

HELLINGLY and UPPER DICKER PARISH

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

11 May 2025

AGENDA

1. Scripture Reading and Prayers.
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held in 2024.
3. Election of Church Wardens for the year to 31 May 2026
4. Vote of thanks to the Church Wardens.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

11 May 2025

AGENDA

1. Minutes of APCM held in 2024.
2. Report on the new Electoral Roll since the last APCM and appointment of Electoral Roll Officer.
3. Annual Reports of the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the Parish - attached.
4. Annual Financial Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024 - attached.
5. Election of new PCC Members
6. Vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Officers of PCC and other volunteers. (New officers - Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Secretary are elected at the first PCC meeting along with the Safeguarding Officer.)
7. Appointment of Independent Examining (Auditor)
8. Items of Parochial interest given by Reverend J Sykes.
9. Items of Parochial interest to be raised for discussion by PCC at a later date.
10. Prayers and The Grace.



ST PETER & ST PAUL
HELLINGLY
AND
HOLY TRINITY, UPPER DICKER

ANNUAL REPORTS

For the Year 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Church is a community witness by lifestyle, words and actions that we live in Christ’s world. We seek to show that the love of our Creator and Saviour is for everyone.

CONTENTS

Annual Meeting of Parishioners minutes of 12 May 2024

Annual Parochial Church Meeting minutes of 12 May 2024

Vicar's Report

Church Trustees (PCC) Report

Deanery Synod Report

Treasurer's Briefing

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Appendix of Additional Reports

Mother's Union Report

Choir

Open the Book

Bell Ringers

Friends of Hellingly

Family Social Work

Messy Church

Children's Sunday Activities

The Parish of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

St Peter & St Paul is located in Church Lane, Hellingly, East Sussex. BN27 4HA

Holy Trinity is located in Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker, East Sussex. BN27 3QB

Electoral Roll Numbers: 125

The Parish is a charity registered with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the Charities Act 1993.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) (Trustees)

Incumbent: Rev. Jeremy Sykes

Wardens: Miss Carol Haywood
Mr Robert Moore

Representatives on Deanery Synod:
Mrs Olive Lewis
Miss Carol Haywood
Mrs Valerie Pope

Elected Members: Mrs Alison Sylvester
Mrs Susan Lees
Mr Andrew Piper
Mrs Jacky Clark
Mr Arthur Kay

Standing Committee: The Incumbent, the 2 Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer,
PCC Representative

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS OF HELLINGLY AND UPPER DICKER
Held in Hellingly Church on Sunday 12 May 2024.**

Present: The Revd. Jeremy Sykes (Vicar), Miss Carol Haywood (Churchwarden), Mr Robert Moore (Churchwarden), members of the Parochial Church Council.

Miss Carol Haywood took the Minutes.

- 1. Scripture and Prayer** - The Vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the proceedings with a reading from Acts of the Apostles and prayers. He also reminded that all those living in the Parish were able to attend and vote.
- 2. The Minutes** of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held in Hellingly Church on Sunday, 30 April 2023 were proposed by Jane Sykes and seconded by Gerald Hartley as being a true record of the meeting. All agreed and the minutes duly signed as a correct record.
- 3. Election of the Churchwardens for the following year** - the Secretary had received two nominations for the year to come and these were for Rob Moore and Carol Haywood. There being no other applications Rob and Carol were duly elected for the coming year.
- 4. Vote of thanks to the Churchwardens** - the Vicar then proposed a formal vote of thanks to Rob and Carol for all the work they do behind the scene ensuring things are in place and for the personal support. David West seconded the proposal and a round of applause was given.

The meeting was then closed.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF
HELLINGLY AND UPPER DICKER
Held in Hellingly Church on Sunday 12 May 2024.**

The Vicar reminded those present that anyone was able to attend but only those on the Electoral Roll were able to vote.

1. **Minutes of the APCM held on 12 May 2023.** The Vicar asked those present if the Minutes of the APCM held in Hellingly Church the previous year were correct. Gerald Hartley proposed and Roger Bacon seconded that the minutes were a true record and those present all voted in agreement and accepted.
2. **Electoral Roll.** Fin Westcott had given her report to the Secretary who reported that our current roll number is at 125, during the year we had 6 names coming off and 5 names going on. It was proposed by Sylvia Skinner and seconded by Katy Layer that Fin be confirmed as our Electoral Roll Office for the next year. Fin had agreed to continue.
3. **Annual Reports.** These had previously been circulated and spares were available.
4. **Summary of Finance.** There being no questions directly for the Treasurer:
 - a) Sylvia Skinner asked about the cost of the printing for some of the weekly sheets, the Vicar confirmed that we are in the process of having seasonal booklets professionally printed, however, there is always likely to be some separate sheets where there are special services for a particular week or service.
 - b) Jacky Clark asked about the cost of the Open the Book/Messy Church line in the accounts, the Treasurer replies that this was the cost of the wardrobe for Open the Book which had been offset by a donation in the income side and the remaining element was for Messy Church.
 - c) Roger Bacon asked about the amount the Friends had on the current account, the Treasurer was able to confirm that this sum had now been transferred to a deposit account and earning interest on a monthly basis.

Olive Lewis proposed and Steve Monico seconded that the accounts be approved and adopted and the meeting was in full agreement and passed unanimously.

5. **Vote of Thanks.** The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Officers of the PCC, Deanery Synod members and all the other volunteers who continue to keep the church running including those who work behind the scenes. He did this on behalf of the congregation.
6. **Elections.** It was confirmed that coming off the PCC this year were Shirley Hamper, Gerald Hartley, Gillian Daw and Jacky Clark. There only be one nomination for the next 3 years, Jacky Clark. It was agreed by all those at the meeting that Jacky be elected. Cissie Hartley asked if necessary could we co-opt during the year and the answer to this being yes. The Vicar mentioned his thanks to Alison Sylvester, our Safeguarding Officer as there is a lot of compliance and admin that is required and he proposed a vote of thanks to Alison.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner. The Treasurer asked that Watson Associates (John Males) be appointed as our Independent Examiner, with no other names put forward Roger Bacon seconded the proposal and the meeting agreed.

8. Items of parochial Interest. The Vicar reported that the attendance had been growing over the past year. There was a positive buzz within the church and a feeling of belonging. We have some challenges ahead of us, our finances, the HUD stewardship campaign and our pledged giving. The majority of our income is realised from our pledged regular giving. The Vicar thanked those who were able to do this. We have currently reduced our annual pledge to the Diocese, but we now need to put our selves on an even keel and we have given ourselves 2 years to re-build.

