

Charity Registration No 1140301

Annual Report & Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31 December 2023

**Incorporating the District Churches of
Holy Trinity, Dawley
St. Leonard, Malinslee
St. John, Lawley
St. Mary, Ketley**



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Section 1: Trustees Report

1. Administrative information

The Central Telford Parish is part of the Diocese of Lichfield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, Church Road, Dawley, Telford, TF4 2AS. The Parochial Church Council of Central Telford is a Registered Charity No: 1140301.

The churches of the Parish are:

Holy Trinity Church, Dawley: Old Vicarage Road, Dawley, Telford, TF4 3NH

St John's Church, Lawley: Dawley Road, Lawley, Telford, TF4 2PD

St Leonard's Church, Malinslee: Brunel Road, Telford, TF4 2DS

St Mary's Church, Ketley: Shepherd's Lane, Red Lake, Ketley Telford TF1 5EG

The PCC also retains responsibility for the churchyards of St James' Church, Stirchley (church building now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust) and St Luke's, Doseley (church building now in private ownership), and St John's Church Hall.

Members of the PCC in 2023, and other officers of the Parish:

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent: Revd Prebendary Joanna Farnworth (Chair)

Team Vicar: Revd Scott Edwards (From 29th March 2023)

Reader: Margaret Cartwright (until April 23)

Reader: Chris Prescott (From 29th March 2023)

Churchwardens: Doreen Dyson and Mary Richards (also Deanery Synod rep)

Deanery Synod Reps: Chris Hicks, Jean Heighway, Mary Richards (also Churchwarden), David Broome (until Oct 23)

Elected Members

Margaret Southall, Ann Broadhurst (St Mary, District Warden), Barbara Crawforth (Holy Trinity, District Warden), Lorraine Granger (St Leonard, District Warden) (from 14th May 23), Jane Hill (St Leonard, District Warden), Eileen Robertson (St John, District

Warden), Hannah Yapp (Holy Trinity), Margaret Cartwright (from 14th May 23)

PCC Treasurer: Margaret Cartwright

PCC Secretary: Margaret Southall

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Helen Vellacott (until May 2023): Hannah Yapp (from May 2023)

District Church Officers,

District Wardens: Ann Broadhurst (St Mary), Barbara Crawforth (Holy Trinity), Lorraine Granger (St Leonard), Doreen Dyson (St Mary), Jane Hill (St Leonard), Eileen Robertson (St John), Glenis Watkins (Holy Trinity)

District Treasurers: Dave Broome (St Leonard) (until April 2023), Roger Farnworth (St Leonard) (from May 2023), Jean Heighway (Holy Trinity), Brian Richards (St Mary), Bill Robertson (St John)

2. Structure and Governance

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the governing body for the Parish. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the Parish Scheme.

The PCC also retains responsibility for the churchyards of St James' Church, Stirchley (church building now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust) and St Luke's, Doseley (church building now in private ownership), and St John's Church Hall.

The PCC met six times during 2023. There are four District Church Councils (DCCs), one for each District centred on the churches of the Parish. All the DCCs met regularly during 2023.

There were 137 names on the electoral roll at the time of the 2023 Annual Meeting

3. Aims and purposes

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Team Rector, to promote the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical - throughout the parish. It is the duty of the Team Rector and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. Some powers and functions are delegated to each District Church Council, as set out in the Parish Scheme.

4. Objectives and Activities:

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community by providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and by promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our church buildings, St John's church hall and our churchyards.

5. Achievements and Performance

Attendance at Services:

Total attendance	TOTAL	HT	St J	St L	St M
Average Sunday	89	32	21	24	12
Messy Church	29	29	-	-	-
Easter Eve/Day	160	51	23	64	22
Christmas Eve/Day	388	157	155	21	55
Carol Services	398	89	185	66	58

Baptisms, weddings and funerals:

	TOTAL	HT	St J	St L	St M
Baptisms	42	18	8	8	8
Weddings	11	5	2	2	2
Funerals*	62	40	4	14	4
Interments	27	10	1	15	1

*Includes funerals at crematorium for people living in the district

**Includes interments at St Luke, Doseley and St James, Stirchley

Report on buildings and churchyards:

In November, each church had its Quinquennial Inspection by Geraint Roberts. The reports are awaited and so we anticipate that there will be

various items of work to the buildings that will need addressing in 2024.

Telford and Wrekin repaired the retaining wall around Holy Trinity's churchyard which had developed a large bulge.

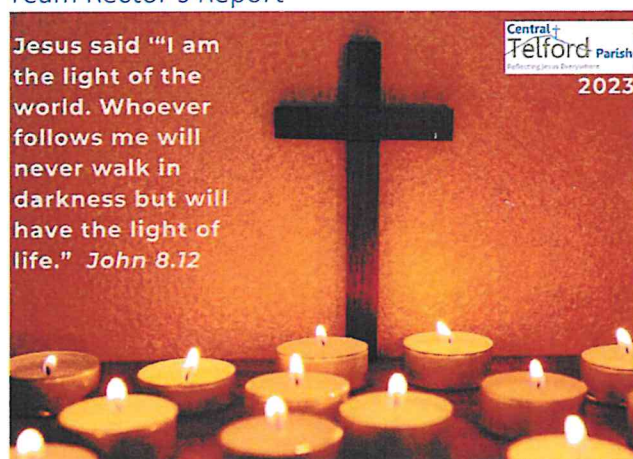
St Leonard's boiler was condemned in the autumn and for a period there was no heating in church. Thanks to a generous grant from Lichfield Diocese, a temporary boiler was installed which will provide heat over the winter until April 2024. Options for a new heating system are being considered and advice from the Diocesan Heating Adviser is being sought.

Holy Trinity church also had issues with its heating system when the controller panel stopped communicating with the boiler. This led to a period when the church was being heated continuously with at a high temperature, possibly causing damage to the organ. Once as the problem was identified, the heating was manually controlled, only being turned on when needed for service/events or when low overnight temperatures were forecast. The work to resolve this will take place in 2024.

The most significant work at St John's was the upgrading of the lighting in the church hall.

St Mary's have had issues with a leaking roof, which we hope will be addressed once the QI report is received. One of the four heaters has needed a repair and funding for this is being sought.

Team Rector's Report



Looking back at 2023, I am grateful to God for his faithfulness to us in Central Telford Parish. Our parish verse for 2023 was 'Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life"' from John 8.12. In a world that seems increasingly chaotic and uncertain, our prayer has been that our churches, and us as individuals, will have confidence that the

light of Christ will guide us through these times. At the heart of this is a sense of our own responsibility to 'shine as lights' in the world enabling others to encounter the love of God. At times, our churches can seem fragile when we look at our financial situation and the numbers attending our services. However, I think that we have seen many glimmers of light in 2023 to give us confidence that God is at work among us, revealing the kind of churches that we are called to be at this time and in this place.

We had our Mission Plan as our guide but throughout the year it seemed that God was calling us to have a time to 'be still and know that I am God'. I think that this has been a blessing for us: to have a time to draw breath, to continue to rebuild post-Covid, and particularly to make sure that we look after one another and don't get over busy. This was particularly important during the vacancy for a Team Vicar, and has also been a real help to me since being asked to become Acting Archdeacon at very short notice in October 2023.



