



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Stannington Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1138856

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

28/08/2024

Name:

Gary Martin Rains

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

AFA

Address:

10 Stannington Glen, Stannington, Sheffield S6 6NA

Christ Church Stannington – Annual Trustees Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2023

Administrative information.

Christ Church is situated in Church Street Stannington, Sheffield S6 6DB. It is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The Stannington Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners number 1138856.

Aims and Purposes

Stannington PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge and promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the Church, Churchyard and Church Hall.

The Sheffield Diocese vision we seek to follow is: *to grow a sustainable network of Christ-like, lively and diverse Christian communities in every place which are effective in making disciples and in seeking to transform our society and God's world.*

In recent years, we as Christ Church Stannington we have sought to embody this vision in our own way through our vision to *Know and Share God's Love for All, Growing in Christian Community.*

Specifically, we seek to achieve this through:

- Worship
- Prayer
- Pastoral care
- Ministry to all ages - including children's and youth ministry
- Mission and evangelism, according to the Anglican 5 Marks of Mission: to proclaim the Good News; to teach, baptise and nurture new believers; to respond to need in loving service; to pursue justice and peace; and to safeguard the creation.
- Giving to charitable organisations
- To facilitate these purposes it is vital that we also pay attention to the fabric of our church and church hall, as well as churchyard.

Objectives – what we planned to do

The key event that defined the last year in the life of Christ Church is the 'church graft' that was received from St Thomas Crookes. This was a group of some 40 people including children which arrived in April and was undertaken in order to further the above aims and purposes in the context of a church that was serving faithfully and yet experiencing decline in numbers over the previous ten years.

The main objective for last year was therefore to establish a renewed and strengthened church community as we transitioned into being a much larger church with this introduction of a large group of worshippers. We have seen significant community benefit this year and expect that this benefit will increase in future years as the transition represented by the graft is further established.

We sought to pursue this, as well as our other purposes, through three key priorities: 1. Building Relationships, 2. Making Disciples, 3. Making Things Work. We aimed to outwork these in a range of ways, including through:

- Developing our Sunday worship
- Developing children's and youth discipleship groups
- Developing adult midweek small groups
- Appointing, equipping and releasing more leaders for areas of mission and ministry
- Developing our church administrative, financial and communication systems
- Raising funds
- Growing our missional impact through hosting events, and through Christmas and Easter opportunities
- Developing our partnerships with local schools
- Growing our prayer life
- Making plans for hosting a course for exploring Christian faith

Achievements and Performance

Developing Sunday worship:

As well as developing our 9am service we particularly worked on our 10.30 service. Attendance at both our regular services grew in the year, partly owing to the graft and in part due to new joiners. Our average Sunday attendance rose from 55 adults + 6 children in 2022, to 80 adults + 23 children in 2023.

Developing children's and youth discipleship groups:

With the addition of 15 children from the graft we began kid's groups, which have grown as other families and children have started attending regularly. These groups now have grown to an average attendance of at least 25.

Developing adult midweek small groups:

We sought to develop midweek groups to build relationships and make disciples, beginning the year with 2 groups and finishing with 6.

Appointing, equipping and releasing more leaders for areas of mission and ministry.

In order to sustainably support and grow our ministry and mission, and to encourage and nurture congregation members' gifts we appointed additional congregation members to oversee certain areas of ministry and mission – not to mention inviting and releasing tens of new volunteers into different ministry areas.

Developing our church administrative and communication systems:

We put time and financial resource into making our administrative, financial and communication systems fit for purpose, adopting new software for church administration (ChurchSuite), accounting (Expense Plus) and worship music planning (Planning Center). We also installed Wi-Fi to cover the church and hall. All of this will help make our mission and ministry sustainable.

Raising funds:

We invited congregation members to review their giving, and new members to consider giving. As a result, our income grew and we were able to budget for increased activities.

Growing our missional impact through hosting events, and through Christmas and Easter opportunities:

We hosted a range of well-attended and successful events open to church members, and community members, through the year to build community and be a steppingstone, including ceilidhs, bring and share lunches, walks, beer tasting, wine tasting, Christmas craft afternoons, etc. We began a fortnightly Creativity and Conversation group to build community and creatively share God's love with those in our community.

We took special opportunities at Christmas and Easter to share the Good News of Jesus. For example, at Christmas we welcomed 326 adults and children on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and over 700 school children at Christmas services.

Developing our partnerships with local schools:

We grew our work with the three primary schools in our parish: Stannington Infants, Nook Lane, and Shooters Grove. Having not previously engaged all that regularly with them in recent history, we have grown our involvement, taking several assemblies / services each term.

