

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARYS, EASEBOURNE

England & Wales · Charity number 1151500

Details

Other names ST MARY'S PCC, EASEBOURNE

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2013-04-03

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Activities

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

Activities: Church mission activities In response to the new Diocesan Strategy the focus will be on financial stability, numerical growth and support the common good in each benefice Plans are in place to run a "Christianity Explored" course with the Midhurst Parish Church in the spring of 2016

Classification

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

Geography

- West Sussex

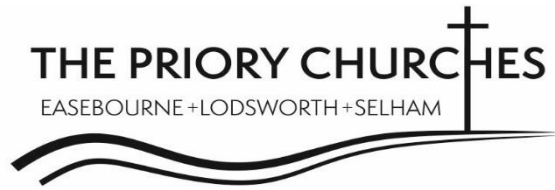
Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£198,061	£168,775	-	-
2023-12-31	£179,872	£291,318	-	-
2022-12-31	£220,642	£136,332	-	-
2021-12-31	£149,758	£122,941	-	-
2020-12-31	£84,255	£92,329	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REVEREND DEREK BRIAN WELSMAN	Chair	2013-03-28
ALISON TREACHER DAVIS		2013-03-28
David Pack		2021-01-15
Deryck Hamon		2022-05-26
ERIC LESLIE BOUNTON		2013-03-28
Janet Colman		2022-05-26
Jeremy Adams		2022-05-26
Lynne Todd		2022-05-26
Patricia Anne Sankey		2022-05-26
Penelope Tree		2022-05-26
Peter Marsh		2022-05-26
Phillip Stringer		2021-01-15
ROGER CHARLES BRICKNELL		2018-04-15
Rosie Drayson		2022-05-26
Trish Slade		2022-05-26
William Howkins		2021-01-15

Accounts



The Parish of: Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham

West Sussex

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Incumbent

Revd Canon Derek Welsman

Independent Examiner

Trevor James

Banks

Barclays Bank Plc, Chichester

Charity Registration No 1151500

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF

ST MARY, EASEBOURNE, ST PETER'S LODSWORTH AND ST JAMES SELHAM

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1151500

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

Structure, governance and management

The parish is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the name of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham with the Registered Charity Number 1151500.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Incumbent:	The Revd Canon Derek Welsman	Chairman
Curate	The Revd Liz Yonge	
Wardens:	Mrs Alison Davis	
	Mr Philip Stringer	
	Mr Deryck Hamon	
	Mrs Lynne Todd	
	Mrs Janet Colman	
Secretary:	Mrs Elizabeth Bounton	
Treasurer:	Mr Tony Kelly	
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mr Eric Bounton	
	Mr Roger Bricknell	
	Kevin Edgeley	
Elected Members	Mr David Pack	
	Mr Bill Howkins	
	Mrs Emma Glue (Safeguarding Officer)	
	Mrs Penny Tree	
	Mrs Patricia Anne Sankey	
	Mrs Trish Slade	
	Mrs Nicky Edgeley	
	Mrs Rosie Drayson	
	Mr Jeremy Adams (assistant treasurer Selham)	
	Mr Andy Castledine (co-opted May 2023)	

PCC: Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the separate church communities (four from each church) who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Standing Committee: Each church holds a standing committee to execute the day to day running of each church community and building. The Standing committee will include: Rector, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and all elected representatives for the said church community.

Aim and purposes

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Derek Welsman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives.

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Through its Mission Action Plan the Charity sets out the following objectives:

More Open: *'A family of all ages, loving and serving, contributing and receiving, being transformed and growing together in ways that appropriately reflect the importance of each context and place.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021).

More Converted: *'A church which communicates the Gospel effectively, so women men and children come to a living, personal and transforming faith in Jesus Christ and join their local church family on a journey to Know, Love and Follow Jesus.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021).

More Generous: *'A church characterised by a radical generous response to the self-giving of Jesus Christ with his life...in this household of faith there are 'no needy among them; wealthier parishes contribute joyfully to sustain ministry in deprived areas and economically deprived parishes don't feel a liability to the rest.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021).

More Engaged: *'A church where people have a sense of vocation to love, expressing itself in service; and a church family that nurtures and encourages that vocation.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021).

The Charity maintains an overview of worship throughout the year and works with the Rector to promote services that match the needs of our local community. The services and worship put faith into practise through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievement and performance

Church attendance

There are 213 parishioners on the churches electoral roll, 140 at St Mary's, 42 at St Peter's and 31 at St James'. The average weekly attendance counted during October was 80 St Mary's, 20 St Peter's and 15 St James' - but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the year

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 85%. Committees met between meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

Churches at the heart of community: The Priory Churches set themselves the challenge of being churches at the heart of village life and community. The three church families dedicate themselves to being: open, inclusive and accessible to all. The churches provide public worship, occasional offices (weddings baptisms and funerals) and silent space at the heart of village life. The communities work hard to maintain their ancient buildings as a community asset and tend the church yards and burial sites so that families can visit their loved ones buried there.

Rural churches face many challenges in our modern society. These include the changing nature of rural life, where villages are occupied less by generations of people who have worked the land, to a situation where people retire or buy homes for weekends and Air B and B. Housing for key workers is unaffordable, meaning there are less young families around, which severely affects the demographic of church communities. Churches also face the challenge of historic buildings that require vast sums of money to maintain and repair them. The PCC of the Priory Churches takes seriously these challenges. The PCC is committed to face the ever-changing nature of rural living and create places of faith and prayer that reflect the wider community around them and the challenges they face. This means a more flexible style of church, able to change its practices to meet the ever-changing needs of a rural society. The Priory churches also work hard to promote the value of rural life and the churches place within it.

As a church, charity and worshipping community, the Priory churches have once again in 2024 demonstrated their commitment to meet the Aims and Objectives set out in the charitable status. These aims and objectives bring a strong focus to the charity and enables it to be clear in what it stands for and sets out to achieve.

Worship: Offering public worship that is accessible and open to all remains a key part of the Priory Churches life. Across the year and through the seasons of the church's calendar good quality worship is essential for the community's vibrant encounter with God. The strength of the three churches shared life is that across a month there is mixed and varied styles of worship. From Book of Common Prayer holy communion and evensong, through common worship Order One and Order Two holy communion, to family focused worship and the experimental Celtic evening prayer, the sheer diversity of styles affords accessibility across the traditions. Adding to this, the baptism, wedding and funeral ministry, the Priory churches place 'being church for the wider community' as a key part of their shared life in God and the richness and diversity of worship demonstrates the churches commitment to this.

Charitable work: The Priory churches place charitable support at the centre of church life. Across the year, the three church communities seek to find ways to support local, national and international charities and their work.

In 2024, the Priory Churches supported the following:

Stonepillow: The Priory churches make weekly collections of food and clothing for Stonepillow. The churches also send their Harvest collections of food to the Stonepillow hostel at Hunston. The three churches also donate their Harvest collections to Stonepillow totalling over £500. Finally, the collection from St Mary's carol service was donated to provide Christmas dinner for the homeless in Chichester, Bognor and Littlehampton.

Macmillan: In 2024 the Priory churches once again hosted two key Macmillan events. In June St Mary's was made available for the Macmillan service of remembrance, where families are invited to attend and remember loved ones who had been cared for under Macmillan. In December, St Mary's hosted the annual Tree of Hope service where the wider community sponsor lights in memory of loved one.

Royal British Legion: In November each year, the Priory churches place Remembrance Sunday as a key event in our village lives. This year on Remembrance Sunday St Peter's, St Mary's and St James' gathered people from the villages to remember. The collections from the services were donated to the Royal British Legion totalling over £1300.

Christian Aid: In May 2024 the Priory churches supported Christian Aid week – this year's collection totalled £380.

Lent Appeal: Once again in 2024, the Priory churches supported a local Ukrainian appeal charity based in Petworth. This involved collecting vital supplies for the peoples of the Ukraine and helped the churches in Lent to reflect more deeply on their world.

Children's Society: In December the carol service in St Peter's and the Christingle in St Mary's made collections for the Children's society - across the two events £750 was raised for the vital work of the Children's Society in our country.

FSW: Along with the other churches in our Deanery, the Priory churches is committed to supporting the work of the Family Support charity. This charity places a family support worker into the deanery, supporting some of our most vulnerable families. In 2024 the Priory churches once again committed £800 towards this work. There was also a concert in December which raised another £1,545.

Midhurst Food Bank: St Mary's host a Midhurst Foodbank collection basket.

Ride and Stride: Sadly in 2024 the Priory Churches could only muster a small team to take part in the annual Ride and Stride event. However, a sum of £405 was still paid over.

Children's work: 2024 has seen continued focus on our children's provision at St. Mary's, with our Little Lambs toddler groups and Messy Church offerings remaining extremely popular with local families, providing a consistent, visible sign of God's love within our community.

Our school links remain strong also, with the school's vision now mirroring that of the church, being centred around the core themes of Faith, Hope and Love. These themes underpin our shared lives together and allow us to focus our governance, teaching and Collective Worship on those things that allow adults and children alike to flourish. We continue to be extremely proud of the Year 5s, who, with guidance from a member of clergy, lead worship for their peers each week, conveying God's love in lively and engaging ways. We love their frequent visits to St. Mary's and were delighted to provide the school with a new altar, built from local wood by a congregation member, as a focal point for whole school worship.

We also continue to support the local rainbows and brownies sections as they join us for key services in the year such as Remembrance Day, as well as hosting their visits into the church, during which they learn more about the Christian life, and we all eat lots of treats!

The strong links between church and local families is perhaps most evident at our Christingle service, which continues to grow each year and is now close to capacity, with over 400 people attending on Christmas Eve this year. This joyful service shared the wonder of Christmas and raised valuable funds for the Children's Society.

We continue to support the work of FSW in the local area and were delighted to hold a Christmas concert to raise much needed funds for this important organisation.

We look forward to our continued growth in 2025 and beyond. Revd Liz Yonge.

Repairs to the church: The three church buildings of the parish are important places of public worship and venues for occasional offices. The PCC works hard each year to maintain the church buildings for the local community for public access and places of prayer and peace at the heart of village life.

St Mary's spire and tower work was completed in 2024. This important work ensures that St Mary's is maintained for the wider community to the highest standards befitting a Grade 1 listed building.

2024 was a year of quinquennial inspections across our three churches. Thankfully, each report only highlighted minor works and issues with each church. This is a clear indication of how well our churches are maintained under the care of our hard-working church wardens. St James completed their quinquennial works in 2024; St Peter's and St Mary's will start their work in 2025.

Burial Grounds: The three PCC's see the work of maintaining our church yards and burial grounds as essential to supporting our village life. The Parish Council's continued to support the church with vital financial contributions to grass cutting. All five of our burial sites place a huge financial burden on the PCC's with routine cutting of grass and essential repairs. During this year, care and maintenance of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's (CWGC) headstones for the 17 casualties buried in our churchyards from the First and Second World Wars, has been provided by Eyes On Hands On volunteers. This year 5 tours of the burial ground were completed at St Mary's and St Peter's as part of CWGC'S War Graves week in May and the Madhurst festival in August, and 27 local people attended.

Safeguarding: The safety and protection of children (under 18) and vulnerable adults is a core concern and responsibility for the PCC. The topic is on the agenda of every PCC meeting with reports from Emma Glue who is the Safeguarding officer for our three priory churches.

The principal tasks are threefold, firstly keeping the PCC up to date with the ever-shifting policy and practices relating to safeguarding nationally. Secondly ensuring that all those who work with children within our three parishes, particularly Messy Church and Little Lambs and now Rise and Shine have filled in the appropriate forms or done the required training for their role. Finally, to ensure a culture, awareness, and vigilance which is based on having the right policies and procedures which is NOT based on assumptions. All this is in place to a considerable degree, if not ever perfect but always revised and looked at to improve our practices, and so for us constant vigilance is key.

Since our last APCM meeting the church, I feel we are more aware of safeguarding and the need to keep our young people and vulnerable adults safe from harm.

We have continued this year to raise awareness of safeguarding across our churches by encouraging both the PCC and our congregations to help us create a change in culture and to lead by example. We have done this by promoting training to all who are either interested in what safeguarding might look like or to support their role within the church community.