It was a joy to welcome Revd Scott Edwards as Team Vicar in March, and at the same time to welcome Chris Prescott as a Reader and I am grateful for all that they

bring to the parish. I know that the occasionally ministry of my husband Revd Roger Farnworth has been appreciated since he received Permission to Officiate, along with some other visiting clergy, Readers and lay ministers. We are also blessed with lay worship leaders who lead some Sunday morning services, evensong at Holy Trinity and other occasional services. It was also a delight to have Joe Grogan on placement with us as part of his training for ordination. Margaret Cartwright decided to step back from active Reader ministry during the year, which was a sadness for us, but it is important to recognise that God calls us into different ministries at different seasons of our life and we pray that Margaret will discover God's new call in the fullness of time.

I am grateful to all those who volunteer in so many different ways – some in very public roles and others who are quietly doing jobs in the background. It is a great blessing to our churches and our wider communities that so many are willing to serve God in many different ways. It is wonderful to be part of a parish where it's not expected that the Team Rector, or the Team Vicar, will do everything!

While we have said goodbye to some in our congregations, we have also welcomed new people into our church families. We have been able to pay our Common Fund in full and have been working hard to exercise good stewardship with our finances which is starting to move us on to a more secure footing. A lot of work has been done over the year to make sure that our churches are safe places, in terms of safeguarding, looking after the buildings and churchyards, and working towards having all the necessary policies and procedures in place.

We had a 'Season of Generosity' in the autumn to focus on how we can respond to the abundance of God's love which is given to us so freely. As part of this, everyone was asked to consider their financial generosity to the church, and also whether they could offer their particularly skills. We had a good response, and I am particularly looking forward to us enabling those who offered their time and talents to do so in the coming year.

I hope that as you read through the reports from our wardens and group leaders, that you will recognise the number of different opportunities that are offered to help people to grow in faith and to worship, to share in the love of God through practical actions, to have fun and build friendships. My prayer is that in 2024 we continue to be aware of God blessing us by enabling us to be a parish where prayer and worship is at our heart, where we care for one another, where we see growth in our numbers and in our faith, where all have confidence to use their God-given talents, where all are welcome and where the good news of Jesus Christ and the love of God is encountered in all that we do.

Revd Prebendary Jo Farnworth

[Parish churchwardens' Report](#)

The first significant occasion to mention was the Installation of Revd Scott Edwards as Team Vicar on 29th March by Bishop Michael at St. John's, Lawley. It was a joyful welcoming, although it did pour with rain as we gathered for refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. At the same time Christine Prescott was Licensed as a Reader in Central Telford, another welcome addition to the Ministry Team. Prior to Scott and Judy's arrival the Diocese carried out work on the newly acquired house in Lawley, converting the garage into a Study. A team from the Parish made a final clean and prepared a welcome for them in their new home.

So we were blessed with a full team to cover Holy Week and Easter services. Since then it has been great to see a regular pattern of worship developing across the Parish. All four churches have been able to have regular services of Holy Communion, provided alternately by Jo and Scott, apart from when Jo is needed on Associate Archdeacon duties. However additional help is at hand as Revd Roger Farnworth received Permission to Officiate (PTO) in the Diocese. In June/July we were pleased to be able to offer a student placement to Joe Grogan, who is training for the Priesthood. Joe grew up in Dawley, so fitted into the Parish easily, was of great benefit and proved himself popular.

Sadly, Margaret Cartwright stepped down as Reader in the Parish. We thank Margaret for her years of faithful service in this role and we are extremely grateful that she continues to hold the post of Parish Treasurer. We thank all the Lay Leaders who have stepped up to lead or help out in worship or other areas of Parish life. There has been an encouraging growth in pastoral care which will hopefully develop further.



Parish-wide the year continued on a steady path. In April an Eco-Church session was held to make and decorate Swift boxes ready for eventual

placing in the towers of the participating churches. This project has yet to develop - maybe in 2024, as we will look at other ways of becoming Eco-Church. There were the national celebrations for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III in May. A picnic was held in the grounds of Holy Trinity Dawley on 7th May followed by a Songs of Praise service. In September the annual Ride & Stride for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust took place. We were able to open all our churches to visitors, including St James, Stirchley. Two of our members were sponsored and succeeded in walking around all the churches in the Parish on what was a very hot day! As a Parish, we continue to support the Food Bank based at Dawley Christian Centre and a number of our parishioners volunteer there regularly. Scott became a representative for the local CAP (Christians against Poverty). Once again our churches were able to make up Christmas Hampers for CAP to present to client families.



Jo and Scott have been re-building the relationships with the local Primary Schools and we hope to see further development in this in 2024. Experience Easter was offered at Holy Trinity. We were able to offer Christmas Experience at Holy Trinity at St Mary's. Many thanks to those who

volunteered their time to help lead the sessions.

A major event in the Autumn was the dreaded Quinquennial Inspections. All four churches were due or overdue for an Inspection. There was much preparation for this regarding checking on the current state of our buildings and ensuring that relevant paperwork/records were up to date. Each church has had building issues of one sort or another and there have been testing times for Church Wardens over heating, electrics, leaks etc as we expect you might read in the individual church reports. Geraint Roberts the Inspector visited all four churches over two days in November. It was fascinating to see a drone flying over the church to take photos of the roof. As at February 2024 we still await his Reports. We are praying that they will be kind!

The Church of England initiated a Generosity Week at the end of September.

For the parish this was extended into a Season of Generosity running from

Harvest through to November. It was felt that this would be a good time to ask people to look at their giving, whether increasing or decreasing, and giving of their time and talents. Packs were prepared and distributed for this purpose, with response requested in terms of financial donations and offers of taking on new or different roles. It was hoped that donations would help to cover the expected shortfall in the central Parish funds, which would have meant that we could not pay our Common Fund to the diocese in full. The fear was unfounded as the generous response did cover the shortfall and we paid in full - thank you God!

So the year ended happily with a full round of Christmas events and services.

Doreen Dyson & Mary Richards (Parish Wardens)



Telford Deanery : Shaping for Mission



FOLLOWING JESUS : LOVING TELFORD : RENEWING CHURCH : GROWING YOUNGER

Deanery Synod has continued to meet 3/4 times year via Zoom and meetings are usually well 'attended' in this format. Area Dean, Rev Debbie Loughran is in the Chair but each session has a guest speaker talking about their role and work. This is then followed by short discussion in 'break-out' rooms. Many of the themes included have reflected the Shaping for Mission process. Each meeting starts with a short act of worship and ends with any appropriate Deanery business or information. Reports are given of recent Diocesan Synod or General Synod meetings. 2023 saw the start of a new Triennium, with some members completing three years on Synod and new ones beginning.

In January, John Procter from Engage Schools Network was the speaker. He facilitates and enables local churches to work with schools in this area. The Engage Schools network aims to set up 2 events in a school year with churches doing the follow up introducing stable provisions for the young people. Engage look to open new possibilities in schools where there is little or no current access. In 2022/23 one project was fit4life with Dan Desmond working with the RE Teachers in Telford Park School and Hadley Learning Community. Also a Student RE Conference was planned for March 2023 with Lat Blaylock involving 12-15 students from each of the local schools.