Growing our prayer life:

We grew our prayer life by adding a corporate Wednesday Morning Prayer into our weekly pattern. We also encourage our small groups to prayer together regularly, and provide resources to help people reflect and pray, including through taking part in Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.

Making plans for hosting a course for exploring Christian faith:

We made plans for and advertised a Hope Explored course to be run in 2024.

Continuing to grow our support and resourcing for community facing initiatives:

At the end of 2022 we began Saturday Sings, informal services of hymns and readings, 6 of which took place in 2023. These were each attended well (at least 20 per Sing), especially by those who do not come regularly on a Sunday due to

mobility issues.

Foodbank continued to meet significant food poverty need in our community, serving around 30-35 households per week which can be 50-60 individuals. Babytime, our parent and toddler group, received new volunteers and grew in size; our men's breakfast, and Natter (older people's community group) continued to thrive.

In addition to the above specific objectives that were met over the year, some key events have included:

- Rev Nick Lattimer was licensed as Priest in Charge of Christ Church Stannington.
- Rev Alison Cook was licensed as Associate Priest at Christ Church Stannington.
- Tom Finnemore was licensed as Associate Priest at Christ Church Stannington.
- We conducted 8 baptisms, 1 Thanksgiving service and 10 funerals.

Volunteers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our extensive base of volunteers from our congregation for their significant efforts in establishing this new chapter in the life of Christ Church and in growing our ministry and mission. We would particularly like to thank our Church Wardens Nigel Williams and Sarah Zadik for all their hard work and care.

Safeguarding

Christ Church Stannington is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Dawn Helliwell. We renewed and re-adopted our Parish Safeguarding Policy in 2024.

Membership

PCC members who served from 1st January 2022 until APCM May 2023

Priest in Charge: Nick Latimer

Associate Priest: Revd. Alison Cook

Churchwardens: Sarah Zadik, Jonathan Foster.

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Diana Lightfoot Jane Doran

Elected members: Carole Allen, Andrew Lockley, Peggy Cook, Michelle Mirfin, Viv Wilcox, Isabel Wodrow, Shelley Johnston, Matthew Parkin, Grant Haywood.

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Smith

Treasurer: Yvonne Wood

Secretary: Tim Wragg

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date the report was approved are: -

Priest in Charge: Nick Latimer

Associate Priest: Revd. Alison Cook

Churchwardens: Sarah Zadik, Nigel Williams.

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Diana Lightfoot Jane Doran

Elected members: Carole Allen, Andrew Lockley, Matthew Jenkins, Beth Burran, Erin Poole, Chris Howard, Elizabeth Cassidy, Jonathan Foster, Will Wernham, Helen Thompson

Safeguarding Officer: Dawn Helliwell,

Treasurer: Yvonne Wood

Secretary: Cheryl Olivant

Structure, governance, and management.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members are elected for up to 3 years and are not eligible for re-election that year. Members may also be co-opted by the PCC. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC holds meetings on a minimum of 6 occasions during the year. In addition, a Standing Committee comprising the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, Secretary, and Treasurer meet as necessary to discuss matters requiring urgent consideration. The Finance Committee considers financial matters and report back to PCC.

Church attendance. As of April 2024, there are 140 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

CHRIST CHURCH STANNINGTON
FINANCIAL REVIEW 2023

The total income resources are, £126,266 and the total resources expended are £114,215 leaving a total surplus for the year of £ 12,051.

The General Fund generated £123,116 and the total resources expended were £114,215 leaving a net surplus of £8,901. Regular General Fund income was split this year to show income via Give Net (Electronic Stewardship Giving) which includes both non gifted aided giving and gift aided giving inclusive of any Gift aid tax refund. Regular planned giving shows an increase of £18,452 due mainly to our new church graft members who joined us at Easter this year.

No legacies were received during the year.

The Flora Lomas Trust Fund (Capital of which is held in trust by the Diocese of Sheffield). The total held in this CBF deposit fund at 31/12/23 is £21,655(restricted), this includes £2,805 interest generated during the year. This fund is for repairs to the Church buildings only.

The Youth fund (restricted) income generated £345 (interest) for the year leaving £7,853 in the CBF Deposit Account for this fund at 31/12/23.

Total funds carried forward at 31/12/23 are £100,024 (£29,508 restricted & £70,516 (unrestricted).

