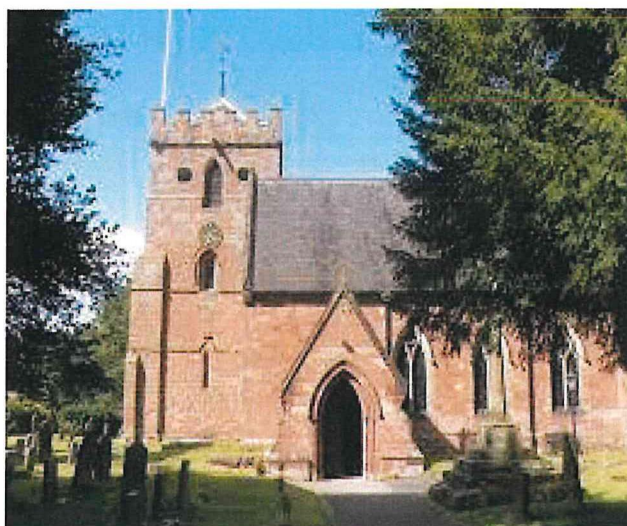


Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton

For the year ended 31st December 2023
Registered Charity Number: 1164192



The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023
Charity registration number 1164192

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mary Thomas, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Albrighton. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non church members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Albrighton, it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

2023 was another positive and busy year for the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Albrighton.

The PCC met on seven occasions: January, March, April, June, July, September, and December.

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Business included:

- A presentation to the PCC by the Richard Webster, Chair of Albrighton Parish Council Working Restoration Group, about the proposed renovations to the village War Memorial. The PCC later decided that the funds raised at the 2022 Beer Festival would be donated to the restoration fund for the war memorial.
- The Gladys Lloyd room was completed with the introduction of furniture and a coffee machine. It was proposed that a framed picture of Gladys Lloyd should be displayed in the room.
- It was proposed that a "Project Fund" should be created in the church accounts for legacies which haven't come with specific instructions. It was also agreed that a record should be kept of donations, names etc.
- Christmas Services were reviewed and arrangements for Lent and Easter were discussed.
- Following consultation with other village groups, it was decided to hold the Beer Festival on Coronation Weekend.
- The purchase of a third Sum-Up machine.
- The church Fundraising Temp Guage was repurposed so it could be used to show funds raised for the War Memorial.
- Following an approach by the Melville Club it was agreed, in principle, that a defibrillator could be installed at the church centre, funded by the Melville Club. *(To date the installation has not happened).*
- The PCC agreed that Cosy Café (a rebranded Warm Space) should run throughout the year as it was well received and numbers were growing.

- It was agreed that the church should have a stall at the Albrighton Fair in July.
- Financial Procedures were reviewed and accepted by the PCC.
- St. Mary's Tea Room made a £100 donation to the War Memorial Restoration Fund.
- Additional speakers were installed in the church centre to improve the quality of sound.
- Repairs in the Bell Tower were agreed by the PCC.
- Safeguarding sessions were run in the church centre by the Parish Safeguarding officer to ensure all PCC members across the benefice had met their safeguarding obligations.
- The church clock was serviced by Smiths of Derby.
- A £1000 donation was made to Albrighton Scouts group.
- Following the donation of the collection from Pat Joannides' funeral, a new chalice was purchased in her memory, a faithful Server and Chalice bearer for many years.
- Discussions around the possibility of joining Inclusive Church
- The purchase of a contactless pay station to enhance income and giving at St. Mary Magdalene, Albrighton.
- Participation in Churches Together Experience Christmas and Experience Pentecost events held for St. Mary's School at St. Mary Magdalene, Albrighton.
- PCC agreed to the purchase of a new desktop computer for the vicarage.

It remains my privilege to serve as Vicar in this place and I will continue to be thankful for the people amongst whom I minister and for whom I pray regularly.

Mary Thomas.

Fundraising activities against objectives set

Worship and Prayer

Worship at St. Mary's is delivered through a range of different liturgical and ecclesiological styles; Common Worship Parish Eucharist, Morning Praise, Songs of Praise, an Informal Iona style Communion & Messy Church.

Thank you to Steve Cooper (Director of Music) and all those involved in the choir and The Black Diamonds music group for their dedication in sharing their gifts and talents to enhance our worship. We are also blessed to have a merry band of bellringers who give of their time to call people to worship on Sundays and to bless couples as they marry, or toll the bell for those who have died.

Remembrance Sunday was a huge village event this year and it remains a privilege to play a part in such an important service for the village community, including hosting refreshments in the church centre following the service in church. We were delighted to host a Christingle service and a carol service for St. Mary's Primary School, and a carol service for Birchfield school. Our Christmas Eve Crib service was very well attended as was Midnight Mass.

Baptism, Wedding & Funeral Policies

Baptisms are offered on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, with parents being encouraged to attend church, particularly Messy Church, and to become a part of our community should they wish to. Baptisms of church members are offered as part of Sunday morning worship where appropriate.

All who live within the parish are welcome to get married in St. Mary Magdalene. Those who do not live within the ecclesiastical parish must meet the criteria for a qualifying connection.

All who live or die in the parish are entitled to a funeral service and burial/interment of ashes.

Mission activities through community events

Beer Festival

Our Annual Beer Festival returned in May 2023 and was welcomed with enthusiasm by the local community. Attendance was good and a broad range of musical acts was enjoyed by all. A third Sum Up machine was purchased to further enable contactless payments which helped the flow of people into the building. Following an audit of how to run the festival, set up costs were once again slightly higher than last year, but profits were still good, enabling a reasonable donation to be made to the Village War Memorial Restoration Fund. A huge thanks to Paul Fisher and all who helped to organize the beer festival, those who staffed the venue and those who came.

Afternoon Tea

Our monthly St. Mary's Tea Room is held on the second Friday of the month and was intended as part of our pastoral provision. It has gone from strength to strength and now has a regular attendance of about 65 people. Huge thanks to all involved and to all who came. *(A more extensive report is included in the reports section).*

Reports

Church Fabric Report 2023

The Church

Repair work was carried out on the clock weight tower which required the erection of scaffolding to access the top of the brickwork. There had been a reported water leak inside the tower and on inspection it was found that the brick joints had eroded away exposing the brickwork to the elements. All the joints were re-pointed and made watertight. The cast iron guttering on the church was cleaned out and all gutters and downpipes were painted with black hammarite paint. This work was actioned from the architect's quinquennial report of 2021. Another action point addressed was the vestry roof downpipe. Originally the water ran directly onto the roof, and it was recommended that a new downpipe be fitted which took the rainwater direct to the drain.

2023 saw the completion of the Gladys Lloyd room with the installation of new furniture. The room is now a place for quiet reflection and a great asset to our church.

