplake	9,257		9,257	1,806		1,806
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Accounts

**The Ecclesiastical Parish of
Shiplake with Dunsden**

Charity number 1138065

**Report and Accounts for the
31st December 2024**

The Ecclesiastical parish of Shiplake with Dunsden

Treasurer's Report 2024

Opening comments.

I was asked by the Rector Rev Robert Thewsey to be the Treasurer of this parish in August 2024. In October 2024 the Rector left the parish for pastures new. In order to prepare for the creation of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 I reviewed the accounts for the previous year and discovered a mysterious write off of approximately £29,000. This amount did not have any explanation in the accounts. Furthermore, it transpired that the analysis of the figures were not as would have been expected in a set of accounts prepared under the regulations stipulating the creation of accounts. As a result, I had to re-create the accounts for 2023. I discovered that amounts transferred from deposit account to current account had been treated as income and an amount had been included in the accounts for profit on sale of investments when no investments had been sold during the year!

This is the reason why the comparative figures for 2023 are described as "Re-stated".

Financial performance for 2024

The net assets at 31st December 2024 were £23,269 higher than at the start of the year. This represents an operating loss of £13,649 offset by an unrealised gain on investments of £36,963.

During the year, the parish hall at Shiplake was demolished following a flood which brought the roof down. When investigation took place asbestos was discovered and a decision was taken to demolish the building. An insurance claim was settled by a payment from the insurers of £60,788. The cost of demolition was £37,285. These figures are included in the operating loss of £13,649. If these extraordinary items had not been included the loss would have been £37,152.

The value of the site left after clearance has been included at £250,000 which the Trustees believe to be below market value but without a formal valuation, they believe the sum stated is acceptable.

The overall picture is that the finances of the parish depend upon the value of the investments that the parish owns.

Parish share

It was decided that the parish would pay 95% of the parish share in 2024. This amounted to £51,264. During 2025 the parish will endeavour to pay 100% of the parish share. The only way that the parish can pay this sum is by taking the money from investments. These investments represent monies left to the churches in the parish by parishioners in their wills. The Diocese of Oxford to which the parish belongs, has net assets of over £500m including

cash balances of £15m and investments of £17m. It increased its net assets in 2023 by approximately £2m. The voracious greed of this diocese cannot be understated. They determine what they want in their budget without any regard to what the parishes can afford. They are perfectly happy to plunder the reserves of the parish to satisfy their greed.

During the current interregnum the Diocese are graciously giving the parish a discount on the parish share of 10%. This represents a reduction of £5,591. The discount for our sister parish of Harpsden is £3,724. The incremental cost of employing a priest is in the region of £35,000 which means that the Diocese will save that amount. On top of that, the Diocese rent out the Rectory while there is no priest in place. This should generate a further £36,000 per annum. This would indicate that the Diocese is profiting by about £60k per annum while there is an interregnum.

In prior years, Shiplake with Dunsden have not paid their parish share in full. The Diocese have indicated that they will not be seeking the parish to make up the shortfall.

Operating activities

Excluding the income from the insurance claim, the income for the year was £65,418. Expenses excluding cost of demolition and the parish share were £67,737 giving an operating loss before parish share of **£2,319**. Funds were received for the proposed extension at Dunsden church amounting to £7,898 which must be treated as restricted funds. The energy bills represented a major cost of £18,483 of which over £10,000 represented the cost of gas for heating Shiplake church.

A very generous parishioner has offered Dunsden church £200,000 towards an extension for a toilet and a kitchen. There is a stipulation in the gift that the building of this project must be commenced by 31st December 2025. The progression of this project has been delayed by the failure of the donor's attorneys to deal with this in a timely manner and thus there is doubt that the project will fulfil the requirements of the donor. Furthermore up-dated estimates indicate that the cost of this extension will be considerably more than the £200,000 on offer. There will be a requirement for the parishioners of Dunsden church to find the shortfall.

Financial situation

The finances of this parish are further confused by the fact that there are two churches in the parish. These two churches have funds allocated to them by donors. The funds are restricted to the churches to which they have been given. Shiplake church has significant assets and a very low congregation. Dunsden has a larger congregation but much smaller assets.

The current financial performance is unsustainable. This parish is operating at a loss and has a cash outflow in the region of £40k each year. Unless things change, there will come a stage fairly soon where Shiplake's assets will be needed to sustain Dunsden church.

To be clear, the Parish is solvent and is not in danger of bankruptcy, but the financial position will not currently support the full parish share.

Nigel L Smith FCA

Treasurer

From the Churchwardens of All Saints, Dunsden.

We are pleased to report that most of the members of the congregation are now on the Parish Giving Scheme. The plate is passed around at a Sunday service when it is a combined Benefice Sunday.

We know that visitors to the church do use the Card Reader/Good box to make the odd donation. Many of these visitors are attending a talk about the Wilfred Owen stained-glass window then walking the Owen Trail.

Thanks to the generosity of our members a few things have been paid for without a call on the church funds. For instance, the outside toilet was re-decorated, and the toilet bowl and fittings replaced. A micro-wave and a fridge were also donated to the catering department.

The one major expense this year was the construction of a new soakaway dealing with the excess rainwater at the northeast end of the church.

A new sanctuary light was paid for by a member of the congregation and has been put in place.

There have been fundraising events during this year. Notably the Harvest Supper, Snowdrop Sunday and the Pancake Supper and Beetle Drive. These were all well-attended and successful and raised substantial funds towards the proposed building project.

Rosemary Jones and John Bodman

Churchwardens, All Saints Church

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001 (the Regulations) and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and s.43 of the charities Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25.

Basis of my Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under sec.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance, 2001 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1.) which gives me to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep proper accounting records in accordance with s 41 of the Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave not been met
- 2.) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....Richard Parker FCA.....

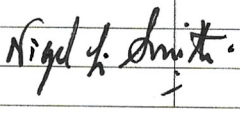
Date.....7/12/2025.....

Address.....Cromwell Cottage, Cromwell Gardens, Marlow SL7 1BE.....

Qualification.....Chartered Accountant (FCA)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024					
	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM:					RE-stated
Donations & legacies:					
Donations	2	£ 42,819.00	£ 7,898.00	£ 50,717.00	£ 70,409.00
Insurance claim	3	£ 60,788.00		£ 60,788.00	
Charitable activities	4	£ 22,599.00		£ 22,599.00	£ 28,989.00
Investments	5	£ 3,861.00	£ 4,627.00	£ 8,488.00	£ 6,793.00
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS		£ 130,067.00	£ 12,525.00	£ 142,592.00	£ 106,191.00
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	£ 46,839.00	£ 4,627.00	£ 51,466.00	£ 94,003.00
Charitable activities	8	£ 67,535.00		£ 67,535.00	£ 52,552.00
Other expenditure	7	£ 37,285.00		£ 37,285.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£ 151,659.00	£ 4,627.00	£ 156,286.00	£ 146,555.00
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES)		-£ 21,592.00	£ 7,898.00	-£ 13,694.00	-£ 40,364.00
Net gains / (losses) on investments		£ 34,632.00	£ 2,331.00	£ 36,963.00	£ 32,072.00
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		£ 13,040.00	£ 10,229.00	£ 23,269.00	-£ 8,292.00
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		£ 446,682.00	£ 351,545.00	£ 798,227.00	£ 806,519.00
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 459,722.00	£ 361,774.00	£ 821,496.00	£ 798,227.00

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024					
	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					Re-stated
Tangible assets					
Heritage assets	10		£ 250,000.00		£ 250,000.00
Investments	11		£ 460,420.00		£ 538,749.00
			£ 710,420.00		£ 788,749.00
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	£ 11,015.00			
Cash at bank & in hand		£ 100,061.00		£ 9,478.00	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year					
NET CURRENT ASSETS			£ 111,076.00		£ 9,478.00
NET ASSETS			£ 821,496.00		£ 798,227.00
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds			£ 361,774.00		£ 351,545.00
Unrestricted funds			£ 459,722.00		£ 446,682.00
TOTAL FUNDS			£ 821,496.00		£ 798,227.00
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by					
Mr John Bodman Churchwarden					
				Mr Nigel Smith FCA Treasurer	

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024		
	Note	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Income less debtors		£ 70,789.00
less: Expenditure		£ 119,122.00
Net outflow from operating activities		-£ 48,333.00
Cash from exceptional items		
Insurance claim		£ 60,788.00
Less: Demolition costs		£ 37,285.00
		£ 23,503.00
Cash flows from investments:		
Sale of investments		£ 115,415.00
Net cash inflow		£ 90,585.00
Cash at start of the year		£ 9,478.00
Cash at end of the year		£ 100,063.00

Shiplake with Dunsden Parochial Church Council

Notes to the financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

- a. The financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 as amended by the Church Accounting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice
The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention
- b. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible in law.
- c. Incoming resources are recognised as follow:
 - Collections - when received
 - Planned giving - when received
 - Fund raising events - when carried out
 - Church fees - when due
 - Investment income - when due
- d. Consecrated and beneficed property has been excluded by law from the accounts
- e. No value has been placed in the accounts on moveable church furnishings held by churchwardens on trust for the PCC. Other fixtures, furniture and equipment are written off in the year of purchase unless they exceed £2,000
- f. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at the banks or CBF of the Church of England
- g. Debtors include amounts due from activities during the year and prepaid expenditure
- h. Income tax refunds on voluntary income have been allocated in the accounts to the appropriate revenue items.
- i. Funds are analysed and reported on in a variety of classes, the principal distinction being between Unrestricted and Restricted Funds. Restricted Funds consist of money which has been given by the donor for a specific purpose. Unrestricted Funds may include Designated Funds which have been set aside by the PCC to be used for a particular purpose in the future. The PCC has the power to reallocate these funds.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024				
2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS & LEGACIES				Re-stated
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Parish giving	£ 28,217.00		£ 28,217.00	£ 36,737.00
Tax recoverable on gift aid	£ 6,864.00		£ 6,864.00	£ 10,116.00
Loose plate collections & other planned giving	£ 4,249.00		£ 4,249.00	£ 12,817.00
Appeals & donations	£ 2,452.00		£ 2,452.00	£ 1,090.00
Good Box	£ 1,037.00		£ 1,037.00	£ 1,252.00
Dunsden extension		£ 7,898.00	£ 7,898.00	
Dunsden Window				£ 8,397.00
Legacies				
	£ 42,819.00	£ 7,898.00	£ 50,717.00	£ 70,409.00
3. OTHER INCOME				
Insurance claim	£ 60,788.00		£ 60,788.00	
4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME				Re-stated
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fund raising events	£ 1,647.00		£ 1,647.00	
Fees for weddings & funerals	£ 7,912.00		£ 7,912.00	£ 14,907.00
Shiplake College Donation	£ 13,040.00		£ 13,040.00	£ 14,082.00
Shiplake choir fund				
	£ 22,599.00		£ 22,599.00	£ 28,989.00
Total 2024	£ 126,206.00	£ 7,898.00	£ 134,104.00	£ 99,398.00
5. INVESTMENT INCOME				Re-stated
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank & CBF deposit interest	£ 1,785.00		£ 1,785.00	£ 229.00
Dividends	£ 2,076.00	£ 4,627.00	£ 6,703.00	£ 6,564.00
	£ 3,861.00	£ 4,627.00	£ 8,488.00	£ 6,793.00
Total Income 2024	£ 130,067.00	£ 12,525.00	£ 142,592.00	£ 106,191.00

6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS				Re-stated	
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £	
Light, heat, water & cleaning	£ 18,483.00		£ 18,483.00	£ 10,397.00	
Insurances - churches	£ 7,606.00		£ 7,606.00	£ 7,761.00	
Property maintenance - Shiplake	£ 6,746.00	£ 3,497.00	£ 10,243.00	£ 16,927.00	
Property maintenance - Dunsden		£ 1,130.00	£ 1,130.00	£ 13,368.00	
Organist fees & expenses	£ 7,060.00		£ 7,060.00	£ 7,020.00	
Upkeep of services	£ 2,663.00		£ 2,663.00	£ 1,523.00	
Churchyard maintenance - Shiplake	£ 1,806.00		£ 1,806.00	£ 4,080.00	
Churchyard maintenance - Dunsden	£ 2,475.00		£ 2,475.00	£ 2,858.00	
	£ 46,839.00	£ 4,627.00	£ 51,466.00	£ 63,934.00	
7.Church hall demolition	£ 37,285.00		£ 37,285.00		
Dunsden Window				£ 30,069.00	
8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				Re-stated	
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	
Giving to agreed charities	£ 225.00		£ 225.00	£ 142.00	
Parish share	£ 51,264.00		£ 51,264.00	£ 15,000.00	
Parish share weddings & funerals	£ 4,491.00		£ 4,491.00	£ 5,770.00	
Share of Benefice Clergy expenses	£ 3,176.00		£ 3,176.00	£ 11,180.00	
Share of Benefice office costs	£ 6,756.00		£ 6,756.00	£ 5,141.00	
Admin, post, printing & stationery	£ 1,139.00		£ 1,139.00	£ 4,941.00	
Church Hall Development				£ 9,971.00	
Henley Deanery Synod Levy	£ 484.00		£ 484.00	£ 407.00	
	£ 67,535.00		£ 67,535.00	£ 52,552.00	
9.TOTAL EXPENSE	£ 151,659.00	£ 4,627.00	£ 156,286.00	£ 116,486.00	
10. CHARITY HERITAGE ASSETS					
			Heritage asset £	Total £	
Market value					
At 01.01.24			£ 250,000.00	£ 250,000.00	
At 31.12.24			£ 250,000.00	£ 250,000.00	
In 2013 it was established that the freehold land comprising the Church Hall were in fact conveyed to the Parochial Church Council from the Diocese in 1977. The Church Hall has been demolished but the trustees consider that the land value is still valid.					
11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS					
			Listed securities £	Listed securities £	
Market value			2024	2023	
At 1st January			£ 538,749.00	£ 506,677.00	
Less: Realised			-£ 114,453.00		
Revaluations			£ 36,124.00	£ 32,072.00	
At 31st December			£ 460,420.00	£ 538,749.00	
Restricted			£ 103,037.00	£ 101,545.00	
Unrestricted			£ 357,383.00	£ 437,204.00	
			£ 460,420.00	£ 538,749.00	
12. DEBTORS					
			2024 £	2023 £	
Other debtors			£ 11,015.00	£ -	

Accounts

**St Peter & St Paul, Shiplake,
All Saints, Dunsden and St Margaret of Antioch,
Harpsden
Annual Parochial
Church
Report and Meeting
5th May 2024**



The PCCs of Shiplake and Dunsden with Harpsden cum Bolney have the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Revd. Robert Thewsey, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parishes the whole mission of the parish: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. They also have maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings and other facilities in the benefice.

