

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HEATHFIELD WITH COTFORD ST LUKE

England & Wales · Charity number 1148869

Details

Other names	HEATHFIELD WITH COTFORD ST LUKE PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-09-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: To celebrate God's love through worship in a variety of styles and settings for all ages. To care for and serve all people in our church, our community and the wider world. To grow spiritually through teaching, listening, prayer, fellowship and service. To make known the Good News of the love of God in Jesus. To provide a centre in the village of Cotford St Luke where everyone is welcomed.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£81,980	£80,110	-	-
2023-12-31	£73,339	£76,783	-	-
2022-12-31	£56,852	£52,619	-	-
2021-12-31	£58,812	£36,496	-	-
2020-12-31	£48,475	£53,542	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charles Barclay Barrowman		2024-05-19
Jacqueline HAY-BERRY		2023-05-21
Jeffrey Alan Kirkham		2024-05-19
Katharine Jane STIRZAKER		2023-05-21
MRS DAWN MITFORD-SLADE		2012-08-10
Rev Suzanne Kirkham		2024-01-24
Susan Harris		2020-10-18

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Parish of St John the Baptist, Heathfield, with Cotford St Luke

Annual churchwardens report 2024 – Cotford St Luke

PCC & ELECTORAL ROLL

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- To provide a centre in the village of Cotford St Luke, as well as in the ancient building in Heathfield, where everyone is welcomed.

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

St Luke's Centre

Services were held at St Luke's Centre almost every Sunday, with communion services being held as follows:

- 1st Sunday- All in Family Communion service
- 2nd Sunday- Morning Worship (lay led) with the children going out to Powerhouse Kids group.
- 3rd Sunday- New fresh expression 'FRESH' breakfast all age service around tables started in March
- 4th Sunday – Morning worship with the children going out to Powerhouse Kids.

With thanks to David R, David B & Ant R for leading the 2nd Sunday services. Thanks to Louise, Clare and Rebecca for the wonderful work they do with the children and to all involved in setting up, welcoming and hospitality for these services.

On the fifth Sunday of each month one main morning service of Holy Communion was held for the whole Benefice, the six places of worship (Cotford, Heathfield, Bradford, Nynehead, Oake and Hillfarrance) taking it in turns to host the service. In addition, our informal Fresh Expression "Ignite" services were held once a month on Sunday evenings.

Additional Messy Easter and Christmas services were held for children and their families from Toddler group and the local Schools.

We also ran a Family Light Party for All souls' night in October which was well attended.

All services at St Luke's Centre have a Worship band which is able to lead singing in contemporary worship songs and traditional hymns. In various combinations, Katy, David and Toby Stirzaker, Ant Reyre, Derrick Reid and David Rhodes provide the music. Wilf Stirzaker prepares PowerPoint slides for songs, prayers and Bible readings for most services. Thanks to all concerned!

Two weekly small groups run in Cotford with others running in other villages and we hope to develop more. A Benefice Alpha course was also run at Cotford during the autumn.

As a church and a benefice want to underpin all we do in prayer, so a monthly Priority prayer day has been running since May on the 1st Thursday of the month, meeting on Zoom at 8 am, a Traditional church at 2pm, and at The Hub at 7.30 pm. This has been a wonderful chance to get together and to pray for our churches, our local communities and our ministries, and although the year has been challenging, we have seen God answering prayers.

Blaze Youth Club continues to meet on Friday evenings, providing a safe space for the young people of the village to meet and interact. The youth club is a wonderful place for valuable

outreach for young people, who otherwise have no activity place in the village. Thanks go to all those involved in Blaze, in particular to Tom and his team of volunteers.

The Hub Café in the centre opens for three mornings each week, run by a team of volunteers, led by Roberta Winterson and Jane Durrant.

A mother and baby group meets every Monday morning and there is a parent and toddler session every Friday.

The centre is also open for a Breakfast Café on the first Saturday of each month (thanks again, Roberta) and for a Farmers' and Crafts Market on the second Saturday (thanks to Laura Hills). Quiz & Supper evenings have become a regular activity, normally taking place every two months. (thanks to Louise, Claire R, Claire Comer & Dearbhla & their teams).

The Talking Cafe was rebooted with a new team in December, and the Bereavement Support café continues to run on Monday afternoons and has grown in members and team.

The hall at St Luke's Centre is also used by many other organisations in the village for exercise classes. And as a educational venue for the charity 5 Rivers and others on a regular basis and for one-off events such as children's birthday parties.

Our other big fund-raising event was the ever-popular fun dog show. Thanks are due to many people, but especially to Derrick Reid and Dawn Mitford-Slade.

Thanks to Lydia and those that took part in the Bell tower climb at Bishops Lydeard

Taken together, the café and these other "community" events raised significant contributions to the parish funds.

Throughout the year, Rev Suzy has provided both spiritual and practical leadership to both the congregation and Cotford St Luke, but also to the wider community. The aim of St Lukes Centre was to provide a focus for the village to meet in praise, but also in friendship and by connecting with each other. Through Suzy's dedicated hard work, the vision of the centre is being refreshed and seen by many in Cotford and beyond. Thank you Suzy for all that you do.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Charles Barrowman
Churchwarden, Cotford St Luke

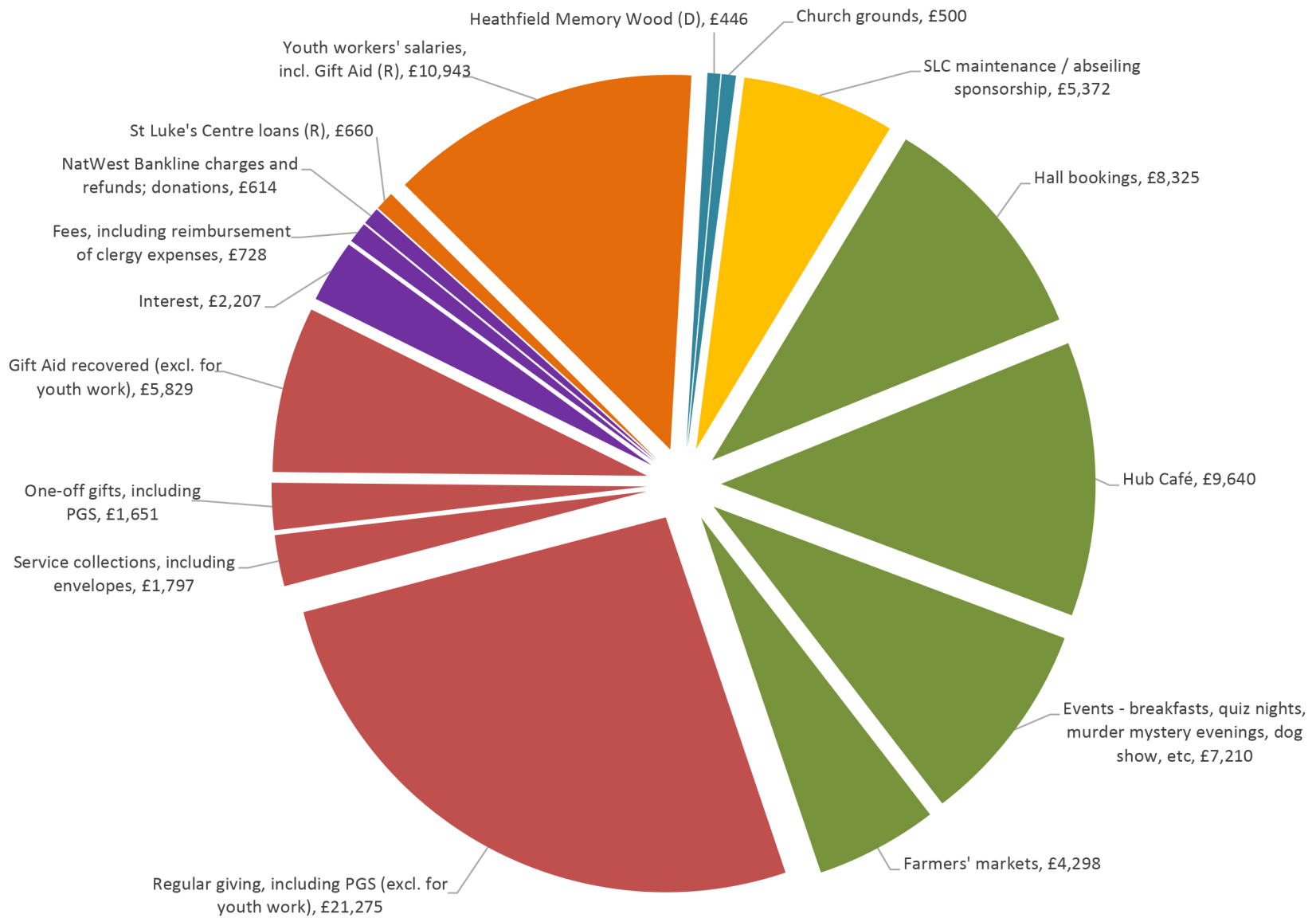
Heathfield with Cotford St Luke's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2024