The Vicar also commented that he was pleased that he had come to Hellingly and felt very welcomed.

Questions from the congregation

Sylvia Skinner reminded everyone that the Church History is by the door and is very helpful for anyone visiting the church. The Vicar replied that we don't have a church magazine and that at the current time our resources are going into our Facebook presence and A Church Near You, but it is something to bear in mind for the future.

Katy Layer asked that with our congregation getting older could we sit down during the service a little more. The Vicar apologised and said should you wish to sit down at any time to please do so.

Margie Thorpe asked about the day next Sunday and the Vicar responded that we were looking for ideas on mission to reach out to the community. However, the church groups can take part as a way of advertising what we do and maybe can encourage more to help with groups such as, bells, flowers, gardening, choir.

9. Items of Parochial Interest to be raised to the PCC at a later date.

Jacky Clark asked about a church calendar that could be available for everyone to see.

10. Prayers and Grace The Vicar led us in prayer and the congregation joined in the grace and everyone was invited to stay for lunch if they wished.

THE VICAR'S REPORT

By the beginning of the year church life had more or less completely recovered from the disruption of previous years. A steady pattern of ministry was in place. Lent began and some of us devoted our Monday evenings to studying Jesus' teaching on faith.

Holy Week was packed as ever with services and we enjoyed our usual Agape supper on Maundy Thursday; gathered to lament on Good Friday; paused on Holy Saturday and celebrated joyfully on Easter Day.

During the Easter season we welcomed some newly baptised adults and saw them and others confirmed by Bishop Will. As the season drew towards Pentecost we kept Rogation with our service commencing in a local farmyard. Pentecost was celebrated with an outdoor tea party in the churchyard at Hellingly where ideas for mission were highlighted and various church groups held stalls setting out what each did. It was a lovely moment of recognising who we were and what were about.

Our curate, the Rev'd Elly McKay-Smith, was priested in June and so our church's capacity for ministry increased significantly. This was just as well as in May we took on an additional benefice. This has meant that each of us, vicar and curate, now miss one 8am, one 9.15am and one 10.45am service each month in order to provide services elsewhere. However, as we are not paying our full parish share (about 40%) this mitigates pressure on us to cut our costs in order to increase our share. Elly has brought many gifts to our church and our ministry has been enriched by her presence.

Messy Church maintained a good routine with a session every two months except during the summer holidays. Numbers fluctuated but also hit new highs (35) which is encouraging. Our Eco-church project in Upper Dicker continued its work and saw the planting of fruit trees to create a small community orchard. This is just a beginning as we progressed, somewhat slowly, to seeing the handing over of Holy Trinity to the school's management under a leasing arrangement.

Regular coffee mornings for church funds and nominated charities took place. These have progressed well and raise several hundreds of pounds apiece.

The Apostles' Award scheme has continued with six signed up to develop their discipleship. In October we undertook a short pilgrimage to Canterbury, walking the last 35km of the Pilgrims' Way finishing at the cathedral. Some of us were pounced on to bring forward the offertory which was a wonderful moment. To see our crew in their walking gear so honoured was rather moving.

The summer culminated with another well supported service in the Festival of Transport arena. Harvest followed and then All Saints' and Remembrance as autumn threaded by. Before we knew it Advent was again upon us and another year nearly done. Just carol services and Christmas celebrations before it would bring itself to an end.

But it has been a year of consolidation and growth. Numbers at our services are steadily rising as new people arrive. We average about 65 communicants at our 10.45am service compared to 55 two years previously. This means that on a typical Sunday we have some 90

communicants. Some occasions are very well supported, for example at the crib service in Upper Dicker it seemed half the village attended. We face our challenges but are encouraged by signs of increase which feel well grounded.

Our musical life is growing with a healthy choir directed by our wonderful Director of Music. Her versatility in such a range of instruments and talent has truly enhanced our worship. Our schools ministry in our three primary schools continues strongly with our clergy routinely given assemblies and the Open the Book team alternating with the clergy.

None of this would be possible without the unstinting support of a large number of volunteers filling coffee rotas, reading and interceding, visiting, greeting, singing and bell ringing, playing and serving. Furthermore I am very grateful to all those who give time and energy to planning, governing and administering on committees and the PCC. And thank you to my Churchwardens for all they do to remind me of things I might otherwise forget as well as managing the buildings and all they contain.

Thank you too to our parish administrator, Fin, who manages a complex pattern of services including our baptisms, weddings and funerals which require meticulous planning. She has greatly improved our publicity and we now have an active and striking presence online.

Some numbers:

During the year 4 weddings were celebrated in St Peter & St Paul.

There were:

- in Hellingly at St Peter & St Paul:
 - 5 funerals
 - 3 memorial services
 - 2 burials of ashes in the churchyard
- in Upper Dicker at Holy Trinity:
 - 1 funeral
- in either church:
 - 15 children under the age of eight were baptised.
 - 2 children over 7 were baptised.
 - 6 people over 11 were confirmed including 4 adults

The Rev'd Jeremy Sykes

TRUSTEES' REPORT (Parochial Church Council - PCC)

We held 6 PCC meetings over the year and each meeting contained the usual business, finance and a variety of subjects.

Attendance and Pastoral Care Our attendance at our services each week has slowly grown. Upper Dicker seeing some of our Hellingly Congregation going to 9.15 for a variety of reasons.

Our Hellingly 8.00am service is a quiet said Eucharist and can start the day or finish the week. At 9.15am in Upper Dicker there was a chance to sing with a smaller congregation.

At Hellingly's 10.45am, the numbers have remained constant and even growing very slowly with a number staying for coffee and a chat, giving the opportunity to meet other congregants and for new friendships to be forged.

Both our team of Home Communion takers and our pastoral care visits to those in their own homes are welcomed.

This variety of services gives us a good base to build on with the wider community and the ability to welcome all ages across a variety of styles of services.

We again are aware that we have lost several of our congregation and that we felt we had lost dear friends. For those families who have wanted to come and sit in our church and reflect it has been a privilege to have our church open.

Teaching and Nurturing new and existing believers. Our Apostles Award continues to be supported and will be continuing this year.

We maintained our Lent course and experienced learning in a different way. Our early Easter Day service was followed by breakfast where there was an opportunity to sit and talk and is one of the ways we can sit and welcome our new members.