In May, Chris Densham from Telford Christians Together (TCT) was the guest. He began by describing the role of TCT, Churches Together in Shropshire, both feeding into the national network Churches Together in England. At one time there were different groups making up TCT eg Street Pastors, CAP, Engage Schools but things have changed since the pandemic and a new way forward is being sought. Chris said "We are on a journey and God is working in us and the diversity we encounter is to be celebrated. Ecumenical shouldn't mean we should all be the same. There is unity in diversity - we can work better for Jesus when we come together. Each church is unique, it is not about doing everything together, but we can and should encourage what each other is doing." Currently as TCT regroups, they are looking at how they can create opportunities, missional hubs, places of encouragement, places which can equip groups -

each of the hubs or groups would be autonomous, some may be short lived with a particular individual focus. Telford Area Mission is in reality a hub, Engage Schools acts as a hub for those who work in secondary schools and equips and supports them. Some possible hubs could be – hub for church leaders, civic engagement hub to work with Telford and Wrekin Council, Social Action hub, Primary school hub (this may need more than one given the size of the area covered) and a prayer hub. These different hubs or groups would then feedback to TCT at maybe three meetings a year. The work is ongoing to try and restructure in a way that is prayerful, relational, and missional.

In July members of Synod met face-to-face socially, for a Barbecue hosted at Holy Trinity, Wrockwardine Wood. Pleasant weather meant we were able to gather outdoors in fellowship with some tasty food.

In October, we heard from John (Tug) Wilson of the National Deaneries Network. John has spent 21 years as Deanery and Diocesan Lay-Chair, and he has over 30 years of involvement with the National Deaneries Network. He explained the origin of Synods and described the structure of Parish/Deanery/Diocesan/General Synod and how things which are discussed or brought to synod can move up the structure and how motions can be brought to Diocesan Synod and could even move forward to General Synod. Last time Telford Deanery forwarded a question to Diocesan Synod was 2014! This was especially useful to the new Deanery Synod members. A question he posed was "what can I bring to Synod? – Ability, Experience and Knowledge, and Passion and Representation.

National Deaneries Network

<https://www.nationaldeaneries.net/> has lots of resources available and like the PCC essential guide there are many briefings on there which may be of use to members of synod but especially for new members.

Ecumenical Relationships

We value our relationships with other denominations in Telford, particularly with Dawley Baptist Church and our Methodist friends at Dawley Christian Centre. Regular meetings have been taking place with the ministers over 2023, although sadly Revd Nik from DCC has not been well during some of this period. The Dawley Foodbank continues to be a very successful and much needed ecumenical endeavour. We are delivering Experience Christmas and Easter ecumenically to schools, and hope to build on this in 2024.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard in many different ways across the parish to provide ministry, enable worship to take place smoothly serve as church officers or as DCC/PCC members, lead/help at the many different activities, care for our buildings and churchyards, providing food and drinks, etc. Thanks also go to those who faithfully serve in unnoticed ways, and who pray for the life of the church.

Safeguarding

There have been no safeguarding incidents reported in the parish in 2023. When Hannah Yapp was appointed as our new Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, a safeguarding audit of each church was carried out to ensure that that our practice is as it should be. As a PCC, it was agreed that all new volunteers in the parish working with children/young people and vulnerable adults must go through the safer recruitment process before they start their role and this is not happening. We are ensuring that all of our Trustees and volunteers have a current DBS (when appropriate) and keep their Safeguarding Training up to date.

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Activities:

Monday Food bank drop in – St Leonard's

This group also continues and does serve the need of the twelve plus people attending each week. Those attending are appreciative of the chance of being somewhere warm and being provided with a warm drink. It is also appreciated as somewhere they are able to go to for a chat knowing they will be listened too. Huge thanks must be given to all those who help with this group: Becky, Jackie, Jane and Mike. A special thanks to Graham for his unwavering commitment to collecting the food from the supermarkets and delivering it to St. Leonard's each Sunday. Due to unforeseen circumstances this group is in great need of more volunteer helpers.

Coffee and Company – St Leonard's

A new venture which started in 2023 and takes place the first Saturday morning of each month. This is spearheaded by Rev. Scott and Chris. It is still in its infancy and started off with people attending and enjoying coffee and company! It has been well

attended by a regular few who enjoy some lively and often amusing conversation. It is also a time when those who need it may have more in-depth conversations. It has progressed to activities being provided for those who enjoy this and has a lot of potential for development. All are welcome on the appropriate Saturdays between 10.00am-12.00. Refreshments are free

Exercise Class – St Leonard's

This class has continued and bravely kept going during the period when there was no heating! Well done! There are twenty-two people on their register with an average attendance of twelve. There have been no issues reported.

Pensioners' Lunches and Party

Due to unforeseen circumstances the annual pensioners party was unable to go ahead this year 'and similarly the monthly lunches have been unable to carry on.

Baby Babble – St Leonard's

This group is run by Great Dawley Town Council on the last Tuesday of each month from approximately 13.00-15.00. This



has become very popular with local families and it is good to welcome people into our church. While the church building was without heating though this group did not meet.

Trinity Tots – Holy Trinity

Despite children leaving to go to nursery or school, we still have a good number who attend either or both days. We now have the younger siblings of those who have left as well several new babies where the parents are taking time to make friends. We average from 15ish to 26



at each meeting. We are getting good reports back about what we offer for the children and even better reports about our now legendary bacon sandwiches. The parents/ grandparents and carers all get on well. They are friendly and helpful. We are still financed by donations and are in profit. We use this money for foods, crafts, assorted presents during the year and

sometimes to replenish any church stocks that we use. A big thanks to the Trinity Tots Team and all those who still come and help whenever needed and do whatever they do to make it work.

Thursday Coffee and Chat – Holy Trinity

This club was started after some of the regular parents wanted to keep meeting after their children had moved on to school. We met in the school holidays at the Christian Centre and then moved to Holy Trinity when schools were back in session. We meet at 11-30 after Tots. Over the weeks, those who were interested to start with stopped coming and we are lucky if we get on or two who aren't linked to church. Mainly it's the Thursday helpers who are still cleaning up after Tots. We have spoken, advertised and let people know, but it's not improving.

Messy Church – Holy Trinity

We meet up 11 times in 2023 taking August off for the summer holidays. We tried to support the families that came to Messy Church this year by focusing on themes about God's love, constancy, strength and the strength we have when we work together and support each other given how difficult this year has been for everyone and the scary events happening around the world. We celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day as well as Harvest and Christmas. This year Easter was a little different as we held an All-age Good Friday Service using the Experiencing Easter Stations which some of the families came to and found moving. The Crib Service was really enjoyed by the Messy Church families that came and some of the children even dressed up as characters from the Nativity. We have sadly seen some families move on as the children have gotten older and got weekend jobs, but we have had the joy of welcoming families who started at Trinity Tots and wanted to do more in the Church. It has been a joy seeing all the families that come to Messy Church getting involved with all the crafts (especially the messy ones), singing along to the songs, sometimes getting involved in the story telling and saying the Lord's prayer together. I would like to thank everyone who is involved with helping at Messy Church the welcome that all the



families get, ones we know and new ones where it is their first time is a huge part of why they come back because they feel safe, welcome and accepted. Thank you to everyone who braves leading a craft activity whether that involves paint, glitter, glue, colouring in, making things or is food related. Thank you to everyone who helps in the kitchen and always manages to feed everyone no matter the dietary requirements and supply a constant stream of tea and coffee to the parents, grandparents, foster parents and helpers.

