

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS' MARTOCK

England & Wales · Charity number 1160333

Details

Other names MARTOCK PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2015-02-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: The PCC is responsible for offering pastoral care for the parish of Martock as a whole and the church's membership (112 in 2016). In particular, the church works in partnership with the local Primary school, Parish Council and other faith communities in the area. In addition to regular Sunday services, there is a weekly baby and toddler group (term-time only).

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£81,965	£86,716	-	-
2023-12-31	£102,583	£80,182	-	-
2022-12-31	£77,484	£64,781	-	-
2021-12-31	£81,384	£80,587	-	-
2020-12-31	£79,794	£76,289	-	-

Trustees

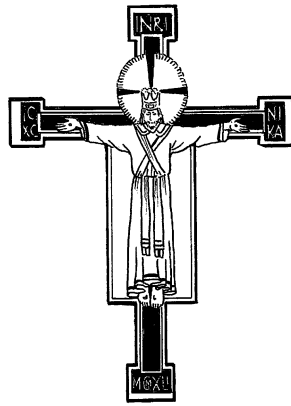
Name	Role	Appointed
Alexander Ian Finlayson		2023-04-16
Andrew Bryan Howard		2020-10-07
Carol Anne Ansell		2020-10-07
David Bull		2024-05-19
GRACE FLORENCE DUNTON		2018-04-22
Hilary Jane Bull		2024-05-19
Martin Bradbrooke		2020-10-07
Rev Paul Leslie Fillery		2023-03-15
Sally Elizabeth Howells		2018-04-22
Stephen Ivor Salisbury		2022-05-08
Timothy Philip Booth		2022-05-08

Accounts

All Saints' Martock

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 with Financial Review & Statements

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do



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INTRODUCTION

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent 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 the church building of All Saints', Martock.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, in particular:-

- Worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Ensuring that the church building is both an accessible and welcoming environment.

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do

– a celebration of all our Church Activities over the past year

With our sister parishes of the benefice, we share FIVE Mission Objectives.

- 1) *We aspire to be a growing church, increasing in faith and number*
- 2) *We are collectively a 'both... and' church, offering the comfort of traditional worship and seeking God's will for 'fresh expressions' in the community*
- 3) *We show the love of Christ as individuals by word and action*
- 4) *We offer our church building as a place of hospitality and welcome*
- 5) *We strive to meet our financial obligations towards the mission of the church locally, across the diocese and worldwide*

Music

The Music Group gathered a few more members through 2024 and has continued to lead worship at both the first Sunday Communion and the second Sunday Morning Worship as well as the Christmas Eve Crib service.

Andy Handcock

Our Director of Music, Steve Salisbury, continues to play the organ for the majority of our Sunday morning services and other occasions as required. Thank you Steve!

Bell Ringers

- The Band of All Saints gently transitioned into its second year of learning to ring during 2024. They have adopted the pattern of ringing for Tuesday practices, two Sunday services, Saturday's Farmers' Market 'Ringing for Joy', Christmas and other key events.
- The Bath and Wells Educator David Hammonds has stuck with us throughout, and we are very thankful for his dedication and patience. Members learn at varying speeds with some managing extra learning at other towers. On occasion, youth ringers join us and we are in awe of the speed at which they master the art of 'method' ringing!
- Visiting bands from around the country, some connected to the finest towers and with vast experience, have been a delight. They greatly admire the quality of sound from our lovely Martock Bells, which has to be a huge compliment.
- Learning to navigate around the Bell Chamber is as important as ringing, especially when broken stays need to be replaced! A few sallies had to be replaced and one got snagged behind the clock regulator and broke completely, an occurrence David said he had never heard of before and reminded us of the importance of always being highly vigilant. It is also hoped that by keeping some simple records this will serve useful in the years to come.
- Carol Ansell kindly introduced us to the safeguarding procedures we need to adhere to. Sally has been instrumental in linking us to the Benefice and with all round communications, including Facebook where she evidently has a good following!
- the Band, especially myself is very grateful for the support and encouragement of the Benefice, the PCC and of course Reverend Paul!

For further information about joining the band (new members of all ages welcome!) please get in touch cozensfiona@gmail.com

Fiona Cozens

Children & Young Families

Tiddlers, our toddler and baby group, continues to thrive under the leadership of our Toddler Group Leader, Hannah Page. A variety of bible-themed and seasonal activities are planned each week for the children (as well as their parents/carers!) to enjoy, along with play, snack, singing, and bubbles to end the session. Numbers continue to grow which is very encouraging, with between 15 and 20 families, sometimes more, attending each week. Many thanks to all the volunteers who faithfully help to set up and support *Tiddlers* every week, it couldn't happen without you!

Please email Hannah at tiddlers.martock@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the team of volunteers, you will be very welcome.

Stompers, a new outdoor activity time for all ages to enjoy nature activities and a bible theme around the local area was launched by Mandy Starmer in the October half-term and took place again in the Christmas holiday. A small number of families have attended, enjoying a walk and activities (whatever the weather!), followed by refreshments in church. Mandy will continue to offer further *Stompers* sessions during the school holidays, an important part of our family outreach. Many thanks to Mandy and her helpers for their time and enthusiasm.

Finally, our Crib Service on Christmas Eve was well attended by the community once again and very much enjoyed by children and adults alike!

Sally Howells

Church Flowers

In 2024 All Saints' church was decorated with a beautiful pedestal arrangement of flowers at the altar each week (except during Lent and Advent) by a team of 11 flower arrangers, made up of members of the congregation and local villagers, on a fortnightly rotation. We were so sorry to lose Suzanne Luxton R.I.P and miss her enthusiasm. The arrangements were appreciated by all those who visit All Saints' and were often commented on.

At the Festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas, the altar arrangement was supplemented by a friendly team who joined in to add more arrangements, enjoying each other's company and being creative.

We were so grateful to and wish to thank all our arrangers and also the helpers who donate foliage and flowers for festivals from their gardens. Thank you! We also wish to thank all those who donated a white lily at Eastertime in memory of a loved one, which enabled us to create two special memorial arrangements.

If you would like to join in with flower arranging, either with or without previous experience, a good way to start is to join the team decorating at Harvest festival, who meet the day before we celebrate Harvest, at 10am. We promise you a warm welcome.

Diana Healey, Jane Cockerham, & Ann Hall

Discipleship

The Prayer Course

In January we began an eight-week course on prayer. 32 people took part in four groups meeting in people's homes for about 1½ hours. The course is structured around the Lord's Prayer as found in the Gospel of Luke.

In the sessions we would have time to get to know each other over coffee, a video, and time to put into practice some of the things we learned. The video sessions were also available online for anyone who wanted to review them.

The eight sessions were:

Why pray? *"Lord, teach us to pray"* looked at the importance of prayer

Adoration *"Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name"* explored how we can enjoy God's presence in praise and worship.

Petition - *"Give us this day our daily bread"* unpacked the significance of asking God in prayer.

Intercession *"Your kingdom come"* explored the power and importance of praying on behalf of others.

Unanswered Prayer *"Your will be done"* tackled the challenges and realities when our prayers aren't answered.

Contemplation *"On earth as it is in heaven"* - we discovered how spending time with God in silence can enrich our relationship with Him.

Listening *"Give us this day our daily bread"* - this was not just about our physical needs but examined the practical ways we can tune into hearing God's voice.

Spiritual Warfare - *"Deliver us from evil"* - we looked closely at the ways we can pray God's kingdom come in the midst of a spiritual battle.

The course was well received, and many said that it had reinvigorated their spiritual/prayer life.

For reference, the course can be found free at www.prayercourse.org

Training Morning

In August we held a training morning on a Saturday in church for those taking part in our Sunday worship services. This included greeters, sidesmen/women, Bible readers and those leading intercessions.

Alive in Christ

In October we held a five-week course, *Alive in Christ*, which is a follow on to last year's course, *Saints Alive*. Again, just over 30 people took part in four small groups, meeting in a host's home.

The aims of *Alive in Christ* are that each member of the group will:

- understand more deeply the nature of God as a loving Father.
- experience God's love in a way that will enable them to build their lives on it,
- learn the importance of forgiving one another,
- learn how to recognise and deal with temptation,

- identify anything in their lives that may be preventing them from knowing and experiencing God's love and, with the help of the course leaders, allow God to address these issues,
- find their relationships gradually transformed as they experience the security of knowing that God loves them,
- become confident about serving Jesus as a member of his Body.

The five sessions were: Session 1: God our Father, Session 2: Loved, Secure, Significant and Fruitful, Session 3: Responding to Temptation, Session 4: Forgiven and Forgiving and Session 5: Transformed for Service.

Those involved felt it had been a very beneficial course. For reference, the course can be found at www.resourcingrenewal.org/alive-in-christ

Rev Richard Caddell

Fairtrade

All Saints' Church is registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade church. This means that we have promised:

- 1) to use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which we have responsibility;
- 2) to move forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits and fruit);
- 3) to promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible. Thanks go to Carol for ensuring that our refreshment supplies include fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar.

We don't have a Fairtrade team so if you would be interested in setting one up and helping to promote Fairtrade, please speak to Sally Howells, PCC Secretary or a member of the PCC. Please continue to buy Fairtrade items, wherever they are available, rather than a cheaper alternative. By doing so, you will be giving a hand-up to the poorest, weakest producers and making a real difference to their lives.

The Lord's Larder

Donations continue to come in to church from time to time and are delivered to Gateway, Yeovil, as necessary. We had a particularly good collection over the Christmas period. Gateway are always particularly pleased with all our gifts.

Grace Dunton

Martock Educational Foundation

(Trustees Rev Paul Fillery, Marian Singleton, Sally Howells, Kathy Maple)

This is a charity set up in 1888 to initially *‘provide houses for the teachers of Martock School or in or towards the maintenance of the school as long as it is maintained by voluntary subscriptions and is used for CofE religious education and for Sunday School prizes, or, if there is no Sunday School, to be applied for instruction and encouragement in religious knowledge’*.

- MEF has continued to support Martock Primary school and All Saints this year.
- All invested capital is now held in Church House Investments, which makes it easier to manage. Church House met us at our AGM and reported on the investments.
- Accounts have been submitted to Pinnacle Accountancy and we have requested a set of audited accounts for April 2023 - March 2025.
- Expenditure in 2024 has included: Baptismal bibles, subscriptions for *Open the Book*, repayment of the governors’ loan from the Diocese of Bath and Wells for repair of the drains and updated lighting in the school.
- It has been agreed that the spiritual garden at the school needs a complete overhaul as it was neglected during COVID and is unusable. The school has no funding for this and MEF have agreed to pay for groundworks. It was anticipated that this would take place in 2024 but is now due to start in May 2025. This will be a much-needed quiet space for teaching, mentoring and reflection.
- There is still a vacancy for a trustee.

Marian Singleton, Chair

Martock Primary School church team

2024 was the year that our vision of forming an *‘Open the Book’* Team became a reality. The aim was to offer Bible Stories told in a fun way, with dressing up and suitable props as part of our collective worship offering to both Martock and Ash Primary Schools.

14 volunteers from our church family attended Bible Society training at Holy Trinity Church, Walton so that we could form an official team to begin to plan our programme. Once safeguarding checks etc had been completed and our application to form the team accepted, we were good to go! In September we presented *‘Jesus calms the Storm’* complete with collapsible boat and much laughter.

We continue to work with preferred school materials featuring values and Christian themes.

We have settled into a pattern of one '*Open the Book*' assembly each half term and one assembly presented either by Sally or Bridget each half term.

Martock Primary School continues to come to church at the end of each school term for a service. They also mark Remembrance by coming to church.

Grateful thanks to all those who are part of our '*Open the Book*' team.

Bridget Jones

Martock School Governors

Over the last year Martock Church of England VA Primary School has continued to strive to raise awareness of our shared vision and the values of **Kindness, Perseverance, Respect, and Collaboration**. The school bible verse is taken from *Jeremiah 29:11* and is shortened to 'A hope and a future' which permeates everything we do.

We were inspected by Ofsted in March 2024 which highlighted the many positive things Martock School is doing, and it continues being a 'Good' school. Like all Ofsted reports it highlighted areas for development that staff and pupils have successfully worked on during the year.

We were also inspected by SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) in September 2024 and were delighted by the many positive comments from the inspector –

- 'The Christian vision and its associated values are embedded in the work of the school. These directly contribute to the flourishing of pupils and adults at Martock School'.
- 'Collective worship is seen as a special time in the day which brings the whole school community together as one. It provides moments for spiritual development and is prioritised by leaders, valued by pupils and adults and enriched by local partners.'
- 'Opportunities for pupils to flourish in their learning are enhanced by a range of rich and diverse extracurricular experiences. The availability of these to all lives out the Christian vision, ensuring equity of provision'.

We are extremely proud of how hard our staff are working to develop and deliver a high-quality curriculum that will match our pupils' needs and interests and continue to raise attainment for all. Like all schools, we have been challenged by the lack of funding for education and have been exploring ways in which we can ensure every pupil at Martock School gets the best education possible.

The school PTA have had a very successful year, raising essential funds for the school through a variety of events. We have been well supported by community donations particularly from the charity shop who have been incredibly generous with their support. The school has

benefitted greatly from regular visits from the local churches, providing collective worship which the pupils enjoy.

We have lost a few governors during 2024 and are keen to fill the gaps. ***Please consider this rewarding role, especially if you care about children and education, are interested in promoting the Christian character and ethos of the school and like a challenge!***

We are continuing to build on our successes and drive the school forward. We appreciate this is a team effort and want to thank everyone who has contributed to supporting Martock Primary School and all our wonderful children.

Andrew Jackson, Chair of Governors

Mothers' Union (Martock & Ash)

We started the year with Holy Communion and our AGM. We had a variety of speakers throughout 2024, finishing the year with the handbell ringers and a Christmas tea. All our meetings now take place in All Saints.

Martin and Brenda Bailey

Reports by Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council

PCC Members and Trustees

Who have served from January to December 2024 are:

Incumbent	Revd Paul Fillery (Chair)	licenced 27 April 2021
Reader	Bridget Jones	
Warden 1	Grace Dunton	Jan - May 2024
Warden 1	Hilary Bull	elected May 2024
Warden 2	David Bull	elected May 2024
Deputy Wardens	<i>vacant</i>	
Vice Chair	Andrew Howard	elected May 2024
Deanery Synod Rep	Grace Dunton	elected April 2023
Deanery Synod Rep	Sally Howells	elected April 2023
Deanery Synod Rep	<i>vacant</i>	
Diocesan Synod Rep	<i>vacant</i>	
Treasurer	Jeremy Hudson	from Jan 2023
Secretary	Sally Howells	from August 2019

Elected Members	Carol Ansell	elected April 2023
	Martyn Atkins	elected May 2024
	Timothy Booth	elected May 2022
	Martin Bradbrooke	elected April 2023
	Ivan Childs	until May 2024
	Grace Dunton	elected May 2024
	Alexander Finlayson	elected April 2023
	Ellen Howard	until May 2024
	Sally Howells	elected April 2023
	Geoff Lucas	until May 2024
	Steve Salisbury	elected May 2022

Parish Safeguarding Carol Ansell

Administrative Information

The church is the second largest parish church in Somerset dating from the 13th century, although there has been a church on the site since Anglo-Saxon times. It was enlarged and re-roofed in the 15th and 16th centuries. Of special note is the superb angel roof completed in 1513, the 17th century clerestory paintings of the 12 apostles and a magnificent organ.

The church is situated on Church Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JL, and is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The Benefice Office is housed in the vicarage and the correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Vicarage, 10 Water Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JN.

email: benefice.martock@gmail.com

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Benefice Relationships

Our Benefice, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (Wells Archdeaconry) was formed in April 2014 when Kingsbury Episcopi joined the existing Benefice of Martock with Ash. Martock, seven miles west of Yeovil, lies on the edge of the Somerset Levels; Ash is a mile distant from Martock and Kingsbury Episcopi three miles away.

There are three churches to serve the three parishes. A strong sense of identity and community exists in each, but 'Benefice belonging' has been well established.

Over the period of 2023-2024 the Diocese undertook a re-ordering of the Level Arcs Benefice and extensive consultations took place with all the parishes involved. As a result, the Parish of Muchelney was assigned to our Benefice. The re-ordering was ratified by all the Parishes, the Archdeacon and the Bishop but awaits final ratification by the Church Commissioners. Although legally not a part of our Benefice as yet, we are now forging close

ties with the church family at Muchelney and a strong sense of collaboration is developing with the PCC and the church community.

The Benefice Ministry Team is led by the Vicar of the Benefice. In 2024, this also consisted of one retired clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO), one clergy with Permission to Officiate, one Lay Reader (PTO) and four Lay Worship Assistants, all of whom function across the Benefice.

Churchwardens

Since becoming churchwardens in May 2024, we have continued to arrange all servicing and maintenance as appropriate.

- This has included PAT testing, the service of the clock, the boiler, the alarm, the lightening conductor and the permanent electrical equipment inspection.
- A couple of other things have been attended to, notably most of the roof leaks have been much improved. Some of this was achieved by Mark Romans who cleared some of the roof hoppers and cleaned the gutters. Also, some of the cracks in the lead have been sealed.
- There were 2 separate issues in the toilet requiring parts for the tap and a toilet seat replacement.
- In September we took delivery of our new chairs and were very grateful for all the donations to cover the costs.
- In October there was a working party to clear the gulleys round the church. The weather was rather unkind but the result was an improvement to how the water would flow away from the building. This could perhaps be repeated in the Summer.
- The Parish returns have been completed.
- Christmas was a time when we needed help to organise things such as the tree and candles and we're very grateful for all the help we received.

We would like to thank you all for putting your trust in us and for all the help we have received over the year. We have a brilliant team in All Saints, too many to mention by name. However, we would like to say a very big thank you to Grace, the previous churchwarden, who is always so willing to explain and help in any way. We have learnt a lot and have enjoyed being churchwardens so far.

Hilary and David Bull

Deanery Synod

We are part of the Ivelchester Deanery, led by our Area Dean, Rev. Bruce Faulkner, which serves to support its parishes in their local Mission and Worship through enabling partnership and facilitating the development of and sharing of ministries.

Three meetings took place in 2024 -

- Cheryl Govier gave a presentation about *Growing Faith* at the February meeting. *Growing Faith* is the movement that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church by changing the culture of the Church of England. It was noted that 43% of churches nationally currently have no children or young people attending. As rural churches, we know the people in our communities and it is important to encourage conversations which can lead to opportunities to encourage young people into our churches.
- Rev. Nick Clarke from the Ham Hill Villages Benefice gave a presentation on *Finding the Ministries to fulfil your Parish's Vision* at the July meeting and explained how he had gone about doing this, beginning with discussion, a focus on mission, looking after the existing congregation, finding ways of getting people together and establishing a pattern of worship that worked. It was noted that exploring what shared ministry might look like in our changing parishes is not easy.
- The October meeting focussed on *Mutual, Shared Ministry* with a presentation by the Area Dean. The Deanery Mission and Ministry Plan has, since its adoption in 2016, had a vision for mutual, shared ministry at its core, a basic model for the life and being of the church, both locally and more widely. 2025 will see a focus on enabling parishes to discover more about *Mutual, Shared Ministry* with the hope that a change in our ethos of being church in our local parishes may begin to develop. The MSM 25 project will be formally launched at February's Deanery Synod with an opportunity to commit to one another in exploring this new model for being church together.
- Keith Hann retired from his role as Lay Dean in July and has been succeeded by Susan Laycock.
- Our Deanery representatives are Grace Dunton and Sally Howells

Sally Howells

Electoral Roll

At the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting the number on the Roll was 118. Currently, the Roll stands at 104 but there are some forms still to be returned. For various reasons several folk have left the parish.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving is well supported at All Saints' Church and since the autumn of 2023 donors have had the options to set up their planned regular giving online, through the Parish Giving Scheme, or by standing order, using the blue Planned Giving form to be found near the door in church. The online giving can be accessed through the 'Ways to Give' QR code from the cards available in all pews or through the Parish Giving Scheme website – search Martock All Saints'.

Gift Aid claims, including under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, have been submitted quarterly to HMRC during 2024 by the Gift Aid Secretary and those arising from donations through the Parish Giving Scheme are received monthly. If you are a Gift Aid donor to All Saints', but no longer pay tax, please contact Jane Cockerham on 824233 to discuss.

If you are a new donor to All Saints, we invite you to join our Planned Giving Scheme either using the QR code on the 'Ways to Give' cards in the pews, or through the Parish Giving Scheme website, which will offer the option of updating your donation each year, if you wish, in line with inflation. Alternatively, please use a blue Planned Giving form, which can be found near the door in church. If you are eligible, please consider completing the Gift Aid section, which will allow All Saints to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, thereby increasing your gift by 25%. Gift Aid donations may also be put in a yellow envelope, found on the pews, with your details added to the front.

If you have any questions relating to planned giving, please feel free to speak to Jane.

Jane Cockerham

Safeguarding

TRAINING

I renewed my Safer Recruitment, Domestic Abuse Awareness and Leadership training in November. I have completed DBS checks when it has been required. All those with Leadership roles in our church have undertaken the necessary training and I have also reminded volunteers when their safeguarding training needs to be completed.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All policies and procedures are up to date. The Safeguarding Policy and domestic abuse statement can be found on the safeguarding board at the back of the church.

PARISH DASHBOARD

I continue to use this very useful tool. It reminds me if something needs to be actioned and when someone needs to renew their training or DBS.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

On Safeguarding Sunday in November, we included special prayers for victims of abuse and those people who work to make our churches a safer place, we also sang the safeguarding hymn.

