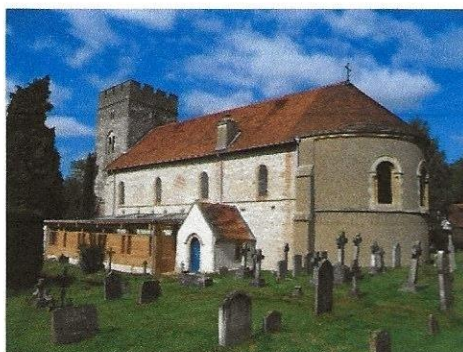


**GORING PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH
GORING ON THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE**



Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023



Registered Charity Number: 1152514

This parish is a part of the Benefice of Goring and Streatley with South Stoke

Overview of Parish activity 2023

St Thomas of Canterbury Church is situated in Goring village near the banks of the river Thames. It has been a place of worship since before the 11th Century. It is one of three parishes forming the Benefice of Goring and Streatley with South Stoke, the other parishes being St Mary's, Streatley and St Andrew's, South Stoke, and part of the Henley Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission since 20th June 2013 - Charity number 1152514.

Church members who have served on the PCC in 2023:

Clergy:

Vicar	Revd Ben Phillips
Assistant Curate	Revd Jo Allen
Associate Priest	Revd Wendy Middleton
Associate Priest	Revd Liz Dowding

Licensed Lay Ministers	Mrs Judith Aguda	
	Mrs Judith Hogg	Deanery Synod rep

Wardens	Brenda Kerr Muir	Lay Vice-Chairman, Deanery Synod rep
	Rob Howard	

Elected members	Bridget Braham	
	Alison Gray	Elected 14th June
	Simon Merritt	
	Sarah Morton	Resigned 31st August 2023
	Elizabeth Parkinson	
	Don Shrimpton	Honorary Treasurer Co-opted until 23rd April then elected
	Christopher Tassell	Elected 23rd April
	Melissa Walker	
	Matthew Walker	Elected 23rd April

Mr Henry Parkinson continued as non-voting Honorary Secretary

The structure, governance and activity of the PCC is regulated under the Church Representation Rules 2022. Members of the Church community are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Responsibility for the compilation of the Electoral Roll was held by a member of the PCC. The number on the Electoral Roll at the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting was 116.

The Parish Mission Statement is:

*To understand more fully the Good News of our faith and to be more active disciples of Christ in our own community.
To make our church a welcoming and relevant place in the life of the village and to take seriously our responsibilities to the wider world.*

The normal pattern of services was: first Sunday - Family service and Choral BCP evensong; second and fourth Sundays – Sung Holy Communion Common Worship; and third Sunday – Good News, Service of the Word format. The 8am BCP Holy Communion on Sundays continued weekly, alternating with St Mary's. Holy Communion throughout the year was administered with the presiding priest intincting the wafer before presenting it to the recipient. The monthly Prayer Breakfast continued throughout the year.

The PCC met on 4 occasions during the year under the chairmanship of Revd Ben Phillips. It also met for a short Special Meeting in May under the chairmanship of one of the wardens. In between these meetings the Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Treasurer and Elizabeth Parkinson (a member of the PCC) corresponded as a Standing Committee, mostly by email, to consider urgent business and formulate the PCC agenda. The Standing Committee also met in person in April. The Vicar and Wardens of the Benefice also met approximately every 8 weeks. The APCM on 23rd April was conducted with church members present.

The life of the parish and group activities run to enhance and further the aims of the Mission Statement included a Come and See course weekly in the spring and Digging Deeper – Exploring God together course starting in September.

At the beginning of the year, we offered a weekly Warm Space initiative on Monday mornings. A few people came but maybe the real benefit was to those who were providing refreshments through the fellowship they had together!

We hosted a Bereavement Course in January for those who had lost loved ones.

Also, on 29th January, we unveiled the rebuilt organ and, at a service for the whole Benefice, we re-dedicated it to the glory of God.

Christian Aid week was marked with an envelope delivered to every house in Goring. Inside was a slip of paper requesting the donor to take the envelope to specified local shops in Goring and Streatley. It seemed to work well raising a total of £2689.00.

