

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MATTHEW, PERRY BEECHES.

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Details

Other names	ST. MATTHEW PERRY BEECHES
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2015-12-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: St Matthews seeks to provide a welcoming spiritual home & community resource for all in the neighbourhood wanting to discover God's love with all who seek. St. Matthew's bears witness to this through it's onsite life. The space sits sideby side with the Church Hall, drawing many from the wider community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£104,219	£106,141	-	-
2023-12-31	£102,911	£95,289	-	-
2022-12-31	£114,384	£102,346	-	-
2021-12-31	£96,604	£85,074	-	-
2020-12-31	£81,939	£81,641	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN KEITH DEVERELL		2019-04-28
ANN ELIZABETH HARRISON		2019-04-28
David Gadd		2020-10-21
Janet Cook		2019-04-28
Judith Deverell		2019-04-28
Laura Harrison		2025-05-18
Paul Phipps		2019-04-28
RODNEY FRANK WILLIAMS		2019-04-28
Rev Martin John Price		2025-05-18
Rev Trevor Thurston-Smith		2022-05-08
Rob Moulds		2021-06-27
Susan Kyte		2020-10-21
Timothy Alan Bartlett		2017-04-30
Timothy James Hardy		2025-05-18
Vera Lawrence		2019-04-28

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Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 December 2024

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required for the operation of the church and centre, and for the mission of the Parish.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected annually by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The ministers licensed to the Parish and Churchwardens are members by virtue of their office. Deanery Synod representatives are elected at the APCM and hold office for three years. Other members of the PCC are elected annually at the APCM. Up to two additional members can be co-opted by the PCC.

The membership of the PCC in 2024 was as follows:

‘Ex officio’ members:

Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith	<i>Vicar/Chair</i>
Revd Br Martin John Price SSF	<i>Assistant Curate</i>
Tim Bartlett	<i>Churchwarden</i>
Janet Cook	<i>Churchwarden</i>
Paul Phipps	<i>Lay Minister and Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
Carolyn Phipps	<i>Deanery Synod Rep</i>
Ann Harrison	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
	<i>Parish Administrator/Treasurer</i>
	<i>& Electoral Roll officer</i>

Elected members:

Adrian Deverell	<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Judith Deverell	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
David Gadd	
Susan Kyte	
Vera Lawrence	
Andrew Mitchell	
Robert Moulds	
Rodney Williams	<i>Vice-Chair</i>

Electoral Roll

In April 2024, there were 56 names on the Electoral Roll, which is due to be completely renewed in accordance with Rules 6 and 7 of The Church Representation Rules by the 2025 APCM.

Usual Sunday Attendance

Our main act of worship on a Sunday is the 10.00am Parish Mass. During 2024, the average attendance at this service was 28 adults and 2 children under the age of 16

Usual weekday attendance.

Throughout 2024 we maintained 3 weekday celebrations of the Mass:

Monday 7.00pm Average Communicants: 5

Thursday 10.00am Average communicants: 7

Friday 10.00am Average communicants : 3

Other services:

We have maintained a weekly 'phone-in' service for those who are no longer able to physically attend 'in person' worship. Average 'attendance' at these services throughout 2024 was 11.

Morning and Evening Prayer is said at fixed times on most weekdays either in person (average attendance 1) or on 'Zoom' (average attendance 3).

On Wednesdays Evening Prayer is said in person by clergy and lay representatives of the four parishes of our 'Oversight Group' and rotates around the parish churches of St Bernard Hamstead, St John Perry Barr and St Paul Hamstead along with St Matthew's, with an average attendance of 7.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC makes all decisions corporately, except that the Standing Committee has delegated powers to make decisions between PCC meetings, subject to keeping the PCC fully informed.

The PCC is responsible for all parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of the treasurer. The work of the PCC is supported by its committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. These are:

Standing Committee – Consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Parish Treasurer, Vice Chairperson, PCC Secretary, and one other member of the PCC elected by the PCC. They have power to transact the business of the PCC between PCC meetings, reporting to the full PCC as appropriate.

Fabric and Finance Committee – Including the Parish Treasurer, the Churchwardens, the Vicar, other PCC members as appointed, to ensure adequate skills and representation and other invited members with appropriate knowledge and skills regarding our buildings and their maintenance. They are responsible for the production of reports and recommendations for the PCC.

Church Growth Group – established after the PCC's annual review in 2016, this Includes the Vicar, another member of the PCC, the Clerk for Baptisms

& Marriages, and other appointed members with appropriate knowledge and skills. During 2024 this group was effectively temporarily superseded by:

The ‘Diamond Jubilee Planning Group’ whose role was to plan various services, events and missional opportunities to be held throughout 2024 in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Dedication of the current church building.

Objectives and Activities

Mindful of its responsibility for the mission of the Church in Perry Beeches Parish, the PCC seeks to provide a welcoming spiritual home and community resource for all in the neighbourhood. Our worship is firmly rooted in a modern and inclusive Catholic tradition centred on the Eucharist, but we recognise that God’s love and saving grace are not limited to the confines of the church building and its institutional life. St Matthew’s bears witness to this through its on-site life, where the sacred space sits side-by-side with the hall which draws in many people from the wider community.

Our specific aims and objectives are:

- The provision of Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Upholding the Catholic and Sacramental tradition of the Church of England
- Celebration of the ‘Occasional Offices’ (Baptism, Marriage, Funerals)
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools and welcoming schools on church visits and for specific services (e.g. Easter and Christmas)
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, the distribution of literature and the use of Social Media
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Organising and/or hosting Community Events
- Making our buildings available as a resource to local Community Groups.

PCC Secretary's report 2024

As the primary decision-making body for the many aspects of St. Matthew's life including financial matters, the maintenance of church buildings and property and the promotion of the church's mission, the Parochial Church Council met on nine occasions during 2024 with an 83.7% attendance of its membership recorded.

Apart from routine matters, the PCC implemented a programme of services and events to mark the church's sixtieth anniversary, approved the installation of an upgraded sound system in church and agreed in joining an 'Oversight Group' of local churches, enabling better use of the shared resources available.

Adrian Deverell
PCC Secretary

Children and Families Work

We have maintained a Sunday School on most Sundays, coinciding with the Parish Mass, but attendance is poor. We also run a 'Messy Church' session in all school holidays, with 5 sessions during the long summer holiday, with an average attendance of 20 children and 15 adults. We are currently short of volunteers to help run both the Sunday School and Messy Church.

We continue to build on our good relationship with local schools, most notably Glenmead and Greenholm Primary Schools, having hosted church visits, School Services for Christmas and Easter and taken part in Assemblies, and we plan to extend this work to other schools in the area.

We had hoped to be able to appoint a full-time Youth, Children and Families Ministry Leader in the course of 2024, subject to funding, whose role will be to expand existing projects, to develop new initiatives, and to recruit, train and supervise volunteers to assist. Identifying funding for this post has proved more difficult than expected. We have now secured 50% of the necessary funding from our Patrons, St Martin's Trust, and are seeking match funding. This is proving challenging as fewer Trusts are now willing to fund salaries.

Prayer & Spiritual Development

The spiritual life of the parish centres on the **Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer** which are said according to the following pattern:

Sunday:	9.15 in person (Chapel)
Monday:	9.00 on 'Zoom' and 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Tuesday:	Said in private
Wednesday:	9.00 on 'Zoom' and 16.00 in person (rotating venue in 'Oversight Area')
Thursday:	9.00 in person (Chapel) 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Friday:	9.00 in person (Chapel) 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Saturday:	Said in private

The celebration of **The Eucharist** is also at the heart our tradition and takes place at the following times:

Sunday:	10.00
Monday:	19.00
Thursday:	10.00
Friday:	10.00

A **Julian Group** meets for contemplative prayer once a month.

Our team of **Lay Pastoral Assistants** regularly visit the sick and housebound members of the parish, and assist in taking Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

Paul Phipps, our Licensed Reader is also also a valued member of our Ministry team and he co-ordinates and leads a weekly 'Telephone Service' for those who cannot attend church in person.

The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Thanks to the people of St. Matthew's we were able to undertake a house to house delivery of Cards at Easter, but the PCC has decided that in view of the increasing age profile of our congregation and the attendant risks in this activity, we will discontinue the distribution of Easter Cards in future years and will have Christmas Cards delivered professionally.

In 2024 there were 2 **Baptisms**. Baptism is offered either as part of the 10.00am Mass or as a separate stand-alone service, usually at 12.00pm.

In 2024 7 funerals (of which 4 were Requiem Masses) took place in church and 4 at a Crematorium or Cemetery Chapel. There were no **weddings** in church.

Weekly Coffee mornings are now held on Fridays and are usually well attended by both church members and members of the wider community.

Church Fabric Our grade 2 listed church building (Murray & Maguire, 1964) provides an exceptionally user-friendly space for prayer and worship. It is also potentially an excellent space for concerts and other events but has been underused in this regard as there were issues of lighting and sound that needed to be addressed. These issues are now resolved, enabling a number of events to be planned as part of our 2024 Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Church cleaning, flower arranging, and gardening are carried out by volunteers. The Parish is very conscious of the value of all the volunteer hours that we depend on every day.

Partnership with other Christians

St Matthew's participates fully in the life of the Diocese and Deanery. Our Parish enjoys a friendly partnership with the neighbouring Parishes of St John's, Perry Barr and St Paul's and St. Bernard's, Hamstead with whom we now comprise a formal 'Oversight area' which is co-ordinated by The Revd Siobhan Bridge, Vicar of St Paul's and St Bernard's. We are also part of an Anglo-Catholic Missioner project, in partnership with the parishes of St John's, Perry Barr, St Mark's Kingstanding, St George's Edgbaston and St Alban's, Highgate

There is an established ecumenical relationship with Beeches Evangelical Church and Perry Beeches Baptist Church, with the ministers meeting together regularly for discussion, prayer and mutual support. Sadly, joint services and pulpit exchanges are currently on hold due to significant differences regarding St Matthew's firm commitment to inclusivity, specifically on LGBTQ+ issues, reflecting tensions on this matter in the wider church. The Ministers, however, are all committed to working together despite their differing views and are keen to re-establish a regular pattern of joint services if and when the appropriate authorities in the churches concerned give their consent. In the meantime, it is a cause of great sadness to St Matthew's that this one area of disagreement has been allowed to result in the temporary discontinuation of ecumenical projects. Whilst not being willing to compromise on our firm commitment to inclusivity, we look forward to the matter being resolved and being able to work once again with our ecumenical neighbours in sharing God's love unconditionally with the whole community.

Julian Group Report

We have had prayerful meetings over the last year, although we have had to cancel one or two meetings due to illness.

We have about 7 members from 4 different churches.

We have a reading, then our Quiet Time of about 30 minutes, we go on to our intercessions and finish with a reading from Julian of Norwich.

A reading from Mother Julian:

'We are so preciously loved by him who is the highest that it is far beyond the comprehension of all creatures. That is to say, no created being can fully know how much, how sweetly, and how tenderly our Creator loves us. But, with his grace and his help, we can gaze in endless wonder at the infinitely high, surpassing, immeasurable love which our Lord, in his goodness has for us. And so we may reverently ask our Lord all we want: for our natural will is to have God, and the good will of God is to have us.

Anne Gadd

'Phone In' Services

Our Telephone Service Group continues to come together on a Tuesday evening each week, with worship and prayer at its core.

The group has a loyal and faithful fellowship, made up mainly of former regular attendees at St Matthew Church but who now, due to age, health issues, or other situations are unable to travel to the Church building. In addition there are five or six participants who regularly attend both church on a Sunday and also join our Tuesday Phone-in-Services.

There is a monthly healing service on the first Tuesday of the month and also many of the Church Feast days are included as the basis of our Services.

We have just marked the five years anniversary of the telephone services, which were originally initiated due to COVID isolation regulations. Five years on we continue with our mission to provide the opportunity for those who are also isolated today, due to their personal situations, to have the sense of belonging and engagement along their faith journey and also the knowledge they are a valued member of a fellowship that shares the same beliefs and values and that they are able to support each other in both joyful and challenging times.

Paul Phipps

Financial Review

We rely on our Patrons, St Martin's Trust to pay our Vicar's stipend, our administrator and our organist. They also assist with office expenses and contribute to the travel expenses of our Curate.

St. Matthew's regular charities, Malawi and 'Embrace the Middle East' have still been supported this year through our online giving scheme, albeit with a reduced contribution.

Our common fund payment in 2024 was £22,800.

We must acknowledge the generosity of our congregation. Many of them contribute to the Church via the Parish Giving scheme, standing orders and envelope contributions, as well as plate donations at services in Church.

Hall hire during 2024 has seen an increased number of regular groups hiring during the week. This has been profitable for the PCC. The hall is also available for private party hire.

Churchwardens' Report

The Terrier, listing land belonging to the church, and the inventory of items belonging to the church have been checked and all items are accounted for. We have photographed all of the items we have in the Church and a hard copy and a digital copy are with the inventory. All the Church's insurances are in place and up to date.

During 2024 we have had a New Sound System installed in the Church which has greatly helped our services. We also had a new Altar Cloth and a Jubilee Tree for the Church Garden.

Janet Cook

Tim Bartlett

Social Activities and Entertainment

In June Brother Martin was ordained and we had his first Mass which was a great cause for celebration

2024 was our Jubilee year, 60 years since the Church was built so we had a number of activities to celebrate this during the year:

In June Brother Martin and his fellow brothers organised a Franciscan Mission. We had an evening together where they explained the working of the Franciscans and they also arranged a very informative visit to the local Gurdwara

In July we had an evening with Adrian & Bridgett Plass, a husband-and-wife team who are both writers and speakers, particularly in the Christian faith

In August we had a family fun day with activities for Children in Church and a bouncy castle, and also a brass band in the Church Hall, Bingo and food on sale

In September we had a photographic exhibition showing photos of St. Matthew's over the years. This was on every day for 3 weeks and finished with the patronal festival Mass and the planting of the Jubilee Tree.

In October we finished our year-long celebrations with a Songs of praise.

Our popular Friday Coffee mornings continue as does our annual Christmas Fair.

Due to the activities during the year, our usual holiday with members of the congregation was postponed to 2025.

Janet Cook

Deanery Synod Report for the Handsworth and Central Deanery

There were various meetings held for the Deanery Synod members at various churches and locations throughout the Deanery.

The themes covered this year were :-

1. Diocesan Finances – Are we still a going concern and what should our contributions be if that status is to continue in the light of the new Bishop?
2. Deliver us from Evil – As a church how do we understand paranormal behaviour and how does Deliverance Ministry help us to respond to the spiritual and medical challenges it presents?
3. How does the Israeli-Gaza conflict affect us here in Birmingham?
4. One of the Church of England's key targets is Growing Younger and Diverse. In an attempt to achieve this noble objective – How can our churches and parishes in Handsworth and Central embark on a programme of action to embed this while at the same time Encouraging Authorised Lay ministry and the Growing gifts programme to help fast-track it?

Ann Harrison

Deanery Synod Representative

Safeguarding Officer Report 2024

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has adopted the House of Bishops policies and practices and has accordingly, appointed a Parish Safeguarding

Officer (PSO). The PCC has adopted the requirements of both 'Promoting a Safer Church' and the diocesan statement regarding domestic abuse.

The PSO reports to the PCC on:

The parish's maintenance of its safeguarding dashboard.

Its progress towards implementing all policies and practices related to the maintenance of the House of Bishops safeguarding policies and guidance from the Diocese of Birmingham as set out on the dashboard.

Compliance with DBS and training and issues related to outstanding training requirements as set out in the Safeguarding guidelines of Diocese of Birmingham. The effectiveness of its procedures and practices for reporting incidents.

The PSO has set up the parish safeguarding hub which runs in conjunction with the parish dashboard.

All training and DBS checks as of November 2024 are up to date. The PSO will advise individuals when they need to be renewed.

Judith Deverell

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Vicar's Report 2024

The year 2024 marked the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building. It was, therefore, an exciting and busy year, punctuated by various events – both spiritual and social – to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee.

In May, on the Saturday of the Pentecost weekend, we hosted a Festival for 'On Fire Mission'. The day included Mass, Benediction, Healing Ministry and Personal stories, with contemporary music and worship with a gentle 'Charismatic' edge. It was well attended by supporters of 'On Fire Mission' from across the Midlands region and beyond but attracted only a handful of our own folk.

In June, our Curate, Br Martin John SSF and three Franciscan novices led a Franciscan Mission, the most popular aspect of which was an information evening that was well attended by our congregation and much enjoyed. Later in the month we held a very successful Family Fun Day which included the usual attractions – a bouncy castle, Bingo, a performance by The Great Barr Brass Band, and, of course, the excellent refreshments for which St Matthew's is renowned!

This was followed in July by an evening with the well-known Christian author, speaker and humourist Adrian Plass and his wife Bridget. As several colleagues in the diocese commented, being able to secure their services was something of a coup, and although the attendance was reasonable it was a little disappointing. Those who did attend, however, enjoyed an evening that combined church-focussed humour with some more thoughtful and accessible reflections on aspects of our faith. As such, it was an ideal opportunity for mission and a gentle introduction to Christianity for those outside the church. I think we need to gain in confidence in inviting 'non-church' friends and neighbours along to such events.

Over the course of the year, three 'Spiritual Saturdays' were organised, to explore key aspects of our church identity, focussing specifically on Prayer, St Matthew's Gospel and the Anglo-Catholic tradition. All three were well-received by those who attended and we had some very lively, informative and interesting conversations along the way.

The highlight of the year was, quite rightly, our Patronal Festival Mass on St Matthew's Day (21st September) at which Bishop James Langstaff (an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese) presided and preached and planted a memorial tree in the church garden. We were grateful to the St Eligius Singers who provided the music for this special celebration. Needless to say, the usual excellent refreshments followed.