Over the last 12 months Paul Jones & myself have refixed some loose slate tiles on the front entrance porch roof due to the breaking down of the lime-based mortar. Although they seem secure at present, we will require an architect's inspection in 2024 to assess the whole roof structure.

The Church Centre

While the contractors were on site working on the church guttering, I asked them to inspect the centre roof as there were gaps showing in the joints of the ridge tiles. It was found that both sides of the roof needed re-pointing, so this work was actioned. The contractors also cleaned out the centre guttering whilst on site.

2023 has been good year as far as the fabric of the church is concerned, with no major projects required only general maintenance. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks to all the people who have given their time and support in maintaining our church and churchyard, it is very much appreciated.

Chris Cherrington
Churchwarden

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Churchwarden

Benefice Office Report

2023 saw the busiest year yet for the Benefice Office. This was due in part to the increased use of the Church Centre. (See separate report). The Benefice Office is open every weekday from 9am to 2pm and works to relieve Revd. Mary of the myriad tasks involved in running the Benefice that do not require the expertise and qualifications of Clergy.

DBS Certification: Enable members of the PCC and volunteers to acquire DBS certification.

Statistics for Mission: Collect annual data required by the Diocese, of every service conducted in the three Benefice Churches This is taken from records of attendance at every Church Service, formatted and submitted to the Diocesan Office. This year we also had to provide data on our energy use to inform status of the carbon footprint for each church.

Baptisms: Gather all relevant information from the families, arrange the date, Clergy, Verger and produce Baptismal and Godparent Certificates.

Funerals: liaise with Funeral Directors, Clergy, Organist, Verger, Bell Ringers and Grave Digger to arrange all aspects involved in preparing for a Funeral. Within the Data protection Guidelines, refer bereaved families to the Pastoral care team for ongoing support.

Weddings: Work with all relevant parties to facilitate the Wedding Ceremony, produce an invoice and in some cases, print Orders of Service for the big day.

Church Centre: Manage bookings, fees and facilities for parties hiring the church Centre. Arrange storage provision, oversee the care and maintenance of the centre and arrange professional maintenance input as required.

Finance: Process expenses incurred by church members and invoices from commercial companies and forward them to the Church Accountant for payment. Verify payment. Manage a petty cash float for incidental small payments.

APCM: Preparation of all paperwork consistent with legal documentation required for the APCM for all three Churches - Electoral Roll revision, nomination forms for PCC and Church Wardens, printing minutes and providing the Chair with all necessary paperwork.

Legal: Annual application to the County Council and the Police to secure Alcohol licences for the Beer festival and to licence the Church Centre.

Printing: Weekly Order of Service booklets, reading sheets, song sheets for all three churches and for services held in the local Care Homes prepared in-house.

All publicity posters and leaflets supporting Church events.

Local organisations newsletters.

Village Christmas card produced by CTAA listing Christmas Services for all Village Churches with a cover picture chosen from designs submitted by local schoolchildren. These are then delivered to every house in the Village by volunteers.

Responsible for the care and maintenance of printers and arranging sufficient supplies of toners and paper for their efficient general usage and for printing the monthly Parish Magazine.

Church: Opening and closing of Church each weekday. Liaising with the Church cleaner and overseeing the cleaning of the Church.

Keys: The Office is the keyholder for all 3 Churches in the Benefice.

Miscellaneous: Deliver ad hoc requests for foodbank provisions; Prepare menu cards for Lent Lunches; Negotiate Utility tariffs for Church and Church Centre and submit meter readings; Arrange for work force and specialists to carry out work needed in the church and Church Centre. Send funeral fees information to every Funeral Director with whom we have contact on a regular basis.

Provide secretarial support for St. Chad's and St. Cuthbert's Churches; Meet, greet and assist personal callers and similarly respond to telephone calls. Deal with the many and varied emails.

Andrea Tyerman & Julie Bromley

St. Mary's Church Centre Report

2023 was the busiest year yet for our Church Centre. It has now become a real community hub where people of all ages feel welcome and supportive friendships have been made. Without a large band of volunteers, which we appreciate very much, we could not run some of the wide variety of activities which are on offer. The Centre is now used every day by various groups from all age groups.

On a Monday we have Cosy Café which provides a warm space and free meals to anyone. Later in the day there is a class for those who love ballroom dancing. Tuesday morning sees an exercise class for the over 60's and then flower arranging and once a month flower club meet in the evening. Wednesday evening sees another exercise group "Menofit", although on some Wednesday's we also have "Reel Issues", where a film is shown followed by a meal. On Thursday morning in term time we have "Tiny Club", a group for moms and toddlers. Later that day we have our "Thank you for being a friend" singing group. Friday morning there is Yoga, and then once a month in the afternoon we have St. Mary's "Tearoom" where a delicious array of cakes and sandwiches are served to a group of 60 people. On Saturday morning every month we have Men' Breakfast. An opportunity just for men to get together, have a meal and a chat. And, of course, after every Sunday Service there is time for a cuppa and fellowship for the congregation. These are our regular activities, but we also have birthday party bookings, Funeral Wakes and other family functions.

Music

Having completed my first full calendar year as Organist and Director of Music, I am now fully up to speed with the liturgical calendar and the music required. I am enjoying my role.

In the past year I did encounter a couple of difficult issues which required delicate handling as part of my duties, which have been resolved, and I now feel that things are in a good place. I am continuing to develop the choir and in the past year we have added 4 new ladies, (3 sopranos and 1 alto). This brings us up to 7 choir members, 3 more from when I started in September 2022. The balance of the choir is clearly

stronger having additional voices, and it is nice that we can maintain 4 part SATB harmony. We did however lose Mandy Murphy from the choir at the end of 2023 and I wish to thank her for her hard work and contribution to the choir during my tenure.

The choir meet regularly on Wednesday evenings and they work hard to lead the hymn singing and in providing a sung anthem each week. I am aware from comments regularly made to me by members of the congregation that they enjoy listening to the varying music which the choir provides. The choir are currently working on learning anthems for the services during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Day.

We have started to learn a new setting for the Communion service, from which we currently sing the Gloria; I wish to familiarise the congregation with the remainder of this setting as we progress into 2024.

The band are also enjoying playing each month at the Benefice Service, and it is nice to have Anthony back with us on guitar after a personal injury which ruled him out of action for a few months towards the end of 2023. My thanks go to the band members for their hard work in their preparation and for enhancing our worship at these benefice services.

For Palm Sunday 2023, I invited people from the wider community to sing with the choir in a presentation of J.L. Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary". This was well supported and appreciated by the audience and donations were invited towards church funds.

In late November I brought my charitable Choir, Hospice Voices, to St Mary's where they entertained an audience with a concert of Christmas songs and carols; proceeds from this were in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice and a total of £650 was raised.

