

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report

of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of

Emmanuel Church, Hastings

Emmanuel Church, Priory Road, Hastings TN34 3JJ

Registered Charity no. [1159229](#)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Emmanuel Church, Hastings

Trustees Annual Report for 2023



Our mission and vision

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Martin Lane, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

At Emmanuel, we have stated our mission as follows:

Our mission is to help people of our town and local community become fully committed followers of Jesus.

We have summarised our vision for Emmanuel in the following statement:

Imagine a church that's flooding its local community with the light of the gospel and making a visible difference to the lives of all kinds of people: that's what we long to see at Emmanuel Church, on the West Hill of Hastings, to the glory of God.

As we look to the future, we envision a growing and dynamic, gospel-hearted church, full of men, women, and children who find their identity in Christ and rejoice in living for him. It's a church with multiple, vibrant gospel ministries for all ages with trained and trustworthy leaders; where faithful bible teaching is valued and expected, where the gospel is proclaimed with urgency and purpose. It's a church of disciple-making disciples; where members are experiencing the life-changing power of the gospel and helping others to experience it too.

It's an others-focused church where we cherish one another in Christ; a family of believers who think of one another before themselves and gladly accept sacrifice for each other's sake; where we love one another in practical ways, and everyone gives and receives. It's a church in which relationships are loyal, supportive, and accountable; where names are remembered and absence is noticed; where we join together to laugh and cry, challenge and encourage, pray and praise.

It's an outward-looking church that works for the good of our local community and seeks the lost with the gospel of grace in creative and relevant ways; a place where the needy find help, the broken find healing, the lonely find friendship, and all hear the offer of new life in Christ. It's a church that's committed to supporting other gospel ministries, in the UK and overseas, by giving its money and sending its people to serve in various ways.

This is our dream. We believe, under God, it will soon be reality, and we invite you to be part of it.

What we planned to do to achieve our mission

Over the past year, we have sought to:

- enable as many people as possible to participate in the life of our church;
- reach out to non-believers;
- teach, baptise and nurture new and existing believers;
- provide care and support for those in need;
- give financial support to other Christian organisations;
- maintain the fabric of the church building.

What we achieved

Enabling participation in the life of our church

We welcome visitors from both inside and outside the parish.

Visitors attend by personal choice, and we are delighted to welcome people of all backgrounds to participate in the life of the church. Voluntary attendance of our church services is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

We love to welcome families to the church and run a *Sunday Club* and supervised crèche every Sunday morning during the service. The music group continues to lead our congregational singing and introduce new songs.

We held a *Church Lunch* after the Sunday service at regular intervals during the year, as well as a *Church Summer Picnic*, to which all were welcome. We welcome newcomers to the church at our *Welcome Tea*, which is an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about church life.

There are 72 on the church electoral roll, 51 of whom are not resident within the parish, 1 name was added during the year and 0 were removed through death. The average total weekly attendance at services in the building during October was 80, of which, on average, 60 were adults and 20 were children.

We provide regular training for all who are involved in our ministries, including training for preachers, home group leaders, youth and children's ministry leaders and helpers, and the music ministry team.

We continue to take safeguarding very seriously and follow the guidance set out in various documents including: Care and Protection of Children (2002, 2009), Protecting God's Children (2010) and Safer Recruitment (2013), and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook (2018). We continue to carry out Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all new volunteers who are then invited to join the DBS Update Service, thus obviating the need for five-yearly renewals.

We have completed the diocesan safeguarding programme, Simple Quality Protects Level One, an audit tool aimed at helping all parishes to achieve the highest possible safeguarding standards. Safeguarding is a standing item at PCC meetings and the channel through which the PCC is kept up to date on current issues.

All Church members involved with Children's Work have completed a DBS disclosure and are part of the DBS Update Service. We are grateful to Rowena Pelling for serving as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The PCC has adopted the *Principles for Commending Ministry* set out by the *Bishop of Ebbsfleet* to commend complementarian evangelical ministry and to enable healthy ministry and leadership.

We did not hold any weddings or funerals at Emmanuel during 2023. We did, however, host a memorial service at the end of 2023 for the families supported by *Hinkley Funeral Services* during the year.

Reaching out to non-believers

Our Sunday services are planned with non-Christian visitors in mind with the intention of making participation as easy as possible. All visitors are welcomed at the door by our team of stewards. Seasonal services such as *Carols by Candlelight* and our *Christingle Service* are particularly well attended. We hold All-Together services on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday, where all ages come together to celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection. We also hold Guest Services throughout the year which have a particular evangelistic focus.