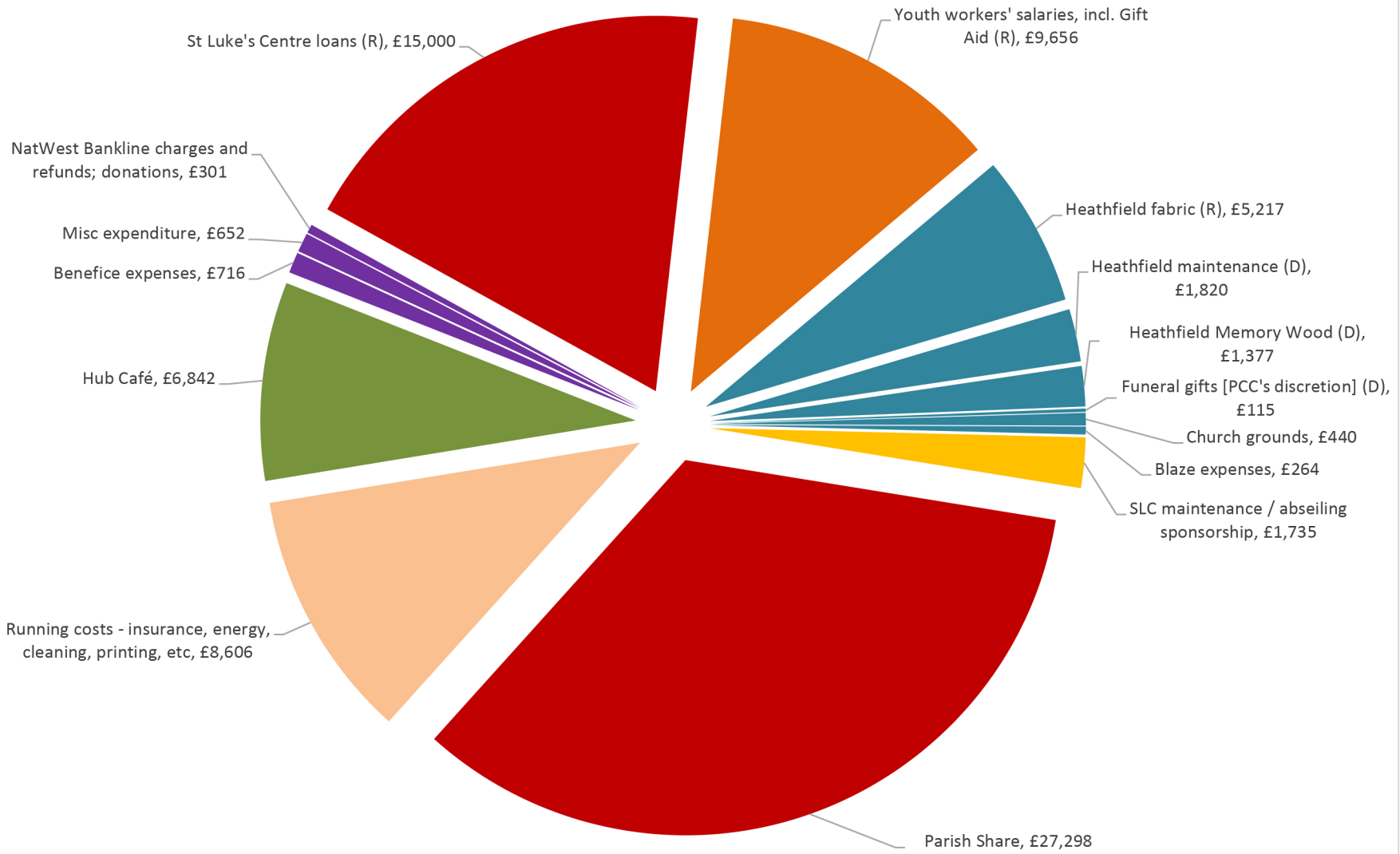
	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	22,154	-	7,514	29,668	22,315
Collections, donations & other giving	8,609	466	2,000	11,075	15,898
Income tax recovered	5,829	-	2,089	7,918	8,448
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	8,325	-	-	8,325	6,878
Income from other Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events	11,508	-	-	11,508	8,933
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	2,207	-	-	2,207	551
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	728	-	-	728	1,226
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	10,552	-	-	10,552	9,089
Total Receipts	69,912	466	11,603	81,981	73,338
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-	-
Mission & Evangelism	(264)	-	-	(264)	(2,068)
Parish Share	(27,298)	-	-	(27,298)	(24,669)
Clergy expenses	-	(115)	-	(115)	-
Church running expenses	(3,446)	(400)	-	(3,846)	(6,451)
Churchyard maintenance	(440)	-	-	(440)	(3,750)
Cost of raising funds	(13,808)	-	-	(13,808)	(11,646)
Support costs					
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(716)	-	-	(716)	(1,125)
Governance Costs	-	-	(9,656)	(9,656)	(11,250)
Other	(953)	(1,377)	-	(2,330)	(569)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	-	(1,420)	(5,217)	(6,637)	-
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	(14,360)	-	(640)	(15,000)	(15,255)
Total payments	(61,285)	(3,312)	(15,513)	(80,110)	(76,783)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	8,627	(2,846)	(3,910)	1,871	(3,445)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)</i>	8,627	(2,846)	(3,910)	1,871	(3,445)
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)</i>	3,040	35,011	9,575	47,626	51,070
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)</i>	11,667	32,165	5,665	49,497	47,625

*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC - Receipts to 31 December 2024



Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC - Payments to 31 December 2024



Account	Account Name/Description	Opening Balance	Opening Unrestricted	Opening Designated	Opening Restricted	Closing Balance	Closing Unrestricted	Closing Designated	Closing Restricted
A	NatWest 40881989 (general)	£5,933.94	£348.33	£1,938.51	£3,647.10	£1,622.27	£1,602.27		£20.00
B	NatWest 75149303 (special funds)	£1,205.12	£1,205.12			£420.12			£420.12
D	CCLA CB3126952 (deposit)	£39,000.00		£33,072.53	£5,927.47	£47,000.00	£9,610.99	£32,164.92	£5,224.09
E	Petty cash - Hub Café	£300.00	£300.00			£300.00	£300.00		
F	Cash in hand at year-end	£1,187.04	£1,187.04			£154.87	£154.87		
	Totals	£47,626.10	£3,040.49	£35,011.04	£9,574.57	£49,497.26	£11,668.13	£32,164.92	£5,664.21



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
HEATHFIELD WITH COTFORD ST LUKE PCC.

