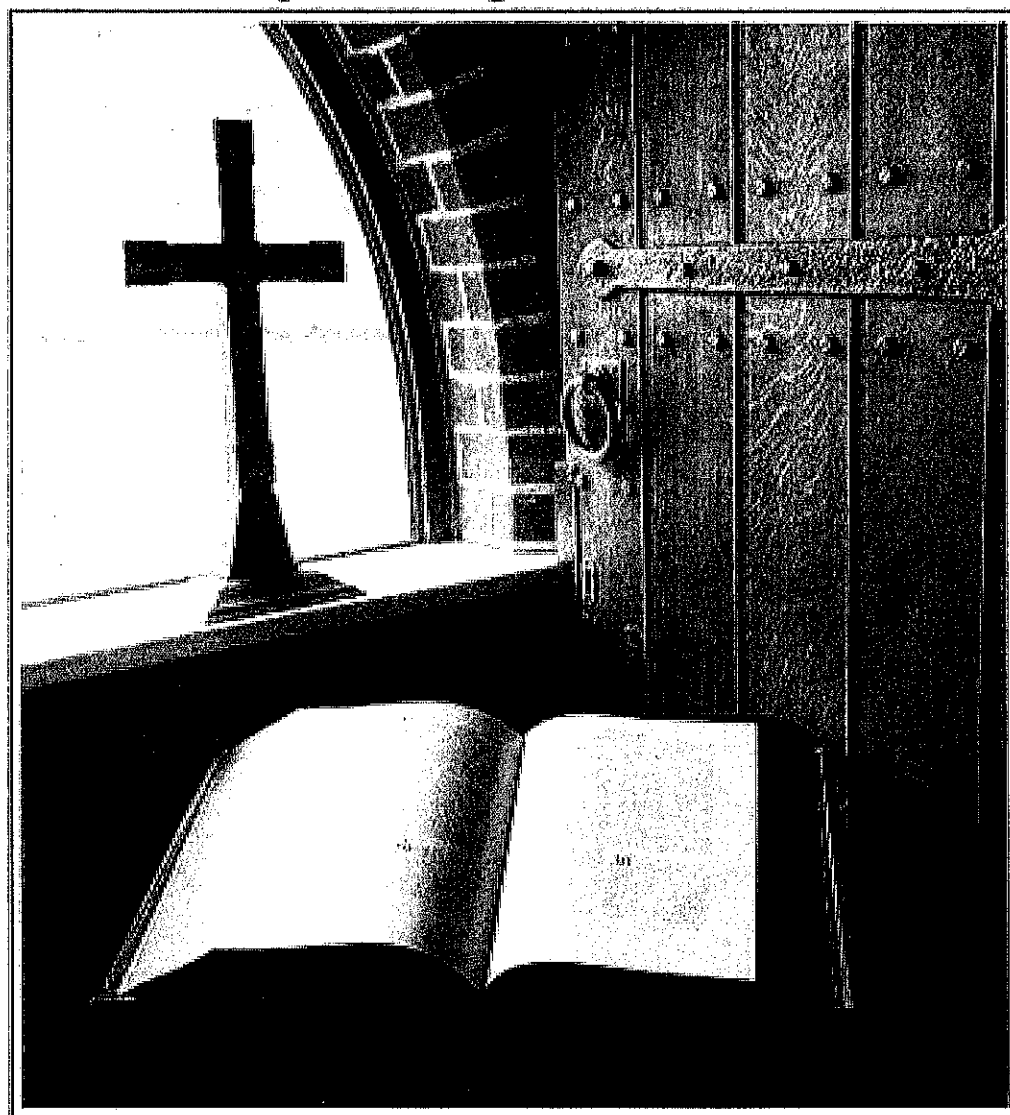


**Annual Report & Financial Statements
of
St Patrick's (C of E) Church Park Hill Road Wallington
For the year ending 31st December 2023**



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ANNUAL REPORT of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Members who served on the PCC from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 of the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

Since 1 January 2012, when it became a parish in its own right, St Patrick's has been governed by a Parochial Church Council (PCC). This is registered with the Charity Commission as The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Patrick, Wallington, with a working name of St Patrick's Church, Wallington (Registration number 1146095). This is a corporate body established by the Church of England. All PCC members are Trustees and are governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, the Church Representation Rules, Charity Law and the requirements of the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of PCC members is governed by, and set out in, the Church Representation Rules. PCC members are elected¹ by those on the Electoral Roll who attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for a term of up to three years and cannot serve for more than six years without a break. All regular church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Training is given to PCC members on an ad hoc basis. No training was included in the 2023 meetings. Safeguarding officers receive training from the diocese.

The PCC met 10 times during the year. The Standing Committee resolved a number of issues by email. During the year the PCC-appointed subgroups met to deal with finance, property, mission, evangelism, staffing and centre management.

The PCC agrees a budget, but the day-to-day management of the budget is delegated to the budget holders (the Vicar, Churchwardens, Site Warden and paid staff). In addition, many of the church groups manage their own activities on the understanding that the only subsidy they receive from the PCC is free use of the church and centre facilities. The Vicar is responsible for the structure and content of church services but seeks input from the PCC where appropriate.

The Vicar and PCC are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and believe that the activities of St Patrick's, as outlined in this report, are meeting those requirements.

At the end of 2023, there were 193 people on the Church Electoral Roll; 40 were resident in the Parish and 153 were not resident.

Objectives and activities

St. Patrick's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar in promoting within the Parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The primary objective of the PCC is therefore the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

In addition to the points noted below, specific activities relevant here are that the PCC:

- is grateful to the Centre Management Team and the Church Office for the work they have done to get the new centre up and running.
- considered ways of using the new centre to further God's Kingdom.
- held a successful stewardship campaign in November to increase regular giving to the church.
- considered the Parish Pledge in detail; both how much to give and how it would be used by the diocese. It was determined to give a 3% increase in recognition of God's financial blessings but that the portion of the pledge in excess of the amount needed to fund a vicar would be allocated towards the pledge of Christ Church, Sutton, a church of the same biblical persuasions as St Patrick's. See below for more information.

Other objectives include:

- Maintaining the fabric of the church and centre in good order.
- Ensuring that new church activities can begin smoothly and continuing ones can continue to make good use of the centre.

¹ An election is only held if there are more nominations than places available.

We hold a number of public worship services of various types to enable as many people as possible to attend. On Sundays we have two early morning communion services a month and weekly, well-attended, services in the morning with children's activities. A more informal "LifeTime" service is held in the evening. We continued the live streaming of the 10.30am service which we started at the beginning of 'lockdown'. During the year we started a once a month 3pm service on a Sunday of a more traditional format (hymns and liturgy) to serve those who find the morning service too modern.

Anyone who attends St Patrick's also has the opportunity to join a Home Group. These are small Bible study groups, most of which meet weekly (during term time) in someone's home. There are groups meeting on several days of the week at various times. Members enjoy meeting socially, supporting each other and sharing the Bible and prayer time together.

St Patrick's is a thriving and sociable place to come to with services and activities, when possible, to suit people of all ages and backgrounds.

The PCC is grateful for the vital contribution made by volunteers in many aspects of church life as well as the considerable adaptability and innovation shown by the staff.

In accordance with Christian beliefs the PCC donated £50,881 (2022: £45,901) during the year to regular charitable and missionary causes plus £129,000 to Open Doors in payment of the 5% Thanks Tithe raised through the donations to CentreForward. St Patrick's also supported the Sutton Food Bank and Home-Start.