For the second year running, I invited singers from the community to join the choir to sing at the Carol Service, which again was well received by the congregation.

Moving forward into 2024, we have already introduced a Choral Evensong at the end of January, which was very enjoyable and appreciated by those who attended the service; this is something which I would like to do on a regular basis, and Rev. Mary and myself have suggested that these are done on a quarterly basis.

I am looking at performing the Faure "Requiem" in November around Remembrance, and I shall be inviting singers to come and join with the church choir for this.

Regrettably, we will be losing our regular organ tuner, Kevin Hood who is retiring, and I thank him for looking after our church organ. I look forward to working with our new organ tuner. I have the organ tuned twice a year at present.

Stephen Cooper

Director of Music

The Foodbank

The foodbank continues to be well supported by the local community, both with food and monetary donations. We do not have a great take-up for requests.

There have been a few changes over the year. Food parcels used to be delivered by the local Parish minibus. When funding was withdrawn the service stopped so we opted to take on the delivery service via volunteers from the benefice. As a result of this we found the number of recipients reduced by 6 a week, even though we tried to contact these people they did not ask for any further parcels or help.

We took the opportunity to review our processes and alter the way we operated. It was agreed to provide 3 food parcels with no questions asked. After the 3rd request, we would require a letter from an authorising body, e.g. doctor, health visitor, school etc. We found the system had been slightly abused with people using the foodbank as an alternative to going shopping, or they felt entitled as they were in receipt of a pension. With the new process implemented we now feel the parcels are reaching those who most need the service.

Improved record keeping from July to the end of 2023 show that...

Boxes distributed 53 - average of 8 per month.

September & October had a higher demand, 11 in total for each month.

We supported a higher number of single people, then families finally couples.

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Single	2	5	7	5	2	4	25
Couple	0	0	0	2	3	2	7
Family	4	4	4	4	3	2	21
	6	9	11	11	8	8	53

Men's Breakfast

A Men's Breakfast was introduced in 2022 as a start to a Men's Ministry initiative. Breakfast is held every 4 to 6 weeks at St Mary's Church Centre and is an opportunity for men to meet and talk. Men find it easier to talk to men in a relaxed atmosphere.

The cost of a full English breakfast in £3, to cover costs, however as always, more is donated, and any excess monies are being used to send vital Theological books including Bibles to Africa. These books have been donated by the churches and community.

Attendance at the breakfasts have been steady at 20/24 men from the United benefice and the wider community.

Churches Together in Albrighton and Area

A meaningful and reflective service was held in St Joseph's church to mark the World Day of Prayer. An annual event that brings together people to pray and learn from women in different countries. The service was based on material prepared by the churches from Taiwan with the theme, "I have heard about your faith," based on a passage from the Book of Ephesians.

During Lent the lunches were again put on in the Methodist church, however there was a poor attendance at many of the lunches. £666 was raised as those who did attend were generous with their donations, and this was divided between Smile Train, who carry out surgery on cleft palates and also train local doctors and the Albrighton Trust, Moat and Gardens, who offer educational and recreational activities for people disadvantaged by disability, special needs or illness.

Lent study groups were based on the 2021 version of West Side Story and Rev Mary Thomas adapted material from the book "A Place for us" by Lavinia Byrne and Jan McBride. The film was shown at the start with a meal and was well attended. The afternoon study sessions were attended by 8 to 12, but the evening study group had only around 5 including those leading the study.

Christian Aid week was marked with an exhibition and music outside the Wesley Hall, the takings from the Café Central were also donated, and envelopes were distributed in the churches raising a total of £570.

A joint bible study was led by Fr John Bristo during June in the Methodist church, his enthusiasm for scripture was evident although there were differences of opinion as to the interpretation.

The CTAA had a stall on Fair day, with pictures of all 6 churches on bookmarks and other advertising material from the churches. The bookmarks were free, but many donated raising £55 for CTAA.

Experience Pentecost was organised for and attended by St Mary's school. It tells of the events surrounding Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The final event of the year was a service in the evening on Advent Sunday at St. Joseph's, in which all denominations participated.

Bill Sharples

Financial Review

Income:- £150,023 [£137,303 2022]

Expenditure:- £148,056 [£172,795 2022]

Excess: £1,967 – Unrestricted excess £5,383 Restricted deficit (£3,416)
[Deficit - £35,492 2022]

Net total Assets: £584,307 [£579,200 2022]

Overall Income has increased from £137,303 2022 to £150,023. The most notable differences being increases in 0101 Gift aid collections, 0301 loose plate collections, 0550 donations and 1250 magazine advertising. We have seen decreases in 0201 Non gift aid collections and 1260 magazine sales.

Expenditure on the other hand has decreased from £172,795 2022 to £148,056. The most notable differences [not exhaustive] being increases in 2050 Parish administrator salary – this is probably because Donington had not transferred their contribution towards the Parish administration. A transfer will be made in 2024 backdated to December 2022. Other notable increases are 2330 church maintenance, 2360 Administration/Stationery, 2410 Church running – gas, 2560 Hall running maintenance and Music staff salaries. We have seen reductions in 1730 Cost of fetes, 1801 giving to missionary societies and 2350 upkeep of churchyard.

A relatively positive year for Albrighton St Mary's.

Kim Benton

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £31,425 [£26,120 2022]. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £64,869 [£76,346 2022] and in addition there are free reserve investments of £118,087 [£104,905 2022], which is significantly higher than this target. St Mary's have chosen to show reserves in a designated fund. The balance of this fund is £40,000, which is lower than the target. In the uncertain economic climate, it is felt to have a healthy reserve is a good foundation for the future and will allow the charity to explore different outreach if identified and also be secure of having sufficient reserves if called upon in any unforeseen circumstances.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London.

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all of the 34 volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC met 4 times in 2022.

Related Parties

Andrea Tyerman is employed as Parish Administrator and PA to Revd Mary Thomas and continues as a Trustee of the PCC. This has been discussed by the PCC without Andrea present and the PCC agreed unanimously that they wanted Andrea to continue in both roles.

No other Trustee or their family are employed or offered contracts to carry out work for the PCC.

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from related parties during the year totalled £57,560 [£34,619 2022]. All these donations were received without conditions. One donor donated 78% of the total but has done this on a consistent basis over many years.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with their charity. Andrea Tyerman is employed as the Incumbents personal assistant and is also The Church Warden. The PCC discussed the reason for employing and her continuing as a Trustee without Andrea being present. They decided that because of her years of experience working as the Administrator [prior to being registered with Charity Commission] and her years of attending St Mary's Church they wanted her to continue in both roles.

