

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST'S CHURCH, HARWOOD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are attached, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. 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 any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



**John A Curtis BA, MBA, FHEA
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Date 4th February 2024



Receipts and Payments Accounts
Year Ending 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner:

John Curtis

FINAL ACCOUNTS 2023 SUMMARY

PARISH SHARE

Total for the year was £75,556.34 we paid £15,000.00 20% of the total

This was due to the ongoing cost of repairs to the fabric of the church and the increase in heating of the church and lounge.

We are aware of the importance of the parish share but when overall income of £99,000 is offset by expenses of £76,000 (both figures rounded up) it is clear this sum is utterly unachievable.

REGULAR GIVING

Collection plate £6,596.93 almost a 30% increase on 2022

Envelopes (gift-aid) £2,690.60 31% less than 2022 this would explain the slight reduction (5%) in gift aid

Envelopes (non-gift aid) £879.20 32% increase on 2022

Standing Orders £33,591.00 2% increase on 2022

Overall giving £43,757.73 almost a 3% increase on 2022

LOUNGE CAFE

As always our wonderful volunteers ensured the cafe goes from strength to strength. As well as raising funds for MacMillan in September donating £500 and doing a special cafe at Christmas the overall profit was £7,713.30 an almost 30% increase on last year. But a profit cannot be put above the community that has been built up since it opened in June 2018

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our events were very successful as they always are. There is something for everyone throughout the year and I hope you agree they draw the community together. Overall, they brought in a total of £5,503.20 into church funds very similar to last year.

LOUNGE

Below are the funds we receive from the various groups that use the Church Lounge;

Craft Group	£857.20
Art Group	£651.10
Mother's Union	£100.00
Flower Club	£200.00
Band	£30.00
Harwood Ladies	£40.00
Total	£1878.30

If anyone has any questions I am unable to attend the APCM, so please contact me by email or mobile.

Happy reading

Parochial Church Council of Christ's Church, Harwood

INCOME ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £	Change From Previous Year
RECEIPTS						
GIVING						
Envelopes - Gift Aid		2,690.60		2,690.60	3,903.20	-1,212.60
Envelopes - Non-Gift Aid		879.20		879.20	663.95	215.25
Standing Orders - Gift Aid		33,591.00		33,591.00	32,837.00	754.00
Tax Recoved		0.00	9,034.95	9,034.95	9,558.79	-523.84
Collection Plate		6,596.93		6,596.93	5,079.73	1,517.20
Spire fund - Gift Aid		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Spire fund - Non-Gift Aid		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GIVING RECEIPTS		43,757.73	9,034.95	52,792.68	52,042.67	750.01
SPECIAL EVENTS						
Bingo night 19th May		346.39		346.39	0.00	346.39
Christmas Fair		1,506.90		1,506.90	1,960.52	-453.62
Christmas Market		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Dinner Dance 18th Nov		1,830.20		1,830.20	2,021.50	-191.30
Afternoon Tea 28th Feb		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothes Swap 8th Sep 23/23rd Sep 22		296.10		296.10	298.00	-1.90
Cream Tea 4th Sep		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Craft Fair 28th May		0.00		0.00	170.50	-170.50
Summer Cafe&Mini Mkt 29th Jul/Jubilee Afternoon 1		805.61	0.00	805.61	439.60	366.01
Poinsettias		265.00		265.00	225.00	40.00
Quiz Night 21st Apr/13th Oct		453.00		453.00	221.00	232.00
Summer Fair		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Wreath-making 3rd Dec		0.00		0.00	70.00	-70.00
TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS RECEIPTS		5,503.20	0.00	5,503.20	5,406.12	97.08
OTHER INCOME						
Birth, Weddings, Funerals collections		967.65		967.65	1,214.20	-246.55
Cafe	2	8,531.77	155.00	8,686.77	7,140.31	1,546.46
Baptisms to Charity		509.23		509.23	1,178.31	-669.08
Candle Box (Lomax Chapel)		0.00		0.00	11.90	-11.90
Cards (Sales from Craft group)		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Churchyard Maintenance		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Vicar		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees		3,050.00		3,050.00	4,204.00	-1,154.00
Flowers		890.00		890.00	952.00	-62.00
Gardening team (Thursdays)		0.00	50.00	50.00	1,310.00	-1,260.00
History Books		0.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	-5.00
Interest Business Acct		0.00		0.00	43.69	-43.69
Interest Curr Acct		70.86		70.86	73.70	-2.84
Lounge, Hire of		370.00		370.00	295.00	75.00
Magazine		993.18		993.18	1,060.42	-67.24
Mugs		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Scripture Union/Bible Reading notes		171.30		171.30	251.96	-80.66
Sound		0.00	230.00	230.00	520.00	-290.00
Tea/coffee monies		628.20		628.20	229.29	398.91
Transfer from Reserve Acct for spire repairs & others		0.00	12,777.57	12,777.57	7,384.80	5,392.77
Young People's groups		0.00	0.00	0.00	35.50	-35.50
Misc donations		4,643.03	5,807.20	10,450.23	10,465.47	-15.24
TOTAL OTHER INCOME RECEIPTS		20,825.22	19,024.77	39,849.99	36,380.55	3,469.44