All the above statements are detailed in the Accounts Year Ended 31/12/23

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CHRIST CHURCH STANNINTON YEAR ENDED 31/12/23

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOMING RESOURCES

VOLUNTARY INCOME

		GENERAL FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS:- FLORA LOMAS TRUST FUND	YOUTHWORK	TOTALS:- 2023	2022
TAX EFFICIENT PLANNED GIVING (net tax recovered)	1	61,533			61,533	43,081
STEWARDSHIP GIVING		2,156			2,156	2,384
OTHER PLANNED GIVING	2	3,000			3,000	2,734
COLLECTIONS	3	5,383			5,383	4,431
ALL NON RECURRING GIVING/DONATIONS	4	2,198			2,198	560
ALL TAX RECOVERED (GIFT AID)	5	14,813			14,813	12,356
LEGACIES RECEIVED	6	0			0	0
RECURRING GRANT	7	5			5	0
NON RECURRING OR ONE-OFF GRANT	8	1,068			1,068	500
ENERGY REBATE		1,673			1,673	0
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:-						
FUND RAISING (gross amount)	9					
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS :-						
FLORA LOMAS TRUST FUND					0	18208
INTEREST	10	949	2805	345	4099	797
CHURCH ACTIVITIES:-						
PAROCHIAL FEES RETAINED BY THE PCC	11	2,679			2,679	4,126
MAGAZINE	12					
HALL	13	27,659			27,659	23,640
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		123,116	2805	345	126,266	112,817

	GENERAL FUND		RESTRICTED FUNDS:- FLORA LOMAS TRUST FUND		YOUTH WORK	TOTALS:- 2023	2022
COST OF GENERATING FUNDS:-							
FUND RAISING	9	0				0	0
ALL MISSION GIVING/DONATIONS	14	3,233				3,233	2,170
CHURCH ACTIVITIES:-							
COMMON FUND -S D B F	15	53,300				53,300	49,392
SALARIES (youthworker, organist, admin etc.)	16	3834				3,834	3,649
EXPENSES (clergy, youthworker etc.)	17	1,248				1,248	147
MISSION COSTS	18	3,029				3,029	2,707
CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES	19	12,563				12,563	8,638
CHURCH REPAIRS	19	16,995				16,995	3,225
CHURCH UTILITIES (gsa/electricity)	20	2,667				2,667	2,321
COST OF TRADING-MAGAZINE	12	0				0	0
HALL	13	16,791				16,791	16,878
DEPRECIATION ON EQUIPMENT (20% over 5yrs)	21	555				555	961
Hardship Fund						0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		114,215	0		0	114,215	90,088
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		8,901	2,805		345	12,051	22729
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD		61,615	18850		7,508	87,973	65,245
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD		70,516	21655		7,853	100,024	87,974

BALANCE SHEET		GENERAL FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS:- FLORA LOMAS TRUST FUND	YOUTHWORK	TOTALS:- 2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS						
TANGIBLE ASSETS	21	641			641	1,196
TOTAL		641			641	1,196
CURRENT ASSETS						
DEBTORS	22	24,553			24,553	34,422
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		51926	21655	7,853	81,434	56,289
TOTAL		76,479	21655	7,853	105,987	90,711
LIABILITIES						
CREDITORS (falling due within one year)	23	6,604			6,604	3,933
NET CURRENT ASSETS		69,875	21655	7,853	99,383	86,778
NET ASSETS		70,516	21655	7,853	100,024	87,974
THE CHURCH FUNDS						
RESTRICTED	24		21655	7,853	29,508	26,358
UNRESTRICTED		70,516			70,516	61,616
TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS		70,516	21655	7,853	100,024	87,974

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES BY:-

MRS Y WOOD

DATED

Notes to Accounts-Incoming and Outgoing Ressources

1	Tax efficient giving is up by £18,452 in the General Fund		
2.3.&4.	Other planned giving stayed the same, collections and non recurring giving/donations are up by £2590 in 2023.		
5	Tax recovered was claimed at 25% for the year 2023.		
6	No legacies were received in 2023.		
7	1 grant was received in 2023 of £5 towards the war grave.		
8	1 non recurring grants was received in 2023 from The Wildlife Community Fund of £1068. We received £1,673 in energy rebates during the year.		
9	No fund raising took place during 2023		
10	Bank interest of £949 was received in the VM General Fund in 2023 . Interest rate was 0.424%		
	Bank interest of £869 & £345 were received for the money held in the Flora Lomas and Youth a/c's respectively, with interest on the Trust Fund capital totalling £1936 for the year.		
	Interest averaged 4.517% during the year in the Deposit A/c and was 5.26 % @ 31/12 23.		
11	Fees retained by the PCC was £2,682 for funerals in 2023, no wedding took place .		
12	Magazine is now an outreach cost and included in Mission Costs (No.18)		
13	Hall:-	2023	2022
	Income	27,659	23,640
	Expenses	16,791	16,878
	TOTAL surplus	10,868	6,762
14	Planned Giving:-	2023	2022
	Church Missionary Society	1,800	1800
	Stannington Library(incl.£350 2022)	800	350
	Stannington Brass Band	75	0
	Childrens Society	15	0
	Steel City Choir	120	0
	Amos Trust	250	0
	STC Speakers	150	0
	A Rocha	23	0
	TOTAL	3,233	2,150
15	Common Fund	The PCC pledged £53,300 towards the Common Fund 2023.	
		The PCC pledged £56,871 towards the Common Fund 2024.	
16	Salaries:-	2023	2022
	Secretary	0	0
	Organist	920	224
	Churcyard	2,914	3,417
	TOTAL	3,834	3,641

