



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Period start date To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Period end date

**Charity name:** The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints'  
Stock Harvard

**Charity registration number:** 1158160

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work including the sick and bereaved. Teaching Christianity through sermons and small groups.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	As above.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	There has been no special notice taken of this guidance.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity has just continued with regular Sunday worship.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had an income of £122,166 in the year; Expenses were £75,373.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 were £306,884. £240,077 is being held to pay for Church roof repairs and electrical work.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	306,884
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church Stock Harvard
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Act of Parliament
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Church of England
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by those on the electoral role

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints' Stock Harvard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1158160
Charity's principal address	All SAINTS' Church Stock Road Essex CM49BN

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anthony Barker			
2	Pauline Collier			
3	David Sainsbury	Treasurer		
4	Corrine Duty			
5	Judith Sabine	Church Warden		
6	Margaret King			
7	Martin King			
8	Gerald Scott	Secretary		
9	Alma Clements			
10	Peter Stas			
11	Reverend Maranda Seaman			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### **Additional information (optional)**

#### **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### **Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## **Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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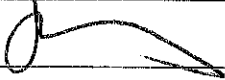
## **Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

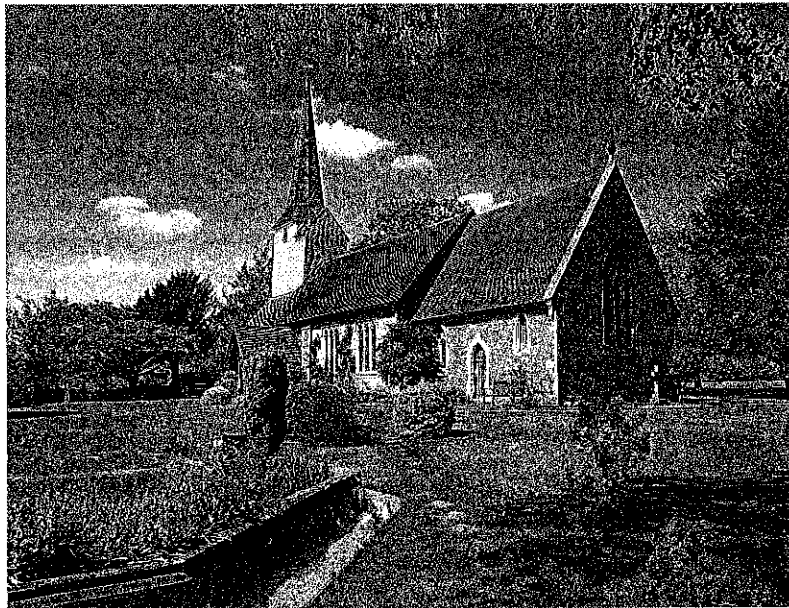
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Sainsbury	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

Date	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
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# **All Saints' Church, Stock Harvard**



## **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**To be held in Church**

**On Monday 22 April 2024**

**at 7:30pm**



# **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

Agenda for the  
Annual Parish Meeting  
Monday 22 April 2024 @ 7:30pm

Approval of the minutes of 26 April 2023

Election of Churchwardens

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Agenda for the  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Monday 22 April 2024 @ 7:45pm

Approval of the minutes of 26 April 2023

## Main Reports

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Electoral Roll Report    | Rosemary Clark           |
| 2) PCC Proceedings Report   | Gerry Scott              |
| 3) Financial Statement 2023 | Richard Sainsbury        |
| 4) Fabric Report            | Martin King / Peter Stas |
| 5) Servers                  | Jane Steel               |
| 6) Organist & Choir         | Gerry Scott              |
| 7) Priest-in-charge Report  | Rev Jacqui Pearson       |

## Miscellaneous Reports

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|---|------------------------------|
| A) Deanery Synod Representative Report    | Pauline Collier              |
| B) Unity Committee                        | Pauline Collier / Jane Steel |
| C) Compass Churches Representative Report | Judith Sabine                |
| D) Overseas Mission                       | Julia Seaman                 |
| E) Church / School Links                  | Judith Sabine                |
| F) Safeguarding                           | Judith Sabine                |
| G) Sidespeople                            | Pauline Collier              |
| H) Readers                                | Pauline Collier              |

Election of 5 members to the Parochial Church Council  
Election of 1 representative for the Deanery Synod  
Election of 1 Representative for Compass Group  
Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer  
Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner  
Appointment of Safeguarding Officer

Any other business, discussion or questions.