In June one of the associate priests organised a Prayer Space at Goring Primary school assisted by a charity called BeSpace. It took place Monday to Thursday and required a number of volunteers, but the children loved it. Having not been able to host this event since 2019, some of the children there remembered it from last time and were glad to be in this quiet space again.

Also, in June, we supported the Great Big Green Day held in the Village Hall and Rectory gardens with all sorts of stalls offering bicycle repairs, Re-wild your garden, Local produce stall, Bird Box making etc.

In September our new Director of Music started. He and his fiancée, who has a lovely soprano voice, joined us on 1st September and has already made a big impact on the variety of music sung and the choir seemed to have 'upped their game'!

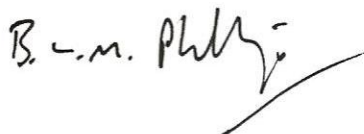
Towards the end of the year the PCC approved the appointment of an Organist Emeritus. When our previous organist died in 2021, a local resident, who is skilled in playing and understanding church organs, stepped in to the Organ Rebuild project and became the 'informed customer' to interact with the organ builder. His contribution was invaluable as they both spoke the same language and, when the Organ Blower was found not to be working, he organised the company to collect it, refurbish it and deliver it back again successfully.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine continued throughout the year with trench warfare, use of drones as well as missiles from both sides. On 7th October Hamas launched an attack over the Gaza border killing many and kidnapping hundreds. Israel retaliated with devastating consequences, requiring the Gazans to move further and further south. Much of the infrastructure was destroyed. Prayers have been said in church in services and in private, praying for peace and holding the people of war-torn lands in our hearts.

The weekly newsletter continued to be a vital support and communication channel to church members throughout the year. We are most grateful to our Parish Administrator for putting it together and to all those who prepared the intercessions. People continued to be added to the circulation list and a paper copy was delivered to homes for those without internet.

The PCC is indebted to the small band of people who faithfully unlock and lock the church door each day so that the building may be a place of welcome, solace and refuge for those who are passing and choose to enter.

Statistics in the Service Register during 2023 sadly continued to show reduced attendance throughout the year – pre-pandemic 85-90, post-pandemic 45-50. However, over the year, we celebrated 1 Baptism, there were 2 Weddings and 12 Funerals or Thanksgiving services.



Ben Phillips



Brenda Kerr Muir

FINANCIAL REVIEW for 2023

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds consist of the General Fund and a legacy known as the Vicar and Wardens Fund

Income increased in 2023 to £132,741 compared to £113,340 the previous year – an increase of £19,401. The General Fund income increased by £6,821 due to a small increase in regular giving and an increase in dividend income. The PCC is extremely grateful for the on-going support from its regular and occasional donors. Income in the Vicar & Wardens Fund increased by £12,580 due principally to the recovery of VAT on building repairs and deposit interest of some £2,600.

Running costs were substantially above last year - £167,164 compared to £94,306. This was due to an increase in church running costs arising from higher energy bills (some £6,000 paid out of the General Fund) and more particularly to the cost of substantial repairs following the last quinquennial report (nearly £64,000 including vat) which was paid for entirely by the Vicar & Wardens fund. There was no expenditure from the Vicar and Wardens fund in 2022 and the substantial cost of repairs borne by this fund in 2023 is not expected to recur, although some works remain to be completed.

As a result, Unrestricted Funds reduced by £34,423 to end the year at £212,334. These results are summarised below.

	2023			2022		
	In £	Out £	Net £	In £	Out £	Net £
Church Running Costs	132,741	(167,164)	(34,423)	113,340	(94,306)	19,034
Other items - Rent Waived /						
Legacy			0			11,406
Transfers (to) / from other funds			0			0
	132,741	(167,164)	(34,423)	113,340	(94,306)	30,440
Opening Reserves Jan 1			246,757			216,317
Closing Reserves Dec 31			212,334			246,757

Restricted and Endowment Funds

Restricted Funds are held for specific purposes and cannot be used for general running expenses. They increased in aggregate during the year from £27,800 at the end of 2022 to £59,435 on 31st December 2023. This was principally due to the Organ Scholarship Fund – previously known as the Organ Repair Fund – which had substantial income early in the year from pledged donations and a loan waiver which enabled the fund to complete the organ refurbishment (the organ was successfully dedicated in January 2023) and to invest a £20,000 surplus in an Organ Scholarship Fund. The Piano fund was transferred to the PCC by the Goring Community Piano Fund for the continued upkeep of the piano which is kept in the church. The Music Outreach Fund is funded by donation and fund-raising events to promote music outside the church community using the newly furnished organ and the community piano.

