



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
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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
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
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	112,644	10,460	-	123,104
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Selham				
Barclays current accounts	14,934	-	-	14,934
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Lodsworth				
Barclays current accounts	24,025	-	-	24,025
CCLA deposit account	130	-	-	130
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	24,155	-	-	24,155
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	151,733	10,460	-	162,193
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Investment assets				
Easebourne				
Chancel Trust Investment Funds	-	-	2,681	2,681
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Selham				
M&G Charitable Income Fund	71,215	-	-	71,215
M&G Charitable Accumulation Fund	15,919	-	-	15,919
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	87,134	-	-	87,134
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Lodsworth				
CCLA Repairs Fund	143,808	-	-	143,808
CCLA General Fund	120,793	-	-	120,793
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	264,601	-	-	264,601
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	351,735	-	2,681	354,416
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	503,468	10,460	2,681	516,609
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Net current liabilities	(400)	-	-	(400)
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Net assets	503,068	10,460	2,681	516,209
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY'S, EASEBOURNE
FUNDS ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024**

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