The choir, the social gang and other roles like Messy Church who work with our young and vulnerable children and adults have been invited to attend a face to face basic awareness training to help create a safe environment for those who maybe attend Tea at three, or our young members in the choir or at Messy Church session, this training courses will provide strategies which will both protect and support how we might work with them in the future.

I have helped with rolling out training across the Midhurst Deanery, which is something we volunteered to do, and we will continue to help our local church families be as up to date as we can be by sharing good practice, we ran our first successful foundation training course which was attended by a member of the Chichester Diocese Safeguarding training team who said "what a great idea this was and we are leading the way as a deanery" Kirstin (Midhurst PSO) and I will have run another foundation course and a basic training by the time the APCM is held.

We also held a Safeguarding Church Service back in November, where again we tried to bring safeguarding to the heart of the church service, this came at a challenging time after the recent Makin report. which investigated the activities of the late John Smyth and the subsequent cover up and significant failure by senior members of the Church of England, which led to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. I think if we had chosen not to talk about this or buried our heads in the sand, it would support the idea in the media that we have something to hide or be ashamed about, but by challenging these uncomfortable topics it hopefully shows everyone we are doing our very best to challenge these ideas and be proud of what we are doing as a church. (We are leading the way and we can only get better!).

My challenge this year is to try and reach out to our local safeguarding officers together to form a network so we can support each other and share good practices across our beautiful rural deaneries.

I would like to thank Derek and Liz for their continued support with my role, and I will continue to do my absolute best to support you all as your Safeguarding officer.

Emma G (Priory Churches Safeguarding officer)

Net Zero Carbon: The Priory Churches continue with the ambitious plan to make our church buildings and communities more environmentally connected. As part of this, we plan to achieve the targets set out in the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon by 2030. In 2024 we have refreshed our approach based on engagement with the Diocese Net Zero Carbon officer. We have improved the data on energy consumption and costs, completed the Church of England recommended "a practical path to net zero carbon" for all three churches; a checklist that helps identify mitigating measures to help reduce energy use, and completed the energy footprint tool as part of the annual parish return for all three churches. Key to moving forward, is the completion of an energy audit of St Mary's during quarter 1 2025, that will highlight the short and long term actions required to meet net zero targets.

Schools: Sadly in 2024 Conifers Independent school in our village closed. This was a sad loss to the village as the school had served many generations of local families. As mentioned previously in this report, the changing nature of rural life in West Sussex has meant that there are fewer children in our communities which means that in a competitive market many schools will struggle to survive.

With the Church of England Primary school, the work is supportive but also an active working relationship. Through the clergy team, each week there are two acts of Collective Worship, supporting the school's Collective worship across the week. On a Wednesday the Revd Liz Yonge works with year five children to deliver Collective worship in the classroom: delivered by the children but supported by Liz. On a Thursday, with musicians from the parish, the clergy team lead the main act of Collective worship for the week. The church congregation also volunteer across the week to hear children read and support wider school projects. Over the course of the year the Primary school hold five services in St Mary's: Easter, end of term, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. The teaching staff will also make class visits to the church in support of the RE curriculum. The clergy team both serve as governors and support the teaching of RE where required. The church held a school service in 2024 and invited children to form a choir. The collection from the service was used to purchase a new collective worship table made by Chris Fairclough in honour of his wife who sadly died.

This working relationship with our schools demonstrates the importance of community life and the churches place within it. The Priory Churches and the schools benefit greatly from the mutual support that is offered, and the strong relationships promotes the strong sense of community that lies at the heart of village life.

Diocesan Strategy: In 2020 the Diocese launched its new strategy called 'Vision For Growth'. This strategy calls the peoples of God in the Diocese of Chichester to a new agenda working together on mission, outreach and financial sustainability. The strategy sets at its heart a new model for moving forward: More Open, More Converted, More Generous and More Engaged. This strategy was used in creating the Mission Action Plan for the Priory Churches, which can be seen at the beginning of this document.

Finance

The Receipts and Payments Account within these accounts shows a combination of the results of the three churches at Easebourne, Selham and Lodsworth. A combined surplus for the year of £17,586 on unrestricted funds was recorded, comprising £17,991 from Easebourne, £1,113 from Lodsworth and after a small deficit of £1,518 from Selham, although it should be noted that all three churches had their quinquennial inspections in 2024. Similarly, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in the accounts combines the cash and investment assets of all three churches as before and shows overall net assets of £503,068 on the charity's unrestricted funds, although this includes the sum of £159,047 which has been allocated by the Trustees to Designated Funds for longer term projects.

Within Restricted Funds we are pleased to report that the Spire project has been completed and the only balance withheld within Restricted Funds is the retention due.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding Property) which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. Following advice from Chichester Diocese, the PCC has reviewed this policy and adjusted its position to keep £50,000 aside from unrestricted funds as an emergency building/safety fund, and at least six months of current expenditure on ready call for each individual church. The closing balance this year has more than achieved this. The designated fabric fund is retained towards the future cost of the upkeep of the church.

It is PCC policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England deposit fund. A summary of these funds is attached to the financial statement.

This trustees' annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Revd Canon Derek Welsman, PCC Chairman:

Signed:

Date: 19 March 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	51,884	-	51,884	51,366
Collections	18,642	-	18,692	16,618
Grants and donations	14,974	46,178	61,152	44,502
Gift Aid	17,008	-	17,008	19,074
	<u>102,508</u>	<u>46,178</u>	<u>148,686</u>	<u>131,560</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Village events	1,232	-	1,232	1,630
200 Club income	10,993	-	10,993	9,861
	<u>12,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,225</u>	<u>11,491</u>
Church activities				
Fees	19,336	-	19,336	18,764
Other income	284	-	284	662
	<u>19,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,620</u>	<u>19,426</u>
Investments				
Investment income	17,470	-	17,470	16,749
Investment gains	60	-	60	646
	<u>17,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,530</u>	<u>17,395</u>
Total receipts	<u>151,883</u>	<u>46,178</u>	<u>198,061</u>	<u>179,872</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Diocesan share	69,336	-	69,336	73,061
Diocese fees	7,407	-	7,407	9,601
Clergy expenses	5,006	-	5,006	5,783
Ministry sundries	5,529	-	5,529	5,376
Services – electricity, gas etc	7,083	-	7,083	6,134
Insurance	6,511	-	6,511	8,462
Church running & misc expenses	20,666	-	20,666	17,629
Quinquennial inspections	5,004	-	5,004	-
200 Club prizes	4,700	-	4,700	4,775
Charitable and project expenses	-	34,478	34,478	160,497
Designated fund expenses	655	-	655	-
Tree works	2,400	-	2,400	-
	<u>134,297</u>	<u>34,478</u>	<u>168,775</u>	<u>291,318</u>
Total payments	<u>134,297</u>	<u>34,478</u>	<u>168,775</u>	<u>291,318</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>17,586</u>	<u>11,700</u>	<u>29,286</u>	<u>(111,446)</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Cash Funds				
Easebourne				
Barclays current accounts	65,625	10,460	-	76,085
CBF Deposit account	47,019	-	-	47,019
	<u>112,644</u>	<u>10,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,104</u>
Selham				
Barclays current accounts	14,934	-	-	14,934
Lodsworth				
Barclays current accounts	24,025	-	-	24,025
CCLA deposit account	130	-	-	130
	<u>24,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,155</u>
	<u>151,733</u>	<u>10,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>162,193</u>
Investment assets				
Easebourne				
Chancel Trust Investment Funds	-	-	2,681	2,681
Selham				
M&G Charitable Income Fund	71,215	-	-	71,215
M&G Charitable Accumulation Fund	15,919	-	-	15,919
	<u>87,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,134</u>
Lodsworth				
CCLA Repairs Fund	143,808	-	-	143,808
CCLA General Fund	120,793	-	-	120,793
	<u>264,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>264,601</u>
	<u>351,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,681</u>	<u>354,416</u>
	<u>503,468</u>	<u>10,460</u>	<u>2,681</u>	<u>516,609</u>
Net current liabilities	(400)	-	-	(400)
Net assets	<u>503,068</u>	<u>10,460</u>	<u>2,681</u>	<u>516,209</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
FUNDS ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024**

	£
Restricted Funds	
Balance brought forward	5,925
Net receipts for the year	11,700
Transfer to unrestricted funds	(7,165)
	10,460
	10,460
Comprising:	
Spire/tower project	6,578
Other restricted funds	3,882
	10,460
	10,460
Designated funds	
Emergency building/safety fund	150,000
Lodsworth project fund	9,047
	159,047
	159,047
Unrestricted funds	
	£
General unrestricted funds	344,021
Designated funds	159,047
	503,068
	503,068

Signed on behalf of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's, Easebourne

Reverend Canon D Welsman

A Kelly FCA

Date 19 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council of The Priory Churches St Mary's, Easebourne, St Peter's, Lodsworth and St James', Selham

I report on my examination of the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

This report is made solely to the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Church Accounting Regulations. You consider that an audit is not required for the year under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(2) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



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Accounts



The Parish of: Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham

West Sussex

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

OF THE

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Incumbent

Revd Canon Derek Welsman

Independent Examiner

Trevor James

Banks

Barclays Bank Plc, Chichester

Charity Registration No 1151500

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST MARY, EASEBOURNE, ST PETER'S LODSWORTH AND ST JAMES SELHAM
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1151500
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023**

Structure, governance and management

The parish is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the name of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham with the Registered Charity Number 1151500. During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Incumbent:	The Revd Canon Derek Welsman	Chairman
Curate	The Revd Liz Yonge	
Wardens:	Mrs Alison Davis	
	Mr Philip Stringer	
	Mr Deryck Hamon	
	Mrs Lynne Todd	
	Mrs Janet Colman	
Secretary:	Mrs Elizabeth Bounton	
Treasurer:	Mr Tony Kelly	
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mr Eric Bounton	
	Mr Roger Bricknell	
	Mr Peter Marsh	
Elected Members	Mr David Pack	
	Mr Bill Howkins	
	Mrs Emma Glue (Safeguarding Officer)	
	Mrs Penny Tree	
	Mrs Patricia Anne Sankey	
	Mrs Trish Slade	
	Mrs Nicky Edgeley	
	Mrs Rosie Drayson	
	Mr Jeremy Adams (assistant treasurer Selham)	
	Andy Castledine (co-opted May 2023)	
	Kevin Edgeley (co-opted November 2023)	

Standing Committee: Each church holds a standing committee to execute the day to day running of each church community and building. The Standing committee will include: Rector, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and all elected representatives for the said church community.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the separate church communities (four from each church) who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Aim and purposes

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Derek Welsman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives.

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Through its Mission Action Plan the Charity sets out the following objectives:

Unity: In January 2022, we joined our three PCCs together and became the Priory Churches. As we move forward, we commit ourselves, across our three church families to promote and explore unity in our new shared life, by:

- Using our fifth Sundays to celebrate together with services in our school, on one of our farms, in the field at St Peter's and one other event to promote our shared life.
- Taking every opportunity to work together, worship together and socialise together.
- Support each other through attending each other's fetes, social events and associated events.

More Open: *'A family of all ages, loving and serving, contributing and receiving, being transformed and growing together in ways that appropriately reflect the importance of each context and place.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- Setting up of new Pilgrim groups across the three churches to help us continue our journeys of discipleship.
- Creating worship that is truly 'All Age'
- Churches that are open and welcoming to all.
- Continue our work with families through Messy Church

More Converted: *'A church which communicates the Gospel effectively, so women men and children come to a living, personal and transforming faith in Jesus Christ and join their local church family on a journey to Know, Love and Follow Jesus.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- Working with our deanery family in delivering an Emmaus course. An opportunity for us to walk alongside people as they explore the stories of Jesus.

More Generous: *'A church characterised by a radical generous response to the self-giving of Jesus Christ with his life...in this household of faith there are 'no needy among them; wealthier parishes contribute joyfully to sustain ministry in deprived areas and economically deprived parishes don't feel a liability to the rest.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- A church community committed to generously supporting ministry by meeting the challenge of paying 100% of Parish ministry costs and beyond.
- To continue to support our local, national and international charity partners.