	Opening £	In £	Out £	Transfers £	Closing £
General Repair Fund	5,452	330	0	0	5,782
Church Room Trust	16,678	3,907	0	0	20,585
Bell Ringers Fund	6,121	496	(650)	0	5,967
Choir Fund	3,163	472	(353)	0	3,282
Organ Scholarship Fund	(3,614)	57,011	(33,315)	0	20,082
Piano Fund	0	1,678	0	0	1,678
Music Outreach Fund	0	2,884	(825)	0	2,059
Mission Giving	0	1,930	(1,930)	0	0
	27,800	68,708	(37,073)	0	59,435

The General Repair Fund and Church Room Trust can only be used for major repairs and renovations and the Choir Fund is for choir expenses only.

Mission / Charity Giving raises money for CMS to support the work done by Steve Poulson and other charities including Sue Ryder, DEC, Royal British Legion and The Children's Society.

Endowment Funds During 2023 endowment funds increased in value from £169,609 to £185,567 reflecting changes in the stock market generally.

There are three endowments funds:

The Smallbone Bequest and Church Room Trust are endowments which are held in perpetuity.
Goring PCC Income Fund was established from the PCC's share of the proceeds of sale of the curate's house in Westway, Goring and the income is paid into the General Fund.

The Audited Accounts are attached on pages 5 to 9

Signed: D Shrimpton Treasurer



Date

16/11/24

Parochial Church Council of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring on Thames
Statement of Financial Activities **For the year ending 31 December 2023**

Income & Expenses for the Year		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	114,885	63,469		178,354	199,744
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	12,328	696		13,024	15,534
Income from investments	2(c)	5,528	4,544		10,072	6,591
Total Incoming Resources		<u>132,741</u>	<u>68,709</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>201,450</u>	<u>221,869</u>
Resources Expended						
Parish share & Deanery exs	3(a)	59,637			59,637	60,149
Charitable giving	3(b)	0	1,930		1,930	3,037
Church activities	3(c)	106,987	1,829		108,816	33,858
Church project costs	3(d)		33,315		33,315	210,126
Governance costs	3(e)	540			540	510
Total Resources Expended		<u>167,164</u>	<u>37,074</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>204,238</u>	<u>307,680</u>
Net incoming resources before exceptional items, gains and losses on investments and transfers						
		(34,423)	31,635		(2,788)	(85,811)
Exceptional Items	3(g)				0	11,406
(Loss) / Gains on investments during the year				15,958	15,958	(22,630)
Transfers between funds					0	0
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(34,423)</u>	<u>31,635</u>	<u>15,958</u>	<u>13,170</u>	<u>(97,035)</u>
Balances brought forward 1 January		<u>246,757</u>	<u>27,800</u>	<u>169,609</u>	<u>444,166</u>	<u>541,201</u>
Balances carried forward 31 December		<u>212,334</u>	<u>59,435</u>	<u>185,567</u>	<u>457,336</u>	<u>444,166</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Office Equipment	7	0			0	0
Investments	7			185,567	185,567	169,609
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>185,567</u>	<u>185,567</u>	<u>169,609</u>
Current Assets						
Debtors	8	3,664	0		3,664	6,506
CAF & CCLA Deposit Funds		138,137	26,812		164,949	211,762
Cash at bank		74,999	31,742		106,741	141,084
		<u>216,800</u>	<u>58,554</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>275,354</u>	<u>359,352</u>
Current Liabilities						
Creditors	9(a)	(4,466)			(4,466)	(5,795)
Loans	9(b)		0		0	(79,000)
		<u>(4,466)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,466)</u>	<u>(84,795)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>212,334</u>	<u>58,554</u>	<u>185,567</u>	<u>456,455</u>	<u>444,166</u>

