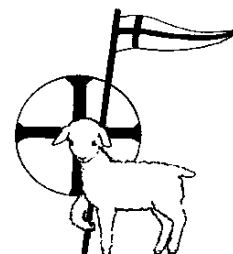


The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Tisbury  
*reflecting Jesus Christ*



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2023

## Administrative information

The Church of St John the Baptist is situated in the village of Tisbury, Wiltshire, between the River Nadder to the south and Church Street to the north. It is part of the Nadder Valley Benefice in the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1142851) and is listed as 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Tisbury.'

## PCC membership and trustees of property for the year ended 31 December 2023

### **Clergy:**

The Revd Juliette Hulme	Team Vicar	Chair
The Revd Dr Graham Southgate	Team Rector	
The Revd Elaine Brightwell	Team Vicar	
The Revd Tina Fox	Associate Priest (until 30 June 2023)	
The Revd Joanna Naish	Associate Priest	

### **Licensed Lay Minister:**

Canon Judy Anderson	Appointed to the PCC at the 2022 APCM Ex officio (Deanery Synod rep) from 9 May 2023
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### **Churchwardens:**

John Dalton  
Anthony Lovell-Wood

### **Lay Vice Chair**

Judy Anderson

### **Members of Chalke Deanery Synod:**

Felicity Corp (until 9 May 2023)  
Judy Anderson (from 9 May 2023)  
Anthony Lovell-Wood  
Catharine (Kate) Prior

### **Elected members:**

Mark Bender  
Sarah Douglas-Pennant  
Quentin Edwards  
Gordon Sorensen (until 9 May 2023)  
Jean Watson

### **PCC Treasurer:**

Gordon Sorensen (until 9 May 2023)  
Jean Watson (from 18 August 2023)

### **PCC Secretary:**

Judy Anderson

The Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance holds some property as trustee for the PCC

## Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules contain provisions which regulate the purposes and administration of the PCC. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC held five scheduled meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 58%. In addition to worship and mission, matters such as fabric, finance, safeguarding, development and diary planning were regular agenda items. Committees met regularly; their activities are reported in the Appendix which follows the Annual Report and Accounts. There was an extra PCC meeting in April to discuss the Lady Chapel window and other fabric matters; 50% of PCC members were present, and Emma Mullen (architect) was in attendance. It was not necessary for the Standing Committee to meet during 2023.

The work and ministry of the church is supported by a part-time Administrator, who gives her services on a voluntary basis.

All church committees and groups are run by volunteers. They are accountable to the PCC and the Team Vicar with Parish Priest responsibility for Tisbury. The Council would like to pay tribute to all those who give their time in so many ways to the life of this church. Reports of the committees and groups may be found in the Appendix.

## Objectives

The PCC's responsibility is to co-operate with the Team Clergy in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Worship within St John's and our ministry therein and in the community are key parts of our work. A key element is maintenance of the fabric of St John's Church; the oldest parts of the church date from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Its upkeep is not cheap.

All activities at and on behalf of St John's Church are governed and informed by a mission statement devised by the Parochial Church Council in 2015, encapsulated in our strapline *reflecting Jesus Christ*. We endeavour

- to be a prayerful community where trust prevails, love flows and joy is found
- to have a primary focus on ministry to families and pastoral care
- to be faithful and open stewards of the Good News, our facilities and our finance

## Safeguarding

The Parish of St John the Baptist is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies, and our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Anthony Lovell-Wood, reports on Safeguarding at every meeting of the Parochial Church Council. Contact details for local and diocesan Safeguarding personnel are displayed in the church porch and in the Hinton Hall, on our website and on our *A Church Near You* page.

## Achievements and performance

### Church Attendance

The number on our electoral roll at the APCM on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 was 133. Since then, 1 has been added, 6 have died and 2 have moved away. The final number for the year to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 is 126.

It is pleasing to report that the number of people attending services each week remains healthy, with an average of 44 at the weekly Parish Communion Service, 35 adults and 4 children at the monthly All-Age Service and 6 at the monthly 8am Holy Communion. Particularly encouraging has been the increase in attendance at the monthly Choral Evensong, with an average of 25 at the regular service, 37 at the Epiphany Carol Service in January and 62 at the West Gallery Evensong in May. Holy Week and Easter 2023 saw 38 attending on Palm Sunday, 19 on Maundy Thursday, 32 on Good Friday and 100, including 6 children, on Easter Day; these numbers show a slight decrease

on 2022. At Christmas, 63 adults and 32 children attended the Crib Service on Christmas Eve and 74 the 10pm service on Christmas Eve, in both cases a significant increase on 2022, but attendance at the Parish Communion service on Christmas Day was down on 2022, at 69.