In the light of what has been happening within the Church of England and the publication of the Makin Report there is an urgent need for us to be vigilant and to make sure that we are practicing good safeguarding measures. As your safeguarding officer, I am committed to fully reviewing and implementing all recommendations to ensure the safety and care of all individuals within our church family.

I would like to thank Paul and the PCC for their support.

If anyone has any concerns and think it may be a safeguarding issue then please contact me, my details are on the safeguarding board.

Carol Ansell

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council's members/trustees are elected for 3 years at the APCM following the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll which is renewed annually. The PCC activities and responsibilities are supported by the Benefice Ministry Team and other members of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met 6 times during 2024. The PCC is Registered Charity number 1160333

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis. The total receipts on the unrestricted funds were £75,387, with £6,578 for restricted funds during 2024. The total amounted to £81,965, which was made up of a decrease of £8,695 in general funds and a decrease of £11,924 in restricted funds during 2024 compared to the previous year. This is largely due to grants and legacies received during 2023.

Total Expenditure amounted to £86,716, an increase of £6,534 on 2023. Our total reserves for year end were £81,016, a decrease of £4,750 on 2023. Planned giving increase by £3,038 on 2023.

The contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund was £39,715, an increase of £5,180 on 2023. Our Parish Share was paid on time and in full again this year.

If anyone, who puts cash in the collection plate, or uses the envelope system, would like to change to paying by Standing Order, please do get in touch with Jane Cockerham. It doesn't mean that you pay any extra by doing it this way, or that the Church can alter the amount at will. It is entirely under your control. It just makes it easier and quicker for all of us.

Free Reserves

The free reserves of the PCC are those funds that are freely available to be spent in pursuing the charitable objectives. The Free Reserves of the PCC, at the financial year end were: -

	2024	2023
Total Reserves at 31 December	£81,017	£85,766
Less. Restricted Funds	(£15,747)	(£23,092)
<u>Free Reserves</u>	<u>£65,270</u>	<u>£62,674</u>

Balances of Accounts in the bank, and in hand, as at 31 December 2024 were:

	2024		2023
Lloyds Bank	£28,380	Actual	£34,753
CCLA Deposit Account	£52,415	Actual	£50,228
TOTAL	£80,795	Actual	£84,981

Reserve Policy

Under Charity Commission rules, we are required to have a policy regarding the amount of funds we hold in our accounts at any one time. It is suggested that this should be sufficient to cover 3-6 months of operation. At a full meeting of All Saints' Martock PCC, on 7th November 2016, it was resolved to set the PCC's Financial Reserve at £10,000. This has subsequently been increased to £25,000 following a full meeting of the PCC on 25 March 2025. This is considered to be prudent given our rising costs. During 2023 we transferred excess funds of £40,000 from our bank account with Lloyds to CCLA in order to earn extra interest which is being retained in the CCLA to build on our reserves.

REGULAR GIVING

The Gift Aid has been claimed quarterly this year.

We have received a total of £11,060 this year, compared with £10,380 in 2023.

If you give on a regular basis, and pay enough tax to cover the gift and have not already signed a Gift Aid Form please do so, or put the money in a Yellow Gift Aid envelope, and complete the outside. More and more people are unable to Gift Aid their donations, as they do not pay enough tax to cover them. If you no longer pay tax and have signed a Gift Aid Form please let Jane Cockerham know.

FUND RAISING

Thanks to Sally Howells and her team fundraising has continued. The total raised for the year amounted to a splendid £6,047 (2023 £6,431). Well done Sally and everybody that supported her.

CHARITY GIVING

This year we were able to raise money for our Church charities via Lent lunches, the Harvest collection and Christmas services. During the course of the year we raised £934.69 which was split equally between St Margaret's Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support and The Eagle Project in Brazil and a further £388 was raised for Farmerados. We have also continued to support the Lord's Larder both financially and regular deliveries of food donated by the parish.

Conclusion

This year our Parish share has increased by £5,180 and we have completed our kitchen refurbishment project and purchased new chairs for the church (fully funded through donations). We have seen an increase in church running costs of £10,213 mainly due to increased energy and insurance costs. It should be noted that in 2025 we will face significant challenges with further significant increases in Parish share under the new method of formulation, insurance and energy costs and a trend of declining revenue from planned giving. All Saint's has also agreed to absorb all office expenses for other parishes within the Benefice to assist those struggling to meet rising costs. This will increase our running costs by approximately £3000 pa.



Jeremy Hudson

Hon Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the Trustee's of All Saints Church, Martock, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee's and the 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 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 remote 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 you, as trustees, concerning 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 matter has 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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations 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.

Signed

Dated

P.J. Taylor ACMA, CGMA
Oak House
16, Lower Turners Barn Lane,
Yeovil BA20 2JH



7th April 2025

All Saints' Church MARTOCK
Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31 December 2024

<u>All Saint's Church Martock</u> <u>Statement of Financial Activities</u> <u>For the year ended 31 December 2024</u>						
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	2					
Donations & Legacies	2a	59551		4,862	64,413	82,396
Income from Investments	2b	2843		0	2,843	675
Income from Charitable Activities	2c	12993		1,716	14,709	19,512
					0	0
Total Income & Endowments		75387	0	6,578	81,965	102,583
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				0	0
					0	0
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a	0			0	0
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b	72795		13,921	86,716	-80,182
Other Expenditure	3c				0	0
					0	0
Total resources expended		72795	0	13,921	86,716	-80,182
					0	0
Net Income(Expenditure)		2592		-7,343	-4,751	22,401
Transfers Between Funds	4			-4	0	0
Net Movement in funds		2596		-7,347	-4,751	22,401
Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2024		62674		23,093	85,767	63,366
Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2024		£65,270		£15,746	£81,016	85,767

All Saint's Church Martock
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2024

		2024	2023	
	Notes	£	£	
Tangible Assets				
Investments	4	52,415	50,228	
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year	5	0	181	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	5a	0	485	
Cash at bank and in hand		29,206	35,579	
Current Assets		81,621	86,473	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5b	-604	-706	
Net Current Assets (Current assets less creditors < 1 year)		81,017	85,767	
Total Assets less current liabilities (fixed assets plus NCA)		81,017	85,767	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			0	
Net Assets		81,017	85,767	0
Restricted Funds	7	15,747	23,092	
General Funds (Unrestricted)	8	65,270	62,674	
Reserves		81,017	85,766	

4 This is our Reserve Fund of £25,000 as agreed by the PCC on 25 March 2025 plus additional funds added to earn interest

5a See Notes for breakdown of Debtors

5b See Notes for breakdown of Creditors

5 Clock Maintenance paid £1054 for 5 years, in Jan 2021

7 See Notes for Breakdown of Restricted Funds

8 The General Funds includes £18,000 that has been designated for an upgrade to the south doors to keep the heat in, and moving the existing wooden doors to the outside of the porch.

In 2021 the PCC agreed that this should be designated The West End Fund

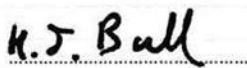
In 2022 the PCC again redesignated as Improvements to All Saints' Fund (designated fund)

This fund now stands at £15,682.

Approved by the PCC on **25/03/** 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Revd Paul Fillery
Chair Martock PCC



Hilary Bull
Church Warden

All Saint's Church Martock
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	<u>Funds Unrestricted</u>	<u>Funds Designated</u>	<u>Funds Restricted</u>	<u>2024 Total</u>	<u>2023 Total</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		2				
Donations & Legacies	2a					
Planned Giving	2a1	38,660		3,740	42,400	39,362
Collections, donations & other giving	2a2	10,708		245	10,953	12,658
HMRC Gift Aid Received	2a3	10,183		877	11,060	10,380
Legacies	2a4	0		0	0	10,994
Non-Recurring Grants	2a5	0		0	0	9,003
Recurring Grants (Guardians)	2a6				0	0
Clarks Field Rental	2a7			0	0	0
		59,551	0	4,862	64,413	82,396
Income from Investments	2b					
Interest & Dividends	2b1	2,843			2,843	675
Returned from Sequestration account	2b2	0			0	0
		2,843	0	0	2,843	675
Income from Charitable activities	2c					
Parochial fees	2c1	5,714			5,714	9,255
Magazine /Bookstall sales	2c2	406			406	486
Fund Raising Events	2c3	4,331		1,716	6,047	6,431
Ash & KE Office Shared Costs	2c4	2,542			2,542	3,340
		12,993	0	1,716	14,709	19,512
Total Incoming Resources		75,387	0	6,578	81,965	102,583

2a1 Some pledges are Restricted to pay towards the Children's Work

2a2 Some donations are to pay towards Children's work and other funds

2a3 £877 was Gift Aid Reclaimed for restricted funds, including childrens work.

2b1 Interest earned on our CCLA reserve funds

2c1 This is the gross amount of Fees received for the PCC. The Diocese received the sum of £2249

2c4 Shared Benefice office expenses claimed from Kingsbury & Ash Churches (from Q4 2024 no longer claimed)

All Saint's Church Martock
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	<u>Funds Unrestricted</u>	<u>Funds Designated</u>	<u>Funds Restricted</u>	<u>2024 Total</u>	<u>2023 Total</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3					
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a				0	0
Cost of Raising Funds	3a1	0			0	0
					0	
		0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b					
Donations/Grants to Charities	3b1	0			0	0
Mission & Evangelism	3b2	0			0	0
Parish Share	3b3	39,715			39,715	34,535
Clergy (Ministerial) Expenses	3b4	1,193			1,193	1,226
Church Running Costs	3b5	18,048		5,393	23,441	13,328
Childrens Work Costs	3b6			0	0	0
Co-op Fund Costs					0	0
Cost of Services	3b7	4,124		256	4,380	5,673
Employee Costs	3b8	4,543		2,008	6,551	5,751
Expenditure on Magazine & Bookstall	3b9	139			139	120
Fees to the Diocese	3b10	2,249			2,249	4,080
Routine Repairs to Charity Centre	3b11	534		211	745	974
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	3b12	2,250		6,053	8,303	14,495
Charity Management & Administration	3b13	0			0	0
		72,795	0	13,921	86,716	80,182
Total Resources Expended		72,795	0	13,921	86,716	80,182

3b3 The Parish Share was paid in full and on time again this year

3b4 Includes incumbent's expenses, phone travel and office expences

3b7 We have made payments to our Organist, Mr S Salisbury, as a self employed provider who became a member of the PCC in April 2017.

3b8 We have made payments to Sarah Nicholas our Benefice Administrator and to Hannah Page of Tiddlers

All Saint's Church Martock
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £	
DEBTORS						
	0			0	0	0
	0			0	485	Gas
Prepayments	0			0	0	
	0	0	0	0	485	
DEBTORS: DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR						
Other debtors				0	0	
	0			0	0	
Prepayments	0			0	181	Clock maintenance
					1054	182
	0	0	0	0	181	
CREDITORS: DUE IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR						
Accruals	-57	0		-57	-73	netted prepaid clock maintenance
HMRC Payroll tax due	-29			-29	0	
Special Collections Charities	-518	0		-518	-633	Awaiting distribution to chosen charities
	-604	0		-604	-706	

Priest's Report for APCM 2025

Introduction

We have many things to thank God for as I reflect-back on this past year. If I can start this report on a personal note Tracey and I would like to thank everyone for all your kindness, care and support throughout this difficult 18 months, as she has undergone her treatment for cancer. It has been a very tough time and we thank you for all your love and prayers that have sustained and helped us in this season of our lives. As a church family, we have much to thank God for as we look back on this past year. It is now a regular comment by visitors that they feel a warm welcome at All Saints' when they join us for worship. I am so grateful to all who serve on Sundays for making our gatherings together joyful and encouraging and to the wider congregation for being aware and welcoming of newcomers; it is such a vital element of our life together. This year we have seen some gentle growth in church numbers and the moving forward of several projects which I will mention in this report. Inevitably it is a risky business naming individuals in order to thank them, as one never knows where or when to stop - but that is a risk I must take - so apologies in advance to anyone who misses a mention - know it was not intentional!

At the outset, I must thank our wonderful Churchwardens Dave and Hilary who have taken to their task with great enthusiasm and dedication. We are so grateful to them both for the time and effort they have put in over this past year and for grasping the multi-faceted role of Churchwardens so well. They always fulfil their tasks with kindness, patience and good-humour. Thank you.

My thanks too to our multi-talented Administrator Sarah Nicholas who juggles so many elements in her work with great calm and unerring efficiency. We really couldn't cope without her constant efforts on all our behalf and we are so grateful for all her hard work and dedication to her role. Thank you, Sarah!

My thanks also, as ever, to all the members of the PCC who have worked so hard throughout the year engaging with numerous challenges and making vital decisions. Special thanks to Sally Howells our indefatigable PCC Secretary for her constant hard work. Mention must be made too of Carol Ansell our dedicated Safeguarding Officer who continues to bring such enthusiasm and efficiency to her role. Her efforts are so much appreciated and her ability to teach the basic level awareness material 'in-person' continues to be such a help to many here in our Benefice.

I have also formed a Leadership Team who are answerable to the PCC but who gather to pray and seek God for the ongoing vision of the church throughout the year. My thanks to: Rev Richard and Jane Caddell, Dave and Hilary Bull, Andy Handcock, Grace Dunton, Sally Howells, Bridget Jones and Tracey who form that team and who contribute much needed wisdom and insight as we seek to move on in God's plans and purposes for this placeMy

thanks also to Jeremy Hudson in his role as Treasurer – he has worked so very hard and efficiently on our church finances mastering the rather complex computer programme without complaining! It has been a joy to work with Jeremy and we are sad to see him leave us, but we do wish both him and Liney a smooth transition into their new home and do hope we can keep in touch in the days to come. So, our sincere and grateful thanks Jeremy for all your hard work on our behalf and we are delighted to announce that Tim Booth has very kindly stepped into the role of Treasurer and we are very grateful to Tim for being so willing to do so.

Worship and Discipleship

This year has seen the addition of our Morning Worship service at All Saints' on the second Sunday of the month. The goal in providing such an offering is to offer as wide a range of worship opportunities as possible at All Saints'. We now have our regular BCP Holy Communion; our 9.30 Common Worship Holy Communion and Morning Prayer; in addition, our reflective service Still Waters and our occasional special services marking the church liturgical seasons and pastoral type services all bring a varied and comprehensive offering of worship for all who attend.

My thanks too to all involved in leading our worship on Sundays at All Saints': Rev Richard, Rev Ben, Bridget, Sally, Grace, and to all our readers, intercessors, sides-people and welcomers - not forgetting all who make tea and coffee after our services - thank you all. Special thanks to Alfie Rendell and to Lee Stott who both assist me at our Holy Communion services. Their faithful efforts are so much appreciated and ensure that things run smoothly each time. Thank you to them both. It has also been a joy to see the development of our worship group lead so ably by Andy Handcock. Their ministry at our first Sunday Holy Communion service and on the second Sunday has brought a fresh dimension to our worship and we are so grateful to all involved in our worship group for their time, effort and enthusiasm.

As part of that fresh dimension to worship we have invested in copies of Mission Praise in addition to our regular hymnbook. This provides a far wider offering of hymns, choruses and songs to choose from and draws upon more contemporary worship songs too. My thanks to Steve Salisbury for his input and guidance throughout the year in all matters concerning our worship and ongoing ministry of music and for his excellent organ playing in many settings.

We have continued our home-group programme throughout the year and have enjoyed The Prayer Course, Alive in Christ and most recently the Church of England Lent course Living Hope. Home-groups continue to be well-supported and do provide a great opportunity to learn together and enjoy each-other's company whilst deepening our discipleship. My thanks to all the leaders of the groups Rev Richard and Jane, Bridget, Sally and Grace and to all those who hosted groups in their homes this year. A special thank you to Rev Richard Caddell and Jane for heading-up the organising of our courses and home-

groups.

Finances

Our finances are in reasonable shape but we are now required to pay our parish share as a Benefice rather than as individual Parishes. The total demand is an eye-watering £71,408.00 for this year rising to £80,552 in time to come. All Saints' must find £45,000 of this total as well as meet our costs for insurance, gas and electricity and wages etc. Currently we are just holding our own but inevitably we will need to increase our giving or our fund-raising throughout this coming year to keep up with rising costs in all areas. My thanks to all who give regularly, generously and sacrificially we are so very grateful, but would urge any who haven't signed up to regular Gift-Aided giving to speak to Jane Cockerham or Tim Booth about doing so. My special thanks to Jane for all her hard work on our Gift-Aid donations and for her other significant efforts in many areas of our church life! Special thanks must be made to Sally Howells who raises funds consistently throughout the year at her Farmer's Market stall and at other one-off fund-raising events. Her efforts are fantastic and so much appreciated.

The Guardians

It is with some sadness that I have to report that the Guardians Fund Raising Committee will cease its activities at the end of September this year. Frequent attempts to recruit more help have not been successful and the current committee cannot continue any longer. The Guardians have amassed some substantial funds over the years and the Trustees and the Guardians will remain an entity until those funds are finally spent. In the meantime, the PCC will seek to keep the programme of concerts going albeit at a reduced level in order to maintain All Saints' reputation as a concert venue and to provide much-needed funds.

All Saints' Church building

We are now enjoying the delights of our new kitchen and central-island and it is hard to imagine the effort involved in getting that over the line with the DAC but all is well and it is a great asset to our church life. We now turn our attention to replacing the chancel steps as the blue-lias stone is fragmenting badly and will continue to break-up in layers. We have the quote for the work and as the Church Commissioners are responsible for chancel repairs, I have secured their agreement to pay 82.9% of the repair bill which will be about £22,000.00!! The Guardians have kindly agreed to pay the outstanding balance. The DAC have given us the green-light to proceed and we hope works will start in August. My thanks to everyone in our Church cleaning team and especially to Carol Ansell who organises them all. The church is always looking great and we have had many comments about how well-loved and how orderly and clean the church is. Well done and many thanks to you all.

Children's and Families Work

I am delighted that Tiddlers has continued to thrive this year. My thanks to Hannah for leading the group so well and with such consistent enthusiasm and dedication. My thanks

to Sally, Pauline and Carol and the rest of the team who have kept this vital link with local families going. We have a dedicated group of 'regulars' who really enjoy the company and care that Tiddlers provides. A special thank you to the Eddie, David and Martin who come faithfully each week early in the day to set-up for the morning session. We have also had the joy of seeing a new initiative "Stompers" begin this year. Stompers is the vision of Mandy Starmer who has led and created each session supported by a team of helpers - which involves a walk in nature accompanied by a theme from scripture and craft or practical activities that illustrate the theme. The children and adults return to church for refreshments and it has been much enjoyed by all who have attended so far. This is a really positive and gentle introduction to outreach to local families which is a vital part of our mission as a church family.

Martock Primary School

I am so glad that we have a meaningful and ongoing relationship with our local church school. I meet regularly with Sarah Lafferty-Jenkins the Head Teacher and the school have attended church for services on various occasions in the year as well as having specific sessions of being shown around the church. It has been a joy to see the birth of our Open the Book Team which has been so wonderfully initiated and enabled by Bridget. My thanks to both Bridget and Sally and all involved for signing-up and for giving some stellar performances that have been so well received by children and staff alike.

Bell-ringers

It has been a joy to witness the growth in both numbers and in skill of our Bell-ringing team. It was only 2 years ago that the bells were silent here and now they are ringing weekly and we have a steady stream of visiting ringers eager to visit our tower. My thanks to David Hammonds for coming over to continue to train them and to the other bell-towers in the Benefice who are also supporting our training programme. Well done to Fiona Cozens and all the team for working so hard and moving forward together so well.

Final thanks

There are so many tasks that make life so much better for so many and yet can be overlooked when it comes to saying a simple 'thank you'. Our church is opened and closed every day by someone and that simple yet vital task was organised each week by Richard Brisset who also programmed the boiler so that heat appears at the right time for all of us! Richard retired from that role this year and I am so grateful to Alick Finlayson for kindly stepping into his shoes and doing such a great job. As we enjoy our Easter decorations my thanks go to all the flower arrangers who have worked so hard this year headed-up by Jane Cockerham and Diana Healey - the church has looked beautiful throughout the year and especially at those special seasons in the church calendar.

So ends another long report (!) and my final thanks to all of you for your kindness and support to me and Tracey as we seek to serve God and all of you and the wider Parish - we couldn't do it without you all.

Blessings
Rev. Paul

MINUTES of the APCM 2024

MINUTES for the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At All Saints' Church, Martock
on Sunday 19th May 2024, 11am

30 People were present

Vestry Meeting - Election of Churchwardens – Great thanks were offered to Grace Dunton for her wonderful work as Churchwarden. Paul commented that it had been an absolute joy to work with Grace since he had arrived in the Benefice.

David and Hilary Bull were proposed as new church wardens by Rev. Paul Fillery, seconded by Tim Booth. Agreed unanimously.