Funds of the Church						
Unrestricted Fund						
General Fund	10(b)	106,787			106,787	91,000
Vicar & Wardens Fund		105,547			105,547	155,757
Restricted Funds						
Repair Fund	10(a)		5,782		5,782	5,452
Church Room Trust			20,585		20,585	16,678
Bell Ringers			5,967		5,967	6,121
Choir Fund			3,282		3,282	3,163
Organ Scholarship (formerly Organ Repair) Fund			20,082		20,082	-3,614
Piano Fund			2,059		2,059	0
Music Outreach Fund			1,678		1,678	0
Mission Giving			0			
Investment Funds				185,567	185,567	169,609
TOTAL FUNDS OF THE CHURCH		<u>212,334</u>	<u>59,435</u>	<u>185,567</u>	<u>457,336</u>	<u>444,166</u>

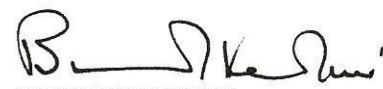
The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts.

Approved in draft by the Parochial Church Council on 17th January 2024 and in final form by the Standing Committee of the PCC on 30th March. The accounts are signed on behalf of the PCC by:

Ben Phillips



Brenda Kerr Muir



Parochial Church Council of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring on Thames

Notes on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1.1) Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 1993, applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005)

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.2) Funds

Perpetual Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained in perpetuity; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending on the purpose for which the endowment was established

Restricted Funds represent (a) income from trusts of endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objectives provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for the specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must normally be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, the interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for the PCC ordinary purposes

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services. Grants and charitable giving are accountable for when paid over or when awarded, if the award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993. No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA. Equipment used within church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over five years. Individual items with a purchase of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Parochial Church Council of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring on Thames
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Notes to the Accounts continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2. INCOMING RESOURCES					
2(a) Voluntary Income					
Recurring Income					
Gift Aid Giving	27,751			27,751	32,876
Tax recovered / recoverable	18,417			18,417	17,248
Collections (open plate)	3,025	1,930		4,955	6,395
Parish Giving	45,416			45,416	38,295
	<u>94,609</u>	<u>1,930</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>96,539</u>	<u>94,814</u>
Non-recurring Income					
Donations and legacies	5,276	28,691		33,967	49,662
Loan repayment waived		24,669		24,669	7,000
Tax recovered		456		456	939
Bell ringers peal fees		153		153	478
Grants	80			80	80
Church Flowers	499			499	290
Pick a Flick	500			500	200
Non recurring collections	162			162	2,107
Other income	1,815			1,815	1,953
VAT recovered	10,564	7,570		18,134	40,800
Ride & Stride	80			80	85
Becket Festival				0	836
Seat Sales	1,300			1,300	500
	<u>20,276</u>	<u>61,539</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>81,815</u>	<u>104,930</u>
2(a) Total voluntary income	<u>114,885</u>	<u>63,469</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>178,354</u>	<u>199,744</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds					
Fees - weddings, funerals etc	4,543	696		5,239	7,307
Canterbury room fees	5,901			5,901	6,412
Social events, Concerts & Recitals	1,880			1,880	1,807
Sunday coffee contributions	4			4	8
	<u>12,328</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,024</u>	<u>15,534</u>
2(c) Investment Income					
Dividends	3,943	3,487		7,430	5,045
Deposit fund interest	1,585	1,057		2,642	1,546
	<u>5,528</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,072</u>	<u>6,591</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>132,741</u>	<u>68,709</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>201,450</u>	<u>221,869</u>
3. RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3(a) Parish Share	59,189			59,189	59,739
Deanery expenses	448			448	410
3(b) Missionary & Charitable Giving		1,930		1,930	3,037
3(c) Church Activities					
Church running costs	17,203			17,203	11,806
Maintenance of Church and Churchyard	72,749	1,372		74,121	8,553
Service costs incl organist and choir	5,540	353		5,893	4,021
Support, Administration & Misc. Costs	4,104	104		4,208	2,151
Curate's house - council tax and water	1,551			1,551	1,850
Parish Administrator's salary	5,119			5,119	5,152
Clergy expenses	221			221	325
Charitable Donation	500			500	0
Social events	0			0	0
	<u>106,987</u>	<u>1,829</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>108,816</u>	<u>33,858</u>
3(d) Church Project Costs					
Architect and professional fees		0		0	1,180
Organ restoration costs		33,315		33,315	208,946
	<u>0</u>	<u>33,315</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,315</u>	<u>210,126</u>
3(e) Governance Costs					
Audit & bank fees	540			540	510
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>167,164</u>	<u>37,074</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>204,238</u>	<u>307,680</u>
3(g) Exceptional Item					
Rent Creditor no longer required	0	0	0	0	11,406