More Engaged: *'A church where people have a sense of vocation to love, expressing itself in service; and a church family that nurtures and encourages that vocation.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- Strengthening our relationship with our schools.
- Fully supporting the work of FSW in our deanery.
- Becoming ECO churches
- Finding new ways to support the lonely vulnerable and isolated in our villages

The Charity maintains an overview of worship throughout the year and works with the Rector to promote services that match the needs of our local community. The services and worship put faith into practise through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning the activities, the charity and the incumbent consider the Charity Commissions guidance on 'public benefit' and in particular, the specific guidance on 'Charities for the advancement of religion'.

Achievement and performance

Church attendance

There are 213 parishioners on the churches electoral roll, 140 at St Mary's, 42 at St Peter's and 31 at St James'. The average weekly attendance counted during October was 80 St Mary's, 20 St Peter's and 15 St James' - but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the year

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%. Committees met between meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

Churches at the heart of community: The Priory Churches set themselves the challenge of being churches at the heart of village life and community. The three church families dedicate themselves to being: open, inclusive and accessible to all. The churches provide public worship, occasional offices (weddings baptisms and funerals) and silent space at the heart of village life. The communities work hard to maintain their ancient buildings as a community asset and tend the church yards and burial sites so that families can visit their loved ones buried there.

The Priory Churches, through it's PCC, continued in 2023 to set its Mission Action Plan at the heart of its charitable work. The first aim of the Mission Action Plan was to be '**More open**' - the church communities committing themselves to being inclusive, accepting and open to all who wished to be part of a vibrant and worshipping church. This meant, that special attention was placed on continuing to create a church open to and across the life of the villages. The Priory Churches also sought to '**tell their story of their faith**' as expressed in the Aims and Purposes of the charity – 'The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England' -through actively offering opportunities to explore the values of Christianity. This was primarily achieved through the day-to-day encounters with the wider life of the village, in baptisms, funerals and weddings, which are delivered in a way that is easily accessed, warmly delivered and to a very high standard. The clergy also helped a group of adults and children to come to confirmation. The churches also set at their heart a desire to be '**generous**'. This is seen in their support of church life through the plate, but also in the way they maintain their church buildings: In 2023 this was demonstrated by the community of St Mary's repairing the church spire and tower. Finally, the Priory Churches, through their action plan, wanted to be '**More Engaged**'. This is seen in their work with both our local schools and with other village organisations such as our parish councils and uniformed organisations. The 'More Engaged' also meant that the Priory Churches, through the work of the PCC set a challenging ECO church agenda, seeking new ways to help protect the environment and playing their part in tackling global climate change. More engaged is also expressed through the church communities desire to be active in village events - In 2023, the community of St Peter's once again ran the tea tent at the village fete. The community of St Mary's hosted a village fete that was open to all groups from across village life. In 2023, Afternoon Tea on a Wednesday afternoon was extended to every week – as part of a desire to make sure that those on their own have a space to meet others and share in fellowship. This has also worked well with Little Lambs, our weekly term time toddler group; many young mums struggle – finding quality time with other parents brings a strong sense of community and support.

As a church, charity and worshipping community, the Priory churches have once again in 2023 demonstrated their commitment to meet their challenging objectives set out in their Mission Action Plan. The plan brings a strong focus to the charity and enables it to be focused and clear in what it stands for and sets out to achieve.

Schools: For the Priory Churches, the relationship with their two schools is an important one. With the Church of England Primary school the work is supportive but also an active working relationship. Through the clergy team, each week there are two acts of Collective Worship, supporting the school's Collective worship across the week. On a Tuesday the Revd Liz Yonge works with year five children to deliver Collective worship in the classroom; delivered by the children but supported by Liz. On a Thursday, with musicians from the parish, the clergy team lead the main act of Collective worship for the week. The church congregation also volunteer across the week to hear children read and support wider school projects. Over the course of the year the Primary school hold five services in St Mary's: Easter, end of term, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. The teaching staff will also make class visits to the church in support of the RE curriculum. The clergy team both serve as governors and support the teaching of RE where required. In 2023 sadly Caroline Hulbert had to retire early as head teacher. After a thorough interview process, Simon Treharn was appointed head teacher for the new academic year – we look forward to working with Simon over the coming years.

Conifers, an independent school also has a good working relationship with the church. Across the year Conifers hold services in the church and will invite the clergy team to take assemblies when required.

This working relationship with our schools demonstrates the importance of community life and the churches place within it. The Priory Churches and the schools benefit greatly from the mutual support that is offered and the strong relationships promotes the strong sense of community that lies at the heart of village life.

Worship: Offering public worship that is accessible and open to all remains a key part of the Priory Churches life. Across the year and through the seasons of the church's calendar good quality worship is essential for the community's vibrant encounter with God. The strength of the three churches shared life is that across a month there is mixed and varied styles of worship. From Book of Common Prayer holy communion and evensong, through common worship Order One and Order Two holy communion, to family focused worship and the experimental

Celtic evening prayer, the sheer diversity of styles affords accessibility across the traditions. Adding to this, the baptism, wedding and funeral ministry, the Priory churches place 'being church for the wider community' as a key part of their shared life in God and the richness and diversity of worship demonstrates the churches commitment to this..

Charitable work: The Priory churches place charitable support at the centre of church life. Across the year, the three church communities seek to find ways to support local, national and international charities and their work. In 2023, the Priory Churches undertook a challenging Lent appeal to collect essential items to support the peoples of the Ukraine. This appeal, organised by Andy Castledine was extremely successful, not only encouraging the church communities, but also the wider village communities to contribute. On top of this, the churches continued on a weekly basis, their collections for Stonepillow of items such as food and clothing. Stonepillow is also supported at Christmas, when the collection from St Mary's and St Peter's carol services are used to pay for the homeless Christmas dinner at St Jo's. On a weekly basis, the church community also supports the local Foodbank in Midhurst. In a time of national cost of living crisis, this collection point is vital in supporting and helping local families. In 2023 the Priory churches continued their support for the charity Family Support Work. This Deanery wide project has facilitated a FSW worker to work across our deanery bringing much needed support to vulnerable local families. In December the Priory churches donated their collections from their Christingle services to the work of the Children's Society. The Priory Churches have also supported the work of the Royal British Legion by donating the collection from the village remembrance services. The charity also supports the Church of England primary school in the parish by purchasing items to support collective worship and the teaching of RE. In 2023, the charity put together a strong team to raise vital funds for Sussex Historic Churches Trust. Across the day in September several teams managed to raise £1400 towards the important charity and its work. The priory churches look to support charity in many different and varied ways. Their support for the local Macmillan service is through offering St Mary's church as a focus for bereavement support in the form of two-yearly services of remembrance and the holding of the annual Tree of Hope at Christmas which raises essential funds for the charities work. The charity also supports Macmillan through their Rector acting as a chaplain when needed. Across the year, this level of charitable support focuses very clearly on the Priory Churches commitment to a generous and focused community life together.

Children's work: 2023 has been an exciting year of growth and development for our children and family provision at St. Mary's, with our 'Little Lambs' toddler group steadily growing in numbers each week as children enjoy songs, craft, and play, whilst their carers enjoy cuppas, cake, and chat with others from our local area. Highlights include our Christmas party, which attracted carers and children and we have been delighted to see the group grow as a loving community, with new friendships formed and members supporting each other practically and emotionally over the year- we also look forward to baptising more Little Lambs in 2024! Messy Church has also continued to expand, with Easter, Summer, Harvest and Advent sessions held in 2023. 50 children and 40 carers attended our Messy Advent session, engaging with Christ's story through a variety of messy crafts, uplifting worship time and a noisy and abundant Advent tea! Kids, parents, and our volunteers are already looking forward to the 2024 sessions. To our delight, we offered Holy Communion to six of our worshipping children for their first time in 2023. Such was the success of our breakfast preparation course that a new monthly breakfast club for our younger congregation members and their families, Rise and Shine, was born. This smaller forum allows us to engage with our children more fully, exploring a different Christian theme each month as we share breakfast, hear a bible story, and undertake activities together. We especially loved our October session, which saw us working alongside the Yardies-our churchyard maintenance team- to do our bit for the environment by tidying the church grounds- richly rewarded at the end of the session by bacon butties provided by our amazing social gang. We also prepared two young adults for confirmation this year- a real joy. Our school links remain strong, and we are delighted to continue to lead Collective Worship each week, as well as supporting the Year 5 class to plan and lead the school's response to the weekly theme too. We have forged excellent links with the new head in our roles as foundation governors and were truly delighted to see the school awarded the highest grading at a SIAMS inspection in January 2024, with our strong links and worship quality being especially commended.

We look forward to building further on our success in 2024 and beyond. Revd Liz Yonge

Repairs to the church: The three church buildings of the parish are important places of public worship and venues for occasional offices. The PCC works hard each year to maintain the church buildings for the local community for public access and places of prayer and peace at the heart of village life.

In 2023, we completed a major project on our church buildings. The repair of the Spire and Bell Tower, identified by the 2018 Quinquennial Inspection and delayed due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic, was finished. Work started in June and was not completed until Christmas due to inclement weather. A successful fundraising programme with grants from the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and generous donations from the congregation and community are expected to cover the total costs of around £200,000. Phil Stringer

Burial Grounds: The three PCCs see the work of maintaining our church yards and burial grounds as essential to supporting our village life. The Parish Councils continued to support the church with vital financial contributions to grass cutting. All five of our burial sites place a huge financial burden on the PCCs with routine cutting of grass and

essential repairs. During this year, care and maintenance of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's (CWGC) headstones for the 17 casualties buried in our churchyards from the First and Second World Wars, has been provided by Eyes On Hands On volunteers. In addition, CWGC signs have been erected by the Commission at St Mary's and St Peter's. For the first time 4 tours of the burial ground were completed at St Mary's as part of CWGC's War Graves week in May and Madhurst in August, and 30 people including local guides group attended. Phil Stringer

Safeguarding: The safety and protection of children (under 18) and vulnerable adults is a core concern and responsibility for the PCC. The topic is on the agenda of every PCC meeting with reports from Emma Glue who is the Safeguarding officer.

The principal tasks are threefold, firstly keeping the PCC up to date with the ever-shifting policy and practices relating to safeguarding nationally. Secondly ensuring that all those who work with children within our three parishes, particularly Messy Church and Little Lambs and now Rise and Shine, have filled in the appropriate forms or done the required training for their role. Finally, to ensure a culture and awareness and vigilance which is based on having the right policies and procedures and is NOT based on assumptions. All this is in place to a considerable degree, if not ever perfect, and so for us constant vigilance is key. Since our last APCM meeting the church, I feel we are more aware of safeguarding and the need to keep our young people and vulnerable adults safe from harm. We have delivered a face-to-face training to support those unable to access this online and to those who preferred to talk through scenarios as a group, both sessions that we ran were well attended and felt that it was a lot easier to do this face to face and have conversations you might not be able to have if you're doing this independently at home. We are planning the next training session to deliver soon, as the last 2 sessions were well attended.

We have also had many among the Priory churches do their training online, some of this because of the roles they have within the church, and some just to have some awareness of why the need for safeguarding is so important. If you are unsure if you need to complete safeguarding training for your role or if you're interested, please do speak to me. There are now voluntary role descriptions for all jobs within the church, from Bell ringers to Serving, it sets out what their jobs are, and what is expected of them with regards to safeguarding with some very helpful do's and don'ts of how to keep both yourself and others around you safe. This was put before the Archdeacon during his visit, so he was aware of all of our safeguarding that is in place to keep everyone safe within the 3 parishes. This was said to be of very high standard. I really do enjoy my role as your safeguarding officer and it's something I feel I can do well through my knowledge both in my job at our local secondary school and through Girlguiding, I look forward to supporting you all throughout the next year, and plan to visit each church more to be a supportive face for those who may need help or advice, I am always there to be a gentle listening ear for any worries or concerns you may have. Emma Glue.