Hannah Yapp

Mothers' Union – Holy Trinity

We have had another interesting programme thanks to our Events Organiser. At the AGM the same people were returned as officers: Glenis, Jean, Helen and Barbara. The following are some of the activities and events we enjoyed:

The Revd Lynne Morris had us laughing out loud as she recounted some funny incidents in her ministry. Revd Ian Oliver told us some more details and showed photos of his visit to the Holy Land. It was very interesting, but some areas do look bleak, wild and lonely. It was all of course before the present trouble in Gaza was happening.

We had a lady to tell us about looking after our feet. She had brought some horror photos of things that can go wrong with our feet. Some of the group were horrified but the more ghoulish of us enjoyed them. We were also given a little goody bag.

In March and April we had someone from the Fire service to talk about Fire Safety, and someone to advise us about keeping safe from scams. Both very useful.

Revd Jo gave a talk about some memories of her childhood and her path to ministry. It was really interesting – another vicar who gave up a job in industry and science to be ordained. By the way if Jo is with you around 4ish, she will really need a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Our visit was to a Garden Centre, Oak Gates, in June. There were lovely gardens to walk round, a delicious, beautifully presented lunch and reasonably priced plants to buy.



In the New Year we are going to discuss our branch's future. Some are thinking that it might be time to

move on. We are grateful to the Dawley women who kept things going for so long. We will try not to let

them down and remember our responsibility to them.

Barbara Crawforth

Bell Ringers – Holy Trinity



Holy Trinity bells all appear to be in working order.

With the help of ringers from nearby towers, we have generally managed to ring the bells before service on Sundays.

We practice on Monday evenings between 7 and 8 pm,

and we currently have 4 new learners, which is an improvement over this time last year.

New potential ringers are always welcome and I am happy to show anyone around the ringing chamber where we ring. I am hoping to arrange an open afternoon to try and attract new ringers, hopefully to coincide with the Spring or Summer fayres.

Simon Rice, Tower captain

Dawley CE School

It has been another productive year with both Jo and Scott. They have helped us to further develop the links with Holy Trinity. Support has included a new worship timetable; redevelopment of the worship table; support with worship music choices; opening up of the church for lessons across the curriculum if needed; letters for use in RE lessons to support the learning of the children; support to staff when needed; an active seat on the Local Academy Committee for the Academy. We are looking forward to the relationship continuing and an increased presence in school. The school was also pleased to receive a Good rating from Ofsted after their inspection in June 2023

Nick Andrews, Principal

Monday Bible Study Group – St John's

Sadly, the Bible Study Group came to an end in September when the leader, Roy Burley, was unable to continue with the sessions due to other commitments. His leadership over recent years has been much appreciated in helping those who attended to deepen their understanding of the Bible and faith.

Lawley Smallies – St John's

The Leaders of Smallies are Cathy Parker, Carole and Warwick France, Eileen and Bill, Des Pritchard and Jan

Williams when she is available. We have children with parents, childminders and foster carers and our regular average each week is 33. At Easter and Christmas Cathy reminds the group of the significance of those Christian events. This year we have put out a prayer box for anyone who would like us to pray for them. We have had 2 special comments for us this year, which encourages us to carry on. "To all at Lawley Smallies, thank you for another great year of coffee, chatter, toys and songs! Some weeks you really are a lifeline." and "Thank you for all the years of fun, support and friendship. You make a huge difference in so many lives. You're all wonderful"

Eileen Robertson

Telford Christians Against Poverty

In the gospel according to Luke there is an emphasis upon Jesus' concern for the poor. It has therefore been good to be able to support the work of Telford CAP. In 2023 Ann Trehern was appointed as the Debt Centre Manager and the hours of the Debt Coach Lizzie Brown were increased. In 2023, 22 people have been helped to go Debt Free and 40 clients supported with Debt Management Plans. In addition, 50 Christmas Hampers (four from the Central Telford Parish) were distributed and received with appreciation and two social events (a Picnic in the Park and a Christmas Party) was organised for the clients.

Revd Scott Edwards

6. Reports from District churchwardens

Holy Trinity, Dawley

Like most of the country nearly all the congregation of Holy Trinity would have been glued to their televisions watching the marvellous spectacle of King Charles' coronation in May. We had our own more modest celebration with a picnic and Songs of Praise. Looking back on the year we realized we had not organized many social events and hoped to manage some for next year. However, our Spring, Summer and Christmas fairs have become social as well as fund raising events for many of the people who support them. They make sure they have the dates and enjoy meeting up with friends over tea and cake. The fairs are usually well attended, bring in vital resources and we are grateful to all those who support them in any way. We had a "swift" Saturday morning when we learnt about swifts and how to make nesting boxes, all helped along by refreshments. We look forward to having the boxes erected in the Tower. Let's hope the swifts use them.

Numbers at services have stayed fairly similar. We did



have a new family coming regularly, and it was lovely having their children with us but they have moved out of the area. People pop in and out and we try to make them welcome. Some

are occasional worshippers, although one man seems to have settled with us and comes when he can. It was lovely during the year to see children, Poppy and Violet, being given permission, after study with Jo, to take Communion. We are glad and grateful to have Sunday morning services every week and thank Jo and Scott for arranging them, and the lay members for the part they play in leading worship. I know finding cover can be difficult. In the evening we have two services a month, a lay led Evensong and a Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer. It seemed strange at first but I think we all enjoy it now. Most of the people who attend Evensong are from the morning congregation but the few who only come in the evening appreciate it. During the year Marjorie Harrison, who used to come to Evensong before moving to her care home, died. She was the last of the little group who moved to us when Little Dawley Chapel closed. Sadly, Ethel Martin, a long time faithful worshipper and vergier also died. The Christmas services were well attended again and Scott and Hannah did sterling work with all the knitted shepherds, kings and donkeys at the crib service.

Although we don't have many regular children, the church does see plenty of them during the year with visits from schools and especially the Experience Easter and Christmas sessions when hundreds of children hear the stories and join in activities to help them understand.

I am pleased to report that the clock winding team are working well. We do get contacted if the clock is not going or is chiming wrongly so people do notice. Also it is lovely to hear the bells as we are arriving at church when the visiting ringers make one of their regular visits.

It was lovely having Scott join us. He has a great sense of humour and it is lovely to see him and his wife, Judy at services. Thanks are also due to Jo who works extremely hard, especially recently when she has had extra pressure due to covering for the Archdeacon. She manages to keep things going very patiently and with such good grace. Thanks also to the Readers who do help to keep things moving

along. Best wishes too for Margaret, who had stepped back from reader ministry.