In the run up to our Patronal Festival, we held a photographic display telling the story of St Matthew's down the years. This attracted significant numbers of people from the wider community and was much appreciated. Particular thanks are due to Janet and Dave Cook who provided most of the many hundreds of photographs.

Inevitably, not all of our plans came to fruition. We had hoped to host a performance of Roger Jones' religious Musical 'The Torn Curtain' but we were unable to recruit sufficient singers for the chorus to make this viable. We nevertheless rounded off our celebrations with a special 'Songs of Praise' service on the last Sunday of the Church year – the Solemnity of Christ the King.

In between all of this 'extra curricula' activity, the ongoing work of the church continued; we maintained a pattern of three said weekday Masses, with our main worshipping focus being the 10.00am Parish Mass on Sunday. Our numbers have grown slightly, including at weekday services, and if all of our church family (i.e. our regular worshippers) were to be present every Sunday, we would see more evidence of this growth. In reality, however, the competing demands of modern living mean that many faithful worshippers

can't attend Mass every Sunday, and St Matthew's is far from unique in this regard.

In 2024 we once again held a successful and well-attended Lent Course and celebrated all the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, and we offered the usual range of services at Christmas.

Our pastoral care and outreach continued, supported by our Reader Paul Phipps and our team of Pastoral visitors. Meanwhile, the re-establishment of the Friday Coffee morning has proved popular and is a valuable opportunity for church members to welcome and interact with others.

We continue to build good relationships with both Greenholm and Glenmead schools, with both attending St Matthew's for special services at Christmas and Easter as well as occasional class visits.

One of the major frustrations of the year has been our inability to secure funding for a full-time Youth, Children and Families Minister. Our Patrons - St Martin's Trust - have kindly agreed to provide 50% of the required funding for three years, but despite approaching several other Trusts we have yet to find the necessary match-funding. However, we are not giving up, and the search continues. I believe we are absolutely right to hold out for a full-time post offering an appropriate salary if we are to attract applicants of a suitable calibre, and I know that this view is shared by members of the senior staff team of the diocese. Hopefully new possibilities will open up in the coming months.

Throughout the year we have continued to work with Mthr Charlotte, the Anglo-Catholic Missioner, in exploring how we might become more outward-looking and confident in our mission. Whilst we are excellent at providing 'missional hospitality' (i.e. welcoming people *in* through various events and activities) we are not so good at actively reaching or moving *out* into the wider community. It's good, therefore, to have Mthr Charlotte with us once a month to celebrate and/or preach and to gently challenge and encourage us to become more mission-focussed.

Also on the theme of mission, our local Oversight Group (comprising St Matthew's, St John's Perry Barr, St Paul's and St Bernard's, Hamstead) is becoming well established under the leadership of The Revd Siobhan Bridge. The clergy of our parishes have 'gelled' very well as a team, and we look forward to relationships being developed between our respective congregations over the coming year. As part of that process, the Group meets for Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 4.30pm in rotation at one of the four churches. This is a good opportunity for Clergy and laity from across the Group to meet together for prayer and to catch up on one or two items of

news. Sadly, St Matthew's is the only church in the group that is represented at this service only by its clergy, and it would be good if one or two of our folk could join us, at least from time to time, for this brief but important half-hour gathering.

In short, it has - as usual - been a rather mixed year, with much for which to give thanks and one or two disappointments that should perhaps give us pause for thought. Whilst it has been good to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee, even more importantly we have continued to offer good quality worship in a genuinely inclusive and welcoming ethos, and we remain a very open, friendly and caring community. That said, there are clearly ongoing challenges to be faced in terms of our mission, our openness to more contemporary *but still firmly Catholic* styles of worship, and our work with younger people. It isn't difficult to spot the inter-relatedness of these three areas nor to recognise their importance for the church's future.

I believe it is now time to make way for someone else to lead you in these challenges. As many of you will know, it is likely that I will be retiring in the latter half of 2025. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and it has been cut somewhat shorter than I planned, mainly due to personal circumstances and health issues. Nevertheless, I believe that my moving on is right both for me and for the parish.

In conclusion, I would like to say a very sincere thank you to our Churchwardens, Janet Cook and Tim Bartlett, our PCC, Ann our administrator, to all those who give so generously of their time and talents in so many voluntary roles and, of course, to our very supportive and generous Patrons, the St Martin's Trust. I also want to say a particular thank you to our Reader, Paul Phipps for his ministry, and to wish him and Carolyn well as they prepare to move to pastures new.

Last but absolutely by no means least, I want to thank Br Martin for being a faithful, conscientious and supportive colleague. Curates are placed in parishes to be trained rather than to be an extra pair of priestly hands, but Martin has proved to be both a joy to train and a great asset to the parish. One of the reasons I feel able to leave sooner rather than later is the knowledge that during the vacancy he will be here - at least for a while - to provide a degree of continuity.

You will be in good hands. Most importantly of all, of course, you will be in God's hands.

With thanks for all that has been, and prayers for all that will be,
Your brother in Christ,
Fr Trevor

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Activities during 2024

2024 was the 60th Anniversary of the dedication of our parish church, so there were a number of activities associated with this, culminating in a celebratory Patronal festival in September led by The Rt Revd James Langstaff, Hon. Assistant Bishop, Church of England Birmingham

These festivities included an evening performance by Adrian and Bridget Plass; a Fun Day, and a Week long Photographic exhibition.

On a more practical note we carried out some work on the front garden of the Church re-turfing, removing a dead tree and replacing it, and pruning several others.

We also replaced the door to the car park entrance and did some alterations and repairs on the Church Hall, including improving access to storage and repairing plaster damaged by damp.

We also brought some new chairs for the Lounge and replacement tables for the Hall.

In the Church we made a radical improvement to the Sound System with some new radio microphones and a new mixing deck.

Approved by the PCC on 2025 by

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham**

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 02 to 15.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis on Independent Examiner's Report

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 of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met:

or 2. To which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stephen Hendy

3rd March 2025

Data Developments, First Floor, Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HT

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	35,526	4,936	22,770	—	63,232	69,692
Income from charitable activities	5,171	23,766	100	—	29,037	27,760
Other trading activities	—	10,500	—	—	10,500	606
Investments	98	288	31	—	418	232
Other income	824	—	208	—	1,032	4,621
Total income	41,619	39,491	23,109	—	104,219	102,910
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	39,466	41,578	23,518	—	104,562	89,907
Other expenditure	676	—	903	—	1,580	6,197
Total expenditure	40,142	41,578	24,421	—	106,141	96,104
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	1,477	(2,088)	(1,312)	—	(1,923)	6,806
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,021	5,031	4,006	—	12,058	3,468
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,244)	(4,066)	(3,749)	—	(12,058)	(3,468)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	254	(1,122)	(1,055)	—	(1,923)	6,806
Total funds brought forward	10,514	45,730	14,229	—	70,474	63,668
Total funds carried forward	10,768	44,608	13,175	—	68,551	70,474
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Church General fund	10,768	—	—	—	10,768	10,514
Designated						
Altar Cloth 2023	—	—	—	—	—	150
BDBF Energy Extra Costs	—	2,634	—	—	2,634	2,634
Childrens and Family Worker Expences	—	—	—	—	—	(343)
Christmas Fair Set up Fund	—	300	—	—	300	(430)
Church Hall General Fund	—	21,796	—	—	21,796	24,452
Diamond Jubilee Events	—	(44)	—	—	(44)	—
Donations in Memorium	—	718	—	—	718	—
Friday Cafe	—	1,783	—	—	1,783	459
Furniture - Lord Austin 2022	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Kitchen Equipment - Harlow 2022	—	1,076	—	—	1,076	1,101
Messy Church	—	125	—	—	125	88
Noah's Ark	—	1,308	—	—	1,308	956
PCC Fabric Fund	—	4,976	—	—	4,976	5,021
RIP Sheila Rooke	—	—	—	—	—	475
St Martins Capital Fund	—	850	—	—	850	850
St. Martins initiative fund	—	500	—	—	500	500
St.Martins 2023 Revenue	—	(94)	—	—	(94)	430
Thursday Bowlers Club	—	300	—	—	300	300
Unallocated funds in the Saving Account	—	8,172	—	—	8,172	7,839
Vicar's Charity fund	—	210	—	—	210	250

Restricted

Childrens and Family Worker Fund	—	—	2,481	—	2,481	2,824
Church Floor Grouting	—	—	1,200	—	1,200	1,200
CoE Investments	—	—	388	—	388	356
Curates Accomodation and Travel Expences	—	—	214	—	214	543
Embrace the Middle East	—	—	142	—	142	174
Flowers	—	—	32	—	32	162
Harlow 2024 - Leafleting	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	—
Slabbing amd Church Windows from 2017 Grants	—	—	2,448	—	2,448	4,030
St. Martins Admin Wages	—	—	81	—	81	220
St. Martins Music Funds	—	—	1,963	—	1,963	2,095
Vicarage Decoration Fund	—	—	3,225	—	3,225	2,625

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham**Balance sheet at 31 December 2024**

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Debtors	—	1,319
Investments	388	356
Cash at bank and in hand	68,724	73,526
	69,112	75,201
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	561	4,728
	561	4,728
Net current assets less current liabilities	68,551	70,474
Total assets less current liabilities	68,551	70,474
Total net assets less liabilities	68,551	70,474
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Church General fund	10,768	10,514
Designated		
Altar Cloth 2023	—	150
St. Martins initiative fund	500	500
St Martins Capital Fund	850	850
St.Martins 2023 Revenue	(94)	430
PCC Fees	—	—
Verger Fees	—	—
Christmas Fair Set up Fund	300	(430)
Heating fees from Funerals	—	—
Noah's Ark	1,308	956
Messy Church	125	88
Friday Cafe	1,783	459
Diamond Jubilee Events	(44)	—
Thursday Bowlers Club	300	300
Outings and Trips	—	—
PCC Fabric Fund	4,976	5,021
Vicar's Charity fund	210	250
RIP Sheila Rooke	—	475
Donations in Memorium	718	—
BDBF Energy Extra Costs	2,634	2,634
Kitchen Equipment - Harlow 2022	1,076	1,101
Furniture - Lord Austin 2022	—	1,000
Church Hall General Fund	21,796	24,452
Unallocated funds in the Saving Account	8,172	7,839
Childrens and Family Worker Expences	—	(343)

Restricted

Harlow 2024 - Leafleting	1,000	—
Slabbing amd Church Windows from 2017 Grants	2,448	4,030
Church Floor Grouting	1,200	1,200
Vicarage Decoration Fund	3,225	2,625
CoE Investments	388	356
Childrens and Family Worker Fund	2,481	2,824
St. Martins Admin Wages	81	220
St. Martins Music Funds	1,963	2,095
Curates Accomodation and Travel Expences	214	543
Flowers	32	162
Embrace the Middle East	142	174
Funds of the church	68,551	70,474

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham**Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Church Saving Accounts -	2,716	28,586	14,211	—	45,513	26,916
Church Saving Accounts -	—	—	(1,420)	—	(1,420)	(1,420)
Church Current Account -	8,059	3,289	(443)	—	10,905	23,016
Hall Current Account -	(7)	12,733	1,000	—	13,727	25,014
Totals	10,769	44,608	13,348	—	68,724	73,526
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	—	—	—	—	—	1,319
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	1,319
Current assets - Investments						
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Securities Fund -	0	0	388	—	388	356
Totals	0	0	388	—	388	356
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	561	—	561	293
Totals	—	—	561	—	561	293
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	—	—	—	—	—	4,434
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	4,434
Grand total	10,768	44,608	13,175	—	68,551	70,474

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Church Saving Accounts -	(4,891)	19,095	12,712	—	26,916	20,650
Church Saving Accounts -	—	—	(1,420)	—	(1,420)	(1,420)
Church Current Account -	18,968	1,174	2,874	—	23,016	22,985
Hall Current Account -	(7)	25,021	--	—	25,014	16,781
Totals	14,070	45,290	14,166	—	73,526	58,996
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	—	1,319	—	—	1,319	5,789
Totals	—	1,319	—	—	1,319	5,789
Current assets - Investments						
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Securities Fund -	0	0	356	—	356	356
Totals	0	0	356	—	356	356
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	293	—	293	1,474
Totals	—	—	293	—	293	1,474
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	3,555	879	—	—	4,434	--
Totals	3,555	879	—	—	4,434	--
Grand total	10,514	45,730	14,229	—	70,474	63,668

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Altarcloth - Altar Cloth 2023							
Designated	150	—	216	66	—	—	—
Sub-total for Altarcloth	150	—	216	66	—	—	—
DorothyL - In Memory of Dorothy							
Designated	—	500	—	(500)	—	—	—
Sub-total for DorothyL	—	500	—	(500)	—	—	—
Harlow2024 - Harlow 2024 - Leafle							
Restricted	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for Harlow2024	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jubilee - Diamond Jubilee Even							
Designated	—	550	594	—	—	—	(44)
Sub-total for Jubilee	—	550	594	—	—	—	(44)
Memorium - Donations in Memoriu							
Designated	—	612	869	975	—	—	718
Sub-total for Memorium	—	612	869	975	—	—	718
VaterLeak - Insurance Claim for							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for VaterLeak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Vicarage - Vicarage Decoration							
Restricted	2,625	—	—	600	—	—	3,225
Sub-total for Vicarage	2,625	—	—	600	—	—	3,225
BDBF-Elect - BDBF Energy Extra Co							
Designated	2,634	—	—	—	—	—	2,634
Sub-total for BDBF-Elect	2,634	—	—	—	—	—	2,634
Kitch - Kitchen Equipment -							
Designated	1,101	—	—	(25)	—	—	1,076
Sub-total for Kitch	1,101	—	—	(25)	—	—	1,076
Furniture - Furniture - Lord Aus							
Designated	1,000	—	1,086	86	—	—	—
Sub-total for Furniture	1,000	—	1,086	86	—	—	—
General - Church General fund							
Unrestricted	10,514	41,619	40,142	(1,223)	—	—	10,768
Sub-total for General	10,514	41,619	40,142	(1,223)	—	—	10,768
CHGeneral - Church Hall General							
Designated	24,452	33,085	35,766	25	—	—	21,796
Sub-total for CHGeneral	24,452	33,085	35,766	25	—	—	21,796
SavGeneral - Unallocated funds in							
Designated	7,839	288	—	45	—	—	8,172
Sub-total for SavGeneral	7,839	288	—	45	—	—	8,172
Investment - CoE Investments							
Restricted	356	31	—	—	—	—	388
Sub-total for Investment	356	31	—	—	—	—	388
CFW-Exp - Childrens and Family							
Designated	(343)	—	—	343	—	—	—
Sub-total for CFW-Exp	(343)	—	—	343	—	—	—
CFW-Wages - Childrens and Family							
Restricted	2,824	—	—	(343)	—	—	2,481
Sub-total for CFW-Wages	2,824	—	—	(343)	—	—	2,481
StM-Admin - St. Martins Admin Wa							
Restricted	220	16,800	17,863	925	—	—	81
Sub-total for StM-Admin	220	16,800	17,863	925	—	—	81
StM-Music - St. Martins Music Fu							
Restricted	2,095	3,500	3,632	—	—	—	1,963
Sub-total for StM-Music	2,095	3,500	3,632	—	—	—	1,963
STM-IF - St. Martins initiati							
Designated	500	—	—	—	—	—	500
Sub-total for STM-IF	500	—	—	—	—	—	500
STM-23Cap - St Martins Capital F							
Designated	850	—	—	—	—	—	850
Sub-total for STM-23Cap	850	—	—	—	—	—	850
STM-23Rev - St.Martins 2023 Reve							
Designated	430	2,000	2,524	—	—	—	(94)
Sub-total for STM-23Rev	430	2,000	2,524	—	—	—	(94)
Cur-Accom - Curates Accomodation							
Restricted	543	1,500	903	(925)	—	—	214
Sub-total for Cur-Accom	543	1,500	903	(925)	—	—	214
Flowers - Flowers							
Restricted	162	70	200	—	—	—	32
Sub-total for Flowers	162	70	200	—	—	—	32

PCCfees - PCC Fees							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PCCfees	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Verger - Verger Fees							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Verger	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
XmasFair - Christmas Fair Set u							
Designated	(430)	—	281	1,011	—	—	300
Sub-total for XmasFair	(430)	—	281	1,011	—	—	300
HeatingFee - Heating fees from Fu							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HeatingFee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Noahsark - Noah's Ark							
Designated	956	595	243	—	—	—	1,308
Sub-total for Noahsark	956	595	243	—	—	—	1,308
Messy-Ch - Messy Church							
Designated	88	36	—	—	—	—	125
Sub-total for Messy-Ch	88	36	—	—	—	—	125
Cafe - Friday Cafe							
Designated	459	1,325	—	—	—	—	1,783
Sub-total for Cafe	459	1,325	—	—	—	—	1,783
Bowlers - Thursday Bowlers Clu							
Designated	300	—	—	—	—	—	300
Sub-total for Bowlers	300	—	—	—	—	—	300
Gp-Outings - Outings and Trips							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gp-Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
EME - Embrace the Middle E							
Restricted	174	208	240	—	—	—	142
Sub-total for EME	174	208	240	—	—	—	142
FabricFund - PCC Fabric Fund							
Designated	5,021	500	—	(545)	—	—	4,976
Sub-total for FabricFund	5,021	500	—	(545)	—	—	4,976
VicarsFnd - Vicar's Charity fund							
Designated	250	—	—	(40)	—	—	210
Sub-total for VicarsFnd	250	—	—	(40)	—	—	210
S-Rooke - RIP Sheila Rooke							
Designated	475	—	—	(475)	—	—	—
Sub-total for S-Rooke	475	—	—	(475)	—	—	—
Slabing - Slabbing amd Church							
Restricted	4,030	—	1,582	—	—	—	2,448
Sub-total for Slabing	4,030	—	1,582	—	—	—	2,448
GroutFloor - Church Floor Groutin							
Restricted	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
Sub-total for GroutFloor	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
Grand total	70,474	104,219	106,141	—	—	—	68,551