Parochial Church Council of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring on Thames
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Notes to the Accounts continued

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
5 AUDIT FEE	£	£
Audit fee for reporting on the accounts	540	510

6. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No members of the PC received any remuneration for their work on the PCC. The clergy who are ex officio members do receive a stipend but are not remunerated for their services on the PCC. No members claimed expenses

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
7 FIXED ASSETS		
General Fund - Office Equipment	£	£
Cost Jan 1 - Fixtures & Fittings	5,544	5,544
Disposals - Photocopier	-5,544	0
Cost Dec 31 - Fixtures & Fittings	<u>0</u>	<u>5,544</u>
Depreciation Jan 1	5,544	5,544
Disposals - Photocopier	-5,544	0
Depreciation Dec 31	<u>0</u>	<u>5,544</u>
Net Book Value Dec 31	0	0

Endowment Funds - Investments

	Smallbone Bequest Endowment £	Church Room Trust Endowment £	Goring PCC Income £	<u>Total</u> £
	Perpetual Restricted	Perpetual Restricted	Unrestricted	
Opening capital 9 March 1967	200			
Opening capital 23 April 1985		17,885		
Unrealised gain prior years	4,924	93,583		
At 1 January 2023	<u>5,124</u>	<u>111,468</u>	53,017	169,609
Unrealised gain / (loss) current year	482	10,488	4,988	15,958
At 31 December 2023	<u>5,606</u>	<u>121,956</u>	<u>58,005</u>	<u>185,567</u>

The Smallbone Bequest and the Church Room Trust Endowment are perpetual funds, the capital of which must be maintained in perpetuity.

The Church Room Trust is a charity registered under the Charities Act and called the Goring Ecclesiastical Charity (number 250803). It was established out of the proceeds of sale in 1985 of the building formerly known as the Church Room (and now known as Goring Village Hall). The income is restricted and can only be used for the repair of the fabric of the Church and the upkeep and repair of any church hall held by the parish.

The PCC Income Fund is the PCC's share of the proceeds from the sale of the curate's house in Westway, Goring.

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds £	<u>Total 2023</u> £	<u>Total 2022</u> £
Tax refund due	1,900		1,900	1,700
Grants			0	0
Sundry Debtor	1,764		1,764	4,806
	<u>3,664</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,664</u>	<u>6,506</u>

9. CREDITORS AND LOANS

9(a)	Professional fees creditor	0	0	0
	Energy creditors	1,935	1,935	2,965
	Expense creditors	1,981	1,981	2,280
	Audit fee	550	550	550
		<u>4,466</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,795</u>

9(b)	Loan to support Organ rebuild	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Opening Balance		0
	Received	79,000	157,400
	Repaid	(54,331)	(71,400)
	Repayment waived	(24,669)	(7,000)
	Closing balance	<u>0</u>	<u>79,000</u>

The loan has now been fully repaid or waived and the balance at 31 December 2023 is nil

10. FUND ANALYSIS

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Fund Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
10(a) Restricted Funds					
Repair Fund	5,452	330		0	5,782
Church Room Trust	16,678	3,907			20,585
Bell Ringers Fund	6,121	496	(650)		5,967
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Piano Fund		1,678			1,678
Music Outreach Fund		2,884	(825)		2,059
Mission Giving		1,930	(1,930)		0
	<u>27,800</u>	<u>68,708</u>	<u>(37,073)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59,435</u>

10(b) Unrestricted Funds

	General Fund	Vicar & Wardens Fund	Total Unrestricted Funds
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Bank Balances	92,865	155,757	248,622
Debtors	3,930	0	3,930
Liabilities	(5,795)	0	(5,795)
Unrestricted Funds at 1 January 2023	91,000	155,757	246,757
Incoming resources	119,566	13,175	132,741
Resources expended	(103,779)	(63,385)	(167,164)
Exceptional Item	0	0	0
Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2023	<u>106,787</u>	<u>105,547</u>	<u>212,334</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
GORING-ON-THAMES PCC**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are attached to this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under s145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under S145(5)b of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the 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 the matters 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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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2 April 2024