This booklet contains the statutory information required by canon law for us to hold our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), which will be held on Sunday 5th May 2024: Harpsden - 9:30 Sung Eucharist followed by APCM; Shiplake and Dunsden-11am APCM and Morning Praise.

The agenda for both the vestry meetings (to elect churchwardens) and the APCM can be found on the inside back page of this document.

In this document you will find the minutes of our 2023 APCMs, together with the various reports and accounts.

Please read these reports ahead of the APCM. All parishioners are welcome to attend, but only those on the Electoral Roll are permitted to vote and participate within the meeting. The majority of the activity reports will be taken as read at the meetings, with time for questions if required.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden on Sunday 30th April 2023 at 09:30

Vestry Meeting - for the election of Churchwardens

Prayers

The Revd. Robert Thewsey opened the meeting with a prayer

Present

There were 25 people present at the meeting.

Apologies

Cyril Crouch, Val and John Rees, Philip Bowcock, Paul Robinson, Rosemary Appleby

Minutes of the last meeting - 3rd April

The Minutes of the 2022 Vestry Meeting were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Churchwarden Elections

John Bodman and Rosemary Jones were nominated, proposed and seconded and were duly as Dunsden wardens elected by unanimous agreement for the year 2023-2024.

There were no nominations for a Warden Shiplake. As it is a legal requirement RST has asked everyone to suggest who might fill this role. There was a presentation and huge thanks given to Wendy Robinson for all her hard work as Shiplake churchwarden.

Archdeacon Visitation

Archdeacon's Visitation – will be on 8th June 7.30pm at Dorchester Abbey, when our churchwardens are sworn in. Parishioners are encouraged to attend to support them.

APCM

Present

As for the Vestry Meeting

Apologies

As for the Vestry Meeting

Minutes of the 2022 APCM

The Minutes of the 2022 APCM Meeting were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Election of PCC members

The members of the PCC all agreed to serve for another term and were duly nominated and unanimously elected by the meeting.

Gill Robbins has also been nominated and elected to the PCC.

Secretary

LL will continue to act as secretary.

Safeguarding

LL to continue as Safeguarding officer. All agreed.

Diocesan Safeguarding policy should be adopted. All agreed.

Data Protection

LL to continue as Data Protection officer. All agreed.

Diocesan Data Protection policy to be adopted. All agreed.

Health and Safety

Ian Bartlett to continue as Health and Safety officer. All agreed.

Health and safety policy to be adopted. All agreed.

Electoral Roll Officer

Rosemary Jones will continue in this role. All agreed.

Thanks were given to Yvonne Watson and Linda Glithro who had previously acted as Electoral Roll officers.

Presentation of Accounts and Treasurer's Report

A new Treasurer remains a priority. RST continues to fulfil the role but feels it is not really appropriate to do this.

Appointment of Auditors

All agreed that Barbara Marsden should continue.

Inventory

The Terrier and Inventory has been checked and all items are present and correct.

All agreed to accept.

Reports

All other reports were taken as read.

All agreed.

Vision Day Saturday 17th June 10:00-16:00 - Shiplake

To create a benefice vision. RST asked everybody to attend to feed into the vision. If you can't attend, please send in any thoughts and ideas.

Prayers

RST closed the meeting with a prayer and The Grace.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Harpsden cum Bolney on Sunday 30th April 2023 at 09:30

Vestry Meeting - for the election of Churchwardens

Prayers

The Revd. Robert Thewsey opened the meeting with a prayer

Present

There were 42 people present at the meeting.

Apologies

Clare Ward and Caroline Fulton

Minutes of the last meeting - 3rd April

The Minutes of the 2022 Vestry Meeting were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Churchwarden Elections

David Ward and Valerie Nicholson were nominated, proposed and seconded and were duly elected by unanimous agreement for the year 2023-2024.

Archdeacon Visitation

Archdeacon's Visitation – will be on 8th June 7.30pm at Dorchester Abbey, when our churchwardens are sworn in. Parishioners are encouraged to attend to support them.

APCM

Present

As for the Vestry Meeting

Apologies

As for the Vestry Meeting

Minutes of the 2022 APCM

It was proposed that 'by a large majority' should be deleted from item seven – Presentation of the Accounts.

All agreed.

The rest of the Minutes of the 2022 APCM Meeting were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Election of PCC members

Jo Taylor, Josie Peddie, Paul Barrett, David Ward, Tilden McKean, Sue Wright, Shelagh Stanbridge Bennet, Kester George, Jane Burt and Valerie Nicholson were all nominated and accepted unanimously by the meeting.

Secretary

LL will continue to act as secretary

Safeguarding

LL to continue as Safeguarding officer. All agreed.

Diocesan Safeguarding policy should be adopted. All agreed.

Data Protection

LL to continue as Data Protection officer. All agreed.

Diocesan Data Protection policy to be adopted. All agreed.

Health and Safety

Ian Bartlett to continue as Health and Safety officer. All agreed.

Health and safety policy to be adopted. All agreed.

Electoral Roll Officer

James Frost has agreed to continue in this role. All agreed.

Presentation of Accounts and Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been available for a month for inspection before the APCM. RT thanked Nigel Smith for his hard work in preparing the accounts and asked the meeting for questions. They have already been adopted by HPCC.

There was a question about legacy money. NS explained that a generous legacy had been left by Mr. Watson, not to the church, but to the incumbent who could decide how best to spend it.

RST explained that a document was available in church all about legacies. It would be best to leave money for general maintenance of the church and grounds.

All agreed the accounts should be accepted.

Appointment of Auditors

All agreed that Richard Parker should continue.

Inventory

The Terrier and Inventory has been checked and all items are present and correct.

All agreed to accept.

Reports

All other reports were taken as read.

All agreed.

Vision Day Saturday 17th June 10:00-16:00 - Shiplake

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REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2023

CLERGY REPORTS

The Rev Robert Thewsey

Dear friends

What a year 2023 has been, with more things happening as we come further out of the pandemic and much thought has gone into how we reintroduce the Common Cup, how we ensure no cross contamination with Wholeness and Healing, as well as considerable time spent looking at finances and possible building projects.

Shiplake Church

Sadly, the Church Rooms at Shiplake saw a huge water leak which became a major insurance claim to put right. The PCC have looked at all the possibilities of what to do with the Room and finally made the decision that we would not restore the hall but instead demolish. Grateful thanks go to Rosemary and Alen Appleby for all that they have done in managing the hall, on their own, for many, many years. Without their help and support the hall would have closed years ago. We are continuing to look at redeveloping the site for affordable local housing - which would mean a substantial increase in income for the church if the building does go ahead.

The development of the Rectory site is entirely in the hands of the Diocese and has progressed very little with this; as soon as more information is available, I will let you all know.

Dunsden Church

November saw the unveiling of an amazing new window to celebrate the link of Dunsden Church with the World War One poet, Wilfred Owen. The unveiling service saw both the Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Dorchester in attendance and since then many people have come along to view the new window - if you have not already done so then I would recommend going over to Dunsden to have a look.

One of our lovely parishioners at Dunsden has volunteered to fund an extension to provide a much needed, fully accessible toilet and a kitchen. Plans have been drawn up and we are in consultation with the church architect and the Diocese to try and get this new build constructed as soon as possible. Grateful thanks go to the parishioner who is funding this work.

Harpsden Church

Another lovely parishioner has offered to fund the rebuilding and extension of St Peters Vestry - constructed in 1975 - this vestry has never really been big enough for church activities and the new build will see two toilets (one fully accessible), full disabled access, a much larger kitchen, and a larger hall. This will enable the church to accommodate the choir, Sunday School, meetings, after church refreshments etc. Again, we are working with the church architect and the Diocese and trying to get this build underway as quickly as possible. Grateful thanks to our parishioner who is funding this work.

Sunday School restarted at the latter half of 2023, and we are delighted that we now have between 7 and 15 children in attendance each week.

Benefice

We are very blessed with our congregation in their generosity, but you will see in the financial reports that both churches rely very heavily on

investment and investment income to balance the books each year. This cannot continue and we need to try and redress this over the coming years.

Very sadly at the end of 2023 we found that Revd. Sarah had been appointed as Team Rector of Wallingford. Sarah will be leaving us in February 2024 and will be greatly missed. Sarah has had a huge impact on the life of the church in this Benefice and we thank her for all that she has done. I particularly thank her for her support of myself over the last 5 ½ years.

Half Term activities have been very well received and continue to grow with about 50 children in attendance over the 3 days of activities. Grateful thanks to all who help with this initiative.

Home Communion have grown over the last year as some parishioners have moved into care homes, or now find it too difficult to attend church on a regular basis. Revd. Heather is assisting in this ministry and is investigating becoming an 'Anna Chaplain.'

Leigh, my PA, has been working tirelessly behind the scenes keeping my admin down, photocopying, answering queries from around the world, helping people find graves in all three church yards, keeping the inventories up to date, assisting the Wardens, updating the graveyard plans and starting to digitalise these for ease of access. All supported by Anita who comes along to help on a weekly basis. Thank you, Leigh and Anita.

The year also saw many occasional offices:

Weddings	6 (11 in 2022) (9 in 2021)
Funerals in church	15 (21 in 2022) (14 in 2021)
Burials	9 (5 in 2022) (6 in 2021)
Funeral at the Crematorium	5 (9 in 2022) (13 in 2021)
Internment of ashes	9 (18 in 2022) (4 in 2021)

Thank you to everybody who helps in any way to ensure that our three beautiful church buildings remain open and our lovely congregations are cared for and loved. Special thanks go to the clergy team without whom much of what we do would not happen, so thank you Sarah, Pam, Heather, and Nick.

With all God's Blessings

Robert

Revd. Pam Gordon

My ministry year has continued with serving in all 3 churches for my regular commitment of Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays, other times by arrangement. Those 'other times' shifted from weekday daytimes to evenings and weekends as we adjusted our lives to Roy's changing health. This was no problem for the couples who were preparing for their weddings. Each was a unique day of joy and I value the support of our team - church key holders, vergers Leigh, our organists Adrian, Helen and Roger, the Dunsden flower team and those who created choir for these special services.

I have enjoyed and been encouraged by aspects of outreach that have broadened people's experience of church and worship and extended our contacts with the community - e.g. Half term activities, Tea with God, Snowdrop Sunday, a Prayer Space at Binfield Show, the Pet service, a table at Shiplake primary Christmas fair, the Nativity journey with Shiplake College

My Diocesan responsibilities continued. I completed the necessary Safeguarding Course. I had my annual retreat. Rota duties for articles etc. were met. I became more involved nationally in the distribution of the Bethlehem peace light. The routine and the unexpected, traditional and creative - this is the pattern of my ministry. And for that I give thanks and trust to give God glory in it all.

Revd. Heather

Thank you all for your love and enabling of my ministry during 2023. I am particularly indebted to Revd. Robert for affording me the role as an associate priest in this Benefice, which has given me the opportunity to serve you in a variety of ways: conducting worship and taking holy communion to those unable to get to church is an affirming privilege ... and something I value highly. Coupled with the opportunity to take the sacrament into Tower House and Lashbrook became the divine seed bed of possible future ministry. I explored and subsequently undertook, through the auspices of Bible Reading Fellowship, their training to become an Anna Chaplain. Commissioned by Revd. Robert at the Advent service, it enables me to work amongst 'older people,' (as the logo suggests!) I much prefer ' the mature members of the congregation' which includes myself, though I do help with our children's activities to balance my experience. Anna chaplaincy enables me to encompass a wider brief of that " Peace," that our Lord advocates for the wellbeing of body, mind and spirit. Having worked previously for twenty eight years as a nurse, in years when 'TLC:

tender loving care' was written on the prescription sheets, I hopefully have the correct skills to do that in serving God in your midst.

The word priest in Latin means ' bridge builder ', as part of the royal priesthood of ALL believers. ... that is my fervent prayer for us that we all continue to be Christ's envoys in this Benefice during 2024.

Finance report - Shiplake and Dunsden - Revd. Robert Thewsey

2022 has been a difficult year again with regard to our finances. Our investments have fallen yet again and closing on 31st December meant a negative return on our investments which was rectified a few days later due to interest rates.

We are very grateful that Barbara Marston has once again created our annual accounts and audited them for us. Barbara and I are still working out the best way to record the accounts so that congregation members can read them easily, we hope that this year's accounts are an improvement on the previous years. If you would like particular information recorded then please let us know.

The accounts were uploaded to the Charity Commission website in plenty of time to comply with their regulations and were shared electronically and in paper form to all congregation members.

The PCC still needs to appoint a Treasurer as it is not appropriate for the rector to also be in charge of the finances of the church, and so if you know somebody who would be interested.....please do let me know.

Treasurer's report - Harpsden - Nigel Smith **Please see additional booklet**

Overview

The year produced a satisfactory surplus of income over expenditure of £5,742. The Balance Sheet showing the financial position at 31st December remains very strong with nearly £525,000 in cash and deposits.

Income and Expenditure

Please refer to the sheet attached to this report. The main driver of our surplus has been the increase in interest rates. As a result of the increase in rates interest received increased by £14,730 to £20,336. Currently it seems that interest rates are unlikely to reduce in the near future so this may be a continuing benefit.

Loose plate collections increased by £3,351 but are still far short of what they were before the pandemic. Gift aid is now being claimed on these and other small gifts which accounts for the increase in tax recovered of nearly £1,000.

Expenditure on gas and electricity reduced by just over £6,000 as a result of going back into contract which will keep our cost down for the next 2 years. By which time I hope that fuel costs might have reduced to something like normal. However, this will depend on factors outside our control.