Eco Church: The Priory Churches continue with the ambitious plan to make our church buildings and communities more environmentally connected. This plan requires each church community to assess its impact upon the environment and to seek ways to change that impact. At Easebourne, the area set aside in the churchyard for a wildflower garden, in which over 70 seedboms with indigenous wild flowers were sown, has had mixed success due to the weather. Plans to get to carbon neutral in the operation of the church include the three Priory Churches measuring their carbon footprint using the Church of England's energy footprint tool and report as part of the annual parish return. All three churches have a high efficiency score (Rated between A+ to A) despite their different carbon footprints. Going forward we plan to achieve the targets set out in the Church Of England's Net Zero Carbon by 2030. Phil Stringer

Diocesan Strategy: In 2020 the Diocese launched its new strategy called 'Vision For Growth'. This strategy calls the peoples of God in the Diocese of Chichester to a new agenda working together on mission, outreach and financial sustainability. The strategy sets at its heart a new model for moving forward: More Open, More Converted, More Generous and More Engaged. This strategy was used in creating the Mission Action Plan for the Priory Churches, which can be seen at the beginning of this document.

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 7 shows a combination of the results of the three churches at Easebourne, Selham and Lodsworth. A combined surplus for the year of £13,804 on unrestricted funds was recorded, comprising £5,392 from Easebourne, £3,636 from Selham and £4,776 from Lodsworth, before its £5,000 contribution to the tower and spire works.

Similarly the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 8 combines the cash and investment assets of all three churches for the first time and shows overall net assets of £482,403 on the charity's unrestricted funds, although this includes the sum of £159,702 which has been allocated by the Trustees to Designated Funds for longer term projects. It is envisaged that a significant proportion of the contribution to the tower and spire project will be recovered from various sources in 2024 and that our unrestricted reserves will rise accordingly during the current year.

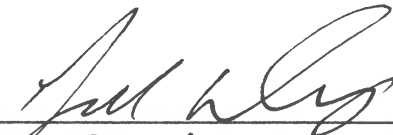
Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding Property) which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. Following advice from Chichester Diocese, the PCC has reviewed this policy and adjusted its position to keep £50,000 aside from unrestricted funds as an emergency building/safety fund, and at least six months of current expenditure on ready call for each individual church. The closing balance this year has more than achieved this. The designated fabric fund is retained towards the future cost of the upkeep of the church.

It is PCC policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England deposit fund. A summary of these funds is attached to the financial statement.

This trustees' annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Revd Canon Derek Welsman, PCC Chairman:

Signed:



Date:

17th April 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	51,366	-	51,366	48,728
Collections	16,618	-	16,618	16,367
Grants and donations	10,448	34,054	44,502	80,466
Gift Aid	19,074	-	19,074	18,337
Legacy (Designated Funds)	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>97,506</u>	<u>34,054</u>	<u>131,560</u>	<u>173,898</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Village events	1,630	-	1,630	2,350
200 Club income	9,861	-	9,861	9,645
	<u>11,491</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,491</u>	<u>11,995</u>
Church activities				
Fees	18,764	-	18,764	17,687
Other income	662	-	662	1,321
	<u>19,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,426</u>	<u>19,008</u>
Investments				
Investment income	16,749	-	16,749	15,741
Investment gains	646	-	646	-
	<u>17,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,395</u>	<u>15,741</u>
Total receipts	<u>145,818</u>	<u>34,054</u>	<u>179,872</u>	<u>220,642</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Diocesan share	73,061	-	73,061	68,907
Diocese fees	9,601	-	9,601	5,097
Clergy expenses	5,783	-	5,783	4,488
Ministry sundries	5,376	-	5,376	5,066
Services – electricity, gas etc	6,134	-	6,134	5,657
Insurance	8,462	-	8,462	8,719
Church running & misc expenses	17,629	-	17,629	18,364
Building works and projects	-	-	-	500
200 Club prizes	4,775	-	4,775	4,700
Charitable and project expenses	1,193	159,304	160,497	14,536
Designated fund expenses	-	-	-	298
	<u>132,014</u>	<u>159,304</u>	<u>291,318</u>	<u>136,332</u>
Total payments	<u>132,014</u>	<u>159,304</u>	<u>291,318</u>	<u>136,332</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>13,804</u>	<u>(125,250)</u>	<u>(111,446)</u>	<u>84,310</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Cash Funds				
Easebourne				
Barclays current accounts	43,631	5,925	-	49,556
CBF Deposit account	44,311	-	-	44,311
	<u>87,942</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,867</u>
Selham				
Barclays current accounts	27,954	-	-	27,954
	<u>27,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,954</u>
Lodsworth				
Barclays current accounts	22,912	-	-	22,912
CCLA deposit account	124	-	-	124
	<u>23,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,036</u>
	<u>138,932</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,857</u>
Investment assets				
Easebourne				
Chancel Trust Investment Funds	-	-	2,621	2,621
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,621</u>	<u>2,621</u>
Selham				
M&G Charitable Income Fund	69,406	-	-	69,406
M&G Charitable Accumulation Fund	15,775	-	-	15,775
	<u>85,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,181</u>
Lodsworth				
CCLA Repairs Fund	140,590	-	-	140,590
CCLA General Fund	118,090	-	-	118,090
	<u>258,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,680</u>
	<u>343,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,621</u>	<u>346,782</u>
	<u>482,793</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>2,621</u>	<u>491,339</u>
Net current liabilities	(390)	-	-	(390)
Net assets	<u>482,403</u>	<u>5,925</u>	<u>2,621</u>	<u>490,949</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE**


FUNDS ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

	£	£
Restricted Funds		
Balance brought forward		58,857
Net expenditure for the year		(125,250)
Transfer from restricted fund		52,053
Transfer from benevolent fund		20,265
		5,925
Balance carried forward		5,925
Comprising:		
Spire/tower project		-
Other restricted funds		5,925
		5,925
Designated funds		
Emergency building/safety fund		150,000
Lodsworth project fund		9,702
		159,702
Included within unrestricted funds (below)		159,702
Unrestricted funds		
General unrestricted funds	322,701	
Designated funds	159,702	
	482,403	
Balance carried forward	482,403	

Signed on behalf of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's, Easebourne


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Reverend Canon D Welsman


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A Kelly FCA

Date 17/14/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council of The Priory Churches St Mary's, Easebourne, St Peter's, Lodsworth and St James', Selham

I report on my examination of the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

This report is made solely to the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Church Accounting Regulations. You consider that an audit is not required for the year under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(2) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

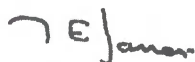
Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

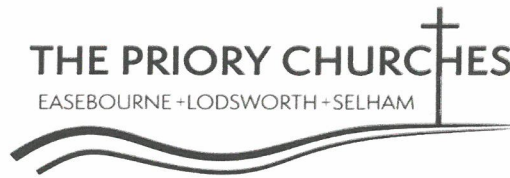
In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

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



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13 April 2024

Accounts



The Parish of: Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham

West Sussex

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

OF THE

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Incumbent

Revd Canon Derek Welsman

Independent Examiner

Trevor James

Banks

Barclays Bank Plc, Chichester

Charity Registration No 1151500

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST MARY, EASEBOURNE, ST PETER'S LODSWORTH AND ST JAMES SELHAM
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1151500
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022**

Structure, governance and management

The parish is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the name of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham with the Registered Charity Number 1151500.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Incumbent:	The Revd Canon Derek Welsman	Chairman
Curate	The Revd Liz Yonge	
Wardens:	Mrs Alison Davis	
	Mr Philip Stringer (Elected May 2022)	
	Mr Deryck Hamon	
	Mrs Lynne Todd	
	Mrs Janet Colman	
Secretary:	Mrs Elizabeth Bounton	
Treasurer:	Mr Tony Kelly	
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mr Eric Bounton (Assistant treasurer Lodsworth)	
	Mr Roger Bricknell	
	Mr Peter Marsh (Elected May 2022)	
Elected Members	Mr David Pack	
	Mr Bill Howkins	
	Mrs Emma Glue (Safeguarding Officer)	
	Mrs Penny Tree	
	Mr Peter Marsh	
	Mrs Patricia Anne Sankey	
	Mrs Trish Slade	
	Mrs Nicky Edgley	
	Mrs Rosie Drayson	
	Mr Jeremy Adams (assistant treasurer Selham)	

Standing Committee: Each church holds a standing committee to execute the day to day running of each church community and building. The Standing committee will include: Rector, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and all elected representatives for the said church community.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the separate church communities (four from each church) who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Aim and purposes

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Derek Welsman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives.

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Through its Mission Action Plan the Charity sets out the following objectives:

Unity: In January 2022, we joined our three PCCs together and became the Priory Churches. As we move forward, we commit ourselves, across our three church families to promote and explore unity in our new shared life, by:

- Using our fifth Sundays to celebrate together with services in our school, on one of our farms, in the field at St Peter's and one other event to promote our shared life.
- Taking every opportunity to work together, worship together and socialise together.
- Support each other through attending each other's fetes, social events and associated events.

More Open: *'A family of all ages, loving and serving, contributing and receiving, being transformed and growing together in ways that appropriately reflect the importance of each context and place.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- Setting up of new Pilgrim groups across the three churches to help us continue our journeys of discipleship.
- Creating worship that is truly 'All Age'
- Churches that are open and welcoming to all.
- Continue our work with families through Messy Church

More Converted: *'A church which communicates the Gospel effectively, so women men and children come to a living, personal and transforming faith in Jesus Christ and join their local church family on a journey to Know, Love and Follow Jesus.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- Working with our deanery family in delivering an Emmaus course. An opportunity for us to walk alongside people as they explore the stories of Jesus.

More Generous: *'A church characterised by a radical generous response to the self-giving of Jesus Christ with his life...in this household of faith there are 'no needy among them; wealthier parishes contribute joyfully to sustain ministry in deprived areas and economically deprived parishes don't feel a liability to the rest.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- A church community committed to generously supporting ministry by meeting the challenge of paying 100% of Parish ministry costs and beyond.
- To continue to support our local, national and international charity partners.

More Engaged: *'A church where people have a sense of vocation to love, expressing itself in service; and a church family that nurtures and encourages that vocation.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2021)

- Strengthening our relationship with our schools.
- Fully supporting the work of FSW in our deanery.
- Becoming ECO churches
- Finding new ways to support the lonely vulnerable and isolated in our villages

The Charity maintains an overview of worship throughout the year and works with the Rector to promote services that match the needs of our local community. The services and worship put faith into practise through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning the activities, the charity and the incumbent consider the Charity Commissions guidance on 'public benefit' and in particular, the specific guidance on 'Charities for the advancement of religion'.

Achievement and performance

Church attendance

There are 221 parishioners on the churches electoral roll, 143 at St Mary's, 45 at St Peter's and 33 at St James'. The average weekly attendance counted during October was 70 St Mary's, 20 St Peter's and 15 St James' - but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the year

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 90%. Committees met between meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

Churches at the heart of community: The Priory Churches set themselves the challenge of being churches set at the heart of village life and community. The three church communities dedicate themselves to being: open, inclusive and accessible to all. The churches provide public worship, occasional offices (weddings baptisms and funerals) and silent space at the heart of village life. The communities work hard to maintain their ancient buildings as a community asset and tend the church yards and burial sites so that families can visit their loved ones buried there.

The Priory Churches through their action plan work to create churches that are '**More open**' – meaning, setting their shared life in the context of their local setting. In 2022, this facilitated the setting up of a new toddler group aimed at offering space for parents and carers to meet and socialise. In 2023 this will extend to a new weekly afternoon tea 'drop in' for those who need to meet others and live on their own. The Priory Churches also seek to '**tell their story of faith**' as expressed in the Aims and Purposes of the charity – 'The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England' -through actively offering opportunities to explore the values of Christianity. In 2022, after the pandemic, this meant that three people from the church were confirmed by Bishop Ruth. The churches also set at their heart of desire to be '**generous**'. This is seen in their support of church life through the plate, but also in the way they maintain their church buildings. This is also demonstrated through their support of charities both local, national and international. Finally, the Priory Churches, through their action plan, want to be '**More Engaged**'. This is seen in their work with both our local schools and with other village organisations such as our parish councils and uniformed organisations. The Priory Churches also continue to support the Diocesan Charity 'Family Support Work' reaching the most vulnerable local families. The 'More Engaged' also means that the Priory Churches, through to the work of the PCC are setting a challenging ECO church agenda, seeking new ways to help protect the environment and playing their part in tackling global climate change.