Consideration of the way forward

The PCC received teaching during the year on the Synod's proposals for churches to offer prayers of blessing for couples in same-sex relationships. David explained the situation in depth and fairly represented both sides of the discussion – those in favour of Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF) and those against it. As a church based on Bible teaching the PCC were not in agreement with the proposals and wrote to Bishop Christopher explaining their dissent. The PCC were also concerned that the annual Parish Pledge paid by St Patrick's to the diocese could be used to further non-biblical practices. After discussion with the Archdeacon it was resolved to make a pledge of £99,876 to the diocese but to ask that this be used to cover the costs to the diocese of supporting ministry at St Patrick's (£86,300) and the remainder of £13,576 be used to support a poorer parish with the same attitude to PLF as St Patrick's. It was suggested that Christ Church, Sutton was such a church and the PCC agreed to support them.

The PCC spent time considering the staffing situation at St Patrick's and tried throughout the year to recruit staff to two Assistant Minister roles and a new role of Church Operations Manager. The Children and Families Minister role was filled in May with the appointment of Ailish Atkinson but, despite several rounds of advertisements, the other positions remain vacant. In December David King announced that he had accepted a position in a church in Broadfield, Crawley and would be leaving St Patrick's in the new year. The PCC decided to postpone the recruitment of an Assistant Minister until after a new Vicar is appointed but to increase the role of the Church Operations Manager to full-time and actively seek to fill the position as soon as possible.

In January 2024 David announced that his last service at St Patrick's would be on 3 March 2024. The PCC met with the Church Patron (Church Society) in February 2024 to consider the process of recruiting a new vicar and determined to continue the work at St Patrick's to the best of their ability during the vacancy.

Evangelism

During 2023, we launched a refreshed vision for evangelism with a strapline of "Making JESUS known – In everything we do." We used this phrase, increasingly, to embed its familiarity across the church family. More importantly though, we continued to work towards that phrase being true in practice with new and existing activities having a clear gospel content and/or commitment to point people to other St Patrick's activities where the gospel would be heard.

In addition to our Sunday activities and Easter and Christmas services, particular events were the Easter Egg Hunt, Big Brilliant Bash, the film "The Reluctant Convert" and Christmas Day lunch. Gospel books were handed out at the carol services.

Evangelism (continued)

We ran two Hope Explored courses and one Christianity Explored course during 2023.

For 2023, a bigger emphasis was given to our annual carol singing in Wallington High Street. Sixty people from St Patrick's sang carols, handed out invitations and talked to people about St Patrick's and the gospel.

It was very encouraging to see a number of new faces at our Christmas services who had been invited through both new and existing activities.

Mission

World Mission Team (WMT) news

Sadly, we lost one of the WMT members with the passing of Martin Rowlands. He was a committed, caring member who was much involved with all the events.

Visit to Pro-Deo Church, Craiova, Romania

Four members of St Patrick's visited Pro Deo Church in March to see what is happening there and to re-ignite St Patrick's partnering with them. On their return, they gave an update to the church. There has been no recent participation in their youth camps by St Patrick's young people but Pro Deo ran camps both in-country and in neighbouring Moldova in 2023. They continue with their church building project.

The WMT recommended that the outstanding monies reserved for St Patrick's participation in camps run by Pro Deo be transferred to Pro Deo to help children in families experiencing financial hardship to attend future youth camps organised by the church.

International Needs (IN)

Danny Morris, the Executive Director of IN, has asked if St Patrick's could focus their support on one particular IN project i.e. The Leadership and Talent Centre for Kenya's Street Youth led by Pastor Joshua.

Danny was the Mission Gift Day speaker on 11th June after which he joined the WMT and invited guests for a meal hosted by Elaine Keller. They were joined by Ginny Drake, another mission partner with Operation Mobilisation, who had participated in the service performing her song with the children.

Pastor Joshua came to England for a deputation visit in November and December. He met with the church leadership in November and spoke at the December 3rd LifeTime meeting.

Mission Gift Day 11th June

Besides the focus on International Needs ministries, we were privileged to have visitors from Open Doors who spoke at the LifeTime meeting on Mission Gift Day Sunday. The total giving for that occasion was £22,107 (£2022: £21,856).

Joe and Rachel Clarke, Coimbra, Portugal

We were happy to meet with Joe and Rachel Clarke and family at the Open Day at Joe's parents' home on a sunny Saturday followed by Joe preaching on Sunday 30th July. We learned of their intended switch of focus from student ministry at the university to church planting in Coimbra. With the support and encouragement of Crosslinks, Joe will be in the leadership team and Rachel will be involved in children's and women's ministry.

Study by Extension for All Nations (SEAN)

Pastor Daniel from Uganda preached at the morning and afternoon service on 24th September and attended a lunch for invited guests.

Georgina King

We were pleased to learn that Georgina King is planning to go on a gap year short-term project with Crosslinks in Cape Town, South Africa, from March to June in 2024. She presented the aims of the project at St Patrick's and at the World Mission Team meeting: working in a local church; working in a school for disadvantaged children and auditing a Bible course at George Whitfield College. The WMT was pleased to recommend financial support from the St Patrick's Own Mission (SPOM) account.

Mission (continued)

General News

The WMT sought to establish the individuals and home groups who champion specific mission partners/links.

The mission partners and links were prayed for at the morning service on a rotational basis.

The mission notice board was kept up-to-date with news as received from the partners and links.

There was a focus on one particular partner or link at particular times.

The monthly mission in-person prayer meeting continued but, unfortunately, it was not so well attended as before lockdown and the Zoom sessions. The prayer letters were emailed to those who requested them.

New members of the WMT are needed to extend the representation of age and background.

Pastoral Care

Throughout 2023 there have been a number of ways that help has been available to those who needed pastoral support. Homegroups have been the main vehicle for people to receive pastoral care and Sunday services have been the best time to talk to someone and receive prayer.

As in previous years, much of the midweek pastoral support has gone on behind the scenes. The staff team and the office have played an important role in pastoral care. Dedicated individuals and church groups have demonstrated the love of Jesus in a multitude of ways. Spiritually, many who have been facing difficult times have been encouraged through prayer, hospital or home visits, a chat over coffee, a phone call, a timely WhatsApp message or going for a walk together. Practical support has included: shopping for essentials; collecting prescriptions; cooking a meal or accompanying someone to important medical or benefits appointments.

The pastoral coordination team met together three times in the year. Items on the agenda included home communion; prayer chain; coordination of transport; and signposting people to relevant organisations for practical help. A small sub-group from the team also met in July to share some of the specific needs of individuals in the church family and how they could best be supported.

In June St Patrick's joined with Christchurch, Sutton and Holy Trinity, Wallington in our centre to enjoy a visit from Helen Thorne who is the Director of training at Biblical Counselling UK.

In November it was decided to review the Buddy Scheme that was set up during the pandemic. Potential volunteers, plus those who were previously on the list as Buddies, were asked if they would like to get together over coffee for an informal discussion about the future of the Buddy Scheme. The Pastoral Coordination Team met in December to plan for this. A date was set for January and all who expressed an interest were invited to attend.

Transport continues to be a problem for some. A speaker was invited from TFL to come along to Lunch Club in July which proved to be a helpful opportunity for people to have their questions answered.

Thanks are due to all those who have given so generously of their time. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another," John 13 v35.

Children and Families Minister

In February we said goodbye to Helen Machell after almost seven years of serving as our Children and Families Minister and in May we welcomed Ailish Atkinson into the role.

Midweek groups

There has been a lot of change in the midweek activities since the summer.

At the end of July, after many years, TGI Thursday came to an end. We are thankful for the ways TGI Thursday has been a place of support for so many mums/carers and little ones over many years. We were also very grateful for those who have served in the group over the years – whether looking after the children, setting out the toys, making drinks, planning the programme or leading a session.