The Parish Share was paid in full. Parish Share for the current year is 5% higher adding an extra £1,878 to this year's cost.

Balance sheet

As mentioned above our Church continues to have significant cash assets. As it is unlikely that we will need all the money in the near future, I have put £115,000 on a 3 year fixed interest deposit at 3.85% with the Charity Bank which replaces Shawbrook Bank. Further investments of £150,000 have been authorised by the PCC. The process has been started but takes a very long time before the funds are committed. If these investments proceed our Church will still have over £250,000 in immediately available money. The majority of this is held on deposit with CCLA.

Future

Oh, for a crystal ball!! Our financial surplus is very dependent on two factors, interest rates and very generous donor who have continued to support us during the year. For which support we thank them wholeheartedly.

Our costs are mainly fixed with over 50% tied up in the Parish Share. Benefice clergy expenses will reduce as a result of Revd. Sarah moving on. (We miss her already!) Church maintenance is always the great unknown. It was just under budget this year but it only needs a minor disaster to throw this figure a long way out.

I read an Old Testament lesson recently from Exodus which mentioned tithing. Probably for the first time in the Bible. What an appropriate lesson for a Treasurer! Inflation continues so I hope that you will consider inflating your giving by even a small amount. As you know, "Every little helps!!"

Church Wardens' Report - Dunsden- Rosemary Jones and John Bodman

Our congregation attendance still varies from 25 to 34 worshipers and this year over 300 for the Snowdrop Sunday event. We are developing a following for our events and indeed these are attracting some new worshipers on an occasional basis. Our Lay Led service each month continues to be led by our three Worship Leaders and have been well attended by most of our usual congregation.

The 2020 Quinquennial identified issues with the cement flashings associated with the entrance porch and this has led to ingress of moisture affecting the plasterwork and the multiway lighting switch box inside the Church. Also the loo building has had a similar issue which has caused

some of the roof timbers to rot off at the base supports causing the tiles to pull away from the brick copings. A contract was placed with a local builder and both roofs are now secure and waterproof with new metal flashings and timberwork renewed as necessary.

At present the Church Loo, situated in the old grave digger's brick building, had for some while had a very unpleasant smell inside. The issue was investigated by the same builder and it was found that the waste pipe from the loo to the septic tank had pulled apart and that the waste had been accumulating behind the false rear wall for quite some time. This was dug out, the soil pipe re-routed and re-connected and the associated water pipe updated with a new stop cock. The floor has yet to be re-painted which is planned to be carried out during the summer 2024.

All five of the external notice boards have been replaced by Leigh's husband who only charged for the materials. Repairs were carried out to the five bar gates into the car park and also the pedestrian gate into the new Churchyard. This work was funded by a member of the congregation. During the summer members of the congregation got together and erected a new notice board at the car park entrance to the churchyard. This is regularly updated every month and contains all the information of things going on at All Saints and Shiplake Churches.

One of our double iron gates facing Church Lane is hung on a flint-faced short wall that had been undermined by a tree root in the past and has been in danger of collapse. The tree root was dug out, a new foundation installed and the recovered brick and flints used to form the much improved wall. However the ground levels are such that both gates will need removing for repair and then re-hung to give correct ground clearance. After the completion the path will need to be re-laid with tarmac. This work is currently delayed due to the building work associated with the intended Church kitchen extension.

Many tiles in the choir and sanctuary have become loose and in danger of breaking up. These were identified at the last Quinquennial but will be an expensive project for which we do not yet have funding. The reredos behind the altar was badly damaged by a "duck invasion" and Robert, our Rector, had to make an insurance claim to have it repaired. This has now been carried out but may be in need of some refinement.

The Dunsden Owen Association in conjunction with Robert, the DAC, the local community and the Glaziers Livery Company were all involved in the recently dedicated window commemorating Wilfred Owen's time in Dunsden. The project was crowd funded, Natasha Redina the stained glass artist awarded the commission to design, construct and install this exceptionally beautiful window which was blessed by the Bishops of Oxford and Dorchester at a special service on 4 November 2023 before the church filled to capacity. This magnificent window is drawing many visitors to the Church and a new pamphlet has been designed and gifted to the Church by the DOA and a rota of Church opening times will be published soon.

We consider fellowship an important aspect of our Church and each Wednesday there is tea, cake and chat inside or outside of the Church weather permitting and after all our services. More recently we have had lunch together at our local pub inviting members from the other two churches in the Benefice, this has proved very popular. Once again, our Snowdrop Sunday afternoon entertainment was highly successful with some 300 visitors being entertained during the afternoon by musicians, guest speakers, actors, poetry and narrative all supported by homemade food, drinks etc. and a raffle of donated prizes. Overall we raised £820.00 for Church maintenance works.

Church Wardens' Report - Dunsden- Valerie Nicholson and David Ward

Following on from works carried out required by the last Quinquennial our buildings are in good order. There are some issues with a few of the windows, which will require attention, and quotes will be obtained for the necessary work. The roof of the Oratory has had a minor remedial repair but it seems that it will need further substantial work, possibly replacement, and a quote has been requested for this.

Internally, all is in good order. The boilers have been serviced and the fire extinguishers are well within the service contract.

The annual inventory has been carried out and that, and the Terrier and Log Book are available for inspection.

A willing and capable gentleman has been hired to look after the cemetery and this is looking very well cared for.

We are truly blessed to have a clergy team who ensure we have services every week at Harpsden and our new Lay Led services are proving to be a success. And, oh joy, we have a blossoming Sunday School. We have a wonderful congregation with many willing volunteers to ensure our services are carried out smoothly and our thanks go to all those special people.

St. Margaret's is in a good place.

APCM Report- Paul Barrett

Intercessions Rota

We currently have five prayer leaders and would welcome more volunteers for this important part of our Sunday worship. Our thanks to those who

lead our congregations in prayer, each bringing their own distinctive style and communion with our God.

Deanery Synod

The Henley Deanery in 2023 was handicapped by the lack of a Lay Chair and a secretary. Nevertheless, it met four times during the year. The highlights were a very pleasant barbeque on a sunny summer evening in June at the Rector`s garden in Goring; and a memorable talk by Revd. Sarah on the fate of young vulnerable youngsters caught up in the drug trade by being forced to carry the products across county lines: and on an important initiative the Church of England was taking to combat this

Chalice Rota

With the drop in covid cases it was possible in the final quarter of the year to reintroduce the option for communicants to take the common cup as well as the intincted wafers. At present this option has only been taken up by a small minority and has only required a single chalice server. This may change in 2024 if communion in both kinds is deemed safe to be introduced; in which case more chalice assistants will be required.

Boy`s Brunch

The Brunch has met each month during the year, normally on the first Monday of the month from 10.30-12noon at The Ark at Shiplake. Attendance has never dropped below the four brunchers who are most committed and has reached six or seven on occasion. This meeting allows men to put the world to rights whilst partaking of the excellent pastries purveyed by Gails of Henley.

Shiplake Music Report - Shiplake -Helen Lam

Despite being a small church without a choir, we were blessed to have choir members coming from Harpsden regularly at Benefice services. I occasionally sang with the choir in the Benefice services when I could get away from organ.

The hand chimes team rang on Palm Sunday, an Eucharist Service on 9 July and the Carol Service on 10 December. The team has shrunk from 11 to 8 children and finally to 5 children as some of them were struggling to come with long distance. Our last performance in the Carol Service was done gracefully with a smaller team, five children and three mothers. Sadly, rehearsal has been suspended recently until more ringers to join. Recruitment has been posted on church newsletter.

I go to Shiplake primary school for teaching KS2 singing on Wednesdays. Year 3 & 6 did a mini concert last summer and Year 4 & 5 did a carol singing in December. Hopefully promoting singing at school will bring more young singers to church in a long run.

It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to be honoured in the music at church prepare us that day where we will join the eternal hallelujah in the glory land.

Ringing Master's Report - Shiplake -Bob Partridge

The bells were rung for all the main services, plus weddings and funerals as required and generally the standard of ringing has been pleasing. We probably rang all 8 bells less times on Sundays after September since our youngest ringer Daisy went up to university.

Practice numbers were variable in 2023 with some of our previous regular visitors now having home commitments, but others from Sonning and Waltham St Lawrence have continued to support us and enabled us to ring a good variety of methods nearly every Tuesday. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support at practices, for Quarter Peals and for special service ringing. The monthly Quarter Peals on Thursday afternoons involving some of our practice night band plus visitors from Wallingford, Goring and Caversham have proved very successful.


During the half term children's events we have had the tower open to demonstrate ringing a bell and giving those who wished a few backstrokes. We have given most of the youngsters a flyer explaining how they can try out ringing to see if it is something they would like to pursue, but sadly we have had no takers as yet.

There has been very little to do in the way of maintenance apart from periodic checks of all the nuts and bolts, sliders and clappers. Two new ropes from Ellis's have been fitted on 4 and 6. These two ropes are slightly disappointing compared to Ellis's usual standard as they are a little springy. When ropes are next ordered, we may try sourcing them from Avon Ropes instead. We have plenty of tail end rope in hand as long off-cuts from the new chiming ropes at Dunsden were kindly donated to us by the Rector. The main wear point is the sallies and tails, so we may opt to have existing worn ropes fitted with new tails and sallies rather than buy all new ones.

The simulator and dumbbell had occasional use for half and full day training courses during the year. The new Bagley simulator system works very well with both Virtual Belfry and Abel software.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued enthusiasm and support over the year, and to Steve and Cyril for looking after things when I have been away.

Readers -Harpsden - Jo Taylor

We are very blessed to have a thriving number of volunteers on the Reader's Rota at St. M's and our thanks to everyone on the team Under a new Benefice Reader's system, we have also welcomed Reader's  from our sister churches when the Benefice Service is at St. M's and, similarly, our Reader's then take one of the lessons when the Benefice service is at Shiplake or Dunsden. Readers, should they wish, are also encouraged (with permission of the content by the presiding clergy member) to give 'an introduction' to the passage they will be reading as this can be most illuminating and provides a good opportunity to give the background context to the passage or 'bring alive' some of the rather more obscure references. New Readers are always very welcome and please contact jotaylor28@aol.co.uk if you would like to be added to the rota..... All love and blessings, Jo xx

Sunday School - Harpsden - Jo



Taylor

As we were not able to find a regular Sunday School leader in this reporting year the provision for children has been very limited and perhaps with this being a 'chicken/egg scenario' we haven't had new children attend regularly. That said, children from the last cohort returned with their families for Christingle and they were thrilled to 're-sing' an old favourite 'And the Angels sang to Him' to a delighted congregation. It is touching to know that our church is 'home' to the young people that have passed through Sunday School and to see the long-term friendships they have made through meeting at St. M's.

We are currently seeking both a Sunday school leader and helpers to 'revive and reinstate' a regular provision for children and families who attend St. M's - if you would like to know more, please see Robert or Sarah..... With love and blessings, Jo xx

After service refreshments - Sarah Bevan

We have continued to enjoy our after service refreshments with many people staying for the fellowship and connection which is wonderful. My thanks to the team who support our refreshments including bringing the tea, coffee and biscuits out into the Church - this brings a great warmth and connection. Our continued thanks to Josie who has provided lovely home-made cakes which people cannot resist.

We are a small team of about 10 people so if anyone is keen to get involved and join us please let me know - it's a great way of supporting the Church community.

THANK you everyone who takes part in any way, a vital part of keeping our community connected.

Electoral roll - Shiplake and Dunsden - John Bodman

This year the electoral roll is ongoing and will not be completed in time for this report.

Once the revision is completed the details will be displayed in the porches as per the statutory requirement.

Harpsden cum Bolney - James Frost

I am pleased to report that the number recorded on the Electoral Roll for St Margaret's on 8 March 2024 is 53.

With Covid the past few years have been difficult. Sadly we have lost members and others have moved away. This is not peculiar to St Margaret's; it is replicated throughout the land. We are fortunate here in St Margaret's, we have a strong bond of being together. A wonderful platform on which to build.

An up to-date list of members can be found in the folder in the church porch.

If there are any members of the congregation who are not members on the Electoral Roll but would like to be, there are no obligations just a feeling of belonging, then please contact me and I will let you have the appropriate form.

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Church of St Margaret of Antioch, Harpsden - Roger Derbyshire 2023 Annual Report for the APCM: Music and the Choir

The function of music at St Margaret's is to support and enhance our worship at the regular services throughout the year, both by leading the congregation's singing, and by performing beautiful and more challenging music to praise God.

To deliver this during 2023 we were very fortunate to be able to rely upon the resources of a dedicated choir numbering up to twenty individuals, singing a varied selection of hymns, anthems, psalms, Taizé chants, songs and carols. Accompaniment was provided using both the antique pipe organ and our modern electric piano, helping to add variety to the musical styles that could be performed.

In addition to singing at our regular services at St Margaret's, throughout 2023 the choir helped support the monthly Benefice Services at Shiplake and Dunsden, and also sang at a number of weddings, funeral and memorial services, and at the summer Variety Concert.

For 2024 we look forward to continuing to support the worship at St Margaret's and throughout the Benefice, and to both increasing and diversifying our musical repertoire!

Choir

Throughout 2023 the choir at St Margaret's was made up of around fourteen regular members, and we were very grateful for the assistance of about six additional members who helped to balance the mix of voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) for services which included anthems or carols. Weekly choir practices were held on Fridays from 12h30 to 13h30, although we will continue to review this in 2024 as not all members are able to attend at this time of the day.

The choir sang at over 50 services throughout the year, singing around 200 different hymns and 18 anthems, in addition to several Taizé chants, occasional psalms and of course many carols over the Christmas period. We tried to include a variety of musical styles, from traditional 4-part harmony hymns to more contemporary worship songs (for example 'Like A Candle Flame' by Graham Kendrick), and anthems ranging from the 16th century (e.g. 'Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake' by Farrant) to more modern compositions (e.g. 'For The Beauty Of The Earth' by John Rutter and 'Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep' by Geoffrey Stephens). Where appropriate we were very happy to stray outside the usual boundaries for parish choirs, singing songs such as 'Love Me Tender' (Elvis Presley), 'You Raise Me Up' (Rolf Løvland, Brendan Graham) at the summer variety Concert. We will continue this approach to musical variety in 2024, adding some more psalms as requested by members of the congregation.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to two choir members in particular for their help and support throughout the year: first to Josie Peddie for looking after all the background details - choir music, robes, bookings, attendance - that means we can make the most of our time together on singing!; secondly to Nigel Smith, both for his wise words of advice to me, and for multitasking skills - conducting the choir where needed while also singing tenor!

