

St Paul's Church, Harold Hill

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Incumbent:

Rev Richard Power
The Vicarage
Redcar Road
Harold Hill

Wardens:

Emma Smith
Helene Callaghan

Bankers:

TSB Bank
Hilldene Avenue
Harold Hill

Independent Examiner:

Alan Gray

Registered Charity No: 1159458

St Paul's Harold Hill

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Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic and social. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church complex of St Paul's, Harold Hill.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible and to enabling Christians and seekers to worship with our Church and to become part of our Church community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship and demands accountability from the Incumbent. It also makes suggestions on how our services can engage with the many groups that live within our designated parish area. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music, sacrament, and hospitality.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary believers to live out their faith as part of our local community through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the gospel of Jesus Christ from the Bible and growing in faith and obedience.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the area.
- Missionary and outreach work

Worship and prayer

The church has continued to meet at 10:30am on Sundays, with a time of prayer beforehand and a time of fellowship afterwards, including a lunch once a month. In 2023, we have followed preaching series on the Gospel of Matthew, the Sermon on the Mount, the Ten Commandments, and Revelation. The Sunday Bible passage is then studied and applied at Men's and Women's Bible studies during the week. We currently celebrate the Lord's Supper on the last Sunday of the month.

We have continued to hold weekly prayer meetings on zoom for church members. We also held a week of prayer in July 2023 for the Church of England.

Deanery Synod

We are represented on the Deanery Synod and we have 2 representatives alongside the Incumbent.

Pastoral care

The leadership team meets on a weekly basis, every Tuesday night, to pray for individuals, and to plan services, and to oversee the various ministries of the church.

Weekly study groups which provides the opportunity for interaction, Bible study and mutual care. Church members continue to encourage and support one another including providing practical support when necessary.

Mission and Evangelism

We want all our services to be accessible for people who are not yet Christians and want to understand about Jesus.

We have put on 3 Christianity Explored courses over the year.

We have a weekly Lunch club on Tuesdays, reaching out to the community with a short gospel talk and fellowship over lunch. We run food nights on the last Wednesday of every month. We have also had some bigger events aimed at drawing people in from the wider community: bonfire night, the Christingle service, the Christmas day lunch.

A monthly service at the residential care home, Painesbrook Court, continues to run.

The Weekly parents and toddlers' group has continued to be very well attended.

The vicar had visits to all of the local primary schools in 2023 and weekly assemblies in Pyrgo Primary School.

The weekly English Class continues to reach out and serve those who do not have English as their first language.

Men's and women's bible studies have both had seekers attending over the year and this continues to be a key part of our outreach.

Our yearly weekend away as a church took place in June 2023 and provided further opportunities for reaching out and deepening relationships in the church.

A monthly door to door outreach into the community started in July 2023.

Financial Review

Regular giving for 2023 was significantly down on 2022. Other giving totalled £6597, and £8195 was recovered in Gift Aid.

The Parish Share has continued to be paid to EELGST. £24029 was paid in 2023, of which £20,000 is held by EELGST pending further instruction. This payment was suspended at the start of 2024.

We start 2024 with £33172 in General funds, a decrease of £2224 on the start of the year.

Reserves policy

We attempt to hold a level of reserves equivalent to one month's expenditure to protect against the risk of being unable to support essential expenses should forecasted income be reduced.

Volunteers

We are grateful for the many and varied ministries of the church which would not be possible without church members volunteering their time and skills.

Electoral Roll Report:

There are currently 53 members on the St Paul's Electoral Roll.

Structure, Governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members who are also Trustees of the charity is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At St Paul's the membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, the churchwardens, treasurer and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC aim to meet at least 4 times during the year.

Administrative Information

St Paul's Church is situated on Petersfield Avenue, Harold Hill. It is part of the Church of England, under the extended oversight of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Redcar Road, Harold Hill RM3 9PT.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2006) and is now a charity registered with the Charity Commission, number 1159458 (registered December 2014)

The PCC is made up of representatives from St Paul's members who have served at any time from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

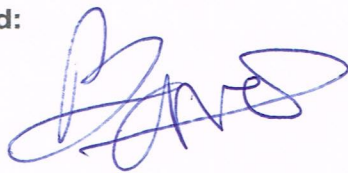
Incumbent: Rev Richard Power
Churchwardens: Emma Smith and Helene Callaghan