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Parish Giving Fund	22,236	—	—	—	22,236	20,960
Envelope Scheme	743	—	—	—	743	709
Other Planned Giving	1,740	—	—	—	1,740	1,740
On-Line Giving	436	—	—	—	436	108
Open Plate Donations	2,632	—	—	—	2,632	4,043
Other One-off Donations	961	1,112	10	—	2,083	664
Donations for Parish Parties	—	—	—	—	—	118
Parish Giving Gift Aid	5,132	—	—	—	5,132	4,852
Other Gift Aid	1,645	—	—	—	1,645	1,808
Recurring Grants	—	—	21,700	—	21,700	31,490
One-Off Grants	—	2,500	1,000	—	3,500	2,850
Donations for Flowers	—	—	60	—	60	350
Coffee Morning Donations	—	1,325	—	—	1,325	—
Total	35,526	4,936	22,770	—	63,232	69,692
Income from charitable activities						
Charges for Organist	—	—	100	—	100	—
Charitable Events - Christmas Fair	3,605	—	—	—	3,605	2,885
Income for Diamond Jubilee events	—	550	—	—	550	—
Other Charitable Events	42	—	—	—	42	103
PCC fees for weddings and funerals	1,324	—	—	—	1,324	1,220
Heating Income from Weddings/Funerals	200	—	—	—	200	300
Income from Book Sales	—	—	—	—	—	139
Noah's Ark Income	—	595	—	—	595	800
Messy Church Income	—	36	—	—	36	45
Bowler's Income	—	—	—	—	—	150
Church Centre Commercial Rent	—	14,948	—	—	14,948	14,383
Church Centre Community Rent	—	6,397	—	—	6,397	6,150
Church Centre - Private Party Rents	—	1,240	—	—	1,240	1,585
Total	5,171	23,766	100	—	29,037	27,760
Other trading activities						
Cheques Received from Church Account	—	10,500	—	—	10,500	606
Total	—	10,500	—	—	10,500	606
Investments						
Bank Interest	98	288	—	—	386	232
Return on CCLA Investment	—	—	31	—	31	—
Total	98	288	31	—	418	232
Other income						
Embrace the Middle East	—	—	208	—	208	215
Rent from Land and Buildings	75	—	—	—	75	75
Solar Panel Income	749	—	—	—	749	770
Sundry Income - Church	—	—	—	—	—	3,560
Total	824	—	208	—	1,032	4,621
INCOME TOTAL	41,619	39,491	23,109	—	104,219	102,910

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

Office Stationary, Hall etc.	—	339	—	—	339	309
Office Phone and Braodband	—	374	—	—	374	389
Photocopying	—	674	—	—	674	858
Office Stationary Church etc	—	131	—	—	131	27
Church Hall Electricity	—	1,698	—	—	1,698	1,127
Church Hall Gas	—	5,406	—	—	5,406	4,265
Church Hall Maintenance	500	7,995	—	—	8,495	334
Church Hall Cleaning	—	7,451	—	—	7,451	4,582
Church Hall Boiler	—	228	—	—	228	454
Church Hall Capital Projects	500	—	—	—	500	1,964
Noah's Ark	—	243	—	—	243	403
Sacristy Services and Equipment	1,310	216	—	—	1,525	1,275
Common Fund	22,800	—	—	—	22,800	23,600
Organist Fees	—	—	3,632	—	3,632	3,300
Relief Vicars Expences	6	—	—	—	6	139
Church Electricity	8,785	—	—	—	8,785	7,057
Church Maintenance	661	—	—	—	661	—
Church Capital Projects	882	869	—	—	1,751	1,176
Garden Maintenance	25	—	1,582	—	1,607	40
Lounge and Servery Mainenance	—	—	—	—	—	25
Centre Hygene	—	647	—	—	647	593
Centre Maintenance	—	2,357	—	—	2,357	3,753
Centre Pest Control	—	310	—	—	310	—
Centre Insurance	3,503	—	—	—	3,503	3,763
Water Bill	—	392	—	—	392	155
Marketing costs	—	1,227	—	—	1,227	624
IT Costs	—	147	—	—	147	—
Refreshments for Church Events	474	—	—	—	474	652
Administrator Wages	—	—	17,863	—	17,863	15,372
Children and Families Worker Wages	—	—	—	—	—	9,824
Children and Families Worker Expences	—	—	—	—	—	466
Sunday School Expenfiture	19	—	—	—	19	—
Parish Party Costs	—	—	—	—	—	214
Trips and outings	—	—	—	—	—	225
Christmas Fair Expences	—	281	—	—	281	499
Costs associated with Diamonf Jubilee Ev	—	594	—	—	594	—
Flowers	—	—	200	—	200	414
Embrace the Middle east	—	—	240	—	240	240
Bowls club Expences	—	—	—	—	—	150
One-off charity Donations	—	—	—	—	—	210
Miscellaneous - Church	—	—	—	—	—	100
Miscellaneous - Church Hall	—	—	—	—	—	30
Sundry Donations	—	—	—	—	—	76
Cheques paid to Church Hall Account	—	10,000	—	—	10,000	606
Governance Costs - Examination/Audit	—	—	—	—	—	618
Total	39,466	41,578	23,518	—	104,562	89,907

Other expenditure

Vicar's Expences	—	—	—	—	—	266
Vicarage Expences	666	—	—	—	666	928
Curates Accomodation Costs	—	—	—	—	—	4,599
Curates Expences	10	—	903	—	913	404
Total	676	—	903	—	1,580	6,197
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	40,142	41,578	24,421	—	106,141	96,104
GRAND TOTAL	1,477	(2,088)	(1,312)	—	(1,923)	6,806

PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVE SOFA

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	34,852	3,795	31,045	—	69,962	81,537
Income from charitable activities	4,647	23,113	100	—	27,760	28,510
Other trading activities	—	606	—	—	606	---
Investments	95	137	—	—	232	(41)
Other income	889	123	3,609	—	4,621	4,332
Total income	40,482	27,774	34,654	—	102,910	114,339
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	40,616	21,269	34,219	—	96,104	102,281
Total expenditure	40,616	21,269	34,219	—	96,104	102,281
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(134)	6,505	436	—	6,806	12,057
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	228	1,845	1,395	—	3,468	8,995
Gross transfers between funds - out	(828)	(2,640)	---	—	(3,468)	(8,995)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	(734)	5,710	1,831	—	6,806	12,057
Total funds brought forward	11,248	40,020	12,399	—	63,668	51,610
Total funds carried forward	10,514	45,730	14,229	—	70,474	63,668

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

St Matthew's Church and Centre is situated at the corner of Aldridge Road and Birdbrook Road, in the Great Barr area of Birmingham.

The office address is:

St Matthew's Parish Office, Birdbrook Rd, Birmingham, B44 8RA.

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith is the Incumbent

and his address is:

St Matthew's Vicarage, 313 Beeches Road, Birmingham, B42 2QR

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC powers measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and is registered with the Charities Commission, Registered Charity No. 1164756.

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc.

Independent Examiner:

Data Developments

First Floor

The Chubb Buildings

Fryer Street

Wolverhampton

West Midlands

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The Parish is part of Handsworth and Central Deanery, in the Church of England Diocese of Birmingham.

The PCC is responsible for working with the Incumbent to promote the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical - in the Parish of Perry Beeches. This includes the life of the Parish Church of St Matthew, including the church centre complex comprising the large hall, lounge and family room, and grounds, and the general and restricted funds required for the operation of the church and centre, and for the mission of the Parish.

Activities during 2024

2024 was the 60th Anniversary of the dedication of our parish church, so there were a number of activities associated with this, culminating in a celebratory Patronal festival in September led by The Rt Revd James Langstaff, Hon. Assistant Bishop, Church of England Birmingham

These festivities included an evening performance by Adrian and Bridget Plass; a Fun Day, and a Week long Photographic exhibition.

On a more practical note we carried out some work on the front garden of the Church re-turfing, removing a dead tree and replacing it, and pruning several others.

We also replaced the door to the car park entrance and did some alterations and repairs on the Church Hall, including improving access to storage and repairing plaster damaged by damp.

We also brought some new chairs for the Lounge and replacement tables for the Hall.

In the Church we made a radical improvement to the Sound System with some new radio microphones and a new mixing deck.

Approved by the PCC on 2025 by

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham**

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 02 to 15.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis on Independent Examiner's Report

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 of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met:

or 2. To which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stephen Hendy

3rd March 2025

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St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	35,526	4,936	22,770	—	63,232	69,692
Income from charitable activities	5,171	23,766	100	—	29,037	27,760
Other trading activities	—	10,500	—	—	10,500	606
Investments	98	288	31	—	418	232
Other income	824	—	208	—	1,032	4,621
Total income	41,619	39,491	23,109	—	104,219	102,910
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	39,466	41,578	23,518	—	104,562	89,907
Other expenditure	676	—	903	—	1,580	6,197
Total expenditure	40,142	41,578	24,421	—	106,141	96,104
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	1,477	(2,088)	(1,312)	—	(1,923)	6,806
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,021	5,031	4,006	—	12,058	3,468
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,244)	(4,066)	(3,749)	—	(12,058)	(3,468)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	254	(1,122)	(1,055)	—	(1,923)	6,806
Total funds brought forward	10,514	45,730	14,229	—	70,474	63,668
Total funds carried forward	10,768	44,608	13,175	—	68,551	70,474
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Church General fund	10,768	—	—	—	10,768	10,514
Designated						
Altar Cloth 2023	—	—	—	—	—	150
BDBF Energy Extra Costs	—	2,634	—	—	2,634	2,634
Childrens and Family Worker Expences	—	—	—	—	—	(343)
Christmas Fair Set up Fund	—	300	—	—	300	(430)
Church Hall General Fund	—	21,796	—	—	21,796	24,452
Diamond Jubilee Events	—	(44)	—	—	(44)	—
Donations in Memorium	—	718	—	—	718	—
Friday Cafe	—	1,783	—	—	1,783	459
Furniture - Lord Austin 2022	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Kitchen Equipment - Harlow 2022	—	1,076	—	—	1,076	1,101
Messy Church	—	125	—	—	125	88
Noah's Ark	—	1,308	—	—	1,308	956
PCC Fabric Fund	—	4,976	—	—	4,976	5,021
RIP Sheila Rooke	—	—	—	—	—	475
St Martins Capital Fund	—	850	—	—	850	850
St. Martins initiative fund	—	500	—	—	500	500
St.Martins 2023 Revenue	—	(94)	—	—	(94)	430
Thursday Bowlers Club	—	300	—	—	300	300
Unallocated funds in the Saving Account	—	8,172	—	—	8,172	7,839
Vicar's Charity fund	—	210	—	—	210	250

Restricted

Childrens and Family Worker Fund	—	—	2,481	—	2,481	2,824
Church Floor Grouting	—	—	1,200	—	1,200	1,200
CoE Investments	—	—	388	—	388	356
Curates Accomodation and Travel Expences	—	—	214	—	214	543
Embrace the Middle East	—	—	142	—	142	174
Flowers	—	—	32	—	32	162
Harlow 2024 - Leafleting	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	—
Slabbing amd Church Windows from 2017 Grants	—	—	2,448	—	2,448	4,030
St. Martins Admin Wages	—	—	81	—	81	220
St. Martins Music Funds	—	—	1,963	—	1,963	2,095
Vicarage Decoration Fund	—	—	3,225	—	3,225	2,625

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham**Balance sheet at 31 December 2024**

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Debtors	—	1,319
Investments	388	356
Cash at bank and in hand	68,724	73,526
	69,112	75,201
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	561	4,728
	561	4,728
Net current assets less current liabilities	68,551	70,474
Total assets less current liabilities	68,551	70,474
Total net assets less liabilities	68,551	70,474
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Church General fund	10,768	10,514
Designated		
Altar Cloth 2023	—	150
St. Martins initiative fund	500	500
St Martins Capital Fund	850	850
St.Martins 2023 Revenue	(94)	430
PCC Fees	—	—
Verger Fees	—	—
Christmas Fair Set up Fund	300	(430)
Heating fees from Funerals	—	—
Noah's Ark	1,308	956
Messy Church	125	88
Friday Cafe	1,783	459
Diamond Jubilee Events	(44)	—
Thursday Bowlers Club	300	300
Outings and Trips	—	—
PCC Fabric Fund	4,976	5,021
Vicar's Charity fund	210	250
RIP Sheila Rooke	—	475
Donations in Memorium	718	—
BDBF Energy Extra Costs	2,634	2,634
Kitchen Equipment - Harlow 2022	1,076	1,101
Furniture - Lord Austin 2022	—	1,000
Church Hall General Fund	21,796	24,452
Unallocated funds in the Saving Account	8,172	7,839
Childrens and Family Worker Expences	—	(343)

Restricted

Harlow 2024 - Leafleting	1,000	—
Slabbing amd Church Windows from 2017 Grants	2,448	4,030
Church Floor Grouting	1,200	1,200
Vicarage Decoration Fund	3,225	2,625
CoE Investments	388	356
Childrens and Family Worker Fund	2,481	2,824
St. Martins Admin Wages	81	220
St. Martins Music Funds	1,963	2,095
Curates Accomodation and Travel Expences	214	543
Flowers	32	162
Embrace the Middle East	142	174
Funds of the church	68,551	70,474

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham**Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Church Saving Accounts -	2,716	28,586	14,211	—	45,513	26,916
Church Saving Accounts -	—	—	(1,420)	—	(1,420)	(1,420)
Church Current Account -	8,059	3,289	(443)	—	10,905	23,016
Hall Current Account -	(7)	12,733	1,000	—	13,727	25,014
Totals	10,769	44,608	13,348	—	68,724	73,526
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	—	—	—	—	—	1,319
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	1,319
Current assets - Investments						
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Securities Fund -	0	0	388	—	388	356
Totals	0	0	388	—	388	356
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	561	—	561	293
Totals	—	—	561	—	561	293
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	—	—	—	—	—	4,434
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	4,434
Grand total	10,768	44,608	13,175	—	68,551	70,474

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Church Saving Accounts -	(4,891)	19,095	12,712	—	26,916	20,650
Church Saving Accounts -	—	—	(1,420)	—	(1,420)	(1,420)
Church Current Account -	18,968	1,174	2,874	—	23,016	22,985
Hall Current Account -	(7)	25,021	--	—	25,014	16,781
Totals	14,070	45,290	14,166	—	73,526	58,996
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	—	1,319	—	—	1,319	5,789
Totals	—	1,319	—	—	1,319	5,789
Current assets - Investments						
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Securities Fund -	0	0	356	—	356	356
Totals	0	0	356	—	356	356
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	293	—	293	1,474
Totals	—	—	293	—	293	1,474
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	3,555	879	—	—	4,434	--
Totals	3,555	879	—	—	4,434	--
Grand total	10,514	45,730	14,229	—	70,474	63,668

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Altarcloth - Altar Cloth 2023							
Designated	150	—	216	66	—	—	—
Sub-total for Altarcloth	150	—	216	66	—	—	—
DorothyL - In Memory of Dorothy							
Designated	—	500	—	(500)	—	—	—
Sub-total for DorothyL	—	500	—	(500)	—	—	—
Harlow2024 - Harlow 2024 - Leafle							
Restricted	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for Harlow2024	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Jubilee - Diamond Jubilee Even							
Designated	—	550	594	—	—	—	(44)
Sub-total for Jubilee	—	550	594	—	—	—	(44)
Memorium - Donations in Memoriu							
Designated	—	612	869	975	—	—	718
Sub-total for Memorium	—	612	869	975	—	—	718
VaterLeak - Insurance Claim for							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for VaterLeak	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Vicarage - Vicarage Decoration							
Restricted	2,625	—	—	600	—	—	3,225
Sub-total for Vicarage	2,625	—	—	600	—	—	3,225
BDBF-Elect - BDBF Energy Extra Co							
Designated	2,634	—	—	—	—	—	2,634
Sub-total for BDBF-Elect	2,634	—	—	—	—	—	2,634
Kitch - Kitchen Equipment -							
Designated	1,101	—	—	(25)	—	—	1,076
Sub-total for Kitch	1,101	—	—	(25)	—	—	1,076
Furniture - Furniture - Lord Aus							
Designated	1,000	—	1,086	86	—	—	—
Sub-total for Furniture	1,000	—	1,086	86	—	—	—
General - Church General fund							
Unrestricted	10,514	41,619	40,142	(1,223)	—	—	10,768
Sub-total for General	10,514	41,619	40,142	(1,223)	—	—	10,768
CHGeneral - Church Hall General							
Designated	24,452	33,085	35,766	25	—	—	21,796
Sub-total for CHGeneral	24,452	33,085	35,766	25	—	—	21,796
SavGeneral - Unallocated funds in							
Designated	7,839	288	—	45	—	—	8,172
Sub-total for SavGeneral	7,839	288	—	45	—	—	8,172
Investment - CoE Investments							
Restricted	356	31	—	—	—	—	388
Sub-total for Investment	356	31	—	—	—	—	388
CFW-Exp - Childrens and Family							
Designated	(343)	—	—	343	—	—	—
Sub-total for CFW-Exp	(343)	—	—	343	—	—	—
CFW-Wages - Childrens and Family							
Restricted	2,824	—	—	(343)	—	—	2,481
Sub-total for CFW-Wages	2,824	—	—	(343)	—	—	2,481
StM-Admin - St. Martins Admin Wa							
Restricted	220	16,800	17,863	925	—	—	81
Sub-total for StM-Admin	220	16,800	17,863	925	—	—	81
StM-Music - St. Martins Music Fu							
Restricted	2,095	3,500	3,632	—	—	—	1,963
Sub-total for StM-Music	2,095	3,500	3,632	—	—	—	1,963
STM-IF - St. Martins initiati							
Designated	500	—	—	—	—	—	500
Sub-total for STM-IF	500	—	—	—	—	—	500
STM-23Cap - St Martins Capital F							
Designated	850	—	—	—	—	—	850
Sub-total for STM-23Cap	850	—	—	—	—	—	850
STM-23Rev - St.Martins 2023 Reve							
Designated	430	2,000	2,524	—	—	—	(94)
Sub-total for STM-23Rev	430	2,000	2,524	—	—	—	(94)
Cur-Accom - Curates Accomodation							
Restricted	543	1,500	903	(925)	—	—	214
Sub-total for Cur-Accom	543	1,500	903	(925)	—	—	214
Flowers - Flowers							
Restricted	162	70	200	—	—	—	32
Sub-total for Flowers	162	70	200	—	—	—	32

