

Parish Church of St. Peter, Ruddington

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

For the year ending 31st December 2023

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Annual Report 2023 for St Peter's Church Ruddington

Background:

St. Peter's Parochial Church Council ('PCC') is a registered charity number 1154125 with the Charity Commission. It has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish of Ruddington, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St. Peter's Church and the property known as The Hermitage, which serves as a church hall.

Membership of the PCC:

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Currently the PCC comprises 4 ex officio, 1 Deanery Synod representative and 7 elected members - the agreed establishment being ex officio members +10% of the Church Electoral Roll.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:-

Incumbent: The Revd Andrew Buchanan (Chairman)

Readers: Mr Mike Houghton
Mrs Jane Robins

Wardens: Mr Mic Robins
Mrs Nikki Roe

Representative on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Jane Robins

Elected Members: Mr David Baker
Mrs Margaret Barker
Mr Terry Boniface
Mrs Jeannette Dawson
Mrs Caroline Duffield-Simm
Mrs Sue Lindley
Mrs Danielle Pickup

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by it. There were 6 meetings held during the year 2023.

Working Groups:

Apart from the Standing Committee, the PCC has not operated through formal committees. An informal working group, The Buildings Committee, has been overseeing buildings issues.

PCC Meetings:

There were 6 regular meetings of the full PCC during the year, with an average attendance of 11 including the Chair.

Church Attendance:

The 2023 electoral roll stands at 108, including 19 who reside outside the Parish.

During 2023, the church has been open for services all year. The church live streams its Sunday services.

The average attendance at services during the week is 99. The average Sunday service attendance in 2023 was 61 compared to 69 the previous year. A further 38 people attend services at other times in the week; Thursday Communion, Framework Church and Thursday Church at St Peter's School.

It is hard to judge attendance at online services; large numbers of 'engagements' may simply be an appearance on someone's Facebook timeline.

There were 6 baptisms, 5 thanksgivings for the gift of a child, 1 wedding and 8 funerals in church during 2023. A further 11 services were taken by the St Peter's incumbent or Readers at a crematorium.

Vicar's Report:

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

I've always found the wisdom of Ecclesiastes helpful, especially when it comes to challenging my expectations, for life is so seasonal, isn't it? The same is true of Church life too, and 2023 felt like the beginning of a new season at St Peter's. Some things came to an end. Lizzie Mack completed her Contextual training and began her Curacy (and she is still sorely missed). But many new things began! We were blessed by the arrival of a substantial number of newcomers in 2023. We also began two new Worshipping Communities. We began a new 'Charismatic service' to complement our monthly 'All Together service', 'Classic service', 'Blended Service' and 'Reflective Service.' Now that the spectre of Covid has truly passed, it feels like 2023 really provided a new foundation for a bright future. So maybe we'd better start searching for our dancing shoes...

Andrew, Vicar St Peter's Ruddington

Discipleship/ Small Groups:

Our small groups continued to play a vital role within St Peter's in 2023. Our small groups remain the context in which most of the pastoral care and practical discipleship is given and received within our church community. I simply want to say a massive 'thank you' to all of our amazing Small Group Leaders, who give so much of their time and love! You make such an enormous difference in the lives of so many people – and we couldn't be church without you.

Rev Andrew Buchanan

Children and youth:

Sadly, in 2023, St Peter's continued to experience what had become a national trend as we saw the number of children and youth people within our church community continue to decline. National statistics paint a

sober picture as the average weekly attendance of children, within Anglican Churches, across England fell by 28 percent between 2019 and 2022. I'm sure that the rising tide of secularism, suspicion of institutions, the rise of Sunday sporting activities and the fact that many families haven't had any connection with church for four generations, have some part to play in our situation. But there is no point in simply wringing our hands – so what, in 2023, did we do about this?

a) We sought to care for the children and young people that we still have.

In cooperation with Ruddington Baptist we have sought to provide a full range of activities for children and young people, both on a Sunday and Friday evening. Our All Together service continues to attract more children than all of our other Sunday activities.

b) We continued to engage with as many children and young people as possible.