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2024	Charity no (if any)	1148869.
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Set out on pages

1-2.
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

Address:

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COTFORD ST LUKE
TAUNTON TA4 1JF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

N/A.

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Parish of St John the Baptist, Heathfield, with Cotford St Luke

Churchwardens' Report for the year ending 31 December 2023, presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May 2024 and to the Charity Commission.

The ecclesiastical parish of Heathfield with Cotford St Luke includes the small community of Heathfield and the new village of Cotford St Luke, built in the grounds of the old Tone Vale Hospital. We worship in the ancient church of St John the Baptist in Heathfield and in St Luke's Centre in Cotford. The parish, with the parishes of Oake and Hillfarrance, forms part of the Deane Vale Benefice in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. The boundaries are due to change early in 2024 and the parishes of Bradford-on-Tone and Nynehead will be included with the Deane Vale churches to create a new, larger Benefice.

People

Rector: There was a vacancy for Rector of the Benefice throughout the calendar year, following the early retirement of Rev Clarissa Shaw-Notice in September 2022. A new incumbent, Rev. Suzanne (Suzy) Kirkham, has been appointed and is due to take up the post in January 2024. During the first half of 2023, the Deanery released Rev Emma Kendall, curate at St. Michaels', Milverton, to work as interim curate in the Dean Vale Benefice, taking on many of the tasks which would normally fall to the incumbent. Later in the year retired priests, Rev Martin Kirkbride, Rev David Ager and Rev Christabel Ager presided at communion services in the parish.

PCC Secretary: Lindsay Hall

Elected Churchwardens: Dawn Mitford-Slade (Heathfield); David Rhodes (Cotford).

Elected PCC members: Claire Bleloch, Jane Durrant (until May, 2023), Phil Hall, Jacqueline Hay-Berry, Sue Harris, Clare Reid, Anthony Reyre, Katy Stirzaker (from May 2023), Roberta Winterson.

Treasurer: Mark Turner

Deanery Synod representatives: Dawn Mitford-Slade, Jacqueline Hay-Berry

Youth leaders: Tom and Claisse Tame

Safeguarding Officer: Lindsay Hall

It is sad to note that two long standing, very active and much loved members of the congregation (Marilyn Power and Matthew West) died during the year. Their contributions to the daily life of the parish are sorely missed.

Structure, governance and management:

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In October, we celebrated 5 years since St Luke’s Centre was opened. The celebrations included a service of re-dedication of the Centre, led by Rt Rev Ruth Worsley, suffragan bishop of Taunton.

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Taken together, the café and these other “community” events raised a net total of £11,108 contribution to the parish funds.

David Rhodes

With SLC being over 5yrs old the majority of manufacturer's or builders' warranties/guarantees have now expired. During 2023 there were no structural issues with the building to report with only superficial damage to the brick facing near the entrance to the main hall and on the wall around the garden adjacent to the sanctuary. Attempts have been made to seek quotes for the minor repairs to no avail to date.

There was an issue with the PIR sensors controlling the lights in the meeting room and corridor which had to be replaced. The highest LED light in the kitchen also has to be replaced which proved costly due to personnel and equipment necessary.

Running repairs and maintenance and re-certification of equipment are dealt with as and when issues arise.

Derrick Reid

St John the Baptist, Heathfield

The services at St John the Baptist in Heathfield have continued on the same basis as in 2022 with a once a month 9 am holy communion service. Without a resident priest we have had a number of excellent part time or retired vicars; Rev Emma Kendal was kindly loaned to us from Milverton and took most of the services but Revs David & Christabel Ager also helped out as did Rev Martin Kirkbride. We are very grateful to them all.

There was one burial in April, that of Ruth Summers, who was the widow of a local farmer. In May Jack Dowling was christened & welcomed into the church family.

Our special services included the Good Friday walk of witness around the benefice, when Heathfield was the first stopping place with prayers, a hymn and hot cross buns. On Christmas Day the little church was full for the traditional family communion when the Rev Preb Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton, took the service.

The main change has been the clearing of the churchyard. The spinney had all the weak & damaged trees felled, exposing the stone foundation of the old school. With donations and grants we are gradually re-planting with specimen trees and wild flowers to make a tranquil spot for reflection & services named Memory Wood. Several willing volunteers have worked hard moving rubble, tree stumps & weeds but special thanks must go Andrew & Jacqueline Hay-Berry & Richard Payne who farms opposite.

Nothing would function here without our small band of hard working & reliable helpers The Hay - Berry's are invaluable for maintaining both inside and outside the church; Sue Harris does all the sacristan duties as well as the cleaning; Kathy Urquart keeps the brass shining and the outside drain weed free; Martin Bougham tends the churchyard. Then there are the key holders who do their weekly stint of opening & closing the church Philip Wade, Laura and Peter Lewis, the Hay-Berrys, Julia and Richard Payne and Sue Harris.

The Quinquennial Inspection was brought forward because of concerns about the plaster on the north wall of the church. As a result, work is now in hand for roof maintenance and re-plastering, depending on how much we can afford. Prayers and cash needed!

Dawn Mitford-Slade

Children and young people

Work for children and young people is centred around “Powerhouse” – Bible teaching and worship which takes place during the 10.30 service at St Luke’s Centre – and the Friday evening youth club, “Blaze”.

Powerhouse

2023 was an up and down year for children's work with lots of changes of leadership. We started the year with our regular 5 children and with Powerhouse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Rev Emma took over from Rev Clarissa and was very good at providing resources and including children in worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. As we approached the end of the year we had more families join us, one from Zimbabwe with 4 children and 3 Ukrainian families with 4 children between them. With the sharp increase in the number of children we tried to provide more children's work and have steadily provided an increase in provision.

During the Christmas period with no priest-in-charge the young people were involved in an inclusive all-age Christingle which was very well received and on Christmas Eve delivered 'Come to the Manger'.

Louise Frost

Blaze

2023 at Blaze has been a real success in both developing the provision we have been able to provide for the young people in the community as well as relationships we have been able to develop between the church community and the young people who attend. Over 2023, we saw Blaze Youth expand and grow on Friday nights, with an average of between 40 to 50 young people attending each Friday night. We have been able to collaborate with other local youth organisations, as well as run regular events such as our annual Christmas dinner, with much success.

In addition to the regular Friday night youth group, we also launched two new weekly groups - Blaze After Hours, and Sunday Pod Group. These two groups have allowed more young people to explore the big questions of life in a relaxed and friendly environment and are well attended each week. We have also expanded our volunteer team, recruiting new volunteers to help at Blaze on Friday nights.

In June of 2023 we took six young people to Spree, an annual summer camp organised by SWYM and Urban Saints. The young people who attended engaged with the whole weekend with much enthusiasm, and we are looking to take another group this year.

Looking ahead through 2024, we are aiming to add two new youth provisions to our program - a weekly kids club for primary school aged children, and a detached youth ministry project to engage with more young people positively in the community.

Tom Tame

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a standing item on the agenda for all PCC meetings, which are held every 6-8 weeks. The need for awareness and safer recruitment and training is emphasised.

There were five incidents brought to our attention in 2023:

- In June, a member of the clergy was concerned about the mental health of someone connected to the church.

