



SARISBURY PARISH

ST PAUL'S, SARISBURY

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**INCUMBENT
IN VACANCY**

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Aim and purposes

St. Paul's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent (position currently vacant) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Paul's Church building and its extension in Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Paul's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer
- Teaching and learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. Pauls Church and related buildings.

As a principle the church building is open daily for private prayer.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

There is one principal service at 10.30am every Sunday morning with an average attendance of around 50.

These services are complemented by a service of Morning Prayer on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and other services throughout the year to support festivals, especially at Christmas when Christingle Services and Crib services are held; these two services each attract more than 200 worshippers.

There are also some small groups which meet regularly for Bible study and prayer; these are an important component of pastoral support within the church community.

In addition, other services, Baptism, Wedding and Funeral (in church and at local crematoria) are held as need arises.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Building Maintenance

The usual maintenance tasks on a church almost 200 years old continued through the year. Special attention this year was given to the tower, and in the interior new display screens. Curtains were added to the hall to improve the acoustic properties.

Pastoral Care

During the week the new extension is used for:

- There is a monthly bring-and-share lunch for those who are retired which is normally attended by about 20 people.
- There is regular weekly cafe attended by 15 to 20 people on average. This is run by a team of volunteers and provides a valuable means of pastoral support.
- A fortnightly meeting for sharing craft pastimes and general conversation.
- Once a month there is a group aimed at reaching parents and children called 'Who let the Kids In?' Coffee, Lego, Scalextric and games are available.

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Regular visits take place, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital, or just to check they are okay.

Regular visits to local care homes also take place, both for social purposes and to assist with Christian worship.

Mission

The PCC aims to support a number of other causes. These include the New Life School in Sarberia, West Bengal and the local foodbank.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Paul's is part of the Western Wards Church Network which is an inter-denominational network of all churches in the Western Wards of Fareham.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens Mrs Dulledge and Mr Moseley for their efforts on our behalf, Mr Dulledge who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances, and all the other members of the

PCC and the wider church membership for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

A particular expression of gratitude goes to Mr Rutt and Reverends Snape who have led worship at the church during the period of vacancy.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Pauls the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (position currently vacant), churchwardens, a retired minister with permission to officiate, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and 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 met twelve times during the year with an average level of attendance of 80%.

Administrative information

St. Paul's Church is situated in Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Paul's Church, Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green, Hampshire SO31 7BG.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Churchwardens:	Mrs Janet Dulledge	(Also on Deanery Synod)
	Mr Paul Moseley	
Treasurer:	Mr Chris Dulledge	(Honorary)
Retired Minister:	Reverend Lorraine Snape	

Elected members:

Mr John Meredith	
Mr Tony Moore	
Mr David Hodgson	
Mr Peter Sherwood	(from April 2023)
Ms Julia Jones	
Mr Nigel Sutton	
Mrs Elaine Cordner	
Mrs Jacqui Linford	
Mrs Brenda Wise	

Deanery Synod
Mr Phil Rutt

Safeguarding Statement

At the first meeting following the APCM the PCC re-adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. It was agreed that Janet Dulledge would continue as our Safeguarding Representative. There have been no matters of concern raised during 2023.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £66,016. There were no Restricted Funds donations.

Planned giving through envelopes, bank transfers and the Parish Giving Scheme rose by almost 10%, a reflection of the increasing regular worshippers (there is a significant lag between new faces appearing and regular giving starting). As can be seen by the relatively low Collections figure we are extremely tax efficient and are able to claim Gift Aid on most of our giving.

Although we continue to keep costs very low, the small size of our congregation over the last few years makes meeting the expected Parish Share difficult. We have paid in full this year, but the future is still likely to be challenging.

This was a year of spending on larger projects, with the purchase of large screen TVs to replace the ageing projectors, and remedial work on the tower and other parts of the building.

The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £5,903 on unrestricted funds, with deficits also seen in the Designated and Restricted funds, used where money was available to cover costs (such as building maintenance).

We carry reserves: the restricted funds are as in the accounts, with building funds required for repairs to the roof which allow water in during the severe weather.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to maintain an uninvested balance on unrestricted funds, (if possible), which equates to at least two months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £12,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The current account balance of £12,470 meets this (there are also deposits that are available immediately). There are no fixed policies for investments.

Ministers Report

We are grateful that we have been 'self sufficient' in terms of 'pulpit supply'. Lorraine, Gary and I have been able to provide varied, complementary and informal approaches to worship in all its aspects, and these, in the main, have been well received.