Glenis and Barbara would like to say a big thank you to all who help to care for the church in so many ways and do it willingly and cheerfully. We wish you all a Happy 2024.

Barbara Crawford & Glenis Watkins

St John, Lawley:

We were very pleased to have a new Vicar, Scott Edwards who was licensed on 29th March 2023. He has been warmly welcomed by our congregation. Whilst our congregation were very happy with the Vicars and Readers who helped in 2022 and 2023 having our own 2 regular vicars has had a very positive effect. The arrival of Scott meant that we are now able to have Holy Communion services most Sundays.



We still have children from Lawley school for their Harvest Festival service and the Carol Service about 140 children, and Crib service had 45 children and 20

adults.

We have had a group of asylum seekers who have been with us for a number of months and some members of the congregation have helped them with English language lessons. The asylum seekers were welcomed from day one by all our congregation. We were able to pay our Common Fund in full and also pay some extra to help others in the parish. We had Bible study with Roy Burley on Monday evenings until September when a new job and commitments to his church meant he was unable to continue. We were sorry to lose him as he had so much knowledge of the Bible. We are hopeful that some further Bible study might return this year. We are still supporting a Secret Child through Open Doors and having our Toddler Group on Tuesday mornings in term time.

The Hall is still busy with Bill and I taking the main responsibility for it. Des does Hall checks on Tuesdays after our Toddler group and on Sunday mornings before the Church service. Scott also takes some of the booking calls which we are grateful for. Fundraising events in the Hall this year were: Race Night in March, Summer Fair in June and Christmas Fair in December.

We want to be a Church where everyone really is welcome. I believe that our whole congregation embrace this aspiration. I hope this continues and

strengthens so that more people come to our Church, feel they have become part of a family and feel like they have come home.

Eileen Robertson

St Leonard, Malinslee:

On behalf of the congregation of St. Leonard's we would like to extend thanks to Rev. Jo and Rev. Scott for the hard work they do for us all at St. Leonard's. There is much work needed to keep a church functioning and progressing much of which Jo and Scott carry out 'behind the scenes'. Without their commitment and constancy (and Scott's sense of humour) life at St. Leonard's would be very different. We are indeed fortunate God guided them to us.



Thanks must and should be given to others who help St. Leonard's to function:

- Those who regularly turn up early each Sunday to help prepare the church and help ensure our services run smoothly.
- All those who do our readings, act as welcomers, operate the music and serve us with tea and coffee following the service. We currently have thirteen people on the rota and encouragingly the number of volunteer readers has grown.
- A special thanks is extended to those who serve our refreshments as it is mostly the same people who regularly do this for us. More volunteers are badly needed for this.
- All those who donate tea, coffee, milk and biscuits/cake so we may enjoy our refreshments.
- Everyone who contributes in anyway to our annual summer and Christmas Fairs. These events are undeniably hard work, but the sense of teamwork, dedication, friendship and fun more than makes up for this and it is a privilege to be a part of this team. We continue to have Holy Communion on each Sunday with the first Sunday of the month being dedicated to Family Worship with Holy Communion. Where there are five Sundays in a month the last Sunday continues to be a united service with all the churches within Central Telford Parish. Until mid-November our congregation numbers were between twenty to twenty-five. However, since then



it is so encouraging to be able to say this has risen to approximately thirty-four each week. It is exciting to be able to say this includes children! To ensure the children feel welcome and included which they are, Rev. Jo provides service co-ordinated



colouring/puzzle activity sheets for them each week. It was very welcome news we were able to pay our share of the Common Fund in full this year. In April we had a concert by the Military Wives Choir (postponed from last September) which was something different and a very pleasant evening. Our summer fair was held in July and although some money was raised it did seem disproportionate to the amount of hard work it takes to run a fair. In November we had a concert by the Shifnal Male Voice Choir. They were excellent and treated us to a good variety of different music to cater for all tastes. The concert was fairly well attended and enjoyed by all. The Christmas Fair in December raised over £900.00. Needless to say everyone was thrilled by this achievement. There was a good sum of this raised by the raffle. This year tickets were officially printed and church members asked to try and sell these to friends and family. Coupled with donations of wonderful prizes this worked well. We extend grateful thanks to Jane for her commitment and hardwork in organizing our annual fairs.

Jane Hill and Lorraine Granger

St Mary, Ketley:

We are pleased to start our report with the good news of the appointment of our new vicar Revd Scott Edwards. His licencing service took place in March by Bishop Michael at St. Johns church Lawley. After twelve months of Revd Jo and Scott working together, we think it is safe to say they work very well as a team. We at St. Mary's are grateful for the work they have put in to ensure we have a service each week. We thank Jo for the improvement of communication between the four churches which has been achieved through the monthly news sheet and WhatsApp groups. It is fair to say at this point Revd Jo has had other responsibilities as Associate Archdeacon, so she has called on other clergy and lay ministers to help. We would like to thank them for the support they have given. Many thanks to all. During Lent members of St. Mary's attended Lent Group sessions at Holy Trinity Holy Week, St. Mary's took part on Zoom Compline, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Maundy Thursday service was held at St. Mary's. Some of us from St,

Mary's attended a Good Friday service at Holy Trinity. Easter day all churches held services individually.

Ascension Day service was held at St. Mary's.

We were privileged to meet Jo Grogan in June-July who was a placement student, he gained some experience by taking part with services in all the four churches of CTP.

In September Ride and Stride took place and all four churches were open. We had more people visit our church than we have had for a long time, it was lovely to meet parishioners and show them around the church. Mary from St. Mary's and Hannah from Holy Trinity did a sponsored walk together around the whole of the CTP. Money was shared between St Mary's and Shropshire Historic Churches.



The Ecumenical Prayer Group used St Mary's for Quiet Mornings in July and October. Harvest festival, all produce was donated to the food bank at Dawley.

A generosity appeal was launched, everyone on the Electoral roll were sent

envelopes containing an explanation of the needs of the church. It was a great success. Many thanks to all who responded.

November, Remembrance Service, parishioners laid wreaths at the memorial, along with Local Councillors.

December, children from Meadows school attended Christmas Experience. It needed two sessions, approx. 60 children attended in total. An absolute pleasure to have the children, they were so well behaved and knowledgeable of the story of the announcement of Jesus' birth.

We held our annual Carol Service on the 17th, which was well attended.

24th Crib Service / Midnight Mass.

Fund raising Fish 'N' Chip / Bingo Evenings, Garden Party at Doreen's, Coffee Morning at Mary's, Easter Raffle

Ann Broadhurst and Doreen Dyson.

7. Financial Review

Thank you to everyone who works to ensure the smooth running of finances within the parish. We recognise the hard work and commitment of our PCC Treasurer (Margaret Cartwright), and DCC Treasurers. We also recognise the contribution of those who help with: collecting and counting monies, banking and administering Gift Aid. We also express our thanks to Jonathan Hill, and his colleagues from the Lichfield Diocese Finance

Department for their expertise and support. The full accounts can be found in Section 2 of this report.