PCCfees - PCC Fees							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PCCfees	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Verger - Verger Fees							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Verger	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
XmasFair - Christmas Fair Set u							
Designated	(430)	—	281	1,011	—	—	300
Sub-total for XmasFair	(430)	—	281	1,011	—	—	300
HeatingFee - Heating fees from Fu							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HeatingFee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Noahsark - Noah's Ark							
Designated	956	595	243	—	—	—	1,308
Sub-total for Noahsark	956	595	243	—	—	—	1,308
Messy-Ch - Messy Church							
Designated	88	36	—	—	—	—	125
Sub-total for Messy-Ch	88	36	—	—	—	—	125
Cafe - Friday Cafe							
Designated	459	1,325	—	—	—	—	1,783
Sub-total for Cafe	459	1,325	—	—	—	—	1,783
Bowlers - Thursday Bowlers Clu							
Designated	300	—	—	—	—	—	300
Sub-total for Bowlers	300	—	—	—	—	—	300
Gp-Outings - Outings and Trips							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gp-Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
EME - Embrace the Middle E							
Restricted	174	208	240	—	—	—	142
Sub-total for EME	174	208	240	—	—	—	142
FabricFund - PCC Fabric Fund							
Designated	5,021	500	—	(545)	—	—	4,976
Sub-total for FabricFund	5,021	500	—	(545)	—	—	4,976
VicarsFnd - Vicar's Charity fund							
Designated	250	—	—	(40)	—	—	210
Sub-total for VicarsFnd	250	—	—	(40)	—	—	210
S-Rooke - RIP Sheila Rooke							
Designated	475	—	—	(475)	—	—	—
Sub-total for S-Rooke	475	—	—	(475)	—	—	—
Slabing - Slabbing amd Church							
Restricted	4,030	—	1,582	—	—	—	2,448
Sub-total for Slabing	4,030	—	1,582	—	—	—	2,448
GroutFloor - Church Floor Groutin							
Restricted	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
Sub-total for GroutFloor	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
Grand total	70,474	104,219	106,141	—	—	—	68,551

St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Analysis of income and expenditure

						Total
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Parish Giving Fund	22,236	—	—	—	22,236	20,960
Envelope Scheme	743	—	—	—	743	709
Other Planned Giving	1,740	—	—	—	1,740	1,740
On-Line Giving	436	—	—	—	436	108
Open Plate Donations	2,632	—	—	—	2,632	4,043
Other One-off Donations	961	1,112	10	—	2,083	664
Donations for Parish Parties	—	—	—	—	—	118
Parish Giving Gift Aid	5,132	—	—	—	5,132	4,852
Other Gift Aid	1,645	—	—	—	1,645	1,808
Recurring Grants	—	—	21,700	—	21,700	31,490
One-Off Grants	—	2,500	1,000	—	3,500	2,850
Donations for Flowers	—	—	60	—	60	350
Coffee Morning Donations	—	1,325	—	—	1,325	—
Total	35,526	4,936	22,770	—	63,232	69,692
Income from charitable activities						
Charges for Organist	—	—	100	—	100	—
Charitable Events - Christmas Fair	3,605	—	—	—	3,605	2,885
Income for Diamond Jubilee events	—	550	—	—	550	—
Other Charitable Events	42	—	—	—	42	103
PCC fees for weddings and funerals	1,324	—	—	—	1,324	1,220
Heating Income from Weddings/Funerals	200	—	—	—	200	300
Income from Book Sales	—	—	—	—	—	139
Noah's Ark Income	—	595	—	—	595	800
Messy Church Income	—	36	—	—	36	45
Bowler's Income	—	—	—	—	—	150
Church Centre Commercial Rent	—	14,948	—	—	14,948	14,383
Church Centre Community Rent	—	6,397	—	—	6,397	6,150
Church Centre - Private Party Rents	—	1,240	—	—	1,240	1,585
Total	5,171	23,766	100	—	29,037	27,760
Other trading activities						
Cheques Received from Church Account	—	10,500	—	—	10,500	606
Total	—	10,500	—	—	10,500	606
Investments						
Bank Interest	98	288	—	—	386	232
Return on CCLA Investment	—	—	31	—	31	—
Total	98	288	31	—	418	232
Other income						
Embrace the Middle East	—	—	208	—	208	215
Rent from Land and Buildings	75	—	—	—	75	75
Solar Panel Income	749	—	—	—	749	770
Sundry Income - Church	—	—	—	—	—	3,560
Total	824	—	208	—	1,032	4,621
INCOME TOTAL	41,619	39,491	23,109	—	104,219	102,910

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

Office Stationary, Hall etc.	—	339	—	—	339	309
Office Phone and Braodband	—	374	—	—	374	389
Photocopying	—	674	—	—	674	858
Office Stationary Church etc	—	131	—	—	131	27
Church Hall Electricity	—	1,698	—	—	1,698	1,127
Church Hall Gas	—	5,406	—	—	5,406	4,265
Church Hall Maintenance	500	7,995	—	—	8,495	334
Church Hall Cleaning	—	7,451	—	—	7,451	4,582
Church Hall Boiler	—	228	—	—	228	454
Church Hall Capital Projects	500	—	—	—	500	1,964
Noah's Ark	—	243	—	—	243	403
Sacristy Services and Equipment	1,310	216	—	—	1,525	1,275
Common Fund	22,800	—	—	—	22,800	23,600
Organist Fees	—	—	3,632	—	3,632	3,300
Relief Vicars Expences	6	—	—	—	6	139
Church Electricity	8,785	—	—	—	8,785	7,057
Church Maintenance	661	—	—	—	661	—
Church Capital Projects	882	869	—	—	1,751	1,176
Garden Maintenance	25	—	1,582	—	1,607	40
Lounge and Servery Mainenance	—	—	—	—	—	25
Centre Hygene	—	647	—	—	647	593
Centre Maintenance	—	2,357	—	—	2,357	3,753
Centre Pest Control	—	310	—	—	310	—
Centre Insurance	3,503	—	—	—	3,503	3,763
Water Bill	—	392	—	—	392	155
Marketing costs	—	1,227	—	—	1,227	624
IT Costs	—	147	—	—	147	—
Refreshments for Church Events	474	—	—	—	474	652
Administrator Wages	—	—	17,863	—	17,863	15,372
Children and Families Worker Wages	—	—	—	—	—	9,824
Children and Families Worker Expences	—	—	—	—	—	466
Sunday School Expenfiture	19	—	—	—	19	—
Parish Party Costs	—	—	—	—	—	214
Trips and outings	—	—	—	—	—	225
Christmas Fair Expences	—	281	—	—	281	499
Costs associated with Diamonf Jubilee Ev	—	594	—	—	594	—
Flowers	—	—	200	—	200	414
Embrace the Middle east	—	—	240	—	240	240
Bowls club Expences	—	—	—	—	—	150
One-off charity Donations	—	—	—	—	—	210
Miscellaneous - Church	—	—	—	—	—	100
Miscellaneous - Church Hall	—	—	—	—	—	30
Sundry Donations	—	—	—	—	—	76
Cheques paid to Church Hall Account	—	10,000	—	—	10,000	606
Governance Costs - Examination/Audit	—	—	—	—	—	618
Total	39,466	41,578	23,518	—	104,562	89,907

Other expenditure

Vicar's Expences	—	—	—	—	—	266
Vicarage Expences	666	—	—	—	666	928
Curates Accomodation Costs	—	—	—	—	—	4,599
Curates Expences	10	—	903	—	913	404
Total	676	—	903	—	1,580	6,197
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	40,142	41,578	24,421	—	106,141	96,104
GRAND TOTAL	1,477	(2,088)	(1,312)	—	(1,923)	6,806

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Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	(734)	5,710	1,831	—	6,806	12,057
Total funds brought forward	11,248	40,020	12,399	—	63,668	51,610
Total funds carried forward	10,514	45,730	14,229	—	70,474	63,668

Accounts

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 December 2023

Reference and Administrative Information

St Matthew's Church and Centre is situated at the corner of Aldridge Road and Birdbrook Road, in the Great Barr area of Birmingham.

The office address is:

St Matthew's Parish Office, Birdbrook Rd, Birmingham, B44 8RA.

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith is the Incumbent

and his address is:

St Matthew's Vicarage, 313 Beeches Road, Birmingham, B42 2QR

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC powers measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and is registered with the Charities Commission, Registered Charity No. 1164756.

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc.

Independent Examiner:

Data Developments
First Floor
The Chubb Buildings
Fryer Street
Wolverhampton
West Midlands
WB11HT

The Parish is part of Handsworth and Central Deanery, in the Church of England Diocese of Birmingham.

The PCC is responsible for working with the Incumbent to promote the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical - in the Parish of Perry Beeches. This includes the life of the Parish Church of St Matthew, including the church centre complex comprising the large hall,

lounge and family room, and grounds, and the general and restricted funds required for the operation of the church and centre, and for the mission of the Parish.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected annually by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The ministers licensed to the Parish and Churchwardens are members by virtue of their office. Deanery Synod representatives are elected at the APCM and hold office for three years. Other members of the PCC are elected at the APCM. Up to two additional members can be co-opted by the PCC.

The membership of the PCC in 2023 was as follows:

‘Ex officio’ members:

Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith	<i>Vicar</i>
Revd Thomas William Ruston	<i>Assistant Curate (until 18/6/23)</i>
Revd Br Martin John Price SSF	<i>Assistant Curate (from 25/6/23)</i>
Peter Conabeer	<i>Lay Minister (until 20/2/23)</i>
Tim Bartlett	<i>Churchwarden</i>
Janet Cook	<i>Churchwarden</i>
Paul Phipps	<i>Lay Minister and Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
John Hope	<i>Deanery Synod Rep (until 21/5/23)</i>
Carolyn Phipps	<i>Deanery Synod Rep (from 21/5/23)*</i>
Ann Harrison	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
	<i>Parish Administrator/Treasurer</i>
	<i>& Electoral Roll officer</i>

Elected members:

Adrian Deverell	<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Judith Deverell	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
David Gadd	
Laura Harrison	<i>(until 17/10/23)</i>
Susan Kyte	
Vera Lawrence	
Andrew Mitchell	
Robert Moulds	
Carolyn Phipps	<i>(until 21/5/23)*</i>
Rodney Williams	<i>Vice-Chair</i>

Electoral Roll

In April 2023, there were 59 names on the Electoral Roll. Three names have been removed during the course of the year due to death; no new names have been added.

Usual Sunday Attendance

Our main act of worship on a Sunday is the 10.00am Parish Mass. During 2023, the average attendance at this service was 29 adults, 3 children under 16 and 30 communicants.

Usual weekday attendance.

Throughout 2023 we maintained 3 weekday celebrations of the Mass:

Monday 7.00pm Average Communicants: 3

Thursday 10.00am Average communicants: 7

Friday 10.00am Average communicants : 2

Other services:

We have maintained a weekly 'phone-in' service for those who are no longer able to physically attend 'in person' worship. Average 'attendance' at these services is between 13.

Morning and Evening Prayer is said at fixed times on most weekdays either in person (average attendance 1) or on 'Zoom' (average attendance 3).

On Wednesdays Evening Prayer is said in person by clergy and lay representatives of the four parishes of our 'Oversight Group' and rotates around the parish churches of St Bernard Hamstead, St John Perry Barr and St Paul Hamstead along with St Matthew's, with an average attendance of 7.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC makes all decisions corporately, except that the Standing Committee has delegated powers to make decisions between PCC meetings, subject to keeping the PCC fully informed.

The PCC is responsible for all parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of the treasurer. The work of the PCC is supported by its committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. These are:

Standing Committee – Consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Parish Treasurer, Vice Chairperson, PCC Secretary, and one other member of the PCC elected by the PCC. They have power to transact the business of the PCC between PCC meetings, reporting to the full PCC as appropriate.

Fabric and Finance Committee – Including the Parish Treasurer, the Churchwardens, the Vicar, other PCC members as appointed, to ensure adequate skills and representation and other invited members with appropriate knowledge and skills regarding our buildings and their maintenance. They are responsible for the production of reports and recommendations for the PCC.

Church Growth Group – established after the PCC's annual review in 2016, this includes the Vicar, another member of the PCC, the Clerk for Baptisms & Marriages, and other appointed members with appropriate knowledge and skills. During 2023 this group was effectively temporarily superseded by:

The 'Diamond Jubilee Planning Group' whose role is to plan various services, events and missional opportunities to be held throughout 2024 in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Dedication of the current church building.

Objectives and Activities

Mindful of its responsibility for the mission of the Church in Perry Beeches Parish, the PCC seeks to provide a welcoming spiritual home and community resource for all in the neighbourhood. Our worship is firmly rooted in a modern and inclusive Catholic tradition centred on the Eucharist, but we recognise that God's love and saving grace are not limited to the confines of the church building and its institutional life. St Matthew's bears witness to this through its on-site life, where the sacred space sits side-by-side with the hall which draws in many people from the wider community.

Our specific aims and objectives are:

- The provision of Regular public worship open to all.
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- Celebration of the 'Occasional Offices' (Baptism, Marriage, Funerals)
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools and welcoming schools on church visits and for specific services (e.g. Easter and Christmas)
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, the distribution of literature and the use of Social Media.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

- Organising and/or hosting Community Events
- Making our buildings available as a resource to local Community Groups.

PCC Secretary's report 2023

The PCC met on eight occasions during 2023 with an 87.5% attendance of its membership recorded.

The APCM held in May, saw the election of three new Deanery Synod members who were each appointed to serve for a three-year term.

Following an initiative by the Diocese, our new curate Br Martin John who joined us in June, was appointed as our Parish Environmental Contact.

Apart from routine matters, the PCC agreed to the setting up of a working group to plan and organise events to mark the existing church's sixtieth anniversary in 2024 and agreement was reached to search for and appoint a new Independent Examiner in 2024 to succeed Wychbury Lee.

It was with sadness that we recorded the death during the year of Peter Conabeer, who was a long standing and committed member of the PCC. His passing was marked with a Requiem Mass, in recognition and celebration of his significant contribution to church life.

Adrian Deverell
PCC Secretary

Children and Families Worker:

We appointed Rosalind Hardy in September 2020 and she continued to work, along with volunteers, with the Children in the benefices of St. Matthew's and Newtown and Lozells until funding for the post expired in September 2023.

We have maintained a Sunday School on most Sundays, coinciding with the Parish Mass, but attendance is poor. We also run a 'Messy Church' session in all school holidays, with 5 sessions during the long summer holiday, with an average attendance of 20 children and 15 adults. We are currently short of volunteers to help run both the Sunday School and Messy Church.

We have gradually re-established relations with local schools, most notably Glenmead and Greenholm Primary Schools, having hosted church visits, School Services for Christmas and Easter and taken part in Assemblies, and we plan to extend this work to other schools in the area.

We hope to be able to appoint a full-time Youth, Children and Families Ministry Leader in the course of 2024, subject to funding, whose role will be to expand existing projects, to develop new initiatives, and to recruit, train and supervise volunteers to assist.

Prayer & Spiritual Development.

The spiritual life of the parish centres on the **Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer** which are said according to the following pattern:

Sunday:	9.15 in person (Chapel)
Monday:	9.00 on 'Zoom' and 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Tuesday:	Said in private
Wednesday:	9.00 on 'Zoom' and 16.00 in person (rotating venue in 'Oversight Area')
Thursday:	9.00 in person (Chapel) 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Friday:	9.00 in person (Chapel) 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Saturday:	Said in private

The celebration of **The Eucharist** is also at the heart of our tradition and takes place at the following times:

Sunday:	10.00
Monday:	19.00
Thursday:	10.00
Friday:	10.00

A **Julian Group** meets for contemplative prayer once a month.

Our team of **Lay Pastoral Assistants** regularly visit the sick and housebound members of the parish, and assist in taking Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

Paul Phipps, our Reader in training, is a valued member of our Lay Minister team. Sadly, Peter Conabeer, a Licensed Reader of many years standing, died in March 2023.

The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Thanks to the people of St. Matthew's we were able to deliver Cards at Easter and Christmas to all of the parish.

In 2023 there were 3 **Baptisms**. Baptism is offered either as part of the 10.00am Mass or as a separate stand-alone service, usually at 12.00pm.

Most **funerals** take place at Perry Barr Crematorium. In 2023 6 funerals took place in church and 10 at a Crematorium or Cemetery Chapel. There was 1 **wedding** in church.

A Fun Day marking the Coronation of King Charles III was held in May and an annual Christmas Fayre in December, both of which were well supported and most appreciated by the people of the parish.

Regular Coffee mornings were held on Fridays during Advent and were well attended by both church members and members of the wider community, and it is planned to continue with this initiative during and beyond Lent 2024.

Church Fabric Our grade 2 listed church building (Murray & Maguire, 1964) provides an exceptionally user-friendly space for prayer and worship. It is also potentially an excellent space for concerts and other events, but has been currently underused in this regard as there were issues of lighting and sound that needed to be addressed. These issues are now partly resolved, and a number of concerts and other events are being planned for the 2024 Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Church cleaning, flower arranging, and gardening are carried out by volunteers. The Parish is very conscious of the value of all the volunteer hours that we depend on every day.