**NB After the meeting the members of the new PCC should meet to elect the Vice Chair, Treasurer, Sidespersons (or Assistants to the Churchwardens), Secretary and officers for the coming year and to fix the date of the first meeting.**

## **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

*(The suggested maximum number of members is 15 (incl Priest-in-charge & C/W's). This is in accordance with the CofE guidelines and evaluated upon the number of those on the ER)*

Chair (Priest in charge)	Rev. Jacqui Pearson
Vice Chair	Judith Sabine
Assistant Priest	Rev Miranda Seaman
Churchwarden	Judith Sabine
Deanery Synod	Pauline Collier [until 2024]
Elected	Anthony Barker [until 2024] Martin King [until 2024] Michael McGeachie [until 2024] Alma Clements-Scott [until 2024] Gerry Scott (Secretary) [until 2024]  Corrinne Duty [until 2025] Adrian Rilstone [until 2025] Richard Sainsbury (Treasurer) [until 2025] Peter Stas [until 2025]  Rosemary Clark [until 2026] Margaret King [until 2026] Jane Steel [until 2026]
Safeguarding Officer	Judith Sabine [until 2024]
Compass Churches Rep	Judith Sabine [until 2024]
Electoral Roll Officer	Rosemary Clark [until 2026]

## Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

### 1) Electoral Roll

With thanks to Mrs Rosemary Clark this continues to be maintained and currently stands at 92 people on the Electoral Roll, of which 46 were resident and 46 not resident within the Parish.

### 2) Review of the Year 2023 (Jan-Dec)

The PCC met on 6 occasions last Church year (viz. 30.01.23; 19.03.23; 26.04.23; 08.06.23; 06.09.23; 07.11.23) when the following main topics were discussed:

#### a) Finance

For full details please refer to financial reports later in this document.

#### b) Clergy

We are grateful for the time and ministry provided by both our Priest-in-charge (Rev. Jacqui Pearson) and our Associate Priest (Rev. Miranda Seaman).

#### c) Card Machine

We discussed the practical installation of a card machine to collect payments since it is becoming increasingly difficult to handle and bank cash.

#### d) Streaming Services

This was considered so as to outreach to those who were unable to attend Church due to health and incapacity.

#### e) School Governor

We agreed to advertise for a church representative to be nominated for the school governing board.

#### f) Mass Booklets

These are in need of updating and are in the process of so doing.

#### g) Bollards

Whilst a Parish Council Car Park, several of our worshippers had suffered damage to their vehicles whilst negotiating these. In particular and most concerning was the access for Emergency vehicles – recently EV drivers had refused to enter the car park which delayed getting help to patients.

#### h) Fabric

Please see report submitted by Martin King under point 4 on Page 7

#### i) PA for Priest

Rev. Jacqui asked for assistance in administrative matters.

## **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

### **j) Wine taking**

We discussed whether a return to Wine taking would take place following health guidelines highlighted by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

### **k) Church Cleaning**

Volunteer cleaners are now minimal and consideration was given to employing a cleaner on a business basis.

Secretary  
**Gerald Scott**

## Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

### **3) Finance Report 2023**

This was a year between two significant events. On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 we completed the sale of the Rectory Hall to the Diocese at a price of £210,000. In 2024 we will use this money to complete the Church roof repairs and electrical work. 2023 was a year of hard work by members of the Fabric Committee getting quotes and obtaining permission for the works to proceed. The roof repairs are estimated to cost £97,000 and the electrical work £100,000.

In the year a further £35,291 was received from the Diocese relating to the sale of the Rectory Hall now that the Diocese has managed to sell the entire Rectory site.