1	Welcome and Opening Prayers by Rev. Paul Fillery (Chair)
2	Apologies for Absence – Ellen Howard, Ivan Childs, Jeremy Hudson, Steve Salisbury, Bridget Jones.
3	AOB – none declared
4	Minutes of the last APCM held on 16 th April 2023 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed by Paul, seconded by Grace Dunton. All agreed.
5	Matters Arising - none
6	Revised Church Electoral Roll – Ann Swain had completed the electoral roll with 119 members now enrolled. Paul thanked Annie for keeping a watchful eye on things.
7	Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2023. The reports had previously been audited by Mark Taylor, approved by the PCC and presented to the public before the meeting. It was commented that our finances look healthy and our reserves encouraging; we need to bear in mind that the legacy of £11,000 has helped with this. As ever, our commitment to the Parish Share has a large impact and looking ahead things may not be so easy partly due to an increase in gas and electricity payments but partly due to a decline in revenue. Members were encouraged to consider regular giving if they do not already do so; please speak to Jeremy or Jane Cockerham. It really does help! A question arose about the Parish Share – are we happy that it is fairly apportioned? This has been the subject of much discussion. The Diocese is in deficit, hence the Deanery re-organisation and there is generally less income from general giving in most churches so it is as fair as it can be and due to its multi-faceted formula, it cannot be changed. In his absence, Jeremy was thanked for all his hard work as Treasurer. Ellen Howard was also thanked for offering support during the handover.

8	Independent Examiner – Paul Taylor has agreed to continue to audit our accounts as our Independent Examiner next year. Proposed by Rev. Paul Fillery, seconded by Tim Booth. All agreed.
9	Churchwarden's Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church. Grace reiterated the information she had submitted for the Annual Report and thanked everyone who had helped her over the years, commenting that we have a brilliant team in All Saints who could be relied upon in any situation. Paul thanked Grace for all that she has done along with the wider team. Grace thanked Paul for being there to lead us all.
10	Deanery Synod Report – there has been an emphasis on meeting the challenges of both mission and ministry for the coming decade including working towards net carbon zero by 2030. The re-organisation of the Deanery has been prominent, not an easy task but we look forward to Muchelney joining our Benefice. Thanks were offered to our Area Dean, Rev Bruce Faulkner and Rev Charlie Peer, Acting Archdeacon, for their support.
11	Presentation of nominations for election to 5 vacancies on the PCC. Grace Dunton, proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Peggy Redman and Martyn Atkins, proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Margaret Caddell, were nominated and duly elected to PCC. (9 PCC members now in total, 3 vacancies remain). Ivan Childs and Geoff Lucas have stepped down from PCC. Ivan was thanked for all his contributions and was recognised for being a pivotal figure on the PCC for many years, particularly during the Vacancy. Our new churchwardens, Dave and Hilary, were welcomed. Paul commented that it was lovely to have some new faces on board. All PCC members were thanked for giving up their time and energy.
12	Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any licensed Reader resident in the parish. The meeting agreed unanimously that Bridget Jones should be welcomed as a member of the PCC. Grateful thanks were extended to Bridget in her absence for all her hard work with funerals, baptisms and in our local schools.
13	Other items relating to the Annual Report 2023 – none.
14	AOB – none
15	Priest's report – this had been circulated previously. Paul thanked everyone for the love and kindness, prayers and understanding which been expressed since Tracey's cancer diagnosis. Further thanks were also offered to Grace, for all she has done, Sarah, for all her knowledge and hard work, the PCC, Sally, PCC secretary, for all she does, Carol, Safeguarding Officer, for all her hard work, the Leadership Team as they discern God's will on our spiritual journey, The Guardians for their ongoing fundraising, Steve, for his organ playing, Richard Brisset for all he does, Rev Richard and Jane for their kindness and constancy and Tracey for her encouragement.

	Other comments – • It is good news that the faculty for updating the kitchen has been granted and work will start in June to create the new island. • A lovely prayer tree has been designed and made by metal sculptor Chris Kampf and in memory of Ann Manners. • Future plans – we still need to think about how to heat the church in an eco-friendly way. • Tiddlers – it is very pleasing that <i>Tiddlers</i> is growing and is a vital link with local families. It's great that the school are coming into church. • Bellringers – it's wonderful to have the bells ringing again! • Thank you to <i>everyone</i> for your constancy and working towards God's mission. We are grateful for all that we have achieved and all that has happened in 2023.
15	Closing Prayers – the meeting ended with The Grace at 11.55am.

Vestry Meeting

Opening prayer, election of church wardens

AGENDA for the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MARTOCK Sunday 27th April, 2025

1	Welcome and Opening Prayers
2	Apologies for Absence
3	AOB
4	Minutes of the last APCM held on 19 th May, 2024
5	Matters Arising
6	Revised Church Electoral Roll
7	Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2024
8	Independent Examiner
9	Churchwarden's Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
10	Deanery Synod Report
11	Presentation of nominations for election to 5 vacancies on the PCC (12 in total)
12	Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any Reader in the parish
13	Other items relating to the Annual Report 2024
13	AOB
14	Priest's report
15	Closing Prayers

Accounts

All Saints' Martock

ANNUAL REPORT 2023 **with Financial Review & Statements**

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do

Registered Charity No: 1160333

INTRODUCTION

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent 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 the church building of All Saints', Martock.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, in particular:-

- Worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Ensuring that the church building is both an accessible and welcoming environment.

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do

– a celebration of all our Church Activities over the past year

With our sister parishes of the benefice, we share FIVE Mission Objectives.

- 1) *We aspire to be a growing church, increasing in faith and number*
- 2) *We are collectively a 'both... and' church, offering the comfort of traditional worship and seeking God's will for 'fresh expressions' in the community*
- 3) *We show the love of Christ as individuals by word and action*
- 4) *We offer our church building as a place of hospitality and welcome*
- 5) *We strive to meet our financial obligations towards the mission of the church locally, across the diocese and worldwide*

Music

The beginning of 2023 saw us holding a twice-monthly evening service entitled *The Well*, an informal contemporary worship on the second and fourth Sundays, and which was led by Lydia Kemp and Andy Handcock together with Kathy Maple from MCF. This later moved to once a month and, after Lydia and Steve Kemp moved away in the summer, the music team were augmented by some additional members, including Dave and Hilary Bull and Martin Bradbrooke. In September it was decided that there was opportunity for the worship group, now joined by several singers, to become involved in the morning service on the first Sunday to assist in the inclusion of some more contemporary hymns and worship songs. This has continued with the worship group leading the third hymn and playing some music during the administration of the bread and wine. Finally in 2023, the worship group led the music for the Crib Service.

Andy Handcock

Our Musical Director, Steve Salisbury, has nothing further to report but continues to play the organ for the majority of our Sunday morning services and other occasions as required.

Bell Ringers

We are delighted to have a growing team of dedicated trainee bell-ringers at Martock who have been practicing hard since the beginning of the year with support from other ringers in the Benefice and from David Hammond, the Bath & Wells Educator. It has been an enormous challenge, only achieved by total dedication, will power and concentration. You will hopefully have heard them ringing for the Coronation and more recently before the Farmers' Market on the second Saturday of the month and on some Sunday mornings. The team are still seeking a Tower Captain and would welcome new band members so please get in touch if you might be interested (cozensfiona@gmail.com)

It is truly a privilege to ring bells cast as far back as 1599 and to highlight the craft of ringing in our community.

Fiona Cozens

Children & Young Families

Tiddlers, our toddler and baby group, continued to be run by the dedicated volunteers every Thursday morning in term time for the majority of the year until Hannah Page, our Toddler Group Leader, returned to work after her Maternity Leave in October. A small sensory table and some small world resources were purchased through a kind donation from Martock Charity Shop which have extended our provision to the children and they continue to enjoy playing on the big slide and cooking in the 'kitchen'! Hannah has once again embraced her

role whole heartedly and has planned a variety of bible-themed activities for the children (as well as their parents/carers!) to enjoy every week, along with snack, singing, and bubbles to end the session. Numbers continue to grow which is very encouraging, with between 15 and 20 families attending each week. Many thanks to all the volunteers who help to set up and support *Tiddlers* every week. It is much appreciated and *Tiddlers* couldn't happen without you!

Finally, our Crib Service on Christmas Eve was well attended by the community once again and very much enjoyed.

Sally Howells

Church Flowers

In 2023 All Saints' Church has been decorated with a beautiful altar pedestal arrangement each week (except during Lent and Advent) by a team of 10 flower arrangers made up of church folk and experienced locals and professionals. The altar arrangements were supplemented by a friendly team who joined in to add more arrangements for the festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas, enjoying the company and satisfaction of creating arrangements which everyone visiting All Saints' church appreciated. We are so grateful to, and wish to thank, all our arrangers and also the helpers who donate foliage and flowers for festivals from their gardens. Thank you! We also wish to thank members of the congregation who donated a white lily in memory of a loved one, at Easter time, which enabled us to create two special memorial arrangements.

If you would like to join in with flower arranging, either without any previous experience or as an experienced arranger, a good way to start is to join the team which will arrange flowers in vases and pedestals at festival times. The next festival we will decorate for is Harvest in September or October and the morning spent decorating will be advertised in the weekly sheet. We would love to see you and promise you a warm welcome.

Diana Healey, Jane Cockerham, Ann Hall & Suzanne Luxton

Discipleship

In the last year we have offered two courses for the whole benefice which have taken place in small groups in people's homes; "Saints Alive!" and the "SHAPE" course. Both courses were suitable for people at any stage in their Christian journey from those just exploring Christianity to those who have been Christians for decades. These have been led by Rev Alison and Andy Handcock, Sally Howells, Bridget Jones, Rev Richard and Jane Caddell and Rev Paul and Tracy Fillery. Over 30 people took part in each of the courses, mostly from All Saints but also from across the Benefice.

"Saints Alive!" is a nurture course consisting of nine sessions and designed to:

help people come to faith and become active Christians in the church and the world, help people explore what it means to live the Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, offer participants the opportunity to respond to Christ and experience God's power at work in their own lives.

The SHAPE course ran for five sessions and while generally well received, its composite nature made the material more difficult to follow but ultimately sought to help us to see where we might serve and how the church might identify and encourage the use of the spiritual gifts in its ministry.

“SHAPE” stands for:

Spiritual Gifts – those unique gifts which God gives us to help build up the body of Christ and minister to the world

Heart's desire – this is what motivates and excites us

Abilities – our strengths, knowledge and skills

Personality – our character, style, preferences and personal qualities

Experiences – our life experiences, both good and bad, which have moulded us into who we are.

In both courses the sessions consisted of teaching, reflection and discussion, often with laughter mixed in. There was also material to reflect on in between sessions

Rev Richard Caddell

Fairtrade

All Saints' Church is registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade church. This means that we have promised:

- 1) to use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which we have responsibility;
- 2) to move forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits and fruit);
- 3) to promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible. Thanks go to Carol for ensuring that our refreshment supplies include fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar.

We don't have a Fairtrade team so if you would be interested in setting one up and helping to promote Fairtrade, please speak to Jane. Please continue to buy Fairtrade items, wherever they are available rather than a cheaper alternative. By doing so, you will be giving a hand-up to the poorest, weakest producers and making a real difference to their lives.

Jane Cockerham

The Lord's Larder

Donations to the Lord's Larder have continued and for this they are grateful. However, due to the general economic situation people are probably not able to donate as much. For several years prior to lockdown we had a monthly rota to deliver to Gateway but now Ann and I go every two or three months with three or four bags. We then enjoy coffee and a teacake in the café!

Grace Dunton

Martock Educational Foundation

(Trustees Rev Paul Fillery, Marian Singleton, Sally Howells, Kathy Maple)

This is a charity set up in 1888 to initially 'provide houses for the teachers of Martock School or in or towards the maintenance of the school as long as it is maintained by voluntary subscriptions and is used for CofE religious education and for Sunday School prizes, or, if there is no Sunday School, to be applied for instruction and encouragement in religious knowledge'.

- MEF has continued to support Martock Primary school and All Saints' this year.
- All invested capital is now held in Church House Investments, which makes it easier to manage. Church House met us at our AGM and reported on the investments. We have benefited from the slightly higher interest rates.
- Pinnacle Accountants have completed a set of audited accounts should HMRC request them. After discussion with Brian Williams, accountant, it was decided that we should have the accounts audited every 2 years going forward as there are relatively few transactions.
- *Expenditure in 2023*
 - Baptismal bibles
 - Audited accounts
 - Repair of the Trim Trail on Key Stage 1 playground (MEF paid for this as there was no other funding available and if not repaired would have not been safe to use. All the younger children in the school benefit from the exercise. This used up a considerable amount of our available funds)
- Essential work at the school was completed in the summer holidays. This involved repairing drains and replacing all the lighting with LED bulbs. The governors are liable for 10% of the costs. The Trustees have agreed to support these payments which are to spread over 3 years, with some help from governor fund raising.
- We still have a vacancy for a trustee. Ideally this would be a foundation governor.

Marian Singleton, Chair

Martock Primary School church team

The Martock Primary School collective worship team continued to plan and deliver assemblies in Martock Primary School and Ash Primary School on a regular basis in 2023. We work closely with the Headteachers, MCF and URC. Whole school assemblies usually take place on Wednesdays in both schools. Our input as part of this team works out at delivering assemblies once or twice each half term. MCF and URC provide input once or twice a term. There have been some disruptions to this pattern because of unavoidable school issues over the year.

We aim to work with the preferred school materials concerning values and using Bible Stories to illustrate the Christian perspective on these values. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are used. During 2023 themes have included Thankfulness, Trust, Forgiveness and Perseverance.

We are excited moving forward to be planning 'Open the Book' assemblies with the help of other Benefices in our deanery. This will involve increased pupil participation and some dressing up as we present stories from the Old and Testaments.

Martock Primary School also come into church at All Saints' for an end of term service and we assist with the sound, introducing and closing the service with Paul.

Bridget Jones

Martock School Governors

Over the last year Martock Church of England VA Primary School has strived to raise awareness of our shared vision and the values of **Kindness, Perseverance, Respect** and **Collaboration**. We enjoyed a fantastic vision day where every class took part in celebrating our values, as well as holding class discussions, assemblies and highlighting their importance through everyday tasks. This has benefitted the feeling of community and identity of our school and is providing a strong foundation for every child to flourish. Through various initiatives in and out of class we have raised the importance and enjoyment of reading and how this can enhance all aspects of learning. We have, and continue to use, the OPAL initiative (Outdoor Play and Learning) to ensure that every child has an amazing hour of high-quality play every day – with no exceptions. We are also using the 'No Outsiders' scheme that encourages inclusivity and tolerance of others and prepares our pupils for life as global citizens. We understand the importance of wellbeing and are pleased to know how happy and safe the pupils at Martock School feel.

We are extremely proud of how hard our staff are working to develop and deliver a high-quality curriculum that will match our pupils needs and interests and continue to raise attainment for all.

School admissions continue to show that we attract high numbers of pupils, indicating that the school remains very popular for families.

The school PTA have had a very successful year, raising essential funds for the school through a variety of events such as Santa run, discos and reading nights. Funding from the PTA provides access to trips by contributing towards coaches, resources and activities that the pupils have loved. We have been well supported by community donations particularly from the charity shop who have been incredibly generous with their support. The school has benefitted greatly from regular visits from the local churches, providing collective worship which the pupils enjoy.

With the help of the Diocese of Bath & Wells we have been able to repair damages to our pipework and drainage and replace all lights with LED equivalence.

We have managed to recruit a number of new Foundation Governors in the last year but there are still a few vacancies. Please consider this rewarding role, especially if you care about children and education, are interested in promoting the Christian character and ethos of the school and like a challenge!

We are continuing to build on our successes and drive the school forward. We appreciate this is a team effort and want to thank everyone who has contributed to supporting Martock Primary School and all our wonderful children.

Andrew Jackson (Chair of Governors)

Mothers' Union (Martock & Ash)

We started the year with Holy Communion and our AGM. Three new members have been welcomed from Huish as their branch closed down. We had speakers for most months and we finished the year with handbell ringers and a Christmas tea. We still knit teddies for baptisms and also send knitting to Ukraine via Ellen and Andrew Howard. Our meetings are held in All Saints' on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm, everyone welcome.

Martin Bailey, Branch Secretary

Reports by Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council

PCC Members and Trustees

Who have served from January to December 2023 are:

Incumbent	Revd Paul Fillery (Chair)	licenced 27 April 2021
Readers	Bridget Jones	
Warden 1	Grace Dunton	elected September 2019
Warden 2	<i>vacant</i>	
Deputy Wardens	<i>vacant</i>	
Vice Chair	Ivan Childs	elected April 2021
Deanery Synod Rep	Grace Dunton	elected April 2023
Deanery Synod Rep	Sally Howells	elected April 2023
Deanery Synod Rep	<i>vacant</i>	
Diocesan Synod Rep	<i>vacant</i>	
Treasurer	Jeremy Hudson	from Jan 2023
Secretary	Sally Howells	from August 2019
Elected Members	Carol Ansell	elected April 2023
	Timothy Booth	elected May 2022
	Martin Bradbrooke	elected April 2023
	Alexander Finlayson	elected April 2023
	Andrew Howard	elected October 2020
	Ellen Howard	co-opted Jan 2023
	Sally Howells	elected April 2023
	Geoff Lucas	elected April 2021
	Steve Salisbury	elected May 2022
Parish Safeguarding	Carol Ansell	

Administrative Information

The church is the second largest parish church in Somerset dating from 13th century, although there has been a church on the site since Anglo-Saxon times. It was enlarged and re-roofed in 15th and 16th centuries. Of special note is the superb angel roof completed in 1513, the 17th century clerestory paintings of the 12 apostles and a magnificent organ.

The church is situated on Church Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JL, and is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The Benefice Office is housed in the vicarage and the correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Vicarage, 10 Water Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JN.

email: benefice.martock@gmail.com

webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008

Benefice Relationships

Our Benefice, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (Wells Archdeaconry) was formed in April 2014 when Kingsbury Episcopi joined the existing benefice of Martock with Ash. Martock, seven miles west of Yeovil, lies on the edge of the Somerset Levels; Ash is a mile distant from Martock and Kingsbury Episcopi three miles away.

There are three churches to serve the three parishes. A strong sense of identity and community exists in each, but 'Benefice belonging' has been well established.

The Benefice Ministry Team is led by the Vicar of the Benefice. In 2023, this also consisted of one retired clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO), one clergy with Permission to Officiate, one Distinctive Deacon (PTO), one Lay Reader (PTO) and five Lay Worship Leaders, all of whom function across the Benefice.

Churchwarden

During 2023 all servicing and maintenance was carried out on the security alarms, fire extinguishers and heating boiler. John Knight did some electrical work in the bell tower and the annual service was carried out on the clock. Don Reed came to do PAT tests on all electrical goods in the church. The Henry vacuum was found to be faulty so Don took it home and kindly repaired it.

On 1 May 2023 the new halo light/heater was installed in the Lady Chapel.

As this is my last report as Churchwarden, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the years. We have a brilliant team in All Saints, too many to mention by name, who I knew I could rely on in any situation.

In particular, I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to Richard Brisset. In my time as Churchwarden he has always been a reliable source of information and help. We certainly had plenty of exercise climbing 120 steps to the top of the tower, usually to change the flag. During the time of the death of one monarch and the succession of another the flag had to be lowered/raised several times over a period of a few days. As Richard said to me, 'We octogenarians should not be doing this, Grace'!

I have learnt a lot and enjoyed being Churchwarden but it now feels the right time to hand over to the new wardens. I wish them every success and am sure, with your help and encouragement, they too will enjoy the role.

Grace Dunton

Deanery Synod

We are part of the Ivelchester Deanery, led by our Area Dean, Revd Bruce Faulkner, which serves to support its parishes in their local Mission and Worship through enabling partnership and facilitating the development of and sharing of ministries.

Three meetings took place this year with an emphasis on meeting the challenges of both mission and ministry for the coming decade including working towards net carbon zero by 2030.

As outlined in last year's report the financial situation within the Diocese has meant that the number of clergy in the Diocese needed to be reduced and after much consultation the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG) presented their recommendations for new Benefice structures within our Deanery. Two configurations were presented followed by much discussion, comment and emotion within the Deanery. At the Deanery meeting in July, the Acting Archdeacon moved to a vote to welcome and accept the proposals for the Deanery to be made up of the five Benefices as listed below. This was unanimously agreed.

Benefice 1 –	Ash, Kingsbury Episcopi, Martock and Muchelney
Benefice 2 –	Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Montacute, Odcombe, West Chinnock, Middle Chinnock, Norton-sub-Hamdon and Chiselborough
Benefice 3 –	Somerton, Kingsdon, The Charltons, Pitney, Long Sutton with Long Load
Benefice 4 –	Curry Rivel, Fivehead, Swell. Aller, Huish Episcopi cum Langport, Drayton and High Ham with Low Ham
Benefice 5 –	Ilchester with Northover, Limington, Yeovilton with Podimore, Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer and Yeovil Marsh

The proposals were taken to Diocesan Synod in September and agreed and it is a delight to welcome Muchelney to our Benefice! Obviously, it will take time to develop new patterns of 'being church' within the new Benefice but support is available from the Diocesan team and positive links have begun to be established.

In other news, Bishop Michael made a Deanery visit (in Martock) in November which was well attended. A passage from Isaiah was looked at and discussed, good news from the Deanery was shared and there was an opportunity to ask questions.

Our Deanery representatives are Grace Dunton and Sally Howells.

Sally Howells

Electoral Roll

At the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting the number on the Roll was 114. Over the course of the year the Roll has decreased by nine. However, thirteen names have been added making a total of 118.

Annie Swain

Planned Giving

Planned Giving is well supported at All Saints' Church and since the autumn of 2023 donors have had the option to set up their planned regular giving online, through the Parish Giving Scheme, or by standing order, using the form at the back of church. The online giving can be accessed through the 'Ways to Give' QR code from the cards available in all pews or through the Parish Giving Scheme website.