Midweek Groups (continued)

At the beginning of September, we launched "Stay and Play" on Mondays using the centre. We have a range of toys out each week, craft activities, a Bible story and song, nursery rhymes, coffee and homemade cakes. The numbers have grown steadily, and we are seeing new parents/carers and their children each week.

Also in September, Monday Madness moved to a Tuesday and became SPLAT (St Patrick's Loves A Tuesday) with a slightly later time. The change in day has resulted in new children joining us. We average around 11 children each session. We have learnt some new games but "shoe bomb" and "SPLAT" remain favourites. We continue to take time each session to think about Jesus.

Mums' Bible study continues to meet weekly in the Terrace Room in the centre. Over this year we have looked at 1 Peter using videos produced by David King and followed Vaughan Robert's "God's Big Picture" course.

Young children's groups

All the children's groups continue to grow.

In September we introduced a teaching plan covering all the children's groups. Last term we all covered: "Who is God?" and a Bible overview.

We started in September with three weeks of Gospel Rock meeting altogether. Whilst the children enjoyed the big group it was also good to revert to our normal group pattern. We will hold an "All Together" group once each term. We continue to miss Martin Rowlands who spent so many years serving in our children's groups – in both Junior and Senior Gospel Rock. He was such a blessing to us and to the children. We have a wonderful team of volunteers to support the groups; without them the groups would not be able to function.

In October we held the first of what will be a half-termly prayer meeting for all our work with children and young people. It was a great time of prayer that has really supported everything we have done in our groups over the term.

Youth work - FROG (Year 7 to Year 9) and 4:Twelve (Year 10 to Year 13)

FROG meet to study the Bible during the 10:30 service each Sunday and also have socials each half term. In 2023 we followed along with the sermon series for most of the year and switched in September to studying the same topics as the children's groups. 4:Twelve meet to hang out and study the Bible after LifeTime on Sunday evenings, as well as enjoying socials every half term. In September, we expanded the Bible study section on Sunday nights, following a move away from having a midweek Bible study. We are thankful that this change has been positively received, and the group is engaged in the Bible as well as the games!

We are seeing the young people in both groups grow in knowledge of the Bible, of what God is like, and of what it means to follow Jesus. We are praying that young people would use what they learn to help them decide whether to follow Jesus for themselves, independently of the faith of their parents.

FROG's socials this year included a 'Walk It to Eat It' meal with each course hosted by different people from our church family, and a night hike to Oaks Park, and 4:Twelve have had a barbecue and escaped from an escape room! It has been a joy to see the young people having fun and building friendships. We hope that having a group of friends at church will encourage young people who are following Jesus to feel that they are not alone and there are others making the same choice.

Uniformed organisations

Rainbows, two Brownie groups, Guides and Rangers started by meeting in church, where they enjoyed activities of games, crafts and badges. The Guiding groups have enjoyed the new centre and are glad not to have pillars to navigate. They also held their first camp under canvas for several years with terrible weather but cheerful hearts.

The Cubs and Beavers returned to St Patrick's for their Monday evening meetings at the start of the Autumn term. The Scouts continue to meet at the Crusader Hall. Nick Devine has retired and our new Group Scout Leader is Clare McNamara who was previously the Beaver Scout Leader.

CAMEO

CAMEO has around 26 members who meet on the third Saturday of the month. Those who attend are not all connected to a church but are welcomed with Christian love and encouragement. The highlight of 2023 was the King's Coronation Party when people dressed for the occasion and enjoyed a "street party" in the church.

Wychcroft Retreat

Our Retreat this year was jointly led by Toni Clark, bravely taking the helm for the first time alongside Martin Hayward. Together they took us "Back to Basics," helping us explore such topics as "Is God faithful or fickle?," "Won't we be bored just sitting on a cloud?" and "Why doesn't God stop all the suffering?" For each session we had a helpful booklet which Toni and Martin had put together.

Their joint leadership blessed us with variety and so much Bible-based teaching, challenging us to look more deeply and afresh at basic Christian beliefs. We were treated to Toni's meditation on Rublev's Icon of the Holy Trinity - a fabulous old painting - and Martin's technical expertise offering us so much on two large screens throughout, plus his wonderful and sensitive selection of music played at the end of each session to aid our reflection.

We had the usual wonderful Wychcroft blend of quiet and conversation, chapel services and country walks, music and laughter, space and togetherness with cosy rooms and an excellent cuisine.

There were 28 of us staying for the weekend, including four first timers, and David King visited us for just the Saturday.

Our Saturday night "Soiree" was a great mix of poetry, humour, singing, guitar and piano playing and a wonderful Stanley Holloway monologue from Chris Hickin.

Coffee Mornings and Fairs

Once a month on a Saturday morning we had the St Patrick's Cafe with a variety of stalls. Proceeds from these was shared between St Patrick's and the Ndejje Resource Centre.

We held a Cream Tea in May and a Show in June, with participants from St Patrick's, to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

As in previous years, in December we had our Christmas Fair which this year raised money towards the Churches Together Christmas Day Lunch and the Ndejje Resource Centre in Uganda.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club has continued to seek new members to enjoy lunch, chat and an occasional service in the very pleasant surroundings of the centre. The numbers dining each week average around 45 people, including kitchen volunteers. The Coronation street party was a great success and included a couple of games of Coronation Bingo. In the autumn Martin Hayward ran five "Hymns we Love" video sessions after the lunch. There was also a personal visit from the presenter, Pippa Cramer. The series was well attended by both Lunch Clubbers and other church members.

Compassion Fund

The Compassion Fund is money set aside to help church members in financial need. Donations to the Fund (including Gift Aid) of £18,361 (2022: £1,663) were received during the year and payments of £5,128 (2022: £2,350) were made. The fund balance was £17,153 (2022: £3,920) at year end.

Activities

January

Since we extended a welcome to folks from **Hong Kong** some families have now settled with us.

As a thank you to St Patrick's, on 21st January, our HK families treated their buddies and leaders to a delicious authentic meal from with many tasty dishes which was enjoyed by around 60 people from church.

Activities (continued)

February

A **Quiz Night** in the centre was organised by a Home Group on 4th February. A challenging quiz led by the Hughes family with a mix of media - music and visual - framed the questions using the AV system and projector. Grand sausages with onions were freshly cooked, then served in rolls and cheerfully devoured at the interval. With a packed centre a great time was had by all. Sweetie prizes for the winners were much enjoyed.

Saturday morning **Prayer Breakfasts** continued through 2023 with half-termly meetings including fresh coffee and pastries followed by an hour of prayer time; this is well attended.

March

We ran a drama at St Patrick's on 4th March, previously seen by a member at the Keswick Convention called '**If Prison Walls Could Speak**'. This was a gritty one-man show brought by Artless Theatre Company using lights and minimal props to bring us the true story of Petr Jasek, a Czech national and Christian Aid worker who was imprisoned in Sudan for his work assisting the persecuted church. This was a well-attended event.

April

A visit by **Elliot Colburn MP** to one of the St Patrick's Café mornings on 8th April. Elliot had been supportive to St Patrick's when the CentreForward project was in the planning process. He was pleased to see the finished results of the centre and chatted with many people throughout the morning.

May

A **Linden Wind Orchestra** Concert held in church on the 20th was an enjoyable evening with wine served at the interval.

The **Coronation of our new King Charles III** was marked with a royal cream tea held in the centre on 8th May; again; this was a very well-attended, popular event.

June

A **Biblical Counselling course** was run by Phil Brooks of Christchurch, Sutton. This was a well-received course giving good application. There was interest for follow up courses.

Gift Day for World Mission was held with a visit by the great speaker Danny Morris from International Needs. We were thankful to God that income from the Gift Day increased from last year.

July

An **Open Garden** event held by a member raised funds for the Ndeje Project with SEAN Uganda.