Our use of the Community Hub for some of our fundraising events and Messy Church is one of the ways we are seen out in the community with the continuing growth of houses all around us. We are still able to offer a peaceful and tranquil space in our Church and churchyard which we hope gives everyone, a respite from our ever busy lifestyles. In this way we continue to show we are here 24 hours of the day.

Evangelism and Outreach We continue to support the Hailsham Foodbank with some of our congregation helping on a weekly basis and our collection of food goods presented each week during our service.

Our presence at the Festival of Transport was slightly disrupted due to the weather and we lost our marquee to the weather and were not able to be there on the Saturday. With contingency plans sorted we were there for the Sunday and Monday. We need to maintain this presence and it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the number of cakes we need to cover the weekend, the volunteer levels are very good. Many of the stall holders come back each year for the home made cakes and our presences is always welcomed on the Sunday morning for our service in the arena.

The Open the Book team continue to go into the local infant and junior schools where they are able to meet with young people to relate the stories of Jesus. At some of our Family Service the congregation have also had the opportunity of seeing the plays as well.

Messy Church sessions up at the Community Hub continue to attract various families and the numbers attending are increasing.

Our bell ringers welcome other ringers from in and around the district and their welcoming sound on a Sunday morning, a call to the service. Of course, they would always like to see you if you are interested in learning more.

Harvest was celebrated with a supper in the Community Hub followed on the Sunday with our service and the church decorated with all the autumnal fruits, flowers and provisions.

Once again our volunteers carry us through with the activities and events we have. It is with great appreciation that we have many who will give what they can, so as in previous years we never can say "Thank You" enough to all of our unseen volunteers, those in the background without which we find it difficult to function. It is only when they go missing do you realise that it's a wonderful job they do.

A look at our Visitors book again shows that we welcome many from around the world as well as our own country and local area. Many thanking us for the church being open. We note that it has been pleasing to read comments of those who married over a number of years ago and felt that that they wanted to return to the church for a visit. In fact, we welcomed 2 couples who were re-visiting to one of our Sunday services.

Throughout the year we have struggled with our day to day finances and we will be looking to 2025 to increase our financial giving. As Christians we can continue to show we are even more relevant in today's world by praying, caring, supporting and giving our time and talents where and when we can.

Provision of our church buildings.

The painting and decoration of the inside of the church has become a major project, with the church being closed during the months of August and September 2025. Arrangements being made to continue with our services in and around the Parish.

The clock repairs were completed and it was nice to have the clock back in with its chimes.

As part of our quinquennial report the gutters were cleaned and with the help of our garden group the churchyard has been wonderfully looked after.

A fairly complicated piano repair took place at Hellingly due to some of the hammer strikes had worn and some of the strings had stretched too far.

The window above the entrance door at Upper Dicker was replaced and we were able to claim much of the cost under our insurance.

As with other church in the Diocese we have seen a decrease in the number of weddings held in our churches, but we continue to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others as a space where we have events and activities which we hope will continue to grow.

During the spring we had our Pentecost Tea Party in the churchyard which was well attended and from this ideas went on to be included in our Mission Action Plan.

Charitable Giving Our seasonal giving to various groups throughout the year continues but we are very conscious of our limitations. Our charitable giving does of course include practical help in the form of goods for the Foodbank and bottle tops to be used in the raising of funds for the Friends of the Eastbourne Hospital. If you have the name of a charity, who you think we may be able to help, please don't hesitate to give the idea to the PCC Secretary. More of our charitable giving can be found in our accounts.

We look forward to 2026 with its various challenges but with prayer, thought, action and deed we look at building on our firm foundations to encourage, challenge and develop our Christian life through work and ministry.

DEANERY SYNOD MEETINGS 2024

At our June meeting The Ven Philip Jones spoke on behalf of the Friends of Chichester Cathedral and pointed out how vital they were in sustaining the work and ministry of the Cathedral. He urged more people to become friends.

The work of Penshurst Retreat Centre was the focus of the November session. This provides a place for Clergy and lay members of the Church to relax and recharge. Set in peaceful surroundings it has recently been refurbished and an ideal place for refocusing.

Our final meeting of the year was a talk given by Shirley Austin about The Word One to One resource and how useful it is, particularly to those starting out on their discovery of Christianity and finding Christ as their Saviour. Available in either hard copies or on line and used by Clergy and lay people alike. Can be used over a sort or long term period and no training needed. Other courses were also mentioned.

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2024

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £90,807.00 and are detailed in the Financial Report.

Our planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders and envelopes increased by 13%. Our total voluntary income including tax recovered, but excluding legacies increased by 14.0%. This includes a single very generous donation of £10,000.

We received a legacy of £5,041.56 in 2024. We also received a generous donation of £50,000 towards the design and installation of a new stained glass window.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £21,000 paid to the diocese for our share of all churches' Parish Ministry Costs. This year we reduced the contribution from Hellingly and Upper Dicker by £12,000 on the previous year in an attempt to offset the deficit in our accounts and the church is meeting only 26% of the costs allocated to this parish compared with 41% paid last year.

The total relates directly to the housing, support, stipend and pension costs of the clergy of this parish, training of new ordinands, a contribution to national church funds and, shared costs of the Christian family throughout the whole diocese. Because we do not pay our full Parish Ministry Cost, our parish is supported by others in the diocese that pay more than their share. Our Curate was appointed in July 2023. As this is a self-supporting post there is no cost to the parish in stipend etc however we do cover expenses and mileage detailed under trustee payments and expenses below.

Energy Costs

The global situation on energy costs has had an effect on the parish too. Our energy is bought on a commercial contract through the Parish Buying Scheme. There is no price cap on commercial energy as there is on domestic tariffs. Through carefully managing our usage and an improved tariff the energy reduced from £7,003 in 2023 to £4,522 in 2024.

Staff costs

The PCC pays for an administrator, organist and a cleaner. Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying Council Tax of £4,096, water and environmental charges amounting to £767 for the Vicarage plus other annual costs towards travel, hospitality, telephone, postage and broadband amounting to a little over £1,741. Our Curate was reimbursed £1,054 for mileage and expenses.

Payments were made to the following PCC members, who are also trustees, for duties carried out at weddings and funerals. (Verger, Sound, Choir and Sexton). R Moore £50.00; G Hartley £68.00; C Haywood £117.00; J Clark £39.00. £282.80 was paid to Rev. P. Clark (related to a trustee) for duties as a retired minister. The only other payments made to PCC members were for the reimbursement of expenses. No PCC members / Trustees received payments for being a PCC member or Trustee.