In 2023, we hosted two guest events, which were open to all: a Jamaican meal and a family-friendly Bingo afternoon. Each event included a short presentation of the gospel by a guest speaker and was well attended.

Our toddler play group, *Buttons*, meets on Friday mornings and continues to be very well popular with families from the local community. Our intention is that it is a distinctively Christian toddler group in which the children learn about Jesus through hearing stories from the Bible, reinforced through craft activities and singing Christian songs, along with other popular pre-school songs. We provide craft activities and toys to play with, and a safe and fun environment for all who come along. Each year we hold a *Buttons Christmas Special* and *Buttons Easter Special* with a particular focus on evangelism. The group uses resources produced by *Faith in Kids*.



*“Loved the course. I thought I knew
who Jesus was, but he is so much more.”*
Christianity Explored

Once again, we were able to run a Christianity Explored course during the year, for those wishing to find out more about the Christian faith. This is an informal and enjoyable course that enables people to answer three important questions from Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? Why did he come? What does it mean to follow him? It explores

clearly and faithfully the good news of Jesus that is at the heart of our church life.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Our main teaching happens during our Sunday services when we come together around God's word, the Bible. This year we have studied the first half of 1 Samuel, Luke's Gospel, 2 Peter and 1 John.



During the week, members of the church meet in *Home Groups*. Every member of the church is encouraged to join a home group. These groups have continued to meet throughout the year, during daytimes and evenings, providing further opportunities for small groups to study the Bible and pray together. We meet in small groups to support and encourage each other as we seek to grow in Christian maturity. The groups contain a mixture of new and existing believers.

We provide one-to-one Bible studies for those who are hungry to study the Bible, either as interested seekers or to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Once a month, through our *Church Prayer Meetings*, we set aside a Tuesday evening and a Wednesday morning to come together as a church family to pray for the mission of the church, for individuals in the church who are particularly in need of prayer, and for missionary organisations that we support.



The *Women@Emmanuel* ministry has organised a *Women's Book Group*, a teaching evening on 'Beauty That Lasts', and an evangelistic *Christmas Craft Evening*. A group of women from the church attended the *Southern Women's Convention* in Crowborough.

The *Men@Emmanuel* ministry draws men together to encourage one another as we seek to live for Christ at home, with friends, and in the workplace. This often involves food, whether a cooked meal, a takeaway or a fried breakfast. This year we took a group of men to the *Kent Men's Convention* in Sevenoaks.



"Thank you for all your hard work putting this course together for us to learn and get closer to God."

Discipleship Explored

An encouraging number of church families attended the *SGP Annual Conference* and *Bible by the Beach*, where there was Bible teaching for all ages in a fun environment.

Once again, we have run the *Discipleship Explored* course for church members, which works through Paul's letter to the Philippians and encourages us to rejoice in all the blessings that are ours in Christ.

We were delighted to organise a Church Weekend in June, which was open to all members of the church family. We enjoyed a weekend of fellowship and Bible teaching, with a focus on God's will and our decision-making.

"I would like to thank you for a fantastic church weekend. It was educational, enlightening and fun!"

Church Weekend



A supervised *Creche* provides age-appropriate Bible teaching and activities for pre-schoolers during our Sunday services.

Sunday Club has continued strongly; we use *Mustard Seeds* material to explore the Bible together as well as playing games, singing and doing crafts, and had a good number of regular attendees. This year the children have followed studies in the books of Genesis, Exodus, 1 Kings, Esther, Luke, and Acts, as well as a teaching series on 'Identity' produced by *Faith in Kids*.



A *Youth Bible Study* group has been started successfully for those in Year 6 and upwards. The young people have studied the books of Joshua, John, and Hebrews, an overview of the Old Testament Prophets, and a series called 'Is That in the Bible?'.

We were able to hold an Easter Party for primary school age children, a Summer Holiday Club, a Light Party as a Christian alternative to Halloween, and a Christmas Party - all of which were well attended by church children and their friends.

Some of our young people attended *Woolhampton 3* and *Orwell 4 CYFA Ventures* in the summer of 2023, providing Bible teaching, friendships and fun activities for them and their friends.

We held 2 baptisms during the course of the year.

Providing care and support for those in need

Pastoral care and support for members of the church is provided mainly through our home groups. Our vicar, and members of the congregation, also regularly visit the sick among our congregation, either at home or in hospital, to talk, read the Bible and pray. He also provides pastoral support for those who have been bereaved both in the church and in the parish.