Partnership with other Christians

St Matthew's participates fully in the life of the Diocese and Deanery. Our Parish enjoys a friendly informal partnership with the neighbouring Parishes of St John's, Perry Barr and St Paul's and St. Bernard's, Hamstead. This partnership is set to become more formalised as an 'Oversight Area' under the diocesan initiative 'People and Places'.

There is an established ecumenical relationship with Beeches Evangelical Church and Perry Beeches Baptist Church, with the ministers meeting together regularly for discussion, prayer and mutual support. Sadly, joint services and pulpit exchanges are currently on hold due to significant differences regarding St Matthew's firm commitment to inclusivity, specifically on LGBTQ+ issues, reflecting tensions on this matter in the wider church. The Ministers, however, are all committed to working together despite their differing views, and are keen to re-establish a regular pattern of joint services if and when the appropriate authorities in the churches concerned give their consent. In the meantime, it is a cause of great sadness to St Matthew's that this one area of disagreement has been allowed to result in the temporary discontinuation of ecumenical projects. We look

forward to the matter being resolved and being able to work once again with our ecumenical neighbours in sharing God's love unconditionally with the whole community.

Julian Group Report

We have met on the first Monday of the month throughout the year to spend some quiet time in prayer .

We start with a reading then spend thirty minutes in silence, we then have our intercession prayers, and end with a reading from Julian of Norwich.

Then we have tea and cakes and friendship,

I am so pleased to report that this year we have had three new people join us from various parts of Birmingham, as last year our numbers were slowly dropping due to people unable to join us anymore through various reasons. Anyone is very welcome to join us. It is a time spent with God in quietness . The feeling afterwards is one of joy and peace within yourself .

Anne Gadd

'Phone In' Services

Throughout the year we continued to hold a weekly Phone-In Service (as developed during the Covid lockdown) and have now entered the fourth year of 'Phone -Ins' with a weekly attendance of between 12 and 15 loyal attendees. The fellowship is split approximately 50% who also attend our weekly Sunday Morning church Mass, and 50 % who in the main are either no longer able bodied and housebound or have moved out of the area.

In the service we endeavour to stay in line with the Lectionary readings and Collects and we observe the Principle Feasts of the CofE calendar where possible.

We cannot overstate the benefit to the wellbeing both spiritually and mentally for the housebound isolated former congregation members who join in fellowship with others in Worship. It does remain a life line to St Matthews for them. Many of them call early so they can enjoy a pre worship chat with like-minded fellow Parishioners.

Paul Phipps

Financial Review

We rely on St Martin's Trust to pay our Vicar's stipend, our administrator, our organist, and (until September 2023) our Children and Families worker. They also assist with office expenses and contributed to the housing costs of the previous Curate (until June 2023) and now contribute to the travelling expenses of our new Curate.

St. Matthew's regular charities, Malawi and 'Embrace the Middle East' have still been supported this year through our online giving scheme, albeit with a reduced contribution.

Our common fund payment in 2023 was £23,600 (£1778 short of our requested total of £25,378).

We must acknowledge the generosity of our congregation. Many of them contribute to the Church via the Parish Giving scheme, standing orders and envelope contributions, as well as plate donations at services in Church.

Hall hire during 2023 has seen an increased number of regular groups hiring during the week. This has been profitable for the PCC. Although the hall was also opened up in 2022 for private party hire, this has not proved as profitable as we had hoped. Damage caused during a private party has resulted in a PCC resolution to host Children's Parties only.

Church wardens Reports

The Terrier, listing land belonging to the church, and the inventory of items belonging to the church have been checked and all items are accounted for. All Church's insurances are in place and up to date.

Our car park kept getting flooded causing us to have to have a portion of it dug up to find the cause which was a broken pipe. This has now been repaired.

Thanks to grants we were able to purchase a new cooker and kitchen equipment which has been of great benefit to all.

We have had additional spotlights fitted in the Church which has helped with the lighting in the sanctuary. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get our sound system upgraded yet.

Thanks to an anonymous donation a new set of sanctuary bells have been purchased and are in use.

As we came to the end 2023, we started planning for our Diamond Jubilee year and plans are well underway to put on many events to celebrate this occasion.

Janet Cook
Tim Bartlett

Social Activities and Entertainment

During 2023 we had a number of social events and days out.

In March we had a Skittle evening and in May we had a fun day for the King's coronation where we again had a bouncy castle in Church as well as crafts and games and a splendid tea in the Church Hall. In June we had a book sale.

In September ten members of the congregation went to Obhan for a week's holiday. While we were there, we had many days out and also made the bus journey to Lochgilphead to visit Father Simon Mackenzie, a previous vicar at St. Matthew's. Despite our homeward train been cancelled due to the Scottish weather we all got home safely and enjoyed the companionship of our time away.

In September we had a Macmillan coffee morning and then during Advent two of the congregation ran a coffee morning every Friday, and these were well attended. We now have a small band of volunteers, and Friday Coffee mornings are set to continue weekly throughout the year.

2024 is our Jubilee year, when we will be celebrating 85 years of a Church at Perry Beeches and 60 years of the present Church building. We have great plans for this year, including another fun day, photo exhibitions, concerts, and services.

With the help of the congregation, we continue to deliver 6,500 Christmas and Easter Cards to all the houses in the Parish. On the cards we give details of the services and special events as well as all our regular services.

Janet Cook

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Each year we are required to review the following key tasks in relation to our work with children and young people and vulnerable adults.

- To ensure that copies of the latest policies and the Pocket Guide to Safeguarding are made available to volunteers.
- To ensure that volunteers undergo safeguarding training, including instruction on what to do if they receive information or have concerns about possible abuse. This should be renewed and updated as required.

- To ensure that volunteers and staff are aware of the expectations upon them, particularly in relation to social media and the use of text messaging with those under 18.
- To complete and update risk assessments for activities and to ensure that adequate insurance is in place for them.
- To clarify our first aid needs and to train volunteers as appropriate.
- To continue to ensure that consent forms for under 18s and contact details for volunteers are in place and up to date.
- To be sure that confidential details are kept securely and where they need to be shared are done so according to correct procedure and are GDPR compliant.

We use the Church of England Birmingham Safeguarding dashboard to constantly monitor our progress in all of these areas.

Safeguarding Officer Report 2023

During the year, the Safeguarding, Domestic Abuse and Recruitment of Ex-offender policies were reviewed along with the Safeguarding Action Plan.

As a result of the requirement for DBS checks to be conducted every 3 years as opposed to 5 previously, an ongoing programme has been implemented in order to bring these up to date.

In December, the Safeguarding Officer underwent training to enable them to conduct training as and when required within the church environment.

Judith Deverell

Safeguarding Officer

Vicar's Report 2023

Like most years, 2023 proved to be an interesting mix of 'Highs' and 'Lows'.

Amongst the significant 'Highs' were two Parish Pilgrimages – first, a day Pilgrimage to St Albans for the marvellous annual commemoration of Britain's first Christian Martyr – and second, a five-day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Both provided welcome opportunities for spiritual refreshment and were much enjoyed by all who took part.

Other positive developments included the steady deepening of our relationship with two local schools – Glenmead Primary and Greenholm Primary - through class visits to Church, School Assemblies and Church

services for Easter and Christmas, and with James Watt College through our involvement in an interfaith presentation on Food and Religious Customs and plans to engage with the College as part of a Franciscan Mission in 2024.

Plans for the recruitment of an Anglo-Catholic Missioner (funded by the Church Commissioners) to work in a five-year pilot project with St Matthew's and four other Anglo-Catholic parishes came to fruition with the appointment of Mother Charlotte Gibson, who will take up her new role in April 2024. We look forward to welcoming Mthr Charlotte and working with her.

Church of England Birmingham's 'People and Places' initiative also progressed well over the year, and our new Oversight Area, comprising St John's Perry Barr and St Paul's and St Bernard's Hamstead as well as St Matthew's, will be formally launched early in 2024. We look forward to exploring how best our parishes can support one another and work together.

In May, we marked the coronation of Charles III with a free Community Fun day which was well supported and much appreciated. Once again, the bouncy castle in church was particularly well received!

During Advent, successful Coffee Mornings were held weekly on Fridays, and there are plans to repeat this during and beyond Lent 2024, with the hope that in due course, if suitable partnerships can be forged, this may develop into a Community Café.

So much for the 'Highs'.

The 'Lows' included three significant farewells.

Peter Conabeer who had faithfully served St Matthew's for many years as a Licensed Reader and PCC member died on 20th February and his funeral took place on 4th April. A Memorial Requiem Mass was also held on 22nd May and this was an opportunity for the parish and diocese to give thanks for Peter's long and distinguished ministry here.

Our Curate, Fr Tom Ruston left us in July in order to continue his Curacy in the diocese of Chester and to marry his fiancée Amy. Whilst we're sorry that his time with us was so brief, it was nevertheless good to have him around, and we wish him and Amy every blessing in their respective ministries.

Funding for our Children and Families Worker, Ros Hardy, ended in September. Ros had faced a number of challenges after coming into post in 2020 – first Covid and Lockdown, then an interregnum in both the benefices

in which she was based - here at St Matthews and at St George's Newtown and Saints Paul and Silas, Lozells. Working between these very different churches was in itself a significant challenge. Ros nevertheless managed to maintain our Sunday School and Messy Church (mainly during school holidays) and supported the Noah's Ark Mothers and Toddlers Group as well as working alongside the Clergy in developing our ministry to schools. Whilst we were sorry to see Ros leave, we are grateful for all that she did in her time with us, and we wish her well in her new post. We are delighted that husband Tim and daughter Anwen – and indeed Ros herself when her present duties permit – still worship with us on a regular basis.

The ending of the Children and Families Worker post has created the need to further review our ministry to young people – which is an area of weakness at the moment - and as a result, funding is now being sought, and has been partly secured, for a full-time Youth, Children and Families Ministry Leader whose three-year role will be more developmental and mission-focussed. We hope that this project will be up and running by September 2024.

It was a particular sadness for me that a sudden retinal detachment, which resulted in my having emergency surgery and then being off sick for three weeks, meant that I was not around to say farewell to Fr Tom, nor to be present for the ordination of our new Curate – Brother Martin John SSF.

Br Martin showed what I now know to be characteristic humility and patience as he waited for his Curacy to begin, but once he arrived, it felt as if he had always been here! Although he is only with us on Sundays and (usually) two other days a week, Br Martin has quickly proved to be a great asset to the parish. I know that many people value his quiet and gentle spirituality, and I'm delighted to have him as a colleague. Having a Religious working in the parish is a new experience for all of us, and both Br Martin and I are keen to see how this might develop in the future. In the meantime we look forward very much to his ordination as Priest in July 2024.

Most importantly of all, throughout all of these 'Highs and Lows' we have maintained our pattern of worship which focusses firmly on The Mass. We have held to our principles of genuine inclusivity and our 'Modern Catholic' tradition; the Parish Mass on Sunday remains at the core of our life and work, and this year we once again observed a full Holy Week, with all the appropriate liturgies.

I wish to express my particular thanks to those who contribute to our worship in any way, whether it's by preparing beforehand in the sacristy, serving, reading, flower-arranging, running the Sunday School, or contributing to the

music. Thanks are also due to Paul Phipps, our Licensed Reader, for his contribution to our Sunday worship and his leading of the weekly Telephone Service for those unable to attend church, and to Anne Gadd for running the monthly Julian Group meetings.

Throughout the year we have continued to accommodate many Community groups in our Church Hall and other rooms. We have also reached out into the local community by hosting occasional Community events and by developing the weekly Coffee Morning. This is an important part of our Christian service to the local community, and I wish to record my thanks to all those who volunteer to support this aspect of our life.

It would be a particular joy if some of those who come to St Matthew's for coffee and cake would also come to receive the bread and wine of the eucharist and join our church family in worship. I believe our services are every bit as friendly and welcoming as our social events, and we all have a role to play in inviting and encouraging people to experience, and give thanks for, the love of God in worship. For those who may be unable to attend on Sunday, our Friday Mass is a brief and simple service held just before the Coffee Morning starts, and it would be good to see it better supported.

Whether we like it or not, running a Parish nowadays involves ever-increasing managerial and administrative responsibilities and legal obligations. I wish to record my profound thanks to all those who share and lighten this burden in any way – to Ann our administrator, and to those who give of their time and energy voluntarily – especially our Churchwardens Janet and Tim and all members of our PCC. All that you do – and the good grace with which you do it – is greatly appreciated.

We are also very grateful to our patrons, The St Martin's Trust for their continuing financial support.

The coming year is, of course, our Diamond Jubilee, as we celebrate sixty years of the current Church building and eighty-five years of an Anglican Church occupying this site. Many varied events are being planned to mark this celebration and it will be a very busy year. Nevertheless, it will present us with several new opportunities for Mission, and it promises to be a very exciting and memorable time in the life of St Matthew's.

So, as we look back over the last year with thanks, let us also look forward to the coming year in expectation and with a readiness to seize the many opportunities and enjoy the various 'Highs' that it will hopefully present.

Fr Trevor

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 02 to 14.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

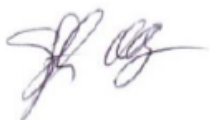
Basis on Independent Examiner's Report

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 of the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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



Stephen Hendy
Date 18th March 2024

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW, PERRY BEECHES, BIRMINGHAM

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Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	228	1,845	1,395	—	3,468	8,995
Gross transfers between funds - out	(828)	(2,640)	—	—	(3,468)	(8,995)
Other recognized gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	(679)	6,469	1,831	—	7,621	12,057
Total funds brought forward	11,248	40,020	12,399	—	63,668	51,610
Total funds carried forward	10,569	46,489	14,229	—	71,288	63,668

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW, PERRY BEECHES, BIRMINGHAM

Balance sheet at 31 December 2023

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
CBFFUND	CBF CoE Fixed Interest Securities Fund	356	356
CHSAVER	Church Saving Accounts	25,496	19,229
CHURCHCURR	Church Current Account	23,016	22,985
HALLCURR	Hall Current Account	25,014	16,781
Z05	Accounts Receivable	1,319	5,789
	Total Current assets	75,201	65,142
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	293	1,474
Z04	Accounts Payable	3,620	—
	Total Liabilities	3,913	1,474
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	71,288	63,668
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	7,621	12,057
Z01	Starting balances	63,668	51,610
	Total Reserves	71,288	63,668
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	10,569	11,248
	Designated	46,489	40,020
	Restricted	14,229	12,399
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	71,288	63,668

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf by:-

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith (PCC chairman)

The notes on pages 04 to 15 form part of these accounts

As the charity's income is than £500,000 during the year a cash flow statement is not required.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW, PERRY BEECHES, BIRMINGHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

1 Accounting policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, and within the Regulations' "true and fair" provisions.

ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable Church Furnishings

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or else, for gifts-in-kind, at a reasonable estimate of their open market valuation on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their currently anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| • Land | Nil |
| • Fixtures & Fittings | 20 years |
| • Computers | 3 years |

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets currently exceeds 50 years. So that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

An impairment review is carried out at each year-end and any resultant loss identified is included in expenditure for the year.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at PCC's best estimate of value.

Short term deposits

These are the cash held on deposit with CCLA or at the bank.

FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the remaining 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 there for not included in its 'free reserves' as disclosed in the trustees' report.

Restricted Funds

These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment Funds

These are restricted funds which 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 of their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW, PERRY BEECHES, BIRMINGHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
Donations and legacies						
Parish Giving Fund	20,960	—	—	—	20,960	19,469
Envelope Scheme	709	—	—	—	709	951
Other Planned Giving	1,740	—	—	—	1,740	1,936
On-Line Giving	108	—	—	—	108	211
Open Plate Donations	4,043	—	—	—	4,043	2,961
Other One-off Donations	514	150	—	—	664	1,381
Donations for Parish Parties	118	—	—	—	118	113
Parish Giving Gift Aid	4,852	—	—	—	4,852	4,510
Other Gift Aid	1,808	—	—	—	1,808	1,329
Recurring Grants	—	795	30,695	—	31,490	35,124
One-Off Grants	—	2,850	—	—	2,850	13,554
Donations for Flowers	—	—	350	—	350	—
Total	34,852	3,795	31,045	—	69,692	81,537
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for Weddings and Funerals - Do Not	—	—	—	—	—	33
Charitable Events - Christmas Fair	2,885	—	—	—	2,885	2,941
Other Charitable Events	103	—	—	—	103	570
PCC fees for weddings and funerals	1,220	—	—	—	1,220	845
Verger Fees	—	—	—	—	—	25
Heating Income from Weddings/Funerals	300	—	—	—	300	320
Income from Book Sales	139	—	—	—	139	—
Noah's Ark Income	—	800	—	—	800	271
Messy Church Income	—	45	—	—	45	37
Bowler's Income	—	150	—	—	150	200
Church Centre Commercial Rent	—	14,383	—	—	14,383	13,390
Church Centre Community Rent	—	6,150	—	—	6,150	8,679
Church Centre - Private Party Rents	—	1,585	—	—	1,585	1,200
Total	4,647	23,113	—	—	27,760	28,510
Other trading activities						
Cheques Received from Church Account	—	606	—	—	606	—
Total	—	606	—	—	606	—
Investments						
Bank Interest	95	137	—	—	232	29
Return on CBF Investment	—	—	—	—	—	(70)
Total	95	137	—	—	232	(41)
Other income						
Embrace the Middle East	—	—	215	—	215	191
Donations for Reserved Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	700
Rent from Land and Buildings	75	—	—	—	75	75
Solar Panel Income	770	—	—	—	770	714
Insurance Claims	—	—	—	—	—	2,652
Sundry Income - Church	43	123	3,394	—	3,560	—
Total	889	123	3,609	—	4,621	4,332
INCOME TOTAL	40,482	27,774	34,654	—	102,910	114,339

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW, PERRY BEECHES, BIRMINGHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