The consolidated accounts show a total income of £131,696 and expenditure of £120,015, giving an excess of income over expenditure of £11,681.

The requested Common Fund for 2023 was paid in full and we are grateful to all those who made this possible through their generous donations. We are also thankful for the Special Agreement from Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance to enable St Mary's to increase their contribution of Common Fund

We are working hard to improve our financial situation, which needs keeping under constant review due to the increased expenditure due to high fuel costs. The cost of living crisis continues to have an impact on our income, as does the loss through death/moving away of some of our regular givers. We have seen generosity through our Season of Generosity campaign this year and are very grateful for this.

In 2023, we have looked to improve financial stability though reviewing the use of Gift Aid, cashless giving, income generation, central purchasing, reviewing energy and maintenance providers/contracts, and careful expenditure. Some of these are being implemented, and others will be looked at in 2024, including providing information about legacies. We will continue to promote the message that the use of money and faithful Christian living go hand in hand.

8. Reserves Policy

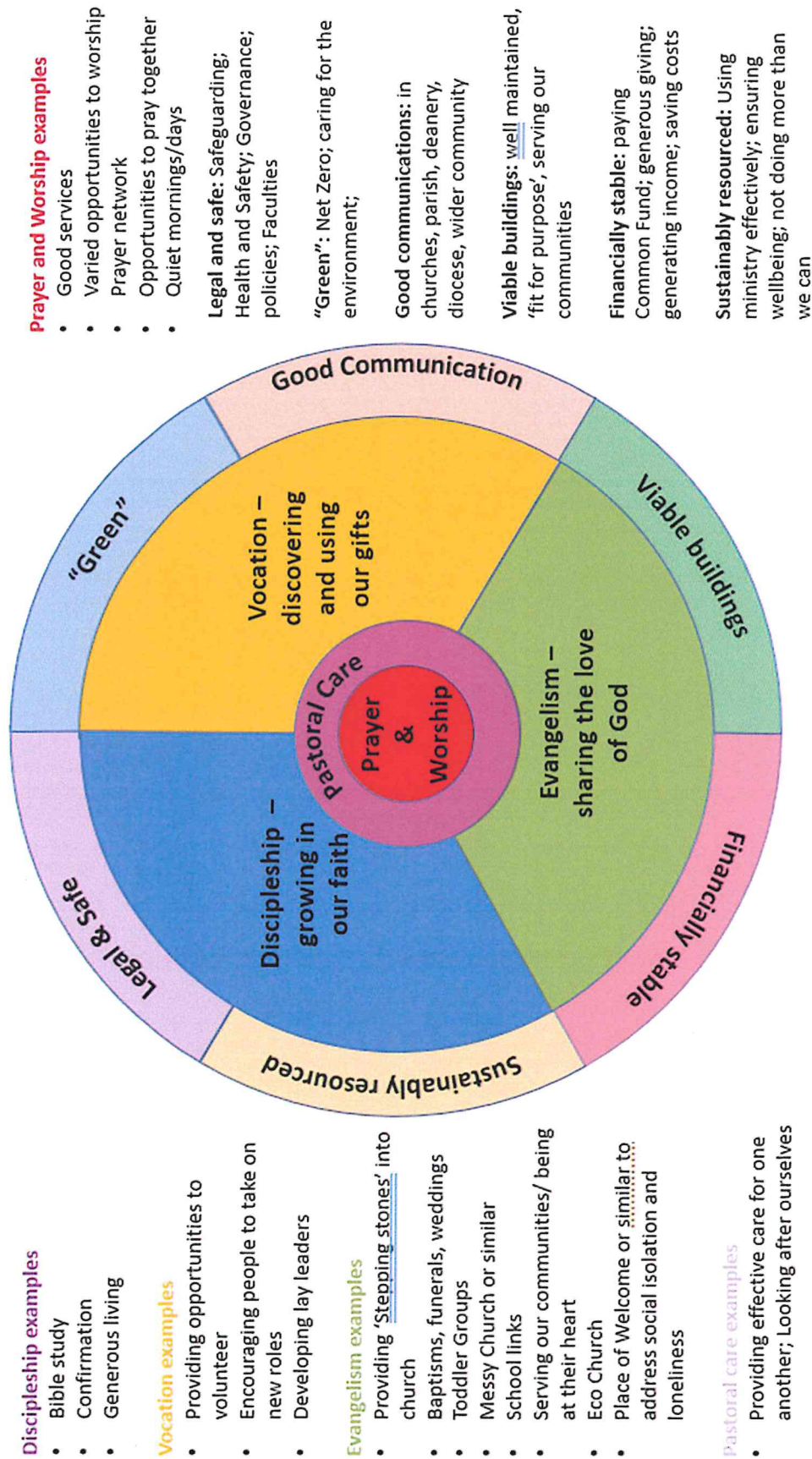
The PCC aims to keep approximately three months running costs in reserves, in the event of a major problem. In 2023 we will be reviewing all of our reserves to ensure that they are correctly allocated (ie general funds, designated, restricted), and developing a strategy to build up reserves where necessary to ensure that they are at a value of approximately £30,004. An important value is one of mutual support between district churches, so that if one faces a major problem, others will respond with generosity.

Approved by the PCC on 16th May 2024

Revd Preb Jo Farnworth
(Chair)

Margaret Cartwright
(Treasurer)

Section 2: Parish Mission Plan



Section 3: Independent Examiner's Report & Financial Statements

Independent Examiner: Mr Jonathan Hill, Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 113 The Border, Telford Centre, Telford, TF3 4AE

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Central Telford

Registered charity number: 1140301

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Date: 21/3/24

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO 1140301

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior year Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies	83,571	-	100	83,671	79,631
Income from charitable activities	41,407	-	87	41,494	45,890
Investments	5,577	955	-	6,532	72,205
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	845
Total income	130,554	955	187	131,696	198,569
Resources used					
Raising Funds	105	-	-	105	147
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	119,728	-	-	119,728	138,448
Other Expenditure	182	-	-	182	-
Total expenditure	120,015	-	-	120,015	138,595
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,540	955	187	11,681	59,974
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds – in	30,925	100	81	31,106	500
Gross transfers between funds – out	-181	-21,271	-9,655	-31,106	(500)
Other recognised gains / losses:					
Gains/losses on investment assets	836	-	-	836	(699)
Net movement in funds	42,119	-20,216	(9,387)	12,517	59,275
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	79,044	44,290	79,209	202,544	143,268
Total funds carried forward	121,164	24,075	69,822	215,061	202,544

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO 1140301
Balance Sheet Detailed

		As at 31/12/2023 £	As at 31/12/2022 £
Fixed assets			
	6050: Hill & Smith Holdings Plc	2,148	1,313
	Total Fixed assets	2,148	1,313
Current assets			
	6501: Bank current account	61,226	55,394
	6505: Bank deposit account	2,528	8,762
	6510: CBF deposit account	147,183	140,725
	6590: CTP Share account	232	232
	6591: Compassion bank account	97	193
	6700: Bank current account	3,441	5,462
	6710: Easy Access Account	(0)	(0)
	Total Current assets	214,474	210,768
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	1,562	6,005
	6621: Common Fund Arrears	-	3,532
	Total Liabilities	1,562	9,537
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	215,061	202,544
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	12,185	62,808
	Z01: Starting balances	202,040	139,736
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	836	(699)
	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	—	—
	Z03: Gains and losses own use	—	—
	Total Reserves	215,061	202,544
Represented by Funds:			
	Unrestricted	121,164	79,044
	Designated	24,075	44,290
	Restricted	69,822	79,209
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	215,061	202,544