The remuneration is £8,736 per annum [£8,502 2022] – there are no pension payments and Andrea does not receive any other benefits.

Expenses paid to Trustees

Two trustees were reimbursed a total of £1,311 [£835 2022] for travel during the year.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Albrighton

Other names the charity is known by: N/A

Registered Charity Number: 1164192

Charity's principal address: Vicarage Fields Albrighton Wolverhampton WV7 3EQ

Correspondence address: St Mary's Church Centre Vicarage Fields Albrighton Wolverhampton WV7 3EQ

Website address: <https://www.albrightonparishchurch.org.uk>

PCC Members: Who Served from 1 January 2023 to the date this report was approved

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
Ex-Officio		
The Rev'd Mary Thomas	Chair	
The Rev'd Gerald Harper	Curate	Resigned 1 September 2023
Andrea Tyerman	Churchwarden/Vice Chair/Deanery Synod Rep	
Chris Cherrington	Churchwarden	
Lydia Radigan	Secretary	
William Sharples	Deanery Synod Rep	
Stephen Cooper	Director of Music	
Elected Members		
Pam Slater		
Howard Siswick		
Gerald Leach		
Paul Jones		
Denise Cherrington	Gift Aid Secretary	
Sue Aston		
Josephine Fisher		
Tim Bradshaw		
Mandy Murphy		
Mary Hancox		
Timothy Mear		

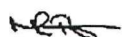
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Investment Managers	CCLA 1 Angel Ln London EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner	Jonathan Hill Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

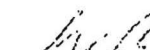
Approved by the PCC on 07/03/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Mary Thomas	Lydia Radigan
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Approved by the PCC on DD MM 20XX and signed on its behalf by:


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Revd Mary Thomas


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Lydia Radigan

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of The Parish of Albrighton
Registered charity number, if applicable: 1164192

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

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

Signed:



Date: 13 / 5 / 2024

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The Parish of Albrighton
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Accounting Policies

The Financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties that relate to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

An explanation of purpose of each Designated fund are as follows:

- Beer – Beer festival funds collected for General fund – kept separate for analysis
- Bells – Funds set aside for the maintenance of the Bells
- Charity – Funds set aside for donations to other Charities
- Children – Fund set aside for work with children
- Choir – Funds set aside for Choir expenses
- Clock – Funds set aside for the maintenance of the Clock
- Emergency fund – Funds set aside for emergencies. To be used at the Vicars discretion
- Entertain – Funds set aside for purchasing sundries when entertaining
- Flowers – Funds set aside for Church flowers
- Hall – Fund used to record of the income and expenditure of the Church Centre
- Magazine – Fund to record the income and expenditure of the Magazine
- Maintain – Funds set aside for Church maintenance
- Organ – Funds set aside for the upkeep of the Organ
- Organ Chamber – Funds set aside for the planned work on the Organ Chamber
- PPNZC – Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon – Funds set aside to further reducing the Church's carbon footprint
- Quinquen – Funds set aside for any Quinquennial inspection works
- Reserves – Funds set aside to go towards or cover 3 months expenditure
- Services – Funds set aside for Vestry Wine/Wafers/Candles
- Sound - Funds set aside for the upgrade of the Sound system
- SSchool – Funds set aside for Sunday School

- Stationery – Funds set aside for Stationery
- Tiny Club – Funds set aside for Tiny Club to be merged with Children fund
- Training – Funds set aside for Ministry Training

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

An explanation of purpose of each Restricted fund are as follows:

- Foodbank Grant – Grant from Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance to increase the storage capacity of the foodbank
- Decoration – Funds specifically for the decoration of the Vicarage and held with LDBF
- Yard – Specific donations and grants for the upkeep of the Churchyard

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

An explanation of purpose of each Endowment fund are as follows:

The Parish of Albrighton does not hold any Endowments.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. The Church Centre is revalued at 31 December annually using Nationwide house price calculator and shown on page 32.

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured as cash expected to be received

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Parish of Albrighton year ended 2023

Statement of Receipts and Payments 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Receipts:				
Donations and legacies	115,175	1,500	116,675	106,024
Receipts from charitable activities	9,808	—	9,808	9,611
Other trading activities	16,446	—	16,446	15,918
Investments	7,093	—	7,093	5,749
Total receipts	148,523	1,500	150,023	137,303
Payments:				
Raising funds	444	—	444	306
Payments on charitable activities	134,095	4,916	139,011	150,276
Other payments	8,600	—	8,600	22,213
Total payments	143,140	4,916	148,056	172,795
Net receipts / (payments) resources before transfer	5,383	(3,416)	1,967	(35,492)
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	106,434	12,516	118,950	25,788
Gross transfers between funds - out	(118,950)	—	(118,950)	(25,788)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains / losses on investment assets	13,181	—	13,181	(10,571)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	(10,042)	—	(10,042)	20,412
Net movement in funds	(3,993)	9,100	5,106	(25,652)
Total funds brought forward	582,771	(3,570)	579,200	604,852
Total funds carried forward	578,778	5,529	584,307	579,200

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Fixed assets - Tangible assets					
Church Hall -	342,720	—	—	342,720	352,762
Totals	342,720	—	—	342,720	352,762
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
St Mary Magdalene - Main -	12,681	13,097	10,785	36,564	46,252
St Mary Magdalene - Main -	—	—	—	—	(32,605)
St Mary Magdalene Savings - Planned	42,372	40,000	1,040	83,412	100,030
Givi -					
Cash in hand -	131	—	—	131	161
Bell Ringer Petty Cash -	—	—	—	—	90
Emergency Fund Vicars discretion -	—	4	—	4	4
CCLA (CBF) Reserve -	9,683	—	—	9,683	9,382
CCLA Albrighton St Mary Magdalene PCC	118,087	—	—	118,087	104,905
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IDS Decoration Scheme -	—	—	1,769	1,769	1,769
Totals	182,956	53,101	13,595	249,653	229,989
Liabilities - Agency accounts					
Agency collections -	—	—	8,065	8,065	3,551
Totals	—	—	8,065	8,065	3,551
Grand total	525,676	53,101	5,529	584,307	579,200

Approved by the PCC on 07/03/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Mary Thomas