The only costs relating to the roof repair actually incurred in 2023 was £4,025 on bat surveys. This amount has been deducted from the unrestricted Special Fund in the balance sheet, and the £35,291 added, leaving the Fund worth £229,930.

Deducting the Special Fund items from the calculation the underlying unrestricted income in 2023 was £78,604 and the expenses £69,857 giving a surplus of £8,747. The surplus has been boosted by £4,300 of interest from the money we have invested short term with the Church of England Investment Fund and we also received a £1,403 refund on the Rectory Hall insurance.

The £36,646 Parish Share was paid in full. The Flower Festival returned to its more normal June week and made a profit of £6,473.

In the year The Overseas Mission committee donated £2,300 to various international Christian charities and The Friends' of All Saints' raised just over £6,000 for the Church building.

There are challenges ahead for the coming year. The PCC wish to have a credit card machine operating in Church to help with giving and it may well be that we have to look to go cashless in all our giving to lighten the load on those handling the funds coming in.

Treasurer  
Richard Sainsbury

## **Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner**

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.

It is my responsibility to

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

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners 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 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 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 material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with s. 130 of the Charities 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

**Peter John Bentley**  
**10 Myln Meadow Stock**  
May 2024

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	<u>Total Funds</u>	
					2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2(a)	41,397	7,513	-	48,910	56,696
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	2(b)	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
<i>Incoming resources from operating activities</i>						
- to further the Council's objects	2(c)	9,749		-	9,749	7,816
- to generate funds	2(d)	56,429	727	-	57,156	234,673
<i>Income from investments</i>	2(e)	4,321	30	-	4,351	32
<i>Income from insurance claims</i>	2(f)	-	-	-	-	1,150
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>113,896</b>	<b>8,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,166</b>	<b>300,367</b>
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>	3(d)	15,004	-	-	15,004	15,671
<i>Grants</i>	3(a)	1,300	1,000	-	2,300	2,575
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the church</i>	3(b)	57,579	490	-	58,069	55,913
<i>Church management and administration</i>	3(c)	-	-	-	-	27
<b>Total resources Used</b>		<b>73,883</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,373</b>	<b>74,186</b>
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		<b>40,013</b>	<b>6,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,793</b>	<b>226,181</b>
Balances Brought Forward at 1st January		243,462	16,629	-	260,091	33,910
<b>Balances Carried Forward at 31st December</b>		<b>283,475</b>	<b>23,409</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>306,884</b>	<b>260,091</b>

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5	0	0
		<hr/> 0	<hr/> 0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	9,308	10,793
Short term deposits		155,530	5,501
Cash at bank and in hand		150,702	287,240
		<hr/> 315,540	<hr/> 303,534
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
Creditors		8,656	43,443
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<hr/> 306,884	<hr/> 260,091
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<hr/> 306,884	<hr/> 260,091
<b>FUNDS</b>	6		
Unrestricted – general fund		53,546	44,798
Restricted		23,409	16,629
Unrestricted – special fund		229,929	198,664
		<hr/> 306,884	<hr/> 260,091

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

**Rev. Jacqui Pearson** (*Chair*) **Judith Sabine** (*Churchwarden*) **Gerald Scott** (*Secretary*)

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The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts



# Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of freehold land and buildings, which are shown at the 2001 valuation.

Since Total Incoming Resources have exceeded £100,000 the PCC are obliged to prepare "Accrual Accounts". This means that the Accounts include a full Balance Sheet and that the income and expenses of the various funds for which the PCC is responsible are consolidated into one Statement of Financial Activities. (SOFA).

#### **Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts include the all the 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.

#### **Incoming Resources**

##### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its undisputed legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by the Flower Festival and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

##### *Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

##### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable, if any, on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

##### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

#### **Resources used**

##### *Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that Award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

##### *Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*

The diocesan quota or Parish Share is accounted for when payable.