MISSIONS

Barnabas	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bible Society	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Christmas Dinner on Jesus	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Christian Aid	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Children in Need (Dinner Dance)	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation for charity	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Families in Need	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	-70.00
MacMillan 30th Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	301.00	-301.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Open Doors	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Pakistani Flood	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.22	-93.22
Afghan Refugees in Bolton	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Gaza-Save the Children	0.00	58.00	58.00	0.00	58.00
Toilet Twinning	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Tearfund (Christmas card 2022)	0.00	154.52	154.52	177.58	-23.06
Tearfund	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal World Vision		260.10	260.10		260.10
Ukraine	0.00	0.00	0.00	848.30	-848.30

TOTAL MISSIONS INCOME

	0.00	472.62	472.62	1,540.10	-1,067.48
Cheques not yet cashed	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Collection end Dec prev year	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Cancelled cheques	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL INCOME

70,086.15	28,532.34	98,618.49	95,369.44	3,249.05
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Parochial Church Council of Christ's Church, Harwood

EXPENSES ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £	Change From Previous Year
PAYMENTS						
CLERGY						
Vicar		0.00		0.00	417.42	-417.42
Assistant Clergy		468.40		468.40	848.88	-380.48
TOTAL CLERGY EXPENSES		468.40	0.00	468.40	1,266.30	-797.90
UTILITIES/INSURANCE						
Gas Church heating 0223		5,738.02		5,738.02	1,972.34	3,765.68
Electric meter Church 7104 (changed to SSE Sep)		0.00		0.00	622.88	-622.88
Electric meter 1 Lounge 7220 (combined into 1 meter SS)		0.00		0.00	88.24	-88.24
Electric meter 2 Lounge 7176 (combined into 1 meter SS)		0.00		0.00	4,440.94	-4,440.94
SSE 726369651 Electric meter 2 Lounge 7176 (Prev BG		2,178.99		2,178.99	74.34	2,104.65
SSE 909341751/Church Elec (Prev BG 7104)		1,070.53		1,070.53	356.00	714.53
Water Plus (Church)		188.31		188.31	39.42	148.89
Water Rates Vicarage		55.70		55.70	405.48	-349.78
Utility Warehouse Vicarage gas/elec Jun/Jul		174.69		174.69	102.36	72.33
Insurance Church Lounge		642.64		642.64	784.21	-141.57
Insurance Church		3,081.31		3,081.31	2,829.46	251.85
Refuse collection		414.00		414.00	380.00	34.00
Council Tax Vicarage		0.00		0.00	1,554.89	-1,554.89
TOTAL UTILITIES EXPENSES		13,544.19	0.00	13,544.19	13,650.56	-106.37
UPKEEP OF CHURCH						
Church Service supplies		1,337.60		1,337.60	1,331.76	5.84
Maintenance		3,717.60		3,717.60	9,148.12	-5,430.52
Repairs/Fixtures/Fittings		10,105.45		10,105.45	1,348.86	8,756.59
Lounge cleaning		625.00		625.00	675.00	-50.00
Organ Maintenance/fund		2,035.00		2,035.00	180.00	1,855.00
TOTAL UPKEEP EXPENSES		17,820.65	0.00	17,820.65	12,683.74	5,136.91
Other Expenditure						
Flowers		712.20		712.20	936.48	-224.28
Baptisms to Charity		509.23		509.23	1,178.31	-669.08
Gardening team (Thursdays)		42.45		42.45	342.03	-299.58
Gifts		0.00		0.00	234.96	-234.96
Magazine		1,686.75		1,686.75	1,596.25	90.50
Office supplies		1,205.58		1,205.58	1,339.04	-133.46
Cafe		1,490.47		1,490.47	637.91	852.56
Parish Share		15,000.00		15,000.00	33,747.00	-18,747.00
Scripture Union/Bible Reading notes		267.04		267.04	308.49	-41.45
Sound		48.78		48.78	2,315.00	-2,266.22
Tea/coffee		0.00		0.00	106.00	-106.00
Transfer to Reserve account		0.00	12,692.62	12,692.62	11,302.04	1,390.58
Young People's groups		172.38		172.38	207.22	-34.84
Misc. Expenses	1	5,443.60	20.00	5,463.60	2,351.37	3,112.23
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE		26,578.48	12,712.62	39,291.10	56,602.10	-17,311.00

SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Fair 27th Nov	0.00	0.00	680.00	-680.00
Christmas Market 26th Nov 2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chocolate Evening 13th Nov 2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothes Swap 24th Sep	0.00	0.00	116.43	-116.43
Craft Fair 28th May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dinner Dance 19th Nov	1,057.50	1,057.50	1,472.35	-414.85
Jubilee Afternoon Tea 5th Jun	0.00	0.00	439.60	-439.60
King's Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Quiz Night 21st Apr/13th Oct	20.49	20.49		20.49
Summer Cafe&Mini Mkt 29th Jul	92.62	92.62		92.62
Wreath-making 28th Nov	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Poinsettias	163.80	163.80	121.99	41.81
Afternoon Tea 28th Feb	0.00	0.00	296.00	-296.00
Cream Tea 4th Sep	0.00	0.00	48.73	-48.73
Summer Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES

1,334.41	0.00	1,334.41	3,225.10	-1,890.69
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MISSIONS

Afghan Appeal Urban Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Barnabas	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Bible Society	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Christmas Dinner on Jesus	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Families in Need	0.00	0.00	70.00	-70.00
Gaza-Save the Children	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
MacMillan 30th Sep	0.00	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Open Doors	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Pakistani Flood	0.00	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Tearfund	540.00	540.00	540.00	0.00
Tearfund Christmas card 2022	155.00	155.00	200.00	-45.00
Toilet Twinning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal World Vision	300.00	300.00		300.00
Ukraine	0.00	0.00	850.00	-850.00
Urban Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL MISSIONS EXPENSES

3,255.00	0.00	3,255.00	4,320.00	-1,065.00
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Cheques cashed from prev year

0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

Collection from prev year

0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

63,001.13	12,712.62	75,713.75	91,747.80	-16,034.05
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Parochial Church Council of Christ's Church, Harwood

PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £	Change From Previous Year
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Current Account		32,144.16	0.00	32,144.16	9,239.42	22,904.74
Business Account		36,443.44	0.00	36,443.44	36,143.51	299.93
Total Assets		68,587.60	0.00	68,587.60	45,382.93	23,204.67
<u>CAPITAL</u>						
Balance Bought Forward		45,382.93	0.00	45,382.93	55,561.42	-10,178.49
Add Total Income		70,086.15	28,532.34	98,618.49	188,210.54	-89,592.05
Add Account Transfers		384.88	12,692.62	13,077.50	54,574.47	-41,496.97
		115,853.96	28,532.34	157,078.92	298,346.43	-99,770.54
Less Account Transfers		0.00	12,777.57	12,777.57	65,411.21	
Less Total Expenditure		63,001.13	12,712.62	75,713.75	195,670.85	-119,957.10
Total Capital		52,852.83	15,819.72	68,587.60	37,264.37	20,186.56

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 December 2023

		2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £	Change From Previous Year
<u>SUNDRY BALANCES</u>						
Burial Ground Account 12321981						
Opening Balance		61.80		61.80	61.63	0.17
Bank Interest		0.73		0.73	0.02	0.71
Closing Balance		62.53		62.53	61.65	0.88
Nicholson Bequest 13779264						
Opening Balance		162.68		162.34	162.31	0.03
Bank Interest		1.96		1.96	0.03	1.93
Closing Balance		164.64		164.30	162.34	1.96
Parker Grave 12322007						
Opening Balance		745.44		745.44	743.70	1.74
Bank Interest		9.02		9.02	0.12	8.90
Closing Balance		754.46		754.46	743.82	10.64
Dr. Snape's Grave RBS unable to locate						
Opening Balance		205.78		205.78	205.78	0.00
Bank Interest		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance		205.78		205.78	205.78	0.00

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RESERVE ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2023