- In May there was concern about the welfare of one of the boys attending Blaze youth club.
- In November a member of the church asked our advice about concerns a neighbour had about the neighbour's daughter possibly being groomed.
- Also in November someone at the Hub cafe asked our advice about an adult neighbour who appeared to be vulnerable.
- In December there was concern about the welfare of one of the girls attending Blaze youth club.

Where appropriate, the advice of the safeguarding team at Wells and the police was sought.

The Church of England now expects DBS certificates to be renewed every three years and this was completed before the deadline of 31 December 2023.

Phil and Lindsay Hall

Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC
Treasurer's Report for APCM – 19 May 2024

Overview

Total receipts [income] during 2023 were 73,339, and total payments [expenditure] were £76,783, as summarised at the annex.¹

During the year, the PCC set aside a general reserve of £15k and separate reserve funds totalling £24k for the estimated cost of repairs to Heathfield church. Year-end balances were:

Account	Balance
NatWest 40881989 (general)	£5,934
NatWest 75149303 (special funds)	£1,205
CCLA 015250001D (deposit)	£39,000
Petty cash - Hub Café	£300
Cash in hand at year-end	<u>£1,187</u>
Total	<u>£47,626</u>

SLC Loans

We have now reached an agreement with the Diocese of Bath & Wells regarding the loans for building and fitting out of SLC. The existing loans will be replaced with an interest-free loan to be repaid at £15k per year for the next 26 years. For context, net income from the Hub Café, hall bookings and events (breakfasts, quiz nights, murder mystery evenings, farmers' markets and the dog show) totalled £19k in 2023.²

Parish Share

The final parish share request for 2023 was £24.7k; in 2024 it is £27.4k, which works out at £548 (£46 per month) per regular worshipper. This money is essentially used by the diocese to provide, train and house clergy – in other denominations, these costs are typically met directly by individual congregations. We have to pay this money before we think about our local expenditure.

The diocese is planning to phase in a new system from 2025-2029 to replace the existing parish share with apportionment at benefice level. Spoiler alert: this is likely to result in a

¹ The figures for 2022 are not directly comparable as the apportionment was carried out on a different basis.

² After deducting costs directly attributable to the Hub Café but excluding any contribution towards energy costs, insurance, etc.

significantly increased contribution from the PCC, not to mention some difficult negotiations within the benefice.

Benefice Expenses

The estimated costs for the benefice and Rector's expenses are £3k per year. If the benefice appoints a part-time paid administrator, the additional costs have been estimated at approx. £5k per year.

Historically, the PCC has contributed 50% of benefice costs and discussions are under way to agree an appropriate apportionment for the expanded benefice. Proposals for the PCC's future contributions range from 35% to 54% – hopefully this issue can be resolved without taking too much time and effort away from the ministry of the church.

Youth Work

The original funding for the part-time youth workers was due to expire in September 2023. A member of the congregation very generously funded a year's extension to this and we have also been successful in obtaining grants from Cotford St Luke Parish Council, Neighbourly (on behalf of the Co-op) and the Bishop Radford Trust, so this important work is now funded through to the end of 2024.

Individual Donations

We are part of the Parish Giving Scheme, allowing people to make either one-off or regular donations online – and the diocese collects the Gift Aid for us free of charge. I would encourage everyone who provides regular financial support to the church to consider giving this way in future.

We also have a contactless giving device that allows card payments in individual services – Gift Aid will be collected automatically after your first donation.