Review of Expenditure from the General and Fabric Funds

In 2023 a review was undertaken to identify fabric expenditure from general funds dating back to 2017 when The Parish of Hellingly and The Parish of Upper Dicker combined. Over this period a total of £13,827.68 of Hellingly fabric funds were used to support the general fund. In December 2024 a transfer of £13,827.68 was made from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund to correct this error.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

In August 2023 the dials were removed from the turret clock in the tower for restoration. The project also included dismantling, cleaning and minor repairs to the clock movement. The clock was returned in July 2024. The total cost was £16,630 plus vat. The vat was recovered through the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. The Friends of Hellingly Church contributed £13,130 the remainder coming from a single donation of £3,000 and a £500 grant from the Parish Council.

The Friends of Hellingly Church

The Friends of Hellingly Church are a secular group of enthusiastic locals dedicated to preserving the fabric of Hellingly Church. The Friends held a Shakespeare drama production in the churchyard and the Christmas Tree Festival.

The Friends fundraising is purely for the fabric of the grade one listed church. Over the year through membership, donations, events and the Christmas tree festival, The Friends raised £9,844.

The Friends contributed a further £7,989.20 towards the completion of the clock and dials restoration.

Why we hold some money in reserve

The PCC holds some funds in reserve restricted to the fabric of the church which can be used for fabric repairs, including those identified in the Quinquennial Inspection. These funds originate from the amalgamation of a number of historic trusts. These funds are largely held in CBF Church of England Funds.

As well as holding the above reserves, from time to time the PCC receives restricted legacies for expenditure on restricted purposes, defined by the donor. We aim to expend such money as soon as possible after receiving the legacy, depending on the specific objectives of the donor.

APPENDIX OF ADDITIONAL REPORTS

HELLINGLY & UPPER DICKER MOTHERS UNION Committee Report 2024

As we enter 2025 we begin the second year of running the Branch by committee. Val stepped down as Branch Leader and we thank her for her time and enthusiasm as leader. She will still be with us happily as our treasurer. We began the year with five on the committee – Linda, Valerie Pope, Pat Bacon, Jacky Clark and Hayzen Elphick. Jane Jones was co-opted by the committee in November. More members would be really helpful to spread the load.

We welcomed Nicky Smith as a new member. Currently there are 32 members . Our Wave of Prayer was held in February. We displayed information about our overseas links on boards which hopefully pinpointed where they are and what is being done there. 17 members attended.

Our AGM was held in February as usual with 26 members present. Val was thanked for her time as Branch Leader and presented with a card and gift.

Jeremy led our March Lent Communion Service as before. 19 members attended. In April our speaker came from Co-op estate planning. It was an open meeting and was attended by several visitors and also husbands of members. A very interesting talk followed by questions on Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and associated matters. Several members took the opportunity to arrange a free visit to give advice on inheritance and other subjects. In May Rebecca Hale spoke to us about current work and projects in Family Social Work, a cause dear to members' hearts. Some of our members attended the Spring members meeting in Brighton.

June saw a visit from Sue Coekin with guide dog trainee Tommy. Sue explained how the training works and what happens in the next phase. Tommy has now left Sue for advanced training and she has a new dog Arthur.

In July, Jacky and Peter's nephew Simon came to speak about his role with the Air Ambulance. A valuable service which we want to have available but hope we will never need. Also in July we also had our annual coffee morning, this time at the home of Nicola Stone. We were very lucky with the weather and it was much enjoyed by all. About 31 people came including some members from Polegate branch. We raised £246.40. Many thanks to Nicola for hosting this.

On August 9th we hosted the District Mary Sumner Day service for the second year running. Again we were lucky with the weather and after a service attended by 70 members stalls were patronised and picnic lunches held in the grounds. Emma Ham-Riche presided and preached and it was lovely to have time to spend with her both before and after the service. In September we took a minibus and car with 20 members to English Martyrs RC Church in Goring to hear about and view the wonderful reproduction of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel which is painted on the ceiling there. Other artworks include a beautiful stained glass window made from recommissioned stained glass. All absolutely amazing and works of true dedication. Afterwards we adjourned to Haskins Garden Centre for lunch and a chance to

shop! Many thanks to Jacky for organising the whole thing – not an easy task – and to Rob for driving the minibus.

October meeting was our first look at the MU project for change called metamorphosis. Led by Jacky, those present found it interesting and a good opportunity to delve deeper into things. More sessions are planned with lots of hands on activities as well as discussion.

In November our own curate Elly shared with us her work with the YMCA. Her talk was informative and interesting and delivered in an easy to listen entertaining style. It certainly opened our eyes to the valuable work done by the organisation and the people within it. 7 members attended the Autumn members meeting at Brighton. 4 people went to the Polegate branch coffee morning.

December we held our Christmas meal and social at the Charles Hunt Centre in Hailsham. It took the form of an organised bring and share meal with some items being provided by the committee so there was an excellent array of goodies. Angela came and played the accordion and flute for Christmas music and carols. All 35 who attended had a thoroughly good time and praised the cosy, warm atmosphere at the Centre which was richly decorated for Christmas. Many thanks to the committee for organising the event and setting everything out. Also to Angela for playing.

Thanks this year to Katy for looking after Birthday Bear, Pat for providing the milk for our coffee, Marj for the birthday cards to members, Val for managing our money and all the members of the committee.

HELLINGLY CHOIR/MUSIC REVIEW.

It has been a pleasure to continue directing our choir, and to developing techniques and repertoire, as well as to exploring more unfamiliar and experimental ideas. On the whole, the choir have grown more and more confident in the challenges presented to them, and there is a greater sense of interactive communication amongst members, despite a little resistance from time to time with regards new, more modern musical items..

Unfortunately, our progress this year has been blighted by the on-going complications caused by a head injury I sustained in July 2023, however, we have established an excellent supportive friendship as a unit, which has meant, in most cases, our musical offerings for services etc have been able to go ahead. I believe that the seed to our progress, along with practice sessions, has been staying connected via the WhatsApp group, where informative and supportive discussions can take place, and, where I am able to provide both pre-recorded and live recordings of musical parts and accompaniments, as well as links to supporting materials, to assist with the learning and practice of music between sessions, in the case of any absences, or by means of simply building confidence and reassurance by making learning materials accessible to everyone in a number of alternative formats. . Despite my on-going health complications, I am very pleased to report that there have been significant improvements in my symptoms, thanks to medications and alternative therapies, which has meant I have gradually been able to undertake a greater work load, although a full recovery is still in progress.

