

**Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Saltford**

**Registered Charity No. 1138407**

**Annual Report  
And  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**



**Incumbent** (wef 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023)

**Revd Nigel Williams**

**The Rectory**

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**Independent Examiner**

**Mr N Laycock**

**7 Bishopston**

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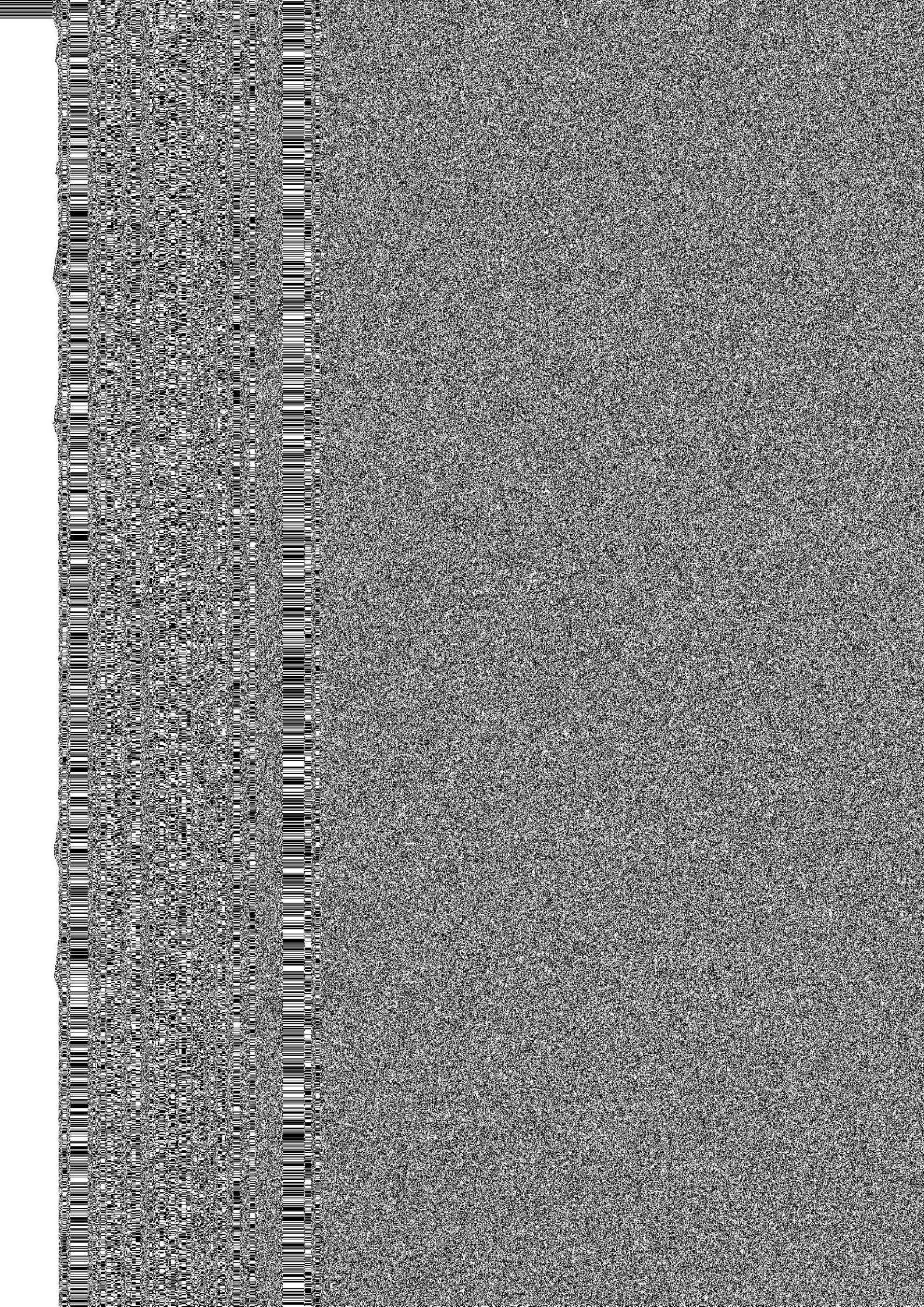
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assist at and be a supporting presence at services such as A Time to Remember, taking Home Communion to those who are unable to attend church and prayer. This is a ministry which has been continuing informally with a view to commissioning and building it up again in 2024.

### **Fabric Review 2023**

The updated documents for January - December 2023 have been completed and are presented at this AGM, namely the Church Log Book for the period January -December 2023, and an update to the Church Property Register (Terrier and Inventory) as of the end of 2023.