3 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

Office Stationery, Hall etc.	—	309	—	—	309	336
Office Phone and Broadband	—	389	—	—	389	402
Photocopying	—	858	—	—	858	758
Office Stationery Church etc	—	27	—	—	27	295
Church Hall Electricity	—	1,115	—	—	1,115	701
Church Hall Gas	—	3,518	—	—	3,518	2,558
Church Hall Maintenance	—	334	—	—	334	863
Church Hall Cleaning	—	4,582	—	—	4,582	4,409
Church Hall Boiler	—	454	—	—	454	523
Church Hall Capital Projects	—	1,964	—	—	1,964	10,996
Noah's Ark	—	403	—	—	403	317
Sacristy Services and Equipment	943	—	332	—	1,275	2,035
Common Fund	23,600	—	—	—	23,600	23,100
Organist Fees	—	—	3,300	—	3,300	2,979
Relief Vicars Expenses	139	—	—	—	139	253
Church Electricity	7,120	—	—	—	7,120	5,405
Church Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	2,122
Church Capital Projects	1,176	—	—	—	1,176	—
Garden Maintenance	40	—	—	—	40	53
Lounge and Servery Maintenance	25	—	—	—	25	—
Centre Hygiene	—	593	—	—	593	—
Centre Maintenance	—	3,753	—	—	3,753	1,957
Centre Insurance	3,763	—	—	—	3,763	3,454
Water Bill	—	155	—	—	155	84
Insurance Excess	—	—	—	—	—	250
Marketing costs	318	306	—	—	624	600
IT Costs	—	—	—	—	—	70
Refreshments for Church Events	652	—	—	—	652	716
Administrator Wages	—	—	15,372	—	15,372	14,719
Children and Families Worker Wages	—	—	9,824	—	9,824	13,941
Children and Families Worker Expenses	—	466	—	—	466	275
Parish Party Costs	214	—	—	—	214	343
Trips and outings	225	—	—	—	225	—
Christmas Fair Expenses	—	499	—	—	499	231
Flowers	—	—	414	—	414	175
Embrace the Middle east	—	—	240	—	240	180
Bowls club Expenses	—	150	—	—	150	150
One-off charity Donations	210	—	—	—	210	—
Vicar's Expenses	266	—	—	—	266	—
Vicarage Expenses	928	—	—	—	928	—
Curates Accommodation Costs	—	—	4,599	—	4,599	6,430
Curates Expenses	266	—	138	—	404	6
Miscellaneous - Church	100	—	—	—	100	203
Miscellaneous - Church Hall	—	30	—	—	30	388
Sundry Donations	76	—	—	—	76	—
Cheques paid to Church Hall Account	—	606	—	—	606	—
Governance costs - examination/audit	500	—	—	—	500	—
Total	40,561	20,510	34,219	—	95,289	102,281
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	40,561	20,510	34,219	—	95,289	102,281
GRAND TOTAL	(79)	7,264	436	—	7,621	12,057

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW, PERRY BEECHES, BIRMINGHAM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE INCLUDING ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	TOTAL Charitable Expenditure £
Charitable expenditure excluding support costs	78,643	16,646	95,289

5 STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	£25,916	£28,660
Average number of employees	2	2

5(a) RELATED PARTIES

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have been related to his services as chairman of the PCC.

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

Donations from related parties (PCC members) during 2023 were £6,760.

6 ANALYSIS OF TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

£3,628 was transferred between funds during 2023. This was in respect of transfers to the Vicarage Decoration Fund, to the Fabric Fund transfers from St Martins Initiative Fund and St Martins Capital Fund.

7 FIXED ASSETS

7(a) The charity has no tangible fixed assets

7 (b) The charity has no investments

8 CURRENT ASSETS

8(a) The charity has £356 invested in CBF Fixed Interest Securities. The amount has not changed from 31/12/2022.

8(b) Debtors (Designated Funds)

The charity was owed £1,319 for unpaid room hire invoices at 31/12/2023 (31/12/2022 £5,789)

9 CURRENT LIABILITIES

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £	£	£
	General	Designated	Total	General	Designated	Total
Parish share	2,000		2,000	-		-
Electricity	1,000	120	1,120	-	-	-
Independent Examination Fee	500		500	-		-
Total	3,500	120	3,620	-	-	-

10 FUNDS

Fund name	Fund type	Purpose of Fund
Church General fund	Unrestricted	The Church's General Fund
Church Hall General Fund	Unrestricted	The Church Hall's general fund.
CoE Investments	Unrestricted	Investments
Noah's Ark	Unrestricted	Noah's ark is a mothers and toddler's organisation set up by the church. They meet one a week and pay no rent.
Unallocated funds in the Saving Account	Unrestricted	Money in the savings account not allocated to specific funds
Christmas Fair Set up Fund	Designated	A fund set up to cover the set costs of the annual Christmas fair
Friday Cafe	Designated	Funds remaining from a Café that we ran before the pandemic.
Insurance Claim for water leak	Designated	We received a payout from our Insurance company for damage caused by a water leak. The damage is now repaired and balance of this fund transferred to PCC Fabric Fund.
Messy Church	Designated	Income/expenditure generated by the Messy church events
PCC Fabric Fund	Designated	Fund to pay for improvements and repairs of the Church and Church Hall
RIP Sheila Rooke	Designated	A donation in memory of an ex-Sunday school teacher and member of the congregation
St. Martind 2023 Capital fund	Designated	A one off donation in 2023 to purchase replacement IT equipment.
St. Martind 2023 Revenue fund	Designated	An Annual donation from St,Martins to cover Office operating costs.
St. Martins initiative fund	Designated	A one off donation from St. Martins trust to use however the PCC decide
Vicarage Decoration Fund	Designated	A fund set up to meet the cost of redecorating/repair of the Vicarage at a chage of incombant
Vicar's Charity fund	Designated	A donation to the previous vicar for charitable purposes before he left the parish.
Altar Cloth 2023	Restricted	A anonymous donation for the specific purpose of aquiring a new Altar Cloth

BDBF Energy Extra Costs	Restricted	A donation from the Diocese to help with increasing energy costs.
Childrens and Family Worker Fund	Restricted	This is actually a combination of two funds Wages and Expences. It is awaiting the employment of a new Children and Families worker, hopefully later this year.
Church Floor Grouting	Restricted	A grant to repair the grouting between the brick floor of the Church.
Curates Accomodation	Restricted	Set up to cover accommodation costs of Curate.
Embrace the Middle East	Restricted	A charity to which various members of the congregation donate on an ad hoc basis and we pay a regular monthly amount,
Flowers	Restricted	Church Flowers
Furniture - Lord Austin 2022	Restricted	a fund for the purchase of new furniture for the lounge
Kitchen Equipment - Harlow 2022	Restricted	A fund to purchase new equipment for the Kitchen
Slabbing and Church Windows from 2017 Grants	Restricted	An old grant for improving the entrance garden and inspecting the Church windows. We have never had enough funds to commence this work.
St. Martins Admin Wages	Restricted	This is for our Admin Assistant wages, a regular grant is set up, but can vary by small amounts from actual wage costs.
St. Martins Music Funds	Restricted	Employment of the Church Organist
Thursday Bowlers Club	Restricted	This really should be an agency fund. The bowler club are a group of the congregation who meet weekly in the hall, pay rent and save in the Church Account for a Christmas meal.

11 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Altarcloth - Altar Cloth 2023							
Designated	—	150	—	—	—	—	150
Sub-total for Altarcloth	—	150	—	—	—	—	150
VaterLeak - Insurance Claim for							
Designated	2,652	—	1,310	(1,342)	—	—	—
Sub-total for VaterLeak	2,652	—	1,310	(1,342)	—	—	—
Vicarage - Vicarage Decoration							
Restricted	—	2,025	—	600	—	—	2,625
Sub-total for Vicarage	—	2,025	—	600	—	—	2,625
BDBF-Elect - BDBF Energy Extra Co							
Designated	2,634	—	—	—	—	—	2,634
Sub-total for BDBF-Elect	2,634	—	—	—	—	—	2,634
Kitch - Kitchen Equipment -							
Designated	3,064	606	2,570	—	—	—	1,101
Sub-total for Kitch	3,064	606	2,570	—	—	—	1,101
Furniture - Furniture - Lord Aus							
Designated	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Sub-total for Furniture	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
General - Church General fund							
Unrestricted	11,248	40,482	40,561	(600)	—	—	10,569
Sub-total for General	11,248	40,482	40,561	(600)	—	—	10,569
CHGeneral - Church Hall General							
Designated	16,636	22,118	13,542	—	—	—	25,211
Sub-total for CHGeneral	16,636	22,118	13,542	—	—	—	25,211
SavGeneral - Unallocated funds in							
Designated	7,702	137	—	—	—	—	7,839
Sub-total for SavGeneral	7,702	137	—	—	—	—	7,839
Investment - CoE Investments							
Restricted	356	—	—	—	—	—	356
Sub-total for Investment	356	—	—	—	—	—	356
CFW-Exp - Childrens and Family							
Designated	—	123	466	—	—	—	(343)
Sub-total for CFW-Exp	—	123	466	—	—	—	(343)
CFW-Wages - Childrens and Family							
Restricted	5,147	6,705	9,824	795	—	—	2,824
Sub-total for CFW-Wages	5,147	6,705	9,824	795	—	—	2,824
StM-Admin - St. Martins Admin Wa							
Restricted	(8)	15,600	15,372	—	—	—	220
Sub-total for StM-Admin	(8)	15,600	15,372	—	—	—	220
StM-Music - St. Martins Music Fu							
Restricted	2,528	3,200	3,632	—	—	—	2,095
Sub-total for StM-Music	2,528	3,200	3,632	—	—	—	2,095
STM-IF - St. Martins initiati							
Designated	500	—	—	—	—	—	500
Sub-total for STM-IF	500	—	—	—	—	—	500
STM-23Cap - St Martins Capital F							
Designated	—	1,075	—	(225)	—	—	850
Sub-total for STM-23Cap	—	1,075	—	(225)	—	—	850
STM-23Rev - St.Martins 2023 Reve							
Designated	—	2,570	1,570	(570)	—	—	430
Sub-total for STM-23Rev	—	2,570	1,570	(570)	—	—	430

Cur-Accom - Curates Accomodation							
Restricted	(1,279)	6,558	4,737	—	—	—	543
Sub-total for Cur-Accom	(1,279)	6,558	4,737	—	—	—	543
Flowers - Flowers							
Restricted	226	350	414	—	—	—	162
Sub-total for Flowers	226	350	414	—	—	—	162
PCCfees - PCC Fees							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PCCfees	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Verger - Verger Fees							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Verger	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
XmasFair - Christmas Fair Set u							
Designated	69	—	499	—	—	—	(430)
Sub-total for XmasFair	69	—	499	—	—	—	(430)
HeatingFee - Heating fees from Fu							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HeatingFee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Noahsark - Noah's Ark							
Designated	559	800	403	—	—	—	956
Sub-total for Noahsark	559	800	403	—	—	—	956
Messy-Ch - Messy Church							
Designated	43	45	—	—	—	—	88
Sub-total for Messy-Ch	43	45	—	—	—	—	88
Cafe - Friday Cafe							
Designated	459	—	—	—	—	—	459
Sub-total for Cafe	459	—	—	—	—	—	459
Bowlers - Thursday Bowlers Clu							
Designated	300	150	150	—	—	—	300
Sub-total for Bowlers	300	150	150	—	—	—	300
Gp-Outings - Outings and Trips							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gp-Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
EME - Embrace the Middle E							
Restricted	199	215	240	—	—	—	174
Sub-total for EME	199	215	240	—	—	—	174
FabricFund - PCC Fabric Fund							
Designated	3,679	—	—	1,342	—	—	5,021
Sub-total for FabricFund	3,679	—	—	1,342	—	—	5,021
HBR - Hall Boiler replacem							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HBR	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
VicarsFnd - Vicar's Charity fund							
Designated	250	—	—	—	—	—	250
Sub-total for VicarsFnd	250	—	—	—	—	—	250
S-Rooke - RIP Sheila Rooke							
Designated	475	—	—	—	—	—	475
Sub-total for S-Rooke	475	—	—	—	—	—	475
LNGE-ROOF - Replace roof over Lo							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for LNGE-ROOF	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HeatRefub - Church Heating Re-fu							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HeatRefub	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Slabing - Slabbing amd Church							
Restricted	4,030	—	—	—	—	—	4,030

Sub-total for Slabing	4,030	—	—	—	—	—	4,030
GroutFloor - Church Floor Groutin Restricted	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
Sub-total for GroutFloor	1,200	—	—	—	—	—	1,200
Grand total	63,668	102,910	95,289	—	—	—	71,288

12 SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Church Saving Accounts -	(4,891)	19,095	11,305	—	25,509	19,243
Church Saving Accounts -	—	—	(13)	—	(13)	(13)
Church Current Account -	18,968	1,174	2,874	—	23,016	22,985
Hall Current Account -	(7)	25,021	—	—	25,014	16,781
Totals	14,070	45,290	14,166	—	73,526	58,996
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	—	1,319	—	—	1,319	5,789
Totals	—	1,319	—	—	1,319	5,789
Current assets - Investments						
CBF CoE Fixed Interest Securities Fund -	0	0	356	—	356	356
Totals	0	0	356	—	356	356
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	293	—	293	1,474
Totals	—	—	293	—	293	1,474
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	3,500	120	—	—	3,620	—
Totals	3,500	120	—	—	3,620	—
Grand total	10,569	46,489	14,229	—	71,288	63,668

13 PRIOR PERIOD COMPATIVE SOFA

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>						
Donations and legacies	33,959	7,698	39,880	—	81,537	82,000
Income from charitable activities	3,511	24,999	—	—	28,510	20,298
Other trading activities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investments	19	10	(70)	—	(41)	13
Other income	789	2,652	891	—	4,332	1,140
Total income	38,277	35,360	40,702	—	114,339	103,451
<i>Expenditure on:</i>						
Expenditure on charitable activities	38,908	14,653	48,721	—	102,281	88,037
Total expenditure	38,908	14,653	48,721	—	102,281	88,037
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(631)	20,707	(8,018)	—	12,057	15,415
<i>Transfers</i>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,011	4,664	2,321	—	8,995	23,061
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,693)	(4,334)	(2,969)	—	(8,995)	(23,061)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(313)	21,037	(8,666)	—	12,057	15,415
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>						
Total funds brought forward	11,561	18,984	21,065	—	51,610	36,195
Total funds carried forward	11,248	40,020	12,399	—	63,668	51,610

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 December 2023

Reference and Administrative Information

St Matthew's Church and Centre is situated at the corner of Aldridge Road and Birdbrook Road, in the Great Barr area of Birmingham.

The office address is:

St Matthew's Parish Office, Birdbrook Rd, Birmingham, B44 8RA.

The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith is the Incumbent

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	<i>Parish Administrator/Treasurer</i>
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Elected members:

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Judith Deverell	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
David Gadd	
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The 'Diamond Jubilee Planning Group' whose role is to plan various services, events and missional opportunities to be held throughout 2024 in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Dedication of the current church building.

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- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools and welcoming schools on church visits and for specific services (e.g. Easter and Christmas)
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, the distribution of literature and the use of Social Media.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

- Organising and/or hosting Community Events
- Making our buildings available as a resource to local Community Groups.

PCC Secretary's report 2023

The PCC met on eight occasions during 2023 with an 87.5% attendance of its membership recorded.

The APCM held in May, saw the election of three new Deanery Synod members who were each appointed to serve for a three-year term.

Following an initiative by the Diocese, our new curate Br Martin John who joined us in June, was appointed as our Parish Environmental Contact.

Apart from routine matters, the PCC agreed to the setting up of a working group to plan and organise events to mark the existing church's sixtieth anniversary in 2024 and agreement was reached to search for and appoint a new Independent Examiner in 2024 to succeed Wychbury Lee.

It was with sadness that we recorded the death during the year of Peter Conabeer, who was a long standing and committed member of the PCC. His passing was marked with a Requiem Mass, in recognition and celebration of his significant contribution to church life.

Adrian Deverell
PCC Secretary

Children and Families Worker:

We appointed Rosalind Hardy in September 2020 and she continued to work, along with volunteers, with the Children in the benefices of St. Matthew's and Newtown and Lozells until funding for the post expired in September 2023.

We have maintained a Sunday School on most Sundays, coinciding with the Parish Mass, but attendance is poor. We also run a 'Messy Church' session in all school holidays, with 5 sessions during the long summer holiday, with an average attendance of 20 children and 15 adults. We are currently short of volunteers to help run both the Sunday School and Messy Church.

We have gradually re-established relations with local schools, most notably Glenmead and Greenholm Primary Schools, having hosted church visits, School Services for Christmas and Easter and taken part in Assemblies, and we plan to extend this work to other schools in the area.

We hope to be able to appoint a full-time Youth, Children and Families Ministry Leader in the course of 2024, subject to funding, whose role will be to expand existing projects, to develop new initiatives, and to recruit, train and supervise volunteers to assist.

Prayer & Spiritual Development.

The spiritual life of the parish centres on the **Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer** which are said according to the following pattern:

Sunday:	9.15 in person (Chapel)
Monday:	9.00 on 'Zoom' and 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Tuesday:	Said in private
Wednesday:	9.00 on 'Zoom' and 16.00 in person (rotating venue in 'Oversight Area')
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Saturday:	Said in private

The celebration of **The Eucharist** is also at the heart of our tradition and takes place at the following times:

Sunday:	10.00
Monday:	19.00
Thursday:	10.00
Friday:	10.00

A **Julian Group** meets for contemplative prayer once a month.

Our team of **Lay Pastoral Assistants** regularly visit the sick and housebound members of the parish, and assist in taking Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

Paul Phipps, our Reader in training, is a valued member of our Lay Minister team. Sadly, Peter Conabeer, a Licensed Reader of many years standing, died in March 2023.

The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Thanks to the people of St. Matthew's we were able to deliver Cards at Easter and Christmas to all of the parish.