Through the love and hard-work of all at Little Ps we sought to reveal the love of God to so many in Ruddington (please read the Little Ps report). During 2023 we also facilitated weekly assemblies at St Peter's School and bi-weekly assemblies at James Peacock School. There was also the extraordinary popularity of our Christmas activities; as we continued to host multiple School/nursery Nativity services and jam packed Christmas Eve Christingle services!

c) If they can't come to us, we'll go to them. In 2023 we established a new worshipping community at St Peter's School (Please see the separate Thursday Church at St Peter's School report).

Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to resource all of these amazing ministries!

Thursday Church at St Peter's School:

In October 23 we established a new worshipping community, with the support and blessing of St Peter's Church of England Junior School, called 'Thursday Church @ St Peter's School'. We meet every Thursday (during term time) from as soon as the school day is finished until about 4.20pm. And it's brilliant! It's proper 'multi-generational church' with prayer, teaching, praise, craft and singing (with the odd parachute game thrown in). Although numbers vary on a week to week basis we have seventeen attendees on our books (a mixture of children and their parents). Wonderful though this church is, it would be impossible without the many fabulous volunteers who lead the teaching sessions, serve refreshments and care for everyone who attends. Thank you everyone, for your hard work and prayers.

Rev Andrew Buchanan

Framework Church

Framework church went 'live' in June 2023.

This followed a twelve-month period during which the steering group met in the space alternate Thursday evenings to pray, talk, plan and listen to what God was saying about the way forward.

The steering group consists of myself, Mic Robins, Debbie King, Lyn Smith, Pat Milazzo, Sue Lindley and Dave Allen.

We had pondered long and hard about the way forward, without any clearly defined plans as to what we would do; and yet God, ever gracious, made it very clear when the time was right. Within a month we had gone from a planning group to being a 'live' church that welcomed newcomers to join us on alternate Thursday mornings, at 11am.

The meeting is a very relaxed affair; coffee from Parker's Yard to start with, prayer, musical worship, sharing our stories, testimony, mutual support, bible readings, an informal talk. There is a WhatsApp group for members to share concerns and prayer requests within the group, or just to say hello and what a great day it is!

Numbers at the start were around 8-10, growing to a maximum of 25 current members although not everyone comes every week. One of the great things though, is that there is a clear sense of belonging amongst the members, even when they can't make it; they will usually make contact every week to say if they will or won't be attending, and if they don't, there is always prayer for them in whatever situation they are in.

Our current prayers are for wisdom for next steps. We have a real solid foundation now and are looking to

see where God will lead us next; our questions are around who we are seeking to reach, what is the natural progression of our service content, how may we proclaim the kingdom more widely and to what demographic. And of course space; currently, when everyone is there we struggle for space, so how do we address that as we grow.

Please keep us in your prayers and we continue to grow this exciting new church right at the heart of our village.

Jane Robins

Little Ps

Little Ps is a Christian Ministry for babies and toddlers and their carers. We meet in St. Peter's Church on Mondays 9-10.45am during term time. We have a lovely, fun filled time together in a safe environment while also learning about God in a gentle way. We have one hour's free play from 9-10 with lots of toys and a Bible craft. Then at 10-10.45 we all join together for a Bible story and Bible songs mixed in with general nursery songs and sometimes a parachute game or bubbles. We have lots of families who are registered with us, some who come occasionally and others every week. Our average weekly numbers of children are between 35-50. Many of our attendees make a small donation, and we use this for refreshments, new toys, special events like parties, leaving presents for the children and donations to charities such as Children in Need. This year, we have also had a donation of £1000 kindly given by Ruddington Parish Council for Little Ps which we are extremely grateful for.

Little Ps has a very dedicated team of volunteers who do an amazing job and without their hard work we could not provide this Ministry so I would like to say thank you to everyone involved.

Lyn Smith, Little Ps leader

Friendship Group:

The Friendship Group meets in Church, once every month, except August, for one and a half hours of entertainment, fun, friendship and cake! Happily, in 2023, only one of the possible eleven meetings had to be cancelled because of Covid.