Organ and Piano

St Margaret's Church is very fortunate to have a beautiful well-maintained antique pipe organ. The existing organ was built in 1875 and restored in

1984, but some of its pipes probably date from the original organ built in 1854 by G M Holdich (for more information please see the National Pipe Organ Register at <https://npor.org.uk/survey/D05061>). Its annual tuning was carried out in December 2023 in preparation for the Christmas services. Although the organ is used for the majority of musical accompaniment in our church, some of the more contemporary hymns, anthems and songs rely on our Yamaha electric piano, which is also used extensively for our choir practices.

Music Highlights for 2023

One of the most memorable musical highlights for 2023 was the singing of 'If I Had Words' - a song from 1977 by Scott Fitzgerald and Yvonne Keeley based on a reggae version of the theme from the Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony. It was a request from Samantha Coultas and Richard Berends to be sung at their wedding, and we had a lot of fun getting it ready for the occasion. I managed to contract COVID just before the wedding but Helen Lam from Shiplake very kindly stepped in at the last minute to play! Luckily I was able to hear it when we sang it again at the Variety Concert!

Also worthy of note was our performance of 'Good News, Great Joy!' - a gospel song by Ruth Morris Gray, sung at the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. This took a lot of rehearsal but was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Finally, it was lovely to have Jonty's help playing the carols at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, and I look forward to his continued contribution to the music at St Margaret's in 2024.

Conclusion

2023 was a busy year for the choir, with services and functions finally returning to normal after the disruption caused by COVID. For 2024 we look forward to continuing to support the worship at St Margaret's and throughout the Benefice; we hope to attract additional members to the choir; and we will work on both increasing and diversifying our musical repertoire!

Sacristan - Harpsden - Jo Pavey

The Sacristan duties at Harpsden are shared between Jo Pavey, Valerie Nicholson and for weekday services Pat Needham. We thank Ruth Bone for attending to the Altar laundry, and these arrangements work well on a rota basis. We would like to request a Lectionary in the vestry for reference when Altar colours change.

Jo Pavey.

Churchyard report - J. Buckley

Work on the renovation/repair of the churchyard wall progressed steadily and the result looks good; further work is needed elsewhere.

The large Hayter mower was sent away to cure the problem of difficult starting, while all other machinery was serviced in-house. After due consideration, a new "turn-on-itself" mower was purchased, the cost of which was significantly offset by the sale on eBay of the other, rarely used, Hayter. The new machine had to be returned for a gearbox replacement (under warranty) and now seems fine.

Grounds maintenance - mowing, re-seeding, spraying paths, trimming lilac, lavender and lots of overhanging branches - continued throughout the year. The box bushes have suffered from caterpillars and will be sprayed again.

It has been necessary to have extensive tree work undertaken following a number of fallen branches. In particular, one multi stemmed Thuja had an unstable stem leaning over the College stable yard roof, which required a controlled lowering operation. A

similar tree close to the bell tower, with a stem already failed, and an adjacent Cupressus, ivy covered and crown dead, have also had to be removed. The good news is that the chippings from the subsequent stump grinding have been spread over the lavender beds for weed control.

We are currently seeking another volunteer to assist in our work, and have placed a notice on the Shiplake Villages website.

Safeguarding Report - Leigh Leadbetter

I would like to remind everyone that anyone who works for the church- whether paid or as a volunteer- has to have at least the Basic Awareness training and PCC members need to complete the Foundation stage as well. All training should be renewed every three years. If you still need to take the online courses, may I please ask you to do them as soon as possible and let me know when they are done.

Our church safeguarding policy may be viewed by everyone. It is kept in the book hanging in the porch of each church.

There are also posters on each church notice board giving details of who to contact should a safeguarding problem arise.

Both PCCs include safeguarding as an agenda item at every meeting. We have updated different policies, copies of which can be found on each church noticeboards in the Information book, (alongside general safeguarding information posters) and on the church website. In accordance with national church requirements, our church website now

contains a dedicated safeguarding section, which will be enhanced with further policies over the coming year.

GDPR - Leigh Leadbetter

Our aim is to remain compliant with the GDPR (general Data Protection Regulation) so we continue to carry out the following measures:

1. We update our privacy notices to ensure they are clear, concise and provide the necessary information
2. We implement a consent system that we renew every three years to ensure we have explicit and informed consent from everyone concerned

DBS - Leigh Leadbetter

We are committed to safeguarding individuals and, as such, we require all people employed by the church to undergo DBS checks before commencing work.

We regularly monitor our compliance with DBS requirements to ensure they remain up to date with regulatory changes.

Secretary Report - Benefice- Leigh Leadbetter

During the year there have been nine PCC meetings: three SwDPCC, three HPCC and three Joint PCC.

During the year the PCC discussions included:

- Revd Sarah's move to Wallingford and how to Support Revd Robert and the clergy team
- Charity donations
- Building plans for all three churches
- Eco audits and ways to become more environmentally friendly
- Paris Share
- Fund raising

If you would be interested in joining the PCC please let one of the clergy team know. We would be delighted to welcome you.

We are in desperate need of a Warden for Shiplake Church; if anyone feels they could take on this role we would be very grateful.

**The Vestry Meeting
&
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
of the Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden cum Bolney
Sunday 5th May 2024**

Vestry Meeting Agenda

1. Prayers
 2. Apologies for absence
 3. Minutes of last meeting
 4. Elections
 - Church Wardens
 - Archdeacons Visitation
- Vestry Meeting Ends

APCM Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting 30th April 2023
3. Elections of PCC Members

Safeguarding Officer - Leigh Leadbetter

- Need to adopt Diocesan policy

Data protection Officer - Leigh Leadbetter

- Need to adopt Diocesan policy

Health and Safety Officer - SD/H - Ian Bartlett

- Need to adopt Diocesan policy

Electoral Roll Officer - SD - John Bodman

H - James Frost

4. Accounts to be adopted
5. Appointment of Auditor for 2024
6. Presentation of Terrier and Inventory
7. All other reports to be taken as read- and questions asked if needed
8. Prayers to close
The Grace

The first meeting of the PCC will elect a Secretary and Treasurer and agree the dates of the PCC meetings for 2024/25

Charity number: 1138065

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Trustees	Mrs R Appleby Mr J Bodman Mr C Crouch Mr J Flinn Mrs L Glithro Mrs R Jones Mrs G Robins Mrs W Robinson Revd R S Thewsey
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Charity registered number	1138065
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Principal office	Church Office Church Lane Shiplake Henley-on-Thames Oxfordshire RG9 4BS
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Independent examiner	Barbara Marston
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Bankers	HSBC 26 Broad Street Reading RG1 2BU
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
TRUSTEES' REPORT**

What a year 2023 has been, with more things happening as we come further out of the pan and much thought has gone into how we reintroduce the Common Cup, how we ensure no contamination with Wholeness and Healing, as well as considerable time spent looking at future and possible building projects.

Shiplake Church

Sadly, the Church Rooms at Shiplake saw a huge water leak which became a major insurance housing to put right. The PCC have looked at all the possibilities of what to do with the Rooms and finally made the decision that we would not restore the hall but instead demolish. Grateful to Rosemary and Alen Appelby for all that they have done in managing the hall, on their own many, many years. Without their help and support the hall would have closed years ago. We are continuing to look at redeveloping the site for affordable local – which would mean a substantial increase in income for the church, if the building does go ahead.

The development of the Rectory site is entirely in the hands of the Diocese and very little has progressed with this, as soon as more information is available, I will let you all know.

Dunsden Church

November saw the unveiling of an amazing new window to celebrate the link of Dunsden Church with the World War One poet, Wilfred Owen. The unveiling service saw both the Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Dorchester in attendance and since then many people have come along to view the new window – if you have not already done so then I would recommend going over to Dunsden to have a look.

One of our lovely parishioners at Dunsden has volunteered to fund an extension to provide a toilet needed, fully accessible toilet and a kitchen. Plans have been drawn up and we are in consultation with the church architect and the Diocese to try and get this new build constructed as soon as possible. Grateful thanks go to the parishioner who is funding this work.

Harpsden Church

Another lovely parishioner has offered to fund the rebuilding and extension of St Peter's Vestry constructed in 1975 – this vestry has never really been big enough for church activities and the new build will see two toilets (one fully accessible), full disabled access, a much larger kitchen, and a larger hall. This will enable the church to accommodate the choir, Sunday School, meetings, after church refreshments etc. Again, we are working with the church architect and the Diocese and trying to get this build underway as quickly as possible. Grateful thanks to our parishioner who is funding this work.

Sunday School restarted at the latter half of 2023, and we are delighted that we now have 7 and 15 children in attendance each week.

Benefice

We are very blessed with our congregation in their generosity, but you will see in the financial reports that both churches rely very heavily on investment and investment income to balance the books each year. This cannot continue and we need to try and redress this over the coming years.

Very sadly at the end of 2023 we found that Revd Sarah had been appointed as Team Rector Wallingford. Sarah will be leaving us in February 2024 and will be greatly missed. Sarah has had a huge impact on the life of the church in this Benefice and we thank her for all that she has done. I particularly thank her for her support of myself over the last 5 ½ years.

Half Term activities have been very well received and continue to grow with about 50 children in attendance over the 3 days of activities. Grateful thanks to all who help with this initiative.

Home Communion have grown over the last year as some parishioners have moved into care or now find it too difficult to attend church on a regular basis. Revd Heather is assisting in this ministry and is investigating becoming an 'Anna Chaplain.'

Leigh, my PA, has been working tirelessly behind the scenes keeping my admin down, photographing, answering queries from around the world, helping people find graves in all three church yards, keeping the inventories up to date, assisting the Wardens, updating the graveyard plans and starting to digitalise these for ease of access. All supported by Anita who comes along to help on a weekly basis. Thank you, Leigh and Anita.

The year also saw many occasional offices:

Weddings	6 (11 in 2022) (9 in 2021)
Funerals in church	15 (21 in 2022) (14 in 2021)
Burials	9 (5 in 2022) (6 in 2021)
Funeral at the Cremator	5 (9 in 2022) (13 in 2021)
Internment of ashes	9 (18 in 2022) (4 in 2021)

Thank you to everybody who helps in any way to ensure that our three beautiful churches remain open, and our lovely congregations are cared for and loved. Special thanks go to the clergy team without whom much of what we do would not happen, so thank you Sarah, Pam, Heather, and Nick.

With all Gods Blessings

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

Year ended 31 December 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Managing Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

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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").

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Date: 8th June 2024

Barbara Marston

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN

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Jan/April/July/October

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	36,737	43,570
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid	10,116	2,414
Loose Plate Collections		2,328
Donations, Appeals, etc		27,407
Good Box Donations	1,252	
Dunsden Window Project Appeal	30,543	45
Fund -Raising Events	380	3,145
Church Hall income, included in rental income		285
Fees for Weddings and Funerals	24,526	27,681
Harpsden Share Benefice Admin Costs	10,042	5,090
Transfer from old Barclays account	710	
Investment income	6,564	
Electricity refund	1,584	
Shiplake College Donation & other rental income	14,082	11,064
	149,352	124,614

RESOURCES EXPENDED

10-11

Giving to Agreed Charities	142	3,110
Parish Share	15,000	48,313
Parish Share Weddings & Funerals	15,389	10,697
Henley Deanery Synod	407	-
Working Expenses of Clergy Team	21,222	22,236
Self-Employment costs	3,879	8,483
Visiting Clergy Costs	0	14
Gas/Electricity/Water	11,981	18,110
Cleaning	2,880	3,220
Insurance	7,761	8,532
Security and Fire Safety		181
Accounting Services	1,262	1,479
Shiplake Buildings Maintenance	16,927	5,025
Shiplake Grounds Maintenance	4,080	3,489
Dunsden Buildings Maintenance	13,386	1,036
Dunsden Churchyard Maintenance	2,858	2,569
Dunsden Window Project	30,069	5,250
Organists/Choirs/Music Director	7,020	7,489
Upkeep of services	1,523	2,605
Church Hall Development work	9,971	9,706
Flowers		112
Printing/Postage/Stationery	1,935	2,881
Phone and Internet	686	473
Bank Charges	126	
Independent Examiner's Fee		-
Differences		-
	168,502	165,010

Realised gains on investments

6,256	7,858
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

-	12,895	-	32,538
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BALANCE SHEET

		2023	2022
Notes	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
			<i>250,000</i>
Heritage assets (Church Hall)	8	250,000	
Investments	9	<u>534,658</u>	<u>502,586</u>
Balance at 31 December		784,658	752,586
Current assets			
Other debtors/prepayments	10	-	
Cash & bank		<u>9,475</u>	<u>50,765</u>
Total		9,475	50,765
Current liabilities			
Creditors falling due in one year	11	-	
Net current assets		<i>9,475</i>	<i>50,765</i>
Total net assets		<u>794,133</u>	<u>803,351</u>

These accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on the

Revd R Thewsey

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
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RESERVES

OPENING BALANCE 1ST JANUARY 2023	803,351
INCOME	149,352
EXPENDITURE	(168,502)
REALISED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	6,526
CREDITORS	0
DEBTORS	0
LOSS/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS VALUATIONS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR	32,072
	822,799
ADJUSTMENTS	(28,666)
END BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER 2023	794,133

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

2023

RECEIPTS ON INVESTMENTS

CCLA (Shiplake Fabric)1044
Blackrock:	.....680
M&G:	.....438
Investec:	.....005
Investec: (Returns are re-invested)	.....007
CCLA (Rampton):	.....1045
CCLA (Palmer):	.....11603
ECLA	.....004D
ECLA	.....201S

Notes	2023	2022
Interest	174	30
Interest	524	524
Dividends	2,807	4,448
Int/Divis	2,123	1,911
Int/Divis	-	-
Dividends	421	419
Dividends	476	473
		5
		3,740
	6,526	11,520

BANK DEPOSIT

HSBC Deposit
HSBC Deposit (Dunsden Window)

Interest		
Interest	228.46	48

6,755	11,568
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Additional Notes - page 16 refer

RECENT ENDOWMENTS & LEGACIES

(Donations & Appeals Ledger - 0203B00)

DONOR	HSBC CURRENT	BAL AT 31 12 23
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With effect from March 2021: Shiplake Church Wall Repairs - £3,000 p.a. from Shiplake Parish Council

Parish Council 3000 3000

March 2021 (Paid by Mercers): Jane Gordon Legacy

Jane Gordon 10000 10000

December 2022: £17,000 PA support for Rector

Anonymous 4638 8638

Legacy from Jay Blundell (2021) specifically for Dunsden Church

Jay Blundell 10000 10000

**INVESTMENT
VALUATION
AT END**
Dec-23

4,552

12,964

47,115

114,453

322,751

15,417

17,406



534,658

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statement are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake With Dunsden meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Heritage asset

The heritage asset is the freehold land and buildings comprising the Church Hall which was conveyed to the Parochial Church Council from the Diocese in 1977. Accordingly, on the advice of the Diocesan Board of Finance it is considered appropriate to use an estimated market value of £250,000 as indicated by the Diocesan Board of Finance at that time.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed asset so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Computer equipment (if applicable) - 33.3% straight line

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the transaction price less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place.