This past year, we have introduced an additional Mass setting for use during Lent and Advent, Missa Simplex, as well as including other parts of the standard St. Thomas 'Kyrie' and Acclamations. We have also explored a number of new hymns/songs and anthems for weekly services, as well as those more specific to Lent/Easter, Advent/Christmas. We have varied our technical repertoire somewhat, most notably singing in cannon, singing unaccompanied both in parts and in unison. Perhaps amongst our more adventurous singing techniques, as demonstrated during Communion in the Easter Day service 'You're alive you're alive you have risen', is that of dividing the choir into three parts to create a celebratory layered echo effect. Another is that of staggered breathing, as demonstrated during the Carols by Candlelight service 'Still, still, still', to form a continuous vocal accompaniment with no obvious breaths to the listener.

I am currently encouraging exploration of solo voice opportunities, to incorporate greater variation in our 'performances', such as during Communion, which choir members are happy and willing to develop. We have also worked a little with different instrumental accompaniment, such as with my Celtic harp for my arrangement of 'Mary in the stable' during our carol service, and, perhaps one of the more challenging and fun skills we have explored to date, combining singing with playing handbells simultaneously for 'Mary's boy child', also during our carol service. We agreed that the latter was well-received by all those involved, as well as by those who heard the performance, and that it would certainly be worth exploring again for future musical arrangements.

All in all, despite the medical-related difficulties and frustrations, lots of positive progress has been made this past year, achievements and goals met, and new experiences to look forward to, a 'Folksongs of Praise' is very much in the planning, so too is incorporating instruments other than those used already to diversify the musical input of the church. It would be lovely to be able to welcome more potential choir members, and to raise an interest in an instrumental group, which would only develop and increase our output even further.

Note:

I would like to express my sincere thanks for all your support, understanding, and patience during, what I can only describe as being, a very dark period in my professional and personal life following my accident in July 2023. I am pleased to report that my scan and test results have not indicated any long-term cosmetic damage, and I am currently taking a max strength medication to help settle the constant variable headaches and migraines, before undergoing memory/speech therapy; my consultant is positive that I will make a full recovery with the right support, but has also advised that time and appropriate rest will continue to play an important role in my recovery; I have noticed significant improvements in my symptoms, particularly that of memory, which I so clearly depend on. I fully intend to continue with my duties, but will notify someone as quickly as possible should I feel too unwell to perform.

Once again, I can't thank you enough for having me play such a significant roll in the development and success of our church, and for the very warm and supportive friendships I/we have made!

Angela Purll - March 2025.

OPEN THE BOOK

We are now in our 9th year and currently have 14 members in the team.

Last year we did 5 assemblies in all three of our non church schools and a matching number of Family Services.

We have continued with our Christingle making for each schools reception classes numbering 4 sessions last year. The Hailsham Academy have two reception classes and they came to Hellingly church on two different mornings and Hellingly came on a third occasion. Park Mead came to Holy Trinity at Upper Dicker which was a first for them. This year it was even more of a success because more parents came and they were really impressed with how it worked. We even had a table for them to make their own Christingles! I would like to add a special thank you to Jean and Pip and Chris McDonald who helped to set all this up and lead some of the sessions.

Also in December some of the team helped as stewards again at Hellingly's Carol Concerts and we had a request for year 5 at the Academy to come to church for a Carol Concert. This again was a first and hopefully will continue. We, as a team, were invited to the Academy's Nativity Play and a couple of us were able to go. The school were really pleased that we went and they certainly value the contact they have with our church through Open the Book.

All in all it was a very happy year working with our three schools. The team certainly enjoy doing the assemblies and are a very committed group who work extremely well together. We have lots of fun and lots of interesting experiences working with the children. I personally would like to thank my team for all their hard work and dedication to this important outreach project.

Remember it isn't a closed shop and we would welcome anyone who would like to be involved.

Jacky Clark

BELL RINGERS

During 2024 we were able to ring at most Sunday services with the total number of regular Sunday ringers currently at six (with a further three semi-regulars), and we always managed to get a band together for weddings. All attend our weekly Wednesday practice nights when available and the welcome addition of two experienced ringers has allowed us to attempt more advanced methods.

We rang for four weddings, one wedding anniversary, one funeral, one memorial service and for Remembrance Sunday. We also hosted a group of visiting ringers from Wivelsfield and came second in the annual SCACR regional quiz in March. In early January we held our Ringers' Dinner at The Crown Hotel and in October we celebrated the 90th birthday of our eldest and most experienced ringer, Mary Smith.

Unfortunately, over the Christmas/New Year festive period, we were only able to ring for the Carol Service due to a lack of available ringers.

To attract new ringers, we took a stall at the Parish Pentecost Tea Party in May with information and publicity about bellringing. We had several expressions of interest and followed this up with an 'Introduction to Bellringing' open morning in mid-June. Two people said they would like to learn, and one is continuing, albeit intermittently due to conflicting shift patterns at work. Paul Fribbens has since become our latest recruit and is progressing very well. We also took part in the annual Hellingly Church Christmas Tree Festival to promote our bellringing to prospective recruits and generate further interest in our craft.

We held our first AGM since 2019 in mid- October. We noted the poor lighting in the ringing chamber, and this has now been improved. We also sent a letter to the PCC to request an uplift in our ringing fees. We understand that this has been approved but have yet to receive any written notification.

It was with great sadness and shock to hear that Bill Lovell, our Treasurer, former Tower Captain and much-loved, long-time member of our team passed away in the early hours of Christmas Day morning; he is greatly missed by all of us.

Trevor Godden
Hellingly Tower Correspondent

FRIENDS OF HELLINGLY CHURCH

The Friends of Hellingly Church have had many successful events since its inception in 2017, but none more so than in 2024 with the staging in the churchyard of Shakespeare's play AS YOU LIKE IT . What a wonderful afternoon it was!

The staging was perfect. The afternoon tea was perfect. The weather (in a terrible summer) was perfect. And the profit for the funds was perfect too! Interestingly, it was the first occasion that tickets were sold on the internet; sixty people benefited themselves of this facility.

The fourth Christmas tree festival was a resounding success too. The weather was pretty grim but people turned up in their hundreds in spite of it all.