Schools: For the Priory Churches, the relationship with their two schools is an important one. With the Church of England Primary school the work is supportive but also an active working relationship. Through the clergy team, each week there are two acts of Collective Worship, supporting the school's Collective worship across the week. On a Tuesday the Revd Liz Yonge works with year five children to deliver Collective worship in the classroom; delivered by the children but supported by Liz. On a Thursday, with musicians from the parish, the clergy team lead the main act of Collective worship for the week. The church congregation also volunteer across the week to hear children read and support wider school projects. Over the course of the year the Primary school hold five services in St Mary's: Easter, end of term, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. The teaching staff will also make class visits to the church in support of the RE curriculum. The clergy team both serve as governors and support the teaching of RE where required.

Conifers, an independent school also has a good working relationship with the church. Across the year Conifers hold services in the church and will invite the clergy team to take assemblies when required.

This working relationship with our schools demonstrates the importance of community life and the churches place within it. The Priory Churches and the schools benefit greatly from the mutual support that is offered and the strong relationships promotes the strong sense of community that lies at the heart of village life.

Worship: Offering public worship that is accessible and open to all remains a key part of the Priory Churches life. Across the year and through the seasons of the church's calendar good quality worship is essential for the community's vibrant encounter with God. The strength of the three churches shared life is that across a month there is mixed and varied styles of worship. From Book of Common Prayer holy communion and evensong, through common worship Order One and Order Two holy communion, to family focused worship and the experimental Celtic evening prayer, the sheer diversity of styles affords accessibility across the traditions. Adding to this, the baptism, wedding and funeral ministry, the Priory churches place 'being church for the wider community' as a key part of their shared life in God and the richness and diversity of worship demonstrates the churches commitment to this..

Charitable work: The Priory churches place charitable support at the centre of church life. Across the year, the three church communities seek to find ways to support local, national and international charities and their work. On a weekly basis, there are collections for Stonepillow of items such as food and clothing. There is also a shopping trolley in St Mary's – but all three churches are encouraged to donate. Stonepillow is also supported at Christmas, when the collection from St Mary's and St Peter's carol services are used to pay for the homeless Christmas dinner at St Jo's. In 2022, the three churches also came together at Harvest to hold a special service in support of homelessness. The collection from this service also went to support Stonepillow. On a weekly basis, the church

community also supports the local Foodbank in Midhurst. In a time of national cost of living crisis, this collection point is vital in supporting and helping local families. Through Lent, the three churches commit themselves to supporting an international charity. In 2022, this continued to be Education West Africa, a charity set up to support education in Sierra Leone. In 2022 the Priory churches continued their support for the charity Family Support Work. This Deanery wide project has facilitated a FSW worker to work across our deanery bringing much needed support to vulnerable local families. After our successful Farm Service in July, the Priory Churches were able to make a generous donation to a local charity supporting struggling farmers. In December the Priory churches donated their collections from their Christingle services to the work of the Children's Society. Supporting the Children's Society is also supported through Collection Boxes that people have in their homes. The Priory Churches have also supported the work of the Royal British Legion by donating the collection from the village remembrance services. The Priory Churches also support the Church of England primary school in the parish by purchasing items to support collective worship and the teaching of RE. In recent years this has meant the purchase of bibles for the school. The purchase of a 'Big Freeze' which tells the bible story across a large banner, bought in support of the teaching resource used in the classroom. In 2022, after a successful school service, the Priory churches were able to purchase a new Paschal Candle stand for the collective worship area – this candle is lit each time the children gather as a focus for worship. The priory churches look to support charity in many different and varied ways. Their support for the local Macmillan service is through offering St Mary's church as a focus for bereavement support in the form of two-yearly services of remembrance and the holding of the annual Tree of Hope at Christmas which raises essential funds for the charities work. The Priory churches also support Macmillan through their Rector acting as a chaplain when needed. Across the year, this level of charitable support focuses very clearly on the Priory Churches commitment to a generous and focused community life together.

Children's work: During the year 2022, we were delighted the abatement of Covid restrictions allowed us to offer St. Mary's as a community space once more. During this period we have re-launched our toddler group, Little Lambs to great success; providing music, toys, food and fun for the children, and a place of much-needed fellowship and support for their parents/carers, many of whom were deprived of opportunities to meet other adults in a similar position during lockdown. We have also restarted our Messy Church offering, providing a fun, nurturing and creative environment for primary-aged children and a great opportunity for parents/carers to both spend 'quality time' with their children, whilst also connecting with other local parents in a welcoming and comfortable space. The provision of a meal at each service provides some help for those struggling with the cost of living crisis and we advertise this offering through both local schools and community support workers to reach as many in our community as possible. All sessions were warmly received and a fuller programme for the forthcoming year has already been established. Revd Liz Yonge

Repairs to the church: The three church buildings of the parish are important places of public worship and venues for occasional offices. The PCC works hard each year to maintain the church buildings for the local community for public access and places of prayer and peace at the heart of village life.

The war memorial at St Mary's was repaired and conserved over two days in June and August 2022 with funds from the War Memorials Trust, the Cowdray Estate, Easebourne Parish Council and the PCC. A service of rededication was held on Remembrance Sunday.

Preparations for the repair of the Spire and Bell Tower, identified by the 2018 Quinquennial Inspection and delayed due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic, have taken a major step forward. A major fundraising campaign has been initiated and two thirds of the required funds have been raised. Current plans are for the works to commence in Spring 2023. Philip Stringer - Churchwarden

Luckily, we have had quite a peaceful year as far as dear old St. Peter's is concerned. Having spent the past 12 or so years repairing re-ordering, redecorating and re-roofing Lynne and I thought we'd have a year off! Instead, we've been concentrating on Churchyard ecology and have planted a 16 tree ring of fruit trees for the Platinum Jubilee we are now planting around 300 hedging plants.

We hope to get DAC permission to strip and re seal our pews this year and replace the floorboards in the central area, which will be a time consuming job in itself. Besides which, who knows what the impending Quinquennial will throw up! Deryck Hamon – Churchwarden

Burial Grounds: The three PCCs see the work of maintaining our church yards and burial grounds as essential to supporting our village life. The Parish Council continued to support the church with vital financial contributions to grass cutting. All five of our burial sites place a huge financial burden on the PCCs with routine cutting of grass and essential repairs. During this year, care and maintenance of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's (CWGC) headstones for the 17 casualties buried in our churchyards from the First and Second World Wars, has been provided by Eyes On Hands On volunteers. In addition, applications for CWGC signs have been made for three of our cemeteries to help increase awareness of war graves in the United Kingdom.

Safeguarding: Sadly in 2022 our Safeguarding officer Sue Parry passed away. Her work in ensuring good Safeguarding practise across our three churches was to a very high standard – she is a great loss to our church life. Thankfully, her legacy will continue in her daughter Emma Glue, who through Guiding has established strong credentials for taking the lead in this important work and joins us as our Safeguarding Officer.

The PCC and the safeguarding team continue to build on the work established when the parish was awarded the Simple Quality Protects Mark for safeguarding from the Diocese of Chichester. This mark assures those who attend our churches that all good practise is in place to deal with children and vulnerable adults. All three churches fully comply with the Church of England's guidance on safeguarding all children and vulnerable adults. Through its Safeguarding Committee and the dedicated Safeguarding officers, the PCCs work using the Diocesan Simple Quality Protects mark to ensure good practise. This means that the PCCs follow all safer recruiting procedures: Using the DBS to check those who hold key roles in the church – using for key people all training pertaining to Safeguarding provided by the Church of England and ensuring that all places of worship are safe and secure for those who attend – especially children and vulnerable adults. Under current guidelines there is a requirement that all Church wardens comply to safeguarding training to the level of Leadership. It is also a requirement that all PCC members undertake basic Safeguarding training. Each year, before the APCM the PCCs review the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, which when passed is posted in our churches in public view. In 2022 there were no Safeguarding incidents in our three parishes.

Eco Church: The Priory Churches continue with the ambitious plan to make our church buildings and communities more environmentally connected. This plan requires each church community to assess its impact upon the environment and to seek ways to change that impact. The small changes to our shared life, such as using mugs instead of disposable cups are embedded. At Easebourne, the area set aside in the churchyard for a wildflower garden, had mixed success due to the drought. Plans are to use seedbombs in prepared areas of the churchyard to encourage rewilding. Links with Easebourne Primary School eco-warriors remain strong. They school have signed up to the Caring for God's Acre initiative and the CWGC volunteer has signed up for the CWGC project with iNaturalist, measuring biodiversity at CWGC locations. Already a significant species of fungi (Earthstars *Genus Geastrum*) has been noted. All three Priory Churches measure their carbon footprint using the Church of England's energy footprint tool. This measures the amount of carbon produced annually by heating and lighting the church buildings. Scores are measured for energy efficiency based on building size and attendance. All three churches have a high efficiency score (rated between A+ to A) despite their different carbon footprints. Going forward we plan to work through the Practical Path to NetZero Carbon checklist.

Diocesan Strategy: In 2020 the Diocese launched its new strategy called 'Vision For Growth'. This strategy calls the peoples of God in the Diocese of Chichester to a new agenda working together on mission, outreach and financial sustainability. The strategy sets at its heart a new model for moving forward: More Open, More Converted, More Generous and More Engaged. This strategy was used in creating the Mission Action Plan for the Priory Churches, which can be seen at the beginning of this document.

Financial review

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 7 shows a combination of the results of the three churches at Easebourne, Selham and Lodsworth. A combined surplus for the year of £18,937 on unrestricted funds was recorded (excluding a legacy net receipt of £9,702 which has been allocated to a Designated Projects Fund), comprising £8,781 from Easebourne, £4,920 from Selham and £5,236 from Lodsworth.

Similarly the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 8 combines the cash and investment assets of all three churches for the first time and shows overall net assets of £500,143 on the charity's unrestricted funds, although this includes the sum of £159,702 which has been allocated by the Trustees to Designated Funds for longer term projects.

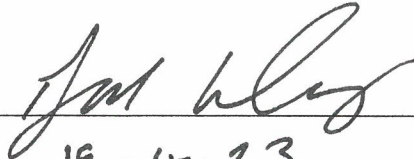
Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding Property) which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. Following advice from Chichester Diocese, the PCC has reviewed this policy and adjusted its position to keep £50,000 aside from unrestricted funds as an emergency building/safety fund, and at least six months of current expenditure on ready call for each individual church. The closing balance this year has more than achieved this. The designated fabric fund is retained towards the future cost of the upkeep of the church.

It is PCC policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England deposit fund. A summary of these funds is attached to the financial statement.