Gift Aid claims, including under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, have been submitted quarterly to HMRC during 2023 by the Gift Aid Secretary. If you are a Gift Aid donor to All Saints', but no longer pay tax, please contact Jane Cockerham on 824233 to discuss.

If you are a new donor to All Saints, we invite you to join our Planned Giving Scheme either using the QR code on the 'Ways to Give' cards in the pews, or through the Parish Giving Scheme website or by completing the blue form at the back of church. If you are eligible, please consider completing the Gift Aid section, which will allow All Saints' to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, thereby increasing your gift by 25%. Alternatively, to make a Gift Aid donation, please put your donation in a yellow envelope with your details. If you have any questions relating to planned giving, please feel free to speak to Jane.

Jane Cockerham

Safeguarding

TRAINING At this present time my training is all up to date. I do attend quarterly zoom meetings for Parish Safeguarding Officers. I have delivered face to face basic safeguarding awareness training, in May and July. I have completed DBS checks when it has been required.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES All policies and procedures are up to date. The safeguarding policy and domestic abuse policy can be found on the safeguarding board at the back of the church.

PARISH DASHBOARD I continue to use this very useful tool. It reminds me if something needs to be actioned and when someone needs to renew their training or DBS.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY On Safeguarding Sunday on Sunday 19 November 2023 we included special prayers for victims of abuse and those people who work to make our churches a safe place, we also sang the safeguarding hymn.

If anyone has any concerns and think it may be a safeguarding issue then please contact me, my details are on the safeguarding board.

Carol Ansell

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council's members/trustees are elected for 3 years at the APCM following the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll which is renewed annually. The PCC activities and responsibilities are supported by the Benefice Ministry Team and other members of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met 6 times during 2023. The PCC is Registered Charity number 1160333.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis. The total receipts on the unrestricted funds were £84,082, with £18,502 for restricted funds during 2023. The total amounted to £102,583, which was made up of an increase of £9,251 in general funds and an increase of £15,849 in restricted funds during 2023.

Total Expenditure amounted to £80,182, an increase of £15,401 on 2022. Our total reserves for year end were £85,766, an increase of £22,339 on 2022. Planned giving decreased by £5,091 on 2022.

The contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund was £34,535, an increase of £677 on 2022. Our Parish Share was paid on time and in full again this year.

If anyone, who puts cash in the collection plate, or uses the envelope system, would like to change to paying by Standing Order, please do get in touch with Jane Cockerham. It doesn't mean that you pay any extra by doing it this way, or that the Church can alter the amount at will. It is entirely under your control. It just makes it easier and quicker for all of us.

Free Reserves

The free reserves of the PCC are those funds that are freely available to be spent in pursuing the charitable objectives. The Free Reserves of the PCC, at the financial year end were: -

	2023	2022
Total Reserves at 31 December	£85,766	£63,367
Less. Restricted Funds	(£23,092)	(£9,882)
<u>Free Reserves</u>	<u>£62,674</u>	<u>£53,485</u>

Balances of Accounts in the bank, and in hand, as at 31 December 2023 were:

Lloyds Bank	£34,753	Actual	£52,974
CCLA Deposit Account	£50,228		£10,000
TOTAL	£84,981	Actual	£62,974

Reserve Policy

Under Charity Commission rules, we are required to have a policy regarding the amount of funds we hold in our accounts at any one time. It is suggested that this should be sufficient to cover 3-6 months of operation. At a full meeting of All Saints' Martock PCC, on 7th November 2016, it was resolved to set the PCC's Financial Reserve at £10,000. During 2023 we transferred excess funds of £40,000 from our bank account with Lloyds to CCLA in order to earn extra interest which is being retained in the CCLA to build on our reserves.

REGULAR GIVING

The Gift Aid has been claimed quarterly this year. We have received a total of £10,380 this year, compared with £9,387 in 2022. If you give on a regular basis, and pay enough tax to cover the gift and have not already signed a Gift Aid Form please do so, or put the money in a Yellow Gift Aid envelope, and complete the outside. More and more people are unable to Gift Aid their donations, as they do not pay enough tax to cover them. If you no longer pay tax and have signed a Gift Aid Form, please let Jane Cockerham know.

FUND RAISING

Thanks to Sally Howells and her team, fundraising has continued. The total raised for the year amounted to a splendid £6,431 (2022 £6,345). Well done Sally and everybody that supported her.

CHARITY GIVING

This year we were able to raise money for our Church charities via Lent lunches, the Harvest collection and Christmas services. During the course of the year we raised £1,023.32 which was split equally between Friends of Yeovil Hospital, Food for the Hungry and Christian Response to Eastern Europe and a further £285 was raised for the Tear Fund. We have also continued to support the Lord's Larder both financially and with regular deliveries of food donated by the parish.

Conclusion

This year our Parish share has increased by £677. We have undertaken several projects including new heating in the Lady Chapel and a kitchen refurbishment which have been largely funded through fund raising and grants. Legacies of £11,000 received during the year have helped to produce a surplus of £9,225 in the general fund and £13,212 in restricted funds. However, it should be noted that next year we will face significant challenges with increases in Parish share, insurance and energy costs and a trend of declining revenue from planned giving.

Jeremy Hudson
Hon Treasurer

		All Saint's Church Martock				
		Statement of Financial Activities				
		For the year ended 31 December 2023				
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	2					
Donations & Legacies	2a	67199		15,197	82,396	60,376
Income from Investments	2b	675		0	675	357
Income from Charitable Activities	2c	16207		3,305	19,512	16,751
					0	0
Total Income & Endowments		84082	0	18,502	102,583	77,484
					0	0
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				0	0
					0	0
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a	0			0	-355
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b	75349		-4,833	-80,182	-64,426
Other Expenditure	3c				0	0
					0	0
Total resources expended		75349	0	-4,833	-80,182	-64,781
					0	0
Net Income(Expenditure)		8732		13,669	22,401	12,703
Transfers Between Funds		457		-457	0	0
Net Movement in funds		9189		13,212	22,401	12,703
Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2023		53485		9,881	63,366	50,663
Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2023		£62,674		£23,093	£85,767	63,367

All Saint's Church Martock				
Balance Sheet				
As at 31 December 2023				
		2023	2022	
	Notes	£	£	
Tangible Assets				
Investments	4	50228	10000	
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year	5	181	393	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	5a	485	0	
Cash at bank and in hand		35,579	52,974	
Current Assets		86,473	63,367	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-706	0	
Net Current Assets (Current assets less creditors < 1 year)		85,767	63,367	
Total Assets less current liabilities(fixed assets plus NCA)	6	85,767	63,367	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			0	
Net Assets		85,767	63,367	
Restricted Funds	7	23,092	9,882	
General Funds (Unrestricted)	8	62,674	53,485	
Reserves		85,766	63,367	
4 This Is our Reserve Fund, as agreed by the PCC on 7th November 2016 additional funds added to earn interest				
5 Clock Maintenance paid £1054 for 5 years, in Jan 2021				
7 See Notes 6 for Breakdown of Restricted Funds				
8 The General Funds includes £18,000 that has been designated for an upgrade to the south doors				
to keep the heat in, and moving the existing wooden doors to the outside of the porch.				
In 2021 the PCC agreed that this should be designated The West End Fund				
In 2022 the PCC again redesignated as Improvements to All Saints' Fund (designated fund)				
This fund now stands at £20,370				
Approved by the PCC on 2023 and signed on its behalf by				
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Revd Paul Fillery	Grace Dunton			
Chair Martock PCC	Church Warden			

All Saint's Church Martock						
Notes to the Accounts						
For the year ended 31 December 2023						
			Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	2022
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations & Legacies						
Planned Giving	2a1	38,176		1,186	39,362	44,453
Collections,donations & other giving	2a2	10,484		2,174	12,658	6,306
HMRC Gift Aid Received	2a3	9,819		561	10,380	9,387
Legacies	2a4	1,000		9,994	10,994	0
Non-Recurring Grants	2a5	7,721		1,282	9,003	50
Recurring Grants (Guardians)	2a6				0	0
Clarkes Field Rental	2a7			0	0	0
		67,199	0	15,197	82,396	60,376
Income from Investments						
Interest & Dividends	2b1	675			675	357
Returned from Sequestration account	2b2	0			0	650
		675	0	0	675	1,007
Income from Charitable activities						
Parochial fees	2c1	9,255			9,255	6,035
Magazine /Bookstall sales	2c2	486			486	856
Fund Raising Events	2c3	3,125		3,305	6,431	6,345
Ash & KE Office Shared Costs	2c4	3,340			3,340	3,514
		16,207	0	3,305	19,512	16,750
Total Incoming Resources		84,082	0	18,502	102,583	78,133
2a1 Some pledges are Restricted to pay towards the Children's Work						
2a2						
2a3 £830 was Gift Aid Reclaimed for restricted funds, including childrens work.						
2c1 This is the gross amount of Fees received for the PCC. The Diocese received the sum of £4080						
2c4 Shared Benefice office expenses claimed from Kingsbury & Ash Churches						

		All Saint's Church Martock				
		Notes to the Accounts				
		For the year ended 31 December 2023				
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3					
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a				0	0
Cost of Raising Funds	3a1	0			0	355
					0	
		0	0	0	0	355
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b					
Donations/Grants to Charities	3b1	0			0	0
Mission & Evangelism	3b2	0			0	-21
Parish Share	3b3	34,535			34,535	33,858
Clergy (Ministerial) Expenses	3b4	1,226			1,226	962
Church Running Costs	3b5	11,985		1,343	13,328	13,040
Childrens Work Costs	3b6			0	0	26
Co-op Fund Costs					0	0
Cost of Services	3b7	4,036		1,638	5,673	4,175
Employee Costs	3b8	5,249		502	5,751	7,248
Expenditure on Magazine & Bookstall	3b9	120			120	522
Fees to the Diocese	3b10	4,080			4,080	2,226
Routine Repairs to Charity Centre	3b11	724		250	974	2,301
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	3b12	13,395		1,100	14,495	0
Charity Management & Administration	3b13	0			0	89
		75,349	0	4,833	80,182	64,426
Total Resources Expended		75,349	0	4,833	80,182	64,781
3b3 The Parish Share was paid in full and on time again this year						
3b4 Includes incumbent's expenses, phone travel and office expences						
3b7 We have made payments to our Organist, Mr S Salisbury, as a self employed provider who became a member of the PCC in April 2017.						
3b8 We have made payments to Sarah Nicholas/Lydia Kemp our Benefice Administrator and to Hannah Page of Tiddlers						

<u>All Saint's Church Martock</u>									
Notes to the Accounts									
<u>For the year ended 31 December 2023</u>									
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total			
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022			
		£	£	£	£	£			
	DEBTORS								
	Income tax recoverable				0	0			2,233
	Other debtors	485			485	0	Gas		
	Prepayments				0	0			
		485	0	0	485	0			
	DEBTORS: DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR								
	Other debtors					0			
	Prepayments	181				393	Clock maintenance		182
								1054	
		181		0	0	393			
	CREDITORS: DUE IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR								
	Accruals		-72.8			0			
			-633				Special Collections for charities		
			-706			0			

All Saint's Church Martock						
Notes to the Accounts						
For the year ended 31 December 2023						
	FUNDS					
5		Balance				Balance
		b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	c/fwd
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds					
5a	General Fund	53,485	84,082	-75,349	457	62,674
5b	Total unrestricted funds	53,485	84,082	-75,349	457	62,674
6	Restricted funds					
6a	Children's Work	3,819	2,108	-653		5,274
6b	Bequest Fabric Fund	0	9,994			9,994
6c	Tower Fund	224	12	-354	211	92
6d	Flower Fund	329	108	-75		362
6g	Kitchen Refurbishment	2,925	5,274	-2,200		5,999
6i	Co-Op Donations	1,979	0	-58	-550	1,371
	Clarkes Field rent	0	0	0		0
	Sound System replacement	0	0	0		0
6j	Clock repair	-153	271	0	-118	0
	New Hymn Books	758	734	-1,492		0
	Total restricted funds	9,881	18,501	-4,833	-457	23,092
	Total Funds	63,366	102,583	-80,182	0	85,766
5a	The general fund includes a designated fund Of £17,592 for Improvements to All Saints'					
6a	Children's Work - Part of the congregation's pledged giving is specifically for the Children's Work expenditure, as well as Tiddlers Coffee Money & Gift Aid					
6b	From the estate of the late Mrs Wakely					
6c	Tower Fund- Funds were donated for the upkeep of the bells, clock and the bell tower.					
6d	Flower Fund - funds gifted for use by the flower arrangers (originally an Annuity which was cashed in in 2014)					
6g	Donations given to refurbish the Kitchen used for Lunches, Teas, Coffees & Funeral Refreshments					
6i	Funds received from the Co-Op for The Childrens' Work with 'Tiddlers'					
6j	Clock repairs undertaken to fix timekeeping					

Independent Examiner's Report 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustee's of All Saints Church, Martock, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2023

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee's and the 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 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 remote 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 you, as trustees, concerning 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 matter has 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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations 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.

P.J. Taylor ACMA, CGMA
Oak House
16, Lower Turners Barn Lane,
Yeovil BA20 2JH

Signed


Dated

10th April 2024

PRIEST'S REPORT for APCM 2024

We have many things to thank God for as I reflect on this past year. In a world that is experiencing considerable turmoil, we can be grateful for the many blessings we have experienced as a church family. We have seen some gentle growth in church numbers and the moving forward of several projects which I will mention in this report. Inevitably it is a risky business naming individuals in order to thank them, as one never knows where or when to stop - but that is a risk I must take - so apologies in advance to anyone who misses a mention - know it was not intentional! Tracey and I would like to express our thanks for all your prayers and the practical support and care we have received on her ongoing journey through breast cancer. It has been a tough journey and is not over yet, but we are so grateful for your kindness – thank you all!

At the outset, I must thank our wonderful Churchwarden Grace Dunton who has served us again for her final year, despite many pressures upon her time and energies. I am so glad we have found two wonderful replacements for the role of Churchwarden and we owe Grace a huge debt of thanks for her faithful service to All Saints' Church over many years.

My thanks too to our wonderful Administrator Sarah Nicholas who took up the role again after Lydia moved to Bath to be nearer her family. Many congratulations to Lydia and Steve on the birth of Gabriel, it was wonderful to see them all on Easter Sunday. We are so delighted to have Sarah back with us and her knowledge and skill in the role of Administrator is invaluable and such a blessing. Sarah and John, Emily and all the family remain in our prayers in the days ahead.

My thanks also, as ever, to all the members of the PCC who have worked so hard throughout the year engaging with numerous challenges and making vital decisions. Special thanks to Sally Howells our indefatigable PCC Secretary for her constant hard work in so many areas of our church life, we owe much to her efforts and dedication. Mention must be made too of Carol Ansell our dedicated Safeguarding Officer who has brought such enthusiasm and efficiency to her role. Her efforts are so much appreciated and her ability to teach the basic level awareness material 'in-person' has been so much appreciated across the Benefice. Special thanks too to Jeremy Hudson in his role as Treasurer which he executes with huge efficiency and wonderful good humour.

I am also grateful to our Leadership Team – Grace Dunton, Bridget Jones, Sally Howells, Andy Handcock, Richard and Jane Caddell and Tracey Fillery for all their prayer and input over the past year. Our collective discussions have been a key factor in discerning God's will and purpose for us as a church family.

Worship and Discipleship

This year has seen the recent addition of Morning Worship - a fresh approach to our service of Morning Prayer with worship being provided by our Worship Group led by Andy Handcock. This time of contemporary liturgy, worship and prayer will hopefully provide an accessible offering to those new to the Anglican church or new to church altogether. With the advent of Morning Worship we have ceased The Well in the hope that this will provide a similar, yet different, offering for those who enjoy that style of worship. The goal in providing such an offering is to offer as wide a range of worship opportunities as possible at All Saints'. We now have our regular BCP Holy

Communion; our 9.30 Common Worship Holy Communion and Morning Worship along with our reflective service Still Waters. We hope everyone will be able to find a context in which to worship and encounter God.

My thanks too to all involved in leading our worship on Sundays at All Saints': Rev Richard, Bridget, Sally and Grace. It has been a joy to welcome the Rev Ben Rundell-Evans to our team and his ministry has been much appreciated throughout the Benefice. My thanks to all our readers, intercessors, sides-people and welcomers - not forgetting all who make tea and coffee after our services - thank you all.

My thanks too to Steve Salisbury for his input and guidance throughout the year in all matters concerning our worship and ongoing ministry of music.

After completing the SHAPE course looking at our spiritual gifts and how we might use them for God's glory – we continued our home-group study with The Prayer Course which was very much appreciated by all who went through it. A special thank you to Rev Richard Caddell and Jane for heading-up the organising of our courses and home-groups.

Finances

Our finances are in reasonable shape but we are now on a new rate for our gas supply which will have an impact upon our finances in the days to come. In addition, we have lost one or two generous givers which always has a negative effect on finances. My thanks to all who give regularly, generously and sacrificially we are so very grateful. I would urge any who haven't signed up to regular Gift-Aided giving to speak to Jane Cockerham or Jeremy Hudson about doing so. My special thanks to Jane for all her hard work on our Gift-Aid donations and for her other significant efforts in many areas of our church life!

All Saints' Church building

This year has seen the moving forward of the kitchen re-fit which is now complete and the central island will be fitted in early June - completing a long journey to providing an efficient and workable space for making and serving refreshments of all kinds. Carpets have been cleaned and we have tidied and sorted the St Thomas Chapel and provided a lovely Prayer Tree in memory of Ann Manners – we hope the space will be more and more used for private prayer and contemplation in the days to come.

My thanks to the Guardians and their ongoing work of fund-raising for the fabric of our church building. We are so grateful to all who put on the concerts and expend time and energy in planning and executing an ongoing programme of fund-raising events. I must also mention the ongoing efforts of Sally Howells who continues, along with Bridget and others, to run our church stall at the Farmer's Market - this has provided thousands of pounds over the years that it has been in operation and we are so grateful to Sally and her team for keeping this going.

We still need to pursue the wider issue of how we heat our church building in the future. The halo heater will provide some very useful 'lived experience' for us and we continue to reflect upon that option for the whole church. Gas prices are increasingly prohibitive and environmentally our use of gas cannot be reconciled with the Church of England's zero-carbon objectives.

Tiddlers

I am delighted that Tiddlers continued so well during the absence of Hannah our toddler-group leader who was on maternity leave. My thanks to Sally, Pauline and Carol and the rest of the team who have kept this vital link with local families going. It has been a joy to welcome Hannah back and Tiddlers is growing and thriving under the efforts of the whole team. We have a dedicated group of 'regulars' who really enjoy the company and care that Tiddlers provides. A special thank you to the gentlemen who come faithfully each week early in the day to set-up for the morning session.

Martock Primary School

I am so glad that we have a meaningful and ongoing relationship with our local church school. I meet regularly with Sarah Lafferty-Jenkins the Head Teacher and the school have attended church for services on various occasions in the year as well as having a specific session of being shown around the church by me. In addition, Sally and Bridget take school assemblies throughout the year.

This year we hope to start presenting Open the Book in our two schools which I know will be warmly and enthusiastically received once we start. My thanks to both Sally and Bridget for keeping these vital interactions with our school alive and well!

Bell-ringers

A huge well done to our now dedicated team of bell-ringers who have grown massively in skill over the past year. Their hard work and efforts have shone through and it is a joy to hear the bells rung on Tuesday practice and now on some Sundays and special occasions. My thanks to David Hammond for coming over to train them and to the other bell-towers in the Benefice who are also supporting our training programme. Well done to Fiona and all the new team for working so hard and moving forward together so well.

Final thanks

There are so many tasks that make life so much better for so many and yet can be overlooked when it comes to saying a simple 'thank you'. Our church is opened and closed every day by someone and that simple yet vital task is organised each week by Richard Brisset who also programmes the boiler so that heat appears at the right time for all of us! My thanks to Richard and all the team that open and close the church daily. My thanks too to Carol Ansell and her team of ladies and gentlemen who clean our church every couple of weeks. And as Easter begins to fade into the recent past my final thanks go to all the flower arrangers headed-up by Jane Cockerham and Diana Healey. The church has looked beautiful throughout the year and especially at those special seasons in the church calendar. So ends another long report (!) and my final thanks to all of you for your kindness and support to me and Tracey as we seek to serve God and all of you and the wider Parish - we could not do it without you all.

Blessings, Rev Paul

MINUTES of the APCM 2023

MINUTES for the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING At All Saints' Church, Martock on Sunday 16th April 2023, 11am 26 People were present

Vestry Meeting - Election of Churchwarden - Grace Dunton had agreed to continue as Churchwarden for one more year. Proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Rev. Paul Fillery. Agreed unanimously. Paul thanked Grace for all she does, it is much appreciated.