Looking Ahead

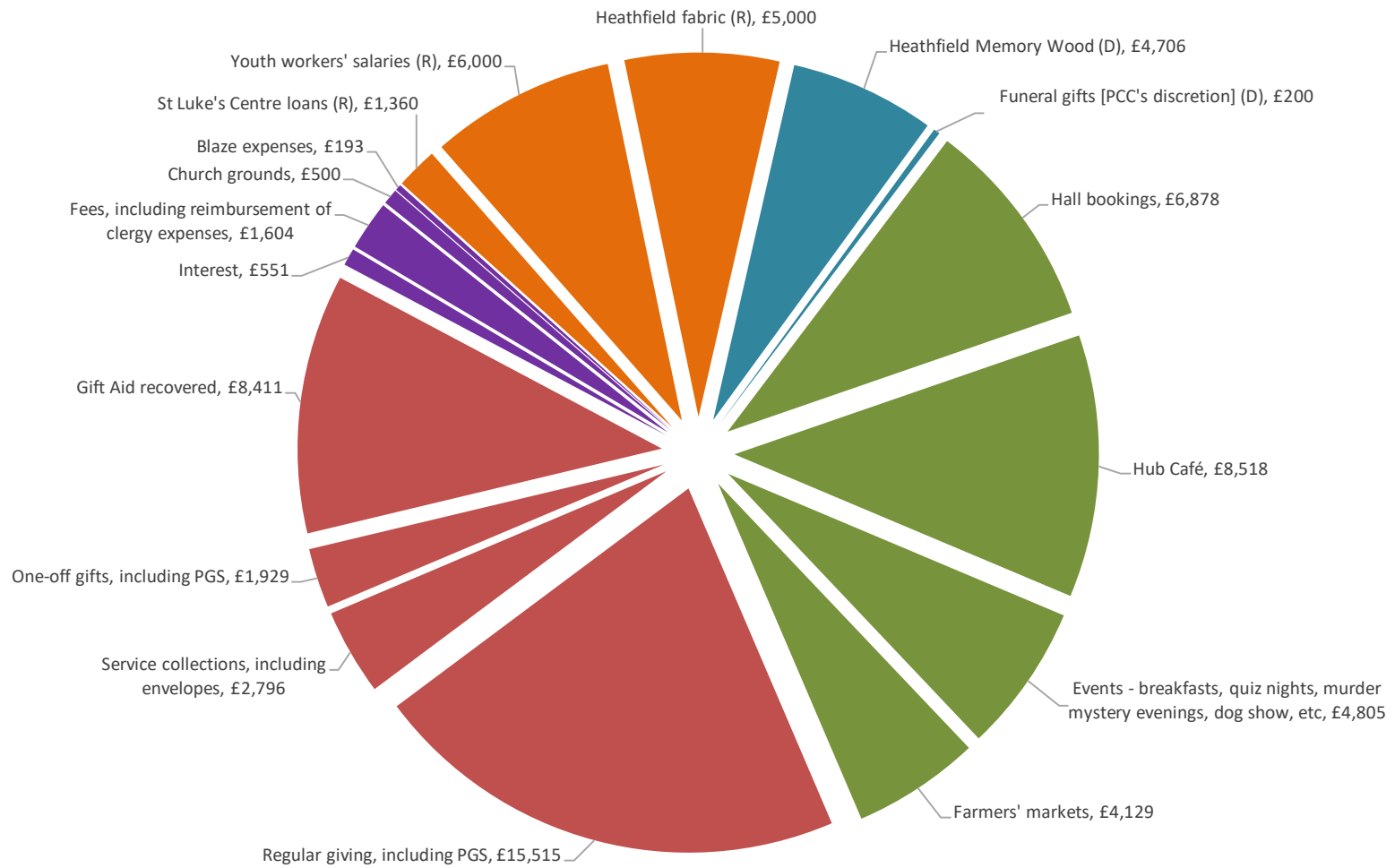
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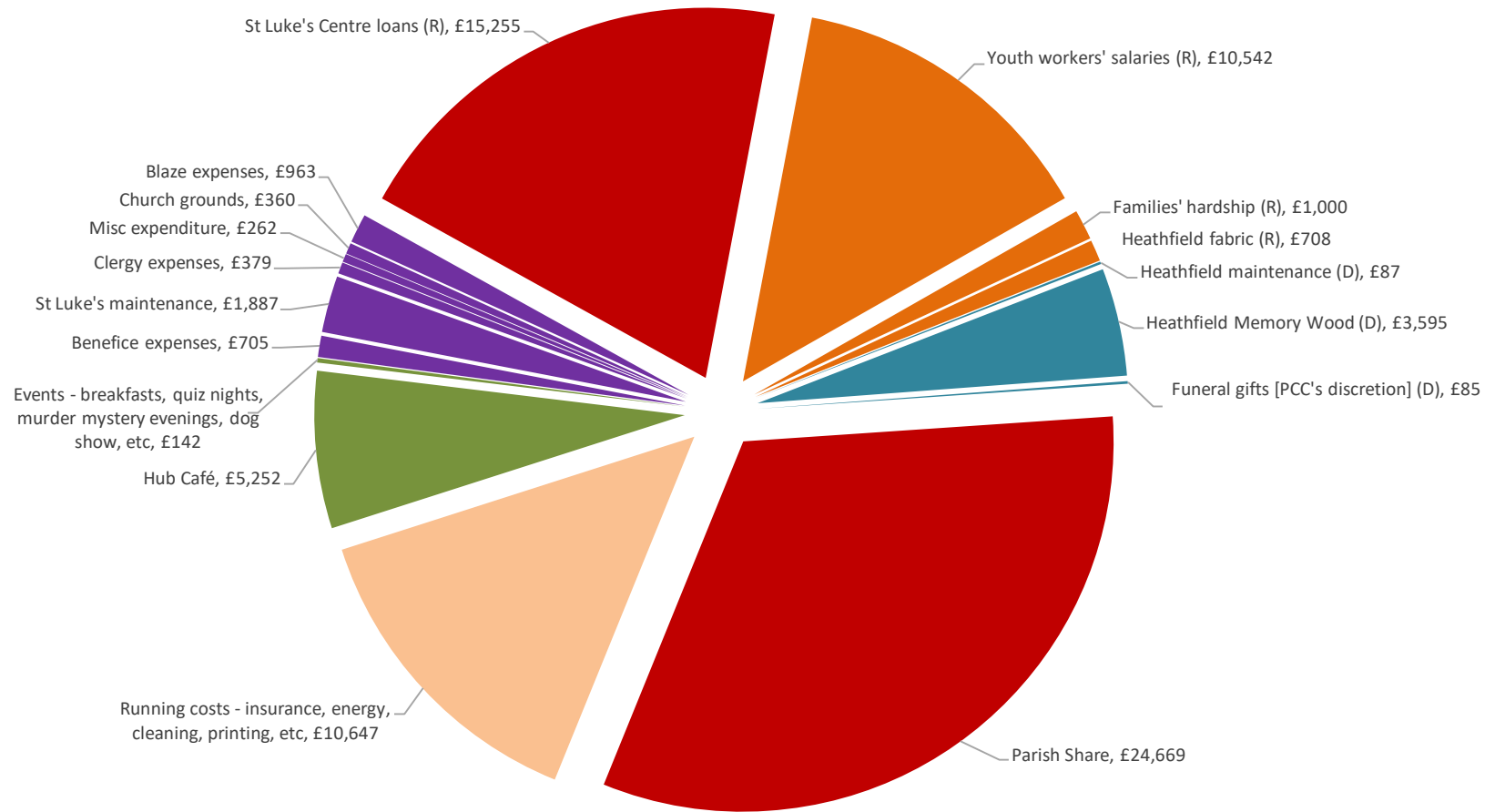
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	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
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Collections, donations & other giving	4,030	4,868	7,000	15,898	23,332
Income tax recovered	8,411	38	-	8,449	6,981
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	6,878	-	-	6,878	-
Income from other Properties	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events	8,933	-	-	8,933	864
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	551	-	-	551	61
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,226	-	-	1,226	469
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	9,089	-	-	9,089	8,423
Total Receipts	56,073	4,906	12,360	73,339	56,852
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-	-
Mission & Evangelism	(983)	(85)	(1,000)	(2,068)	-
Parish Share	(24,669)	-	-	(24,669)	(23,272)
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Church running expenses	(6,451)	-	-	(6,451)	(4,134)
Churchyard maintenance	(360)	(3,390)	-	(3,750)	-
Cost of raising funds	(11,646)	-	-	(11,646)	-
Support costs	(1,125)	-	-	(1,125)	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	-	-	(11,250)	(11,250)	(13,442)
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other	(364)	(205)	-	(569)	-
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	-	-	-	-	-
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Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	(15,255)	(15,255)	(11,772)
Total payments	(45,598)	(3,680)	(27,505)	(76,783)	(52,620)
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Treasurer's Report for APCM – 19 May 2024

Overview

Total receipts [income] during 2023 were 73,339, and total payments [expenditure] were £76,783, as summarised at the annex.¹

During the year, the PCC set aside a general reserve of £15k and separate reserve funds totalling £24k for the estimated cost of repairs to Heathfield church. Year-end balances were:

Account	Balance
NatWest 40881989 (general)	£5,934
NatWest 75149303 (special funds)	£1,205
CCLA 015250001D (deposit)	£39,000
Petty cash - Hub Café	£300
Cash in hand at year-end	<u>£1,187</u>
Total	<u>£47,626</u>

SLC Loans

We have now reached an agreement with the Diocese of Bath & Wells regarding the loans for building and fitting out of SLC. The existing loans will be replaced with an interest-free loan to be repaid at £15k per year for the next 26 years. For context, net income from the Hub Café, hall bookings and events (breakfasts, quiz nights, murder mystery evenings, farmers' markets and the dog show) totalled £19k in 2023.²

Parish Share

The final parish share request for 2023 was £24.7k; in 2024 it is £27.4k, which works out at £548 (£46 per month) per regular worshipper. This money is essentially used by the diocese to provide, train and house clergy – in other denominations, these costs are typically met directly by individual congregations. We have to pay this money before we think about our local expenditure.

The diocese is planning to phase in a new system from 2025-2029 to replace the existing parish share with apportionment at benefice level. Spoiler alert: this is likely to result in a

¹ The figures for 2022 are not directly comparable as the apportionment was carried out on a different basis.

² After deducting costs directly attributable to the Hub Café but excluding any contribution towards energy costs, insurance, etc.

significantly increased contribution from the PCC, not to mention some difficult negotiations within the benefice.

Benefice Expenses

The estimated costs for the benefice and Rector's expenses are £3k per year. If the benefice appoints a part-time paid administrator, the additional costs have been estimated at approx. £5k per year.

Historically, the PCC has contributed 50% of benefice costs and discussions are under way to agree an appropriate apportionment for the expanded benefice. Proposals for the PCC's future contributions range from 35% to 54% – hopefully this issue can be resolved without taking too much time and effort away from the ministry of the church.

Youth Work

The original funding for the part-time youth workers was due to expire in September 2023. A member of the congregation very generously funded a year's extension to this and we have also been successful in obtaining grants from Cotford St Luke Parish Council, Neighbourly (on behalf of the Co-op) and the Bishop Radford Trust, so this important work is now funded through to the end of 2024.

Individual Donations

We are part of the Parish Giving Scheme, allowing people to make either one-off or regular donations online – and the diocese collects the Gift Aid for us free of charge. I would encourage everyone who provides regular financial support to the church to consider giving this way in future.