"Thanks to everyone for their continued support."

*Jude Harrison
Family Support Work*

Donations of food and household items to support the work of Family Support Work, a Sussex based charity providing practical support to families in crisis in our town, are now collected from the church building once a month.

Giving financial support to other Christian organisations

We support three Christian organisations through financial giving and regular prayer. They are *Barnabas Fund*, *Crosslinks* and *Speak Life*.

Barnabas Fund acts on behalf of the persecuted Church, to be their voice - making their needs known to Christians around the world and the injustice of their persecution known to governments and international bodies. They send financial support to projects which help Christians where they suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith. The projects aim to strengthen Christian individuals, churches and their communities by providing material and spiritual support in response to needs identified by local Christian leaders. The majority of aid goes to Christians living in Muslim environments.

Crosslinks is an international mission society with its roots in the Bible and works principally within the worldwide Anglican Communion. Their prime focus is the proclamation and teaching of God's word. They are enthusiasts for creative worldwide mission. Their slogan is 'God's word to God's world'. We have a particular link with a missionary family in the Czech Republic and a church in South Africa.

Speak Life is a UK-wide evangelistic ministry which exists to preach the gospel, train Christians in evangelism and resource the church for its mission to the world.

We held a *Mission Sunday* in 2023, with a visiting speaker from *Crosslinks*, followed by a lunch and presentation of their projects. A collection was taken in support of their work.

Maintaining the fabric of the church building

During 2023, necessary maintenance has been carried out and the buildings kept in good repair. We are very grateful to the volunteers who give time to clean the church building and to look after the church halls and gardens.

Financial Review

Total receipts for 2023 were £165.5k of which £158.6k were unrestricted and of that £126.5k were voluntary donations (including a £20k one-off gift). Restricted donations of £6.0k were also received.

Income from St Clements Hall fell short this year as the tenants went out of business and are unable to pay the rent due. Procedures are now in place to obtain a Deed of Surrender of the lease.

£157.4k has been spent from restricted, designated & unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry of Emmanuel Church. This includes our parish contribution to the Chichester diocese of £50k, which pays towards the stipend and housing for the clergy, along with a contribution towards central costs.

Other large expenses include £33.6k for salaries for both our Families Worker and Administrator, which has been met from restricted funds where possible and the balance from unrestricted funds, as budgeted.

Also, £31.1k was spent on building work, including a new heating system in the church building, costing £13.3k, as well as roof repairs to both the church and Mendham Hall of £17.8k (of which £17.5k was claimed back on insurance). A further £14.4k was spent on the redecoration of Mendham Hall exterior.

General funds have increased over the year by £6.0k and Restricted funds have increased by £2.0k.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain an unrestricted and undesignated reserve balance of at least 3 months unrestricted expenses, this equates to £26.8k. Total reserves stand at £77.2k at 31st December 2023, £72.7k in general unrestricted reserves with a further £4.5k in restricted funds.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

The Revd Martin Lane	Chairman
Mr Geoff Martin	Churchwarden, Vice Chairman
Mr Michael Davis	Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Representative
Mrs Bernadette Huggins	Secretary
Mrs Carol Eldridge	Treasurer, Deanery Synod Representative
Miss Hilary Drury	Deanery Synod Representative
Mrs Rowena Pelling	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Mr Tony Simons	
Mrs Lucy Sparks	
Mr Jamie Coussens	
Miss Holly Eldridge	

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members, the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Revd. Martin Lane, PCC Chairman

Martin Lane

Date 19th April 2024

Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted Fund/s</i>	<i>Endowed Fund/s</i>	<i>Total All Funds 2023</i>	<i>Total All Funds 2022</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Designated Funds</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	126,475	-	6,000	-	132,475	108,306	
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other trading activities	13,940	-	-	-	13,940	15,851	
Investments	755	-	809	-	1,564	1,163	
Other receipts	17,475	-	-	-	17,475	5	
Total received	158,645	-	6,809	-	165,454	125,325	3
Expenditure on:							
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable costs	152,621	-	4,823	-	157,444	137,369	
Trading costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total paid	152,621	-	4,823	-	157,444	137,369	8
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>							
Net income or (net expenditure)	6,024	-	1,986	-	8,010	(12,044)	
Transfers between funds				-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	6,024	-	1,986	-	8,010	(12,044)	
Bank accounts at 1 January 2023	66,729		2,464		69,193	81,237	
Bank accounts at 31 December 2023	£72,753	-	£4,450	-	£77,203	£69,193	A&L