This trustees' annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Revd Derek Welsman, PCC Chairman:

Signed:



Date:

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	48,728	-	48,728	52,424
Collections	16,367	-	16,367	12,680
Grants and donations	10,833	69,633	80,466	19,916
Gift Aid	18,337	-	18,337	13,433
Legacy (Designated Funds)	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>104,265</u>	<u>69,633</u>	<u>173,898</u>	<u>98,453</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Refectory	-	-	-	2,241
Village events	2,350	-	2,350	1,553
200 Club income	<u>9,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,645</u>	<u>9,904</u>
	<u>11,995</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,995</u>	<u>13,698</u>
Church activities				
Fees	17,687	-	17,687	16,805
Other income	<u>1,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,321</u>	<u>180</u>
	<u>19,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,008</u>	<u>16,985</u>
Investments				
Investment income	15,741	-	15,741	16,622
Sale of investments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>15,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,741</u>	<u>20,622</u>
Total receipts	<u>151,009</u>	<u>69,633</u>	<u>220,642</u>	<u>149,758</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Diocesan share	68,907	-	68,907	64,783
Diocese fees	5,097	-	5,097	6,871
Clergy expenses	4,488	-	4,488	3,584
Ministry sundries	5,066	-	5,066	6,849
Services – electricity, gas etc	5,657	-	5,657	4,477
Insurance	8,719	-	8,719	7,421
Church Running & misc expenses	18,364	-	18,364	14,233
Building works and projects	500	-	500	5,792
200 Club prizes	4,700	-	4,700	4,625
Mission	574	-	14,536	4,306
Designated fund expenses	<u>298</u>	<u>13,962</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payments	<u>122,370</u>	<u>13,962</u>	<u>136,332</u>	<u>122,941</u>
Net receipts	<u>28,639</u>	<u>55,671</u>	<u>84,310</u>	<u>26,817</u>

The net receipts figure above includes £9,702 which has been allocated by the Trustees to a Designated Projects Fund and is therefore not considered to be available to meet regular operational expenses.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE**

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Cash Funds				
Easebourne				
Barclays current accounts	49,502	58,857	-	108,359
CBF Deposit account	76,848	-	-	76,848
	<u>126,350</u>	<u>58,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185,207</u>
Selham				
Barclays current accounts	24,317	-	-	24,317
Lodsworth				
Barclays current accounts	25,936	-	-	25,936
CCLA deposit account	120	-	-	120
	<u>26,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,056</u>
	<u>176,723</u>	<u>58,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>235,580</u>
Investment assets				
Easebourne				
Chancel Trust Investment Funds	-	-	2,395	2,395
Sale Henley Mission Investment (Fabric) Funds	-	-	19,845	19,845
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,240</u>	<u>22,240</u>
Selham				
M&G Charitable Income Fund	71,076	-	-	71,076
M&G Charitable Accumulation Fund	14,722	-	-	14,722
	<u>85,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,798</u>
Lodsworth				
CCLA Repairs Fund	128,500	-	-	128,500
CCLA General Fund	107,935	-	-	107,935
	<u>236,435</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,435</u>
	<u>322,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,240</u>	<u>344,473</u>
	<u>498,956</u>	<u>58,857</u>	<u>22,240</u>	<u>580,053</u>
Net current assets	1,187	-	-	1,187
Net assets transfers between funds (see page 8)	<u>500,143</u>	<u>58,857</u>	<u>22,240</u>	<u>581,240</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
 ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
 ANALYSIS OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	General Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total Unrestricted funds £
Net assets before transfers (per page 7)	500,143	-	500,143
Transferred to emergency building/safety fund	(150,000)	150,000	-
Allocated to Lodsworth project fund	(9,702)	9,702	-
Balance carried forward	<u>340,441</u>	<u>159,702</u>	<u>500,143</u>

Signed on behalf of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's, Easebourne



 Print name

REVD CANON DEREK WELSMAN

 Print name

Date 19.4.23

ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	34,346		36,609	
Collections	8,573		5,972	
Grants and donations	9,273		7,350	
Gift Aid recovery	11,767		8,223	
Ministry contributions	4,800		6,500	
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		68,759		64,654
Activities for generating funds				
Refectory	-		2,241	
Fete, fair etc	-		1,553	
200 Club income	9,645		9,904	
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		9,645		13,698
Church activities				
Fees	12,767		10,916	
Other income	199		180	
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		12,966		11,096
Investments				
Investment income		1,588		2,740
		<hr/>		<hr/>
Total receipts		92,958		92,188
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Diocesan share	42,036		38,868	
Diocese fees	3,623		5,263	
Clergy expenses	4,488		3,584	
Ministry sundries	5,066		6,149	
Services – electricity, gas etc	3,370		3,144	
Insurance	6,571		5,194	
Church Running & misc expenses	13,823		8,668	
Building works and projects	500		5,792	
200 Club prizes	4,700		4,625	
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Total payments		84,177		81,287
Net receipts		<hr/>		<hr/>
		8,781		10,901
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ST. PETER'S, LODSWORTH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	9,332		9,805	
Collections	4,451		3,828	
Donations	1,195		1,229	
Gift Aid recovery	4,373		3,990	
Designated fund legacy	10,000		-	
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		29,351		18,852
Activities for general funds				
Fees	3,564		4,096	
Village events	2,350		-	
Other income	1,122		-	
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		7,036		4,096
Investments				
Investment income	7,204		7,581	
Sale of investments	-		4,000	
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		7,204		11,581
Total receipts		<hr/>		<hr/>
		43,591		34,529
Expenses				
Diocesan share	16,060		16,200	
Diocesan fees	1,454		1,388	
Services – electricity, gas etc	1,905		1,004	
Insurance	1,515		1,613	
Church running costs	3,298		3,822	
Contribution	3,000		5,000	
Charitable giving	292		194	
Misc expenses	831		754	
Designated fund expenses	298		-	
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		28,653		29,975
Net receipts		<hr/>		<hr/>
		14,938		4,554
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The net receipts above includes £9,702 which has been allocated by the Trustees to a Designated Projects Fund and is therefore not considered to be available to meet regular operational expenses.

ST. JAMES' SELHAM
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	5,050		6,010	
Collections	3,343		2,880	
Donations	365		4,944	
Gift Aid recovery	2,197		1,220	
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		10,955		15,054
 Activities for general funds				
Fees		1,356		1,793
 Investments				
Investment income		6,949		6,301
 Total receipts		<hr/>		<hr/>
		19,260		23,148
 Expenses				
Diocesan share	10,811		9,715	
Diocesan fees	20		220	
Services – electricity, gas etc	382		329	
Insurance	633		614	
Church running costs	392		567	
Contribution	1,800		1,500	
Ministry sundries	-		700	
Misc expenses	20		422	
Charitable giving	282		405	
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		14,340		14,472
 Net receipts		<hr/>		<hr/>
		4,920		8,676
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the
Parochial Church Council of The Priory Churches
St Mary's, Easebourne, St Peter's, Lodsworth and St James', Selham**

I report on my examination of the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2022.

This report is made solely to the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the members of the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the members of the PCC as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Church Accounting Regulations. You consider that an audit is not required for the year under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144(2) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



Trevor James FCA DChA FCIE
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19 April 2023

Accounts



The Parish of: Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham

West Sussex

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

Incumbent

Revd Canon Derek Welsman

Independent Examiner

Trevor James

Banks

Barclays Bank Plc, Chichester

Charity Registration No 1151500

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST MARY, EASEBOURNE, ST PETER'S LODSWORTH AND ST JAMES SELHAM
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Structure, governance and management

The parish is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the name of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham with the Registered Charity Number 1151500. During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Incumbent:	The Revd Canon Derek Welsman Chairman
Wardens:	Mrs Alison Davis Mr Roger Sked Deryck Hamon Lynne Todd Janet Colman
Secretary:	Mrs Elizabeth Bounton
Treasurer:	Mr Tony Kelly
Deanery Synod Reps:	Mr Eric Bounton (Assistant treasurer Lodsworth) Mr Roger Bricknell Brian Spire (resigned)
Elected Members	Mr Philip Stringer Mr David Pack Mr Bill Howkins Mrs Sue Parry (Safeguarding Officer) Mrs Penny Tree Mr Peter Marsh Mrs Trish Slade Mr Howard Pescott (Resigned March 2021) Mrs Nicky Edgley Mrs Rosie Drayson (co-opted April 2021) Mr Jeremy Adams (assistant treasurer Selham)

Standing Committee: Each church holds a standing committee to execute the day to day running of each church community and building. The Standing committee will include: Rector, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and all elected representatives for the said church community.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the separate church communities (four from each church) who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Aim and purposes

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Derek Welsman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives.

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Through its Mission Action Plan the Charity sets out the following objectives:

Unity: In January 2021, we joined our three PCC's together and became the Priory Churches. As we move forward, we commit ourselves, across our three church families to promote and explore unity in our new shared life, by:

- Using our fifth Sundays to celebrate together with services in our school, on one of our farms, in the field at St Peter's and one other event to promote our shared life.
- Taking every opportunity to work together, worship together and socialise together.
- Support each other through attending each other's fetes, social events and associated events.

More Open: *'A family of all ages, loving and serving, contributing and receiving, being transformed and growing together in ways that appropriately reflect the importance of each context and place.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2020)

- Setting up of new Pilgrim groups across the three churches to help us continue our journeys of discipleship.
- Creating worship that is truly 'All Age'
- Churches that are open and welcoming to all.
- Continue our work with families through Messy Church

More Converted: *'A church which communicates the Gospel effectively, so women men and children come to a living, personal and transforming faith in Jesus Christ and join their local church family on a journey to Know, Love and Follow Jesus.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2020)

- Working with our deanery family in delivering an Emmaus course. An opportunity for us to walk alongside people as they explore the stories of Jesus.

More Generous: *'A church characterised by a radical generous response to the self-giving of Jesus Christ with his life...in this household of faith there are 'no needy among them; wealthier parishes contribute joyfully to sustain ministry in deprived areas and economically deprived parishes don't feel a liability to the rest.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2020)

- A church community committed to generously supporting ministry by meeting the challenge of paying 100% of Parish ministry costs and beyond.
- To continue to support our local, national and international charity partners.

More Engaged: *'A church where people have a sense of vocation to love, expressing itself in service; and a church family that nurtures and encourages that vocation.'* (Diocesan Strategy 2020)

- Strengthening our relationship with our schools.
- Fully supporting the work of FSW in our deanery.
- Becoming ECO churches
- Finding new ways to support the lonely vulnerable and isolated in our villages

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The Charity maintains an overview of worship throughout the year and works with the Rector to promote services that match the needs of our local community. The services and worship put faith into practise through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning the activities, the charity and the incumbent consider the Charity Commissions guidance on 'public benefit' and in particular, the specific guidance on 'Charities for the advancement of religion'.

Achievement and performance

Church attendance

There are 237 parishioners on the churches electoral roll, 149 at St Mary's, 43 at St Peter's and 45 at St James'. The average weekly attendance counted during October was 60 St Mary's, 18 St Peter's and 15 St James' - but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the year

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%. Committees met between meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

One PCC: On the first of January 2021, the new parish of 'Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham' was formed. This new parish, named locally as the Priory Churches, keeps its three separate churches; St Mary's Easebourne, St Peter's Lodsworth and St James Selham as three parish churches but under the organisation of one PCC. The parish will also operate as one charity under the charity number previously attached to the church of St Mary's Easebourne. The PCC was set up to include members from each church family and members elected to the Deanery Synod. The PCC elected one treasurer, one secretary and one safeguarding officer. Across the first year of operation, the PCC established a new working pattern and implemented a new Mission Action Plan.

COVID 19: 2021 began with a nation-wide lockdown for Covid 19. Under this new lockdown, which lasted until the summer, churches were permitted to remain open for public worship. In spite of this, congregations remained small and the church continued to publish services online. All three church communities continued in their work of supporting those who were most vulnerable, including those who lived on their own and those with long term illness. As with 2020, all three church communities continued to support the churches with generous financial help.

Worship: The important headline for 2021 was that our churches, apart from St James in January and February, remained open for public worship. This meant that our church buildings remained a focus for our villages in a time of national crisis. All three churches were carefully risk assessed by our team of church wardens, who cleaned each pew at the end of every day. This change for 2021, meant that our role as parish churches was an important part of the national response to Covid 19. In January, February and March, the numbers attending church were very low, but as the country emerged from lockdown people returned to church in reasonable numbers. There also continued to be a regular number of people who watched our services online, and we thank Anthony Knight for all his hard work in recording our services and Lynne Todd for publishing them each week.

Charitable work: The new PCC set at the heart of its work a desire to see our giving and support of God's kingdom as a priority. The PCC has set in motion a plan to unify collections for charities across our three churches. The plan identifies key moments in the church year where collections can be targeted to liturgical events: Christian Aid in May. Remembrance Sunday and the Royal British Legion, Harvest and Stonepillow, Lent and Education West Africa, Christmas and Children's Society. The PCC will also support the annual Ride and Stride event for Sussex Historic Churches Trust and the Deanery Synod's plans for a Family Support Worker in Midhurst Deanery. The PCC will also look to find ways to support other local charities across the year. Because of COVID-19, 2021 was a difficult year to make the collections that we all desired. The plans for 2022 and beyond are all now firmly in place. The charity, through the work of the church continues to support all those most vulnerable in our communities, through pastoral care and support. The charity works closely with local agencies, like parish councils to bring support to local life.