The congregation has been tolerant and forgiving. Feedback to what we have been doing Sunday by Sunday has been positive; any suggestions for improvements and different approaches, have been offered gently and graciously. We couldn't have done what we have without this and it's to everyone's credit and we are grateful.

We have continued to lead with transparency and truthfulness which, I think, has been key to the progress we have made. We have witnessed people growing in their Christian lives and offering themselves to serve in all sorts of ways and we have seen numerical growth too.

The informal approach to pastoral care and the concern people have for each other is brilliant.

Churchwarden Report

The year has been a challenging one with some remedial work having to be done to the extension which seems to have been completed effectively.

The audio visual equipment was changed in April, thanks to generous donations from the congregation and an external source.

There has been the fitting of extra soundproofing in the main hall which has been achieved by generous funding from the congregation and a donation from an external source.

During the summer we again held our annual strawberry distribution.

We changed the Christmas schedule to adapt to our resources but overall the services for the year have remained consistent. We had a visit from Bishop Jonathan who ran a Sunday service in February. Also Revd Richard Owen helped us with a communion service in October. All other services have been possible with immense gratitude to Gary, Lorraine and Phil.

An attempt to help the needy of our parish we started running a "warm space" which was not attended by anyone from the parish so this stopped after four weeks.

Throughout the year there has been opportunities to have our local Junior and Infant School in church. Sometimes quite challenging given the need to fit a lot of children in the building.

Obviously there are regular annual works that have been performed and managed.

We are very grateful for all the support the congregation has given throughout the year.

We all recognise the generous nature of God and we try to copy this attribute where we can. To this end we have helped with the Junior School fund twice in 2023; continued to support The Children's Society; supporting the work of John Swindell of Oasis; and managed to pay our full parish share out of funds.

Whilst doing this we recognise that we need to be aware that we are running a shortfall of about £1000 per month. We trust God will provide, but it would be nice to have the parish financially stable ready for the new incumbent.

We will be looking at raising funds for our reserves and would ask you to consider and discuss how we could do that.

PCC Secretary Report

We have held PCC meetings on a monthly basis during the year (11 in total since last APCM—none in May 2023 due to Bank Holidays, plus 1 special meeting concerning the Parish Profile/vacancy).

PCC membership has remained unchanged throughout the year as members have been encouraged to maintain continuity during the vacancy period.

Electoral Roll Report

Following the review of the electoral roll our membership now stands at 76. An overall increase of seven.

Welcome to all our new members.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	40,893	—	—	—	40,893	36,170
Collections and other giving	2,707	—	—	—	2,707	2,174
Other trading activities	2,595	—	—	—	2,595	3,101
Other voluntary receipts	8,822	—	—	—	8,822	11,339
Gift Aid recovered	9,013	—	—	—	9,013	8,351
Investments	344	—	—	—	344	34
Other receipts	255	—	—	—	255	441
Receipts from church activities	1,387	—	—	—	1,387	2,548
Total receipts	66,016	—	—	—	66,016	64,157
Payments						
Missionary and Charitable Giving	2,561	—	851	—	3,412	1,920
Parish Share	37,722	—	—	—	37,722	37,222
Clergy and Staffing costs	8,322	—	—	—	8,322	8,457
Church Running Expenses	14,951	—	327	—	15,278	12,276
Hall Running Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Repairs & Maintenance	6,185	6,888	—	—	13,073	4,898
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	2,179	—	—	—	2,179	—
New Building work	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total payments	71,919	6,888	1,178	—	79,985	64,773
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(5,903)	(6,888)	(1,178)	—	(13,969)	(616)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	1,407	—	1,407	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	(1,407)	—	(1,407)	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(5,903)	(6,888)	(1,178)	—	(13,969)	(616)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	34,698	11,118	3,978	—	49,795	50,411
Total funds carried forward	28,795	4,230	2,800	—	35,826	49,795