## Review of the Year

We reported in 2022 that our regular worship pattern and church-related activities had resumed following the uncertainty of Covid-19, and it is good to note that there does not appear to have been any lasting detrimental effect on attendance following the various lockdowns. Sunday services have been well attended, and we have a stable congregation at the Wednesday Holy Communion service. We continue to say Morning and Evening Prayer via Zoom during the week.

We continue to value our connections with children and young people. Our *Open the Book* team has continued to present Bible stories at St John's Primary School twice each month during term time, and Juliette and Judy have continued to lead Collective Worship there regularly. We also continue to play an active part as governors of the school. Regular children's holiday workshops have continued at a variety of venues throughout the Nadder Valley. Our monthly All-Age services attract a number of families with young children, although not all attend every time.

Hinton Hall bookings, both regular and one-off, remain healthy. The window at the east end of the hall was reported to be in a parlous condition, and it was agreed that this would be replaced, the work to be done early in 2024. Fund-raising for the East Window has been successful, with a relatively small amount still to be raised, and work on the glass began in the autumn, with the expectation that the installation process will begin in the summer of 2024. We remain unable to find a plan for additional space for the burying of ashes which is acceptable to the Diocese, and at present we are not able to offer burial of ashes in the churchyard.

We were not able to hold either a summer fete or a Christmas fair, due to the lack of anyone with time to organise a large-scale event. We had a stall at the Village Fete in August, and were delighted to raise over £500 for church funds, thanks to generous donations of cakes & produce and plants to sell. We handed out cards to those who visited our stall, inviting people to attend our services. We collected for a security fence for the Bishop's compound in Cueurbet and for Embrace the Middle East in Lent and Advent respectively, raising good amounts for both. We have also supported other causes during the year.

## Financial overview

Despite starting the year 2023 with the expectation of rising costs, the PCC is pleased to report that there was a surplus of £2826 in the general fund.

There was a noticeable increase in voluntary giving both by way of standing orders and blue envelopes and the Parish Giving Scheme.

The PCC paid £30,000 of the £65,281 diocesan share amount requested by the diocese in 2023. Had it paid the full amount it would have been in contravention of its reserves policy, against the Charity Commission's guidelines. General Fund overhead costs which have shown the greatest increases are electricity and insurance.

Following previous years' decisions to allocate legacy money to various projects, the following have been achieved in 2023. The north door handrail was completed at a cost of £12,367. Apart from some small matters, the cleaning and conservation of the reredos was completed at a cost of £7,374 gross, with £1,206 being granted by the LPWGS. The Hyde brass, along with the new altar frontal/vestments, is on-going.

The East Window project management committee continues to steer the project and various works have commenced.

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## Fabric

Parts of St John's Church date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and great care is taken to preserve and enhance both the historic building and the churchyard in which it stands. Within the church, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Reredos has been restored and cleaned, and secured in the alcove on the north wall near the Lady Chapel. New fluorescent lights have been fitted in the bell chamber; the sump pump in the boiler room was replaced; and a faculty application was submitted for essential specialist repair to the Hyde Brass situated on the floor of the sanctuary. The replacement of the east window, and the installation of some of the glass in the north facing window in the Lady Chapel are planned for the second half of 2024.

In the churchyard, the Foyle box tomb was repaired, and repairs have been made to the kerbs of the main path through the churchyard. The handrail to the north door was installed in the spring of 2023. In the area of the Garden of Remembrance, the old tree stump was cut up and the roots were dug out as far as was possible without disturbing any remains. We are currently working with the Diocesan Advisory Committee to find a means of extending the existing area for the burial of ashes. The tower clock is in need of a full overhaul; a faculty for this work will be applied for in 2024.

## Chalke Deanery Synod

Chalke Deanery Synod met twice during 2023.

The meeting in February began with a report on the recent Diocesan Synod, at which the main topics discussed were the report of the Diocesan Board of Education and the Church of England's *Living in Love and Faith* initiative, due to be debated at General Synod in the summer. In the afternoon, Bishop Stephen led a workshop in Vision and Strategy.