Lydia Radigan

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Fixed assets - Tangible assets					
Church Hall -	342,720	—	—	342,720	352,762
Totals	342,720	—	—	342,720	352,762
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
St Mary Magdalene - Main -	12,681	13,097	10,785	36,564	46,252
St Mary Magdalene - Main -	—	—	—	—	(32,605)
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Bell Ringer Petty Cash -	—	—	—	—	90
Emergency Fund Vicars discretion -	—	4	—	4	4
CCLA (CRF) Reserve -	9,683	—	—	9,683	9,382
CCLA Albrighton St Mary Magdalene PCC	118,087	—	—	118,087	104,905
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
Fixed assets - Tangible assets					
Church Hall -	352,762	—	—	352,762	332,350
Totals	352,762	—	—	352,762	332,350
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand					
St Mary Magdalene - Main -	6,653	9,302	(2,309)	13,646	11,537
St Mary Magdalene Savings - Planned	59,510	40,000	520	100,030	139,436
Givi -					
CCLA (CBF) Reserve -	9,382	—	—	9,382	9,260
Cash in hand -	800	(639)	—	161	123
Bell Ringer Petty Cash -	90	—	—	90	90
Emergency Fund Vicars discretion -	—	4	—	4	4
IDS Decoration Scheme -	—	—	1,769	1,769	1,582
Totals	76,436	48,667	(19)	125,084	162,034
Fixed assets - Investments					
CCLA Albrighton St Mary Magdalene PCC	104,905	—	—	104,905	115,491
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Totals	104,905	—	—	104,905	115,491
Liabilities - Agency accounts					
Agency collections -	—	—	3,551	3,551	4,503
Totals	—	—	3,551	3,551	4,503
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year					
LDBF - Salary deficit -	—	—	—	—	520
Totals	—	—	—	—	520
Grand total	534,103	48,667	(3,570)	579,200	604,852

Analysis of receipts and payments 2023

Receipts

Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
0101 - Gift Aid Collections	68,324	—	—	68,324	46,206
0201 - Non Gift Aid Collections	1,435	—	—	1,435	1,844
0301 - Loose plate collections	4,370	—	—	4,370	3,337
0410 - Giving through church boxes	127	—	—	127	92
0550 - Donations appeals over £20	15,489	572	—	16,062	9,981
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	11,734	—	—	11,734	21,375
0701 - Legacies	5,000	—	—	5,000	3,000
0801 - Recurring grants	3,000	—	—	3,000	3,500
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	1,500	1,500	6,250
0901 - Other funds generated	5,119	—	—	5,119	10,438
Total	114,602	572	1,500	116,675	106,024
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	9,773	—	—	9,773	9,611
1210 - Magazine/Bookstall sales	35	—	—	35	—
Total	9,808	—	—	9,808	9,611
Other trading activities					
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	5,555	—	5,555	4,815
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	10,891	—	10,891	11,103
Total	—	16,446	—	16,446	15,918
Investments					
1020 - Bank/Building society/CBF interest	1,289	—	—	1,289	826
1230 - Donations to Church Hall Upkeep	—	5,803	—	5,803	4,923
Total	1,289	5,803	—	7,093	5,749
INCOME TOTAL	125,700	22,822	1,500	150,023	137,303

Payments

Raising funds	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	81	—	—	81	—
1740 - Bank Charges	362	—	—	362	306
Total	444	—	—	444	306

Expenditure on charitable activities

1730 - Costs of fetes/concerts & other events	—	2,627	—	2,627	4,988
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	1,481	—	1,481	2,032
1910 - LDBF Common Fund	45,474	—	—	45,474	45,474
2050 - Parish Administrator Salary	15,943	—	—	15,943	13,111
2150 - Vicar's telephone	60	—	—	60	110
2201 - Parish training and mission	4,065	660	—	4,725	540
2301 - Church running - insurance	4,383	—	—	4,383	4,407
2310 - Church office - telephone/internet	1,003	—	—	1,003	613
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	—	895	—	895	675
2330 - Church maintenance	387	14,924	—	15,311	8,382
2331 - Cleaning	3,433	—	—	3,433	3,229
2340 - Upkeep of services	—	4,074	—	4,074	3,527
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	—	4,916	4,916	7,957
2360 - Administration/Stationery	17,551	4,377	—	21,929	5,041
2363 - Licences & Subscriptions - Inactive	—	—	—	—	300
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	215	—	—	215	—
2401 - Church running - electric	3,554	—	—	3,554	2,433
2410 - Church running - gas	7,216	—	—	7,216	5,068
2420 - Church running - water	225	—	—	225	538
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	(374)	—	(374)	1,764
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	785	—	785	20
2580 - Hall running - water	—	672	—	672	1,134
2701 - Church major repairs	—	—	—	—	31,660
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	—	456	—	456	7,267
Total	103,514	30,581	4,916	139,011	150,276

Other expenditure

2051 - Other Salaries	3,130	—	—	3,130	2,866
2060 - Music Staff Salaries	4,437	—	—	4,437	1,674
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	521	—	—	521	—
2130 - Working Expenses of Curate	—	—	—	—	30
2131 - All Other Expense Claims	512	—	—	512	—
2311 - Photocopier/Printing/Advertising Expense	—	—	—	—	17,642
Total	8,600	—	—	8,600	22,213
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	112,559	30,581	4,916	148,056	172,795
GRAND TOTAL	13,141	(7,758)	(3,416)	1,967	(35,492)

Fund movement by type – 2023

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gain/Loss	Closing
Beer - Beer Festival Collec						
Designated	5,281	—	—	(5,281)	—	—
Sub-total for Beer	5,281	—	—	(5,281)	—	—
Bells - Bells Maintenance						
Designated	1,500	125	5,324	3,698	—	—
Sub-total for Bells	1,500	125	5,324	3,698	—	—
Charity - Charitable Fund						
Designated	4,968	—	1,481	(3,486)	—	—
Sub-total for Charity	4,968	—	1,481	(3,486)	—	—
Children - Childrens Activities						
Designated	250	204	17	(253)	—	183
Sub-total for Children	250	204	17	(253)	—	183
Choir - Choir - Inactive						
Designated	725	—	—	(725)	—	—
Sub-total for Choir	725	—	—	(725)	—	—
Clock - Church Clock Mainten						
Designated	688	—	327	(360)	—	—
Sub-total for Clock	688	—	327	(360)	—	—
Decoration - Decoration Scheme						
Restricted	1,769	—	—	—	—	1,769
Sub-total for Decoration	1,769	—	—	—	—	1,769
Emergency - Emergency Fund - Vic						
Designated	750	—	—	(745)	—	4
Sub-total for Emergency	750	—	—	(745)	—	4
Entertain - Entertaining (Recept						
Designated	(343)	—	2,574	2,574	—	(343)
Sub-total for Entertain	(343)	—	2,574	2,574	—	(343)
Flowers - Flowers						
Designated	250	—	—	(250)	—	—
Sub-total for Flowers	250	—	—	(250)	—	—
FoodGrant - Food Bank Grant						
Restricted	4,818	—	—	—	—	4,818
Sub-total for FoodGrant	4,818	—	—	—	—	4,818
Hall - Hall Fund						
Designated	4,004	5,803	1,083	(7,932)	—	791
Sub-total for Hall	4,004	5,803	1,083	(7,932)	—	791
Magazine - Magazine Fund						
Designated	20,635	16,446	2,034	(26,536)	—	8,510
Sub-total for Magazine	20,635	16,446	2,034	(26,536)	—	8,510