Though sadly we have lost three of our group this year, we now number 54 members and 11 helpers. Each member is linked to a phoner. The eight phoners contact each person on their list at least once a fortnight. Any problems that are raised during these calls can be followed up or passed on to the correct authority where appropriate.

Eight members are, at present, unable to attend meetings but are still very much part of the group because of this regular contact and the specially designed Easter, Christmas and birthday cards, which everyone receives. Cards are also sent to those who are ill, in hospital or bereaved.

Our programme this year has included quizzes, films, parties with sing songs led by Colin Baker, armchair exercises led by Michelle Foss and entertainment by the Robins, the Osmonds and the Birds. Our grateful thanks go to all of them and, very specially, to Margaret Barker who provides the delicious cakes that are an essential element of every meeting.

My final thanks go to the amazing Friendship Group team for all their help and support. They continue to provide our members with care and friendship, not only at our meetings, but also throughout the whole year.

Honor Dixon, Friendship Group Leader

Heat n Eat:

Heat n Eat provides a two course lunch on the first and fourth Monday of the month to anyone who would like to come along.

There is an average of 35 guests who contribute £1 each by way of payment towards the cost of their lunch. We have a lovely group of regulars who occasionally bring along a friend or colleague to 'try us out' - invariably they return! The majority are of pension age+ but we have several not in that category who also attend regularly. The atmosphere is very convivial and I know those that attend really look forward to the conversation and meeting up with friends.

Heat n Eat would not be possible without our great team of ladies - Margaret, Rosemary, Sue, Joan, Eva, Zoe, Suzanne (hopefully not omitted anyone!) - most but not all from our Church community and Chris from Sycamore who provides the food.

There is still room for growth as we can provide up to 50 meals - ideas on promoting locally would be welcome.

Jeannette Dawson

Jeannette Dawson, Heat n Eat Lead

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding must always be a high priority. Actions taken this year were as follows:

- The safeguarding policy was agreed by PCC on 15th January 2024.
- Almost all of our volunteers have now renewed their safeguarding training. Thank you to group leaders of Little Ps, Friendship Group and Heat n Eat for chasing this, and to some volunteers who helped others to access the online training.
- As a result of this training, a potential safeguarding issue in the village was spotted by a volunteer. This was addressed and vulnerable adults in different groups were informed. This shows that the training is effective and being used.
- Induction forms are now in place for all new volunteers who work with children and/or adults at risk of abuse or neglect.
- Some DBS certificates were applied for or renewed.
- Currently I am Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and Lead Recruiter without a deputy. We still need to appoint a deputy Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Nikki Roe, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Churchwarden's Fabric Report:

Church

- The quinquennial report took place in August. There are no urgent findings but we are working on recommendations.
- The carpets in the nave and sacristy have been replaced.
- Several repairs to the roof have taken place – lead works have been replaced and tiles replaced where needed. There was lots of water coming into the Vestry before this, but there is none now. Gutters have been regularly cleared.
- There have been several repairs to the church heating system. The system will soon be obsolete, so we are investigating changing it. It will need to be an electrical system, as the Church of England will

not allow replacement gas systems. We are investigating Halo Heaters. Any replacement will be a big expense.

- We have waited all year for the parish council to repair the church yard wall. We have been chasing this very regularly. The difficulty is the availability of the Stone Mason.
- We have permission to reconfigure the servery and permission in principle to create storage cupboards in the nave.
- We have new flags and banners for the church.
- The digi-lock has been replaced.
- The hot water heater in one of the toilets has been replaced.
- The yew trees have been pruned.
- As part of our commitment to making the site Eco-friendly, four bird boxes have been put up and a large number of native bluebells have been planted.
- The compost heap has been organised.

Hermitage

- A fire inspection says we are 'broadly compliant'. This is the highest grade that can be given.
- The entrance hall and landing to flats 1 and 2 have been refurbished. This includes replacement flooring.
- A new Hermitage boiler has been installed.
- A replacement shower was fitted in flat 2.
- We have a new pest control service.
- There have been repairs to the roof above flat 3.
- Some of the slabs outside the Hermitage office have been ground down to reduce the risk of trips and falls.