The main focus of the Deanery Synod meeting was a presentation by the Revd Canon Karen Hutchinson, Lay Ministry Development Officer for the diocese, entitled *Equipping the Saints*, outlining and exploring the essential role of lay ministers, such as Licensed Lay Ministers, Lay Pastoral Assistants and Lay Worship Leaders, in the life of the Church. Members of Synod contributed by talking about their own ministries.

The meeting in October began with the election of officers for the new triennium.

It was reported that the General Synod had recently debated *Prayers of Love and Faith*, which the Church of England now offers as resources in praying with and for a same-sex couple who love one another and who wish to give thanks for and mark that love in faith before God.

The meeting of the Diocesan Synod earlier in the month had focused on finance. The Diocesan Budget showed that an 8% increase in Parish Share would be needed to balance the budget. Individual parish increases will be scaled 0%-8% depending on the level of change between previous Parish Share figures and the new Worshipping Community numbers. The *Cost of Being Church Today* document was also discussed. Cashless Giving schemes are strongly recommended. The need for parishes to make a start on the net-zero carbon action plan checklist was highlighted.

The number of deanery representatives to the Diocesan Synod is to be reduced in July 2024. Chalke Deanery will be represented by two clergy and three lay members.

A discussion followed on a proposed meeting of lay members of Deanery Synods across Sarum Archdeaconry in April 2024.

Geoff Taylor shared a brief update on the Chalke-Cueibet partnership.

Report approved by the PCC on 29 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by the Chair, the Revd Juliette Hulme

**The Parochial Church Council of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of Tisbury**

**End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## **PCC Members' and Trustees' Report**

The PCC members and trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which were approved at a meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Activities**

The sole activity of the charity during the year was conducting the affairs and managing the assets of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Tisbury in the Church of England Diocese of Salisbury.

### **Financial Statement Highlights**

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### **Basis of Preparation**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 following the receipts and payments basis of accounting. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

By order of the PCC

J. I. Watson, Treasurer  
Date XXXXX

**Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Tisbury**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	56,759	3,000	70,935	130,695	129,211
Activities for generating funds	544	—	—	544	1,353
Investment income	1,454	745	1,759	3,959	1,812
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3,068	19,724	—	22,792	19,050
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>61,826</b>	<b>23,470</b>	<b>72,695</b>	<b>157,990</b>	<b>151,426</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
Cost of generating funds	15	—	—	15	20
Charitable activities	58,055	30,545	92,078	180,678	101,348
<b>Total resources used</b>	<b>58,070</b>	<b>30,545</b>	<b>92,078</b>	<b>180,693</b>	<b>101,368</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>(7,076)</b>	<b>(19,383)</b>	<b>(22,703)</b>	<b>50,058</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	939	1,650	7,601	10,190	36,119
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,869)	(7,882)	(439)	(10,190)	(36,119)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains / losses</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>(13,308)</b>	<b>(12,221)</b>	<b>(22,703)</b>	<b>50,058</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>(13,895)</b>	<b>(12,221)</b>	<b>(23,290)</b>	<b>48,584</b>
<b>All assets at 01 January 2023</b>	<b>33,764</b>	<b>109,436</b>	<b>116,695</b>	<b>259,896</b>	<b>211,312</b>
<b>All assets at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>£36,590</b>	<b>£95,541</b>	<b>£104,474</b>	<b>£236,605</b>	<b>£259,896</b>
<b><u>Represented by</u></b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	36,590	—	—	36,590	33,764
<b>Designated</b>					
East Window (Designated)	—	7,939	—	7,939	10,647
Focus Magazine	—	18,523	—	18,523	15,872
Gifts and Memorials	—	44,137	—	44,137	56,091
Hinton Hall (Designated)	—	24,942	—	24,942	26,826

**Restricted**

Christmas Fund	—	—	632	632	632
Development (Restricted)	—	—	27,564	27,564	24,703
East Window (Restricted)	—	—	54,611	54,611	70,058
Fabric	—	—	7,651	7,651	7,861
Flower	—	—	149	149	146
Friends and Memorials	—	—	13,314	13,314	13,042
General maintenance (restricted)	—	—	452	452	152
Lee Abbey Fund 2017	—	—	100	100	100