Our thanks to all of you, who gave unstinting support to these events,

As well as raising money we gave some away, for that is what we exist for: £14,420,000 for the restoration of the church tower clock, which now records our passing hours in style. We shall add to that with the forthcoming redecoration of the church interior, which will require a large contribution. Since our launch

In 2017 we have raised £43,273. Ronald Chatwin, (chairman)

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Mandy Pittman and Janet Perez have continued in their role as Hellingly parish representatives for the Dallington Deanery Committee for Family Support Work (FSW) attending quarterly meetings and disseminating information to the church. During the last year we have endeavoured to raise awareness within Hellingly Church of the important work that FSW do for families in Sussex and encourage new volunteers to get involved in the variety of roles that are available by means of regular newsletters and notices. We have been encouraged by the support and interest shown with new recruits helping with fundraising activities, and new donors giving generously.

Janet and I continued to help with the open gardens and the classic car show at Waldron by serving refreshments, an important part of the fundraising year. Phoenix Choir in Eastbourne elected FSW as their charity of the year in 2024 and invited us to collect monies at their Christmas Carol singing event at the Beacon Centre, and at their midwinter concert. Peter Funnell kindly sponsored a tree at our Christmas Tree Festival in December and we had some young volunteers come along on setting up day and make decorations for it. In May a few of us took part in the first sponsored walk around the 12-mile circular Cuckmere Pilgrim Path, taking in seven local downland churches with magnificent views of the Sussex countryside. The walk, established in 2018, was led by Father Blee who was instrumental in getting the walk established. He gave us lots of interesting information about the churches visited and several of us from Hellingly church enjoyed a spring day walk and were well looked after with refreshments along the way. Our group raised over £400 in sponsorship. It will be held again in June 2025 and it is hoped that more of us will want to take part.

Also in May, Rebecca Hale, FSW Family Practitioner gave a talk at the Mothers' Union meeting. She gave some background to the work that FSW provides to vulnerable families and children in Sussex, giving examples of the kind of work the family practitioners do. The charity has grown in the last two years from seven to twenty practitioners covering the majority of Sussex, all of whom have previous experience in social work. Every family that receives support does so for as long as is needed, unlike many statutory services that struggles with reduced resources.

It is hoped that more of our congregation will consider volunteering. There are many opportunities to get involved with, including front line help with families under the supervision of Rebecca Hale, our Dallington Family Practitioner; helping with supervised parental contact at the family day centre in Eastbourne; helping at family events in East Sussex; charity shop donations; making cakes for the open gardens, and many more. For more information, please see the leaflets and newsletters on the board or at the back of the church, or speak to Janet or Mandy.

Thank you for your support.

Mandy Pittman, Deanery Rep

MESSY CHURCH

Messy church continues in the Hub, on the 3rd Sunday afternoon of every second month. Though there are no regular families attending, the ones that do seem to enjoy it.

We have lots of exciting plans for the rest of the year including a very messy, Messy Church Praise Picnic for the July meeting. This is planned for the churchyard so please pray for a lovely sunny afternoon.

The edible crafts are always a favourite. We hope to bring more examples of the themed activities to be displayed in church on a more regular basis.

A big thank you to all those who come and join in and help and to those in the congregation who provide the tea, also a very popular, and much appreciated, part of the afternoon.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

There are now supervised activities for children, in the Choir Vestry, during the 10.45 services with craft activities related to various stories in the Bible. Again, apart from one regular participant, there are no regular children but those that have joined in seem to have enjoyed themselves. The children do enjoy showing off their achievements at the end of the service. Hopefully we will soon be able to have examples of the various projects on view in the children's corner. Highlighting that our children are an important and valued part of the life of the church.

It would be lovely to have some more helpers for either of these projects, there is no planning or preparation to do, unless anyone would like to, just come and have some fun.



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF HELLINGLY AND UPPER DICKER, SUSSEX**

Accounts For The Year Ended 31st, December 2024

Contents	Page
General Fund	2 & 3
Reconciliation of Funds and Investments	4 & 5
Church Trust & Chancel Fund	6
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	7
Notes to the Accounts	8
Retiring Collections and Charitable Giving	9
Fundraising	9
Friends of Hellingly Church	10 - 12

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Receipts and Payments Account 2024

INCOME	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total All Funds 2024	Total All Funds 2023
Income Donations and Legacies	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	5041.56			5041.56	0.00
Planned Giving (Not PGS) Inc. CAF	17556.00			17556.00	4803.26
PGS including Gift Aid	38457.97			38457.97	36091.52
Collections and Other Giving	10769.20	200.00		10969.20	17164.08
Gift Aid - From HMRC	3505.06			3505.06	3738.91
Income from Church Activities					
Trading Income	1403.60			1403.60	1000.87
Fundraising	6331.75			6331.75	3062.12
Fees Weddings / Funerals Etc	8595.59			8595.59	10140.62
Income from Using the Church as a Venue	153.64			153.64	0.00
Sale of Equipment				0.00	0.00
Grant Wealden DC	2342.00			2342.00	2275.00
Interest	205.03			205.03	0.61
Other	1288.06			1288.06	3070.09
Income Fabric					
Donations			50300.00	50300.00	0.00
LPW Grant Scheme			3042.07	3042.07	215.40
Interest			410.38	410.38	154.70
Total All Income	95649.46	200.00	53752.45	149601.91	81717.18