Mic Robins and Nikki Roe, Church Wardens

Charitable Giving:

Nightstop:

Nottingham Nightstop places young people who have nowhere to stay in trained volunteers' spare rooms. Young people receive a private room, a warm meal and somewhere safe to stay for the night. The idea is to keep the young people safe for a few days while agencies sort out somewhere more permanent.

Hosts are vetted carefully. Last year, Nottingham Nightstop provided over 200 'bed days' for over 60 young people locally, all of whom would have been on the streets without the charity's support.

Teso Development Trust:

While education projects (most recently the Aminit High School) have been the focus of much activity, St Peter's has also given generously to TDT general funds, enabling support for a wide range of aid and development projects, as well as contributing to the very frugal administration costs which remain less than 10% of the charity's annual expenditure.

This support to general giving allows TDT to provide emergency support where it is needed and develop new strands of development support which continues to be desperately needed as levels of poverty remain

very high. The Covid shock has compounded poverty, and climate change is also seriously affecting the sustainability of rural lifestyles. As well as supporting projects in the areas of health, water, sanitation and education, TDT is putting much work into helping communities learn new agricultural methods and disaster resistance measures. TDT is also the conduit for St Peter's work with Aminit School which forms part of TDT's portfolio of projects.

Aminit High School, Teso, Uganda:

The support St Peter's gives to Aminit High School enables there to be a major change in the prospects for children in this rural area where subsistence farming is the major way of life. Education is very troubled in Uganda as the government closed all education for well over a year and the sector is overwhelmed, trying to supply the pent up demand often with a shortage of remaining teachers. Having built the shells for a total of seven classrooms will at least give the students covered, if unfinished, accommodation in which to be taught. The schooling crisis has meant that the borrowed primary classrooms that Aminit had previously used are no longer available to them.

The Eternal Wall Of Answered Prayer:

The project is to build an arch in the shape of an infinity loop just outside Coleshill, near Birmingham near to two major motorways - the M6 and the M42. It's final height will be 51.5 metres. That's over twice the height of the Angel of the North which is 20 m in height and the same height as 11 double-decker buses on top of each other. It's as long as a football pitch. It will be visible from nearly 6 miles away. It is half a metre shy of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. It is estimated it will be seen on over 500,000 journeys a week.

It will be composed of 1 million bricks. In each brick will be an answer to prayer. You will be able to point your phone to a brick and be able to read an answer to prayer. This is so people can see how Jesus has answered other people's prayers in the past, to encourage people to pray themselves and build up their faith in God through a personal relationship with Jesus. It will be the largest database of hope stories in the world.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP):

CAP is a debt relief charity, helping people who are stuck within a spiral of debt. Work involves seeing clients in the local area, generally three main visits with follow-up pastoral support which can last for many months. Enabling people to become debt free through expert advice and help and by following their budgeting plan changes people's lives. Evangelism is a part of CAP. Funding is needed to provide ongoing ability to visit clients, essential running costs of the debt centre, for one paid employee, plus any expenses incurred by volunteers.

Jericho Road:

Jericho Road are a Christian charity that bring hope and restoration to marginalised women in Nottingham, especially those affected by the sex industry or at risk of sex work. They practice important work for the most marginalised, multi-disadvantaged women in Nottingham, being Jesus hands and feet, showing love and practical help. They rely on the generosity and support of donors, churches and individuals to sustain

and develop their work. They do outreach and drop-in work involving providing food and support, they visit and keep in contact with women in prison and support women moving on into independent living accommodation

Tender hearts Foundation (Francis and Alison Pidugu) -

Alison and Francis Pidugu work with the Dalit Community in Goa, the so called 'untouchables'. Providing free pre-school education, free vocational training, nutrition and healthcare for children and impoverished people living in the slums.