1	Welcome and Opening Prayers by Rev. Paul Fillery (Chair)
2	Apologies for Absence – Andrew & Ellen Howard, Diana Healey, Jane Caddell, Tracey Fillery, Steve Salisbury, Bridget Jones.
3	AOB – none declared
4	Minutes of the last APCM held on 8 th May 2022 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed by Ivan, seconded by Grace Dunton. All agreed.
5	Matters Arising - none
6	Revised Church Electoral Roll – Ann Swain had completed the electoral roll with 114 members now enrolled. Paul thanked Annie for faithfully continuing with this role.
7	Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2022. The reports had previously been audited by Mark Taylor, approved by the PCC and presented to the public before the meeting. There was no further comment or debate. Jeremy Hudson was thanked for taking on the role of Treasurer since January 2023 and thanks and appreciation expressed to Ellen for her energy and time as our previous Treasurer. It was noted that our energy bills will increase in April 2024 which will entail an inevitable rise in overall costs and regular obligations will need to be prayerfully considered. Paul will do a stewardship Sunday later in the year. A question was asked as to whether the boiler needs replacing? Paul replied that this is being looked into, with a radiant heater being fitted in the Lady Chapel shortly. We need to look at eco-options as the way ahead as the Church of England requires churches to be carbon-zero by 2030. There are grants available for solar panels, but the process of applying takes a lot of time.
8	Independent Examiner – Paul Taylor has agreed to continue to audit our accounts as our Independent Examiner next year. Proposed by Rev. Paul Fillery, seconded by Jeremy Hudson. All agreed.

	Thanks were expressed to Paul.
9	Churchwarden's Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church. Paul thanked Grace for all she does and Grace reiterated that this would be her last year as Churchwarden and it would be good for someone else to join her to learn the ropes. Grace reported that the clock is finally working well and keeping good time. Not all the work from the Quinquennial Report has been completed – Andy Rogers still has some things to do.
10	Deanery Synod Report – There has been an emphasis on Deanery re-organisation, led by Rev Bruce Faulkner. Consultations have taken place and further meetings are in progress. There is a huge legal process involved and there may be news regarding the Benefice changes in the Autumn. It is likely that Muchelney will be joining us.
11	Presentation of nominations for election to 9 vacancies on the PCC. Carol Ansell (nominated by David Isaac, seconded by Sally Howells), Martin Bradbrooke (nominated Pauline Beavon, seconded by David Isaac), Sally Howells (nominated by Malcolm Leggetter, seconded by Jane Hodgson) and Andrew Howard (nominated by Pauline Beavon, seconded by Vivienne Brisset, were duly elected to PCC for the next 3 years. (8 PCC members now in total, 4 vacancies remain). It was agreed that Jeremey Hudson should be co-opted as Treasurer. Presentation of nominations for election to 3 vacancies to Deanery Synod. Grace Dunton (proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Steve Salisbury) and Sally Howells (proposed by Tim Booth and seconded by Diana Healey) were duly elected to Deanery Synod for the next 3 years.
12	Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any licensed Reader resident in the parish. The meeting agreed unanimously that Bridget Jones should be welcomed as a member of the PCC. Thanks were extended to Bridget for all her hard work with funerals, baptisms and links with local leaders in particular.
13	Other items relating to the Annual Report 2022 – none.
14	AOB – none
15	Vicar's report – this had been forwarded previously. Thanks were offered to Lydia, our Benefice Administrator, for her hard work, good humour and kindness. Rev. Paul announced that Lydia and Steve are moving, so Lydia will sadly be finishing as our BA at the end of July. Our contemporary worship service <i>The Well</i> began in 2022 with twice monthly services and has been very well received, but it has been decided to make it a monthly service from now on. We now have a wide range of worship to encounter God. Special thanks were offered to Andy and Rev Alison Handcock for their input and ministry amongst us.

	Thanks were also offered to – • Jane and Rev Richard Cadell for heading up groups and for Richards’s ministry. • The Guardians for their ongoing fundraising and gifts they have provided. We are very grateful to them. • all those who have been sorting books etc and tidying church. • to Carol as our Safeguarding Officer • and to <i>everyone</i> who helps to make All Saints a friendly and welcoming place to be. We are delighted that Tiddlers has continued whilst Hannah has been on Maternity Leave. The link to the local community is a vital part of our work. Our link with our local schools is good; we help to deliver assemblies and they visit our churches regularly. Bellringers – a team of dedicated people have come out of some recent open days and will hopefully ring for the Coronation. Kitchen refurbishment – a faculty has been prepared and fundraising in the pipeline. Rev Richard Caddell thanked Rev Paul for his preaching and leadership.
15	Closing Prayers – the meeting ended with The Grace at 11.50am.

Vestry Meeting

Opening prayer, election of church wardens

**AGENDA for the
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MARTOCK Sunday 19th May, 2024**

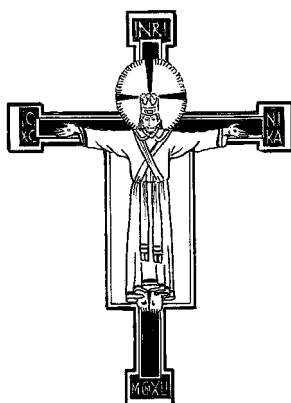
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2	Apologies for Absence
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5	Matters Arising
6	Revised Church Electoral Roll
7	Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2023
8	Independent Examiner
9	Churchwarden's Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
10	Deanery Synod Report
11	Presentation of nominations for election to 5 vacancies on the PCC (12 in total)
12	Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any Reader in the parish
13	Other items relating to the Annual Report 2023
13	AOB
14	Priest's report
15	Closing Prayers

Accounts

All Saints' Martock

ANNUAL REPORT 2022: with Financial Review & Statements

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do



Registered Charity No: 1160333

INTRODUCTION

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Whilst the Parish is in Vacancy, this work continues. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building of All Saints', Martock.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, in particular:-

- Worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Ensuring that the church building is both an accessible and welcoming environment.

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do
- a celebration of all our Church Activities over the past year

With our sister parishes of the benefice, we share FIVE Mission Objectives.

- 1) *We aspire to be a growing church, increasing in faith and number*
- 2) *We are collectively a 'both... and' church, offering the comfort of traditional worship and seeking God's will for 'fresh expressions' in the community*
- 3) *We show the love of Christ as individuals by word and action*
- 4) *We offer our church building as a place of hospitality and welcome*
- 5) *We strive to meet our financial obligations towards the mission of the church locally, across the diocese and worldwide*

All Saints' Singers / MUSIC

There is nothing to report.

St
eve Salisbury, Director of Music

Bell Ringers

All Saints' has 8 bells which were repaired, re-tuned and refurbished in 2009. Over the past few years, we have struggled to have 8 people to ring them and have been seeking new recruits to learn this ancient and worthwhile pastime. Previously, the bellringers met every Tuesday evening for practice and rang for Services every Sunday morning and for weddings throughout the year. It is hoped that a new Tower Captain and team of bell ringers can be established in 2023.

Children & Young Families

We were delighted that Hannah Page started her role as our Toddler Group Leader in January and it was lovely to welcome back parents/carers and their children as well as welcoming new families. Hannah went on Maternity Leave at the end of October and the *Tiddlers* volunteers have valiantly continued to provide weekly sessions every Thursday morning during term time from 10am – 11.30am, for which we are very grateful. We have up to about 14 families attending every week who enjoy coming along for play, coffee, chat and mutual support, but we are always happy to welcome more! Information can be found on our *Tiddlers Martock* Facebook or by emailing tiddlers.martock@gmail.com

Sally Howells

Church Flowers

In 2022 All Saints' has been decorated beautifully with flowers for our weekly services by a rota of church folk and volunteer flower-arranging professionals. These arrangements were supplemented by a friendly team who joined in to add more arrangements for the festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas, enjoying the company and satisfaction of creating arrangements which everyone visiting All Saints' appreciated. We are so grateful to, and wish to thank, all our arrangers and also the helpers who donate foliage and flowers for festivals from their gardens. Thank you! If you have no previous flower-arranging experience, but would like to join in, a good way to start is to join the team which will arrange flowers in vases and pedestals at festival times. The next festival will be Harvest

time in September/October and the flower-arranging afternoon will be advertised in the weekly sheet. We promise you a warm welcome!

Diana Healey, Jane Cockerham & Ann Hall

Discipleship

In the last year we have offered two courses for the whole benefice which have taken place in small groups in people's homes; "Saints Alive!" and the "SHAPE" course. Both courses were suitable for people at any stage in their Christian journey from those just exploring Christianity to those who have been Christians for decades. These have been lead by Rev Alison and Andy Handcock, Sally Howells, Bridget Jones, Rev Richard and Jane Caddell, and Rev Paul and Tracy Fillery. Over 30 people took part in each of the courses with most people coming from All Saints Church, though it was good to see more people from St Martins and Holy Trinity in the second course.

In both courses the sessions consisted of teaching, reflection, and discussion often with laughter mixed in. There was also material to reflect on in between sessions.

"Saints Alive!" is a nurture course designed to:

help people come to faith and become active Christians in the church and the world

help people explore what it means to live the Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit

offer participants the opportunity to respond to Christ and experience God's power at work in their own lives

The course consisted of nine sessions:

Session 1 looked at the being of God our Father and our need for a relationship with him

Sessions 2 & 3 looked at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Sessions 4 & 5 looked at the person and work of the Holy Spirit

Session 6 gave participants an opportunity to respond to what they had learned and

experienced of God so far. This took place with all groups together in church and incorporated time for teaching, worship and the ministry of prayer for anyone who wished it

Sessions 7 to 9 looked at the life of the Christian disciple and commitment to the local church.

The SHAPE course ran for five sessions and was made up from material from a course run by the Bristol Diocese with additional material from a course by the Carlisle Diocese. While overall this course was also well received, its composite nature made the material more difficult to follow. "SHAPE" stands for:

- Spiritual Gifts – those unique gifts which God gives us to help build up the body of Christ and minister to the world
- Heart's desire – this is what motivates and excites us
- Abilities – our strengths, knowledge, and skills
- Personality – our character, style, preferences and personal qualities
- Experiences – our life experiences, both good and bad, which have moulded us into who we are

Week 1 looked at what it means to be a disciple and the spiritual disciplines which help a disciple live a balanced life

Week 2 helped us examine our SHAPE and reflect on how that influences the how and where we might serve.

Weeks 3 & 4 took a deeper look at the gifts of the Holy Spirit and included a personal questionnaire to help us identify which spiritual gifts we might have

Week 5 sought to bring all this together and help us to see where we might serve and how the church might identify and encourage the use of the spiritual gifts in its ministry.

Rev Richard Caddell

Fairtrade

All Saints is registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade church. This means that we have promised: 1) to use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which we have responsibility; 2) to move forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits and fruit); 3) to promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible. Our thanks go to Carol for ensuring that our refreshment supplies include fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar!

Fairtrade Fortnight in February was promoted in church but we have not been able to put on any events. If you would be interested in helping to form a team to promote Fairtrade, perhaps once or twice a year, please speak to Jane.

Please continue to buy Fairtrade items, wherever they are available, rather than a cheaper alternative. By doing so, you will be giving a hand-

up to the poorest, weakest producers and making a real difference to their lives.

Jane Cockerham

The Lord's Larder

Support for the Lord's Larder at The Gateway continues, with regular deliveries of donations taken down to them. Special collections of items have been made at Easter and Christmas time, all much appreciated by the Charity, as in these challenging times, need gets greater than ever, both in Martock and local areas. We have received personal thanks only recently from the Chairman of the Charity. As well as food donations, £1000 has been donated to the Lord's Larder during the year, this being the rental received from Clark's Field and with agreement by the PCC.

Grace Dunton and Andrew & Ellen Howard

Martock Educational Foundation

(Trustees Rev Paul Fillery, Marian Singleton, Sally Howells, Kathy Maple)

This is a charity set up in 1888 to initially 'provide houses for the teachers of Martock School or in or towards the maintenance of the school as long as it is maintained by voluntary subscriptions and is used for CofE religious education and for Sunday School prizes, or, if there is no Sunday School, to be applied for instruction and encouragement in religious knowledge'.

Updates for 2022 -

- Rev. Paul Fillery was appointed as the 4th trustee.
- The financial situation was finally resolved.
- With the help of Arcadia, solicitors, who have expertise in trusts, we finally have an HMRC exemption number.
- The Charity Commission are not involved as our income is less than £5000 per annum.
- We are now able to access dividends from investments that were frozen.
- Church house investments have reported on the turbulent year in the markets.
- Thanks have been sent to the solicitors, for their invaluable help.
- Accounts are sent to the accountants annually.
- 2022 expenditure: a new school fence, 2 new interactive whiteboard, legal fees and Baptismal bibles.

- Our only trustee on the School governing body is Sally Howells. We still have space for another trustee, ideally a school governor.
- Discussions are in progress as to how we can support All Saints with educational resources.
- The Martock School Honours boards are still in my shed!

Marian Singleton, Chair

Martock Primary School church team

We were delighted to be able to return to presenting our assemblies in person in 2022. Our team planned and presented 8 assemblies this year. Once a term our ecumenical worship planning meetings take place over zoom. We work closely with our colleagues from Martock Christian Fellowship and the United Reform Church and school. We now use a resource called 'Roots and Shoots' and our themes tie in closely with the school values. This year our themes have included creativity/imagination, fairness/justice, cooperation, facing new challenges/courage, all using stories from the Bible to illustrate. Each assembly takes about 15 minutes to deliver.

We were delighted that the end of term services were able to be in church again. We continue to be amazed at the way in which the services are planned and delivered by the staff and children.

We will continue working as a team to resource assemblies, services in church and school visits to maintain our link with Martock Primary School.

Bridget Jones

Martock School Governors

This has been another very successful year for Martock School. The pre-school is going from strength to strength and often oversubscribed. We have also replaced the fence around the school to improve safeguarding. Children in the school have been well supported by the local community for various events. These have included Paull's, the Charity Shop and individuals to provide play resources. The local parish council has yet again supported our September run. We have also had a number of volunteers in school to help with reading and run assemblies.

We welcomed two new teachers in September who have become a great addition to the team. We would like to praise the outstanding efforts of all staff at the school for their work with the children in both academic and social aspects of the school.

We have managed to recruit a number of new Foundation Governors in the last year but there are still a few vacancies. Please consider this

rewarding role, especially if you care about children and education, are interested in promoting the Christian character and ethos of the school and like a challenge!

Andrew Jackson

(Chair of Governors)

Mothers' Union (Martock & Ash)

We started the year with communion, which was taken by Mrs Bridget Jones and was followed by the AGM. February was the Wave of Prayer. Each month we had speakers and we went to Kingsbury for afternoon tea and afterwards they came to us.

Sadly we lost Mrs May Moore. We have Mrs Vera Botting comin to us and 3 from Somerton, when they can.

In December we had the Handbell Ringers and a Christmas Tea.

April-September we meet in All Saints' Church. October-March we meet in the MCF. 1st Tuesday in the month at 2pm. All most welcome.

Martin Bailey, Branch Secretary

Reports by Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council

PCC Members and Trustees

Who have served from January to December 2022 are:

Incumbent	Revd Paul Fillery (Chair)	licenced 27
April 2021		
Readers	Bridget Jones	

Warden 1	Grace Dunton	elected September 2019
Warden 2	<i>vacant</i>	
Deputy Wardens	<i>vacant</i>	
Vice Chair	Ivan Childs	elected April 2021

Deanery Synod Rep	Grace Dunton
Deanery Synod Rep	Sally Howells
Deanery Synod Rep	<i>vacant</i>
Diocesan Synod Rep	Michael Cockerham

Treasurer	Ellen Howard	from July 2019
Secretary	Sally Howells	from August 2019
Elected Members October 2020	Carol Ansell	elected
	Timothy Booth	elected May 2022
	Martin Bradbrooke	elected October 2020
	Michael Cockerham	elected April 2019
	Wendy Edwards	elected April 2021
	Andrew Howard	elected October 2020
	Sally Howells	elected April 2018
	Geoff Lucas	elected April 2021
	Steve Salisbury	elected May 2022

Parish Safeguarding Carol Ansell

Administrative Information

The church is the second largest parish church in Somerset dating from 13th century, although there has been a church on the site since Anglo-Saxon times. It was enlarged and re-roofed in 15th and 16th centuries. Of special note is the superb angel roof completed in 1513, the 17th century clerestory paintings of the 12 apostles and a magnificent organ.

The church is situated on Church Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JL, and is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The Benefice Office is housed in the vicarage and the correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Vicarage, 10 Water Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JN.

email: benefice.martock@gmail.com

webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008

Benefice Relationships

Our Benefice, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (Wells Archdeaconry) was formed in April 2014 when Kingsbury Episcopi joined the existing benefice of Martock with Ash. Martock, seven miles west of Yeovil, lies on the edge of the Somerset Levels; Ash is a mile distant from Martock and Kingsbury Episcopi three miles away.

There are three churches to serve the three parishes. A strong sense of identity and community exists in each, but 'Benefice belonging' has been well established.

The Benefice Ministry Team is led by the Vicar of the Benefice. In 2022, this also consisted of one retired clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO), one Lay Readers (PTO) and five Lay Worship Leaders, all of whom function across the Benefice.

Churchwarden

During 2022 all the usual servicing/maintenance was carried out on the gas boiler, alarm system, electricity (PAT) and clock.

Early in the year water was pouring into the vestry when it rained. It was necessary to have leading work done on the roof. We are very grateful to The Guardians who paid the bill.

There were problems with the new clock which was not keeping good time. We had a regulator fitted in November. I was told that the clock would always keep good time from now on and would automatically change time in Spring and Autumn. There was a certain amount of the donated money left which paid for a large part of the work.

Grace Dunton

Deanery Synod

We are part of the Ivelchester Deanery, led by our Area Dean, Revd Bruce Faulkner, which serves to support Mission and Ministry across its parishes. Three meetings took place this year with an emphasis on meeting the challenges of both mission and ministry for the coming decade. The present financial situation means that there is a need to reduce Diocesan clergy numbers in Bath and Wells from 178 to 150 by 2026. This will have a huge impact on how ordained stipendiary leadership is organised and deployed *but* it is important to be looking ahead positively. The Deanery Mission Planning Group (DMPG) have spent a lot of time looking to have each benefice as close to one whole stipend as possible and proposals have looked at the strengths of all the options to create a vision of what our churches and communities will look like in the future. The Clergy have been consulted about any changes and Deanery Synod will be presented with possible recommendations before the proposals go any further. We will know the outcomes of these proposals in 2023.

Churches continue to work towards a net carbon zero policy by 2030.

Safeguarding – since Jan 2022 it has become mandatory for all members of PCC to complete the first two levels of safeguarding. However, until it is in the Church Representative Rules PCCs should vote to make it mandatory to have these levels if they feel it is necessary.

Our Deanery representatives are Grace Dunton and Sally Howells. Michael Cockerham was elected to the Diocesan Synod in July 2021.

Sally Howells

Electoral Roll

Over the course of the last year we have lost several valued and loved friends among our congregation and the number on the Electoral Roll currently stands at 114.

Annie Swain

Planned Giving

Planned giving is well supported at All Saints' church, with most people finding Bankers standing orders the most convenient method to use. Gift Aid claims, including under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, have been submitted quarterly to HMRC during 2022 by the Gift Aid Secretary. If you are a Gift Aid Donor to All Saints' but no longer pay tax, please contact Jane Cockerham on 824233 to discuss.

If you are a new donor to All Saints', we invite you to join our Planned Giving scheme by completing a Planned Giving form from the back of church and if you are eligible, please consider signing the Gift Aid section, which will allow All Saints' to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, thereby increasing your gift by 25%, or put your donation in a yellow envelope with your details. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Jane.

Jane Cockerham

Safeguarding

TRAINING - I attended a Parish Safeguarding Officer induction course in January. I also attend the PSO forums which run via zoom each quarter. It is a good time to network with other PSO's across the diocese.

The Church of England would like as many people within their church community to complete the basic safeguarding course, this can be done online but there are people who find this tricky so I have put together a booklet and can deliver this course face to face in small groups. I delivered one in September and another in November.

TIDDLERS - Hannah and all the volunteers for Tiddlers have been safely recruited and if necessary had the correct DBS check.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES submitted to the PCC in March

- All Saints safeguarding policy
- Procedures to be followed for reporting abuse
- Domestic Abuse Statement
- Procedure to follow if an ex-offender seeks employment or wishes to volunteer within our church community

These were agreed upon by all members of the PCC. The safeguarding policy and domestic abuse statement can be found on the safeguarding notice board at the back of the church.

I also produced a policy on the taking of photographs within a church setting to particularly enable photographs to be taken at Tiddlers (with parents' permission).

PARISH DASHBOARD This is a tool that can be used to make sure that all the necessary safeguarding work is up to date. It is done on a traffic light system, with red for urgent and green for completed. I am happy to say that we have moved up to level 3 and we have no red lights, only 2 amber, all the rest are green. It also generates an action plan which I can submit to the PCC so they can see all that is up to date.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY A special service around safeguarding was held at All Saints at the beginning of November. For me it was an opportunity to inform the church members the importance of safeguarding and what a parish safeguarding officer does. I know many find it a difficult subject but I hope that the service was conducted in a sensitive way and answered questions that people may have had.

Carol Ansell

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council's members/trustees are elected for 3 years at the APCM following the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll which is renewed annually. The PCC activities and responsibilities are supported by the Benefice Ministry Team and other members of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general

concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met 6 times during 2022. The PCC is Registered Charity number 1160333.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis. The total receipts on the unrestricted funds were £74,831, with £2,653 for restricted funds during 2022. The total amounted to £77,484, which was made up of an increase of £8,088 in general funds and a decrease of £11,988 in restricted funds during 2022.

Total Expenditure amounted to £64,781, a decrease of £15,806 on 2021. Our total reserves for yearend were £63,367, an increase of £12,704 on 2021. Planned giving decreased by £3,708 on 2021.

The contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund was £33,858, a decrease of £5,947 on 2021. Our Parish Share was paid on time and in full again this year.