September

In September we ran the **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** money course for four of our young people who were heading off to university. Next year the course will have a new look as CAP have refreshed their material.

Holly Main joined us as our Ministry Trainee, splitting her time between St Patrick's and college.

October

A **harvest lunch** was held for about a hundred people, including 25 children, with a ploughman's platter followed by apple pies. During this time we sang the Harvest Samba, following the words on the Big Space screen, which was also used to show harvest photographs.

Woodfield Primary School brought their Year 6 Leavers Service to St Patrick's and our Vicar David assisted.

St Patrick's Tigers took part in all four church-runner events running at Crystal Palace, Dulwich, Roundshaw Downs and Lloyd Park. Fourteen individuals took part over the year - eight of whom were new to Parkrun. In a very close finish we secured third place overall.

For the second year we ran an alternative to Halloween, the **Big Brilliant Bash**, an afternoon of games, singing, challenges and hearing about Jesus. We talked about Jesus being the "light of the world" and how "you can come to Him just as you are." The afternoon finished with the children taking home hot dogs for tea.

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Activities (continued)

November

We had two Film Night evenings showing **The Most Reluctant Convert** (directed by Norman Stone and starring Max McLean). The film (on licence only) is the untold story of C S Lewis and his life from atheist to Christian. Just over 100 people attended the showings with popcorn and soft drinks on arrival followed by an usherette in vintage '50s costume serving choc ices at the interval.

To mark the **first anniversary of the opening of the Centre** we celebrated at the Sunday Morning Service, 26th November, with chocolate cake decorated with a topper and fizzy candle – this was shared at coffee time with cake for everyone at the morning service, 3pm Service, LifeTime and at 4:12.

Home-Start: our affiliation with this charity continues. They used the centre to run a fund-raising wine-tasting evening in the Big Space. This was a fun "educational" evening for all who attended.

December

Mission Partner International Needs (IN) ran a concert featuring Graham Kendrick. This was held in church and this also coincided with a visit to a LifeTime Service by Pastor Joshua from Kenya as part of a joint project with IN to raise funds for a Talent + Leadership Centre in Nairobi for street youth.

Christmas

Christmas at St Patrick's started at The Toy Service in the first week of December. It was well-attended and the gifts donated were given to Home-Start. On the following Sunday a separate Christingle service was held in the afternoon and followed by tea.

A great throng of singers sang and others handed out our Christmas card to many folks on Wallington High Street.

It was a great privilege for us to host both Woodfield Primary School and Home-Start Sutton for their Christmas Carol Services here in church.

On 17 December we held a Carol Service with a full choir and the Linden Wind Orchestra. After the service mince pies and mulled wine were served by the 4th South Wallington Ranger unit and their leaders.

On 24 December we held the Children's Carol service in a packed church. St Patrick's children narrated and acted out the Nativity story beautifully with a church full of angels, shepherds and kings around Mary, Joseph and their baby in the manger. Ian Clarke and Maggie Watson led a St Patrick's Orchestra at this service and 27 keen musicians (over half of them children) played Christmas tunes before the service and then played for all the carols, our singing led by an enthusiastic choir of six adults and two children. Through the Nativity, carols, and sketches we heard about finding happiness that it is for everyone, through Jesus, because he brings us back to God. Christmas Eve ended with the peace of the Midnight Communion Service.

On Christmas Day we celebrated the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, in our morning service which was available to people both online and in person.

Following the service, St Patrick's hosted the Churches Together Christmas Lunch. This was a most successful event and the centre proved to be a splendid location for approximately 100 guests, including hosts and carers, to enjoy a turkey dinner in convivial surroundings with a visit by the Mayor during the pre-dinner drinks.

Communications and Social Media

St Patrick's presence on social media continues to attract and inform people about services and events taking place across the life of the church. A number of enquiries about the church have been received through our Facebook page.

Our website provides an interactive experience for users while informing guests of relevant information as required. Details of our activities are available from our website <http://www.stpats.org.uk/> Church Chat, an e-newsletter (which started during the pandemic), is sent weekly to church members who have registered their permission to receive electronic communications. Church Chat is invaluable for keeping everyone informed of church news and forthcoming events.

Church Centre and new entrance

The PCC closed the construction phase of the project in April following the successful completion of the new centre. The building is now fully operational and is being used by around 300 adults, young people and children each week. The Centre Management Group, comprising the two churchwardens and two others, had oversight of the running of the church and centre buildings during 2023. This arrangement will continue into 2024 pending the appointment of a Church Operations Manager. The new main entrance was completed successfully in April and is now in use. The PCC closed the project in April 2023 and received the CentreForward Financial Closure report in February 2024.

Finance

The new Centre

The outturn cost of the building contract with Hystar Construction was £2,425,960 which was an excess of £109,791 over the contracted sum of £2,316,169 (+4.74%). There was a provision in the contract for an extra £93,000 to be paid in the event of increases in the cost of raw materials during the build. The builders charged £92,647 under this provision. This accounted for the bulk of the increase in monies paid. The PCC was aware of this potential liability when it agreed to the placing of a contract with Hystar in July 2021, and it was included in the CentreForward budget.

The remaining excess of £17,145 was a combination of additional expenditure for items not included in the contract being partially offset by reduced outturn costs.

The church retained £36,430 in the event of major faults in the building that the builders did not rectify satisfactorily. We released this payment in November. All regular donations to CentreForward ceased at the end of November, as planned, and by then a temporary cash loan from a church member had been paid back in full.

The new main entrance

The provisional budget of the new entrance was £54,000. It was contracted for with Hystar separately from the building of the Centre. The outturn contractual payment was £78,205 an increase of £24,205 (44.8%) over the original forecast. The increase was due to several factors. These included floor levelling work taking much longer than expected due to the thickness of concrete that had to be removed, general increases in the cost of materials particularly the floor tiles, and the original bespoke door supplier going out of business. The specialist door supplier the builder eventually engaged charged a significantly higher price.

Overall Financial position at project closure

The combined cost of the centre and the new entrance was £2,504,165, rising to £3,036,919 after adding pre-contract, costs, fitting-out costs and other various non-contractual costs. Funding totalled £3,037,877 leaving a small net surplus of £958. Through God's grace we have both a new building and new church entrance that have been paid for in full with no debt remaining.

Extra to the funding for the building, we also donated £129,000 to Open Doors and £1,080 to Toilet Twinning by means of a tithe that many people agreed to when making their donations. Praise the Lord!

Centre Lettings

The new centre has already proved to be an asset to the church and the local community. Despite its quiet location, interest in the centre has been high, with visitors commenting on the attractive environment and warm atmosphere.

Long term hirers who used the church during the period of the build continue to use the new facilities available. New hirers have joined us including Photocraft Camera Club, Sue B Fitness Classes and Art for Life. We also had a steady increase in the number of one-off bookings from local businesses and groups such as the London Borough of Sutton, JACE Training, residential property management meetings and private parties. We support six uniformed organisations (Rainbows, two Brownie packs, Guides, Beavers and Cubs) who receive use of the Big Space free of charge. In addition, we have supported Home-Start Sutton and Mission Partner International Needs by offering space for fundraising events. Income generated in 2023 by regular hirers was £14,600 and occasional hirers was £9,980.

The main expenses for the centre are power, insurance, cleaning and maintenance. Centre rental income covers a significant proportion of the running costs for the centre and we aim to maximise this contribution consistent with our lettings policy. Our principle is to always prioritise church-run activities over external bookings, even if this means a loss of income. For example, the Terrace Room is solely available for church use. We are thankful for Rachel's flexibility for managing the increased bookings workload and those in the Centre Management Group who have facilitated the one-off bookings. We look forward to the appointment of a Church Operations Manager to enable even more effective use of the centre.