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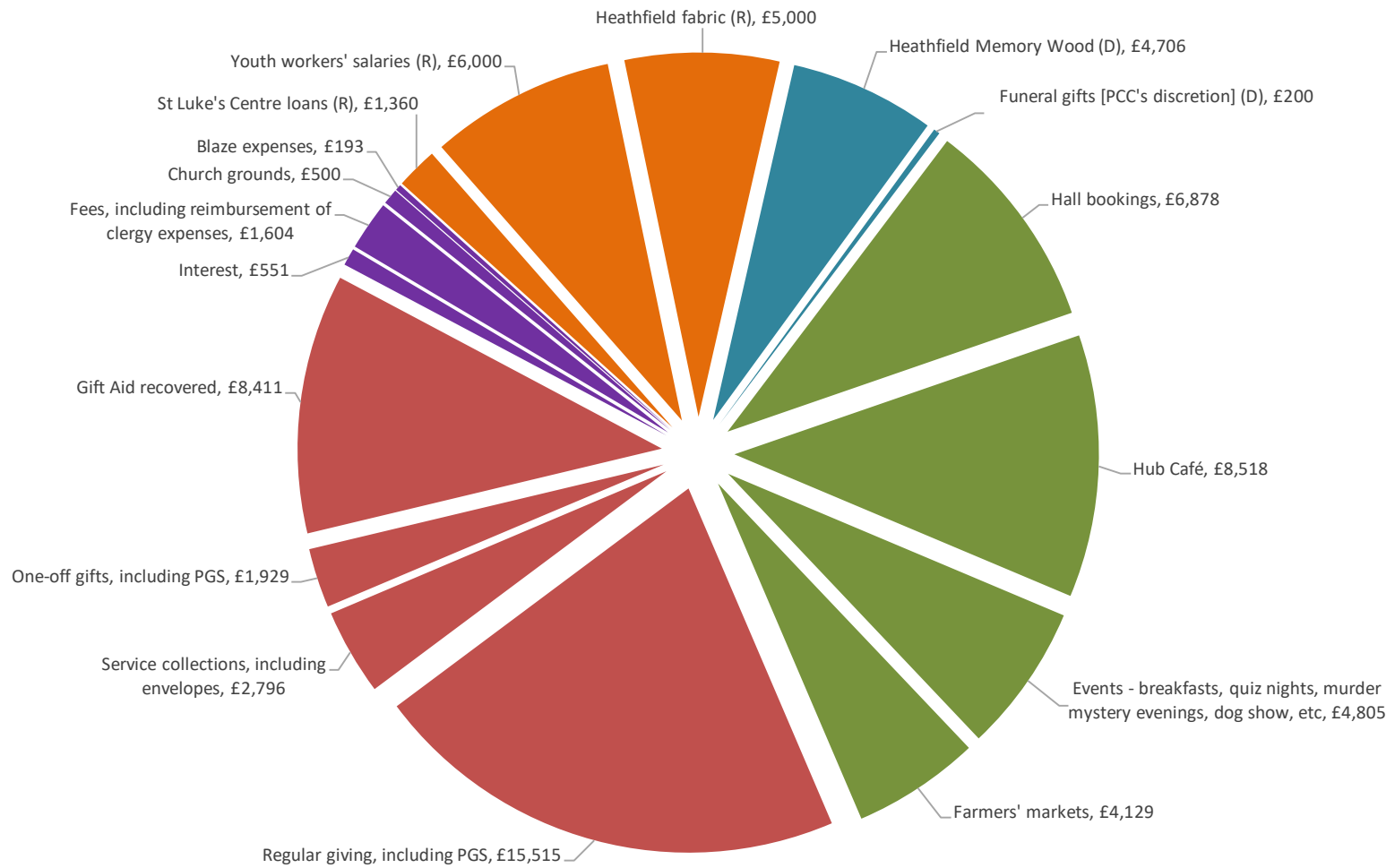
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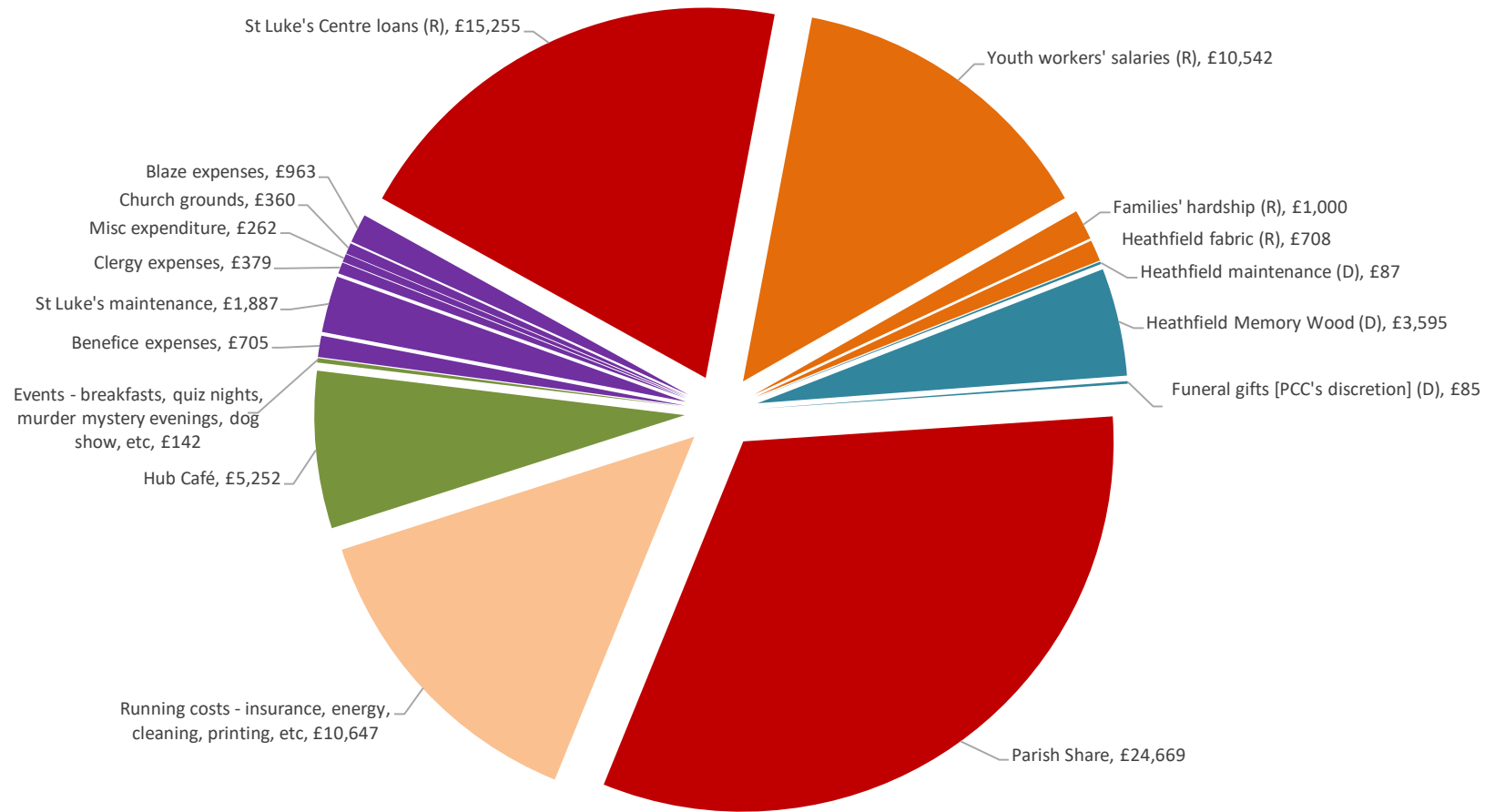
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Elected PCC members: Claire Bleloch, Jane Durrant, Phil Hall, Jacqueline Hay-Berry, Sue Harris, Clare Reid, Anthony Reyre, Roberta Winterson.

Treasurer: Rod Latham retired during the year. Mark Turner was appointed as the new treasurer.