Note	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £	Change From Previous Year
Opening balance	5,927.69	30,215.82	36,143.51	36,143.51	0.00
Income					
Business Account Interest	384.88	0.00	384.88	43.68	341.20
Transfer fm Current Acct		12,692.62	12,692.62	11,302.04	1,390.58
Total Income to Reserve Account	384.88	12,692.62	13,077.50	11,345.72	1,731.78
Expenses					
Transfer to Current Acct		12,777.57	12,777.57	7,384.80	5,392.77
Total Expenses from Reserve Account	0.00	12,777.57	12,777.57	7,384.80	5,392.77
Closing balance	6,312.57	30,130.87	36,443.44	40,104.43	-3,660.99

PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31 December 2023

Note	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £	Change From Previous Year
TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,086.15	28,532.34	98,618.49	188,194.82	-89,576.33
TOTAL PAYMENTS	63,001.13	12,712.62	75,713.75	195,670.85	-119,957.10
Surplus before outstanding cheques are cashed	7,085.02	15,819.72	22,904.74	-7,476.03	30,380.77
Collection end of prev. year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROFIT/LOSS	7,085.02	15,819.72	22,904.74	-7,476.03	30,380.77
Bank balances b/fwd 1-1-2023	5,081.78	0.00	5,081.78	12,557.81	-7,476.03
Collection from prev. year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank balances c/fwd 31-12-2023	0.00	9,239.42	9,239.42	5,081.78	4,157.64

Miscellaneous Income

NOTES

Date	Reason	Misc.
Jan - Dec	Art Group	£651.10
Jan - Dec	Congregational donations	£2,267.00
Jan - Dec	Craft Group	£857.20
18. Dec	Donation for drums	£100.00
Jan - Dec	Easy fund raising	£151.03
16. Jan	Electricity NW	£2.70
29. Nov	Floats Christmas Fair/Dinner Dance	£380.00
Jan - Dec	QR code donations	£234.00
07. Nov	Refund of VAT for building works	£920.00
02. May	Refund of VAT for building works	£1,237.67
Jan - Dec	Donations for roof repairs NOW T/F TO RES	£2,420.00
11. Dec	Donation for Christmas on Jesus	£10.00
06. Sep	Donation for purchase of writing slope	£75.00
29. Mar	Donation from Manchester Diocese Finance for utility b	£330.00
09. Aug	Refund from British Gas re error Lounge heating bill	£752.99
24. Apr	Donations for Ecumenical Lent course materials	£40.00
16. Feb	Refund of payment of invoice claimed incorrectly	£21.54
	TOTAL	£10,450.23

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MISC DONATIONS

1 All funds restricted

Miscellaneous Expenses

Date	Reason	Amount
16. Jan	Outside tree lights Sue Wood	£25.00
24. Jan	Bishop Mark retirement	£25.00
16. Mar	Heritage Conservation gutter mtn/cleaning of tower re b	£1,680.00
16. Mar	Heritage Conservation release 2.5% retention monies	£1,426.64
19. May	Lounge arrg/Baptisms/Paper/Ink Gail Spence	£100.00
22. May	Scouts plants for church	£14.60
23. Jul	Hazard tape Dave Wood	£13.00
14. Aug	Clergy meal Baci's	£190.00
20. Aug	Ashes Byron Latham-Holt still birth no fee	£30.00
06. Sep	Writing slope David Horrocks	£75.00
23. Oct	Floats for Christmas Fair/Dinner dance	£425.00
08. Nov	Cemetery flags	£15.00
16. Nov	Clergy Christmas card Adrienne Morgan	£90.00
12. Dec	Outdoor Christmas tree/lights/batteries Sue Wood	£46.36
16. Dec	Indoor Christmas tree Dave Wood	£40.00
24. Dec	Flowers Ingram/Wood Pam Cliff	£16.00
24. Dec	Toy service to Fortalice	£10.00
18-Dec	Urban Outreach donation for Christmas on Jesus	£10.00
2. Oct	Gift Aid from HMRC T/F TO RES	£9,034.95
2. Oct	Refund of VAT for building works	£1,237.67
03. Oct	Vicarage lock D.Horrocks	£72.00
12. Dec	Forrest Gardening clearing Vicarage garden	£1,160.00
Jan - Dec	Donations for roof repairs T/F TO RES	£2,420.00
	TOTAL	£18,156.22

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MISC EXPENSES

1 Charitable donations T/F to relevant charities

2 Repairs to vicarage to be claimed from Diocese when new vicar appointed.

Business Res Acct Income

Date	Reason	Amt
30. Aug	Donation for general building works	£500.00
13. Sep	Donation for roof repairs	£1,000.00
01. Oct	Gift Aid HMRC Jul 22-Jun 23 & Coll plate	£10,272.62
02. Oct	Donation for roof repairs	£400.00
16. Dec	Donation for roof repairs	£520.00
TOTAL		£12,692.62