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted		Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total All Funds 2023	Total All Funds 2022	Notes
	General Fund	Designated Funds					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Assets:							
Bank current account	72,753	-	4,450		77,203	69,193	
Diocesan Assigned Fees received					-		
CBF Deposit Fund					-		
Bank and deposit accounts	£72,753	-	£4,450	-	£77,203	£69,193	R&P
St Clements Rent & Insurance not received	8,405			-	8,405	4,655	13
Gift Aid recoverable to Dec 23	4,526		100	-	4,626	3,611	14
Debtors	£12,931	-	£100	-	£13,031	£8,266	
CBF & COIF Investments			13,981		13,981	12,895	
Sophia Mendham Endowment		-		20,460	20,460	19,379	
Investment assets at market value	-	-	£13,981	£20,460	£34,441	£32,274	
Church Halls - valuation 2010	585,000	-	-		585,000	585,000	
Investment assets at cost	£585,000	-	-	-	£585,000	£585,000	
		-	-	-	-		
Total assets	£670,684	-	£18,531	£20,460	£709,675	£694,733	
Liabilities:							
Unpaid Diocesan fees for weddings/funerals	-		-	-	-	348	
			-	-	-	-	
			-	-	-		
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	£348	

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2023, including the notes following, was

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

The Revd. Martin Lane, PCC Chairman:

Martin Lane

Date *19th April 2024*

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

- 1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.
- 3 Analysis of total received:

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Endowed</i>	Total	<i>Total</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	General	Designated					
	Fund	Funds	Fund/s	Fund/s	All Funds	All Funds	
	£	£	£	£	2023	2022	
<i>Planned giving (excl. tax refunds)</i>	59,414	-	4,800	-	64,214	55,059	4
<i>Planned giving (no tax refunds)</i>	7,888	-	-	-	7,888	5,530	
<i>Loose cash collections</i>	2,768	-	-	-	2,768	4,502	
<i>Special appeals (Gift Day)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Gift Aid recovered</i>	18,028	-	1,200	-	19,228	14,066	5
<i>Sundry Donations & Appeals</i>	18,377	-	-	-	18,377	9,149	6
<i>Legacies</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Grants</i>	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	
Donations and legacies	£126,475	-	£6,000	-	£132,475	£108,306	
<i>Fees for weddings & funerals</i>	- 15	-	-	-	15	484	
Charitable activities	- 15	-	-	-	15	484	
<i>Mendham Hall Lettings</i>	1,790	-	-	-	1,790	3,835	7
<i>St Clements Hall Letting</i>	12,155	-	-	-	12,155	12,500	
<i>Church centre hiring fees</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Fetes & other fund-raising events</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Bookstall sales</i>	10	-	-	-	10	-	
Other trading activities	£13,940	-	-	-	£13,940	£15,851	
<i>Interest from Bank Deposits</i>	755	-	-	-	755	215	
<i>CBF & COIF investment fund dividend</i>	-	-	809	-	809	948	
Investments	£755	-	£809	-	£1,564	£1,163	
<i>Other receipts - Wayleave</i>	5	-	-	-	5	5	8
<i>- Insurance Claim</i>	17,470	-	-	-	17,470	-	
Total received on all funds	£158,645	-	£6,809	-	£165,454	£125,325	

- 4 Planned giving increased following a Giving Review at the end of 2022.
- 5 Gift Aid Recovered includes Nov & Dec 2022, but excludes Nov & Dec 2023 and is in line with expectations.
- 6 One-off donations totally £10k have been received from members of the congregation following Giving Reviews.
- 7 The long term tenant renting Clements Hall has closed his nursery there and defaulted on rent payments since June 2023. He owes £7,500 in rent and £911 insurance. However, it is unlikely we will be able to recover this money and are seeking for the lease to be surrendered by him.
- 8 The insurance claim is for repairs to Mendham Hall roof.