Approved by the PCC on 16th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

J Farnworth

Reverend Prebendary Joanna Farnworth (Chair)

M Cartwright

Margaret Cartwright (Treasurer)

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid Envelopes/Donations	32,858	-	-	32,858	40,818
0110 - Direct Giving Envelopes - non gift aid	7,756	-	-	7,756	9,218
0150 - Payments received from other CTP accts	0	-	-	0	600
0301 - Plate Collections	7,434	-	-	7,434	8,331
0303 - Sundry Donations	3,057	-	20	3,057	6,060
0550 - Donations appeals etc	383	-	-	383	-
0601 - Recoverable Income Tax	22,557	-	-	22,557	5,420
0701 - Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
0850 - Grants	1,700	-	-	1,700	3,900
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	2,750	-	-	2,750	3,600
1310 - Other Income	30	-	80	110	1,683
Donations and Legacies Total	83,571	0	100	83,671	79,631
Income from Charitable Activities					
1101 - Fees received	19,021	-	-	19,021	15,243
1102 - PCC local fees	1,175	-	-	1,175	645
1206 - Sale of items	475	-	-	475	
1210 - Gross income from fundraising	9,748	-	-	9,748	13,984
1211 - Special Appeals gross fundraising income	1,967	-	-	1,967	5,314
1212 - Christian Aid income	60	-	-	60	55
1213 - Special Restricted Projects income	-	-	17	17	3
1230 - Children and young people	120	-	70	190	111
1240 - Church Hall lettings and rent	8,886	-	-	8,886	10,535
Charitable Activities Totals	41,407	0	87	41,494	45,890
Investments					
1020 - Bank/Building Society Interest	5,562	955	-	6,517	998
1040 - Dividends & Trust Income	15	-	-	15	71,207
Investments Totals	5,577	955	0	6,532	72,205
Other Income					
1401 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	845
Other income Totals					845
Incoming Resources Grand Totals	130,554	955	187	131,696	198,569

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
Analysis of income and expenditure (continued)
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Resources Used					
Raising Funds					
2202 - Bank Charges	105	-	-	105	147
Raising Funds Totals	105	-	-	105	147
Expenditure on Charitable Activities					
1871 - Christian Aid donations	200	-	-	200	160
2100 - Donations/Gifts	2,875	-	-	2,875	3,174
2150 - Payments made to other CTP accts	-	-	-	-	500
2201 - Training	204	-	-	204	42
2232 - Other working expenses	1,446	-	-	1,446	852
2303 - Housing costs / Rents	322	-	-	322	224
2304 - Clergy Working Expenses	2,981	-	-	2,981	1,291
2305 - External Clergy Expenses	95	-	-	95	15
2306 - Lay Parish Working Expenses	22	-	-	22	109
2312 - Quinquennial inspections	1,524	-	-	1,524	-
2320 - Payment of Common Fund to the Diocese	65,452	-	-	65,452	72,810
2330 - Running costs(inc Gas, Water, Electric)	22,116	-	-	22,116	13,359
2331 - Repairs/replacements/new items	1,053	-	-	1,053	17,580
2332 - Church Maintenance	1,284	-	-	1,284	614
2340 - Church Hall costs	4,428	-	-	4,428	2,609
2345 - Churchyard maintenance	2,848	-	-	2,848	2,233
2351 - Administrators Salary	-	-	-	-	9,679
2355 - Insurance	9,735	-	-	9,735	9,187
2365 - Flowers	98	-	-	98	317
2370 - Children and Young People	651	-	-	651	630
2380 - Church items purchased	249	-	-	249	23
2401 - Costs of fund raising	820	-	-	820	48
2411 - Printing / Copying / Publicity	255	-	-	255	632
2520 - Audit Fees	500	-	-	500	500
2535 - Licence Fees	534	-	-	534	677
2620 - Decoration Scheme	-	-	-	-	250
2630 - Other Payments	37	-	-	37	934
Expenditure on Charitable Activities Totals	119,728	-	-	119,728	138,448
Other Expenditure					
1702 - Special projects payments as required	182	-	-	182	-
Other Expenditure Totals	182	-	-	182	-
Resources used Grand totals	120,015	-	-	120,015	138,595

Central Telford Parish Combined
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund	Fund balances brought forward 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward 2023
General - General fund	79,044	130,554	120,015	30,744	836	-	121,164
Designated Funds							
EAA - Easy Access Account (Ketley)	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
CTPShare - CTP Common Fund (Malinslee)	232	2	-	0	-	-	234
LDBF - CBF Deposits (Lawley)	2,116	-	-	-	-	-	2,116
LDBF - CBF deposit account (Dawley)	41,941	953	-	-21,171	-	-	21,723
	44,290	955	-	-21,171	-	-	24,075
Restricted Funds							
Outreach - Lawley Outreach Fund (PCC)	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
St Johns - Buildings Special Fund (Lawley)	40,176	-	-	-	-	-	40,176
Special - Special Projects fund (Malinslee)	13,781	17	-	-9,574	-	-	4,224
ZReval - Revaluation reserves (Dawley)	-81	-	-	81	-	-	-
Lewis - Nellie Lewis (Dawley)	81	-	-	-81	-	-	-
Restr - Restricted Fund (PCC)	25,242	170	-	-	-	-	25,412
	79,209	187	-	-9,574	-	-	69,822
Totals	202,544	131,696	120,015	-	836	-	215,061

Fund Description

Designated Funds

- Easy Access Account (Ketley) – closed 1st January 2024
- CTP Common Fund (Malinslee) – monies set aside for common fund payments
- LDBF CBF Deposit (Lawley & Dawley) – monies kept in the CBF Deposit account held by Lichfield Diocesan Trust

Restricted Funds

- Lawley Outreach (PCC) – for mission in the district of Lawley
- Special Buildings (Lawley) – for the upkeep and maintenance of the fabric of St John's church
- Special Projects (Malinslee) – monies set aside for particular projects at St Leonard's
- Nellie Lewis (Dawley) – for children's work at Holy Trinity
- Restricted (PCC) – a few restricted funds that are being reviewed in 2024

Transfers between funds

2023

- £9,574 was transferred from the Special Projects Fund to the General fund (Malinslee) to correct historical mis-postings.
- £21,171 was transferred from the CBF Deposit designated fund to the general fund (Dawley) to correct historical mis-postings.

2022

- £500 was transferred from the general fund to the CTP Common Fund (Malinslee) to set money aside for common fund payments.