#### **Fixed assets**

*Rectory Hall.* Until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the PCC insured the Rectory Hall at a replacement value of £320,000 as they were acting as custodian for the Diocese. On 1st December 2022 the Diocesan Board of Finance paid the PCC £210,000 to purchase the asset.

##### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment historically used by the PCC is held at a residual value of £0. It and other purchases will be depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £ 1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

##### *Investments*

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

#### **Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees and other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2	<i>INCOMING RESOURCES</i>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	<b>Total Funds</b>	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
2(a)	<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
	Planned giving					
	- Gift Aid Donations	27,800	2,980	-	30,780	32,606
	- Income tax recoverable	8,354	813	-	9,167	10,793
	- Other Planned Giving	-	-	-	-	2,500
	Collections (open plate) at all services	4,873	-	-	4,873	6,085
	Gift Day	-	-	-	-	2,290
	Sundry donations	370	3,720	-	4,090	2,422
		<b>41,397</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,910</b>	<b>56,696</b>
2(b)	<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
	Grant:	-	-	-	-	-
	Grant: Listed Places of Worship reclaimed VAT	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacy	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
		<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>
2(c)	<i>Incoming resources from operating activities - to further the Council's objects</i>					
		-	-	-	-	-
	Bookstall and sundry sales	55	-	-	55	212
	Patronal Supper	-	-	-	-	-
	Fees (weddings and funerals)	9,694	-	-	9,694	7,604
		<b>9,749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,749</b>	<b>7,816</b>
2(d)	<i>Incoming resources from operating activities - to generate funds</i>					
	Proceeds from the sale of The Rectory Hall	35,291	-	-	35,291	210,000
	Flower Festival	21,010	-	-	21,010	23,072
	Fund raising events	128	-	-	128	495
	Shopping evening	-	727	-	727	1,106
		<b>56,429</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,156</b>	<b>234,673</b>
2(e)	<i>Income from investments</i>					
	Interest received	4,321	30	-	4,351	32
2(f)	<i>Income from insurance claims</i>					
	Insurance receipts	-	-	-	-	1,150
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>113,896</b>	<b>8,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,166</b>	<b>300,367</b>

## Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

#### 3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	<u>Total Funds</u>	
				2023 £	2022 £
3(a) Grants - Missionary and charitable giving:					
Church overseas:					
- Missionary societies	-	1,400	-	1,400	700
- Relief and development agencies	1,300	(400)	-	900	1,875
Home missions and other Church Societies	-	-	-	-	-
	1,300	1,000	-	2,300	2,575

The Overseas Mission Committee donated £1,400 to USPG, £300 to The Convent of the Sacred Passion (Kwa Mkono Polio Hostel), £300 to Let the Children Live, £325 to Snehasadan,.

#### 3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the church.

Ministry: - Parish Share	36,646	-	-	36,646	20,000
- Ministry expenses	-	-	-	-	-
- Cost of services	2,150	-	-	2,150	5,002
Church - running expenses	3,506	-	-	3,506	4,863
Church maintenance	2,014	-	-	2,014	2,870
Church roof inspections:					
Bat surveys	4,025	-	-	4,025	-
Other Parish expenses	588	490	-	1,078	1,559
Salary of the organist(s)	4,786	-	-	4,786	5,286
Fees paid to the Diocese	3,027	-	-	3,027	767
Costs of Patronal Supper	-	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of churchyard and glebe	2,278	-	-	2,278	4,982
Rectory Hall costs	(1,441)	-	-	(1,441)	10,584
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Outgoings from Special Objects Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	57,579	490	-	58,069	55,913

#### 3(c) Church management and administration

Church office & administration	-	-	-	-	27
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	27

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### *Cost of generating funds*

3(d)	Costs of Flower Festival	14,537	-	-	14,357	15,509
	Costs of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of Pancake Supper	400	-	-	400	-
	Costs of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
	Costs of Spring Lunch	-	-	-	-	-
	Other costs including envelope schemes.	67	-	-	67	162
		15,004	-	-	15,004	15,671
	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	<b>73,883</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,373</b>	<b>74,186</b>

4.	<i>STAFF COSTS</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Wages and salaries	<b>4,886</b>	<b>4,886</b>

Gerry Scott received an organist salary of £4,626 in the year; Gerry Scott is a member of the PCC. No individual earned £40,000 p.a. or more. Members of the PCC were reimbursed expenses totalling £2,537.47 during the year.

# Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Parish Church, Stock Harvard

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC - <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>		Freehold land & buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
GROSS BOOK VALUE	At 1 January 2023	-	2,356	-
	Disposal	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2023	-	2,356	2,356
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023	-	2,356	2,356
	Depreciation written back	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2023	-	2,356	2,356
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2022	-	-	-

The freehold land and buildings comprising the Rectory Hall were sold to the Diocese on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## 6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

6(a) <i>by asset class</i>		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds	
					2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets		290,881	24,659	-	315,540	303,534
Current Liabilities		(7,406)	(1,250)	-	(8,656)	(43,443)
Fund balance		283,475	23,409	-	306,884	260,091
6(b) <i>by fund</i>						
General fund		278,475	3,380*	-	281,855	242,728
Endowment Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Friends of All Saints'		-	18,375	-	18,375	12,177
Upkeep of the Churchyard (Legacy)		-	-	-	-	-
Overseas Mission		-	1,654	-	1,654	1,186
Organ Fund (Designated)		5,000	-	-	5,000	4,000
Fund balance		283,475	23,409	-	306,884	260,091

\* This represents the Special Objects Fund under the direction of the Rector.

7. DEBTORS		2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable (Gift Aid)		9,167	10,792
Other debtors		141	-
		9,308	10,792

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### **4) Fabric report for the year 2023 (Report by Martin King)**

There was much frustration in 2023 on both roof and electrical projects. Delays occurred on both projects (although both should reach completion by summer of 2024).

#### ROOFING

One of the biggest delays to the roofing project was the repeated inspections aimed at protecting the number of bats and the spaces for them in and around the church. Although statutory requirements seemed over-riding, we argued successfully on two major points.

We disputed an instruction to develop bat access within the roof areas. It has been agreed that we have six bat boxes around the graveyard. Moving any bats out (and only one was specifically spotted emerging from the roof) means we are also able to use our favoured and cheaper breathable felt on the roof.

Another roofing hold-up came in the formal diocesan ratification of the project, which took much longer than previously experienced. The project initially got under way in December.

#### ELECTRICAL

Diocesan Advisory Board scrutiny of the electrical project has also proved frustrating, with seemingly single query causing the project to be thrown back to the following meeting, where another item produced the same result, and so on. Peter Stas and I felt this lack of holistic approach to be confrontational rather than collaborative; we hope to pursue this when the work is done. Resulting delays certainly resulted in a major increase in material costs.

It is hoped to start work in spring 2024. We have removed external works from the project to simplify the permissions process and hope later to pick up on outside items separately subject to the availability of funds.

#### THANKS

Our architect Rod Shelton provided support and guidance throughout both the roof and electrical issues. We are fortunate that he helped us to avoid becoming ever more bogged down that we were.

Our electrician Paul Peacock also deserves much gratitude for his patience and flexibility in the face of much frustration.

#### GARDENING PARTY

Three volunteers have been working in the churchyard on Wednesday mornings: clearing leaves and branches, pruning, plus removing epicormic growth around trunks - with several bonfires. We hope more can join us as and when possible. Thanks to Graham Clark for helping Peter and me.

### **5) Servers (Report by Jane Steel)**

We have managed this year with a team of only 4 servers consisting of myself, Rachel Hill, Daniel McGuinness and Mike McGeachie. This is challenging at times, but with everyone pulling together we normally manage to cover all services with at least 2 servers and for most of the time there are 3 of us.

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Daniel has been a big asset to the team and has quickly learned the sacristan duties helping prepare the church for our weekly services alongside Rachel and myself.

Additional duties undertaken away from the weekly services include the ordering of candles, communion wafers, wine etc., and Rachel takes care of this, whereas I look after the laundering of the altar linen and changing of the altar frontals.