Randi and Howard Bass (Streams in the Negev):

Nachalat Yeshua Messianic Congregation has had the privilege to use and maintain this historic and preserved building in the historic city of Beer Sheva since 1995, after we had outgrown the third floor of another CMA-owned property at 39 Rambam St., also in the historic Old City (downtown). That privately owned building is today The Bible House, which has been representing the public face of the Messianic/Christian community since 1957, the only such ministry in the Negev Desert. Our vision is for as many people as possible under our authority and influence to be ready for and have part in the first resurrection. (REV 20:4-6) Our mission is to be Yeshua's witnesses to bring more people into his kingdom; we are god's sons and daughters to grow to full maturity in preparation for our bridegroom's return. (MT 28:18-20)

NG11 Foodbank (Trussell Trust):

Based in Hope Church Clifton. The foodbank provides three-day emergency food parcels for people in need who have been referred by a partner agency. The money donated by St Peters goes towards buying food and household items also at special times such as Christmas/Easter to be able to buy all the people they help chocolates or small gifts, also to buy ingredients and resources for their budgeting course and healthy cooking classes. They also signpost people to outside agencies, for example: the Citizens Advice Centre. They have launched a money hub, where people can meet in the cafe in the church hall once a week to discuss money matters and give each other tips on how to manage better.

The volunteers also are greatly helped by the food bank. They provide a loving environment where young people with learning difficulties can learn new skills and gain confidence.

Simeon's Trustees:

Simeon's Trustees and Hyndman's Trustees are leading and long-standing Church of England patronage trusts, with patronage interests in nearly 200 parishes in over 40 dioceses, often as sole patron. Founded in 1836 by Charles Simeon (who is commemorated in the Church of England Calendar on 13 November), Simeon's Trustees are guided by his charge to his founding trustees and their successors, for the benefit of the parishes in their care. Hyndman's Trust was brought together with Simeon's in 1990. The trusts are generally thought of as representing the evangelical tradition in the Church of England, but Simeon's Charge does not set out a 'party' position, and they have patronage interests in parishes in a range of traditions, which they respect. Their main role is when a benefice is in vacancy, working with PCCs, dioceses and, for a significant number of benefices, other patrons, towards the appointment of a new minister. However, in addition to involvement at other key times, they give ongoing prayer support for their parishes and clergy. Simeon's Trustees are patrons (together with the diocese) of St Peter's church. By investing in them we will

ensure that the valuable work of this charity continues until such a time as we need them again. Simeon's Trustees is a small charity that relies upon the financial support of the churches of which it is patron, of which we are one.

Caroline Simm, Charitable Giving Co-ordinator

Treasurer's Report:

1. Introduction and Summary

In comparison with the last two years 2023 was a more predictable and routine financial year, as the various effects of the Covid pandemic became less significant.

Overall, the receipts into all of St Peter's funds (general, restricted and designated) totalled £145,798, compared with £164,959 in 2022. The difference being mainly due to a reduction in regular giving and associated Gift Aid, less sundry income which was inflated in 2022 by fraud refunds; and a reduction in the total value of donations and grants.

The payments from all funds totalled £148,190, an increase of £15,401 compared with £132,789 in 2022. The biggest factor in this difference in payments was caused by the increase in parish share to a more realistic £65,010 compared with £49,350 in 2022.

On 31 December 2023, the total value of all St Peter's funds was £169,316 compared with £171,708 a year earlier, a decrease of £2,392.

2. The General Fund

Unrestricted receipts and payments are recorded in the general fund. With total receipts of £109,131 and payments of £124,789, the general fund finished the year with a deficit of £15,658. When the transfer from the Hermitage surplus is added this deficit reduces to £5,624.

As mentioned above, regular giving and associated Gift Aid was down by £6,150 to £85,409, probably reflecting the ongoing challenges of the cost of living. Also, as new members join the church, it takes some time for their gifts to reach the level of the members who have moved away or died. Donations and collections were also less than in 2022.

Wedding and funeral fees continued to decline with the cultural change to getting married in other venues and the growth in secular funerals. The gross fees for 2023 were £6,684, including the fees to be paid to ministers, vergers, bellringers and organists; and the fees paid to the diocese. When these payments are taken into account, the net benefit to St Peter's was £2,225

Sundry income was significantly down as last year's figure was inflated by refunds for fraudulent payments. This year, the main contribution to sundry income was a £5,000 payment from the diocese towards energy bills.

Regarding payments, parish share was restored to a realistic contribution of £65,010 in 2023, the increase being partially offset by a reduction in church utility bills; bills were higher in 2022 due to timing issues with disputed bills and late payments from 2021.