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	General Designated		Restricted	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Investments</b>					
M&G Charifund -	—	24,409	—	24,409	24,997
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24,409</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24,409</b>	<b>24,997</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>					
Current a/c Santander -	34,572	3,205	18,213	55,990	48,503
NatWest (gift aid) -	2,019	—	138	2,156	7,155
Bath Building Society -	—	24,462	48,538	73,000	85,000
NatWest(development) -	—	—	100	100	100
NatWest Business Reserve – (East Window)	—	—	42,003	42,003	56,731
Focus current a/c Santander -	—	7,778	—	7,778	5,176
Focus deposit a/c Santander -	—	10,745	—	10,745	10,697
Hinton Hall current a/c -	—	7,931	—	7,931	9,809
Hinton Hall deposit a/c -	—	17,011	—	17,011	17,017
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36,590</b>	<b>71,132</b>	<b>108,992</b>	<b>216,714</b>	<b>240,187</b>
<b>Liabilities - Agency accounts</b>					
Agency collections -	—	—	4,518	4,518	5,288
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>5,288</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>36,590</b>	<b>95,541</b>	<b>104,474</b>	<b>236,605</b>	<b>259,896</b>

## Analysis of receipts and payments

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total This year	Last year
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income</b>					
0001 - Standing orders and envelopes	21,828	—	4,434	26,262	24,905
0002 - CAF cheques	1,650	—	5,485	7,135	2,535
0004 - Parish Giving Scheme	16,127	—	—	16,127	13,567
0005 - Good Box	1,610	—	—	1,610	1,646
0103 - Walls safe	154	—	—	154	139
0104 - Cash collections	4,989	—	238	5,227	5,620
0105 - Legacies	—	3,000	—	3,000	4,358
0110 - Special appeals (EW)	—	—	37,863	37,863	53,499
0112 - Income tax refunds	7,432	—	12,349	19,781	16,729
0113 - Grants	690	—	10,546	11,236	350
0160 - General donations	2,280	—	20	2,300	5,864
Total	56,759	3,000	70,935	130,695	129,211
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds</b>					
0125 - Events	544	—	—	544	1,353
Total	544	—	—	544	1,353
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income</b>					
0131 - M & G Investment Fund (Charifund)	1,454	—	—	1,454	1,412
0134 - Bank interest	—	—	744	744	48
0139 - Bath Building society	—	745	1,015	1,761	353
Total	1,454	745	1,759	3,959	1,812
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>					
0140 - Fees	2,628	—	—	2,628	2,898
0141 - Hire of church/heating	410	—	—	410	—
0142 - Trading income	30	—	—	30	—
0143 - Focus magazine	—	12,255	—	12,255	10,667
0144 - Hinton Hall	—	7,470	—	7,470	5,484
Total	3,068	19,724	—	22,792	19,050
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>£61,826</b>	<b>£23,470</b>	<b>£72,695</b>	<b>£157,990</b>	<b>£151,426</b>

## EXPENDITURE

### Cost of generating funds

0268 - Events	15	—	—	15	20
Total	15	—	—	15	20

### Charitable activities

0212 - Diocesan quota	30,000	—	—	30,000	30,000
0213 - Nadder Valley Team	4,925	—	—	4,925	3,700
0216 - Focus payments	—	8,904	—	8,904	9,432
0217 - Hinton Hall	—	11,003	—	11,003	16,346
0221 - Organist	4,650	—	—	4,650	4,500
0231 - Altar	417	—	—	417	528
0232 - Oil	3,359	—	—	3,359	3,883
0233 - Water	126	—	—	126	85
0234 - Electricity	2,555	—	—	2,555	1,275
0235 - Insurance	4,059	—	—	4,059	3,857
0236 - Churchyard expenses	2,027	—	—	2,027	3,704
0238 - Organ	1,166	—	—	1,166	1,044
0241 - Quinquennial	—	—	—	—	1,248
0242 - General Maintenance	1,159	—	—	1,159	1,303
0243 - Other repairs	844	10,638	92,078	103,560	15,889
0244 - Development exp	—	—	—	—	1,993
0245 - Office expenses	2,406	—	—	2,406	2,208
0246 - Printing, stationery, books	46	—	—	46	81
0247 - Choir & music expenses	296	—	—	296	271
0248 - Flowers	20	—	—	20	—
Total	58,055	30,545	92,078	180,678	101,348
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>£58,070</b>	<b>£30,545</b>	<b>£92,078</b>	<b>£180,693</b>	<b>£101,368</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,756</b>	<b>(£7,076)</b>	<b>(£19,383)</b>	<b>(£22,703)</b>	<b>£50,058</b>

Approved by the PCC at a meeting held on 29 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by Revd Juliette Hulme (chairperson presiding at the meeting) and Anthony Lovell-Wood (PCC member).