A big thank you to the team for your hard work and dedication! – I know the work we do is very much appreciated by the Clergy and the congregation.

We really need to expand the team and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. Full training will be given!

### **6) Organist & Choirmaster Report**

Regular Sunday Masses and Weddings have been well attended by our robed Choir and simple anthems are performed on most Sundays. More members are required and always welcomed.

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols in December 2023 was well supported at which we were fortunate to have some additional help from a few members of the Writtle Singers.

The Choir was invited to sing some Carols at The Old Kings Head in Stock. This was met with enthusiasm and support by the Choir and well received at the pub, albeit held outside in a very cold and blustery evening. The mince pies and mulled wine afterwards were unfortunately compulsory!

The Choir were also invited by the Parish Council to sing carols on Stock Common – again, a very cold afternoon but well supported.

The Choir, Servers and ministry team enjoyed a lunch at an Indian restaurant on 22 October 2023. We hope to make this an annual event.

The Organ has upheld its major rebuild a few years ago and with regular tuning should be future proof for a good few years.

Vestry and Church piano's receive regular tuning albeit that the one in the Church is subject to huge fluctuations in temperature and humidity.

### **7) Report from the Priest-in-charge - Rev Jacqui Pearson**

My primary school had a school prayer, and it ended with the words: Many hands make a house; many hearts make a school.

The same is very much true for a church. To physically look after this building takes many hands, and since November the hands of the roofers have been working to make our roof watertight and in good condition for the years to come; but there were also the hands that wrote the many emails and documents needed for that for to go ahead. On a weekly basis there are the hands of those who open and lock up the church, the hands that clean, the hands that arrange flowers, the hands that change the frontals and replace the candles. There are the hands that move the chairs as the school comes in for their service, or the hands that give our weekly sheets on a Sunday morning and the hands that make and pour the tea and coffee after the service.

I could try and list all of the jobs and roles that go into looking after the building, enabling services to happen, and helping us to reach out and serve our community, but there are so many and I would inevitably miss someone out. As St. Paul writes: "For just as the body is one and has many

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members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12), so our church is made up of many members, all contributing to the life and work of the church.

Yet hands on their own do not make this church the place that it is: it is the many hearts, who follow the heart of Christ. His heart for the world led him to serve with the ultimate service of dying on the cross. He calls us to love one another; "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another". It is the heart for God, for Jesus, and his Gospel, that makes All Saints' a church, and not just a beautiful, ancient building.

The past year at Stock - and my first year here as Priest in Charge - has demonstrated how as a church family we bring our hearts and our hands to our life and work. The APCM will include much more detail of the events of 2023, but in particular for me was our Flower Festival, as many people from the village and beyond enjoyed a wonderful weekend of fun, food, sunshine, and of course the church filled with amazing displays. There were the events with our brothers and sisters within the Unity Group, including the Harvest Supper, Shrove Tuesday Supper, and Remembrance Service, and All Saints' also hosted the Compass MMU Ascension Day service. We have had numerous weddings, baptisms, and funerals, as well as three candidates for confirmation, many school services and events, as well as the Scouts Christmas Carol service.

Church family life can also bring sadness, and in July we lost Fr. Barry, who so faithfully served this church for many years, and in November, the tragic death of Freddie Coleman. In both events, we came together to mourn, and to help a whole village to mourn, and remind ourselves of the hope of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the face of such sadness.

Our weekly services (Sunday morning mass, our monthly evening prayer, and weekly mid-week mass), as well as our other services (particularly at Christmas and Easter) continue to form the heartbeat of our church life, as we gather together in worship and gather around the Eucharist, and our worship must remain central, as it is here that we draw near to the heart of Christ.

I recognise that it can feel at times that the work is too much for the hands that are available, and we need wisdom and guidance from God as to how we use the hands that we have. Please do pray, that as we journey together, new hands and hearts would join us, and that we will use our resources of time, and money wisely. What new things God might be calling us to try and what foundations we are to hold on to. I know that I am still learning and have a lot to learn, and I thank you for your patience and your support.