Maintain - Church Maintenance						
Designated	1,234	—	9,272	8,018	—	(19)
Sub-total for Maintain	1,234	—	9,272	8,018	—	(19)
Organ - Organ & Piano Tuning						
Designated	(675)	—	895	1,395	—	(175)
Sub-total for Organ	(675)	—	895	1,395	—	(175)
Organcham - Organ Chamber Fund						
Designated	4,773	—	486	12	—	4,300
Sub-total for Organcham	4,773	—	486	12	—	4,300
PPNZC - Practical Path To Ne						
Designated	(418)	—	—	418	—	—
Sub-total for PPNZC	(418)	—	—	418	—	—
Quinquen - Quinquennial Inspect						
Designated	745	—	—	(745)	—	—
Sub-total for Quinquen	745	—	—	(745)	—	—
Reserves - Reserves - 3 Months						
Designated	40,000	—	—	—	—	40,000
Sub-total for Reserves	40,000	—	—	—	—	40,000
SSchool - Sunday School - Inac						
Designated	140	—	—	(140)	—	—
Sub-total for SSchool	140	—	—	(140)	—	—
Services - Vestry Wine/Wafers/C						
Designated	(3,408)	—	4,074	7,332	—	(149)
Sub-total for Services	(3,408)	—	4,074	7,332	—	(149)
Sound - Sound System - Inact						
Designated	(32,187)	—	—	32,187	—	—
Sub-total for Sound	(32,187)	—	—	32,187	—	—
Stationer - Stationery						
Designated	(732)	—	2,343	3,075	—	—
Sub-total for Stationer	(732)	—	2,343	3,075	—	—
TinyClub - Tiny Club Fund - Ina						
Designated	527	242	113	(657)	—	—
Sub-total for TinyClub	527	242	113	(657)	—	—
Training - Ministry Training						
Designated	(40)	—	553	593	—	—
Sub-total for Training	(40)	—	553	593	—	—
Yard - Church Yard						
Restricted	(10,158)	1,500	4,916	12,516	—	(1,058)
Sub-total for Yard	(10,158)	1,500	4,916	12,516	—	(1,058)
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	534,103	125,700	112,559	(24,708)	3,139	525,676
Sub-total for General	534,103	125,700	112,559	(24,708)	3,139	525,676

Grand total	579,200	150,023	148,056	—	3,139	584,307
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Fund movement by type – 2022

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gain/Loss	Closing
BaptWedd - Baptism/Weddings Sun						
Designated	100	—	—	(100)	—	—
Sub-total for BaptWedd	100	—	—	(100)	—	—
Beer - Beer Festival collec						
Designated	—	8,572	3,291	—	—	5,281
Sub-total for Beer	—	8,572	3,291	—	—	5,281
Bells - Bells Maintenance						
Designated	1,066	—	—	433	—	1,500
Sub-total for Bells	1,066	—	—	433	—	1,500
Charity - Charitable Fund						
Designated	5,000	—	2,032	2,000	—	4,968
Sub-total for Charity	5,000	—	2,032	2,000	—	4,968
Choir - Choir						
Designated	725	—	—	—	—	725
Sub-total for Choir	725	—	—	—	—	725
Clock - Church Clock Mainten						
Designated	1,000	—	312	—	—	688
Sub-total for Clock	1,000	—	312	—	—	688
Decoration - Decoration Scheme						
Restricted	1,582	187	—	—	—	1,769
Sub-total for Decoration	1,582	187	—	—	—	1,769
Emergency - Emergency Fund - Vic						
Designated	750	—	—	—	—	750
Sub-total for Emergency	750	—	—	—	—	750
Entertain - Entertaining (Recept						
Designated	359	—	1,343	640	—	(343)
Sub-total for Entertain	359	—	1,343	640	—	(343)
Flowers - Flowers						
Designated	—	—	—	250	—	250
Sub-total for Flowers	—	—	—	250	—	250
FoodGrant - Food Bank Grant						
Restricted	—	5,000	181	—	—	4,818
Sub-total for FoodGrant	—	5,000	181	—	—	4,818
Hall - Hall Fund [Including						
Designated	1,697	4,923	2,918	302	—	4,004
Sub-total for Hall	1,697	4,923	2,918	302	—	4,004

Magazine - Magazine Fund						
Designated	6,167	15,918	1,450	—	—	20,635
Sub-total for Magazine	6,167	15,918	1,450	—	—	20,635
Maintain - Church Maintenance						
Designated	(4,550)	—	3,765	9,550	—	1,234
Sub-total for Maintain	(4,550)	—	3,765	9,550	—	1,234
Messy - Messy Church						
Designated	250	—	—	—	—	250
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Messy	250	—	—	—	—	250
Organ - Organ & Piano Tuning						
Designated	1,460	—	675	(1,460)	—	(675)
Sub-total for Organ	1,460	—	675	(1,460)	—	(675)
Organcham - Organ Chamber Fund						
Designated	7,137	—	2,363	—	—	4,773
Sub-total for Organcham	7,137	—	2,363	—	—	4,773
PPNZC - Practical Path To Ne						
Designated	—	—	2,418	2,000	—	(418)
Sub-total for PPNZC	—	—	2,418	2,000	—	(418)
Quinquen - Quinquennial Inspect						
Designated	4,280	—	(745)	(4,280)	—	745
Sub-total for Quinquen	4,280	—	(745)	(4,280)	—	745
Reserves - Reserves - 3 Months						
Designated	40,000	—	—	—	—	40,000
Sub-total for Reserves	40,000	—	—	—	—	40,000
SSchool - Sunday School						
Designated	140	—	—	—	—	140
Sub-total for SSchool	140	—	—	—	—	140
Services - Vestry Wine/Wafers/C						
Designated	(1,520)	—	3,408	1,520	—	(3,408)
Sub-total for Services	(1,520)	—	3,408	1,520	—	(3,408)
Sound - Sound System						
Designated	1,856	150	34,193	—	—	(32,187)
Sub-total for Sound	1,856	150	34,193	—	—	(32,187)
Stationer - Stationery						
Designated	(1,242)	—	1,732	2,242	—	(732)
Sub-total for Stationer	(1,242)	—	1,732	2,242	—	(732)
TinyClub - Tiny Club Fund						
Designated	—	—	472	1,000	—	527
Sub-total for TinyClub	—	—	472	1,000	—	527
Training - Ministry Training						
Designated	492	—	540	7	—	(40)
Sub-total for Training	492	—	540	7	—	(40)

Yard - Church Yard						
Restricted	(3,700)	1,500	7,957	—	—	(10,158)
Sub-total for Yard	(3,700)	1,500	7,957	—	—	(10,158)
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	541,900	101,051	104,483	(14,108)	9,825	534,103
Sub-total for General	541,900	101,051	104,483	(14,108)	9,825	534,103
None - Agency collection						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for None	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	604,852	137,303	172,795	—	9,825	579,200

Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Wages & Salaries	£21,932	£20,046
Social Security Costs	£ 0	£ 0
Average number of Employees	4	3

During the year the PCC employed an administrator, a Personal Assistant, a cleaner and a verger [all part-time] and no payments attracted social security payments. The verger payments were Weddings, funerals and baptisms. It was felt more prudent for the Verger to be paid via payroll

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year and no payments into the NEST pension which payroll uses.