Music and technical payments increased by nearly £3,000 as it was decided to allocate the broadband costs used for livestreaming to this category rather than the office. Also, there were repairs and replacement costs for the audiovisual system and a new drum kit was bought.

St. Peter's Church has a policy of making grants to chosen charities each year, worth approximately 10% of general fund receipts. Members are asked to suggest charities for discussion and approval by the PCC. £11,097 was distributed as described in the report from the charitable giving co-ordinator – see above. A payment should have been made to The Eternal Wall but didn't complete. This payment has now been made in early 2024.

3. The Hermitage

The Hermitage continues to be a valuable and necessary source of income for St Peter's church. The three flats have been occupied throughout the year and the pre-school continues to be a very important user of the hall on most weekdays during school terms.

Receipts for the year of £28,966 were as expected; 52% from the flat rent and 48% from room hire.

Payments totalled £20,083, a significant increase due to the cost of a new, long overdue boiler, and a doubling of the utility bills. The increase in utilities was due to a grossly over estimated water bill, which will be corrected in 2024.

These receipts and payments resulted in a surplus for the Hermitage of £8,883 before transferring £10,000 to the General Fund. The Hermitage Fund total was £16,440 at the year end.

4. Restricted and Designated Funds

St. Peter's Church has several funds, established over many years, which can only be used for the purposes specified by the original donors, or designated by the PCC.

In 2023, there were no changes to the Church Grounds Funds (£1,185), Bellringers' Fund (£1,344), Organ Fund (£1,036), Heating Fund (£3,088), Refugee Fund (£845) or Development Fund (£21,474). After donations and payments related to Heat'n'Eat and the Friendship Group, the Community Fund increased by £1,342 to £8,612. The remaining £160 in the Mission Fund was used for Framework Church payments, reducing the balance to zero.

There are also a number of restricted funds invested with Churches, Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management (CCLA). At the year end:

The Ruddington (Mills) Permanent Endowment Fund, held in shares, was valued at £3,617 (+£311).

The Ruddington Chancel Permanent Endowment Fund, held in shares, was valued at £57,734 (+£4,965).

The Ruddington Chancel Fund, held in cash, was valued at £53,269 (+£3,201). This fund is nominally restricted to maintenance of the chancel roof, but up to 70% can be spent on other major projects.

5. Conclusion

As mentioned in the introduction, church finance this year has been a little more predictable, and overall, the end of year situation is similar to 2022. There will be challenges in the next few years if St Peter's congregation and regular giving declines in line with national trends. But, at present we are able to pay the bills, including some financial support for our new worshipping communities.

As always the church leadership is grateful for the long term generosity of the St Peter's family, which enables us to engage in mission and ministry to Ruddington and the surrounding area.

I am now stepping down as treasurer so want to thank Nikki Roe for working closely with me and being

open to innovation. And to Andrew Buchanan for his support. In turn, I will of course support the new finance team through the handover and beyond.

M J Houghton,
Treasurer, March 2024

Charity number: 1154125

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ruddington

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Responsibilities of PCC

The PCC are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Accounts.

The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Responsibility of Independent Examiner

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of statement

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 charity 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 the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required of 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 Statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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

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

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

Joanne Roome FCCA
Jo Roome Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date:

Receipts and Payments Account

	General Fund	Hermitage Fund	Designated & Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total	2022
Receipts						
Regular Giving	71,205	-	-	-	71,205	73,243
Flat Rent	-	15,166	-	-	15,166	14,454
Gift Aid Recovered	14,204	-	-	-	14,204	18,316
Hermitage Hire	-	13,799	-	-	13,799	12,893
Donations	4,468	-	4,500	-	8,968	8,677
Sundry Income	6,830	-	-	-	6,830	12,406
Wedding and Funeral Fees (Gross)	6,684	-	-	-	6,684	10,889
Collections	2,913	-	-	-	2,913	3,580
Church Hire	1,873	-	-	-	1,873	1,556
Bank Interest	217	1	1,623	-	1,841	797
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	5,713
Investment Income	-	-	-	1,578	1,578	-
VAT Reclaim	737	-	-	-	737	575
Family Ministry	-	-	-	-	-	1,860
	109,131	28,966	6,123	1,578	145,798	164,959
Payments						
Parish Share	65,010	-	-	-	65,010	49,350
Utilities	8,857	7,999	-	-	16,856	17,175
Repairs and Maintenance	6,403	9,060	-	-	15,463	13,919
Charitable Giving	11,097	-	-	-	11,097	11,568
Insurance	7,426	1,858	-	-	9,284	7,619
Fees-ministers, organists, etc	7,800	-	-	-	7,800	6,921
Wages	4,860	-	-	-	4,860	8,337
Mission & Framework Church	664	-	160	-	3,982	105
Music and Technical	3,851	-	-	-	3,851	978
Vicar's Expenses	2,845	-	-	-	2,845	1,844
Office Costs	1,487	-	-	-	1,487	1,820
Sundry Payments	1,398	-	-	-	1,398	8,524
Professional Fees	1,133	-	-	-	1,133	841
Cleaning	-	1,061	-	-	1,061	979
Family Ministry	994	-	-	-	994	243
Worship Resources	809	-	-	-	809	929
Bank Charges	133	105	-	-	238	243
Training and Discipleship	22	-	-	-	22	90
Heat'n'Eat & Friendship Group	-	-	3,158	-	-	1,305
	124,789	20,083	3,318	-	148,190	132,790
Movement in Funds	-15,658	8,883	2,805	1,578	-2,392	32,169
Transfers between Funds	10,034	-10,000	1,544	-1,578	-	-
Funds brought forward	67,647	17,557	86,504	-	171,708	139,538
Funds carried forward	62,023	16,440	90,853	-	169,316	171,708

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Restricted Funds

	Ruddington Chancel Fund	Refugee	Development (was Project)	Mission	Church Grounds	Bell Ringers	Community (was Co-op)	Organ	Heating	Total
2022 B/fwd	47,856	935	22,578	160	1,185	1,344	3,687	1,036	3,088	81,869
Receipts	2,212	-	850	-	-	-	5,713	-	-	8,775
Payments	-	90	1,954	-	-	-	2,130	-	-	4,174
C/fwd	50,068	845	21,474	160	1,185	1,344	7,270	1,036	3,088	86,470
2023 B/fwd	50,068	845	21,474	160	1,185	1,344	7,270	1,036	3,088	86,470
Receipts	3,201	-	-	-	-	-	4,500	-	-	7,701
Payments	-	-	-	160	-	-	3,158	-	-	3,318
C/fwd	53,269	845	21,474	-	1,185	1,344	8,612	1,036	3,088	90,853

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Permanent Endowment Funds

	2023	2022
Ruddington (Mills) Fund		
Value b/fwd	3,306	3,747
Unrealised gain/reduction on investment	311	- 441
Value c/fwd	<u>3,617</u>	<u>3,306</u>
Ruddington Chancel (shares) Fund		
Value b/fwd	52,769	59,810
Unrealised gain/reduction on investment	4,965	- 7,041
Value c/fwd	<u>57,734</u>	<u>52,769</u>
Ruddington Chancel (cash) Fund		
Funds b/fwd	50,068	47,856
Transfer from Endowment	1,578	1,569
Interest received	1,623	643
Contributions to reordering	-	-
Value c/fwd	<u>53,269</u>	<u>50,068</u>

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Charitable Giving For The Year

	2023	2022
Aminit High School	925.00	960.00
NG11 Food Bank	925.00	960.00
Refugee Roots	925.00	960.00
Tearfund	-	960.00
Teso Development Trust	925.00	960.00
Simeons Trustees	925.00	960.00
The Friary	925.00	960.00
West Bridgford Debt Centre (CAP)	925.00	960.00
Jericho Road Project	925.00	960.00
Stewardship London	925.00	960.00
Framework	-	960.00
Eternal Wall	-	960.00
Open Homes Nottingham	925.00	-
Streamsinn	921.90	-
Stathern Childrens	925.00	-
	<u>11,096.90</u>	<u>11,520.00</u>