I thank God for each and every one of you, for your hands and your hearts. Together we will continue to build up the life of Christ in this village and share the Gospel of Jesus' love - his hands open on the cross, bring life and love to all.

### **A) Deanery Report (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The Deanery met 4 times during 2023 at the following churches.

- St. Mary with St. Leonard, Broomfield
- All Saints' Church, Stock Harvard
- St. Mary and St. Lawrence Church, Great Waltham
- Meadgate Church, Chelmsford

At each meeting a welcome to new members and clergy appointments is given; a thanks to departing clergy and the evening always closes with delegates meeting in groups to pray for items discussed, for our parishes and each other.

At the December meeting, we were pleased to welcome the Revd. Adam Atkinson, the new Bishop of Bradwell, who had previously been Archdeacon of Charing Cross in the Diocese of London.



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There are main speakers at every meeting and for 2023 the topics covered were:-

- \* Purpose of the Deanery with a follow up discussion at the next meeting
- \* Eco Church
- \* Special Education Needs and Disabilities

### **B) Unity Committee (Report by Pauline Collier)**

All Saints' Church Representatives:- Revd. Jacqui Pearson, Jane Steel, Pauline Collier.

It has been good to meet with our fellow Christians from Christ Church Baptist Church and Our Lady and St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church throughout the year.

The activities arranged by the committee for 2023 were:-

- \* Unity Service, held in the Village Hall - Sunday 15th January
- \* Harvest Supper, held at Christ Church - Saturday 14th October
- \* Remembrance Day Service - 12th November
- \* Carols at The Hoop – Friday 8th December
- \* Christmas Card Competition

All events were well attended and greatly appreciated by the members of our three churches and the wider community.

Once again, the pupils of Yr5 and Yr6 at Stock C of E Primary School were asked to produce pictures for the Unity Christmas Card. Three pictures from each year group were chosen and then reproduced on the card. The entries were of a very high standard and it was a very difficult task choosing the successful six. The winners were presented with their prizes during the Carols at The Hoop event.

Christmas Cards were delivered to the school for each child to take one home and then to each church for their congregation to take and deliver to their neighbours.

### **C) Compass Group (Report by Judith Sabine)**

The Compass group met four times throughout the year. A lot of the discussions this year centred around the way the parish share was calculated. For All Saints Church it meant a reduction in how much we pay each year.

During each meeting we talk about the different services and events that we have held or that we are planning to hold and how we can encourage participation in church life.

One such event is the retirement of the chairman Reverend Terry Brown. There will be service for Terry at Sandon Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 3pm.

Ascension day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 will in 2024 be held at Sandon Church at 7 30pm.

I am grateful to Alex who is the secretary for the Compass group who keeps us informed about Compass matters and also for his help with the tap and go scheme and advising on streaming our services.

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### **D) Overseas Mission (Julia Seaman)**

2023 was a difficult year for everybody (and especially for charities) with a grim international situation, a cost-of-living crisis, natural disasters, and for the small fry like us, the disappearance of High Street banks.

We had a successful Shopping Evening in May which raised money for USPG and our regular small charities and enabled us to give the Disasters Emergency Committee £600 for the ever-growing refugee problem. We had planned to give the Indian charity SNEHASADAN £300 but despite our best efforts, the payment was blocked for unspecified reasons. Barclays Bank gave us £100 compensation for misleading us, I will make renewed efforts to get the money through to the charity. It is becoming increasingly difficult to support the smaller charities when our money has to go to a foreign bank rather than a British one.

My thanks to the PCC for their support and annual donation, to Neville Bull for managing the Gift Aid, and above all to the Mayhook family and Sylvia and Chris Finch for their willing support over the years.

### **E) Stock Church of England School – Links (Report by Pauline Collier)**

#### **Church/School Links Team**

Alina Clay (Head Teacher) Rev. Jacqui Pearson, Rachel Hill, Pauline Collier. The Team met three times during the year to plan the following items.