If anyone, who puts cash in the collection plate, or uses the envelope system, would like to change to paying by Standing Order, please do get in touch with Jane Cockerham. It doesn't mean that you pay any extra by doing it this way, or that the Church can alter the amount at will. It is entirely under your control. It just makes it easier and quicker for all of us.

Free Reserves

The free reserves of the PCC are those funds that are freely available to be spent in pursuing the charitable objectives. The Free Reserves of the PCC, at the financial year end were: -

	2022	2021
Total Reserves at 31 December	£63,367	£50,663
Less. Restricted Funds	(£9,882)	(£11,285)
<u>Free Reserves</u>	<u>£53,485</u>	<u>£39,378</u>

Balances of Accounts in the bank, and in hand, as at 31 December 2022 were:

Lloyds Bank	£52,974	Actual	£53,012
CCF Deposit Account	£10,000		£10,000
TOTAL	£62,974	Actual	£63,012

Reserve Policy

Under Charity Commission rules, we are required to have a policy regarding the amount of funds we hold in our accounts at any one time. It is suggested that this should be sufficient to cover 3-6 months of operation. At a full meeting of All Saints' Martock PCC, on 7th November 2016, it was resolved to set the PCC's Financial Reserve at £10,000.

REGULAR GIVING

The Gift Aid has been claimed quarterly this year.

We have received a total of £9,387 this year, compared with £8,849 in 2021,

If you give on a regular basis, and pay enough tax to cover the gift and have not already signed a Gift Aid Form please do so, or put the money in a Yellow Gift Aid envelope, and complete the outside. More and more people are unable to Gift Aid their donations, as they do not pay enough tax to cover them. If you no longer pay tax and have signed a Gift Aid Form please let Jane Cockerham know.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of All Saints Church, Martock, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2022

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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 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 remote 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 you, as trustees, concerning 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 matter has 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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations 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.

P.J. Taylor ACMA, CGMA
Oak House
16, Lower Turners Barn Lane,
Yeovil BA20 2JH

Signed


Dated

13 March 2023

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
	DEBTORS					
	Income tax recoverable				0	0
	Other debtors				0	0
	Prepayments				0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
	DEBTORS: DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR					
	Other debtors					0
	Prepayments			393	393	633
				393	393	633
	CREDITORS: DUE IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR					
	Accruals					26
			0		0	26

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	FUNDS					
5		Balance				Balance
		b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	c/fwd
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds					
5a	General Fund	39,377	74,831	-60,724		53,485
5b	Total unrestricted funds	39,377	74,831	-60,724	0	53,485
6	Restricted funds					
6a	Children's Work	4,361	1,272	-1,814		3,819
6c	Tower Fund	425	10	-211		224
6d	Flower Fund	229	150	-50		329
6g	Kitchen Refurbishment	2,514	463	-50		2,927
6i	Co-Op Donations	2,283	0	-304		1,979
	Clarkes Field rent	0	1,000	-1,000		0
	Sound System replacement	0				0
6j	Clock repair	1,475	0	-1,628		-153
	New Hymn Books	0	758	0		758
	Total restricted funds	11,286	3,653	-5,057	0	9,882
	Total Funds	50,663	78,484	-65,781	0	63,367

5a	The general fund includes a designated fund of £20,370 for Improvements to All Saints'					
6a	Children's Work - Part of the congregation's pledged giving is specifically for the Children's Work expenditure, as well as Tiddlers Coffee Money & Gift Aid					
6c	Tower Fund- Funds were donated for the upkeep of the bells, dock and the bell tower.					
6d	Flower Fund - funds gifted for use by the flower arrangers (originally an Annuity which was cashed in in 2014)					
6g	Donations given to refurbish the Kitchen used for Lunches, Teas, Coffees & Funeral Refreshments					18
6i	Funds received from the Co-Op for The Children's Work with 'Tiddlers'					
6j	Clock repairs undertaken to fix timekeeping VAT still to be reclaimed					

Priest's report for APCM 2023

Introduction

We have many things to thank God for as I reflect back on this past year. In a world that is experiencing considerable turmoil, we can be grateful for the many blessings we have experienced as a church family. We have seen some gentle growth in church numbers and the moving forward of several projects which I will mention in this report. Inevitably it is a risky business naming individuals in order to thank them, as one never knows where or when to stop - but that is a risk I must take - so apologies in advance to anyone who misses a mention - know it was not intentional!

At the outset I must thank our wonderful Churchwarden Grace Dunton who has served us again for another year, despite many pressures upon her time and energies. We are so grateful to you Grace and we desperately need a willing volunteer to step into this vital role.

My thanks too to our multi-talented Administrator Lydia Kemp who has grasped the complexities of her role with lightening-speed and does so much more than you could ever imagine with such good humour and kindness. Thank you Lydia!

My thanks also, as ever, to all the members of the PCC who have worked so hard throughout the year engaging with numerous challenges and making vital decisions. Special thanks to Sally Howells our indefatigable PCC Secretary for her constant hard work. Mention must be made too of Carole Ansell our dedicated Safeguarding Officer who has brought such enthusiasm and efficiency to her role. Her efforts are so much appreciated and her ability to teach the basic level awareness material 'in-person' has been so much appreciated across the Benefice.

We were sad to see our excellent Treasurer Ellen Howard resign from her role and I would like to express, once again, our gratitude for all of Ellen's skill and efforts over her time as Treasurer. We are delighted to welcome Jeremy Hudson to the PCC and to the role of Treasurer and my thanks to him for being so willing to take up this post and for all his wonderful work thus far.

Worship and Discipleship

This year has seen the addition of The Well - a new worship venture on two Sunday evenings in the month. I am very grateful to the team who lead and prepare it namely - Lydia Kemp and Andy Handcock assisted by

Rev Alison and Steve Kemp. These times of contemporary worship and prayer have been much appreciated by many in the church family and by the visitors who have joined us on these occasions. The goal in providing such an offering is to offer as wide a range of worship opportunities as possible at All Saints'. We now have our regular BCP Holy Communion; our 9.30 Common Worship Holy Communion and Morning Prayer; our reflective service Still Waters and now The Well a contemporary worship time; something we hope for everyone to be able to find a context in which to worship and encounter God.

My thanks too to all involved in leading our worship on Sundays at All Saints': Rev Richard, Rev Alison, Bridget, Sally, Grace, Dickon and to all our readers, intercessors, sides-people and welcomers - not forgetting all who make tea and coffee after our services - thank you all.

We have renewed and revamped our hymn books at All Saints' and my thanks to all who donated so generously to that cause. The labels for dedicated hymn books are being done by dear Annie (many thanks to her!) and will be placed at the back for you to see when completed. My thanks to Steve Salisbury for his input and guidance throughout the year in all matters concerning our worship and ongoing ministry of music.

At the end of last year we put on the Saints Alive! course which was attended by 37 people meeting in homes across the Parish. My thanks to all the leaders of the groups Rev Richard, Rev Alison, Bridget and Sally and to all those who hosted groups in their homes over a 9-week period. It was a great success and many encountered God in a fresh and immediate way. We have followed that on with the recent SHAPE course looking at our gifts and how we might use them for God's glory. A special thank you to Rev Richard Caddell and Jane for heading-up the organising of our courses and home-groups.

Finances

Our finances are in reasonable shape but we are slightly cushioned by the fact that we are on a 'fixed rate' gas contract at present which will come to an end in June. Had we been paying current market prices for our gas use this winter we would be in serious difficulties. My thanks to all who give regularly, generously and sacrificially we are so very grateful. I will address our financial needs at a special Stewardship Sunday later in the year but would urge any who haven't signed up to regular Gift-Aided giving to speak to Jane Cockerham or Jeremy Hudson about doing so. My special thanks to Jane for all her hard work on our Gift-Aid donations and for her other significant efforts in many areas of our church life!

All Saints' Church building

This year has seen the moving forward of the new provision of a radiant heater for the Lady Chapel replacing the ancient and inefficient ones currently in use. It has been something of a marathon getting this through the DAC even with the backing of Archdeacon Anne! However, we are now there and it is currently being made and will be fitted in the next month or two. The 'halo' heater is the latest innovation by Herschell and we will be the first church in the Diocese to fit one.

My thanks to the Guardians for their generous support of this project and for their ongoing efforts in fund-raising for the conservation and improvement to the fabric of our wonderful church building. We are so grateful to all who put on the concerts and expend time and energy in planning and executing an ongoing programme of fund-raising events. I must also mention the ongoing efforts of Sally Howells who continues, along with Bridget and others, to run our church stall at the Farmer's Market - this has provided many hundreds of pounds over the years that it has been in operation and we so grateful to Sally and her team for keeping this going.

We now turn our attention to re-fitting the kitchen and creating a central island from which to serve refreshments and our Easter Egg fund-raiser is a start towards our target sum of £6,500.00. This project does not have the backing of the Guardians as it stands outside of their prescribed remit and so we will need to raise all the money ourselves in the days to come.

We still need to pursue the wider issue of how we heat our church building in the future. The halo heater will provide some very useful 'lived experience' for us and we continue to reflect upon that option for the whole church. Gas prices are increasingly prohibitive and environmentally our use of gas cannot be reconciled with the Church of England's zero-carbon objectives.

Many of you will have noticed how tidy and well-ordered our large book library has become! My thanks to Chrissy, Carole and Dickon for their considerable efforts in sorting through and organising a vast number of books and bringing some much-needed order. I must add that this project had the full support and blessing of Anne Chater who looked after the library with Jimmy for many years.

Tiddlers

I am delighted that Tiddlers has continued despite the absence of Hannah our toddler-group leader who is on maternity leave. My thanks to Sally, Pauline and Carole and the rest of the team who have kept this vital link with local families going. We have a dedicated group of 'regulars' who really enjoy the company and care that Tiddlers provides. A special thank you to the gentlemen who come faithfully each week early in the day to set-up for the morning session.

Martock Primary School

I am so glad that we have a meaningful and ongoing relationship with our local church school. I meet regularly with Sarah Lafferty-Jenkins the Head Teacher and the school have attended church for services on various occasions in the year as well as having a specific session of being shown around the church by me and Sally. We did a mock baptism and talked up at the altar about Holy Communion. In addition Sally, Bridget and myself take school assemblies throughout the year. My thanks to them both for keeping these vital interactions with our school alive and well!

Bell-ringers

Since arriving here I have been saddened by the fact that we have had no bells ringing here at All Saints'. In my conversations with Fiona Cozens I suggested we put on a Bell-Ringing Open Day for people to come and see the bells in action and maybe drum-up some interest. We put on the day on Jan14th and about 25 people plus one or two children turned up and filled the bell ringing chamber! It was a fantastic time. Out of that we now have a team of dedicated trainee bell-ringers which is absolutely wonderful. My thanks to David Hammond for coming over to train them and to the other bell-towers in the Benefice who are also supporting our training programme. We hope to be able to 'Ring for the King' in May! Well done to Fiona and all the new team for working so hard and moving forward together so well.

Final thanks

There are so many tasks that make life so much better for so many and yet can be overlooked when it comes to saying a simple 'thank you'. Our church is opened and closed every day by someone and that simple yet vital task is organised each week by Richard Brisset who also programmes the boiler so that heat appears at the right time for all of us! My thanks to Richard and all the team that open and close the church daily. My thanks too to Carole Ansell and her team of ladies and gentlemen who clean our church every couple of weeks, and to Clive Pembury our resident handy-man who has been doing numerous unseen tasks to the church fabric. And as Easter begins to fade into the recent past my final thanks go to all the flower arrangers headed-up by Jane

Cockerham and Diana Healey the church has looked beautiful throughout the year and especially at those special seasons in the church calendar.

So ends another long report (!) and my final thanks to all of you for your kindness and support to me and Tracey as we seek to serve God and all of you and the wider Parish - we couldn't do it without you all.

Blessings

Rev. Paul

**MINUTES for the
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
At All Saints' Church, Martock
on Sunday 8th May 2022, 11am
33 People were present**

Vestry Meeting - Election of Churchwarden - Grace Dunton had agreed to continue as Churchwarden. Proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Rev. Paul Fillery. Agreed unanimously. Paul thanked Grace for all she does, it is much appreciated.

1	Welcome and Opening Prayers by Rev. Paul Fillery (Chair)
2	Apologies for Absence - Carol Ansell, Tim and Linda Booth, Anne & Jimmy Chater, Ellen & Andrew Howard, Jenny Mitchell
3	AOB - none declared
4	Minutes of the last APCM held on 12 th April 2021 were proposed as an accurate record. Proposed by Ivan, seconded by Martin Bailey. All agreed.
5	Matters Arising - none
6	Revised Church Electoral Roll - Ann Swain reported that we have done rather well this year with 15 new members being enrolled during the year. The number on the Electoral Roll now stands at 123. Paul thanked Anne for all her hard work, it is appreciated.
7	Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2021. The reports had previously been audited by Mark Taylor, approved by the PCC and presented to the public before the meeting. There was no further comment or debate.

	Thanks to Ellen were noted, for her efficient and constant monitoring of our funds. Our free reserves stand at 9, ... but we should remember that the church building was not used so much during 2021, so costs have been lower. BUT costs will increase again now, and as we are dipping into our reserves, we need to be mindful of our finances as this cannot be sustained indefinitely. As such, more fundraising or a review of more giving will be necessary. Paul will do a stewardship Sunday as we move forward together. Thanks were expressed to all who give financially and in term of their gifts.
8	Independent Examiner – Paul Taylor has agreed to continue to audit our accounts as our Independent Examiner next year. Proposed by Sally Howells, seconded by Grace Dunton. All agreed. Thanks were expressed to Paul.
9	Churchwarden’s Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church. Grace commented that the Quinquennial Report had only revealed minor problems with some small essential repairs necessary. Grace also took the opportunity to thank Jim Allwood for all the jobs he has done in helping to maintain the church. She also reflected on the fact that we had welcomed Paul and Tracy to the Benefice in April, which regretfully was not mentioned in the annual report. Paul has brought us together as a team, been out in the community and delivered amusing sermons. Thank you Paul!
10	Deanery Synod Report - Zoom meetings took place for most of the year due to the pandemic but the first face-to-face meeting was able to take place in Somerton Church in October 2021. It has been acknowledged that times are changing around us and there has been particular emphasis on our responsibility to achieve ‘net-zero’ carbon by 2030, safeguarding and the ‘Living in Love and Faith’ project has been launched, which we are encouraged to engage with. Paul commented that change is afoot in the Deanery and cut backs are inevitable.
11	Presentation of nominations for election to 4 vacancies on the PCC. Tim Booth (nominated by Ann Hall, seconded by Ann Swain) and Steve Salisbury (nominated by Sally Howells, seconded by Ivan Childs) were duly elected to PCC for the next 3 years. (10 PCC members now in total, 2 vacancies remain).
12	Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any licensed Reader

	resident in the parish. The meeting agreed unanimously that Bridget Jones should be welcomed as a member of the PCC and Bridget stated that she would like to take up the position on PCC. Paul offered his personal thanks to Bridget.
13	Other items relating to the Annual Report 2021 - there was nothing to add but Jen Symonds asked about the loss of the bellringers. Theresa put out a plea for more bellringers (at least 6 are needed), 3 are available but a captain is needed since David Ledger left in the summer.
13	AOB - none
14	Vicar's report - this had been forwarded previously. Paul thanked everyone for their welcome. He commented that it has been delightful that Tiddlers has started up again. It is a great success. Martock School teachers are keen that the school develops its church distinctiveness and are keen to visit church. It has been nice to work with the other Martock Churches. Everyone on the PCC was thanked for their hard work, especially Treasurer, Ellen, Secretary, Sally, Safeguarding Officer, Carol and support from Ivan. Thanks were also offered to Richard and the Benefice Ministry Team who help to make the services run smoothly. Paul encouraged people to speak to him if they felt they would like to take part in other aspects of church life and not to be afraid to use their gifts, 'I think God has great things to offer in the future and the need is great'.
15	Closing Prayers - the meeting ended with The Grace at 11.30am.

Vestry Meeting

Opening prayer, election of church warden

AGENDA for the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MARTOCK Sunday 16th April, 2023

1	Welcome and Opening Prayers
2	Apologies for Absence
3	AOB
4	Minutes of the last APCM held on 8 th April 2022 (see below)
5	Matters Arising
6	Revised Church Electoral Roll

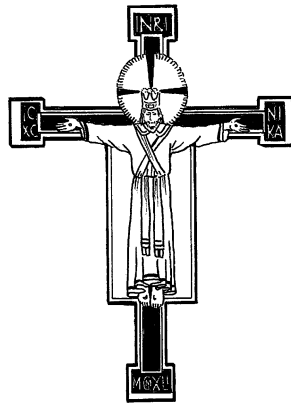
7	Financial statements of PCC for year ending 31.12.2022
8	Independent Examiner
9	Churchwarden's Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church
10	Deanery Synod Report -
11	Presentation of nominations for election to 4 vacancies on the PCC (12 in total)
12	Section M15 (1h) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 agreement to welcome any Reader in the parish
13	Other items relating to the Annual Report 2022
13	AOB
14	Vicar's report
15	Closing Prayers

Accounts

All Saints' Martock

ANNUAL REPORT 2021: **with Financial Review & Statements**

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do



Registered Charity No: 1160333

INTRODUCTION

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Whilst the Parish is in Vacancy, this work continues. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building of All Saints', Martock.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, in particular:-

- Worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Ensuring that the church building is both an accessible and welcoming environment.

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do

– a celebration of all our Church Activities over the past year

With our sister parishes of the benefice, we share FIVE Mission Objectives.

- 1) *We aspire to be a growing church, increasing in faith and number*
- 2) *We are collectively a 'both... and' church, offering the comfort of traditional worship and seeking God's will for 'fresh expressions' in the community*
- 3) *We show the love of Christ as individuals by word and action*
- 4) *We offer our church building as a place of hospitality and welcome*
- 5) *We strive to meet our financial obligations towards the mission of the church locally, across the diocese and worldwide*

All Saints' Singers / MUSIC

Due to current circumstances, we have not been able to get together for any festivals.

Steve Salisbury, Director of Music

Bell Ringers

Our Tower Captain, David Ledger, moved away in the summer and due to a reduced number of available ringers, the team sadly disbanded at the end of July after their last ring. Our thanks go out to David and all the ringers for their dedicated service for many years, people have missed hearing the bells, particularly on Sunday mornings. It would be good to get a team up and running again - anyone aged 9 to 90 can learn to ring, so please consider volunteering!

Children & Young Families

Our children's work was put on hold for most of the year due to ongoing Covid regulations. We were, however, able to hold a toddler group gathering in December, and it was lovely to welcome back some of the *Tiddlers* families after such a long absence. Unfortunately, the Christingle service was cancelled due to ongoing concerns. In the Autumn, we once again advertised for a Toddler Group Leader, and with support from Cheryl Govier from the Diocesan 'Go Team', we thankfully appointed Hannah Page to fill the role from January 2022. We look forward to having regular *Tiddlers* sessions again and moving forward with our work with children and families in the community.

Bridget Jones & Sally Howells

Church Flowers

Happily, we were able to return to a rota for decorating All Saints with arrangement of fresh flowers during 2021, but our whole church family was so sad to lose Mary so suddenly at Christmas time. As members of her flower-arranging team, we are aiming to continue the rota and invite anyone with a love of flowers or an appreciation of the church looking beautiful with flowers to join the rota. If you have no previous flower-arranging experience, a good way to start is to join the team which will arrange flowers in vases and pedestals at festival times. We promise you a warm welcome!

Ann Hall, Diana Healey, Jane Cockerham

Discipleship

We were unable to resume our house groups during 2021 because of Covid restrictions. Ellen and Andrew Howard once again gave us the opportunity to join in Lent Reflections each week at 10:00 am on the telephone. This was well supported and included people from outside our Benefice.

Bridget Jones

Fairtrade

All Saints is registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade church. This means that we have promised: 1) to use Fairtrade tea and coffee after services and for all meetings for which we have responsibility; 2) to move forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits and fruit); 3) to promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible. Our thanks go to Carol for ensuring that our refreshment supplies include fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar!

Unfortunately, the Fairtrade shop Just Things, in Ilminster, has closed and therefore we currently have no supplier to be able to stock a regular stall at church. If you know of a new supplier that we could use, please get in touch.



Please continue to buy Fairtrade items, wherever they are available, rather than a cheaper alternative. By doing so, you will be giving a hand-up to the poorest, weakest producers and making a real difference to their lives.

Michael and Jane Cockerham

The Lord's Larder

With grateful thanks to everyone who has supported the work of the Lord's Larder during 2021, with a wonderful 416 bags of much needed items being collected, even when we were not able to have the church building open in early 2021. Financial support has also been received by them via All Saints' during the year. Collections and deliveries will continue in 2022.

Andrew and Ellen Howard

Martock Educational Foundation

(Trustees Marian Singleton, Sally Howells, Kathy Maple)

This is a charity set up in 1888 to initially 'provide houses for the teachers of Martock School or in or towards the maintenance of the school as long as it is maintained by voluntary subscriptions and is used for CofE religious education and for Sunday School prizes, or, if there is no Sunday School, to be applied for instruction and encouragement in religious knowledge'.

2021 has been a busy year of administration for MEF. Kathy Maple, a foundation school governor, was appointed as a Trustee.