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To make known the Good News of the love of God in Jesus.

To provide a centre in the village of Cotford St Luke, as well as in the ancient building in Heathfield, where everyone is welcomed.

Achievement and activities:

Restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which had affected many church and community events in 2020 and 2021 were largely removed early in 2022. In principle, this gave the opportunity to resume the regular activities established since the opening of St Luke’s Centre in October, 2018. In practice, many of those activities had to be re-established or re-arranged but this has also given the opportunity to start some events afresh.

St Luke’s Centre

Services were held at St Luke’s Centre almost every Sunday, with communion services being held at least once each month. On the fifth Sunday of each month one main morning service of Holy Communion was held for the whole benefice, the four places of worship (Cotford, Heathfield, Oake and Hillfarrance) taking it in turns to host the service. In addition, informal “Ignite” services were held once a month on Sunday evenings.

At most services at St Luke’s Centre we have a music group which is able to lead singing in contemporary worship songs and traditional hymns. In various combinations, Katy, David and Toby Stirzaker, Ant Reyre, Derrick Reid and David Rhodes provide the music and Wilf Stirzaker has made himself invaluable in preparing PowerPoint slides for songs, prayers and Bible readings for most services. Thanks to all concerned!

The harvest festival service, which was also Clarissa’s farewell service, was held in the huge potato packing barn at David Mitchell’s farm in Hillcommon (where we had held harvest at Christmas services when use of the church buildings while COVID-19 restrictions were in place). About one hundred people gathered to worship, sing praises and eat a wonderful harvest lunch, for which thanks are due to too many people to mention all by name!

The Hub Café in the centre opens for three mornings each week, run by a team of volunteers, led by Roberta Winterson and Jane Durrant; A mother and baby group meets every Monday and there is a parent and toddler session every Friday. The centre is also open for a Breakfast Café on the first Saturday of each month (thanks again, Roberta) and for a Farmers’ and Crafts Market on the second

Saturday (thanks to Laura Hills). Quiz evenings have become a regular activity taking place every two months.

Our other big fund raising event was the ever popular fun dog show which was run in conjunction with the fete Once again the weather was kind to us & there was a good turnout although nothing had beaten 2021 when we were released from lockdown!

The hall at St Luke's Centre is also used by many other organisations in the village for exercise classes, Brownies and others on a regular basis and for one-off events such as children's birthday parties.

David Rhodes

St John the Baptist, Heathfield

Heathfield church may only play a small part in the life of the community but it's impact is still significant We continue to hold a 9 am holy communion service on the second Sunday in the month plus a benefice service on the 5th Sunday which is in a rota system. There has been one wedding & one baptism The Christmas Day service reverted to Heathfield where everyone one packed in for a joyful celebration

Our pretty little church in a peaceful rural setting lends itself to prayer & meditation attracting both parishioners & those outside too .The finances are our biggest worry with both the ceiling & the north wall of the nave needing urgent attention. Oake PCC very generously gave us £5000.towards the upkeep & both Hillfarrance & Cotford have also helped out We held a fund raising event in Sept when Anne & Paul Harding gave an interesting talk on Florence Nightingale & the Princess followed by refreshments.

My churchwarden duties are very much a shared ministry with Sue Harris & Jacqueline doing much of the work Without them I would resign! Jacqueline's husband Andy is an invaluable handy man beside helping out with key duty with the reliable team comprising of Philip Wade , Laura & Peter Lewis & Richard & Julia Payne I am very grateful to them all.The Rev Clarissa was a huge support encouraging our work & outreach & it was with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to her in September. The Rev Helen Stainer from Milverton helped us continue & then wonderfully loaned us Emma Kendal for six months We have been very blessed by her ministry as although not permanent she has enthusiastically helped us continue. A retired vicar, The Rev David Ager has also kindly helped out occasionally

With God's help we will continue

Dawn Mitford-Slade

Children and young people

We have a regular group of around 5 children attending Powerhouse during the service at St Luke's Centre every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month. Led by Clare Reid and Louise Frost, we have a Bible story, make a craft, maybe play a game, or sing a song. Often as Leaders we find we don't need to teach the children very much, as they know a lot about the Bible stories already, and we learn a lot from them too. We had fun at Easter making Easter gardens and doing an Easter egg hunt. We have also put up a display space in the Centre where the children's work can be seen by visitors throughout the week.

The Friday night Youth Club, Blaze, is now well established with a regular group of around 20-25 young people aged from 11-16. Led by Tom and Claisse Tame, with helpers Claire and David Bleloch, Clare and Derrick Reid, Charles Barrowman, and Hillary Knight. The hall is used for games with table football and table tennis, and usually some football which is very popular. In the Hub we have cards and board games, a Wii, and a place to chill out and relax. We've had fun making pizzas and mug cakes, and at Christmas Claisse cooked a fantastic Christmas meal for everyone. In June 2023 we are taking 6 young people to Spree, a Christian camp at Westpoint.

Safeguarding

There have been no incidents reported since the last APCM in May 2022.

The PCC renewed its commitment to the Diocese's policy on Safeguarding at the March PCC meeting this year.

2023 will be a busy one for DBS checks as we begin the transition to 3-yearly renewals. We continue to encourage as many church members as possible, and especially PCC members, to take at least the Basic/CO Church of England online course on Safeguarding.

Heathfield and Cotford St Luke PCC

Receipts and Payments Account Year ended 31st Dec 2022

Income

		Restricted	Total	<i>Previous</i>
	£16,722.4		£16,722.4	£17,845.0
Planned giving	1		1	0
	£17,852.1		£17,852.1	
Service Collections and other income	1		1	£8,018.21
Bookings	£8,423.00		£8,423.00	£1,800.00
Interest	£60.89		£60.89	£8.78
Events	£863.97		£863.97	£2,041.73
Fees	£469.00		£469.00	£320.00
				£28,315.0
Grants	£4,067.00	£1,413.00	£5,480.00	0
Gift Aid	£6,980.55		£6,980.55	£4,304.67
	£55,438.9		£56,851.9	£62,653.3
Total	3	£1,413.00	3	9

Payments

	£10,743.2		£10,743.2	
Running Expenses	3		3	£6,818.78
Energy	£4,133.81		£4,133.81	£3,147.63
Deanery Expenses			£0.00	
Church yard maintenance	£888.00		£888.00	£396.00
Sundry Expenses			£0.00	
	£23,271.9		£23,271.9	£23,816.6
Parish Share	6		6	4
Charity			£0.00	£1,827.00
	£11,771.6		£11,771.6	
Loan repayments	4		4	£490.93
Youth		£1,810.50	£1,810.50	
	£50,808.6		£52,619.1	£36,496.9
Total	4	£1,810.50	4	8

Excess of payments over receipts -£4,232.79

Balance bfwd £46,837.4
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Heathfield with Cotford St Luke PCC

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022 Charity no (if any) 1148869

Set out on pages

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

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 [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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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Signed: [Signature]

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St Luke’s Centre

Regular Sunday services were held “in person” at St Luke’s Centre from Pentecost (23 May) onwards, although many were still held outdoors when the weather permitted. Initially, congregations were smaller than before Covid, as many people remained nervous about the risks of gathering in the church, but by the end of the year numbers had recovered.

Services were held at St Luke’s Centre almost every Sunday from the end of May, with communion services being held at least once each month. On the fifth Sunday of each month one main morning service of Holy Communion was held for the whole benefice, the four places of worship (Cotford, Heathfield, Oake and Hillfarrance) taking it in turns to host the service.