Albrighton St Mary's receives £1,528 per annum [£1,528 2022] from Boningale Parish and £NIL per annum [paid in 2024][£3,048 2022] from Donington Parish towards the cost of the Administrator and Personal Assistant. The accounts therefore show a total of £15,943 Parish Administrator salary.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

Andrea Tyerman a trustee of the PCC was paid £8,736 [£8,502 2022] by the PCC during the year for her role as Personal Assistant. Andrea has been employed as a personal assistant for a number of years. She was the best candidate when she applied and because of her experience it was felt that it would be beneficial for her to continue as a Trustee. She is not present when there are any discussions regarding her employment. No pension contributions were made by the PCC in connection with this employment.

Two Trustees have been reimbursed £1,311 [£835 2022] [for travel during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

Donations from related parties [PCC members] totalled £57,560 [£34,619 2022]

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2023	2022 £
Independent Examiner's fees	150	150
Other fees (eg accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner	700	650

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2023

Reference	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
Budget 2023	-	5,281.16	Tfr from Beer to General to bring to nil	Beer	Des
Budget 2023	5,281.16	-	Tfr from Beer to General to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	3,688.45	-	Tfr from General to Bells to bring to nil and close	Bells	Des
Budget 2023	360.4	-	Tfr from Church Clock to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	7,332.50	Tfr from General to Services to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	140	Tfr from Sunday School to General to bring to nil and close	SSchool	Des
Budget 2023	-	589.32	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	1,251.619	Tfr from General to Churchyard to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7,932.96	-	Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	250	-	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	3,486.21	-	Tfr from Charitable to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7.25	-	Tfr from Choir to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	745.5	-	Tfr from Emergency to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	2,467.34	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	418	-	Tfr from General to Practical path to bring to nil and close	PPNCC	Des
Budget 2023	-	745	Tfr from Quinquennial to General to bring to nil and close	Quinquenn	Des
Budget 2023	745	-	Tfr from Quinquennial to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	2,537.59	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-7,932.96	-	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	3,688.45	Tfr from General to Bells to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	360.4	Tfr from Church Clock to General to bring to nil and close	Clock	Des
Budget 2023	-	7,932.96	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	Food Grant	Res
Budget 2023	-	7,922.44	Tfr from General to Church Maintenance to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	1,395.00	Tfr from General Organ & Piano Tuning	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7,332.50	-	Tfr from General to vestry to bring to nil and close	Services	Des
Budget 2023	-	664.36	Tfr from Tiny Club fund to General to bring to nil and close	Tiny Club	Des
Budget 2023	589.32	-	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	Training	Des
Budget 2023	-	3,486.21	Tfr from Charitable to General to bring to nil and close	Charity	Des
Budget 2023	-	7.25	Tfr from Choir to General to bring to nil and close	Choir	Des
Budget 2023	2,467.34	-	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to nil and close	Entertain	Des
Budget 2023	-	265,365.6	Tfr from Magazine to General to bring to nil	Magazine	Des
Budget 2023	1,395.00	-	Tfr from General Organ & Piano Tuning	Organ	Des
Budget 2023	-	418	Tfr from General to Practical path to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	32,187.84	Tfr from General to Sound system to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	32,187.84	-	Tfr from General to Sound system to bring to nil and close	Sound	Des
Budget 2023	2,537.59	-	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	Stationer	Des
Budget 2023	-	250	Tfr from Flower to General to bring to nil and close	Flowers	Des
Budget 2023	140	-	Tfr from Sunday School to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	745.5	Tfr from Emergency to General to bring to nil and close	Emergency	Des
Budget 2023	7,932.96	-	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	7,922.44	-	Tfr from General to Church Maintenance to bring to nil and close	Maintain	Des
Budget 2023	664.36	-	Tfr from Tiny Club fund to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	250	-	Tfr from Flower to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	265,365.6	-	Tfr from Magazine to General to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	1,251.619	-	Tfr from General to Churchyard to bring to nil	Yard	Res
Budget 2023	-	7,932.96	Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil	Hall	Des
Budget 2023	-	250	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	Children	Des
Budget 2023	-	-7,932.96	Tfr from Hall Maintenance to General to bring to Nil and close	Food Grant	Res
Budget 2023	-	359	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	Children	Des
Budget 2023	359	-	Tfr from Messy to General to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	7.07	Tfr from General to Tiny Club to bring to nil	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	19,606	Tfr from General to Maintenance to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	106.33	-	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to nil and close	Entertain	Des
Budget 2023	-	398	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	-	106.33	Tfr from General to Entertaining to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	196.06	-	Tfr from General to Maintenance to bring to nil and close	Maintain	Des
Budget 2023	-	538.33	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	General	Unr
Budget 2023	538.33	-	Tfr from General to Stationery to bring to nil and close	Stationer	Des
Budget 2023	1,248	-	Tfr from General to Organ Chamber fund	Organham	Des
Budget 2023	-	1,248	Tfr from General to Organ Chamber fund	General	Unr
Budget 2023	388	-	Tfr from General to Ministry training to bring to nil and close	Training	Des
Budget 2023	7.07	-	Tfr from General to Tiny Club to bring to nil	Tiny Club	Des