As no accounts had been sent to HMRC or the Charity Commission for some years we still found ourselves at a stalemate in the financial management of the charity. Church House Investments (CHI), Sherborne, administer most of the investments and we now meet their adviser annually. As we had made no progress with HMRC we agreed to appoint Arcadia,

solicitors, who have expertise in charities and trusts to sort out our affairs. This resulted in a new bank account on the name of MEF, as the old bank account had been changed to Martock School Governors in 1992, which is no longer acceptable. This has enabled us to align the investments held outside CHI but work is still ongoing in this area. The accounts are now being audited.

Monies were paid out to the Diocese (as governors 10% of expenditure) for air conditioning in two rooms in the school. This was for a child with specific needs but the whole school are benefiting. Monies were also used for legal fees.

The Martock School Honours Boards have been “rediscovered” in a shed. These relate to the fallen of the Great War and also a list of scholarships offered for grammar school pre-1947. Interestingly, there is only one girl on the list. They need repair and the BBC Repair Shop was approached with the back story, but we have heard nothing. They are now in my shed! The school have expressed an interest in hanging them, but they are large and heavy. If anyone knows where we could get them restored or wants to look at them, please let me know!

Marian Singleton, trustee

Martock Primary School church team

The pandemic continued to impact on our input into Martock Primary School in 2021. School visits were difficult, Sally Howells and I presented approximately 8 assemblies on Zoom as a result.

Each term our ecumenical worship planning meetings took place over zoom.

We were of course delighted to welcome Paul as our team leader in June. Only one in person assembly was possible due to the continuing incidence of Covid infections so we continued to present most of our assemblies on Zoom. Plans made for school harvest and for school remembrance in church in person were sadly also changed because of Covid.

We were able to welcome YR into church and were delighted with their artwork about the Lost Sheep. We were also able to have the Y6 Leavers service in church in July.

We will continue working as a team to resource assemblies, services in church and school visits to maintain our link with Martock Primary School.

Paul, Sally and Bridget

Martock School Governors

2021 was another year dominated by Covid19 and its restrictions. The school should be commended for the set up and implementation of Google classrooms when children weren't able to attend school. It was also possible to have remote assemblies and worship via Zoom which served to maintain links with the local churches.

Every child who needed a tablet or laptop was able to have one, partly due to the generosity of the Parish Council, local charities, individual donations and because a Year 6 child amazingly won £10,000 of IT equipment in a national BT virtual competition. Covid19 catch up monies have also been prioritised to help support children where most needed and safeguarding remained a priority for vulnerable children. There have been no national tests to assess progress, but the school continued to offer as varied a curriculum as possible to ensure the children achieve.

A number of staff changes have taken place and we welcomed Catherine Harrison as our new Deputy Head in September. The wellbeing of staff was a priority, as they have been very tired, and continues to be a focus as we move on. The school also took over the running of the pre-school in September and this is thriving. Recruitment of staff has been challenging, again relating to Covid.

The Governors have strived to support the Headteacher, Sarah Lafferty-Jenkins, during this challenging year but more Foundation Governors are still required. Please consider this rewarding role, especially if you are interested in promoting the Christian character and ethos of the school, care about children and education and like a challenge!

Marian Singleton (Chair of Governors)

Mothers' Union (Martock & Ash)

Our ten members kept in touch by 'phone until we were able to meet again in the summer. We met for a get together in July and August and had meetings with speakers in September, October and November. The Handbell Ringers entertained us in December, followed by a Christmas tea, which was enjoyed by all. New members are always welcome.

Mr Martin Bailey, Branch Secretary

Sacristy and Servers Team

There is very little to report once again due to continued restrictions. The team continue to be available as and when necessary to prepare for our communion services.

Sally Howells

Reports by Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council

PCC Members and Trustees

Who have served from January to December 2021 are:

Incumbent	Revd Paul Fillery (Chair)	licenced 27 April 2021
Readers	Bridget Jones	
	Denise Peacock	retired 18 July 2021
Wardens	Grace Dunton	elected September 2019
Deputy Wardens	<i>vacant</i>	
Vice Chair	Ivan Childs	elected April 2021
Deanery Synod Rep	Grace Dunton	
Deanery Synod Rep	Sally Howells	
Deanery Synod Rep	<i>vacant</i>	
Diocesan Synod Rep	Michael Cockerham	
Treasurer	Ellen Howard	from July 2019
Secretary	Sally Howells	from August 2019
Elected Members	Carol Ansell	elected October 2020
	Martin Bradbrooke	elected October 2020
	Michael Cockerham	elected April 2019
	Wendy Edwards	elected April 2021
	Andrew Howard	elected October 2020
	Sally Howells	elected April 2018
	Geoff Lucas	elected April 2021
	Sally Stewart	elected October 2020
		Resigned November 2021
Co-opted member	Steve Salisbury	co-opted April 2021
Parish Safeguarding	Carol Ansell	

Administrative Information

The church is the second largest parish church in Somerset dating from 13th century, although there has been a church on the site since Anglo-Saxon times. It was enlarged and re-roofed in 15th and 16th centuries. Of special note is the superb angel roof completed in 1513, the 17th century clerestory paintings of the 12 apostles and a magnificent organ.

The church is situated on Church Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JL, and is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The Benefice Office is housed in the vicarage and the correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Vicarage, 10 Water Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JN.

email: benefice.martock@gmail.com

webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008

Benefice Relationships

Our Benefice, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (Wells Archdeaconry) was formed in April 2014 when Kingsbury Episcopi joined the existing benefice of Martock with Ash. Martock, seven miles west of Yeovil, lies on the edge of the Somerset Levels; Ash is a mile distant from Martock and Kingsbury Episcopi three miles away.

There are three churches to serve the three parishes. A strong sense of identity and community exists in each, but 'Benefice belonging' has been well established.

The Benefice Ministry Team is led by the Vicar of the Benefice. In 2021, this also consisted of two retired clergy with Permission to Officiate (PTO), two Lay Readers (PTO) and five Lay Worship Leaders, all of whom function across the Benefice.

Churchwarden

During 2021 the Quinquennial Inspection was carried out. Several areas of work are required to be done, some urgently and others over a period of 12 months.

All servicing and maintenance of the security alarms, fire extinguishers and heating boiler were carried out.

During the year new workings for the church clock were installed. We are most grateful to all those who made donations to make this possible. We are aware that the clock is not keeping good time but work to sort that out is in hand.

During the year part of the front wall near the War Memorial was demolished. Thanks to Tom Clarke who did a wonderful job repairing the wall. This was paid for by insurance.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way during the last year. Particular mention must be made of Jim Allwood who is always willing to undertake any one of a number of various jobs that crop up from time to time and we are most grateful.

Grace Dunton

Deanery Synod

We are part of the Ivelchester Deanery, led by our Area Dean, Revd Bruce Faulkner, which serves to support Mission and Ministry across its parishes. Zoom meetings took place for most of the year due to the pandemic but the first face-to-face meeting was able to take place in Somerton Church in October 2021. It has been acknowledged that times are changing around us and there has been particular emphasis on our responsibility to achieve 'net-zero' carbon by 2030, safeguarding and the 'Living in Love and Faith' project, amongst other things.

Our Deanery representatives are Grace Dunton and Sally Howells. Michael Cockerham was elected to the Diocesan Synod in July 2021.

Electoral Roll

Following a few minor adjustments, I am pleased to say that the number on the electoral roll currently stands at one hundred and twenty three which is an increase of ten.

Ann Swain

Planned Giving

Planned giving is well supported at All Saints' church, with most people finding Bankers standing orders the most convenient method to use. Gift Aid claims, including under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, have been submitted quarterly to HMRC during 2021 by the Gift Aid Secretary. If you are a Gift Aid Donor to All Saints' but no longer pay tax, please contact Jane Cockerham on 824233 to discuss. For information, the current tax-free personal allowance is £12,570.

If you are a new donor to All Saints', we invite you to join our Planned Giving scheme by completing a Planned Giving form from the back of church and if you are eligible, please consider signing the Gift Aid section, which will allow All Saints' to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, thereby increasing your gift by 25%, or put your donation in a yellow envelope with your details. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Jane.

Jane Cockerham

Safeguarding

I put myself forward for the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer in April of 2021. By the time I had gone through the recruitment procedures and completed my initial training it was September before I became pro-active. It is a much bigger role than I anticipated but with a lot of help and support from the safeguarding team at Wells, Rev Paul and Sarah our administrator I feel I am well equipped to take on this challenge.

In 2021 I completed:

- Basic Awareness Safeguarding
- Foundation Safeguarding
- Leadership Safeguarding
- Safer Recruitment.

I am also responsible for completing DBS checks when necessary and making sure that all volunteers are safely recruited. I did this for the Pastoral Care Team in October.

My aim is for All Saints to follow the best safeguarding practice so that anyone entering our church can be welcomed into a safe and caring environment. Safeguarding is not just my responsibility, we all need to look out for one another in a loving and caring manner.

Carol Ansell

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council's members/trustees are elected for 3 years at the APCM following the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll which is renewed annually. The PCC activities and responsibilities are supported by the Benefice Ministry Team and other members of the church. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met 7 times during 2021. The PCC is Registered Charity number 1160333.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis. The total receipts on the unrestricted funds were £66,743, with £14,641 for restricted funds during 2021. The total amounted to £81,384, which was made up of a reduction of £7,105 in general funds and an increase of £8,695 in restricted funds during 2021.

Total Expenditure amounted to £80,587, an increase of £4,298 on 2020. Our total reserves for yearend were £50,663, an increase of £798 on 2020. Planned giving decreased by £3,098 on 2020.

The contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund was £39,805, a decrease of £4,423 on 2020. Our Parish Share was paid on time, and in full again this year.

If anyone, who puts cash in the collection plate, or uses the envelope system, would like to change to paying by Standing Order, please do get in touch with Jane Cockerham. It doesn't mean that you pay any extra by doing it this way, or that the Church can alter the amount at will. It is entirely under your control. It just makes it easier and quicker for all of us.

Free Reserves

The free reserves of the PCC are those funds that are freely available to be spent in pursuing the charitable objectives. The Free Reserves of the PCC, at the financial year end were: -

	2021	2020
Total Reserves at 31 December	£50,663	£49,866
Less. Restricted Funds	(£11,285)	(£8,846)
<u>Free Reserves</u>	<u>£39,378</u>	<u>£41,020</u>

Balances of Accounts in the bank, and in hand, as at 31 December 2021 were:

Lloyds Bank	£40,059	Actual	£39,649
CCF Deposit Account	£10,000		£10,000
TOTAL	£50,059	Actual	£49,649

Reserve Policy

Under Charity Commission rules, we are required to have a policy regarding the amount of funds we hold in our accounts at any one time. It is suggested that this should be sufficient to cover 3-6 months of operation. At a full meeting of All Saints' Martock PCC, on 7th November 2016, it was resolved to set the PCC's Financial Reserve at £10,000.

REGULAR GIVING

The Gift Aid has been claimed quarterly this year.

We have received a total of £8,849 this year, compared with £10,161 in 2020,

If you give on a regular basis, and pay enough tax to cover the gift and have not already signed a Gift Aid Form please do so, or put the money in a Yellow Gift Aid envelope, and complete the outside. More and more people are unable to Gift Aid their donations, as they do not pay enough tax to cover them. If you no longer pay tax and have signed a Gift Aid Form please let Jane Cockerham know.

FUND RAISING

Due to Covid-19 again this year our regular fundraising activities have been affected.

However, thanks to Sally Howells and her team fundraising has continued via the Farmers' Market and the Christmas Market. The total raised for the year amounted to a splendid £4,467. Well done Sally and everybody that supported her.

CHARITY GIVING

This year we were able to raise money for our Church charities via virtual Lent lunches and an Easter tea in a box as well as from the Harvest collection and Christmas services. During the course of the year we sent £255 to the Diocese for the Zambian link, £538.22 to Shelterbox, £538.22 to St Margaret's Hospice and £600 to the Lord's Larder. We have also continued to support the Lord's Larder by regular deliveries of food donated by the parish. The Guardians donated £3,564 this year for the deposit for the repairs to the church clock, this allowed the order to be placed and a date arranged for the repairs. We then had a public appeal which produced the funds required and allowed us to return the deposit to the Guardians.

Although our reserves in restricted funds have increased our general fund is now running a deficit of £1642 for the year 2021. In 2019, the last accounting year before the pandemic, our gas and electric bills were £3820 this year they were £1705 due to the pandemic and closures. As the church fully reopens for services and the welcome return of Tiddlers this year and the huge increase in gas and electric prices we can expect the deficit to balloon in the general fund unless we take action. We must either reduce our overheads or increase our income!

Ellen Howard
Hon Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the Trustee's of All Saints Church, Martock, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2021

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee's and the 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 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 remote 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 you, as trustees, concerning 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 matter has 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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations 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.

P.J. Taylor ACMA, CGMA
Oak House
16, Lower Turners Barn Lane,
Yeovil BA20 2JH

Signed


Dated

28 February 2022

Financial Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31 December 2021

		All Saint's Church Martock				
		Statement of Financial Activities				
		For the year ended 31 December 2021				
	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	2					
Donations & Legacies	2a	50649		14,491	65,140	67,254
Income from Investments	2b	940		0	940	377
Income from Charitable Activities	2c	15155		150	15,304	12,163
					0	
Total Income & Endowments		66743	0	14,641	81,384	79,794
					0	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				0	
					0	
					0	
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a	-406			-406	-20
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b	-67794		-12,387	-80,181	-76,269
Other Expenditure	3c				0	
					0	
Total resources expended		-68200	0	-12,387	-80,587	-76,289
					0	
Net Income(Expenditure)		-1457		2,254	798	3,505
Transfers Between Funds		-185		185	0	0
Net Movement in funds		-1642		2,439	798	3,505
Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2021		41019		8,847	49,866	46,361
Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2021		£39,377		£11,286	£50,664	49,865

All Saint's Church Martock			
Balance Sheet			
As at 31 December 2021			
		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Tangible Assets			
Investments	4	10,000	10000
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year	5	630	1054
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	5a	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		40,059	39069
Current Assets		50,689	50,123
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-26	-257
Net Current Assets (Current assets less creditors < 1 year)		50,663	49,866
Total Assets less current liabilities(fixed assets plus NCA)	6	50,663	49,866
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
Net Assets		50,663	49,866
Restricted Funds	7	11,286	8,846
General Funds (Unrestricted)	8	39,377	41,020
Reserves		50,663	49,866
4 This Is our Reserve Fund, as agreed by the PCC on 7th November 2016			
5 Clock Maintenance paid £1054 for 5 years, in Jan 2020			
7 See Notes 6 for Breakdown of Restricted Funds			
8 The General Funds includes £18,000 that has been designated for an upgrade to the south doors to keep the heat in, and moving the existing wooden doors to the outside of the porch.			
In 2021 the PCC agreed that this should be designated The West End Fund			
Approved by the PCC on	2021 and signed on its behalf by		
.....			
Revd Paul Fillery	Grace Dunton		
Vice Chair Martock PCC	Church Warden		

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All Saint's Church Martock						
Notes to the Accounts						
For the year ended 31 December 2021						
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3					
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a				0	0
Cost of Raising Funds	3a1	406			406	20
					0	
		406	0	0	406	20
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b					
Donations/Grants to charities	3b1	0			0	2,000
Mission & evangelism	3b2	-130			-130	-63
Parish Share	3b3	39,805			39,805	44,228
Clergy (Ministerial) expenses	3b4	1,017			1,017	1,069
Church Running Costs	3b5	12,713			12,713	12,921
Childrens Work Costs	3b6				0	472
Co-op fund costs					0	0
Cost of Services	3b7	3,730			3,730	2,349
Employee Costs	3b8	3,672			3,672	4,831
Expenditure on Magazine & Bookstall	3b9	728			728	699
Fees to the Diocese	3b10	4,692			4,692	3,012
Routine Repairs to Charity Centre	3b11	1,185		8,823	10,008	16,889
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	3b12	350		3,564	3,914	-12,300
Charity Management & Administration	3b13	33			33	163
		67,794	0	12,387	80,181	76,269
Total Resources Expended		68,200	0	12,387	80,587	76,289
3b3 The Parish Share was paid in full and on time again this year						
3b4 Includes incumbent's expenses, phone travel and office expenses						
3b7 We have made payments to our Organist, Mr S Salisbury, as a self employed provider who became a member of the PCC in April 2017.						
3b8 We have made payments to our Magazine Editor, Mrs C Allen, as a self-employed provider, Sarah Nicholas our Benefice Administrator and to Dickon Allen as a self employed church cleaner.						

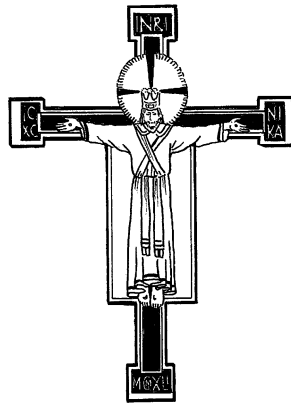
All Saint's Church Martock						
Notes to the Accounts						
For the year ended 31 December 2021						
	FUNDS					
5		Balance				Balance
		b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	c/fwd
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds					
	General Fund	41,019	66,743	-68,200	-185	39,377
5b	Total unrestricted funds	41,019	66,743	-68,200	-185	39,377
6	Restricted funds					
6a	Children's Work	3,501	860	0		4,361
6c	Tower Fund	597	39	-211		425
6d	Flower Fund	229	0	0		229
6g	Kitchen Refurbishment	2,364	150	0		2,514
6i	Co-Op Donations	2,283	0	0		2,283
	Clarkes Field rent	0	0	0		0
	Sound System replacement	-127	0	-58	185	0
	Clock repair	0	13,593	-12,118		1,475
	Total restricted funds	8,847	14,641	-12,387	185	11,286
	Total Funds	49,866	81,385	-80,587	0	50,663
6a	Children's Work - Part of the congregation's pledged giving is specifically for the Children's Work expenditure, as well as Tiddlers Coffee Money & Gift Aid					
6c	Tower Fund- Funds were donated for the upkeep of the bells, clock and the bell tower.					
6d	Flower Fund - funds gifted for use by the flower arrangers (originally an Annuity which was cashed in in 2014)					
6g	Donations given to refurbish the Kitchen used for Lunches, Teas, Coffees & Funeral Refreshments					
6i	Funds received from the Co-Op for The Childrens' Work with 'Tiddlers'					

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All Saints' Martock

ANNUAL REPORT 2020: with Financial Review & Statements

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do



Registered Charity No: 1160333

INTRODUCTION

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Whilst the Parish is in Vacancy, this work continues. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building of All Saints', Martock.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, in particular:-

- Worship and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Ensuring that the church building is both an accessible and welcoming environment.

Placing Christ at the Centre of All We Do

– a celebration of all our Church Activities over the past year

With our sister parishes of the benefice, we share FIVE Mission Objectives.

- 1) *We aspire to be a growing church, increasing in faith and number*
- 2) *We are collectively a 'both... and' church, offering the comfort of traditional worship and seeking God's will for 'fresh expressions' in the community*
- 3) *We show the love of Christ as individuals by word and action*
- 4) *We offer our church building as a place of hospitality and welcome*
- 5) *We strive to meet our financial obligations towards the mission of the church locally, across the diocese and worldwide*

All Saints' Reading Group

Members contributed £18 to All Saints' at our January 2020 meeting when we discussed 'Olive Kitteridge' by Elizabeth Strout. It was deemed wise to cancel our March meeting even though it was due to be held a few days before the official start of Lockdown. Having already decided on a further three titles for future discussion ('The Shadow of the Wind' by Zafon, 'Munich' by Robert Harris and 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' by Thomas Hardy), members reviews were collated and sent to the group as a Round Robin.

Anne Chater

All Saints' Singers / MUSIC

Due to circumstances, we have not been able to get together for any festival, although we did manage to have four members sing at the last Harvest at All saints. This was received very well.

Steve Salisbury, Director of Music

Bell Ringers

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic no ringing has taken place since March last year, apart from the tolling of a bell 100 times at the funeral of Captain Tom Moore. This was done by myself. Due to the problem of social distancing in such a confined space as the ringing room it is uncertain at this time as to when we will be able to commence ringing again. We are guided by the advice of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and it is hoped if everything goes to plan, we may start again sometime in June 2021. The autowind system on the Church Clock has continued to cause concern, but we have now approval for a new system to be installed and work on this should be commencing in 2021, subject to successful fundraising.

David Ledger : Tower Captain

Children & Young Families

A core team; Pauline Beavon, Sally Howells and Bridget Jones, provided play activities, art and craft and a small act of worship at weekly Tiddlers' sessions. The notice board and Tiddlers corner were updated and refreshed with current information. Refreshments were provided by a wonderful team made up of volunteers from our congregation and from the community. Tiddlers thrived, well loved by all those who came and well regarded in the community. The after school club, JAM, continued with Jayne Bartin, Pauline Beavon and Angela Hutchinson providing Jesus centred activities for about 12 children each week. The Pandemic meant that we could no longer meet in these ways. A certain amount of contact was maintained through the Tiddlers Facebook page but this was very limited. Our interviews for a replacement Children's Worker were also put on hold.

Bridget Jones & Sally Howells

Church Flowers

The New Year of 2020 started with the usual dried altar arrangement which was in place until Lent. With the church building closed due to Covid, dried and artificial flowers were used instead of fresh arrangements. Hopefully when restrictions ease in 2021 we will be able to arrange fresh flowers for festivals and fortnightly for the altar rota.

Mary Childs

Church Lending Library

It has not been possible for borrowers to make use of this resource during the pandemic.

