

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			

<u>All Saint's Church Martock</u>						
<u>Notes to the Accounts</u>						
<u>For the year ended 31 December 2023</u>						
			<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
			<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>
		<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES		2				
Donations & Legacies		2a				
Planned Giving	2a1		38,176		1,186	39,362
Collections,donations & other giving	2a2		10,484		2,174	12,658
HMRC Gift Aid Received	2a3		9,819		561	10,380
Legacies	2a4		1,000		9,994	10,994
Non-Recurring Grants	2a5		7,721		1,282	9,003
Recurring Grants (Guardians)	2a6					0
Clarkes Field Rental	2a7				0	0
			67,199	0	15,197	82,396
Income from Investments		2b				
Interest & Dividends	2b1		675			675
Returned from Sequestration account	2b2		0			0
			675	0	0	675
Income from Charitable activities		2c				
Parochial fees	2c1		9,255			9,255
Magazine /Bookstall sales	2c2		486			486
Fund Raising Events	2c3		3,125		3,305	6,431
Ash & KE Office Shared Costs	2c4		3,340			3,340
			16,207	0	3,305	19,512
Total Incoming Resources			84,082	0	18,502	102,583
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	<p>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.</p>
10	<p>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.</p>
11	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
12	<p>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.</p>
13	Other items relating to the Annual Report 2022 – none.
14	AOB – none
15	<p>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.</p>

	<p>Thanks were also offered to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>Bellringers – a team of dedicated people have come out of some recent open days and will hopefully ring for the Coronation.</p> <p>Kitchen refurbishment – a faculty has been prepared and fundraising in the pipeline.</p> <p>Rev Richard Caddell thanked Rev Paul for his preaching and leadership.</p>
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**

1	Welcome and Opening Prayers
2	Apologies for Absence
3	AOB
4	Minutes of the last APCM held on 16 th April, 2023
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