Elected Members Trustees:

Mr C Ekwonna	Term expires 2024
Mr R Annis	Term expires 2024
Mrs J Aldridge	Term expires 2024
Mrs H Callaghan	Churchwarden
Mrs E Smith	Churchwarden
Mr D Shipway	Term expires 2026
Mr G Fenn	Term expires 2026
Mr J Oladunjoye	Term expires 2026
Mrs C Denham	Term expires 2026 - Treasurer
Ms J Wallcraft	Term expires 2026 – Secretary
Mr A Devadas	Term expires 2026 – Deanery Synod Rep

Approved by the PCC on 29th February 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Incumbent

Signed:



Richard Power

Date

3/3/2024

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets			
6501	Bank General Account - 00079368	35,922.42	39,714.58
6510	CCLA (CBF) deposit account	199.42	193.23
6600	Diamond Project Account	18,516.14	17,916.14
	Total Current assets	54,637.98	57,823.95
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	-	-
	Total Liabilities	-	-
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	54,637.98	57,823.95
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(3,185.97)	46,582.46
Z01	Starting balances	57,823.95	11,241.49
	Total Reserves	54,637.98	57,823.95
Represented by Funds			
	General (Unrestricted)	33,171.63	35,396.12
	Designated	-	-
	Restricted	21,466.35	22,427.83
	Total	54,637.98	57,823.95

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Planned giving	17,031.27	1,100.00	-	18,131.27	33,029.60
Collections and other giving	7,423.48	-	-	7,423.48	3,050.64
Other voluntary receipts	490.00	-	-	490.00	1,175.00
Gift Aid recovered	8,195.44	-	-	8,195.44	16,401.47
Other receipts	482.00	-	-	482.00	(360.00)
Activities for generating funds	302.31	492.62	-	794.93	-
Investment Income	6.19	-	-	6.19	2.51
Receipts from church activities	712.00	-	-	712.00	950.00
Total income	34,642.69	1,592.62	-	36,235.31	54,249.22
Payments					
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3,216.80	140.89	-	3,357.69	1,389.31
Parish Share	25,450.28	-	-	25,450.28	26,122.92
Clergy and Staffing costs	-	-	-	-	4,077.78
Church Running Expenses	8,107.01	1,074.79	-	9,181.80	10,202.82
Hall Running Costs	71.99	1,359.52	-	1,431.51	-
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	1,612.27
New Building work	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	36,846.08	2,575.20	-	39,421.28	43,405.10
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(2,203.39)	(982.58)	-	(3,185.97)	10,844.12
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	21.10	-	21.10	345.60
Gross transfers between funds - out	(21.10)	-	-	(21.10)	(345.60)
Other recognised gains / losses					

Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(2,224.49)	(961.48)	-	(3,185.97)	10,844.12

Total funds brought forward	35,396.12	22,427.83	-	57,823.95	46,979.83
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Total funds carried forward	33,171.63	21,466.35	-	54,637.98	57,823.95
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Represented by

Unrestricted

General fund	33,171.63	-	-	33,171.63	35,396.12
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Designated

CCLA Deposit Account (Reserves)	-	-	-	-	-
Landlord Maintenance Fund	-	-	-	-	-

Restricted

Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Holt Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Associate Minister Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Building Project Fund	-	18,516.14	-	18,516.14	17,916.14
Christians Against Poverty	-	-	-	-	-
Evangelical Fund	-	87.50	-	87.50	87.50
Letton Hall Weekend	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance Fund	-	-	-	-	1,913.21
Return to Employment Small Loans	-	750.00	-	750.00	750.00
Schools Worker Drapers HHDT Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Schools Worker Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Staff Fund - Youth ministry	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Dunn Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Tiny Tigers HHDT Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Ministry	-	2,112.71	-	2,112.71	1,760.98

Total funds	33,171.63	21,466.35	-	54,637.98	57,823.95
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Independent Examiner's report to the members/trustees of St Paul's Church Harold Hill
Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the
attached pages

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent 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

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity
Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

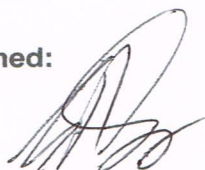
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the
Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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
management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not
provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not
express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me
reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep
accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts,
which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or to which, in my opinion,
attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be
reached.

Signed:



Date: 7th MARCH 2024

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