Anne Chater

Discipleship

In 2020 our Lockdown contact for house groups was through a weekly 'postscript' emailed out to the groups that previously met with Bridget Jones leading. This has continued in 2021. Our Area Dean provided Advent reflections for the deanery. Ellen and Andrew Howard offered these via the telephone link on a daily basis during Advent 2020.



Daily Reflections at 10am have continued into 2021 with all the members of the Benefice Ministry Team (BMT) now contributing on a rota basis. Huge thanks go to Andrew and Ellen for initiating, leading and providing the opportunity for a daily telephone reflection and to BMT members who now assist.

Bridget Jones

Fairtrade

In his recent book, "The Rule of Benedict", former Archbishop Rowan Williams explores accountability as one facet of Benedict's axiom, and writes, "The Rule presupposes that a viable working community [referring to a monastery, but also to the wider world] does not permanently split into active and passive members. So its question..... is to do with how far our global systems have the effect for some societies of reducing instead of enhancing

full economic freedom for all their citizens..... it is hard to deny that economic powerlessness that rapidly and insensitively enforced globalisation breeds may be fertile ground for destructive behaviour, as well as for the frustration that feeds terrorism". This is effectively a challenge for the whole human race to build a 'spiritually credible' civilisation.

All Saints' has been registered with and has supported Fairtrade for many years under the able management of Maureen, so it was a well-managed and healthy takeover for us when she retired from the role. We intended to continue re-stocking from the shop in Ilminster according to what were proving to be best-sellers, as well as choosing some handy new items. Then came the March lockdown and church closed and the Ilminster outlet adjusted to Covid rules. However, we can ALL still obtain a range of staple items (tea, coffee, sugar, flowers, cocoa, bananas, even wine) and Fairtrade goods at any branch of the Co-Op or other supermarket where we shop, and we want to urge you to do all you can to choose them rather than a cheaper alternative. The difference YOUR purchase makes to the Fairtrade grower/maker today is as important as never before. In due course, we hope to be operating a refreshed Fairtrade stall at All Saints' - see you then! In the meantime, please check out (pun intended) Fairtrade items in our wonderful Co-Op!

Michael and Jane Cockerham

The Lord's Larder

The Lord's Larder has for several years been the designated food bank supported by All Saints, with trips taking donations to them being undertaken by a rota of volunteers from the congregation. When the first lockdown in March 2020 started, in an effort to keep contributions going, as need was increasing in difficult times, a door step collection point was offered and weekly trips continued. During 2020 4,369 items were collected and delivered down to them. The Lord's Larder send many thanks for everyone's support and say that during 2020 including All Saints support, a total of 8,200 people including of course many in the Benefice were helped with 3,351 food parcels.

Ellen & Andrew Howard

Martock Pre-School

The monthly visits for the purpose of storytelling continued. A group of children and staff walked round to attend the monthly 'Stories and Rhymes' sessions in the local library, until the Pandemic stopped these contacts. Thanks to Pauline Beavon for her support with the library sessions.

Bridget Jones

Martock Primary School Chaplaincy

The ecumenical worship team from Martock Christian Fellowship, All Saints' and the United Reformed Church met via zoom to decide how we could continue to input into assemblies each term. There was a gap while we sorted this out; Zoom or pre-recorded video was then

arranged on a rota. Sally Howells joined the team. Our new Head teacher, Mrs Sarah Rafferty-Jenkins has been very supportive. We were able to assist with some materials for the Christingle event held at school, on the field! Sadly, we were unable to have our usual Christingle service on Christmas Eve in Church. The school held their harvest assembly and donated tinned food etc for the Lord's Larder in Yeovil. We were grateful that Ellen and Andrew Howard collected and dropped off the carrier bags to the Lord's Larder for us. Both schools united for a Zoom version of the usual carol service and the wonderful telling of the Christmas story by the children. We waved goodbye to Mr Fraser Wallace, Deputy Head before he moved on to a Headship.

It is simply not the same when it is not possible to visit school, but Sally and Bridget maintained contact as best they could.

Bridget Jones & Sally Howells

Mothers' Union

January started with our AGM. We had 10 members. Communion was given by Mrs Bridget Jones. In February, we had our 'Wave of Prayer' Service. We took a lot of knitting to Wells. Our Speaker for our meeting in March was Mrs Jeanie Masters talking about her walk on Machu Picchu. We all gave to the Womens Refuge at Easter. We went into lockdown in mid-March and no more meetings were held in the year. We kept in touch with all our members, seeing they were all OK. In September we did a Christmas Order. We were able to pick it up from Wells and deliver to our members. In December we gave to Womens Refuge and the Christmas Appeal. Keep Safe and God Bless!

Mrs Brenda Bailey, branch leader

Poetry Writing Group

We managed to have our usual 4 'meetings' although two of them had to be an exchange of our work by email. On 27th February, we looked at Ted Hughes' poem 'Hands' and wrote one with the same title. On 3rd June, the subject was 'Abnormal Life' – email only. On 2nd Sept, we managed a face to face (suitably distanced) meeting on 'Coming Out of Lockdown' - which was a bit previous, as by 27th November we emailed again 'Subject to Change' :

Getting through this torrid time
Is helped by putting it in rhyme,
Come and join our writing crew
We'd welcome you, your poems too!

Ann Hall

Sacristy and Servers Team

We have had very little need for preparing for services this year due to the obvious restrictions. However, the team are always willing to help when needed and we look forward to being active once more in the year ahead.

Sally Howells

Reports by Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council

PCC Members and Trustees

Who have served from January to December 2020 are:

Incumbent	<i>in Vacancy</i>	<i>since June 2018</i>
Readers	Bridget Jones Denise Peacock	
Wardens	Rosemary Marshall Grace Dunton	(died August 2020) elected September 2019
Deputy Wardens	<i>vacant</i>	
Deanery Synod Rep	Grace Dunton	
Deanery Synod Rep	Sally Howells	
Deanery Synod Rep	<i>vacant</i>	
Treasurer	Ellen Howard	from July 2019
Secretary	Sally Howells	from August 2019
Elected Members	Chrissy Allen Carol Ansell Martin Bradbrooke Ivan Childs Michael Cockerham Andrew Howard Sally Howells Steve Salisbury Sally Stewart Tim Wootton	retired October 2020 elected October 2020 elected October 2020 (Vice Chair) elected April 2019 elected October 2020 elected April 2018 elected April 2017 elected October 2020 resigned January 2020
Parish Safeguarding	Steve Salisbury	

Administrative Information

The church is the second largest parish church in Somerset dating from 13th century, although there has been a church on the site since Anglo-Saxon times. There is a dedicated team of bell ringers. It was enlarged and re-roofed in 15th and 16th centuries. Of special note is the superb angel roof completed in 1513, the 17th century clerestory paintings of the 12 apostles and a magnificent organ. The church was opened each day attracting many visitors until the pandemic restrictions began in March.

The church is situated on Church Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JL, and is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The Benefice Office and correspondence address is Benefice Office, The Vicarage, 10 Water Street, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JN.

email: benefice.martock@gmail.com

webpage: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11008

Benefice Relationships

Our Benefice, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells (Wells Archdeaconry) was formed in April 2014 when Kingsbury Episcopi joined the existing benefice of Martock with Ash. Martock seven miles west of Yeovil, lies on the edge of the Somerset Levels; Ash is a mile distant from Martock and Kingsbury Episcopi three miles away.

There are three churches to serve the three parishes. A strong sense of identity and community exists in each, but 'Benefice belonging' has been well established. However during the Vacancy, the individual PCCs have not met together in 2020 as a Tri-PCC.

Benefice Ministry Team

When not in a Vacancy, the Benefice Ministry Team is led by the Vicar of the Benefice. In 2020, two Lay Readers with Permission to Officiate, one Lay Leader in training for ordination and four Lay Worship Assistants, all of whom function across the Benefice. The wider ministry team also included two retired priests. Shared ministry has been particularly essential once the Vacancy began in May 2018. The benefice office is housed in the Vicarage.

Churchwarden

As there is not a lot to say about church in 2020 I would like to use this space to say 'thank you'. Many of you will be unaware of the work that a small group of people have done throughout the lockdown. Bridget has been our lynchpin, not only in lockdown but for much of the vacancy. She has taken on many tasks that would normally be those of the Vicar. I think she has averaged about two funerals a month. Our team, Bridget and Shirley, Lay Worship Leaders; Sally, Dickon, Ellen, Andrew and Grace, and Ivan as Lay Chair of PCC, have been busy. The telephone services on Sunday mornings have been well attended. Thanks to Andrew and Ellen who set it up. The team took turns to find reflections and prayers and lead each service. We are grateful to Shirley for all she has done in the way of Holy Communion services, a Wedding and a Baptism. Ellen and Andrew have continued to collect and deliver food to the Lord's Larder each week. Ivan has been super-efficient and, for me, has been a God send. Whenever something needed organising Ivan worked with military precision to produce plans almost immediately! As Chair of PCC he has done an excellent job keeping on top of the many and varied problems that have arisen. Thank you Sarah for keeping on top of the administration working from home. You have been a great help to us. I must not forget Bruce Faulkner, our Area Dean. Bruce has his own

benefice to look after but always gave time to this benefice during the vacancy and lockdown. There were regular meetings with the interview panel throughout the long process in our search for a new Vicar when he was very encouraging and helpful. Bruce is an expert on all matters of procedure in the Church of England and has kept us well informed.

A HUGE THANK YOU to you all. It has been great working as a team.

Grace Dunton

Electoral Roll

During the past year two members of our congregation have sadly died, two have moved and one has joined us. This makes a total of 112.

Ann Swain

Regular Giving

Gift Aid claims have been submitted quarterly to HMRC during 2020 by Jane Cockerham, the Gift Aid Secretary and have included claims under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. In April 2021 the tax free personal allowance may increase from the current level of £12,500. If an increase is confirmed and you are a Gift Aid Donor to All Saints and the increase means that you no longer pay tax and can therefore no longer Gift Aid your donation, please contact Jane Cockerham on 824233.

If you are a new donor to All Saints, we invite you to join our Planned Giving scheme by completing a Planned Giving form from the back of church and if you are eligible, please consider signing the Gift Aid section, which will allow All Saints to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, thereby increasing your gift by 25%, or put your donation in a yellow envelope and add your details, and please speak to Jane if you have any questions.

Jane Cockerham

Safeguarding

Due to the current situation with Covid there is nothing to report.

Steve Salisbury

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council's Members/Trustees are elected for 3 years at the APCM following the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. The PCC activities and responsibilities are supported by special teams, which also include other members of the Church. These are the Standing Committee, Benefice Ministry Team, Children & Young Families Management Group, Sacristy & Servers Team, Fund Raising Team and the Building Committee. The PCC is a Registered Charity, number 1160333. 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 6 times during the year plus an unusual date for APCM in October (due to pandemic restrictions).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis. The total receipts on the unrestricted funds were £73,848, with £5,946 for restricted funds during 2020. The total amounted to £79,794, which was a reduction of £3,863 on 2019.

Total Expenditure amounted to £76,289, a decrease of £14,964 on 2019. Our total reserves for yearend were £49,866 a increase of £3,505 on 2019. Planned giving decreased by £81 on 2019.

The contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund was £44,228, a decrease of £7,558 on 2019. Our Parish Share was paid on time, and in full again this year.

If anyone, who puts cash in the collection plate, or uses the envelope system, would like to change to paying by Standing Order, please do get in touch with Jane Cockerham. It doesn't mean that you pay any extra by doing it this way, or that the Church can alter the amount at will. It is entirely under your control. It just makes it easier and quicker for all of us.

Free Reserves

The free reserves of the PCC are those funds that are freely available to be spent in pursuing the charitable objectives. The Free Reserves of the PCC, at the financial year end were: -

	2020	2019
Total Reserves at 31 December	£49,866	£46,360.52
Less. Restricted Funds	(£8,846)	(£9,282.19)
Free Reserves	£41,020	£37,078.33

Balances of Accounts in the bank, and in hand, as at 31 December 2020 were:

Lloyds Bank	£39,069	Actual	£38,092
CCF Deposit Account	£10,000		£10,000
TOTAL	£49,069	Actual	£48,092

Reserve Policy

Under Charity Commission rules, we are required to have a policy regarding the amount of funds we hold in our accounts at any one time. It is suggested that this should be sufficient to cover 3-6 months of operation. At a full meeting of All Saints' Martock PCC, on 7th November 2016, it was resolved to set the PCC's Financial Reserve at £10,000.

REGULAR GIVING

The Gift Aid has been claimed quarterly this year.

We have received a total of £10,161 this year, compared with £9,678 in 2019,

If you give on a regular basis, and pay enough tax to cover the gift and have not already signed a Gift Aid Form please do so, or put the money in a Yellow Gift Aid envelope, and complete the outside. More and more people are unable to Gift Aid their donations, as they do not pay enough tax to cover them. If you no longer pay tax and have signed a Gift Aid Form please let Jane Cockerham know.

FUND RAISING

Due to Covid-19 we have not been able to undertake any of our regular fundraising activities this year. However, thanks to Sally Howells whilst the farmers market was not taking place the fundraising continued via a virtual Farmers Market. The total raised for the year from both the virtual and actual Farmers Markets amounted to a splendid £1,344 which was an increase of £586 on 2019. Well done Sally and everybody that supported her.

CHARITY GIVING

Due to the global pandemic we have not been able to raise funds for other charities via such activities as Lent lunches and Christmas services.

The Guardians donated £12,300 this year for the replacement sound system. Professional fees came in concerning this leaving the fund in a deficit of £127, this will be cleared by a transfer to the general fund this year.

A big thank you should go to our Church Warden, Grace Dunton.

Ellen Howard
Hon Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of All Saints Church, Martock, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 December 2020

Respective responsibilities of the Trustee's and the 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 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 remote examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

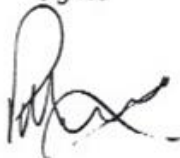
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning such matters. The 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 matter has 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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and Regulations 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.

Signed



Dated

22 March 2021

P.J. Taylor ACMA, CGMA
Oak House
16, Lower Turners Barn Lane,
Yeovil BA20 2JH

Financial Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31 December 2020	
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		All Saint's Church Martock				
		Statement of Financial Activities				
		For the year ended 31 December 2020				
	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	2					
Donations & Legacies	2a	61859		5,396	67,254	65,426
Income from Investments	2b	377		0	377	418
Income from Charitable Activities	2c	11613		550	12,163	17,814
					0	
Total Income & Endowments		73848	0	5,946	79,794	83,658
					0	
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3				0	
					0	
					0	
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a	-20			-20	-68
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b	-70015		-6,254	-76,269	-91,185
Other Expenditure	3c				0	
					0	
Total resources expended		-70035	0	-6,254	-76,289	-91,253
					0	
Net Income(Expenditure)		3813		-308	3,505	-7,595
Transfers Between Funds		128		-128	0	0
Net Movement in funds		3941		-436	3,505	-7,595
Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2020		37079		9,282	46,361	53,956
Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2020		41020		8846	49866	46,361

<u>All Saint's Church Martock</u>			
<u>Balance Sheet</u>			
<u>As at 31 December 2020</u>			
		2020	2019
	Notes	£	£
Tangible Assets			
Investments	4	10,000	10,000
Debtors: amounts falling due after one year	5	1,054	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	5a	0	592
Cash at bank and in hand		39,069	35,769
Current Assets		50,123	46,361
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-257	
Net Current Assets (Current assets less creditors < 1 year)		49,866	46,361
Total Assets less current liabilities(fixed assets plus NCA)	6	49,866	46,361
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	0
Net Assets		49,866	46,361
Restricted Funds	7	8,846	9,282
General Funds (Unrestricted)	8	41,020	37,079
Reserves		49,866	46,361
4 This Is our Reserve Fund, as agreed by the PCC on 7th November 2016			
5 Clock Maintenance paid £1054 for 5 years, in Jan 2020			
7 See Notes 6 for Breakdown of Restricted Funds			
8 The General Funds includes £18,000 that has been designated for an upgrade to the south doors to keep the heat in, and moving the existing wooden doors to the outside of the porch.			
Approved by the PCC on	2020 and signed on its behalf by		
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Ivan Chlids	Grace Dunton		
Vice Chair Martock PCC	Church Warden		

			All Saint's Church Martock				
			Notes to the Accounts				
			For the year ended 31 December 2020				
				Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
				Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
							2020
							2019
		Notes	£	£	£	£	£
		2					
		Donations & Legacies	2a				
		Planned Giving	2a1	40,003		3,840	43,843
		Collections, donations & other giving	2a2	4,767		765	5,531
		HMRC Gift Aid Received	2a3	9,870		291	10,161
		Legacies	2a4	7,219			7,219
		Non-Recurring Grants	2a5				0
		Recurring Grants (Guardians)	2a6				0
		Clarks Field Rental	2a7			500	500
				61,859	0	5,396	67,254
							65,426
		Income from Investments	2b				
		Interest & Dividends	2b1	377			377
							417
				377	0	0	377
							417
		Income from Charitable activities	2c				
		Parochial fees	2c1	5,284			5,284
		Magazine /Bookstall sales	2c2	1,768			1,768
		Fund Raising Events	2c3	1,344		550	1,894
		Ash & KE Office Shared Costs	2c4	3,217			3,217
				11,613	0	550	12,163
							17,814
		Total Incoming Resources		73,848	0	5,946	79,794
							83,657
		2a1 Some pledges are Restricted to pay towards the Children's Work					
		2a3 £291 was Gift Aid Reclaimed for Childrens work.					
		2c1 This is the gross amount of Fees received for the PCC. The Diocese received the sum of £3012					
		2c4 Shared Benefice office expenses claimed from Kingsbury & Ash Churches					

		All Saint's Church Martock				
		Notes to the Accounts				
		For the year ended 31 December 2020				
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
RESOURCES EXPENDED	3					
Expenditure on Raising Funds	3a				0	30
Cost of Raising Funds	3a1	20			20	38
					0	
		20	0	0	20	68
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3b					
Donations/Grants to charities	3b1	0		2000	2,000	0
Mission & evangelism	3b2	-63			-63	-144
Parish Share	3b3	44,228			44,228	51,786
Clergy (Ministerial) expenses	3b4	1,069			1,069	1,803
Church Running Costs	3b5	12,665		255	12,921	14,098
Childrens Work Costs	3b6			472	472	3,119
Co-op fund costs					0	2,726
Cost of Services	3b7	2,242		107	2,349	4,714
Employee Costs	3b8	4,831			4,831	7,003
Expenditure on Magazine & Bookstall	3b9	699			699	839
Fees to the Diocese	3b10	3,012			3,012	1,817
Routine Repairs to Charity Centre	3b11	1,169		15,720	16,889	-139
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	3b12			-12,300	-12,300	3,429
Charity Management & Administration	3b13	163			163	132
		70,015	0	6,254	76,269	91,185
Total Resources Expended		70,035	0	6,254	76,289	91,253
3b3 The Parish Share was paid in full and on time again this year						
3B4 We are in Vacancy						
We have 3 part-time suppliers of services		Magazine Editor, Organist,				
Cleaner and the Benefice Administrator						
3b7 We have made payments to our Organist, Mr S Salisbury, as a self employed provider who became a member of the PCC in April 2017. We have paid him £1680.91 in 2020						
3b8 We have made payments to our Magazine Editor, Mrs C Allen, as a self-employed provider, who We have paid her £565.70 in 2020						

<u>All Saint's Church Martock</u>						
<u>Notes to the Accounts</u>						
<u>For the year ended 31 December 2020</u>						
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
	DEBTORS					
	Income tax recoverable				0	360
	Other debtors				0	201
	Prepayments				0	201
		0	0	0	0	762
	DEBTORS: DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR					
	Other debtors					0
	Prepayments			1,054	1,054	0
				1,054	1,054	0
	CREDITORS: DUE IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR					
	Accruals		257		257	0
			257		257	0

All Saint's Church Martock						
Notes to the Accounts						
For the year ended 31 December 2020						
	FUNDS					
5		Balance				Balance
		b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	c/fwd
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds					
	General Fund	37,079	73,848	-70,035	128	41,020
5b	Total unrestricted funds	37,079	73,848	-70,035	128	41,020
6	Restricted funds					
6a	Children's Work	2,042	1,931	-472		3,501
6c	Tower Fund	1,178	20	-601		597
6d	Flower Fund	338	0	-109		229
6f	Community Kitchen	128	0		-128	0
6g	Kitchen Refurbishment	1,814	550			2,364
6i	Co-Op Donations	2,283	0	0		2,283
	Clarkes Field rent	1,500	500	-2000		0
	Sound System replacement	0	2,945	-3,072		-127
	Total restricted funds	9,282	5,946	-6,254	-128	8,846
	Total Funds	46,361	79,794	-76,289	0	49,866
6a	Children's Work - Part of the congregation's pledged giving is specifically for the Children's Work expenditure, as well as Tiddlers Coffee Money & Gift Aid					
6c	Tower Fund- Funds were donated for the upkeep of the bells, clock and the bell tower.					
6d	Flower Fund - funds gifted for use by the flower arrangers (originally an Annuity which was cashed in in 2014)					
6e	Organ Fund - funds may be given for the restoration and maintenance of the Organ.					
6f	A Community Kitchen was started by one of the congregation to help families in need. As this activity was no longer running it was agreed by the PCC that the fund should be closed and the balance donated to MCF for their continuing work in the community					
6g	Donations given to refurbish the Kitchen used for Lunches, Teas, Coffees & Funeral Refreshments					
6i	Funds received from the Co-Op for The Childrens' Work with 'Tiddlers'					