Analysis of Transfer between Funds - 2022

Reference	Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
Budget 2022	-	433.6	To Bells	General	Unr
Budget 2022	433.6	-	Per General Fund	Bells	Des
Budget 2022	9,550.25	-	Per General	Maintain	Des
Tfr to close	-	4,280.00	To Close	Quinquen	Des
Budget 2022	302.71	-	Per General fund	Hall	Des
Budget 2022	640.38	-	Per General fund	Entertain	Des
Budget 2022	-	2,000.00	To PPNZC	General	Unr
Tfr to close	4,280.00	-	Per Quinquennial	General	Unr
Budget 2022	2,000.00	-	Per General	Charity	Des
Budget 2022	-	640.38	To Entertain fund	General	Unr
Tfr to close	-	1,520.74	To Services	General	Unr
Tfr to close	1,520.74	-	Per General	Services	Des
Budget 2022	-	2,000.00	To Charity	General	Unr
Budget 2022	-	302.71	To Hall fund	General	Unr
Budget 2022	2,000.00	-	Per General fund	PPNZC	Des
Budget 2022	250	-	Per General Fund	Flowers	Des
Budget 2022	-	2,242.85	To Stationery	General	Unr
Tfr to close	100	-	Per Baptism	General	Unr
Budget 2022	-	7.99	To Ministry training	General	Unr
Tfr to close	-	1,460.00	To Close	Organ	Des
Budget 2022	-	9,550.25	To Maintenance fund	General	Unr
Budget 2022	7.99	-	Per General fund	Training	Des
Tfr to close	1,460.00	-	Per Organ to close	General	Unr
Budget 2022	-	250	To Flower Fund	General	Unr
Budget 2022	2,242.85	-	Per General fund	Stationer	Des
Tfr to close	-	100	Tfr to close	BaptWedd	Des
Tfr from General to Tiny Club Fund	500	-	Per General	TinyClub	Des
Tfr from General to Tiny Club Fund	-	500	To Tiny Club	General	Unr
Tfr from 00108922 to 6590 Tiny Club Fund	-	500	To Petty Cash	General	Unr
Tfr from 00108922 to 6590 Tiny Club Fund	500	-	Per 00108922	TinyClub	Des

Fixed Assets 2023

a) Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Building s £	Total Assets
Cost or Valuation		
As at 1 Jan	352,762	352,762
Additions in the Year	0	0
Disposal in the Year	0	0
Revaluation [if any]	-10,042	10,042
Value at 31 Dec	342,720	342,720
Accumulated Depreciation	0	0
As at 1 Jan	0	0
Charge for the Year	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Value at 31 Dec	342,720	342,720
Net Book Value at 1 Jan 2023	352,762	352,762
Net Book Value at 31 Dec 2023	342,720	342,720

The Freehold land and buildings are The Parish Church Centre. The Church Centre is revalued at 31 December annually using Nationwide house price calculator referred to on page 19

b) Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1 Jan £	Addition s £	Disposal s £	Transfer s £	Change in Market Value £	At 31 Dec £
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	104,905	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,181	118,087
Total	104,905	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,181	118,087

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Summary of Assets by Fund 2023

Unrestricted				
General fund	525,676	—	525,676	534,103
Designated				
Beer Festival Collections For General Fund - Inact	—	—	—	5,281
Bells Maintenance	—	—	—	1,500
Charitable Fund	—	—	—	4,968
Childrens Activities	183	—	183	250
Choir - Inactive	—	—	—	725
Church Clock Maintenance	—	—	—	688
Church Maintenance	(19)	—	(19)	1,234
Emergency Fund - Vicars discretion	4	—	4	750
Entertaining (Receptions)	(343)	—	(343)	(343)
Flowers	—	—	—	250
Hall Fund	791	—	791	4,004
Magazine Fund	8,510	—	8,510	20,635
Ministry Training	—	—	—	(40)
Organ & Piano Tuning	(175)	—	(175)	(675)
Organ Chamber Fund	4,300	—	4,300	4,773
Quinquennial Inspection - Inactive	—	—	—	745
Reserves - 3 Months Expenditure	40,000	—	40,000	40,000
Stationery	—	—	—	(732)
Sunday School - Inactive	—	—	—	140
Tiny Club Fund - Inactive	—	—	—	527
Vestry Wine/Wafers/Candles/Baptism	(149)	—	(149)	(3,408)
Restricted				
Church Yard	—	(1,058)	(1,058)	(10,158)
Decoration Scheme	—	1,769	1,769	1,769
Food Bank Grant	—	4,818	4,818	4,818
Total	578,778	5,529	584,307	611,804

Summary of Assets by Fund 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
Unrestricted				
General fund	534,103	—	534,103	541,900
Designated				
Baptism/Weddings Sundries	—	—	—	100
Beer Festival collections for General Fund	5,281	—	5,281	—
Bells Maintenance	1,500	—	1,500	1,066
Charitable Fund	4,968	—	4,968	5,000
Choir	725	—	725	725
Church Clock Maintenance	688	—	688	1,000
Church Maintenance	1,234	—	1,234	(4,550)
Emergency Fund - Vicars discretion	750	—	750	750
Entertaining (Receptions)	(343)	—	(343)	359
Flowers	250	—	250	—
Hall Fund [Including Maintenance Budget	4,004	—	4,004	1,697
Magazine Fund	20,635	—	20,635	6,167
Messy Church	250	—	250	250
Ministry Training	(40)	—	(40)	492
Organ & Piano Tuning	(675)	—	(675)	1,460
Organ Chamber Fund	4,773	—	4,773	7,137
Practical Path To Net Zero Carbon	(418)	—	(418)	—
Quinquennial Inspection	745	—	745	4,280
Reserves - 3 Months Expenditure	40,000	—	40,000	40,000
Sound System	(32,187)	—	(32,187)	1,856
Stationery	(732)	—	(732)	(1,242)
Sunday School	140	—	140	140
Tiny Club Fund	527	—	527	—
Vestry Wine/Wafers/Candles	(3,408)	—	(3,408)	(1,520)
Restricted				
Agency collection	—	—	—	(97)
Church Yard	—	(10,158)	(10,158)	(3,700)
Decoration Scheme	—	1,769	1,769	1,582
Food Bank Grant	—	4,818	4,818	—
Total	582,771	(3,570)	579,200	604,852

Statement of Receipts & Payments Comparatives
Previous Year 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
Receipts from:				
Donations and legacies	99,524	6,500	106,024	170,899
Receipts from charitable activities	9,611	—	9,611	11,225
Other trading activities	15,918	—	15,918	6,738
Investments	5,561	187	5,749	4,184
Total receipts	130,615	6,687	137,303	193,047
Payments on:				
Raising funds	306	—	306	364
Payments on charitable activities	142,136	8,139	150,276	110,613
Other payments	22,213	—	22,213	14,396
Total payments	164,655	8,139	172,795	125,374
Net receipts / (payments) resources before transfer	(34,040)	(1,452)	(35,492)	67,672
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds - in	25,788	—	25,788	14,426
Gross transfers between funds - out	(25,788)	—	(25,788)	(14,426)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains / losses on investment assets	(10,668)	97	(10,571)	97,075
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	20,412	—	20,412	7,993
Net movement in funds	(24,296)	(1,355)	(25,652)	172,741
Total funds brought forward	607,068	(2,215)	604,852	432,111
Total funds carried forward	582,771	(3,570)	579,200	604,852