In 2023 there were 3 **Baptisms**. Baptism is offered either as part of the 10.00am Mass or as a separate stand-alone service, usually at 12.00pm.

Most **funerals** take place at Perry Barr Crematorium. In 2023 6 funerals took place in church and 10 at a Crematorium or Cemetery Chapel. There was 1 **wedding** in church.

A Fun Day marking the Coronation of King Charles III was held in May and an annual Christmas Fayre in December, both of which were well supported and most appreciated by the people of the parish.

Regular Coffee mornings were held on Fridays during Advent and were well attended by both church members and members of the wider community, and it is planned to continue with this initiative during and beyond Lent 2024.

Church Fabric Our grade 2 listed church building (Murray & Maguire, 1964) provides an exceptionally user-friendly space for prayer and worship. It is also potentially an excellent space for concerts and other events, but has been currently underused in this regard as there were issues of lighting and sound that needed to be addressed. These issues are now partly resolved, and a number of concerts and other events are being planned for the 2024 Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Church cleaning, flower arranging, and gardening are carried out by volunteers. The Parish is very conscious of the value of all the volunteer hours that we depend on every day.

Partnership with other Christians

St Matthew's participates fully in the life of the Diocese and Deanery. Our Parish enjoys a friendly informal partnership with the neighbouring Parishes of St John's, Perry Barr and St Paul's and St. Bernard's, Hamstead. This partnership is set to become more formalised as an 'Oversight Area' under the diocesan initiative 'People and Places'.

There is an established ecumenical relationship with Beeches Evangelical Church and Perry Beeches Baptist Church, with the ministers meeting together regularly for discussion, prayer and mutual support. Sadly, joint services and pulpit exchanges are currently on hold due to significant differences regarding St Matthew's firm commitment to inclusivity, specifically on LGBTQ+ issues, reflecting tensions on this matter in the wider church. The Ministers, however, are all committed to working together despite their differing views, and are keen to re-establish a regular pattern of joint services if and when the appropriate authorities in the churches concerned give their consent. In the meantime, it is a cause of great sadness to St Matthew's that this one area of disagreement has been allowed to result in the temporary discontinuation of ecumenical projects. We look

forward to the matter being resolved and being able to work once again with our ecumenical neighbours in sharing God's love unconditionally with the whole community.

Julian Group Report

We have met on the first Monday of the month throughout the year to spend some quiet time in prayer .

We start with a reading then spend thirty minutes in silence, we then have our intercession prayers, and end with a reading from Julian of Norwich.

Then we have tea and cakes and friendship,

I am so pleased to report that this year we have had three new people join us from various parts of Birmingham, as last year our numbers were slowly dropping due to people unable to join us anymore through various reasons. Anyone is very welcome to join us. It is a time spent with God in quietness . The feeling afterwards is one of joy and peace within yourself .

Anne Gadd

'Phone In' Services

Throughout the year we continued to hold a weekly Phone-In Service (as developed during the Covid lockdown) and have now entered the fourth year of 'Phone -Ins' with a weekly attendance of between 12 and 15 loyal attendees. The fellowship is split approximately 50% who also attend our weekly Sunday Morning church Mass, and 50 % who in the main are either no longer able bodied and housebound or have moved out of the area.

In the service we endeavour to stay in line with the Lectionary readings and Collects and we observe the Principle Feasts of the CofE calendar where possible.

We cannot overstate the benefit to the wellbeing both spiritually and mentally for the housebound isolated former congregation members who join in fellowship with others in Worship. It does remain a life line to St Matthews for them. Many of them call early so they can enjoy a pre worship chat with like-minded fellow Parishioners.

Paul Phipps

Financial Review

We rely on St Martin's Trust to pay our Vicar's stipend, our administrator, our organist, and (until September 2023) our Children and Families worker. They also assist with office expenses and contributed to the housing costs of the previous Curate (until June 2023) and now contribute to the travelling expenses of our new Curate.

St. Matthew's regular charities, Malawi and 'Embrace the Middle East' have still been supported this year through our online giving scheme, albeit with a reduced contribution.

Our common fund payment in 2023 was £23,600 (£1778 short of our requested total of £25,378).

We must acknowledge the generosity of our congregation. Many of them contribute to the Church via the Parish Giving scheme, standing orders and envelope contributions, as well as plate donations at services in Church.

Hall hire during 2023 has seen an increased number of regular groups hiring during the week. This has been profitable for the PCC. Although the hall was also opened up in 2022 for private party hire, this has not proved as profitable as we had hoped. Damage caused during a private party has resulted in a PCC resolution to host Children's Parties only.

Church wardens Reports

The Terrier, listing land belonging to the church, and the inventory of items belonging to the church have been checked and all items are accounted for. All Church's insurances are in place and up to date.

Our car park kept getting flooded causing us to have to have a portion of it dug up to find the cause which was a broken pipe. This has now been repaired.

Thanks to grants we were able to purchase a new cooker and kitchen equipment which has been of great benefit to all.

We have had additional spotlights fitted in the Church which has helped with the lighting in the sanctuary. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get our sound system upgraded yet.

Thanks to an anonymous donation a new set of sanctuary bells have been purchased and are in use.

As we came to the end 2023, we started planning for our Diamond Jubilee year and plans are well underway to put on many events to celebrate this occasion.

Janet Cook
Tim Bartlett

Social Activities and Entertainment

During 2023 we had a number of social events and days out.

In March we had a Skittle evening and in May we had a fun day for the King's coronation where we again had a bouncy castle in Church as well as crafts and games and a splendid tea in the Church Hall. In June we had a book sale.

In September ten members of the congregation went to Obhan for a week's holiday. While we were there, we had many days out and also made the bus journey to Lochgilphead to visit Father Simon Mackenzie, a previous vicar at St. Matthew's. Despite our homeward train been cancelled due to the Scottish weather we all got home safely and enjoyed the companionship of our time away.

In September we had a Macmillan coffee morning and then during Advent two of the congregation ran a coffee morning every Friday, and these were well attended. We now have a small band of volunteers, and Friday Coffee mornings are set to continue weekly throughout the year.

2024 is our Jubilee year, when we will be celebrating 85 years of a Church at Perry Beeches and 60 years of the present Church building. We have great plans for this year, including another fun day, photo exhibitions, concerts, and services.

With the help of the congregation, we continue to deliver 6,500 Christmas and Easter Cards to all the houses in the Parish. On the cards we give details of the services and special events as well as all our regular services.

Janet Cook

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Each year we are required to review the following key tasks in relation to our work with children and young people and vulnerable adults.

- To ensure that copies of the latest policies and the Pocket Guide to Safeguarding are made available to volunteers.
- To ensure that volunteers undergo safeguarding training, including instruction on what to do if they receive information or have concerns about possible abuse. This should be renewed and updated as required.

- To ensure that volunteers and staff are aware of the expectations upon them, particularly in relation to social media and the use of text messaging with those under 18.
- To complete and update risk assessments for activities and to ensure that adequate insurance is in place for them.
- To clarify our first aid needs and to train volunteers as appropriate.
- To continue to ensure that consent forms for under 18s and contact details for volunteers are in place and up to date.
- To be sure that confidential details are kept securely and where they need to be shared are done so according to correct procedure and are GDPR compliant.

We use the Church of England Birmingham Safeguarding dashboard to constantly monitor our progress in all of these areas.

Safeguarding Officer Report 2023

During the year, the Safeguarding, Domestic Abuse and Recruitment of Ex-offender policies were reviewed along with the Safeguarding Action Plan.

As a result of the requirement for DBS checks to be conducted every 3 years as opposed to 5 previously, an ongoing programme has been implemented in order to bring these up to date.

In December, the Safeguarding Officer underwent training to enable them to conduct training as and when required within the church environment.

Judith Deverell

Safeguarding Officer

Vicar's Report 2023

Like most years, 2023 proved to be an interesting mix of 'Highs' and 'Lows'.

Amongst the significant 'Highs' were two Parish Pilgrimages – first, a day Pilgrimage to St Albans for the marvellous annual commemoration of Britain's first Christian Martyr – and second, a five-day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Both provided welcome opportunities for spiritual refreshment and were much enjoyed by all who took part.

Other positive developments included the steady deepening of our relationship with two local schools – Glenmead Primary and Greenholm Primary - through class visits to Church, School Assemblies and Church

services for Easter and Christmas, and with James Watt College through our involvement in an interfaith presentation on Food and Religious Customs and plans to engage with the College as part of a Franciscan Mission in 2024.

Plans for the recruitment of an Anglo-Catholic Missioner (funded by the Church Commissioners) to work in a five-year pilot project with St Matthew's and four other Anglo-Catholic parishes came to fruition with the appointment of Mother Charlotte Gibson, who will take up her new role in April 2024. We look forward to welcoming Mthr Charlotte and working with her.

Church of England Birmingham's 'People and Places' initiative also progressed well over the year, and our new Oversight Area, comprising St John's Perry Barr and St Paul's and St Bernard's Hamstead as well as St Matthew's, will be formally launched early in 2024. We look forward to exploring how best our parishes can support one another and work together.

In May, we marked the coronation of Charles III with a free Community Fun day which was well supported and much appreciated. Once again, the bouncy castle in church was particularly well received!

During Advent, successful Coffee Mornings were held weekly on Fridays, and there are plans to repeat this during and beyond Lent 2024, with the hope that in due course, if suitable partnerships can be forged, this may develop into a Community Café.

So much for the 'Highs'.

The 'Lows' included three significant farewells.

Peter Conabeer who had faithfully served St Matthew's for many years as a Licensed Reader and PCC member died on 20th February and his funeral took place on 4th April. A Memorial Requiem Mass was also held on 22nd May and this was an opportunity for the parish and diocese to give thanks for Peter's long and distinguished ministry here.

Our Curate, Fr Tom Ruston left us in July in order to continue his Curacy in the diocese of Chester and to marry his fiancée Amy. Whilst we're sorry that his time with us was so brief, it was nevertheless good to have him around, and we wish him and Amy every blessing in their respective ministries.

Funding for our Children and Families Worker, Ros Hardy, ended in September. Ros had faced a number of challenges after coming into post in 2020 – first Covid and Lockdown, then an interregnum in both the benefices

in which she was based - here at St Matthews and at St George's Newtown and Saints Paul and Silas, Lozells. Working between these very different churches was in itself a significant challenge. Ros nevertheless managed to maintain our Sunday School and Messy Church (mainly during school holidays) and supported the Noah's Ark Mothers and Toddlers Group as well as working alongside the Clergy in developing our ministry to schools. Whilst we were sorry to see Ros leave, we are grateful for all that she did in her time with us, and we wish her well in her new post. We are delighted that husband Tim and daughter Anwen – and indeed Ros herself when her present duties permit – still worship with us on a regular basis.

The ending of the Children and Families Worker post has created the need to further review our ministry to young people – which is an area of weakness at the moment - and as a result, funding is now being sought, and has been partly secured, for a full-time Youth, Children and Families Ministry Leader whose three-year role will be more developmental and mission-focussed. We hope that this project will be up and running by September 2024.

It was a particular sadness for me that a sudden retinal detachment, which resulted in my having emergency surgery and then being off sick for three weeks, meant that I was not around to say farewell to Fr Tom, nor to be present for the ordination of our new Curate – Brother Martin John SSF.

Br Martin showed what I now know to be characteristic humility and patience as he waited for his Curacy to begin, but once he arrived, it felt as if he had always been here! Although he is only with us on Sundays and (usually) two other days a week, Br Martin has quickly proved to be a great asset to the parish. I know that many people value his quiet and gentle spirituality, and I'm delighted to have him as a colleague. Having a Religious working in the parish is a new experience for all of us, and both Br Martin and I are keen to see how this might develop in the future. In the meantime we look forward very much to his ordination as Priest in July 2024.

Most importantly of all, throughout all of these 'Highs and Lows' we have maintained our pattern of worship which focusses firmly on The Mass. We have held to our principles of genuine inclusivity and our 'Modern Catholic' tradition; the Parish Mass on Sunday remains at the core of our life and work, and this year we once again observed a full Holy Week, with all the appropriate liturgies.

I wish to express my particular thanks to those who contribute to our worship in any way, whether it's by preparing beforehand in the sacristy, serving, reading, flower-arranging, running the Sunday School, or contributing to the

music. Thanks are also due to Paul Phipps, our Licensed Reader, for his contribution to our Sunday worship and his leading of the weekly Telephone Service for those unable to attend church, and to Anne Gadd for running the monthly Julian Group meetings.

Throughout the year we have continued to accommodate many Community groups in our Church Hall and other rooms. We have also reached out into the local community by hosting occasional Community events and by developing the weekly Coffee Morning. This is an important part of our Christian service to the local community, and I wish to record my thanks to all those who volunteer to support this aspect of our life.

It would be a particular joy if some of those who come to St Matthew's for coffee and cake would also come to receive the bread and wine of the eucharist and join our church family in worship. I believe our services are every bit as friendly and welcoming as our social events, and we all have a role to play in inviting and encouraging people to experience, and give thanks for, the love of God in worship. For those who may be unable to attend on Sunday, our Friday Mass is a brief and simple service held just before the Coffee Morning starts, and it would be good to see it better supported.

Whether we like it or not, running a Parish nowadays involves ever-increasing managerial and administrative responsibilities and legal obligations. I wish to record my profound thanks to all those who share and lighten this burden in any way – to Ann our administrator, and to those who give of their time and energy voluntarily – especially our Churchwardens Janet and Tim and all members of our PCC. All that you do – and the good grace with which you do it – is greatly appreciated.

We are also very grateful to our patrons, The St Martin's Trust for their continuing financial support.

The coming year is, of course, our Diamond Jubilee, as we celebrate sixty years of the current Church building and eighty-five years of an Anglican Church occupying this site. Many varied events are being planned to mark this celebration and it will be a very busy year. Nevertheless, it will present us with several new opportunities for Mission, and it promises to be a very exciting and memorable time in the life of St Matthew's.

So, as we look back over the last year with thanks, let us also look forward to the coming year in expectation and with a readiness to seize the many opportunities and enjoy the various 'Highs' that it will hopefully present.

Fr Trevor

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- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Leading Collective Worship (Assembly) in schools and welcoming schools on church visits and for specific services (e.g. Easter and Christmas)
- Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, the distribution of literature and the use of Social Media.
- Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Encouraging and enabling individuals to be faithful and effective disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Organising and/or hosting Community Events
- Making our buildings available as a resource to local Community Groups.

PCC Secretary's report 2022

The PCC met on 8 occasions during the year with an average attendance of 13 members per meeting.

Major items of discussion included:

- Agreement to join a 5-year project, along with 4 other parishes including St. John's Perry Barr, to provide the resources to employ an Anglo Catholic Missioner with responsibility for growth
and
- Under the "People and Places" initiative, agreeing to join a small group of local churches in order to promote closer links and enable the sharing of resources.

Other topics discussed included reaching agreement to replace the church hall boiler, upgrading the existing fire alarm system in order to conform to current fire service regulations and resolving issues surrounding the flooding of the vestry and visitor car park.

Adrian Deverell
PCC Secretary

Children and Families Worker:

We appointed Rosalind Hardy in September 2020 and she continues to work, along with volunteers, with the Children in the benefices of St. Matthew's and Lozells and Newtown.

We have maintained a Sunday School on most Sundays, coinciding with the Parish Mass, but attendance varies enormously. We also run a 'Messy Church' session in all school holidays, with 5 sessions during the long summer holiday.

We are slowly re-establishing relations with local schools following lockdown and have made particular progress with Glenmead School where we have once again begun to take part in Assemblies, and for whom we have hosted church visits and a Christmas Carol Service.

Prayer & Spiritual Development.

The spiritual life of the parish centres on the **Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer** which are said according to the following pattern:

Sunday:	9.15 in person (Chapel)
Monday:	9.00 in person (Chapel) and 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Tuesday:	Said in private
Wednesday:	9.00 on 'Zoom' and 16.00 in person (rotating venue in 'Oversight Area')
Thursday:	9.00 in person (Chapel) 17.00 on 'Zoom'
Friday:	Said in private
Saturday:	Said in private

The celebration of **The Eucharist** is also at the heart of our tradition and takes place at the following times:

Sunday:	10.00
Monday:	19.00
Thursday:	10.00
Friday:	12.00

A **Julian Group** meets for contemplative prayer once a month.

Our team of **Lay Pastoral Assistants** regularly visit the sick and housebound members of the parish, and assist in taking Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

Paul Phipps, our Reader in training, is a valued member of our Lay Minister team along with Peter Conabeer who has been a Reader at St. Matthew's for many years.

The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Thanks to the people of St. Matthew's we were able to deliver Cards at Easter and Christmas to all of the parish.

In 2022 there was 1 **Baptism**. Baptism is offered either as part of the 10.00am Mass or as a separate stand-alone service, usually at 12.00pm.

Most **funerals** take place at Perry Barr Crematorium. In 2022 6 Funerals took place in church and 8 at a Crematorium or Cemetery Chapel. There were no **weddings** in church.

A Fun Day marking the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II was held in June 2022 and an annual Christmas Fayre in December 2022, both of which were well supported and most appreciated by the people of the parish.

The Friday Café did not reopen following the pandemic, but there are plans to develop a similar initiative on Thursdays from Easter 2023.

Church Fabric Our grade 2 listed church building (Murray & Maguire, 1964) provides an exceptionally user-friendly space for prayer and worship. It is also potentially an excellent space for concerts and other events, and is currently underused in this regard as there are issues of lighting and sound that first need to be addressed.

Church cleaning, flower arranging, and gardening are carried out by volunteers. The Parish is very conscious of the value of all the volunteer hours that we depend on every day.

Partnership with other Christians St Matthew's participates fully in the life of the Diocese and Deanery. Our Parish enjoys a friendly informal partnership with the neighbouring Parishes of St John's, Perry Barr and St Paul's and St. Bernard's, Hamstead. This partnership is set to become more formalised as an 'Oversight Area' in the diocesan initiative 'People and Places'. We also share our Children and Families Worker with the Benefices of Lozells & Newtown.