17	Expenses:-		2023		2022
	Priest in Charge				
	Expenses		1,248		147
	TOTAL		1,248		147
18	Mission Costs:-		2023		2022
	Christmas Live		137		190
	Refreshments		603		379
	Training		793		965
	Queens Jubilee		0		408
	Green Fair		87		
	Garden Party		164		
	Christmas Craft and Film Day		301		
	Magazine:-				
	Printing	2,746		2,280	
	Advertising	(-1802)	944	(-1515)	762
	TOTAL		3,029		2,707
19	Running Costs:-		2023		2022
	Insurance		2,936		2,767
	Minor Repairs (see page 6)		0		559
	Upkeep of Service		146		155
	Cleaning		185		27
	Flowers		775		582
	Music/Sound Team		198		0
	Printing,Postage,Stationary Etc.		1,656		1,036
	Miscellaeous		1,910		1,740
	Childrens' Resources		995		646
	Architect & Stuctural Engineers		1814		
	CCLI		817		
	Mobile Phone /iZettle		162		
	Churchyard Expenses		969		1,126
	TOTAL		12,563		8,638
20	Utilities:-		2023		2022
	Gas		1,700		1,899
	Elec		815		422
	Additional Heating Costs		152		
	TOTAL		2,667		2,321

REPAIRS CHURCH

Wi Fi		5,214
Vestry Repairs		650
Turrets & Roof		8,465
Stained Glass Window Repairs	1,845	
Less Insurance Claimed	1,275	570
Sundries Vaccum/ Batteries/Tea urn Etc.		283
Boiler Roof repairs		58
New carpet Vicarage		207
Fire Protection		39
Boiler Testing		84
Boiler Repairs		1,425

Total	16,995
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REPAIRS HALL

Fire Doors		4,630
Roof Repairs		320
New floor covering kitchen		598
Lighting Repairs		800
Repairs to Toilets	new taps etc.	1100
Boiler tests		360
Fire Protection		291
Vaccum Repairs		219
Fire alarm Test		155

Sub Total	8,473
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Insurance		2736
Water		671
Elec		702
Gas		2334
Cleaning-	Wages	1363
	Materials	296
	Windows	216
		1875

Total	16,791
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21 Depreciation:-

			2023	2023
2019 Computer/Printer	719			
Disability Ramp	730	1,449		
Depreciation @ 20% over 5 yrs				
5 yrs @£290		(-1449)	0	289
2021 Video Camera		772		
Depreciation @ 20% over 5 yrs				
3 yrs @ £155		(-465)	307	155
2022 New Lap Top		556		
Depreciation @ 20% over 5 yrs				
2 yrs @ £111		(-222)	334	111
TOTAL:-				
Tangible Assets	21 page 3		641	
Depreciation	21 page 2			555

The life expectancy on these items is approx. 5 yrs therefore depreciation is calculated at 1/5th of the cost spread over 5yrs.

22 Debtors:-	Monies outstanding @ 31/12 20	24,000	
	Prepayment @ 31/12/20	553	24,553
23 Creditors:-	Outstanding Invoices	6,604	
	Accruals	0	6,604

24 Restricted Funds:-

This fund contains income given specifically for Church Fabric Repairs and Youth and Childrens work.

25 Accounting Conventions

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention and in accordance with the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practise applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (Charities SORP (FRSSE)).

Charity donations from collections	2023	2022
Royal British Legion	51	171
Archer Project	635	491
Archer Project -(Ariella's Cake sale)	0	145
Childrens' Soc.	0	52
Christian Aid(incl. plant sale via Sara Zadik 2023)	377	482
Harvest -Archer Project	0	333
Water Aid	0	333
Food Bank	60	0
Tear Fund	0	20
Weston park cancer Charity (Natter)	0	131
Amos Trust	265	0
Food Crisis Appeal (Ariella's Cake sale)	196	0
TOTAL	1,584	2,158