EXPENDITURE	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total All Funds 2024	Total All Funds 2023
Expenditure Raising Funds	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure Raising Funds	218.80			218.80	100.00
Church Activities					0.00
Parish Contribution	21000.00			21000.00	33000.00
Charity Collection	770.03			770.03	0.00
Charitable Giving	750.18			750.18	188.20
Salaries, NI and Pensions	17246.40			17246.40	16075.28
Church Running Expenses					
Gas	2707.60			2707.60	4627.77
Electricity	1814.05			1814.05	2375.52
Water and Waste Water	339.23			339.23	298.34
Wafers / Wine	294.57			294.57	247.40
Candles	242.38			242.38	250.52
Church Insurance	4499.58			4499.58	4404.91
Lent Books / Palm Crosses	38.97			38.97	16.89
Stationery	330.15			330.15	456.12
Baptism Cards / Candles / Confirmation Prayer Books	98.66			98.66	73.65
Hall Hire - Various Events	502.50			502.50	450.00
Music / Hymn Books / RSCM	200.93			200.93	1190.62
Printing and Design	647.26			647.26	238.85
Assigned Fees & Fees - Other	2444.20			2444.20	1628.80
Refreshments	1961.52			1961.52	337.61
Copyright	364.40			364.40	231.00
Wedding & Funeral - Support Costs	2372.47			2372.47	3523.81
Open The Book / Messy Church	134.10			134.10	136.05
Clergy Expenses					
Vicarage Expenses - Water, Council Tax, Etc	5330.79			5330.79	4996.53
Vicar's Expenses	1273.02			1273.02	1634.18
Curate's Expenses	1053.91			1053.91	495.00
Benefice expenses (other)	286.38			286.38	0.00
Expenditure Other					
Churchyard	1960.00			1960.00	1765.00
Church Flowers	188.20			188.20	255.95
Organ / Piano	432.00			432.00	175.00
Safety, Risk Assessments and Safeguarding	106.32			106.32	6.00
Security / Fire	140.61			140.61	598.76
Equipment	924.17			924.17	793.59
Office and Admin	214.80			214.80	220.14
Other Fundraising Costs	112.50			112.50	0.00
Website / Zoom / Facebook etc	634.32			634.32	66.22
Bank Charges	263.70			263.70	196.15
GBX Core Costs - (Contactless Terminal)	360.00			360.00	360.00
Upper Dicker Repairs	3731.00			3731.00	0.00
Other	954.61			954.61	754.10
Expenditure Fabric					
Church Fabric			663.00	663.00	2859.00
Bells and Clock			14962.02	14962.02	5330.55
Repairs			122.31	122.31	288.00
Electrician			1015.20	1015.20	2876.44
Churchyard			608.00	608.00	0.00
Bank Charges			60.00	60.00	0.00
Other				0.00	0.00
Total All Expenditure	76944.31	0.00	17430.53	94374.84	93521.95

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Reconciliation of Funds and Investments 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total Receipts	149601.91	81717.18
Transfer from Church Trust (Fabric Fund)		0.00
Transfer in from Friends Account	7989.20	5140.80
Total Payments	94374.84	93521.95
Excess Receipts over Payments	63216.27	-6663.97
Interest Retained in Organ Fund	45.84	26.82
Unrealised Appreciation on Investments	2124.71	4645.99
Total Excess Receipts over Payments	65386.82	-1991.16
	2024	2023
	£	£
Barclays Current A/C ****3890	1487.18	2231.60
Cheques Outstanding	0.00	0.00
Barclays Deposit A/C ****5046 (Fabric)	0.00	9502.09
Barclays Current A/C ****1795 (UD)	27.15	4.29
CAF Cash General Fund	2110.52	100.01
CAF Gold General Fund	3888.62	100.10
CAF Cash Fabric Fund	290.10	100.01
CAF Gold Fabric Fund	17408.90	100.10
CCLA Deposit A/C CB3023863-001 (Upper Dicker Organ Fund) (Was 61014140001D)	909.54	863.70
CCLA Share Accounts (From below)	43744.63	41619.92
CCLA Deposit Account CB3023453-001 (Fabric)(Was 002D)	1338.00	1338.00
CCLA Deposit Account CB1008509-001 A&R Kay Window Fund (Fabric)	50142.00	0.00
CCLA Deposit Account CB3023454-001 (General) Was 003D	10.10	10.10
Total in All Funds	121356.74	55969.92
Excess Receipts over Payments		65386.82
Check Sum	121356.74	121356.74

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker Financial Statement for Share Accounts 2024

Financial Statement for Share Accounts						
		2024		2023		Unrealised Appreciation
		£		£		£
CCLA 1J Closing Balance		43744.63		41619.92		2124.71
Opening Balance	41619.92					
Sale of Shares	0.00					
Total		43744.63		41619.92		2124.71

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker Financial Statement for Upper Dicker Organ Fund 2024

Financial Statement for UD Organ Fund						
		2024		2023		Interest Retained
		£		£		£
CB3023863-001 (Was 61014140001D)		909.54		863.70		45.84
Total		909.54		863.70		45.84

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker Church Trust and Chancel Fund

CHURCH TRUST (This is Fabric Fund)

	2024	2023	Unrealised Appreciation
	£	£	£
CB 3005213 (Was A/C 110001189F)	57030.32	54319.20	2711.12
Total	57030.32	54319.20	2711.12

CHANCEL FUND

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment Income Received	924.65	910.49
Deposit Account Interest Income received	1457.80	837.32
Total Accumulated Income Held on Behalf of the PCC	29818.94	27436.49

Following a review of the law the Chichester DBF decided in 2019 that the previous presentation of Chancel Funds had been misunderstood and that a revision was required. Income received from Chancel trusts is not investment income, as the PCC does not own the trust fund nor its investments. Income from Chichester DBF is a restricted charitable grant to reimburse the cost of insuring the Chancel, which previously has been paid by the PCC from General Funds.

Accumulated grant income not yet received from Chichester DBF and included in Debtors amounted to £29,818.94 at 31st December 2024 (2023 £27,436.49)

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

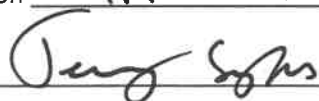
Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2024

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowed Fund	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
					2024	2023
ASSETS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current account ****890	1487.18				1487.18	2231.60
Current account ****795	27.15				27.15	4.29
Current account ****710 CAF	1871.63	238.89			2110.52	100.01
Deposit account ****387 CAF	3888.62				3888.62	100.10
Bank reserve account See Note			0.00		0.00	9502.09
Current account ****711 CAF Fabric			290.10		290.10	100.01
Deposit account ****388 CAF Fabric			17408.90		17408.90	100.10
CCLA deposit account CB3023454-001 (General)	10.10				10.10	10.10
CCLA deposit account CB3023453-001 (Fabric)			1338.00		1338.00	1338.00
CCLA deposit account CB3023453-001 (A&R Kay Window Fund (Fabric)			50142.00		50142.00	0.00
CCLA Share Account CB3032452-001 (Fabric)			43744.63		43744.63	41619.92
CBF deposit account CB3023863-001 (UD Organ)		909.54			909.54	863.70
Church Trust (Fabric)			57030.32		57030.32	54319.20
Debtors Chichester DBF Chancel Insurance Grant			29818.94		29818.94	27436.49
TOTALS	7284.68	1148.43	199772.89	0.00	208206.00	137725.61

LIABILITES						
To DBF	400.50				400.50	638.60
Uncleared Cheques					0.00	0.00
TOTALS	400.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.50	638.60