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Planned giving						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	38,610	—	—	—	38,610	35,828
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	—
0201 - Other planned giving	2,283	—	—	—	2,283	342
Planned giving Totals	40,893	—	—	—	40,893	36,170
Collections and other giving						
0301 - Loose plate collections	1,836	—	—	—	1,836	2,174
0401 - Regular gift days	—	—	—	—	—	—
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	871	—	—	—	871	—
Collections and other giving Totals	2,707	—	—	—	2,707	2,174
Other voluntary receipts						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	85	—	—	—	85	307
0510 - Gifts of quoted securities	—	—	—	—	—	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	8,237	—	—	—	8,237	9,531
0701 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
0801 - Recurring grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	500	—	—	—	500	1,500
0910 - Rummage sales etc	524	—	—	—	524	998
091A - Cafe Contributions	1,691	—	—	—	1,691	1,795
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	380	—	—	—	380	308
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other voluntary receipts Totals	11,416	—	—	—	11,416	14,440
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,013	—	—	—	9,013	8,351
1001 - Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
1020 - Bank and building society interest	344	—	—	—	344	34
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gift Aid recovered Totals	9,357	—	—	—	9,357	8,385
Other receipts						
0901 - Other funds generated	255	—	—	—	255	441
1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other receipts Totals	255	—	—	—	255	441
Receipts from church activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,322	—	—	—	1,322	2,548
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	—	—	—	—	—
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	65	—	—	—	65	—

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts from church activities Totals	1,387	—	—	—	1,387	2,548
Receipts Grand totals	66,016	—	—	—	66,016	64,157

Payments

Missionary and Charitable Giving

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	—
1850 - Home mission	2,561	—	851	—	3,412	1,920
1870 - Secular charities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals	2,561	—	851	—	3,412	1,920

Parish Share

1901 - Stipends quota	37,722	—	—	—	37,722	37,222
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parish Share Totals	37,722	—	—	—	37,722	37,222

Clergy and Staffing costs

2001 - Assistant staff costs	2,544	—	—	—	2,544	2,544
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	5,670	—	—	—	5,670	5,148
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	—	—	—	—	—	—
2120 - Council tax	—	—	—	—	—	—
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	—	—	—	—	—	429
2145 - Parsonage - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2150 - Vicar's telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	108	—	—	—	108	336
Clergy and Staffing costs Totals	8,322	—	—	—	8,322	8,457

Church Running Expenses

1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	—	—	—	—	—	—
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	—	—	—	—	—	—
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	50	—	—	—	50	256
1740 - Investment management costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2170 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	—
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	2,364	—	—	—	2,364	2,181
2310 - Church office - telephone	459	—	—	—	459	387
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	235
2330 - Church maintenance	168	—	—	—	168	450
2331 - Cleaning	1,627	—	—	—	1,627	1,503
2340 - Upkeep of services	—	—	—	—	—	—
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	140	—	—	—	140	—
2360 - Administration	4,479	—	327	—	4,805	2,752
2401 - Church running - electric	1,051	—	—	—	1,051	1,104
2410 - Church running - gas	4,564	—	—	—	4,564	3,353
2420 - Church running - water	50	—	—	—	50	55
2430 - Church running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2501 - Magazine expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
2510 - Bookstall costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Running Expenses Totals	14,951	—	327	—	15,278	12,276
Hall Running Costs						
2520 - Hall running - oil	—	—	—	—	—	—
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	—	—	—	—	—
2580 - Hall running - water	—	—	—	—	—	—
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall Running Costs Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	6,888	—	—	6,888	4,898
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	6,185	—	—	—	6,185	—
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	6,185	6,888	—	—	13,073	4,898
Hall Repairs & Maintenance						
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	384	—	—	—	384	—
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	—	—	—	—	—	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	1,479	—	—	—	1,479	—
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	316	—	—	—	316	—
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Totals	2,179	—	—	—	2,179	—
New Building work						
2901 - New building parsonage house	—	—	—	—	—	—
2910 - New building house for curate	—	—	—	—	—	—
2920 - New building Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
2930 - New building Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Building work Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Payments Grand totals	71,919	6,888	1,178	—	79,985	64,773

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Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets			
6501: Lloyds Current Account		12,470.63	26,105.38
6502: Deposit Sweep Account		15,732.43	15,518.32
6505: Bank deposit account		—	—
6508: Treasurer Account (Building work)		5,580.85	5,393.35
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account		2,638.00	2,638.00
6512: Cambridge & Counties		—	—
6514: Julian Hodge Bank		—	—
6516: United Trust Bank		—	—
6518: Manchester BS		—	—
Total Current assets		36,421.91	49,655.05
Liabilities			
6601: Loans received		—	—
6699: Agency collections		596.00	(140.00)
Z04: Accounts Payable		—	—
Total Liabilities		596.00	(140.00)
Net Asset surplus (deficit)		35,825.91	49,795.05
Reserves			
Excess / (deficit) to date		(13,969.14)	—
Z01: Starting balances		49,795.05	49,795.05
Z03: Gains/(losses) on investment assets		—	—
Total Reserves		35,825.91	49,795.05