2 STAFF NUMBERS

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year is 0 (2022 - 0).

3 STAFF BANDING

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

4 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

None of the trustees has been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity.

5 TRUSTEE EXPENSES

The Rector, who is also a Trustee, received reimbursement of expenses of **£7,320** (2022: £6,194). There were no reimbursements to other Trustees (2021: £0).

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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7 FIXED ASSETS

There are none to report

	Total
£	£

8 HERITAGE ASSETS (Shiplake Church Hall)

Estimated Market value at 1 January 2023
Additions in the year
Revaluation in the year

Market value at 31 December 2023

Heritage Asset	Total
£	£

250,000	250,000
0	0
0	0

250,000	250,000
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9 INVESTMENTS

Market value at 1 January 2023
Additions in the year
Revaluation in the year
Market value at 31 December 2023

Listed Securities	£	Total	£

502,586	502,586
32,072	32,072

534,658	534,658
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10 DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS

2023	2022
0	0

11 CREDITORS

Accruals and deferred income

2023	2022
0	0

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Endowment funds

The Shiplake Lands Charity requires income to be spent equally between maintenance of the building and other.

(In Details of Funds also for clarity)

Shiplake churchyard

Shiplake churchyard maintenance is carried out by a separate trust fund not governed by the PCC.

Fabric fund

The fabric fund is restricted to use for the maintenance of or improvements to Shiplake Church buildings.

Dunnsden

The Dunnsden restricted funds are restricted to spending only for the benefit of All Saints Church, Dunnsden and in accordance with any wishes expressed by donors of the funds, or their families.

Designated funds

Designated funds represent amounts set aside by trustees for particular future purposes. Trustees continue to keep designated funds under review and the designated use of some funds may change if circumstances change.

In 2018 the trustees decided to establish two new Designated Funds totalling £490,000 to ensure that the Marjorie White legacy is spent only on major projects appropriate to the future development of Shiplake church.

Investments Schedule - Pages and 7a - lists the investments with their designations.







12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-
Fixed asset investments	534,658	502,586
Heritage assets	250,000	250,000
Current assets	9,475	50,765
Creditors due within one year	-	-
Investments Adjustments	-	-
	<u>794,133</u>	<u>803,351</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ADDITIONAL NOTES

-  The repairs to the wall at Shiplake are being funded by the Parish Council: they are giving £3,000 a year to this project. The funds at the year end were £3,000.
-  There is a legacy of £10,000 from the estate of Jane Gordon still to be spent. How it is spent has not yet been decided upon. It is specifically for Shiplake Church, not the Diocese or Dunsden.
-  During 2022, a donation of £17,000 was given to pay for the Rector's PA s and is not to be used for any other purpose. A balance of £4,638 is left at the end of 2023
-  The value of the funds held for the Dunsden Window in HSBC Deposit A/c at 31st December 2023 is: Nil - window installed and dedicated during 2023
-  There is a legacy of £10,000 for Dunsden Church from the estate of Jay Blundell
-  There is a donation of £5,000 for Dunsden Church for the proposed new extension

Charity number: 1138065

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Trustees	Mrs R Appleby Mr J Bodman Mr C Crouch Mr J Flinn Mrs L Glithro Mrs R Jones Mrs G Robins Mrs W Robinson Revd R S Thewsey
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Charity registered number	1138065
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Principal office	Church Office Church Lane Shiplake Henley-on-Thames Oxfordshire RG9 4BS
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Independent examiner	Barbara Marston
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Bankers	HSBC 26 Broad Street Reading RG1 2BU
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
TRUSTEES' REPORT**

What a year 2023 has been, with more things happening as we come further out of the pan and much thought has gone into how we reintroduce the Common Cup, how we ensure no contamination with Wholeness and Healing, as well as considerable time spent looking at future and possible building projects.

Shiplake Church

Sadly, the Church Rooms at Shiplake saw a huge water leak which became a major insurance housing to put right. The PCC have looked at all the possibilities of what to do with the Rooms and finally made the decision that we would not restore the hall but instead demolish. Grateful to Rosemary and Alen Appelby for all that they have done in managing the hall, on their own many, many years. Without their help and support the hall would have closed years ago. We are continuing to look at redeveloping the site for affordable local – which would mean a substantial increase in income for the church, if the building does go ahead.

The development of the Rectory site is entirely in the hands of the Diocese and very little has progressed with this, as soon as more information is available, I will let you all know.

Dunsden Church

November saw the unveiling of an amazing new window to celebrate the link of Dunsden Church with the World War One poet, Wilfred Owen. The unveiling service saw both the Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Dorchester in attendance and since then many people have come along to view the new window – if you have not already done so then I would recommend going over to Dunsden to have a look.

One of our lovely parishioners at Dunsden has volunteered to fund an extension to provide a toilet needed, fully accessible toilet and a kitchen. Plans have been drawn up and we are in consultation with the church architect and the Diocese to try and get this new build constructed as soon as possible. Grateful thanks go to the parishioner who is funding this work.

Harpsden Church

Another lovely parishioner has offered to fund the rebuilding and extension of St Peter's Vestry constructed in 1975 – this vestry has never really been big enough for church activities and the new build will see two toilets (one fully accessible), full disabled access, a much larger kitchen, and a larger hall. This will enable the church to accommodate the choir, Sunday School, meetings, after church refreshments etc. Again, we are working with the church architect and the Diocese and trying to get this build underway as quickly as possible. Grateful thanks to our parishioner who is funding this work.

Sunday School restarted at the latter half of 2023, and we are delighted that we now have 7 and 15 children in attendance each week.

Benefice

We are very blessed with our congregation in their generosity, but you will see in the financial reports that both churches rely very heavily on investment and investment income to balance the books each year. This cannot continue and we need to try and redress this over the coming years.

Very sadly at the end of 2023 we found that Revd Sarah had been appointed as Team Rector Wallingford. Sarah will be leaving us in February 2024 and will be greatly missed. Sarah has had a huge impact on the life of the church in this Benefice and we thank her for all that she has done. I particularly thank her for her support of myself over the last 5 ½ years.

Half Term activities have been very well received and continue to grow with about 50 children in attendance over the 3 days of activities. Grateful thanks to all who help with this initiative.

Home Communion have grown over the last year as some parishioners have moved into care or now find it too difficult to attend church on a regular basis. Revd Heather is assisting in this ministry and is investigating becoming an 'Anna Chaplain.'

Leigh, my PA, has been working tirelessly behind the scenes keeping my admin down, photographing, answering queries from around the world, helping people find graves in all three church yards, keeping the inventories up to date, assisting the Wardens, updating the graveyard plans and starting to digitalise these for ease of access. All supported by Anita who comes along to help on a weekly basis. Thank you, Leigh and Anita.

The year also saw many occasional offices:

Weddings	6 (11 in 2022) (9 in 2021)
Funerals in church	15 (21 in 2022) (14 in 2021)
Burials	9 (5 in 2022) (6 in 2021)
Funeral at the Cremator	5 (9 in 2022) (13 in 2021)
Internment of ashes	9 (18 in 2022) (4 in 2021)

Thank you to everybody who helps in any way to ensure that our three beautiful churches remain open, and our lovely congregations are cared for and loved. Special thanks go to the clergy team without whom much of what we do would not happen, so thank you Sarah, Pam, Heather, and Nick.

With all Gods Blessings

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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Gift Aid and S.O.'s & loose plate in 2023	12,817	1,585
Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	36,737	43,570
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid	10,116	2,414
Loose Plate Collections		2,328
Donations, Appeals, etc		27,407
Good Box Donations	1,252	
Dunsden Window Project Appeal	30,543	45
Fund -Raising Events	380	3,145
Church Hall income, included in rental income		285
Fees for Weddings and Funerals	24,526	27,681
Harpsden Share Benefice Admin Costs	10,042	5,090
Transfer from old Barclays account	710	
Investment income	6,564	
Electricity refund	1,584	
Shiplake College Donation & other rental income	14,082	11,064
	149,352	124,614

RESOURCES EXPENDED

10-11

Giving to Agreed Charities	142	3,110
Parish Share	15,000	48,313
Parish Share Weddings & Funerals	15,389	10,697
Henley Deanery Synod	407	-
Working Expenses of Clergy Team	21,222	22,236
Self-Employment costs	3,879	8,483
Visiting Clergy Costs	0	14
Gas/Electricity/Water	11,981	18,110
Cleaning	2,880	3,220
Insurance	7,761	8,532
Security and Fire Safety		181
Accounting Services	1,262	1,479
Shiplake Buildings Maintenance	16,927	5,025
Shiplake Grounds Maintenance	4,080	3,489
Dunsden Buildings Maintenance	13,386	1,036
Dunsden Churchyard Maintenance	2,858	2,569
Dunsden Window Project	30,069	5,250
Organists/Choirs/Music Director	7,020	7,489
Upkeep of services	1,523	2,605
Church Hall Development work	9,971	9,706
Flowers		112
Printing/Postage/Stationery	1,935	2,881
Phone and Internet	686	473
Bank Charges	126	
Independent Examiner's Fee		-
Differences		-
	168,502	165,010

Realised gains on investments

6,256	7,858
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NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

-	12,895	-	32,538
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BALANCE SHEET

		2023	2022
Notes	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Heritage assets (Church Hall)	8	250,000	<i>250,000</i>
Investments	9	<u>534,658</u>	<u>502,586</u>
Balance at 31 December		784,658	752,586
Current assets			
Other debtors/prepayments	10	-	
Cash & bank		<u>9,475</u>	<u>50,765</u>
Total		9,475	50,765
Current liabilities			
Creditors falling due in one year	11	-	
Net current assets		<i>9,475</i>	<i>50,765</i>
Total net assets		<u>794,133</u>	<u>803,351</u>

These accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on the

Rev'd R Thewsey

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RESERVES

OPENING BALANCE 1ST JANUARY 2023	803,351
INCOME	149,352
EXPENDITURE	(168,502)
REALISED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	6,526
CREDITORS	0
DEBTORS	0
LOSS/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS VALUATIONS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR	32,072
	822,799
ADJUSTMENTS	(28,666)
END BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER 2023	794,133

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

2023

RECEIPTS ON INVESTMENTS

CCLA (Shiplake Fabric)	.....1044
Blackrock:	.....680
M&G:	.....438
Investec:	.....005
Investec: (Returns are re-invested)	.....007
CCLA (Rampton):	.....1045
CCLA (Palmer):	.....11603
ECLA	.....004D
ECLA	.....201S

Notes	2023	2022
Interest	174	30
Interest	524	524
Dividends	2,807	4,448
Int/Divis	2,123	1,911
Int/Divis	-	-
Dividends	421	419
Dividends	476	473
		5
		3,740
	6,526	11,520

BANK DEPOSIT

HSBC Deposit
HSBC Deposit (Dunsden Window)

Interest		
Interest	228.46	48

6,755	11,568
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Additional Notes - page 16 refer

RECENT ENDOWMENTS & LEGACIES

(Donations & Appeals Ledger - 0203B00)

DONOR	HSBC CURRENT	BAL AT 31 12 23
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With effect from March 2021: Shiplake Church Wall Repairs - £3,000 p.a. from Shiplake Parish Council

Parish Council 3000 3000

March 2021 (Paid by Mercers): Jane Gordon Legacy

Jane Gordon 10000 10000

December 2022: £17,000 PA support for Rector

Anonymous 4638 8638

Legacy from Jay Blundell (2021) specifically for Dunsden Church

Jay Blundell 10000 10000

**INVESTMENT
VALUATION
AT END**
Dec-23

4,552

12,964

47,115

114,453

322,751

15,417

17,406



534,658

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statement are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake With Dunsden meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Heritage asset

The heritage asset is the freehold land and buildings comprising the Church Hall which was conveyed to the Parochial Church Council from the Diocese in 1977. Accordingly, on the advice of the Diocesan Board of Finance it is considered appropriate to use an estimated market value of £250,000 as indicated by the Diocesan Board of Finance at that time.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed asset so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Computer equipment (if applicable) - 33.3% straight line

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the transaction price less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place.

2 STAFF NUMBERS

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year is 0 (2022 - 0).

3 STAFF BANDING

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

4 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

None of the trustees has been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity.

5 TRUSTEE EXPENSES

The Rector, who is also a Trustee, received reimbursement of expenses of **£7,320** (2022: £6,194). There were no reimbursements to other Trustees (2021: £0).