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Achievement and performance (continued)

Children's work: Once again in 2021 our work with children was heavily affected. Across the year we did manage to achieve one Messy Church in Advent, but everything else, apart from family services was affected.

In spite of restrictions, it was possible to continue Collective Worship at Easebourne Primary School. Across the year, this came in many different guises. In the periods of lockdown, collective worship was delivered by zoom around the classrooms with one class participation in the school hall. As things changed through the year, gradually the whole school community came together in one place. The school also managed to have their regular services in church. The church also supported the work of the Governing body with two Foundation Governors and volunteers from the church go into school to listen to the children read, particularly valuable as part of the school's Covid catch up plan. This link with our local Church of England school is a vital part of our work as a church community, supporting the education and wellbeing of our children and their families. This work also includes our local independent school Conifers.

Occasional Offices: One of the key elements of our work as a charity, is providing Occasional Offices to our village communities. The Occasional offices of weddings, baptisms and funerals are central to our community work; offering both the buildings and liturgical worship to facilitate these events. In 2021 as we emerged from lockdown and some semblance of normality returned, weddings returned to our churches. Families were also able to return to normal funeral services and many families brought their children to be baptized. In 2021 the three churches hosted: 11 Weddings, 28 Funerals and 11 Baptisms.

Repairs to the church: The three church buildings of the parish are important places of public worship and venues for occasional offices. The PCC works hard each year to maintain the church buildings for the local community for public access and places of prayer and peace at the heart of village life. Throughout the Pandemic, all three churches have been kept open and maintained for this important work.

In 2021 there was only minor work required on our church buildings. St Peter's had its large bell tower door repaired. The war memorial at St Mary's qualified for a grant from the War Memorials Trust and with donations from Cowdray Estate, Easebourne Parish Council and the PCC, repairs and conservation will take place in its centenary year.

Moving forward, there are major projects planned for St Mary's and St Peter's. Finally, in 2021 St Mary's was able to begin the process of repairing the spire and church tower. This work should be undertaken in 2022. St Peter's is looking to find a way to install a toilet. There are also plans to restore the pews and make alterations to the altar.

Burial Grounds: The PCC's continued to maintain their burial grounds across our benefice, with the contractors cutting the grass to a very high standard. The Parish Council's continued to support the church with vital financial contributions to grass cutting. All five of our burial sites place a huge financial burden on the PCC's with routine cutting of grass and essential repairs. The three PCC's see the work of maintaining our church yards and burial grounds as essential to supporting our village life.

Safeguarding: In 2021 the parish was awarded the Simple Quality Protects Mark for safeguarding from the Diocese of Chichester. This mark assures those who attend our churches that all good practise is in place to deal with children and vulnerable adults. All three churches fully comply with the Church of England's guidance on safeguarding all children and vulnerable adults. Through its Safeguarding Committee and the dedicated Safeguarding officers, the PCC's work using the Diocesan Simple Quality Protects mark to ensure good practise. This means that the PCC's follow all safer recruiting procedures: Using the DBS to check those who hold key roles in the church – using for key people all training pertaining to Safeguarding provided by the Church of England and ensuring that all places of worship are safe and secure for those who attend – especially children and vulnerable adults. Under current guidelines there is a requirement that all Church wardens comply to safeguarding training to the level of Leadership. It is also a requirement that all PCC members undertake basic Safeguarding training. Each year, before the APCM the PCC's review the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, which when passed is posted in our churches in public view. In 2020 there were no Safeguarding incidents in our three parishes.

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Achievement and performance (continued)

Eco Church: The new One PCC set at the heart of its agenda going forward an ambitious plan to make our church buildings and communities more environmentally connected. This plan requires each church community to assess its impact upon the environment and to seek ways to change that impact. Set around a global agenda for change but also aware of our responsibility to God's creation, this plan will be ambitious for our churches but also seeing the PCC and church families playing their part in a global crisis. The plan is to move in steps. Firstly, we undertook an audit of our churches which gave us a base line for moving forward. The PCC also began by implementing small changes to our shared life – this included doing away with disposable cups and purchasing proper mugs. The church at Easebourne set aside part of its church yard for a wildflower garden, which in conjunction with Easebourne Primary school should afford wild habitat for birds and insects. Lodsworth will also set aside an area in its lower cemetery – although the plans in Lodsworth also include the planting of trees. Lodsworth will also look to install an environmentally friendly composting toilet. Both Lodsworth and Selham have a low carbon footprint, only using electricity for the warming of the churches. Going forward Easebourne may need to explore a more sustainable way of heating the church, moving away from gas. Easebourne has achieved sufficient progress to qualify for the Eco Church Bronze award.

Diocesan Strategy: In 2020 the Diocese launched its new strategy called 'Vision For Growth'. This strategy calls the peoples of God in the Diocese of Chichester to a new agenda working together on mission, outreach and financial sustainability. The strategy sets at its heart a new model for moving forward: More Open, More Converted, More Generous and More Engaged. This strategy was used in creating the Mission Action Plan for the Priory Churches, which can be seen at the beginning of this document.

Financial review

The Receipts and Payments Account on page 6 shows for the first time a combination of the results of the three churches at Easebourne, Selham and Lodsworth. A combined surplus for the year of £24,131 on unrestricted funds was recorded, comprising £10,901 from Easebourne, £8,676 from Selham and £4,554 from Lodsworth. The deficit for the previous year of £8,074 shown arose in Easebourne only.

Similarly the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 7 combines the cash and investment assets of all three churches for the first time and shows overall net assets of £508,072 on the charity's unrestricted funds.

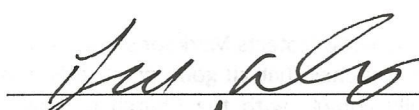
Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding Property) which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing balance this year has more than achieved this.

The designated fabric fund is retained towards the future cost of the upkeep of the church.

It is PCC policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England deposit fund. A summary of these funds is attached to the financial statement.

This trustees' annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Revd Derek Welsman, PCC Chairman:

Signed: 
Date: 18th May 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	2021 (combined)		2020 (Easebourne only)	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	52,424	-	52,424	31,939
Collections	12,680	-	12,680	4,735
Grants and donations	13,523	6,393	19,916	6,554
Gift Aid	13,433	-	13,433	15,778
Ministry contributions	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>92,060</u>	<u>6,393</u>	<u>98,453</u>	<u>60,006</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Refectory	2,241	-	2,241	1,035
Fete, fair etc	1,553	-	1,553	1,252
200 Club income	9,904	-	9,904	10,000
	<u>13,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,698</u>	<u>12,287</u>
Church activities				
Fees	16,805	-	16,805	6,956
Other income	180	-	180	1,483
	<u>16,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,985</u>	<u>8,439</u>
Investments				
Investment income	16,622	-	16,622	3,165
Sale of investments	4,000	-	4,000	358
	<u>20,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,622</u>	<u>3,523</u>
Total receipts	<u>143,365</u>	<u>6,393</u>	<u>149,758</u>	<u>84,255</u>
PAYMENTS				
Fundraising expenses				
Church activities				
Diocesan share	64,783	-	64,783	39,756
Diocese fees	6,871	-	6,871	7,179
Clergy expenses	3,584	-	3,584	8,889
Ministry sundries	6,849	-	6,849	4,393
Services – electricity, gas etc	4,477	-	9,477	3,522
Insurance	7,421	-	7,421	4,626
Church Running & misc expenses	14,233	-	14,233	7,382
Building works and projects	5,792	-	5,792	9,115
200 Club prizes	4,625	-	4,625	4,475
Mission	599	3,707	4,306	2,662
	<u>119,234</u>	<u>3,707</u>	<u>122,941</u>	<u>91,999</u>
Total payments	<u>119,234</u>	<u>3,707</u>	<u>122,941</u>	<u>92,329</u>
Net receipts	<u>24,131</u>	<u>2,686</u>	<u>26,817</u>	<u>(8,074)</u>

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Cash Funds				
Easebourne				
Barclays No 1 account	38,563	2,686	-	41,249
Barclays No 2 account	12,109	-	-	12,109
CBF Deposit account	75,851	-	-	75,851
	<u>126,523</u>	<u>2,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,209</u>
Selham				
Barclays No 1 account	16,676	-	-	16,676
Barclays No 2 account	2,722	-	-	2,722
	<u>19,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,398</u>
Lodsworth				
Barclays current account	8,623	-	-	8,623
CCLA deposit account	118	-	-	118
	<u>8,741</u>	<u>2,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,741</u>
	<u>154,662</u>	<u>2,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,348</u>
Investment assets				
Easebourne				
Chancel Trust Investment Funds	-	-	2,719	2,719
Sale Henley Mission Investment (Fabric) Funds	-	-	22,562	22,562
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,281</u>	<u>25,281</u>
Selham				
M&G Charitable Income Fund	75,268	-	-	75,268
M&G Charitable Accumulation Fund	16,157	-	-	16,157
	<u>91,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,425</u>
Lodsworth				
CCLA Repairs Fund	145,449	-	-	145,449
CCLA General Fund	122,172	-	-	122,172
	<u>267,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,621</u>
	<u>359,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,281</u>	<u>384,327</u>
Total assets for the charity's own use	<u>513,708</u>	<u>2,686</u>	<u>25,281</u>	<u>541,675</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors	5,636	-	-	5,636
Net assets	<u>508,072</u>	<u>2,686</u>	<u>25,281</u>	<u>536,039</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Signed on behalf of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's, Easebourne


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Print name

REV DEREK WASHMAN
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Print name

Date 18/5/22
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ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE PCC
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	£
RECEIPTS		
Giving		
Planned giving	36,609	
Designated	-	
Collections	5,972	
Grants and donations	7,350	
Gift Aid recovery	8,223	
Ministry contributions	6,500	
	64,654	
Activities for generating funds		
Refectory	2,241	
Fete, fair etc	1,553	
200 Club income	9,904	
	13,698	
Church activities		
Fees	10,916	
Other income	180	
	11,096	
Investments		
Investment income	2,740	
Campbell Trust – capital withdrawn	-	
	2,740	
Total receipts		92,188
PAYMENTS		
Raising funds		
Fundraising expenses	-	
	-	
Church activities		
Mission	-	
Diocesan share	38,868	
Diocese fees	5,263	
Clergy expenses	3,584	
Ministry sundries	6,149	
Services – electricity, gas etc	3,144	
Insurance	5,194	
Church Running & misc expenses	8,668	
Building works and projects	5,792	
200 Club prizes	4,625	
	81,287	
Total payments		81,289
Net receipts		10,901

SELHAM PCC
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021		
	£	£	
RECEIPTS			
Giving			
Planned giving	6,010		
Collections	2,880		
Donations	4,944		
Gift Aid recovery	1,220		
	15,054		
Activities for general funds			
Fees		1,793	
Investments			
Investment income		6,301	
Total receipts		23,148	
Expenses			
Diocesan share	9,715		
Diocesan fees	220		
Services – electricity, gas etc	329		
Insurance	614		
Church running costs	567		
Contribution	1,500		
Ministry sundries	700		
Misc expenses	422		
Charitable giving	405		
	14,472		
Net receipts		8,676	

LODSWORTH PCC
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Giving		
Planned giving	9,805	
Collections	3,828	
Donations	1,229	
Gift Aid recovery	3,990	
		18,852
Church activities		
Fees		4,096
Investments		
Investment income	7,581	
Sale of investments	4,000	
		11,581
Total receipts		34,529
Expenses		
Diocesan share	16,200	
Diocesan fees	1,388	
Services – electricity, gas etc	1,004	
Insurance	1,613	
Church running costs	3,822	
Contributions	5,000	
Charitable giving	194	
Misc expenses	754	
		29,975
Net receipts		4,554

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Parochial Church Council of The Priory Churches St Mary's, Easebourne, St Peter's, Lodsworth and St James', Selham

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Accounts

The Parish Church of St Mary Easebourne

West Sussex

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Incumbent

Revd Derek Welsman

Independent Examiner

Trevor James

Banks

Barclay's Bank Plc, Chichester

Charity Registration No 1151500

Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Easebourne

Registered Charity: 1151500
Trustees Annual Report for 2020

Structure, governance and management

The parish is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the name of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Marys, Easebourne with the Registered Charity Number 1151500.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Incumbent: The Revd Derek Welsman Chairman

Wardens: Mrs Alison Davis
 Mr Roger Sked

Secretary: Mrs Elizabeth Bounton

Treasurer: Mr Eric Bounton

Deanery Synod Reps: Mr Eric Bounton
 Mr Roger Bricknell

Elected Members Mr Martin Dexter
 Mrs Jan Harling
 Mr Tony Craig
 Mrs Veronica Jull
 Mrs Sue Parry (Safeguarding Officer)

Standing Committee: Vicar, Church Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Mrs Veronica Jull

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 6 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Aim and purposes.