#### **22nd February - Ash Wednesday**

This service took place in the school and was conducted by the Revd. Jacqui Pearson and the Revd. Miranda Seaman. During the service the pupils were Ashed.

#### **Friday 5th May**

The school visited the church during the morning for a Coronation Day Thanksgiving Service. It was wonderful having the whole school in the church and their singing of the National Anthem was extremely moving.

#### **Thursday 18th June**

The whole school came to the church and spent the morning looking at God's Wonderful World. The session began with an act of worship, led by the Revd. Jacqui Pearson. The pupils then progressed to the Glebe and Churchyard where they looked at various aspects of God's Creation – Flowers, Leaves, Stones, Trees, People. At the end of the morning, the pupils created a picture of their work. The picture was then displayed at the back of the church. Pupils later coloured paper butterflies, which were hung from the organ loft for the Flower Festival. Our thanks go to Rachel Hill for her invaluable work with the picture and to Peter Stas, Annette Bettany and the Revd. Jacqui for their help in preparing the church for the service and the areas outside the church for the pupil's activities.

#### **Saturday 24th June**

The school opened our Flower Festival at 12.05pm with a display of Country Dancing. They also created paper flowers as part of the flower displays within the church.

#### **Thursday 20th July**

As usual on the last day of term, Class 6, who left the school on that day, held their final service at the church during the morning. The service was conducted by the Revd. Jacqui Pearson and each pupil received, on behalf of the church, a lapel badge in the shape of a cross. The pupils parents

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were also present at this service.

### **Sunday 8th October**

Representatives from the school attended our Harvest Festival Service. After the service they sold food, which they had prepared and all the proceeds went to their charity for the year – the Billericay Food Bank. They were most grateful for the very generous donations made by the members of our congregation.

### **Wednesday 18th October**

During the afternoon, the Reception Class, escorted by Yr 5 visited the church for their Welcome Service. They were divided into 6 groups and toured the church, with each group stopping at the following areas – Bells, Baptismal Font, Window 1 depicting Christ's Baptism, Window 2 depicting the Last Supper, High Altar, Lady Chapel. At each area a member of the congregation gave an explanation. Thanks goes to Peter Stas, Martin King, Ann Tully, Joyce Bull and Leigh Mayhook who helped on this occasion. The pupils parents attend later in the afternoon for a short service, during which each Reception Year pupil received a bible.

### **Tuesday 31st October**

The Rev. Jacqui Pearson led an All Saints' Day Service at the school.

### **Friday 8th December**

The School Choir took part in the Three Churches in Stock Unity event – Carols at the Hoop by performing various carols. Yr 5 & 6 had taken part in the competition - Design a picture for the Unity Christmas Card and during the evening the 6 winners were presented with their prizes.

### **Thursday 14th December**

KS2 once again gave a performance during the afternoon and evening of Carols and Readings. Parents and friends were present at both performances. KS1 attended the Tuesday afternoon rehearsal.

### **Wednesday 20th December**

During the morning the school held their Christingle Service in the church.

## **F) Safeguarding (Report by Judith Sabine)**

There are no safeguarding issues to report.

I have attended an update course for safeguarding and also have completed a new modern day slavery course which the diocese have introduced.

I have read through the diocese safeguarding policy and the PCC have adopted it as our policy as well.

We will revisit the policy each year as part of our review policy.

## **G) Sidespeople - 2023 (Report by Pauline Collier)**

We thank the following people for all their support as sidespeople during 2023 and are pleased that they are willing to serve again for the year 2024/25.

Joyce Bull, Pauline Collier, Leigh Mayhook, Ann Tully, Maisie Tully, Christine Walls, Peter Walls.

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**H) Readers – 2023 (Report by Pauline Collier)**

The following people have been readers at our Sunday Morning Service for the last year. Although it is not part of the procedure to register them at the Annual Meeting, I thought that we should say a big 'Thank you' to them all for their faithfulness and service.

Diana Bandy, Nigel Mason, Richard Sainsbury, Jane Steel, Annie Pyle.