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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7 FIXED ASSETS

There are none to report

	Total
£	£

8 HERITAGE ASSETS (Shiplake Church Hall)

Estimated Market value at 1 January 2023
Additions in the year
Revaluation in the year

Market value at 31 December 2023

Heritage Asset	Total
£	£

250,000	250,000
0	0
0	0

250,000	250,000
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9 INVESTMENTS

Market value at 1 January 2023
Additions in the year
Revaluation in the year
Market value at 31 December 2023

Listed Securities	£	Total	£

502,586	502,586
32,072	32,072

534,658	534,658
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10 DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS

0	0
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11 CREDITORS

Accruals and deferred income

0	0
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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Endowment funds

The Shiplake Lands Charity requires income to be spent equally between maintenance of the building and other.

(In Details of Funds also for clarity)

Shiplake churchyard

Shiplake churchyard maintenance is carried out by a separate trust fund not governed by the PCC.

Fabric fund

The fabric fund is restricted to use for the maintenance of or improvements to Shiplake Church buildings.

Dunnsden

The Dunnsden restricted funds are restricted to spending only for the benefit of All Saints Church, Dunnsden and in accordance with any wishes expressed by donors of the funds, or their families.

Designated funds

Designated funds represent amounts set aside by trustees for particular future purposes. Trustees continue to keep designated funds under review and the designated use of some funds may change if circumstances change.

In 2018 the trustees decided to establish two new Designated Funds totalling £490,000 to ensure that the Marjorie White legacy is spent only on major projects appropriate to the future development of Shiplake church.

Investments Schedule - Pages and 7a - lists the investments with their designations.







12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-
Fixed asset investments	534,658	502,586
Heritage assets	250,000	250,000
Current assets	9,475	50,765
Creditors due within one year	-	-
Investments Adjustments	-	-
	<u>794,133</u>	<u>803,351</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ADDITIONAL NOTES

-  The repairs to the wall at Shiplake are being funded by the Parish Council: they are giving £3,000 a year to this project. The funds at the year end were £3,000.
-  There is a legacy of £10,000 from the estate of Jane Gordon still to be spent. How it is spent has not yet been decided upon. It is specifically for Shiplake Church, not the Diocese or Dunsden.
-  During 2022, a donation of £17,000 was given to pay for the Rector's PA s and is not to be used for any other purpose. A balance of £4,638 is left at the end of 2023
-  The value of the funds held for the Dunsden Window in HSBC Deposit A/c at 31st December 2023 is: Nil - window installed and dedicated during 2023
-  There is a legacy of £10,000 for Dunsden Church from the estate of Jay Blundell
-  There is a donation of £5,000 for Dunsden Church for the proposed new extension

Accounts

Charity number: 1138065

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Trustees	Mrs R Appleby Mr J Bodman Mr C Crouch Mr J Flinn Mrs L Glithro Mrs R Jones Mrs W Robinson Revd R S Thewsey Mrs Y Watson
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Charity registered number	1138065
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Principal office	Church Office Church Lane Shiplake Henley-on-Thames Oxfordshire RG9 4BS
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Independent examiner	
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Bankers	HSBC 26 Broad Street Reading RG1 2BU
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

2022

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Dear friends

Phew, what a year 2022 turned out to be. Our lovely Sarah agreed to stay here in the Benefice and has been made Assistant Rector – a new title for the Diocese – this is to show that Sarah will be sharing responsibility for certain projects around the Benefice. It is a real privilege to have Sarah here working alongside Pam and I.

Late in the year saw a new face appear amongst us, Revd Heather Turner, who is a retired priest recently moved to the area who now has Permission to Officiate – we thank God for his blessings on the Ministry Team.

2022 saw me take a sabbatical, this was a three-month break in ministry which all stipendiary clergy are entitled to take every 7 years – this was my first sabbatical in 21 years of ministry. Again huge thanks go to Sarah, Pam and Leigh, as well as the Wardens for holding everything together during that time. It was an enormous privilege to be allowed to step back for a few months, and really helped me recover from the tiredness that I was struggling with post the Pandemic.

Work has been progressing on a possible redevelopment of the Church Hall site at Shiplake by the Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden – this is a possible replacement of the hall with housing that can be rented out to provide income to make the parish financially viable in the future – we are a long way though from making a decision.

The Diocese are also looking at redeveloping the Rectory site as we are on a plot of land that is just under one acre and in a Rectory building that is not particularly well constructed. This development would see the building of a new Rectory which would be environmentally friendly helping not only the Diocese move towards its net zero carbon footprint, but would also be much cheaper for myself – and future Rectors – to live in. Again, this is a project that might take several years to move forward.

Dunsden Church took part in the Stevens Stained Glass competition to design a new window for Dunsden Church to celebrate the life and connection with the parish of the World War I poet, Wilfred Owen, and we are hopeful that 2023 will see this window installed and dedicated

The year also saw many occasional offices:

Weddings	11 (9 in 2021)
Funerals in church	21 (14 in 2021)
Burials	5 (6 in 2021)
Funeral at the Crematorium	9 (13 in 2021)
Internment of ashes	18 (4 in 2021)

These are on top of regular Home Communion services for an increasing number of house bound parishioners as well as Care Home communion services and Collective Worship in Shiplake Primary School – and of course our normal Sunday and mid-week services. Without the team I would not be able to deliver all that we do here in the Benefice and again I thank the team for all their hard work.

Many thanks go to all those people who have worked tirelessly over the last year to ensure the smooth running of the church in the Benefice. Our lovely Church Wardens, PCC secretaries, Treasurers, Flower

Teams, Bell Ringers, Choir members, Organists, Cleaners, Refreshment providers, Intercessors, the list goes

on, but without all these wonderful people giving their time our churches would stop operating. So Thank You for doing what you do, frequently when nobody else is around – it is appreciated. If any of you would like to help out in any way then please do not hesitate to contact me and we would gratefully accept any help.

Leigh, my PA, has been working tirelessly in the background and at the Archdeacons visits to our three churches our record keeping was described as the best that he had ever seen – well done Leigh. Apart from all the work that she does to support the day to day running of the Benefice Leighs current ‘big job’ is to map out fully all of the graveyards/cemeteries in the three churches – providing an online resource for the clergy to locate grave, which is frequently a very time consuming process as many relatives do not know where loved ones are buried. This has already saved the clergy much time and helped many relatives. The current step is to alphabetise the burial registers onto the Benefice drive so that all we need do is search for a surname and we will have immediate access to the information that we need. Thank you Leigh, as well as to Anita who also helps Leigh on a regular basis with these big projects.

If you have any thoughts as to how we can make this Benefice better then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Sarah or Leigh so that we can consider your suggestions.

I pray that 2022 was kind to you and thank you for being such a lovely group of congregations.

Yours in Christ

Robert

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

Year ended 31 December 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Managing Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

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.

Date: 26 03 23

Barbara Marston

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN

INVESTMENTS - FIXED ASSETS

	INVESTMENT PROVIDER	A/C NUMBER	TO BE USED FOR	DATES OF PAYMENTS INTO HSBC CURRENT A/C	PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF	
1	CCLA	.....001D	Shiplake Church Bldg Main/ce	Interest paid monthly	Interest	
2	CCLA	.....004D	Shiplake Church Yard Main/ce	Interest paid monthly	Interest	
	CCLA	.....201S	Shiplake Churchyard Trust	Dividends paid quarterly	Interest	Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd
3	BLACKROCK (formerly Charinco)	.....680	Shiplake Church Lands	Interest paid 20 Jan 20 April 20 July 20 Oct	Interest	
4	M&G INVESTMENTS (formerly Charifund)	.....438	Shiplake Church Lands	Dividends paid late Feb/May/Aug/Nov	Dividends	
5	INVESTEC - MEDIUM RISK Balanced	.....005	Shiplake Church - unrestricted	Dividends/Interest paid early Jan/Apl/July/Oct	Interest/Divis	
6	INVESTEC (Margery White legacy) - Medium Risk Balanced	.....007	Shiplake Church - unrestricted (PCC has ring-fenced £90K for Choir)	Gains are re-invested in this fund.	Interest/Divis	
7	CCLA (Rampton Trust) - 682 shares	.....001S	Maintenance/repair of Dunsden Church	Dividends are paid late Feb/May/Aug/Nov	Dividends	
8	CCLA (Palmer Charity) - 770 shares - Original deposit was £651.64	.....373S	Maintenance/repair of Dunsden Church	Dividends are paid late Feb/May/Aug/Nov	Dividends	Oxf Diocesan Board of Finance
	Charity Commission's Scheme dates back to 14th March 1958. Income to be used towards the costs of maintaining in good and efficient repair the parish church of Dunsden. PCC may accumulate income towards substantial repairs. Envelope 637. The investment is held in trust for the PCC by the Diocesan Board of Finance with interest being paid to Shiplake with Dunsden.					
9	Doble Fund (Donation)	Donation		Cash Deposited in HSBC current	N/A	Spent during 2022 and not replaced
	To be used to support local people in times of need - all used during 2022.					
10	Parish Nurse Fund (Donation)	Donations	As there is no longer a Parish Nurse, RT to establish what to do with fund.	Cash Deposited in HSBC current	N/A	
	During 2013, funding was obtained from various donors to enable the PCC to establish a part-time Parish Nurse to provide any nursing support to parishioners. At 31 12 21, there was no Parish Nurse.					

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	2022	2021
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	7-9		
Gift Aid and S.O.'s		1,585	12,541
Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme		43,570	38,126
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid		2,414	8,796
Loose Plate Collections		2,328	1,134
Donations, Appeals, etc		27,407	31,782
Dunsden Window Project Appeal		45	22,509
Fund -Raising Events		3,145	1,622
Church Hall income		285	70
Fees for Weddings and Funerals		27,681	20,941
Harpsden Share Benefice Admin Costs		5,090	4,645
Shiplake College Donation		11,064	12,808
		124,614	154,974
RESOURCES EXPENDED	10-11		
Giving to Agreed Charities		3,110	55
Parish Share		48,313	49,070
Parish Share Weddings & Funerals		10,697	8,226
Henley Deanery Synod		-	384
Working Expenses of Clergy Team		22,236	15,789
Self-Employment costs		8,483	5,783
Visiting Clergy Costs		14	-
Gas/Electricity/Water		18,110	6,999
Cleaning		3,220	2,297
Insurance		8,532	10,311
Security and Fire Safety		181	947
Accounting Services		1,479	1,319
Shiplake Buildings Maintenance		5,025	28,754
Shiplake Grounds Maintenance		3,489	1,398
Dunsden Buildings Maintenance		1,036	487
Dunsden Churchyard Maintenance		2,569	4,019
Dunsden Window Project		5,250	-
Organists/Choirs/Music Director		7,489	5,583
Upkeep of services - Shiplake		2,605	1,550
Church Hall Development work		9,706	-
Flowers		112	-
Printing/Postage/Stationery		2,881	2,235
Phone and Internet		473	636
Independent Examiner's Fee		-	-
Differences		-	62,936
		165,010	82,906
Realised gains on investments		7,858	3,389
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		- 32,538	75,457

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

BALANCE SHEET

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Heritage assets (Church Hall)	8		250,000		250,000
Investments	9		502,586		577,828
Balance at 31 December			<u>752,586</u>		<u>827,828</u>
Current assets					
Other debtors/prepayments	10	-		19,271	
Cash & bank		50,765		83,706	
Total			<u>50,765</u>	<u>102,977</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors falling due in one year	11	-		5,835	
Net current assets			50,765	97,142	(13,839)
Total net assets			<u><u>803,351</u></u>	<u><u>911,131</u></u>	

These accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on the

Revd R Thewsey

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RESERVES

OPENING BALANCE 1ST JANUARY 2022	994,896	
2021 ADJUSTMENT	(83,765)	911,131
INCOME	124,614	
EXPENDITURE	(165,010)	
REALISED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	7,858	
CREDITORS	0	
DEBTORS	0	
LOSS/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS VALUATIONS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR	(75,242)	
	803,351	
ADJUSTMENTS		
END BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER 2022	803,351	

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

2022

RECEIPTS ON INVESTMENTS

			INVESTMENT VALUATION AT END			
			Notes	2022	2021	Dec-22
Blackrock:	.....680	Interest		524	524	12,753
M&G:	.....438	Dividends		4,448	705	48,248
CCLA (Rampton):	.....001S	Dividends		419	405	4,552
CCLA (Palmer):	.....373S	Dividends		473	457	15,909
Investec:	.....005	Int/Divis		1,911	1,297	109,405
Investec: (Returns are re-invested)	.....007	Int/Divis		-	-	297,689
CCLA	.....001D	Interest		30	-	4,552
CCLA	.....004D	Interest		5	-	5,738
CCLA	.....201S	Dividends		3,740	-	3,740
				11,550	3,388	502,586

BANK DEPOSIT

HSBC Deposit	Interest			
HSBC Deposit (Dunsden Window)	Interest		48	1

11,598	3,389
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Additional Notes - page 16 refer

RECENT ENDOWMENTS & LEGACIES

(Donations & Appeals Ledger - 0203B00)

With effect from March 2021: Shiplake Church Wall Repairs - £3,000

p.a. plus 2020 back payment of £800

March 2021 (Paid by Mercers): Jane Gordon Legacy

December 2022: PA support for Rector

DONOR	HSBC CURRENT	BAL AT 31 12 22
Parish Council	6800	6800
Jane Gordon	10000	10000
Anonymous	17000	17000

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

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Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed asset so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Computer equipment (if applicable) - 33.3% straight line

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OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Creditors

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

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The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year is 0 (2021 - 0).

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No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

4 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

None of the trustees has been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity.

5 TRUSTEE EXPENSES

The Rector, who is also a Trustee, received reimbursement of expenses of **£6,194** (2021: £5,659).

There were no reimbursements to other Trustees (2021: £0).

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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7 FIXED ASSETS

There are none to report

£	Total £
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8 HERITAGE ASSETS (Shiplake Church Hall)

Estimated Market value at 1 January 2022

Additions in the year

Revaluation in the year

Market value at 31 December 2020

Heritage Asset £	Total £
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250,000 250,000

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9 INVESTMENTS

Market value at 1 January 2022

Additions in the year

Revaluation in the year

Market value at 31 December 2022

Listed Securities £	Total £
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577,828 577,828

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502,586 502,586

10 DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS

0 2862

2022	2021
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11 CREDITORS

Accruals and deferred income

0 858

2022	2021
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Investments Schedule - Page 7 - lists the investments with their designations.