Juliette Hulme  
Team Vicar

Anthony Lovell-Wood  
PCC member

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statement

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

#### **Note 1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis of accounting.

In these financial statements:

**Unrestricted** funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the PCC's charitable objects at its discretion.

**General** funds consist of unrestricted fund money that has not been set aside for any specific project. The day to day running costs of the PCC are normally paid out of general funds.

**Designated** funds are set aside by the PCC out of general funds for specific projects. Designated funds are still unrestricted and can be moved to other unrestricted funds or re-designated if the PCC so decides.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the PCC.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

#### **Note 2. Parish Giving Scheme**

The Parish Giving Scheme is proving more popular and it provides a simple and reliable means of supporting the work and mission of the church. Four new donors joined the scheme in 2023.

#### **Note 3. Legacies**

One legacy of £3000 was received in the year.

#### **Note 4. Special Appeals**

All monies received during the year for the East Window Appeal are shown in Special Appeals, within the Restricted East Window Fund.

#### **Note 5. Grants**

In 2023 a total of £11236 in grants was received:

Church Commissioners	£2485	East Window Fund
Diocesan Warm Spaces	£335	General Fund
Tisbury Parish Council	£300	Clock Maintenance (Restricted)
West Tisbury Parish Council	£50	Towards churchyard mowing costs
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	£8066	Mixed funds (see below)

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme is a program that provides grants towards the VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to listed buildings mainly used for public worship.

The amounts received in 2023 were allocated to the relevant funds, as follows:

Fabric (Restricted)	£1988
East Window (Restricted)	£5523
General (Unrestricted)	£305
Re-ordering (Restricted)	£250

Unfortunately, the VAT element of the installation of the exterior handrail was not eligible due to the fact that "it is not attached to the building."

**Note 6. Events**

The church members joined in the Carnival Village Fete on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023, raising a net figure of £529 for church funds, through the sales of cakes and produce.

**Note 7. Fees**

During the year the PCC received £2628 (2022: £2898) for weddings and funerals.

**Note 8. Focus Magazine**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Receipts	£12254	£10667
Expenditure	<u>£ 8904</u>	<u>£ 9431</u>
Net income	£ 3350	£ 1236

**Note 9. Hinton Hall**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Receipts	£ 7470	£ 5484
Expenditure	<u>£11003</u>	<u>£16345</u>
Net deficit	£ (3533)	£(10861)

See separate Hinton Hall report.

**Note 10. Churchyard expenses**

The cost of bracing the yew tree was £1140.

A secondhand ride-on mower was purchased for £800.

**Note 11. Agency Accounts**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
St John's Choir	£3411	£3256
St John's Bellringers	£1107	£1278
Children's Society	-	£ 245
Tisbury Christian Council	-	£ 511

**Note 12. Charities**

Collection boxes	Advent 2023	£367.27	In aid of Embrace the Middle East
	Lent 2023	£271.86	In aid of the Cuibet security fence
	Lent 2022(late)	£ 39.10	In aid of World Vision Ukraine Appeal
Special Sunday collections:	August	£ 276.11	In aid of Barnardo's
	Sept/Oct	£500.00	In aid of Farms for City Children

**Note 13. Diocesan Share**

Diocesan share is the amount requested annually by the Diocese of Salisbury to fund the stipends and housing for clergy plus other diocesan operating costs. The 2023 diocesan share request was for £65,281 (2022: £63,318) and the PCC was able to pay £30,000 (2022: £30,000) towards that request. The accumulated unpaid balance of £192,418 is not shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a liability since it is not a legal obligation and the likelihood of it being paid in future is uncertain.

**Note 14. General Fund Reserve Policy**

It has been PCC policy to maintain a balance in the general fund to cover emergency situations or a sustained reduction of income or increase in expenses. The PCC has agreed that the minimum level of reserves in the general fund should be £25,000, to be reviewed annually. The general fund balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was £36,590 which complies with the minimum reserves balance policy.

**This report dated: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out within this document in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC AND THE EXAMINER**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and Section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on these accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

## **BASIS OF THE REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evident that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

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

1. Which gives my reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (a) To keep account records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
  - (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and Regulations have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jane Berridge

Tisbury

24 April 2024