Centre Drop-ins

The centre is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning for people to drop in for a coffee or other drink. Some people come to talk and others to work in a quiet environment. No charge is made for the drinks but visitors are able to make a donation if they wish.

Risk Management

The PCC have reviewed the main risks to which the charity is exposed and have sought to manage the risks where possible. Financial risk is mitigated by the continuing practice of keeping reserves of three months of staffing costs and two months of other expenses.

At the beginning of 2023 new risk assessments for church run groups were put in place to take into account their new location in the church centre. Safer recruitment was carried out on new staff and group leaders and helpers working with children and vulnerable adults. The policies for a Safer Church and Responding to Domestic Abuse were reviewed and agreed at the PCC's September meeting.

A full fire risk assessment of the church and centre was carried out in November 2022 by an external specialist company. New fire exit signage was installed and extinguishers added to the church when the new church main entrance opened in April 2023. Two fire safety and awareness training sessions took place in February and March and a total of 38 people were trained including staff, duty wardens, stewards and group leaders and helpers. Emergency lighting and fire alarm testing was carried out weekly. All other safety checks such as alarm maintenance, lighting conductor test, and boiler and lift services etc were carried out by accredited companies.

The St Patrick's Lunch Club received a five-star EHO rating in January 2023 and four people completed their Food Hygiene training in February 2023.

Following a cake sale and a grant from Sutton Council's Public Realm Fund, a defibrillator was purchased and installed in the atrium in March 2023.

In July 2023 we received a visit from Ecclesiastical Insurance. The purpose of the visit was to carry out a full inspection of the church, centre and grounds and revalue the building further to the new centre being built. There were two matters outstanding following the inspection, and actions have been taken to resolve both issues.

First aid kits were checked quarterly and in September 2023 ten people completed a one-day Emergency First Aid at Work and defibrillator training.

A new Lone Worker Policy was written to seek to protect employees working by themselves on the site; the Health and Safety Policy and Lone Worker Policy were agreed by the PCC in October 2023.

In October 2023, St Patrick's received a Quinquennial Inspection (which should be completed every five years but had been delayed to seven years because of COVID and CentreForward). Considering the delay in the church being inspected, we were pleased to read that there were no immediate issues to rectify. We have produced a to-do list with works in priority order and plan to address them during the course of 2024 and beyond.

Following consultation with Ecclesiastical Insurance, we seek to reduce the risk of hiring out the centre; external users are bound by our hiring terms and conditions which encompass a wide range of requirements to reduce risk from activities as diverse as bouncy castles to the use of deep fat fryers. Monthly Health & Safety walkarounds of the church, centre and grounds began in April 2023. Hazards and issues noticed were resolved via a WhatsApp Group. As a result of an inspection by a tree surgeon, a heavily leaning ash tree which had already been reduced in size in 2022 was removed in July 2023.

The accounts show an excess of expenditure over income of £8.8k in 2023 (2022: £5.4k deficit) but this is after designating £30k for the replacement lighting in the church.

Our unrestricted income in the year was £258.3k and our unrestricted outgoings were £234.5k giving a surplus of £23.7k (2022: £5.4k deficit) before transfers. We had budgeted a deficit of £33.9k in 2023 but had large savings of £42.7k on salaries costs and several large one-off donations in November totalling £24k as a result of the Stewardship Appeal.

The centre has blossomed and the 2023 accounts contain a whole year of income from outside hirers and a whole year of expenses. Some of these expenses will be regular annual expenditure such as lift maintenance and others are due to completing the fitting out of the centre with soft furnishings, etc. Hystar had completed the building by the beginning of 2023 but we still had to pay over the retention monies and balance for the new church entrance during the year.

Centre lettings were very encouraging and the venue proved to be popular right from the start of the year producing income of £24.5k. We spent £10.3k on centre fabric costs: some expenditure has given the building an attractive and welcoming feel and other costs have made it easier for church members to work safely, start new groups and undertake tasks with the correct equipment.

Overall, stewardship giving, collections and gift aid envelope donations increased slightly, again as a result of the successful Stewardship Appeal, which reached its target of increasing giving in 2024 by £50k p.a.

Our expenses showed little change in the majority of costs. The large increase in giving to Churches Overseas (2023: £141.4K compared with 2022: £12.6k) is due to the 5% Thanks Tithe to Open Doors. The other sizeable increases were utility costs.

St Patrick's promises support to the diocese on an annual basis via The Parish Support Fund. This has proved to be very successful for the diocese and is based on parishes pledging support according to their means. The Parish Pledge for 2023 was £96,960 and was paid in full. The PCC spent much time debating the 2024 Pledge (see Consideration of the way forward on Page 5) and ultimately increased their pledge for 2024 by 3% to £99,876. The portion of this money not needed to cover the cost of a full-time incumbent will be allocated to Christ Church, Sutton.

Funds at St Patrick's are shown as either unrestricted, restricted or designated. Unrestricted funds can be used for any expense authorised by the PCC. Restricted funds can only be used for the specific purpose for which they were given. For example, donations given for Gift Day for Mission are passed on to the relevant mission partners and links as decided by the Mission Team. Designated funds, mainly the 10% tithe donated to mission work, are those which were unrestricted, but the PCC have set them aside for a specific purpose. The decision to designate a fund can be changed by the PCC as circumstances change.

The financial statements show that our unrestricted funds at the end of the year were £149,086 (2022: £157,841), over £93,000 in excess of the base reserves we seek to hold for fluctuating cash flows.

We also have restricted funds of £24,137 (2022: £21,400). Most of the restricted funds are held for the Compassion Fund. There is an analysis of the movement of our restricted funds in Note 16, page 26.

The CentreForward project was launched in October 2016 and we have now finished the centre and new church entrance. The project was closed in February 2023 but money was received until November 2023 to enable the payment of the final bills and to repay the short-term loan of £98,000 which was necessary to support our cash flow during the early part of the year.

There is an analysis of the giving and a breakdown of the total fund showing the payment of the 5% Thanks Tithe and final surplus in Note 16 on pages 26 and 27.

The PCC are grateful to all who have contributed and extend their gratitude to former members of St Patrick's who are giving regularly to the project.

The PCC's policy is to use a mixture of bank and deposit accounts to hold fund balances, being a compromise between meeting the operational needs of the church, governance capabilities and maximising income. During the year, two deposit accounts with banks were closed and one opened which had a higher rate of interest.

Fixed assets and depreciation

At the start of 2023 our fixed assets totalled £2,932,694 as shown in Note 10. The centre is being depreciated at 2% p.a. and the equipment and furniture at 20% p.a. There were two additions to the equipment during the year – a coffee machine for the atrium costing £2,600 and a PA system for the centre costing £7,880. Property and other fixed assets are held as designated funds.

Reserves

The PCC's policy is to hold reserves to meet fluctuations in cash flow equal to two months general (non-staff) expenditure plus three months staff costs. Although there were only 3 part-time staff employed during the year the PCC are actively seeking to recruit and the base reserves are taken to be equivalent to broadly 2 full time staff for the purpose of this report.