12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2022	2021
	Total	Total
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	0	0
Fixed asset investments	502,586	577,828
Heritage assets	250,000	250,000
Current assets	50,765	84,162
Creditors due within one year		(859)
Investments Adjustments		
	803,351	911,131

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

ADDITIONAL NOTES



The repairs to the wall at Shiplake are being funded by the Parish Council: they are giving £3,000 a year to this project. The funds at the year end were £6,800.



There is a legacy of £10,000 from the estate of Jane Gordon still to be spent. How it is spent has not yet been decided upon. It is specifically for Shiplake Church, not the Diocese or Dunsden.



During 2022, a donation of £17,000 was given to pay for the Rector's PAs and is not to be used for any other purpose.



The Doble Fund was spent in 2022 and will not be replaced.



The value of the funds held for the Dunsden Window in HSBC Deposit A/c at 31st December 2022 is: £21,965.

Accounts

Charity number: 1138065

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 202**

Trustees Mrs R Appleby
 Mr J Bodman
 Mr P Chaimbault
 Mrs J Coulson
 Mr C Crouch
 Mr J Flinn
 Mrs L Glithro
 Mrs P Hughes
 Mrs R Jones
 Mrs W Robinson
 Revd R S Thewsey
 Mrs Y Watson

Charity registered number 1138065

Principal office Church Office
 Church Lane
 Shiplake
 Henley-on-Thames
 Oxfordshire RG9 4BS

Independent examiner

Bankers HSBC
 26 Broad Street
 Reading RG1 2BU

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Dear Friends,

What a year 2021 has been, and I am sure, like me you are very happy to see the back of it with Covid restrictions and inconveniences in our daily lives that these restrictions caused. However, throughout all of 2021 we carried on providing services, both on-line and then face to face, pastoral care, funerals, baptisms and the occasional weddings - many of these have now been rearranged 4 or 5 times.

Looking back over the year has provided me with much food for thought, and an awful lot to be thankful for. During the year both Shiplake Church and Harpsden Church were redecorated. Shiplake Church was also re-lit and mostly re-wired, this has highlighted many beautiful features that have been hidden for many years.

Sadly, for many months of the year the church buildings were closed for public worship due to the Pandemic, but in 2021 we broadcast 192 services via our You Tube Channel which were watched by as many as 602 people for the funeral of Alan Mitchel to just 2 people for one of the Morning Prayers on Friday. These on-line services have helped to keep our congregations together, but are not the same as worshipping face to face. We had an average Sunday congregation of about 50 people which had dropped to about 20 when face to face worship was restarted.

Once our buildings were allowed to re-open many restrictions had to be put into place, from social distancing, hand sanitising, QI codes etc. etc, all of which took an incredible amount of work and I am indebted to Sarah for all her help in guiding the benefice over these medical matters. Thank you Sarah.

October saw the Benefice saying thank you to the two Michaels for their public ministry as they officially ceased from their public role in a special service at Shiplake Church on 17th October. Thank you to Michael Forrer and Michael Seymour-Jones for all their love and support that they have given to the Benefice in their ministry. They will be missed.

The year also saw many occasional offices:

Weddings 9

Funerals in church 14

Burials 6

Funerals at the Crematorium 13

Inurnment of ashes 4

All of which took much organising due to the Covid restrictions, and we continue to remember all the families who were not allowed to have funerals or weddings as they would have wished to in normal times.

Many thanks go to all those people who have worked tirelessly over the last year to ensure the smooth running of the church in the Benefice. Our lovely Church Wardens, PCC Secretaries, PCC Treasurer Flower Teams, Bell Ringers, Choir members, Organists, Cleaners, Refreshment providers, the list goes on, but without all these wonderful people giving their time our churches would stop operating.

Special thanks though need to go to Sarah Nesbitt who, once more, has been such a support during last 12 months, and I am certain that without her support I would probably have been off at some point with stress. Pam Gordon has also been outstanding in her commitment to supporting the ministry of this Benefice, and finally Leigh Bartlett/Leadbetter, my PA, has been a real support to both myself and my colleagues, and the Wardens, as during the last year she has re-written the Terrier and Inventories for all three churches which has been a herculean task.

Thank you also, our lovely congregation for being patient with the clergy team when we have, inevitably, got things wrong during the year. I hope, and pray, that on the whole you think that we have managed to steer our Benefice Ship reasonably well during the Covid storm.

May God Bless you all.

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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Year ending 31 December 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Managing Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 16.

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.

Date: 7th June 2022

Barbara Marston

Manscombe, Stoke Row, Henley, RG9 5QG

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ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN INVESTMENTS - FIXED ASSETS

	INVESTMENT PROVIDER	TO BE USED FOR	DATES OF PAYMENTS INTO HSBC CURRENT A/C	PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF
1	CCLA	Shiplake Church Bldg Main/ce	Interest paid monthly	Interest
2	CCLA	Shiplake Church Yard Main/ce	Interest paid monthly	Interest
3	BLACKROCK (formerly Charinco)	Shiplake Church Lands	Interest paid 20 Jan 20 April 20 July 20 Oct	Interest
4	M&G INVESTMENTS (formerly Charifund)	Shiplake Church Lands	Dividends paid late Feb/May/Aug/Nov	Dividends
5	INVESTEC - Medium Risk Balanced	Shiplake Church - unrestricted	Dividends/Interest paid early Jan/Apl/July/Oct	Interest/Divis
6	INVESTEC (Margery White legacy) - Medium Risk Balanced	Shiplake Church - unrestricted (PCC has ring-fenced £90K for Choir)	Gains are re-invested in this fund.	Interest/Divis
7	CCLA (Rampton Trust) - 682 shares	Maintenance/repair of Dunsden Church	Dividends are paid late Feb/May/Aug/Nov	Dividends
8	CCLA (Palmer Charity) - 770 shares - Original deposit was £651.64	Maintenance/repair of Dunsden Church	Dividends are paid late Feb/May/Aug/Nov	Dividends
	Charity Commission's Scheme dates back to 14th March 1958. Income to be used towards the costs of maintaining in good and efficient repair the parish church of Dunsden. PCC may accumulate income towards substantial repairs. Envelope 637. The investment is held in trust for the PCC by the Diocesan Board of Finance with interest being paid to Shiplake with Dunsden.			
9	Doble Fund (Donation)	Not known - RT to establish	Cash Deposited in HSBC current	N/A
10	Parish Nurse Fund (Donation)	As there is no longer a Parish Nurse, RT to establish what to do with fund.	Cash Deposited in HSBC current	N/A
	During 2013, funding was obtained from various donors to enable the PCC to establish a part-time Parish Nurse to provide any nursing support to parishioners. At 31 12 21, there was no Parish Nurse.			

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	2021
INCOMING RESOURCES	7-9	
Donations & Charitable Activities		93,998
Investment Income		3,388
Dunsden Window Appeal		22,510
Bank Interest		2
Church Hall Income		70
Harpsden Church contribution to Admin Costs		4,645
Fees for Weddings & Funerals		20,941
Shiplake College Donation		12,809
Total incoming resources		<u>158,363</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED	10-11	
Charity Giving/Clergy Costs		80,852
Utilities & Premises Costs		20,557
Administration		4,191
Adjustments/Differences		(62,937)
Music Provision		5,584
Buildings/Grounds Maintenance		34,659
Total resources expended		<u>82,906</u>
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		<u>75,457</u>
Unrealised gain(loss) on investments		(375)
One investment - Investec (Margery White legacy)		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>75,082</u>
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2021		808,748
Adjustment re 2020		111,066
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2021		<u>994,896</u>

2020

106,086

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

BALANCE SHEET

		2021	
	Notes	£	£
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	-	
Heritage assets (Church Hall)	14	250,000	
Investments	15	<u>577,828</u>	
Balance at 31 December		<u>827,828</u>	
Current assets			
Other debtors/prepayments	16	2,862	19,271
Cash & bank		<u>81,300</u>	<u>83,706</u>
Total		<u>84,162</u>	<u>###</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals and deferred income	17	859	5,835
Net current assets		83,303	
Adjustment re 2020		<u>83,765</u>	
Total net assets		<u><u>###</u></u>	

These accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on the

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

7 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Gift aid - bank	12,541
Gift aid - Parish Giving Scheme	38,126
Tax recoverable on Gift aid	8,797
Loose plate collections	1,135
Fund-Raising Events	1,622
Donations, Appeals, etc	31,777
Dunsden Window Appeal	22,510

116,508

8 OTHER INCOME

Church hall income	70
Fees for weddings and funerals	20,941
Shiplake College Donation	12,809
Harpsden Contribution to Admin Costs	4,645

38,465

9 INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank Deposit Interest	2
Investments Interest/Dividends	3,388

3,390

158,363

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YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

Total 2021	Total 2020
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10 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITY GIVING/CLERGY COSTS

Giving to Agreed Charities	55	457
Parish Share	49,063	24,013
Parish Share: Weddings/Funerals	8,227	4,956
Henley Deanery Synod	384	
Working Expenses of Clergy Team & Rector's PA	21,573	33,397
Upkeep of services	1,550	1,805
Church hall running costs		50
	<u>80,852</u>	<u>64,678</u>

11 EXPENDITURE: OTHER

Gas & Electricity	6,822	
Water/Cleaning	2,476	8,370
Insurance	10,312	2,678
Security & Fire Safety	948	672
Accounting services	1,319	1,184
Admin, post, printing and stationery	2,235	1,981
Phone & Internet	634	
Organists/Choirs/Music Director	5,584	3,464
Maintenance of Shiplake Buildings	28,756	74,919
Maintenance of Shiplake Grounds	1,398	
Maintenance of Dunsden Buildings	487	8,169
Maintenance of Dunsden Grounds	4,019	1,550
Adjustments/Differences re 2020	(62,936)	
	<u>2,054</u>	<u>102,987</u>

TOTALS	82,906	167,665
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12 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FEES

The Independent Examiner's Fee is:

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YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

13 FIXED ASSETS

There are none to report

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Estimated Market value at 1 January 2021

Additions in the year

Revaluation in the year

Market value at 31 December 2020

15 INVESTMENTS

Market value at 1 January 2021

Additions in the year

Revaluation in the year

Market value at 31 December 2021

16 DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS

2021

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17 CREDITORS

2021

Accruals and deferred income

859

Total

£	£
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Heritage Asset	Total
£	£

250,000	250,000
0	0
0	0

250,000	250,000
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Listed Securities	Total
£	£

517,401	517,401
15,195	15,195
45,232	45,232
577,828	577,828

2020

8,527

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YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

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	Total £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	0	0
Fixed asset investments	577,828	517,401
Heritage assets	250,000	250,000
Current assets	84,162	47,604
Creditors due within one year	(859)	(6,257)
Investments Adjustments		45,232
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
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YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

RESERVES

OPENING BALANCE 1ST JANUARY 2021	835,674
INCOME	158,363
EXPENDITURE	(82,906)
UNREALISED GAINS/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS	(375)
CREDITORS	(859)
DEBTORS	2,862
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	912,759
ADJUSTMENTS	82,137
END BALANCE 31ST DECEMBER 2021	<hr/> <hr/> 994,896

Accounts

Charity number: 1138065

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 202**

Trustees	Mrs R Appleby Mr J Bodman Mr P Chaimbault Mrs J Coulson Mr C Crouch Mr J Flinn Mrs L Glithro Mrs P Hughes Mrs R Jones Mrs W Robinson Revd R S Thewsey Mrs Y Watson
Charity registered number	1138065
Principal office	Church Office Church Lane Shiplake Henley-on-Thames Oxfordshire RG9 4BS
Independent examiner	Trefor Llewellyn FCA Hill Farm House Ipsden Oxfordshire OX10 6AD
Bankers	HSBC 26 Broad Street Reading RG1 2BU

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Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

2020 has been a very challenging year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic which has affected all areas of society. Both Church buildings were closed for public worship and private prayer which was a very sad occasion. However, we immediately went on-line for our services so that worship did continue. Please look at the reports of the Clergy in the Annual Report for all the activities that took place during this time. The Rectors report is below and contains much of what happened.

Finance was severely hit during the first Lock Down with the investments losing over 40% of their value over the course of a week! Thankfully this has now been reversed but this dramatic reduction in the value of the investments resulted in the PCC, regrettably, not paying 100% of the Parish Share as money would have had to be withdrawn from the investments to contribute towards run costs and parish share.

Review of Activities - Rectors Annual Report

Dear friends

What a year 2020 turned out to be!

We, as a clergy team, had planned out the year back in October 2019 with lots of exciting events as well as the usual round of services - all was going well until Covid 19 struck!!!

However, even though we have had lockdowns during the year, a tremendous amount of work has been undertaken. Below are some of the highlights:

January

The Rector's new PA starts - Leigh Leadbetter - this post has been generously funded by a parishioner for three years, and my deepest thanks go to them for allowing Leigh to begin working for the church in this way. Leigh has been a real help during the year, and it will be lovely, once the Pandemic is over, to show Leigh what we 'normally' do in the church.

The start of a Pilgrim course looking at the Lord's Prayer. This course was very much appreciated by those who attended.

Appointment of Malcolm Harding as the new organist and choir master at Harpsden Church.

February

The start of a new Craft Group on a 1st Thursday each month in the afternoon in the Ark - a chance for parishioners to do crafts, have a cup of tea and have a chat.

Sarah ran a course on leading Intercessions.

Snowdrop Sunday at Dunsden - what an amazing day that was.

Our first Film Night at Dunsden Church - we showed 'The Greatest Showman.' This then led into our lent course which looked at this film.

At Shiplake the rewiring and relighting work started with planning of the wiring routes. This work was started and then delayed due to the Pandemic but is now all completed, and the church looks absolutely stunning.

March - this is when the year started to fall apart!

The clergy team undertook Safeguarding Training on Domestic Abuse.

Mothering Sunday!!! Our first Live Streamed service as England entered its first Lockdown due to the Global Pandemic. Since then, all our services have been available to everybody via YouTube. This work has meant that Sarah and I were on a very steep learning curve - trying to understand how to Stream services, how to broadcast every single day. By the end of December, we had broadcast services. Sarah and I were exhausted after Lockdown one and therefore reduced our on-line presence to Monday and Friday Morning Prayer and the Eucharist on Wednesday and Sunday - this pattern of worship has continued for the rest of the year - and beyond!