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 4th March 2025

Signature



Position

Vicar

Date

4/3/25

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Notes to the Financial Reports 2024

- 1) The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the charities act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2) The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on a special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.
- 3) Payments to PCC Employees:
The PCC of Hellingly and Upper Dicker is registered as an employer with HMRC. The PCC has two current employees. Gross payments were made amounting to £15,361.07, included in this are the appropriate PAYE and NI deductions that were sent to HMRC amounting to £358.20. As an employer, the PCC contributes to the NEST pension scheme. The PCC paid £286.96 into the scheme.
The church cleaner is self-employed. Payments were made to the value of £1,598.37. No deductions for tax or NI were made.
- 4) Payments to PCC members / Trustees:
Payments were made to the following PCC members, who are also trustees, for duties carried out at weddings and funerals. (Verger, Sound, Choir and Sexton). R Moore £50.00; G Hartley £68.00; C Haywood £117.00; J Clark £39.00. £282.80 was paid to Rev. P. Clark (related to a trustee) for duties as a retired minister. The only other payments made to PCC members were for the reimbursement of expenses. No PCC members / Trustees received payments for being a PCC member or Trustee.
- 5) Donations from PCC Members / Trustees:
Identifiable donations from PCC Members / Trustees exceeded £66264.94. Some donations into the charity are received anonymously. It is possible that some of these are made by trustees.
- 6) In 2023 a review was undertaken to identify fabric expenditure from general funds dating back to 2017 when The Parish of Hellingly and The Parish of Upper Dicker combined. Over this period a total of £13,827.68 of Hellingly fabric funds were used to support the general fund. In December 2024 a transfer of £13,827.68 was made from the General Fund to the Fabric Fund to correct this error.
- 7) Charity donations and retiring collections were paid as detailed in Appendix A on page 9.
- 8) The total in all funds stands at £208,206. Of this amount £199,772.89 is restricted to the fabric of the church of St Peter and St Paul, any work on a Grade 1 listed building comes at an enormous cost.

After our liabilities are taken into consideration the general fund balance at the end of the year stands at £6,884.18. It is the general fund that covers our Mission and Ministry and all of the general running costs of the church.

In 2024 we reduced our parish share contribution to just £21,000 out of the requested £81,445. This means that we have relied on the support of other parishes in the diocese to the value of £60,445.

- 9) The accounts for The Friends of Hellingly Church are shown at Appendix B on pages 10 and 11. This account is under the control of the Parochial Church Council in conjunction with the committee of The Friends; however, it does not form part of the general funds. In 2024 £7,989.20 was transferred from The Friends of Hellingly Church Funds to the Fabric Fund for the completion of the clock and dial refurbishment.

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Appendix A – Charitable Giving, Retiring Collections and Fundraising

2024

Charity Giving			Retiring Collections	
	£	£		£
Children's Society from Christingle Service	54.00			
Children's Society from Coffee Morning	242.18			
			Steve Willis Water Fund – Harvest Collection	379.41
			YMCA Downslink Group from Crib & Carol Services	770.03
Total	296.18		Total	770.03
Fundraising for Church Funds				
	Income	Costs		
Festival of Transport	1512.15	100.00		
Hellingly Open Gardens Refreshments	1750.00			
Coffee Mornings	982.25	118.00		
Bluebell Walk	1496.00			
S/H Book Donations	151.35			
Total	5891.75	218.00		

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Appendix B – The Friends of Hellingly Church

Receipts and Payments Account 2024

INCOME	2024	2023
Income from Donations	£	£
Single Donations	540.00	520.00
Donations in Memory		0.00
Standing Orders	2090.00	2020.00
Other Donations	6.00	212.00
Gift Aid - From HMRC	445.73	503.30
Bank Interest	640.50	0.11
Total Income from Donations	3722.23	3255.41
Income from Fundraising		
Income from Events	6121.63	5640.21
Total Income from Fundraising	6121.63	5640.21
Total All Income	9843.86	5640.21

EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Expenditure Raising Funds	£	£
Advance Deposit Future Events	0.00	-150.00
Printing	0.00	0.00
Stationery etc	13.60	0.00
Event Expenses	1919.74	2359.31
Web Renewal	5.50	5.50
Bank Charges	206.29	171.34
Total Expenditure Raising Funds	2145.13	2386.15
Expenditure Charitable Activities		
Contribution towards Clock and Dial Refurbishment	7989.20	5140.80
Total Expenditure Charitable Activities	7989.20	5140.80
Total All Expenditure	10134.33	7526.95

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Appendix B - The Friends of Hellingly Church

Financial Statement 2024

Financial Statement for Friends Account		2024		2023
		£		£
Income from Fundraising Events		6121.63		5640.21
Income from Donations inc GiftAid		3081.73		3255.30
Bank Interest		640.50		0.11
Total Income		9843.86		8895.62
Fundraising Expenses		2135.13		2386.15
Donation to Hellingly Church Fabric		7989.20		5140.80
Total Expenditure		10134.33		7526.95
Excess Receipts Over Payments		-290.47		1368.67
Friends of Hellingly Church Accounts				
		2024		2023
		£		£
Opening Balance		29144.28		27775.61
Excess Receipts over Payments		-290.47		1368.67
Closing Balance		28853.81		29144.28

The Parochial Church Council of Hellingly and Upper Dicker

Appendix B - The Friends of Hellingly Church

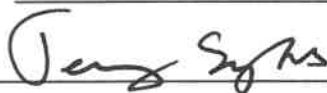
Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2024

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowed Fund	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
					2024	2023
ASSETS	£	£	£	£	£	£
Barclays Current account ****750			413.61		413.61	28944.17
CAF Cash Current account ****712			205.62		205.62	100.01
CAF Gold Deposit Account ****890			28234.58		28234.58	100.10
DebtorsHellingly Parish Council Hub Security Deposit 11/03/23					0.00	0.00
					0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	0.00	28853.81	0.00	28853.81	29144.28

LIABILITES						
Uncleared Cheques	0.00				0.00	0.00
TOTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 4th March 2025

Signature



Position

Vicar

Date

4/3/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hellingly and
Upper Dicker, Sussex

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1164080

Set out on pages

1-12

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

John Males

Date:

23.04.25

Name:

John Charles Males

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW FCA

Address:	Watson Associates
	30 – 34 North Street, Hailsham
	East Sussex, BN27 1DW

Section B

Disclosure

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

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

--