Approved by the St Patrick's PCC on 26 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Springate". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Springate
Vice Chairman of the St Patrick's Parochial Church Council

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St Patrick's Church Wallington.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 17 to 31.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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

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

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



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Date 28 March 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	210,998	23,363	226,551	-	460,912	673,097
Other trading activities	3	28,541	100	-	-	28,641	8,189
Charitable activities	4	14,184	541	-	-	14,725	14,996
Investments	5	4,532	503	671	84	5,790	6,823
Total income and endowments		258,255	24,507	227,222	84	510,068	703,105
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	212	-	-	-	212	-
Charitable activities	7	234,299	104,125	215,647	84	554,155	432,407
Total resources expended		234,511	104,125	215,647	84	554,367	432,407
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	-	-	-	266	266	(373)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		23,744	(79,618)	11,575	266	(44,033)	270,325
Transfers between funds							
Gross transfers between funds	16	(32,498)	41,336	(8,838)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,754)	(38,282)	2,737	266	(44,033)	270,325
Fund balances at 1 January 2023	16	157,841	2,887,721	21,400	2,808	3,069,770	2,799,445
Fund balances at 31 December 2023	16	149,087	2,849,439	24,137	3,074	3,025,737	3,069,770

The statement of financial activities includes both recognised and unrecognised gains and losses on the value of investments.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The full Statement of Financial Activities for 2022 is shown in note 20.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

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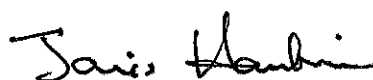
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	2,782,337	-	-	2,782,337	2,850,786
Investments	11	-	-	-	3,074	3,074	2,808
Total fixed assets		-	2,782,337	-	3,074	2,785,411	2,853,594
Current assets							
Debtors	12	19,807	266	3,053	-	23,126	76,671
Cash at bank and in hand		139,077	66,836	23,240	-	229,153	319,641
Total current assets		158,884	67,102	26,293	-	252,279	396,312
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	9,797	-	2,156	-	11,953	180,136
Net current assets		149,087	67,102	24,137	-	240,326	216,176
Liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets		149,087	2,849,439	24,137	3,074	3,025,737	3,069,770
Capital Funds							
Property funds	16	-	2,695,690	-	-	2,695,690	2,746,434
Other Revaluation reserve	16	149,087	153,749	24,137	3,074	330,047	323,336
Total charity funds		149,087	2,849,439	24,137	3,074	3,025,737	3,069,770

The full Balance for 2022 is shown in note 21.

Approved by the St Patrick's Parochial Church Council on 26 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Susan Springate
Vice Chairman of the St Patrick's Parochial Church Council



Mrs Janis Hawkins
Treasurer of the St Patrick's Parochial Church Council

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from (absorbed by) operations	18	(194,278)	(1,693,993)
Investing activities			
Interest received	5	5,790	6,823
Financing activities			
Loan falling due within one year	13	98,000	(98,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(90,488)	(1,785,170)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		319,641	2,104,811
		229,153	319,641

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019. The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and freehold land and buildings are shown at their estimated market value as at 1 January 2012, the date at which St. Patrick's became a Parish; investment assets are shown at market value. 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.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use.

Designated funds represent funds designated by the PCC for a specific purpose. Such funds are still unrestricted and may be re-designated by the PCC.

Endowment funds are funds for which the capital must be maintained; the income arising in this case is restricted.

Restricted funds represent the income from the endowment and other donations, or grants received for a specific object. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separated investment, interest is apportioned according to the average fund values at the beginning and end of each relevant period, provided that the resulting figure is more than £100. Any interest not apportioned to a restricted fund is deemed unrestricted.

Incoming resources

Dividends and lettings are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Income tax recoverable is recognised when the related income is recognised. All other income is recognised on receipt.

The church benefits greatly from the time and resources given by volunteers; as this is not quantifiable, this has not been included in the accounts.

Deferred income arises when the PCC is in receipt of income that relates to a future period.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include VAT which cannot be recovered. The Parish Share pledged to the Diocese is accounted for when due.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Gifts to other organisations

The PCC tithes unrestricted personal giving, the associated tax reclaim and interest. Tithe payments are usually made in February and August and relate to the income in the six months to December and June respectively. Recipients of the tithe are agreed by the PCC every three years, with a review having occurred in 2021. The collections from the Christingle and Christmas carol services are donated to charities agreed by the PCC.

Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts by s10 (2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on movable church furniture which requires a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this an inalienable property; this is listed in the Church's inventory.

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

Other fixed assets with a purchase price of over £2,000 are capitalised and depreciated as follows:
Centre - 2% of cost; Furnishings and equipment – 20% of cost.

Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Debtors

Debtors are included based on the amount due, less any provision for doubtful debts.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount can be measured or estimate reliably, after allowing for any trade discounts due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Planned giving	142,635	15,849	4,380	-	162,864	167,280
Collections	5,941	681	1,103	-	7,705	3,984
Income tax recoverable	36,877	4,098	8,938	-	49,913	46,556
Gift day	-	-	17,960	-	17,960	18,097
Sundry donations	25,545	2,755	-	-	28,300	33,326
Grants	-	-	712	-	712	125,442
Donations, appeals	-	-	15,485	-	15,485	4,624
Legacies	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	37,552
CentreForward income	-	-	151,874	-	151,874	196,778
CentreForward income- Income tax recoverable	-	-	24,099	-	24,099	39,458
Total donations and legacies	210,998	23,363	226,551	-	460,912	673,097

Of the £673,097 received in 2022, £193,431 was unrestricted income, £63,943 was designated income and £415,723 was restricted income.

A legacy of £2,000 was received from the estate of the late Sheila Hobson which was transferred to the CentreForward Fund.

3. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Centre lettings	24,583	-	-	-	24,583	1,004
Other fund raising						
Income before income tax recoverable	3,958	100	-	-	4,058	7,185
Income tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total activities for generating funds	28,541	100	-	-	28,641	8,189

Of the £8,189 income generated in 2022, £2,378 was unrestricted income and £5,811 was restricted income.

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Letting of property						
Church lettings	200	-	-	-	200	3,112
Fees received						
Children and young people's work	398	100	-	-	498	2,640
Weddings, funerals etc	1,568	-	-	-	1,568	1,302
Other activities eg lunch club, etc	12,018	441	-	-	12,459	7,942
Total resources from charitable activities	14,184	541	-	-	14,725	14,996

Of the £14,996 incoming resources from charitable activities in 2022, £14,808 was from unrestricted and £188 was from designated resources.

5. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Dividends (Sylvia Baines book fund)	-	-	-	84	84	84
Interest	4,532	503	671	-	5,706	6,739
Total investment income	4,532	503	671	84	5,790	6,823

Of the investment income of £6,823 received in 2022, £523 was unrestricted, £58 was designated, £6,158 was restricted and £84 was endowment fund income.

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6. Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other fund raising	212	-	-	-	212	-
Total costs of raising funds	212	-	-	-	212	-

7. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants and gifts to other organisations (See note 17)						
Missionary and charitable giving	-	14,340	14,780	-	29,120	25,859
Church overseas	-	5,736	135,681	-	141,417	12,608
Relief and development agencies	-	-	1,260	-	1,260	-
Home missions	1,980	4,228	1,876	-	8,084	6,415
Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-	1,305
Total grants and gifts	1,980	24,304	153,597	-	179,881	46,187
Parish Pledge	96,960	-	-	-	96,960	96,040
Working expenses of incumbent	916	-	-	84	1,000	1,003
Assistant Minister costs	40	-	-	-	40	24,098
Children and Families Minister costs	8,431	-	5,475	-	13,906	16,962
Other ministry costs including Intern expenses	2,362	-	-	-	2,362	517
Pledge and total non-administrative people costs	108,709	-	5,475	84	114,268	138,620
Church services costs	3,344	-	-	-	3,344	5,718
Evangelism and Local Mission Plan	1,488	-	-	-	1,488	339
Children and young people's work	3,004	-	-	-	3,004	4,147
Compassion Fund expenditure	-	-	5,128	-	5,128	2,350
Other activities eg lunch club, retreat etc	14,420	394	555	-	15,369	17,183
Total services and activities	22,256	394	5,683	-	28,333	29,737
Church running expenses	25,345	-	-	-	25,345	15,705
Church maintenance	10,764	500	-	-	11,264	9,848
Church grounds maintenance	3,590	-	-	-	3,590	5,463
Centre running costs	27,905	-	-	-	27,905	5,972
Centre maintenance	13,560	-	3,849	-	17,409	888
CentreForward - fees & expenses	-	-	47,043	-	47,043	81,719
Extension running costs	-	-	-	-	-	2,478
Freehold land and property depreciation	-	78,927	-	-	78,927	76,832
Total running costs, maintenance and depreciation	81,164	79,427	50,892	-	211,483	198,905
Administration costs						
Office costs	3,029	-	-	-	3,029	2,550
Administrator costs	15,763	-	-	-	15,763	15,108
Total administration costs	18,792	-	-	-	18,792	17,658
Accountancy fees						
Independent examiner's fee	1,360	-	-	-	1,360	1,112
PCC meetings	38	-	-	-	38	188
Total governance costs	1,398	-	-	-	1,398	1,300
Total charitable activities	234,299	104,125	215,647	84	554,155	432,407