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	28,795.40	34,698.43
Designated	4,230.45	11,118.45
Restricted	2,800.06	3,978.17
Endowment	—	—
Total	35,825.91	49,795.05

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2023

		Balance	Previous balance
Cash at bank and in hand			
6501: Lloyds Current Account			
Decoration	Restricted	1,407	—
Families Worker	Designated	—	—
Families Worker	Restricted	—	—
New Build	Restricted	—	—
Vicar\ Descretionary	Designated	330	330
General fund	Unrestricted	10,351	25,277
Community Outreach	Restricted	—	—
Church Fabric	Restricted	—	—
Bishop Francis Appeal	Restricted	—	480
K Cooper Children's Fund	Restricted	—	—
Restoration Fund	Restricted	—	—
Buildings	Designated	—	—
Development			
Vicarage Maintenance	Restricted	—	—
Agency collection	Restricted	383	(353)
St Barnabas Money	Restricted	—	—
Christingle	Restricted	—	371
Plant Sale	Restricted	—	—
		12,471	26,105
6502: Deposit Sweep Account			
Families Worker	Designated	—	—
Families Worker	Restricted	—	—
New Build	Restricted	—	—
Vicar\ Descretionary	Designated	250	250
General fund	Unrestricted	10,596	2,087
Restoration Fund	Restricted	1,236	1,236
Buildings	Designated	3,650	10,538
Development			
Vicarage Maintenance	Restricted	—	1,407
St Barnabas Money	Restricted	—	—
Christingle	Restricted	—	—
		15,732	15,518
6505: Bank deposit account			
New Build	Restricted	—	—
General fund	Unrestricted	—	—
		—	—
6508: Treasurer Account (Building work)			
New Build	Restricted	—	—
General fund	Unrestricted	5,581	5,393
Restoration Fund	Restricted	—	—
Buildings	Designated	—	—
Development			
		5,581	5,393

			Balance	Previous balance
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account				
General fund	Unrestricted		2,268	1,941
Community Outreach	Restricted		370	697
Church Fabric	Restricted		—	—
K Cooper Children's Fund	Restricted		—	—
			2,638	2,638
Cash at bank and in hand			36,422	49,655
Investments				
6512: Cambridge & Counties				
General fund	Unrestricted		—	—
Buildings	Designated		—	—
Development			—	—
6514: Julian Hodge Bank				
General fund	Unrestricted		—	—
Buildings	Designated		—	—
Development			—	—
6516: United Trust Bank				
General fund	Unrestricted		—	—
Buildings	Designated		—	—
Development			—	—
6518: Manchester BS				
Families Worker	Designated		—	—
Families Worker	Restricted		—	—
General fund	Unrestricted		—	—
St Barnabas Money	Restricted		—	—
Investments			—	—
Agency accounts				
6699: Agency collections				
Agency collection	Restricted		596	(140)
			596	(140)
Agency accounts			596	(140)
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year				
6601: Loans received				
General fund	Unrestricted		—	—
St Barnabas Money	Restricted		—	—
Z04: Accounts Payable				
Families Worker	Designated		—	—
General fund	Unrestricted		—	—
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year			—	—

	Balance	Previous balance
Grand Total	35,826	49,795

St. Paul, Sarisbury

Funds

Fund	Description	Current				Opening				Totals		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Endowment	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Endowment	Current	Opening	Movement
GENERAL	General Fund	28,795.40				34,698.43				28,795.40	34,698.43	(5,903.03)
BUILD	Buildings Development			3,650.45				10,538.45		3,650.45	10,538.45	(6,888.00)
COMMUNITY	Community Outreach		370.28				696.98			370.28	696.98	(326.70)
FRANCIS	Bishop Francis Appeal						480.00			0.00	480.00	(480.00)
CHRISTINGL	Christingle						371.41			0.00	371.41	(371.41)
REST	Restoration Fund		1,235.82				1,235.82			1,235.82	1,235.82	0.00
VIC	Vicar's Discretionary		580.00				580.00			580.00	580.00	0.00
VICARAGE	Vicarage Decoration						1,406.96			0.00	1,406.96	(1,406.96)
DEC	Decoration			1,406.96						1,406.96	0.00	1,406.96
Totals		28,795.40	2,186.10	3,650.45	0.00	34,698.43	4,771.17	10,538.45	0.00	36,038.91	50,008.05	(13,969.14)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ST PAULS' CHURCH SARISBURY GREEN**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the annexed pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Independent Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance 2006 edition.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 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 matters have come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - . to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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