The Hub Café in the centre re-opened as lock-down rules were eased, opening for three mornings each week, run by a team of volunteers, led by Roberta Winterson and Jane Durrant; A mother and baby group met every Monday, led by Hilary Wallace, and Sarah Karunaratne organised a parent and toddler session every Friday. The centre was also opened for a Breakfast Café on the first Saturday of each month (thanks again, Roberta) and for a Farmers’ and Crafts Market on the second Saturday (thanks to Laura Hills and Lynda Fleet). Quiz evenings were also held and have become a regular activity taking place every two months.

Activities for children and young people started again after lock-down. Activities take place in the Hub café during most of the Sunday services at St Luke’s Centre, thanks to the work of Clare Reid, Charles Barrowman, Louise Frost, Lydia

West and Lloyd Notice. During the summer, the Hub café was opened on two evenings a week to provide (free) snacks and some organised activities for children and young people while they played outside St Luke's Centre. This was extremely popular, with up to 50 children attending on some evenings, but as evenings drew in and the weather became colder it was necessary to stop this activity as it was not possible to bring it indoors and meet all safeguarding and Covid-19 protocols. However, this did demonstrate the demand for youth activities in the village and has provided the impetus for developing a more structured approach to youth work in the church and the village in 2022.

The Monday evening Bible Study Group and the Men's Group (organised by Lloyd Notice and Matthew West) met "virtually" on line, as did the regular benefice Tuesday evening prayer group. A small group met on line to work through the course "Christianity Explored" in order to decide whether this course might be something that the church could deliver as a wider outreach activity in the future.

St John the Baptist, Heathfield

The smallest of our three rural churches, it still plays an important part of our worship & witness to God. The monthly service on the second Sunday is now at 9 am with a small but regular congregation up to 12 on some occasions. There has also been one funeral, one baptism & a packed church for the wedding of Peter & Laura Lewis. During the covid restrictions we managed to keep the church open twice weekly for private prayer and it was the first to open when this was lifted. Both the Harvest Festival & Christmas Day services were held in the Mitchell's barn which were a great success & well attended. Our grateful thanks to the family for all the work they put into it. The maintenance of the church building is still a major concern but hopefully with grants, donations & fund raising work will be able to begin soon. A lot of clearing & tidying of the church yard by Jacqueline, Andy and team has added to the beauty & tranquility of this pretty environment. There is a small but dedicated team which keeps the church going with especial thanks to Sue Harris and Jacqueline Hay-Berry plus the key duty team of Janet Pinkerton - Huron, David Barker who has since moved & been replaced by Richard and Julia Payne and Peter and Laura Lewis.

Safeguarding:

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Lindsay Hall, who can be contacted on 01823 430818 or hallpalg@yahoo.co.uk to report or discuss any concerns. Safeguarding advice is also available from the Diocese [bathandwells.org.uk]. If the situation is urgent, advice should be sought from the Police or Somerset Social Services.

There were no incidents to report in 2021.

Heathfield and Cotford St Luke PCC

Income

Receipts and Payments Account to 31st December 2021 Year ended 31/12/21

Previous Year

Planned giving	£17,845.00	£18,271.40
Service Collections and other income	£8,018.21	£5,499.94
Bookings	£1,800.00	£1,170.50
Interest	£8.78	£14.72
Events	£2,041.73	£1,113.94
Fees	£320.00	
Grants	£28,315.00	£15,834.00
Gift Aid	£4,304.67	£6,571.22
Total	£62,653.39	£48,475.72

Payments

Running Expenses	£6,818.78	£4,018.80
Energy	£3,147.63	£2,286.67
Deanery Expenses		£171.00
Church yard maintenance	£396.00	£432.50
Sundry Expenses		
Parish Share	£23,816.64	£26,463.36
Charity	£1,827.00	£1,815.00
Loan repayments	£490.93	£16,415.16
Building costs		£1,940.00
Total	£36,496.98	£53,542.49

Excess of payments over receipts -£26,156.41 £5,066.77

Balance b fwd £20,680.99

Balance c fwd £46,837.40

(£10,800 restricted)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Heathfield with Cotford St. Luke PCC

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2021

Charity no (if any)

1148869

Set out on pages

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

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 [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

C. Barrowman

Date:

7/5/22

Name:

CHARLES BARROWMAN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Accounts

Heathfield and Cotford St.Luke PCC

Treasurer's report year ended 31st December 2020

1. The receipts and payments account for 2020 is attached, together with the figures for 2019 for comparison. However there can be no meaningful comparison because 2020 was (hopefully) a completely exceptional year.
2. As far as finance is concerned, the PCC continued to pay its share in full and continued to benefit from the continued and much appreciated contributions from our regular givers. Other than that, nothing was the same.
3. Church collections, fundraising and takings from St Luke's Centre were well below expectations as a result of the crisis. But, on the other hand, loan repayments were suspended after March, providing a partial offset. Most significantly, though, we were able to successfully claim grant for St Luke's from the government via the local authority which meant that the balance at the end of the year was reasonably healthy and, following further successful grant applications this year currently stand at around £32,000.
4. Whilst accounts unavoidably look backwards, people look forward. 2021 will, of course, be another odd year, but we can, perhaps, begin to plan for a return to a kind of normality.
5. As an individual, I am optimistic about the future of our church and the community of which it is a part. As treasurer, though, I have to be a little more cautious. Special financial aid will end when the special circumstances end, and the loan repayments will begin again. I do not believe that the bank rate will rise significantly in the near future which should mean that servicing the loans will not be too much of a problem, but we do need to make sure that we can repay the principal as quickly as we can.
6. I have a couple of thoughts on this. Firstly, we should fund raise as much and as soon as we can. We have the loans because our wonderful centre cost more than we managed to raise at the time. But we raised a lot, and, in my mind, we should carry on with that same belief and enthusiasm and complete the task and pay off the loans. Secondly, we should maximise the use of St Luke's, when we get the chance. There are two aspects to this. We need to get as much as we can from bookings, café takings and other uses, be commercially minded, if you like; but, possibly more importantly, we need use it to the full to help to achieve our mission.
7. It is way above my ability to explain what our mission is, or how we might go about achieving it, but we are lucky that others can do that. I will stick to simply recording, in financial terms what we did.

Rod Latham

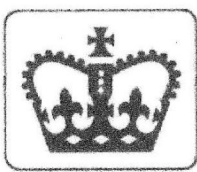
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Heathfield and Cotford St Luke PCC

Receipts and Payments Account Dec 2020

	2020	2019
Income		
Planned giving	£18,271.40	£19,765.80
Service Collections and other income	£5,499.94	£18,866.45
Bookings	£1,170.50	£4,089.00
Interest	£14.72	£60.38
Events	£1,113.94	£14,146.87
Grants	£15,834.00	£782.18
Gift Aid	£6,571.22	£11,723.60
Total	<u>£48,475.72</u>	<u>£69,434.28</u>
Payments		
Running Expenses	£4,018.80	£8,216.23
Energy	£2,286.67	
Deanery Expenses	£171.00	
Churchyard maintenance	£432.50	£427.50
Sundry Expenses		£38.00
Parish Share	£26,463.36	£24,976.80
Charity	£1,815.00	£1,881.00
Building etc. costs	£1,940.00	£15,450.42
Loan repayments	£16,415.16	£10,882.19
Total	<u>£53,542.49</u>	<u>£61,872.14</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	£5,066.77	
Balance bfwd	£25,747.76	
Balance cfwd	£20,680.99	
	(£800 restricted)	
Bank		
CCLA	£172.76	
acc.75149303	£3,088.99	
acc 40881989	£17,119.24	
Petty cash	£300.00	
	£20,680.99	


 R T Latham



Section A

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Independent examiner's statement

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- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 26/9/21

Name: CHARLES BARROWMAN

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