Of the £432,407 resources expended on charitable activities in 2022, £216,491 were charged to unrestricted funds, £98,075 were charged to designated funds, £117,757 were charged to restricted funds and £84 were charged to endowment funds.

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8. Staff costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	23,878	-	5,475	-	29,353	54,827
Social security costs	-	-	-	-	-	574
Pension costs	1,387	-	-	-	1,387	2,616
Total staff costs	25,265	-	5,475	-	30,740	57,817

Of the staff costs of £57,817 in 2022, £52,279 were charged to unrestricted funds and £5,538 were charged to restricted funds.

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 pa

	2023	2022
Number of employees	3	4
Full-time equivalent	Approx 1	Approx 2

9. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Revaluation of investments	-	-	-	266	266	(373)
Total gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	266	266	(373)

All the losses on investment of £373 in 2022 were endowment funds.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land £	Centre £	Furnishing and Equipment £	Total 2023 £
As at 31 December 2023				
Cost				
Opening value as at 1 January 2023	260,000	2,537,178	135,516	2,932,694
Additions during year	-	-	10,478	10,478
Cost as at 31 December 2023	260,000	2,537,178	145,994	2,943,172
Depreciation and impairment				
As at 1 January 2023	-	50,744	31,164	81,908
Depreciation charge for the year	-	50,744	28,183	78,927
As at 31 December 2022	-	101,488	59,347	160,835
Carrying amount				
As at 31 December 2023	260,000	2,435,690	86,647	2,782,337
As at 1 January 2023	260,000	2,486,434	104,352	2,850,786

11. Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 31 December 2022	2,808
Valuation changes	266
At 31 December 2023	3,074
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	3,074
At 31 December 2022	2,808

Fixed asset investments revalued

Investments are shown at market value at the balance sheet date.

The historical cost of £1,404 (2018: £1,404), is based on the value transferred in on 1 January 2012.

12. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income tax recoverable	12,081	266	3,053	-	15,400	18,524
Accruals and prepayments	5,895	-	-	-	5,895	1,655
Other	1,831	-	-	-	1,831	56,492
Total debtors	19,807	266	3,053	-	23,126	76,671

Of the total debtors of £76,671 in 2022, £12,616 were unrestricted funds, £255 were designated funds and £63,800 were restricted funds.

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13. Loans and overdrafts

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Loan: payable within one year	-	-	-	-	-	98,000
	-	-	-	-	-	98,000

The loan was made by a church member to facilitate the building of the new church centre. It was unsecured and interest free. Repayment was made in instalments before 30 September 2023.

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Loan	-	-	-	-	-	98,000
Accruals and deferred income	9,575	-	-	-	9,575	11,580
Other creditors	222	-	2,156	-	2,378	70,556
Total creditors	9,797	-	2,156	-	11,953	180,136

Of the total creditors of £180,136 in 2022 £13,581 were unrestricted funds and £166,555 were restricted funds.
The short-term loan of £98,000 was repaid in full in 2023.

15. Transactions with members of the Parochial Church Council

No members of the PCC received remuneration for their professional services in ministry.

Allish Atkinson, wife of Dave Atkinson a member of the PCC, received remuneration for her role as Children and Families Minister.

Georgina King, daughter of the Vicar, David King, received £1,000 towards the cost of her mission trip to South Africa in 2024.

The expenses paid to the Vicar may include a small immaterial proportion relating to his function as PCC chair. No other PCC members received remuneration.

16. Movements on restricted and designated funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources 2023 £	Resources Expended 2023 £	Revaluation 2023 £	Transfers 2023 £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds						
Missionary Gift Day	-	22,107	(22,107)	-	-	-
Compassion Fund	3,920	18,360	(5,128)	-	-	17,152
Charities	-	1,370	(1,370)	-	-	-
Children and Families Minister	-	5,475	(5,475)	-	-	-
Romanian mission - team expenses fund	1,118	-	(1,118)	-	-	-
Restricted gifts and legacies	10,124	1,267	(4,406)	-	-	6,985
CentreForward Fund (excluding 5% tithe)	(113,942)	169,823	(47,043)	-	(8,838)	-
CentreForward Thanks Fund (5% Tithe)	120,180	8,820	(129,000)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	21,400	227,222	(215,647)	-	(8,838)	24,137

Missionary Gift Day is an annual appeal for our mission links and mission partners. These are listed in note 17.

The Compassion Fund was launched in July 2021 to provide financial help to church members as a result of the Covid lockdowns. Donations continued to be received in 2023 and several payments were made. The balance is being carried forward to 2024.

The Charities fund represents monies raised for various specific charities outside the annual gift day appeal. Where gifts amounted to more than £250, the charities are listed in note 17.

The Children and Families Minister (CFM) fund was originally set up for money donated to CFM costs. The number of donors had decreased and in November 2023 the remaining givers indicated their intention of transferring all their giving to the Parish Stewardship Scheme. The CFM Fund is therefore closed.

The Romania mission team expenses fund is the balance of monies raised to send a team to help the pro Deo church run annual childrens' summer camps in Romania and Moldova. St Patrick's have not sent a team to help at the camps since 2019 and the PCC decided to give the money in the restricted fund to pro DEO church to subsidise the costs of children from families experiencing financial hardship to attend the camps.

Purchases from the restricted gifts and legacies fund included a digital piano (£1,744) and a seat in memory of Maggie Littlemore (£1,284).

16. Movements on restricted and designated funds (continued)

Analysis of CentreForward and Tithe Funds

	Total Centre Forward Fund £	5% Tithe Fund £	Total Centre Forward Fund available for building £
Balance at 1 January 2022	6,238	120,180.0	(113,942)
Income from:			
One-off donations	61,718	3,086	58,632
Gift aid on one-off donations	7,812	377	7,435
Stewardship giving (monthly standing)	90,156	4,511	85,645
Gift aid on stewardship giving	16,286	813	15,473
Interest on deposit accounts	671	33	638
Legacy	2,000	-	2,000
Total funds received for CentreForward	184,881	129,000	55,881
Expenditure on:			
New church entrance fees	(838)	-	(838)
New church entrance building costs	(46,205)	-	(46,205)
PA system for Centre	(7,880)	-	(7,880)
Payment of Thanks Tithe to Open Doors	(129,000)	(129,000)	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	958	-	958

Funds given to the CentreForward project include one-off gifts, regular monthly giving, legacies and fund raising activities. A tithe of 5% of the income has been set aside as a thanks offering. All the toilets in the Centre were twinned and a payment of £1,080 was made to Toilet Twinning in November 2022. Tithe payments of £120,000 and £8,000 were made to Open Doors in February and September 2023 respectively. The final payment of £1,000 will be made in February 2024. Donors were able opt out of the tithe at their discretion.