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

9 Analysis of total paid:

	<i>Unrestricted</i>		<i>Restricted Fund/s</i>	<i>Endowed Fund/s</i>	Total All Funds 2023	<i>Total All Funds 2022</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	General Fund	Designated Funds					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<i>Summer fete expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Concert posters & musicians expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Other appeals expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Charitable grants and donations</i>	4,950	-	-	-	4,950	4,760	
<i>Parish share to Chichester Diocese</i>	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	65,400	10
<i>Salaries and honoraria incl NI</i>	28,734	-	4,823	-	33,557	30,825	
<i>Clergy and other people's expenses</i>	4,591	-	-	-	4,591	6,122	
<i>Mission & evangelism costs</i>	2,080	-	-	-	2,080	1,306	
<i>Sunday school/Children's work</i>	474	-	-	-	474	239	
<i>Insurance</i>	4,926	-	-	-	4,926	4,363	
<i>Water, Gas, Electricity, and Oil</i>	3,183	-	-	-	3,183	2,587	
<i>Office running costs</i>	2,657	-	-	-	2,657	2,027	
<i>Other regular church running costs</i>	4,295	-	-	-	4,295	3,370	
<i>Accounting and Examiner's fees</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Church maintenance & redecoration</i>	816	-	-	-	816	2,185	
<i>Hall maintenance & redecoration</i>	14,775	-	-	-	14,775	565	11
<i>New building work</i>	31,140	-	-	-	31,140	13,620	12
	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable costs	£152,621	-	£4,823	-	£157,444	£137,369	
<i>Summer fete expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Concert posters & musicians expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Church hall caretaking & cleaning</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Magazine printing</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Bookstall costs</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Other trading costs</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Trading costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total paid on all funds	£152,621	-	4,823	-	157,444	£137,369	

10 The Parish share to the Chichester Diocese is a contribution towards Clergy and other central costs. This year the PCC has paid the agreed amount of £50k

11 Major external re-decoration of Mendham Hall took place during the year.

12 The cost under New buildings work is for the balance of the heating installation in the church building and roof repairs in both the church and Mendham Hall. This cost is partially off-set by an insurance claim for Mendham roof repairs.

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

13 The Restricted fund represents accumulated donations towards ministry personnel, along with the remains of one-off donations for youth work and an amount for 'Buttons' equipment (our mother & toddler group).

14 Rent for Clements Hall to December 2023 has only been paid to June 2023, with six month outstanding, along with the re-imbursement of the buildings insurance. Totalling £8,411 owing, see note. 7.

15 Gift Aid claim on donations for the year to Dec 23, have been claimed to October 23. November & December's claim remains outstanding at 31st December 2023. This totals £4,626.

16 Payments to PCC employees:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross pay	32,113	30,105
National Insurance	1,069	-
	£33,182	£30,105

16 Payments to PCC members:

Mrs Naomi Wade received £9,009 for Part-time Administration work.

Ms Hilary Drury received £23,104 as our Full-time Families Ministry Worker.

Other payments were made to PCC members in the year for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC:

a) Clergy support: Council tax £2,317, environmental charges £700, travel and office expenses £313, Conferences £118, Vicarage Maintenance £30, Telephone £338 & Church Books £133

Notes to the Annual Financial Report

17 Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Sophia Mendham Endowment	19,379	-	-	1,081	20,460
	-	-	-		-
Total of all endowed funds	19,379	-	-	1,081	20,460
Youth Fund	1,292				1,292
Church Clock Fund	-		-		-
Buildings Fund	-		-		-
Buttons Fund	50	-		-	50
Ministry Team Fund	1,122	6,809	(4,823)		3,108
Curate & Scripture Reader Fund	-	-	-		-
Total of all restricted funds	2,464	6,809	(4,823)	-	4,450
General fund	66,729	158,645	(152,621)		72,753
		-	-		-
Total of all unrestricted funds	66,729	158,645	(152,621)	-	72,753
Total funds	£88,572	£165,454	£(157,444)	£1,081	£97,663

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The PCC holds one endowed fund named Sophia Mendham, which is to be used for Ecclesiastical Purposes

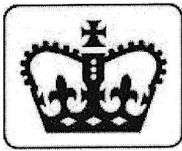
The restricted funds comprise:

Youth Fund holds funds raised specifically for the support of young people to go on Church Youth Ventures. There were no young people who went to camp this year, who qualified for financial assistance.

Buttons Fund holds funds given for specific use of buying equipment, etc. for our mother and toddler group..

Ministry Team Fund holds funds to be used specifically in support of Ministry Personnel. As this fund was largely depleted during 2020, the Families Ministry worker is now being funded partly by a one-off gift held in the General fund and partly by this fund as funds become available.

The unrestricted fund is used to finance the normal running costs of the mission of the church. The PCC has agreed a Reserve policy which states there should always be a minimum of three months running costs available in current unrestricted funds. At present there is £72.7k which is well above that limit.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of
Emmanuel, Hastings

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1159229

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

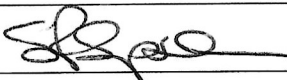
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  Date: 16/4/2024

Name: S R Sampson

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA FCIE DChA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.