Business Res Acct Expenses

Date	Reason	Amount
27. Mar	Parish Share	£5,277.57
02. Nov	ARG Roofing	£4,600.00
16. Nov	ARG Roofing	£2,600.00
16. Dec	Organ repair donations in 2017/18	£300.00
TOTAL		£12,777.57



FEES

Income and Expenditure Accounts

**Year Ending
31st December 2023**

BANK ACCOUNT

2022		2023
£ 376.00	Brought Forward	£ 120.00
£ 10,242.00	Total Income	£ 7,874.00
<u>£ 10,618.00</u>		<u>£ 7,994.00</u>
£ 10,498.00	Less Total Expenditure	£ 7,934.00
<u>£ 120.00</u>	Current Balance	<u>£ 60.00</u>
£ 813.00	End of Year Bank Balance	£ 1,860.00
£ 220.00	Cash On Hand	£ 454.00
£ 913.00	Uncashed Payments	£ 2,254.00
<u>£ 120.00</u>	Cash & Bank Balance Total	<u>£ 60.00</u>

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INCOME

2022		2023
£ 326.00	Deighans Funerals	£ -
£ 957.00	Bromleys Funeral Services	£ 2,302.00
£ 492.00	Silletts Funeral Services	£ -
£ 206.00	Howarths funeral services	£ 451.00
£ 2,796.00	Funeral Services	£ -
£ 618.00	Havencare	£ 361.00
£ 533.00	J Child & Son Memorials	£ 537.00
£ 229.00	Kennedy Sculptures	£ 84.00
£ 79.00	Angels In Stone	£ -
£ 2,212.00	Private Cheques	£ 670.00
£ 1,130.00	Private O/L	£ 2,164.00
£ 664.00	Private Cash	£ 1,305.00
£ 10,242.00	Total Income	£ 7,874.00

INCOME by EVENT

2022		2023
£ 1,716.00	Weddings, Banns etc	£ 1,386.00
£ 7,685.00	Funerals, Interments etc	£ 5,780.00
£ 841.00	Monuments	£ 695.00
£ -	Donations	£ 13.00
£ 10,242.00	Total Income	£ 7,874.00

EXPENDITURE

2022		2023
£ 4,382.00	Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance	£ 2,884.00
£ 4,503.00	PCC	£ 3,832.00
£ 240.00	Organist	£ 175.00
£ 180.00	Verger	£ 120.00
£ 210.00	Verger (PCC)	£ 180.00
£ 50.00	Sound	£ 80.00
£ 460.00	Sound (PCC)	£ 380.00
£ 30.00	Bell Ringer	£ -
£ 390.00	Grave Digger	£ 210.00
£ 53.00	Donations (PCC)	£ 73.00
£ 10,498.00	Total Expenditure	£ 7,934.00

Annual Report 2023

2023 was another challenging year for Christ's Church Harwood, as we were still without an incumbent due to delays within the Diocese in advertising the post. Following the appointment of a new Arch Deacon halfway through the year, things have taken a more positive approach and we are thankful for their input.

After the APCM meeting in April 2023, we were fortunate to have a member of the congregation volunteer as Church Warden, so we now have two Church Wardens who are both doing a marvellous job in helping to keep our Church running smoothly. We also cannot thank enough, our volunteer Ministry Team who have been presiding over our weekly services and taking on a huge amount of work. We continue to pray that the right person will be called to take over the leadership of our Church in due course.

Our Quinquennial took place in January 2023. Immediate issues were identified with the guttering all around the Church, and especially over the Lomax Chapel – these were cleaned out. Also, the bell tower was inhabited by birds who had started to nest and this was duly cleaned and new mesh frames replaced. A new lightening conductor was bought to replace the previous one and a new smoke alarm was fitted in Church. Several other urgent to long term issues identified – all at substantial cost.

We still have dedicated teams of people who help out as sides people, sound team, cleaning, gardening, church flowers, after service refreshments, as well as our Lounge Café Team on a Friday – ALL these people are volunteers and we are thankful for their time and continued support. As always, we welcome new volunteers so that the same people are not responsible for everything and hope to continue all of the above on a regular basis.

In 2023 we held 15 baptisms, 13 funerals conducted by clergy either at church or at the crematorium, 1 burial in the churchyard and 8 internments of ashes, in addition we had 2 Weddings.

We are thankful that our Church has continued to grow with new members and younger families and our FISH (Sunday School) group continues to thrive.

We look forward to more positive news regarding an Incumbent in 2024.