As part of the CentreForward project the PCC decided to build a new entrance on the north side of the church. The work was started in June 2022 and was completed in April 2023.

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources 2023 £	Resources Expended 2023 £	Revaluation 2023 £	Transfers 2023 £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Designated funds						
Tithe (excluding SPOM)	12,925	23,009	(22,943)	-	-	12,991
St Patrick's Own Mission (SPOM)	539	958	(1,360)	-	-	137
Designated legacies and gifts	23,380	-	(500)	-	(22,500)	380
Church re-ordering fund	-	-	-	-	22,500	22,500
Church lighting replacement	-	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
Church notice board	-	-	-	-	958	958
Stay and Play	-	194	(160)	-	-	34
CAMEO	91	245	(234)	-	-	102
Total designated funds (non-property)	36,935	24,406	(25,197)	-	30,958	67,102
Property (*)	2,850,786	10,478	(78,927)	-	-	2,782,337
Total designated funds	2,887,721	34,884	(104,124)	-	30,958	2,849,439

(*) see also note 10

The mission tithe and SPOM (St Patrick's Own Mission) funds represent respectively the monies set aside to support our mission partners and links and members of St Patrick's involved in mission. The tithe and SPOM are 10% of stewardship and other unrestricted giving. In 2023 the SPOM funds were given to Georgina King towards the costs of her mission trip to South Africa with *Crosslinks* in January 2024.

Where a legacy is unrestricted, the PCC chooses to designate it, so that it does not 'vanish' in general funds, but can be used for a suitable project. A legacy of £2,000 was received from the estate of Sheila Hobson. Stay & Play and CAMEO are both groups which manage their own budgets.

The property value above is the amount in the accounts representing our freehold land, Centre building, furniture and equipment.

16. Movements on restricted and designated funds (continued)

Movements on endowment funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming Resources 2023 £	Resources Expended 2023 £	Revaluation 2023 £	Transfers 2023 £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Endowment funds						
Sylvia Baines endowment fund	2,808	84	(84)	266	-	3,074
Total Endowment funds	2,808	84	(84)	266	-	3,074

The Endowment fund comprises the Sylvia Baines memorial fund which is a permanent endowment that requires its income to be spent on books for the St Patrick's vicar. 136 shares are currently invested in the Investment Fund of the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. The value of the shares at 31 December 2023 was £3,074 (2022: £2,808).

17. Grants and gifts	Type	Tithe 2023 £	Gift Day 2023 £	Other 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Mission partners						
Operation Mobilisation (Ginny Drake)	M	2,868	1,970	-	4,838	4,872
Crosslink (Joseph and Rachel Clarke)	M	2,868	3,189	-	6,057	4,540
Jo and Mark Plummer	M	2,868	1,407	-	4,275	4,234
Sutton Schoolwork	H	2,868	1,764	-	4,632	4,405
pro DEO Church (Romania)	O	2,868	3,787	1,118	7,773	4,630
Open Doors	R	2,868	2,280	129,000	134,148	4,814
Andrew and Lisa Peart (CMS)	M	2,868	1,689	-	4,557	4,410
Other charities <£250	S	-	-	-	-	-
Mission links						
SEAN (Terry Barratt)	O	1,434	2,220	-	3,654	3,427
International Needs	O/R	1,434	2,181	-	3,615	4,367
Christmas charities						
Children's Society	H	-	-	72	72	50
Edward Peart Memorial Fund	S	-	-	-	-	1,220
Tearfund Middle Eastern Crisis appeal	R	-	-	1,260	1,260	-
Others						
Peter Bissett	M	-	1,620	-	1,620	1,748
Peter Empson	M	-	-	-	-	1,425
Georgina King (Crosslinks - South Africa)	O	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Romanian Church Visit Expenses (SPOM)	H	360	-	-	360	-
Evangelical Alliance	H	-	-	180	180	160
Holy Trinity School	H	-	-	1,800	1,800	1,800
Relief charities <£250	R	-	-	-	-	60
UK church societies <£250	H	-	-	40	40	-
Secular charities <£250	S	-	-	-	-	25
Total		24,304	22,107	133,470	179,881	46,187

Key to type:

Missionary and charitable giving	M
Church overseas	O
Relief and development agencies	R
Home missions and other Church societies and organisations	H
Secular charities	S

The categorisations given to each Mission Partner or Link (M, O, R etc) are broad brush. For example, some may be based in the UK but their work may be primarily to benefit churches or people in other countries.

Notes

The tithe is divided as follows - 12% to each Mission Partner, 6% to each Mission Link and the remaining 4% to St Patrick's Own Mission (SPOM).

In 2023 there were two payments made from the SPOM account - £360 towards the travel costs of a group of men visiting pro DEO church to maintain the relationship between them and St Patrick's and £1,000 to Georgina King to support her six month trip to South Africa with Crosslinks.

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18. Cash generated from operations	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Surplus/(shortfall) for the year	(8,755)	(38,282)	2,737	266	(44,033)	270,325
Adjustments for:						
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(4,532)	(503)	(671)	(84)	(5,790)	(6,823)
Fair value (gains)/losses on investments	-	-	-	(266)	(266)	373
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	-	78,927	-	-	78,927	76,832
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	10,478	-	-	(10,478)	(2,061,624)
Movements in working capital:						
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(7,191)	(11)	60,747	-	53,545	(60,152)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(3,784)	-	(262,399)	-	(266,183)	87,076
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	(24,261)	29,653	(199,586)	(84)	(194,278)	(1,693,993)

19. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 01/01/2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31/12/2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	319,642	-	319,642
Loans repaid	-	98,000	98,000
	319,642	98,000	417,642

20. Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	193,431	63,943	415,723	-	673,097	500,614
Other trading activities	3	2,378	-	5,811	-	8,189	3,830
Charitable activities	4	14,808	188	-	-	14,996	4,358
Investments	5	523	58	6,158	84	6,823	4,383
Other income	6	-	-	-	-	-	473,464
Total income and endowments		211,140	64,189	427,692	84	703,105	986,649
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	216,491	98,075	117,757	84	432,407	499,414
Total resources expended		216,491	98,075	117,757	84	432,407	499,414
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	-	-	-	(373)	(373)	400
transfers		(5,351)	(33,885)	309,935	(373)	270,325	487,635
Transfers between funds							
Gross transfers between funds	17		2,044,161	(2,044,161)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,351)	2,010,276	(1,734,226)	(373)	270,325	487,635
Fund balances at 1 January 2022	17	163,192	877,446	1,755,626	3,181	2,799,445	2,311,810
Fund balances at 31 December 2022	17	157,841	2,887,721	21,400	2,808	3,069,770	2,799,445

The statement of financial activities includes both recognised and unrecognised gains and losses on the value of investments.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

21. Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible fixed assets	11	-	2,850,786	-	-	2,850,786	865,994
Investments	12	-	-	-	2,808	2,808	3,181
Total fixed assets		-	2,850,786	-	2,808	2,853,594	869,175
Current assets							
Debtors	13	12,616	255	63,800	-	76,671	16,519
Cash at bank and in hand		158,806	36,680	124,155	-	319,641	2,104,811
Total current assets		171,422	36,935	187,955	-	396,312	2,121,330
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	13,581	-	166,555	-	180,136	191,060
Net current assets		157,841	36,935	21,400	-	216,176	1,930,270
Liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets		157,841	2,887,721	21,400	2,808	3,069,770	2,799,445
Capital Funds							
Property funds	16	-	2,746,434	-	-	2,746,434	865,994
Other	16	157,841	141,287	21,400	2,808	323,336	1,933,451
Revaluation reserve							
Total charity funds		157,841	2,887,721	21,400	2,808	3,069,770	2,799,445