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund	Fund balances brought forward 2021	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward 2022
EAA - Easy Access Account	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Lewis - Nellie Lewis	81	-	-	-	-	-	81
Outreach - Lawley Outreach Fund	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Restr - Restricted Fund	25,132	110	-	-	-	-	25,242
General - General fund	16,119	192,006	131,413	-500	-699	-	79,044
Spec-BLDG - St Johns - Buildings Special Fund	40,176	-	-	-	-	-	40,176
Special - Special Projects fund	15,209	5,753	7,182	-	-	-	13,781
ZReval - Revaluation reserves	-81	-	-	-	-	-	-81
CTPShare - CTP Common Fund Squirrel Fund	-969	701	-	500	-	-	232
LDBF - CBF Deposits	2,116	-	-	-	-	-	2,116
LDBF - CBF deposit account	41,941	-	-	-	-	-	41,941
Totals	139,736	198,570	138,595	0	-699	0	202,544

Statement of Financial Activities – 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior year Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income	69,854	4,060	73,914	71,056
Investment income	72,205	-	72,205	70
Activities for generating funds	28,132	1,703	29,835	13,603
Other incoming resources	22,516	100	22,616	60,934
Total income	192,706	5,863	198,569	145,663
Resources used				
Cost of generating funds	48	-	48	-
Investment management costs	147	-	147	143
Charitable activities	3,334	-	3,334	2,414
Governance costs	122,895	7,182	130,076	101,145
Other resources used	1,457	-	1,457	46,850
Total expenditure	131,413	7,182	138,595	150,562
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	61,293	(1,319)	59,974	(4,898)
Transfers:				
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Gains/losses on investment assets	(699)	-	(699)	432
Net movement in funds	60,594	(1,319)	59,275	(4,898)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	62,741	80,528	143,268	144,202

Parochial Church Council of Central Telford Parish
Notes to accompany the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Notes to the Accounts

a. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) and applicable accounting standards (FRS102). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

b. The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

c. The Parochial Church Council of the Central Telford Parish has approved the format and layout of these accounts. The PCC is made up of representatives of all the member churches.

d. You will see from the accounts that the bank balance held at the 31st December 2023 was £214,474, and 31st December 2022 was £210,768. That is made up as follows –

	2023	2022
Central Accounts	£39,820	£38,128
Holy Trinity	£29,995	£30,743
St Johns	£132,768	£127,431
St Leonards	£8,450	£9,004
St Marys	£3,441	£5,462
Total	£214,474	£210,768

Team Consolidation: The accounts also show a total income of £131,696 (2022: £198,569) and a total expenditure of £120,015 (2022: £138,595). Giving a surplus for the year, before revaluation of investments, of £11,681, (2022: £59,974).

e. For information we have set out below the details of the income and expenditure of each of the churches which may help the understanding of the overall position

Church Name	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Central Accounts	£22,042	£12,549
Holy Trinity	£36,609	£37,356
St Johns	£36,839	£31,503
St Leonards	£24,757	£25,136
St Marys	£11,449	£13,471
TOTALS	£131,696	£120,015
Difference		£11,681
Gain/Loss on investment asset		£836
B/F from previous year		£202,544
Carried forward		£215,061

2. Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Council. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members. They do include the transactions, assets etc. of each of the four churches, which make up the single parish of Central Telford. The names of those churches are listed elsewhere within this document.

3. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and there is certainty of receipt.

Voluntary Income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

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

Grants and Legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised from fetes, fairs and similar events and the sale of books and magazines are accounted for gross.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is received.

Income from Investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Any tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments.

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

4. Resources Used

Expenditure is included on the accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the SOFA category. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional on the recipient satisfying performance or other discretionary requirements to the satisfaction of the Board. Grant offered subject to such conditions, which have not been met at the year-end, would be noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Grants

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

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

Common Fund is accounted for when payable. Any Common Fund unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and shown as a creditor in the balance sheet. Common Fund was paid in full in 2023.

Governance Costs v Charitable Activities

In 2023, a review was made of the categories that expenditure is allocated to as it is recognised that some of the expenditure currently identified as Governance Costs has now been allocated to Charitable Activities.

5. Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10 (2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable Church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure within the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

The Parish has overall responsibility for one other building, the Church Hall at St John's Lawley.

The hall at St. John's is run and maintained by the District Church Council at the church and was valued at £216,000. It is in a good state of repair as it has been recently refurbished. This value is below expected market value.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December 2023 £2,148 (2022 £1,313), and held within Hill & Smith Holdings Plc

6. Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible. No such amounts are due for 2023.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the Bank or Building Society. At present monies are held in a deposit account with the Central Board of Finance by three District churches as well as an amount held centrally.

Investments are held as a part of the Central Accounts. These include shares in Hill & Smith PLC. Details of this are held centrally.

All dividends and interest received on these investments are included in the accounts under the heading of "Investment Income".

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Bank Current Accounts	138,016	(73,349)	64,667	60,856
Bank Deposit Accounts	(1,752)	4,280	2,528	8,762
CBF Deposit Accounts	6,729	140,453	147,182	140,725
CTP Share Account	-	0	0	232
Compassion Bank Account	97	0	97	193
Total	143,090	71,384	214,474	210,768

7. Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The parish paid the requested amount of Common Fund for 2023 in full.

8. Staff costs

	2023	2022
Wages & Salaries	£-	£9,679
Average no. of employees	0	1

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

9. Related Parties

3 trustees were paid £1,688 in respect of reimbursement of travel and phone expenses during the year. Donations from related parties totalled £10,138 for the year 2023 (£10,825 for the year 2022).

10. Creditors due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors (<i>restricted</i>)	1,562	6,005
Common Fund (2021)	-	3,532
Total Creditors	1,562	9,537

Common fund arrears of £3,532 were written off by the Diocese in 2023.

11. Summary of Assets by Fund - 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets	2,148	-	2,148	1,312
Current Assets	143,090	71,384	214,475	210,768
Current Liabilities	-	1,562	1,562	(9,537)
Total	145,238	69,822	215,061	202,544

12. Summary of Assets by Fund – 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Investment Assets	1,312	-	1,312	2,011
Current Assets	125,554	85,214	210,768	144,032
Current Liabilities	(3,532)	(6,005)	(9,537)	(6,307)
Total	123,334	79,209	202,544	139,736

Statement of Financial Activities – 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior year Total Funds £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	69,854	4,060	73,914	71,056
Investment income	72,205	-	72,205	70
Activities for generating funds	28,132	1,703	29,835	13,603
Other incoming resources	22,516	100	22,616	60,934
Total income	192,706	5,863	198,569	145,663
Resources used				
Cost of generating funds	48	-	48	-
Investment management costs	147	-	147	143
Charitable activities	3,334	-	3,334	2,414
Governance costs	122,895	7,182	130,076	101,145
Other resources used	1,457	-	1,457	46,850
Total expenditure	131,413	7,182	138,595	150,562
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	61,293	(1,319)	59,974	(4,898)
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds – in	500	-	500	-
Gross transfers between funds – out	(500)	-	(500)	-
Other recognised gains / losses	-	-	-	-
Gains/losses on investment assets	(699)	-	(699)	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	432
Net movement in funds	60,594	(1,319)	59,275	(4,898)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	62,741	80,528	143,268	144,202