Routine servicing of the church boiler and heating system, PAT testing of portable equipment, and other minor repairs and maintenance were carried out as normal. In addition the high gutters were cleaned out by a specialist contractor using a vacuum suction machine (safer as no need for ladders). Other points to note are:-

1. The 5 yearly Electrical Installation Inspection Report was carried out and the electrical system passed. Some possible improvements were suggested.
2. The Quinquennial Inspection by the Church Architect was carried out in November 2023. There was one immediate action re cleaning out the ground gutters that has now been actioned. Some minor work has been identified to do in the next 18 months or the next 5 years. Some mould was observed on some of the walls in the year, so recommendations on removing and/or reducing it have been requested. The detailed Inspection Report with photographs is awaited. Once this has been received a future work programme can be planned.
3. We are still awaiting a suitable replacement dual tariff electricity meter from EDF despite taking complaint action via the Ombudsman.
4. Two head set microphones were purchased as an alternative option to the lapel microphones.

The churchyard has been maintained by the Salford Parish Council contractor, and the Quiet Garden by church volunteers.

The triennial removal of soft growth on the 'obelisk' pollarded lime tree in the north-west corner of the Quiet Garden was carried out by the Salford Parish Council in January 2023 having got a Faculty for this work.

Unfortunately this tree subsequently had to be felled by the Parish Council contractor because it was undermined by animal activity and thus identified as a Health and Safety issue by The Parish Council and BANES Council. The appropriate permissions and a Faculty were obtained.

At the end of 2023 three low branches on the large oak tree by the north wall of the churchyard were declared a risk by the Parish Council and BANES Council. The appropriate permissions and a Faculty were obtained. The branches will be cut off early in 2024.

The last 1m of churchyard wall near the left-hand Church gate post needs repair. Salford Parish Council have been advised of this and agreed to do the repair, but this work was delayed due to higher priority work and it is hoped that this can be done in 2024.

Routine servicing of the church hall boiler, heating system, heaters and cooker, PAT testing of portable equipment, and other minor repairs and maintenance were carried out as normal.

Early in the year an emergency repair was carried out on the exterior rendering on the office wall and the associated lead flashing to stop water ingress into the neighbouring Old School House.

The 5 yearly Electrical Installation Inspection Report was carried out and the electrical system passed. Some possible improvements were suggested.

Cleaning out the high and very high gutters has been carried out by a specialist contractor using a vacuum suction machine. Car parking alongside the east wall of the Hall was suspended by BANES Council for 1 day to enable this to be done.

A new large noticeboard has been fitted to the east wall.

The long overdue maintenance of all the exterior of the Church Hall has been put on hold until sources of funding have been identified.

The metal drain grid just inside the car park entrance has been lifted and the drain/sump cleaned out.





Readers: Robin Dixon  
Ken Plant

Wardens: David O'Neill

Deanery Synod Darrell Pickup  
Judy Penny

Elected members: Jackie Balsdon  
Liz Benden (Secretary)  
Justine Buxton  
Caroline Cummings  
Sue Dixon (Safeguarding Officer)  
Dave Faulkner  
Pam Faulkner (Treasurer)  
Alex Phillips

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:-

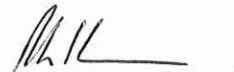
Mr Darrell Pickup (Chair)  
(signed on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024)



Revd N Williams  
(signed on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024)



Mrs P Faulkner (Treasurer)  
(signed on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024)









## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The PCC needs to give active consideration to a medium/long term plan for ensuring ongoing financial viability in order to be able to progress its Mission in "telling and living" the story of Jesus.

The finances are presented in a way that makes the direction of travel easy to see and active use of the Budget facility will assist.

The PCC is fortunate in having a Treasurer who is both technically competent and fastidious but who also recognises the role as being one of leadership in the Mission of the church.



# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Bank Current Accounts	2,339	-	-	2,339	3,346
Deposit Accounts	33,956	816	4,627	39,399	43,127
	<u>36,295</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>4,627</u>	<u>41,738</u>	<u>46,473</u>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>					
Income Tax Recoverable	2,200	-	-	2,200	2,320
Shared Benefice costs – Corston	1,004	-	-	1,004	727
Shared Benefice costs – Newton St Loe	1,004	-	-	1,004	727
Income Ledger	327	-	-	327	879
	<u>4,535</u>			<u>4,535</u>	<u>4,653</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Purchase Ledger	1,377	-	-	1,377	591
	<u>1,377</u>			<u>1,337</u>	<u>591</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING BASIS**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**2. TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

The expenses paid to clergy may contain a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other such payments were made to PCC members.