The Pandemic meant that all meetings then went on-line via Zoom, and I spent the first three weeks updating the contact list and distributing the Parishioners to members of the Clergy Team, the Wardens and the Pastoral Visiting Team so that we phoned/contacted every parishioner once a week (or less often if the Parishioner needed less support). A huge thanks needs to go to the Clergy, Wardens and Pastoral Team for the support that they have given to the Benefice over the last year - you are all gifts from God. Thank you.

April onwards....

This saw all our services continuing on-line, Sarah and I struggling with Government regulations as we sought to understand what was required of the church during different periods of the year. Sarah and I carried out Health and Safety Audits in all three churches and the Church Rooms to ensure that we were Covid secure and seating in the churches was limited to ensure social distancing could take place.

Many weddings were sadly cancelled but a few did take place but with very small numbers in attendance. Funerals were many! Sadly, we were not able to celebrate loved ones' lives as we would have wished to do under 'normal' situations. Numbers attending funerals ranged from none with just myself and the undertaker present, to a maximum of just 30 people!

The various different Government guidelines saw the church buildings reopened briefly for public worship, but with limited numbers being allowed to attend. We opened for Private Prayer at Dunsden, which was much appreciated, but stopped this when Winter came.

The PCCs met jointly to discuss how and what the Benefice could do during the Pandemic and decisions about opening and closing our church buildings were taken jointly as this was, and continues to be, an issue that affects the whole Benefice, and not just an individual church. The joint PCC decided to reclose for Public Worship after Christmas Morning to protect as many people as possible. This was a very wise decision as I had to go into isolation for 10 days after Christmas morning as one of the people attending had tested positive for Covid 19.

Late in June saw Pam helping Sarah and I out by kindly taking on the Friday Morning Prayer - Thank You Pam.

September saw Colin saying his farewells to the Diocese as he started his retirement in October. September also saw the final agreements to have Shiplake Church redecorated and during the year Harpsden had new gutters and downspouts installed and agreement was reached to redecorate the church during 2021.

Sadly during the year, we have had to say farewell to many loved parishioners: Rosemary Daniels, Jane Gordon, Angela Living, Alan Mitchell, Audrey Robb, and Tom Rosser - may they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Special thanks do have to go this year to Sarah. Sarah has been an absolutely amazing person d the Pandemic and has helped me tremendously in keeping the Benefice going during this very strange year. Thank you, Sarah.

The other person to specifically thank is my Matthew who has supported the benefice with his technological expertise, and loan of his broadcasting equipment. We really could not have done what we have done without his support. Thank you, Matthew.

I hope, and pray, that you have all been keeping safe and well during this difficult year, and we lc forward to an improved 2021! I also look forward to seeing you face to face during the year and l able to shake your hand and give you a hug.

With all God's Blessings

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SHIPLAKE WITH DUNSDEN**

Year ending 31 December 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Managing Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake with Dunsden for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

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.

Trefor Llewellyn FCA
Hill Farm House
Ipsden
Oxfordshire
OX10 6AD

Date:
9th November 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020
Donations	7	74,187	0	6,000	0	80,187
Legacies	7	-	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	8	25,899	0	0	0	25,899
Investments	9	3,403	0	833	2,199	6,435
Total incoming resources		103,489	0	6,833	2,199	112,521

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Raising funds	10	100,677	0	1,000	0	101,677
Charitable activities	11	62,653	0	3,335	0	65,988
Total resources expended		163,330	0	4,335	0	167,665

NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES

		(59,841)		2,498	2,199	(55,144)
Unrealised gain(loss) on investments	15	(20,284)	0	1,856	(8,499)	(26,927)

NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		(80,125)	0	4,354	(6,300)	(82,071)
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Balances brought forward at 1 January 2020

		59,161	470,260	290,618	70,780	890,819
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BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2020

		(20,964)	470,260	294,972	64,480	808,748
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Total 2019

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BALANCE SHEET

		2020	
	Notes	£	£
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	-	
Heritage assets	14	250,000	
Investments	15	<u>517,401</u>	
Balance at 31 December			<u>767,401</u>
Current assets			
Other debtors/prepayments	16	8,527	19,271
Cash & bank		<u>39,077</u>	<u>83,706</u>
Total		<u>47,604</u>	<u>###</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals and deferred income	17	6,257	5,835
Net current assets			<u>41,347</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>###</u></u>
CHARITABLE FUNDS			
Endowment funds		64,480	
Restricted funds		294,972	
Unrestricted/Designated funds		449,296	
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**These accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on the
9th November 2021**

Revd R Thewsey

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statement are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Shiplake With Dunsden meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Heritage asset

The heritage asset is the freehold land and buildings comprising the Church Hall which was conveyed to the Parochial Church Council from the Diocese in 1977. Accordingly, on the advice of the Diocesan Board of Finance it is considered appropriate to use an estimated market value of £250,000 as indicated by the Diocesan Board of Finance at that time.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed asset so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Computer equipment - 33.3% straight line

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the transaction price less provision for impairment. A provision for the debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and other short-term highly liquid investments convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contract provisions of the instrument.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs).

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value if there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place.

2 STAFF NUMBERS

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year is 0 (2019 - 0).

3 STAFF BANDING

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

4 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

None of the trustees has been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity.

5 TRUSTEE EXPENSES

The Rector, who is also a Trustee, received reimbursement of expenses of £7,320 (2019: £11,926). There were no reimbursements to other Trustees (2019: £313).

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in the reporting period.

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

7 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020	Total 2019
Gift aid - bank	10,043	0	0	10,043	22,719
Gift aid - envelopes	579	0	0	579	3,817
Gift aid - Parish Giving Scheme	22,275	0	0	22,275	15,840
Tax recoverable on Gift aid	10,544	0	0	10,544	19,112
Loose plate collections and other planned giving	1,915	0	0	1,915	5,006
Appeals and donations	23,159	6,000	0	29,159	7,023
Dunsden re-decoration	387	0	0	387	29,287
Shiplake lighting fund	0	0	0	-	3,000
Harpsden Share Benef. Admin. Costs	5,285	0	0	5,285	0
	74,187	6,000	0	80,187	105,804

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020	Total 2019
Fundraising events	2,341	0	0	2,341	641
Book sales	0	0	0	0	0
Church hall income	0	0	0	0	6,672
Fees for weddings and funerals	12,880	0	0	12,880	7,875
Shiplake College Donations	10,679	0	0	10,679	10,500
Shiplake choir fund	0	0	0	0	0
	25,899	0	0	25,899	25,688

9 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020	Total 2019
Bank Deposit Interest	1,802	0	0	1,802	203
Dividends	1,601	833	2,199	4,633	6,708
	3,403	833	2,199	6,435	6,911

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	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020	Total 2019
10 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS						
Light, heat, water and cleaning	8,370	0	0	0	8,370	8,366
Security, fire and safety	672	0	0	0	672	1,330
Insurances - churches	2,678	0	0	0	2,678	7,256
Property maintenance - Shiplake	74,919	0	0	0	74,919	32,042
Property maintenance - Dunsden	7,169	0	1,000	0	8,169	34,272
Organist fees and expenses	3,464	0	0	0	3,464	6,132
Upkeep of services	1,805	0	0	0	1,805	1,921
Churchyard maintenance - Dunsden	1,550	0	0	0	1,550	1,160
Church hall running costs	0	0	0	0	0	7,639
Flowers	50	0	0	0	50	190
Cost of fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0	26
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	1,448
	100,677	0	1,000	0	101,677	###

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020	Total 2019
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11 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Giving to agreed charities	456	0	0	0	456	736
Parish share	24,013	0	0	0	24,013	55,633
Parish share weddings and funerals	4,956	0	0	0	4,956	0
Working expenses of Clergy Team	23,149	0	0	0	23,149	15,694
Benefice office costs (share of)	869	0	166	0	1,035	0
Benefice office support	6,045	0	3,169	0	9,213	0
Accounting services	1,034	0	0	0	1,034	2,220
Admin, post, printing and stationery	1,569	0	0	0	1,569	3,541
Recruitment costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henley Deanery Synod Levy	0	0	0	0	0	634
Legal and professional fees	150	0	0	0	150	0
Advertising costs	0	0	0	0	0	284
Mission and Training	412	0	0	0	412	0
	62,653	0	3,335	0	65,988	78,742

12 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FEES

The Independent Examiner has not charged a fee for which the PCC is very grateful.
(£350 - 2019 charge)

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

13 FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost at 1 January 2020	5,213	5,213
Additions in the year	0	0
Cost at 31 December 2020	5,213	5,213
Depreciation at 1 January 2020	5,213	5,213
Charge for the year	0	0
Depreciation at 31 December 2020	0	0
Net book value at 31 December 2020	0	0
Net book value at 31 December 2019	0	0

14 HERITAGE ASSETS

	Heritage Asset £	Total £
Estimated Market value at 1 January 2020	250,000	250,000
Additions in the year	0	0
Revaluation in the year	0	0
Market value at 31 December 2020	250,000	250,000

15 INVESTMENTS

	Listed Securities £	Total £
Market value at 1 January 2020	543,677	543,677
Additions in the year	651	651
Revaluation in the year	(26,927)	(26,927)
Market value at 31 December 2020	517,401	517,401

16 DEBTORS/PREPAYMENTS

(£3,873 is owed by Harpsden PCC to Shiplake & Dunsden
-benefice costs [Debtors 2]; £4,654 is prepayment of 2020/21
Insurance Premium)

2020 £	2019 £
8,527	19,271

17 CREDITORS

Accruals and deferred income

2020 £	2019 £
6,527	5,835

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

18 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	2020 Opening £	2020 Income £	2020 Expense £	Transfer in/ (out) £	Gains/ (losses) £	2020 Closing £
Designated funds						
M White fund	380,260	0	0	0	0	380,260
Choir fund	90,000	0	0	0	0	90,000
	470,260	0	0	0	0	470,260
General funds						
General fund	59,161	103,489	(163,330)	0	(20,284)	(20,964)
Total unrestricted funds	529,421	103,489	(163,330)	0	(20,284)	449,296
Endowment funds						
Endowment funds	70,780	2199	0	0	(8,499)	64,480
Restricted funds						
Fabric	28,553	6,833	(3,635)	0	0	31,751
Dunsden	7,386	0	0	0	1,856	9,242
Doble fund	2,000	0	0	0	0	2,000
Rector's discretion	1	0	0	0	0	1
Choir fund	418	0	0	0	0	418
Parish nurse	1,560	0	0	0	0	1,560
Church room	250,000	0	0	0	0	250,000
Prance memorial fund	700	0	(700)	0	0	-
Total Endowment & Restricted Funds	361,398	9,032	(4,335)	0	(6,643)	359,452
Total of funds	890,819	112,521	(167,665)	-	(26,927)	808,748

	2019 Opening £	2019 Income £	2019 Expense £	Transfer in/ (out) £	Gains/ (losses) £	2019 Closing £
Designated funds						
M White fund	400,000	0	(19,740)	400,000	0	380,260
Choir fund	90,000	0	-	90,000	0	90,000
	490,000	0	(19,740)	490,000	0	470,260
General funds						
General fund	25,447	102,407	(127,663)	0	58,970	59,161
Total unrestricted funds	515,447	102,407	(147,403)	490,000	58,970	529,421
Endowment funds						
Endowment funds	63,010	2,725	(2,725)	0	7,770	70,780
Restricted funds						
Fabric	28,378	175	0	0	0	28,553
Shiplake Decoration	0	3,000	(3,000)	0	0	-
Dunsden	0	30,096	(30,096)	0	7,386	7,386
Doble fund	2,000	0	0	0	0	2,000
Rector's discretion	1	0	0	0	0	1
Choir fund	418	0	0	0	0	418
Parish nurse	1,560	0	0	0	0	1,560
Church room	250,000	0	0	0	0	250,000
Prance memorial fund	1,000	0	(300)	0	0	700
Total Endowment & Restricted Funds	346,367	35,996	(36,121)	0	15,156	361,398
Total of funds	861,814	138,403	(183,524)	490,000	74,126	890,819

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Endowment funds

In 2018 the Trustees decided to transfer the total amount of the Palmer and Rampton Endowment Funds into the Dunsden Fabric Restricted Fund to cover the major expenditure undertaken on improvements to the church fabric. The underlying investments have been retained and future income will be available for the maintenance of Dunsden church. The Shiplake Lands Charity requires income to be spent equally between maintenance of the building and other.
(In Details of Funds also for clarity)

Shiplake churchyard

Shiplake churchyard maintenance is carried out by a separate trust fund not governed by the PCC.

Fabric fund

The fabric fund is restricted to use for the maintenance of or improvements to Shiplake Church buildings. As work on the Sunday Club building is now complete the deficit on the fund set up to finance the cost has been transferred to the fabric fund.

Dunsden

The Dunsden restricted funds are restricted to spending only for the benefit of All Saints Church, Dunsden and in accordance with any wishes expressed by donors of the funds, or their families.

Parish nurse

During 2013 funding was obtained from various donors to enable the PCC to establish a part-time parish nurse to provide any nursing support to parishioners.

Designated funds

Designated funds represent amounts set aside by trustees for particular future purposes. Trustees continue to keep designated funds under review and the designated use of some funds may change if circumstances change.

In 2018 the trustees decided to establish two new Designated Funds totalling £490,000 to ensure that the Marjorie White legacy is spent only on major projects appropriate to the future development of Shiplake church.

19 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2020			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowmen t funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Fixed asset investments	443,679	9,242	64,480	517,401
Heritage assets	0	250,000	0	250,000
Current assets	11,874	35,730	0	47,604
Creditors due within one year	(6,257)	0	0	(6,257)
	449,296	###	64,480	###

	2019			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowmen t funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Fixed asset investments	468,511	4,386	70,780	543,677
Heritage assets	0	250,000	0	250,000
Current assets	66,745	36,232	0	102,977
Creditors due within one year	(5,835)	0	0	(5,835)
	529,421	###	70,780	###