The primary objective of St Mary's PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Derek Welsman, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

Through its Mission Action Plan the PCC sets out the following objectives:

- **Community:** To continue to build a church community that is open to all and vibrant in worship and prayer; Gospel shaped, and Kingdom focused. Through continuing to provide a safe environment for all. Re-structuring our PCC's to reduce levels of bureaucracy. To develop our worship space with an emphasis on access for all. Promote a greater community use of our church buildings.
- **Children's Work:** To build on the good practise already in place. Strengthening our links with our local schools. Developing our Messy Church Community. Developing new ways of supporting local families through Toddler Groups, Sunday School and wider youth activities.
- **Outreach:** Proclaiming the Gospel to a new generation. Through a PCC focus on growing our church communities. Ensuring good practise in delivering Occasional offices. A focus on Back to Church Sunday. Making sure the church engages with all new housing developments within the local area.
- **Continuing Discipleship:** How we all grow as a church family. Through inspiring the congregations to study, engage and learn. Develop prayerfulness and spirituality. Recognise the gifting of the church family for serving each other and the wider community.
- **The PCC also committed to work with their mission partners in supporting those in society and world who require support and care in their lives.** This included supporting the work of those who support: the homeless, vulnerable families, those affected by war, vulnerable children and overseas aid.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the year and works with the vicar to promote services that match the needs of our local community. Our services and worship put faith into practise through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. When planning our activities, the PCC and the incumbent consider the Charity Commissions guidance on 'public benefit' and in particular, the specific guidance on 'Charities for the advancement of religion'.

Achievement and performance

Church attendance

There are 149 parishioners on the church electoral roll, 79 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance of 50 during the year was much reduced because of Covid restrictions.

Review of the year

1. The full PCC met 7 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%. Committees met between meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.
2. **COVID 19:** As with all of society, 2020 was a year marked by the pandemic for our three churches. With closure of services for four months of the year, there was a huge impact upon worship and the life of the three church communities. When the churches were able to be

open – firstly just for private prayer and then for limited public worship – the church wardens worked tirelessly to make sure that our places of worship were safe for the congregations to enter; we cannot thank them enough for what they were able to achieve.

With closure of churches and subsequent restricted access to worship, there was a knock-on effect to our finances. Thankfully, we were able to cover our costs for the year and maintain our commitment as a charity to support local projects such as Stonepillow and the Midhurst Food Bank.

3. **Worship:** When possible, across our three churches, public worship was offered to support people in their daily life of faith. When churches were open only for private prayer, there is evidence that many from our villages found comfort and solace inside our ancient and historic churches.

The biggest casualty of the pandemic was a complete closure of worship for much of Lent and Easter. During these periods, worship was provided online using our wonderful webpage and Facebook pages. There is also evidence that during Lockdown, and subsequently during periods where people were still restricted because of being asked to isolate or shield, that our online services were used by many beyond our regular congregations.

4. **Charitable giving:** COVID-19's lockdown happened at the beginning of Lent. This meant that our Lenten appeal for Education West Africa was severely affected. However, our three church communities, in spite of all that was happening in our country, still managed in 2020 to be active in supporting the wider work of the church. Our collection of food for the homeless in Chichester and the local area continued through our weekly produce collection in church - with food being gathered at our harvest Festivals (also including our two village schools) - with our collection at Christmas to provide the Christmas dinner. The churches also raised money for our deanery project to bring a family support worker to Midhurst Deanery. This project, working alongside Family Support Work - a Diocesan wide charity - will bring much needed support to local families who struggle. Sadly, although funds were raised, it is not possible for the charity to employ someone at this present time – but we look forward to being able to implement the project very soon. The three church communities also raised monies to support the Royal British Legion over the period of remembrance. There were also our regular collections for the work of the Children Society through our collection boxes. Sadly in 2020 the support of Macmillan, through proving remembrance services, the Tree of Hope and volunteer support was severely affected by the pandemic – it is hope that once things return to some form of normality, that this important work will resume. Full details of Charity support can be found in the financial section of this document.

5. **Children's work:** Children's work was the biggest casualty of last year, with Messy Church, Family Services and our toddler group unable to take place. Thankfully, once allowed we did maintain a good relationship with our Church of England Primary school, providing

weekly Collective Acts of Worship and half-termly RE sessions with each class. The church also supported the work of the Governing body with two Foundation Governors. This link with our local Church of England school is a vital part of our work as a church community, supporting the education and wellbeing of our children and their families. This work also includes our local independent school Conifers.

6. **Occasional Offices:** One of the key elements of our work as a charity, is providing Occasional Offices to our village communities. The Occasional offices of weddings, baptisms and funerals are central to our community work; offering both the buildings and liturgical worship to facilitate these events. Sadly, once again in 2020, the pandemic affected our ability to provide these services. There were to be 17 weddings booked in 2020 - we achieved just 4 of these. There had been an expectation that the church would be busy with funerals - sadly in the light of reduced numbers allowed to attend, many families chose not to use the services of the church; subsequently there was only 25 across our three churches.
7. **Repairs to the church:** 2020 saw very little works needed for our three churches. At St Mary's the PCC is focused on repairing the bell tower steeple - however until we are out of COVID-19 restrictions, this work is suspended. At St James there was a minor repair to one capstone on the roof. At St Peter's there was no significant works. The three PCC's representing our churches recognise the importance of maintaining our three historic buildings for public use - through the dedicated work of our wardens and PCC's our three churches are in good shape and have been open for private prayer throughout this last year.
8. **Burial Grounds:** The PCC's continued to maintain their burial grounds across our benefice, with the contractors cutting the grass to a very high standard. The Parish Council continued to support the church with vital financial contributions to grass cutting. All five of our burial sites place a huge financial burden on the PCC's with routine cutting of grass and essential repairs. The three PCC's see the work of maintaining our church yards and burial grounds as essential to supporting our village life.
9. **Safeguarding:** All three PCC's fully comply with the Church of England's guidance on safeguarding all children and vulnerable adults. Through its Safeguarding Committee and the dedicated Safeguarding officers, the PCC's work using the Diocesan Simple Quality Protects mark to ensure good practise. This means that the PCC's follow all safer recruiting procedures: Using the DBS to check those who hold key roles in the church - using for key people all training pertaining to Safeguarding provided by the Church of England and ensuring that all places of worship are safe and secure for those who attend - especially children and vulnerable adults. Each year, before the APCM the PCC's review the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, which when passed is posted in our churches in public view. In 2020 there were no Safeguarding incidents in our three parishes.

10. **One PCC:** In 2020, in spite of the difficulties caused by the pandemic, the PCC's were able to sign off on becoming One Parish and One PCC. This historic moment for our three churches, came after five years of hard work by all three PCC's. It is important to thank all members of our PCC's for the way in which this difficult discussions and decisions were undertaken. This important work should help all three churches to move forward with a new sense of purpose; empowered by their new sense of collective responsibility, fostering closer links but also providing new opportunities for mission and service across our One Parish.
11. **Diocesan Strategy:** 2019 saw the end of the Diocesan Five-year strategy called Vision for Growth. The strategy had sat at the heart of the PCC's work over the five years encouraged by the years of Mercy, Prayer, Bible and Vocation. The PCC looks forward to the new Diocesan strategy which will be launched in 2020. The strategy will encourage us to reflect upon our shared life - what we do, what we give and how we share the Gospel.

Financial review

1. The financial statement of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 and the Church Accounting Regulation 2006 using the Receipt and Payment basis.
2. The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £74676 and are detailed in the Financial Report.
3. The payments to mission include, Educating West Africa £690, Stonepillow £400, British Legion £250. Monies raised for FSW amounted to £1034, but this money is being held at present due to Covid.
4. The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £39,756 paid to the Diocese to cover ministry costs; this annual amount covers the housing and stipend and pension costs of the clergy and a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. In 2020 the cost of church insurance was paid directly by the parish.

Reserves Policy

1. It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding Property) which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing balance this year has than achieved this.
2. The designated fabric fund is retained towards the future cost of the upkeep of the church.
3. It is PCC policy to invest fund balances with the CBF Church of England deposit fund. A summary of these funds is attached to the financial statement.

This trustees' annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Revd Derek Welsman, PCC Chairman:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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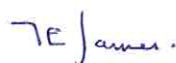
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ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE PCC
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
31st DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Giving				
Planned giving	31,939		27,997	
Designated	3,121		10,825	
Collections/Other GASDS donations	4,735		8,970	
Donations	3,433		6,302	
Gift Aid Recovery	15,778		2,172	
Ministry contributions	1,000		4,000	
Legacies	0	60,006	15	60,281
Activities for general funds				
Refectory	1,035		1,815	
Fete, fair, etc	1,252		3,329	
200 Club income	10,000	12,287	7,582	12,726
Church activities				
Fees	6,956		14,542	
Other income	1,483	8,439	7,687	22,229
Investments				
Interest from deposit funds	3,165		459	
Campbell Trust – capital withdrawn	358	3,523	0	459
Total receipts		<u>84,255</u>		<u>95,695</u>
PAYMENTS				
Raising funds				
Fundraising expenses	330		282	
Administration costs	0	330	0	282
Church activities				
Mission	2,662		8,090	
Diocesan share	39,756		36,840	
Diocese fees	7,179		7,989	
Clergy expenses	8,889		9,164	
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Services – electricity, gas, etc	3,522		4,598	
Insurance	4,626		4,869	
Church running & misc expenses	7,382		7,993	
Building works & projects	9,115		4,314	
200 Club expenses	4,475	91,999	2,494	93,232
Total payments		<u>92,329</u>		<u>93,514</u>
Net Payments		-8,074		2,181
Cash funds at 31 December 2019		<u>120,799</u>		<u>118,618</u>
Cash funds at 31 December 2020		<u><u>112,725</u></u>		<u><u>120,799</u></u>

ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE PCC
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31st DECEMBER 2020

Cash funds	Unrestricted Gen funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
Bank No 1 current account	24,186	0	0
Bank No 2 current account	12,727	0	0
Bank deposit account	0	0	0
CBF deposit account	75,811	0	0
Total cash funds	<u>112,725</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Investment assets	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
Chancel Trust investments			
Unspent chancel income	0	34	0
CBF Investment fund	0	0	2,375
CBF Fixed interest securities fund	0	0	346
Total other monetary assets	<u>0</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>2,721</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
Sale Henley Mission Trust investments (Fabric)			
CBF Investment fund	0	0	16,472
CBF Fixed interest securities fund	0	0	3,999
Total other monetary assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,471</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
Campbell Trust investments (Churchyard)			
CBF Fixed interest securities fund	0	0	0
Total other monetary assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Assets for charity's own use	Funds to which asset belongs £	Cost (optional) £	Current value (optional) £
Total assets for charity's own use	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Liabilities	Funds to which liability relates	Amount due (optional) £	When due (optional)
Creditors	Unrestricted	650	
Total liabilities		<u>650</u>	

**ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE PCC
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Signed on behalf of St Mary's Easebourne Parochial Church Council

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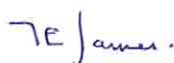
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Creditors	Unrestricted	650	
Total liabilities		<u>650</u>	

**ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE PCC
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31st DECEMBER 2020**

Signed on behalf of St Mary's Easebourne Parochial Church Council

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