There is an established ecumenical relationship with Beeches Evangelical Church and Perry Beeches Baptist Church, with the ministers meeting together regularly for discussion, prayer and mutual support. Sadly, joint services and pulpit exchanges are currently on hold due to significant differences regarding St Matthew's firm commitment to inclusivity, specifically on LGBTQ+ issues, reflecting tensions in this area in the wider church. The Ministers are all committed to working together to resolve this issue and to re-establish a regular pattern of joint services. It is a cause of great sadness to St Matthew's that this one area of disagreement has resulted in the temporary discontinuation of ecumenical projects, and we look forward to the matter being resolved.

Financial Review

We rely on St Martin's Trust to pay our Vicar's stipend, and our administrator, our organist, and our Children and Families worker. They also assist with office expenses and contribute to the housing costs of the Curate.

St. Matthew's regular charities, Malawi and 'Embrace the Middle East' have still been supported this year through our online giving scheme, albeit with a reduced contribution.

Our common fund payment in 2022 was £23,100 (some £2278 short of our requested total of £25,378).

We must acknowledge the generosity of our congregation. Many of them contribute to the Church via the Parish Giving scheme, standing orders and envelope contributions, as well as plate donations at services in Church.

Hall hire during 2022 has seen an increased number of regular groups hiring during the week. This has been profitable for the PCC. Although the hall was also opened up in 2022 for private party hire, this has not proved as profitable as we had hoped.

Church wardens Reports

The Terrier, listing land belonging to the church, and the inventory of items belonging to the church have been checked and all items are accounted for. All Church's insurances are in place and up to date.

2022 has seen great changes at St. Matthew's. After 15 months of interregnum and the still present threat of Covid it was with great pleasure we welcomed our new vicar Father Trevor Thurston Smith in February 2022. Father Tom Ruston, a Deacon, joined us in June 2022 and is with us for 12 months. This, along with the covid 19 regulations being further lifted has

meant that we are now having services 3 times a week in addition to Sundays, some being attended more than others.

In practical terms we have had a new boiler fitted in the Church Hall which has been greatly appreciated by the groups using the Church Centre.

We have had a grant for new chairs for the Church Centre and a grant to help us upgrade our kitchen equipment.

Due to flooding in the vestry we had to have substantial work done which took rather a long time but has vastly improved the vestry.

We had our 5 yearly electrical inspection, but this highlighted no issues.

The sound and lighting in the Church both urgently need upgrading. We are in the process of getting quotes but will also need to raise the money.

Janet Cook
Tim Bartlett

Social Activities and Entertainment

During the last twelve months we have started to re-introduce some of the community activities which could not take place during the pandemic.

We had a great day for the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022. We had a Fun Day with afternoon tea, bingo and activities in the Church for the children. These included crafts and a new venture for St. Matthew's a bouncy castle in the Church. 100 people from the local community and Church came and had a good time. We are going to do a similar activity for the King's Coronation.

We have also had a Skittle night, a Beetle Drive, and a Bingo evening all of which have been enjoyed by those attending. We hope to continue with these activities which bring together the members of the Church and non-Church members.

In May last year 11 of us eventually went to Jersey on a week's holiday. This holiday was postponed from 2020 and we all had a great time.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Each year we are required to review and report to the APCM what tasks are outstanding or not fully implemented in relation to our work with children and young people and vulnerable adults.

These tasks are:

- To ensure that copies of the latest policies and the Pocket Guide to Safeguarding are made available to volunteers.
- To ensure that volunteers undergo safeguarding training, including instruction on what to do if they receive information or have concerns about possible abuse. This should be renewed and updated as required.
- To ensure that volunteers and staff are aware of the expectations upon them, particularly in relation to social media and the use of text messaging with those under 18.
- To complete and update risk assessments for activities and to ensure that adequate insurance is in place for them.
- To clarify our first aid needs and to train volunteers as appropriate.
- To continue to ensure that consent forms for under 18s and contact details for volunteers are in place and up to date.
- To be sure that confidential details are kept securely and where they need to be shared are done so according to correct procedure and are GDPR compliant.

Safeguarding Officer Report 2022

During the year, the Safeguarding, Domestic Abuse and Recruitment of Ex-offender policies were reviewed along with the Safeguarding Action Plan.

As a result of the requirement for DBS checks to be conducted every 3 years as opposed to 5 previously, an ongoing programme has been implemented in order to bring these up to date.

In December, the Safeguarding Officer underwent training to enable them to conduct training as and when required within the church environment.

Judith Deverell
Safeguarding Officer

Vicar's Report 2022

I have always believed that when a priest moves to a new parish, their first twelve months are best spent taking the spiritual temperature of the church, getting to know the people, learning how things have been done in the past, gaining a sense of the parish's strengths and weaknesses and generally getting 'bedded-in'.

I'm enormously grateful, therefore, for the support, encouragement and shared wisdom that I have received over the last year or so, not least from our Churchwardens, Janet and Tim, but also from many members of our very welcoming congregation, all of which have enabled me to do these things.

Last year in this report, when I had only been in post for a couple of months, I wrote:

"When I first read the Parish Profile I sensed that St Matthew's would be a warm, vibrant and faithful Church community. Two months into the job, I'm delighted to say that that perception, however it was arrived at, is proving to be correct."

That perception has, if anything, been further strengthened by my experiences over the last year.

I also commented that we had a number of challenges to face:

"In common with many other parishes, we need to do a certain amount of rebuilding of our congregation and our finances, following the major disruption caused by Covid. As well as exploring how best we can develop our mission to the local community - including its families and young people - we also need to look at how we can nurture regular worshippers and newcomers alike in the faith in order to grow both spiritually and numerically."

Like many other churches, our attendance figures, although very steadily rising, have not returned to pre-Covid levels. There are various reasons for this, including the fact that some former worshippers will still not feel confident about re-joining public 'in person' worship, whilst others will simply have got out of the routine of coming to church. Of course, it would be wonderful to have those people back, not because we want our numbers to increase - that should never be our primary motivation - but because the Body of Christ in this place is diminished without them and because they matter to the God who longs to feed his people, principally as they gather together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Whilst it's important not to be 'hectoring' in any way, we need to gently urge and encourage those members of our church family who are able to re-join us for worship to do so, but just as importantly, we need to encourage *new* people to join us too.

I believe that our friendly, relaxed ambience, our commitment to inclusivity and the quality of our worship are all (if you pardon the secular language) key 'selling points', and we shouldn't be shy of inviting others to 'come and see'; indeed, this is part of the mission of every Christian.

Whilst you will gather from my opening paragraph that I don't favour the 'new broom sweeping clean' principle, it is clear to me that we need to address our missional challenges in a number of ways, building upon the many strengths that St Matthew's has, but also recognising that this will involve an element of change. Frankly, as a growing number of our folk are realising, the time when we could do all of this on our own is long past, and we now need to look for new ways of working in partnership with other churches, community groups and other agencies.

In this regard, during the course of 2022, three potentially exciting developments have emerged.

The first is the setting up of an 'Anglo-Catholic Mission Enabler' post for three years using Strategic Development Fund money from the Church Commissioners. This is a pilot project which is being developed jointly by St Matthew's, St John's Perry Barr, St Mark's Kingstanding, St Alban's Highgate and St George's Edgbaston. The person appointed will work with each of these parishes in exploring how their mission can be made more effective in their specific context and identifying what further support and resources we need to make this happen.

The second is a re-shaping of our approach to work with young people and families. I'm very grateful to Ros Hardy for all that she has done in her role as Children and Families Worker, especially as she had to grapple initially with Lockdown, two incumbents leaving unexpectedly and the challenge of trying to hold together a post shared between two very different benefices.

The three-year grant for this post ends in September 2023, and, subject to funding (which is currently being sought) we are now looking to create a new full-time post of 'Children, Youth and Families Ministry Leader', based solely at St Matthew's, which will also have a more outward-looking, missional focus.

The third development stems from the Church of England Birmingham 'People and Places' initiative and is the proposal that St Matthew's, St John's Perry Barr and St Paul's and St Bernard's, Hamstead should form a local

‘Oversight Group’, working together and supporting one another in various aspects of mission and ministry. As the clergy of these parishes already have a good working relationship, I think there is great potential here, but we will need to overcome a tendency to insularity, which I suspect is one of St Matthew’s weaknesses.

In addition to these initiatives, we are hoping to develop a weekly Coffee Morning following Mass on a Thursday, which may evolve in due course into a ‘Community Café’, again perhaps developed in partnership with others as some kind of Social Enterprise.

Alongside all of this, there is the potential to improve the spiritual nurture offered to our congregation, especially its newer members. I believe very firmly that numeric growth only occurs where first there is spiritual growth, and I’m hoping and praying that through a series of Pilgrimages, Quiet Days, Retreats and Discipleship Courses over the next two years or so, we will experience genuine renewal within our firmly Catholic tradition.

Over the last year, a couple of potential ‘springboards’ for this renewal have emerged.

First, in October we hosted a Midlands Renewal Day for ‘On Fire Mission’ (for whom I’m currently the Midlands Co-ordinator). Attended by over eighty people, it was good to be joined by some of our regular congregation for this event which brought together worship that was both sacramental and spirit-filled, and traditional and contemporary with a gentle Charismatic edge. Those of our number who attended enjoyed the day and were reassured that it is possible to worship occasionally in a slightly different way, with more contemporary music etc without compromising on our tradition or altering our standard form of worship week by week. It’s likely that we will again be hosting this event in 2023, and I personally hope that our relationship with ‘On Fire Mission’ will develop further, not least because this rapidly growing movement is bringing new life to many Anglo-Catholic churches and is attracting many younger worshippers. We ignore our growing need for the latter at our peril!

Second, I’m grateful to our Curate Fr Tom for establishing a weekly Bible study, which I know has been much appreciated by those who have taken part. Again, this kind of small group work is a vital element in spiritual growth and renewal and I hope we will be able to do more of it in the future.

This brings me very conveniently to the subject of Fr Tom! It has been good to have him with us, and to benefit from his ministry as a Deacon following his ordination in June. Sadly, Tom’s time with us is limited to a year due to his plans to marry and move to the Diocese of Chester in June 2023.

Nevertheless, I for one have enjoyed having him as a colleague and I know you will all join me in wishing him and his fiancée Amy every blessing in their new life together.

The diocese is keen to place another Curate here, and we will be joined at Petertide 2023 by Br Martin Price SSF following his ordination as Deacon. Br Martin is a fully-professed member of the Franciscan Order, and has recently been appointed as Novice Master. Following his ordination, he will continue to live in the Franciscan House in Edgbaston, but will spend Sundays and another couple of days a week here at St Matthews. We look forward to welcoming him and to exploring what impact having a 'Religious' on the ministry team has on our life of worship, work and witness.

In the meantime, I have been very appreciative throughout the year of the Ministry of our two Licensed Readers – Peter Conabeer and Paul Phipps, though the ministry of the former was sadly limited due to ill-health. I'm grateful, too, for the work of our very faithful team of Pastoral Assistants.

So, having reviewed the past year and the opportunities and challenges it has presented, and having given some idea of what I believe should be our future direction of travel, I now need to thank the many people who contribute to the life of St Matthew's in any way, among them our good friends and Patrons St Martin's Trust, for whose ongoing financial assistance we are most grateful. There are also many people, including some who work quietly and imperceptibly behind the scenes, who help to keep things going. To name individuals is dangerous, because it brings with it the attendant risk of forgetting someone, but hopefully you all know who you are. So I will simply say "Thank you Team St Matthew's"!

With my prayers and best wishes,

Fr Trevor

**ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE
PERRY BEECHES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

PERRY BEECHES

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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.

Funds

Funds are considered to be unrestricted if they are not subject to legal restrictions on their use and held for spending on the general purposes of the PCC and designated (also unrestricted) if the PCC have designated them for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are monies received by the PCC for specific purposes and expended only on the specific objects.

Incoming resources

Following the general principle set out above, collections, planned giving and donations are recognised when received.

Tax refund (Gift Aid) are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement for the amounts due. Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. 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 obligation on the PCC. The diocesan common fund is accounted when due. Amounts received specifically for missions are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance of s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

The church curtilage is of nil value.

No amount is included for church furnishings - the cost of acquisition of fixed assets is written off in the year unless the PCC elect otherwise in any particular case. All maintenance costs are also written off.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 5-11 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

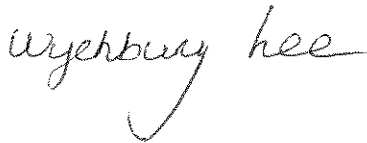
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



23/06/2023

WYCHBURY LEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
CBF Fixed interest shares	356	421
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	61,014	50,898
Debtors and prepayments	5,940	1,373
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(3,642)	(1,063)
NET ASSETS	<u>63,668</u>	<u>51,629</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted	15,249	17,127
Designated	14,190	1,808
Restricted	34,229	32,695
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,668</u>	<u>51,629</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Trevor Thurston-Smith

Mrs Ann Harrison, Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donors	33,452	-	382	33,834	32,738
Other voluntary income resources	3,511	-	38,677	42,188	46,540
Charitable church activities	1,559	23,516	-	25,074	14,687
Other income	19	3,077	10,191	13,287	2,638
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	38,541	26,593	49,251	114,384	96,604
RESOURCES USED					
Direct church activities	40,418	214	47,716	88,350	76,944
Charitable church activities	-	13,997	-	13,997	8,130
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	40,418	14,211	47,716	102,346	85,074
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(1,878)	12,382	1,535	12,038	11,530
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	17,127	1,808	32,695	51,629	40,099
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	15,249	14,190	34,229	63,667	51,628

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Income from donors					
Tax efficient giving	22,356	-	-	22,356	23,231
Income tax recovered	5,838	-	-	5,838	6,155
Collections (open plate) at services	2,961	-	-	2,961	2,814
Community celebrations	113	-	-	113	
Sundry donations	2,185	-	382	2,567	539
	33,452	-	382	33,834	32,739
Other voluntary income resources					
Grants - recurring	-	-	24,973	24,973	26,416
Grants - non recurring:					
Hopkins Saylor Charity	-	-	-	-	1,000
St Martins Trust - Heating repairs	-	-	-	-	1,400
St Martins Trust - Discretionary Grant	-	-	-	-	500
St Martins - Curate rent & expenses	-	-	5,151	5,151	
BDBF - Stand-in vicars	-	-	856	856	
BDBF - Energy grant	-	-	2,634	2,634	
Harlow Trust	-	-	3,064	3,064	9,567
Roger Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	1,000
GJW Turner Trust	-	-	-	-	1,000
Lord Austin Trust	-	-	2,000	2,000	-
Michael Marsh Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	2,000
George Henry Collins Charity	-	-	-	-	1,000
Fundraising	3,511	-	-	3,511	2,657
	3,511	-	38,677	42,188	46,540
Charitable church activities					
Fees paid to PCC	845	-	-	845	277
Solar pannel income	714	-	-	714	626
Brooklyn Hall - rental income	-	23,516	-	23,516	13,784
	1,559	23,516	-	25,074	14,687
Other income					
Interest earned - general account	19	-	-	19	4
Shares interest	-	10	-	10	9
Insurance claim	-	2,652	-	2,652	-
Sponsored child	-	-	191	191	249
Messy church donations	-	37	-	37	27
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	190
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	10,000	10,000	2,158
Carried forward	19	2,699	10,191	12,909	2,638

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES - continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Brought forward	19	2,699	10,191	12,909	2,638
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	33	-	33	-
Verger	-	25	-	25	-
Heating	-	320	-	320	-
	<u>19</u>	<u>3,077</u>	<u>10,191</u>	<u>13,287</u>	<u>2,638</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES FOR YEAR	38,541	26,593	49,251	114,384	96,604

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Church overseas, missionary	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Direct church activities					
Ministry:					
Diocesan common fund	23,100	-	-	23,100	23,600
Funeral fees:					
BDBF	-	-	-	-	-
Verger	-	-	-	-	-
Working expenses of clergy	259	-	-	259	602
Curates accommodation	1,279	-	5,151	6,430	-
Church running expenses:					
Heat and light	5,405	-	-	5,405	3,984
Insurance	3,704	-	-	3,704	3,361
Sacristy services	2,035	-	-	2,035	536
Messy Church expenditure	-	-	-	-	21
Church flowers	-	-	175	175	115
Sponsored child	-	-	180	180	300
Repairs & renewals	2,175	-	-	2,175	3,664
Bowlers costs	-	150	-	150	-
Miscellaneous	203	-	-	203	888
Marketing costs	600	-	-	600	568
Organists wages, choir and music	-	-	2,979	2,979	1,543
Admin, support costs and misc	1,082	64	-	1,147	367
Fundraising	231	-	-	231	300
Platinum Jubilee party costs	343	-	-	343	-
Church administrators wages	-	-	14,719	14,719	14,130
Children & family worker costs	-	-	14,216	14,216	13,500
Major expenditures:					
Church hall replacement boiler	-	-	10,296	10,296	3,466
Bar cellar roof repairs	-	-	-	-	6,000
Servers	-	-	-	-	-
	40,418	214	47,716	88,349	76,943
Charitable church activities					
Brooklyn Hall running costs	-	13,997	-	13,997	8,130
	-	13,997	-	13,997	8,130
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	40,418	14,211	47,716	102,346	85,074

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

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TOTAL	51,629	114,384	(54,629)	10,504	111,384

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

BROOKLYN HALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
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Commercial letting	-	13,390	-	13,390	7,984
Private party letting	-	1,200	-	1,200	150
TOTAL	-	23,516	-	23,516	13,784
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs and maintenance	-	1,386	-	1,386	2,059
Centre maintenance		1,957			
Hall heating - capital project		700	-	700	-
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**ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE
PERRY BEECHES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

PARISH PRIEST:

Reverend Trevor Thurston-Smith
St Matthews Church
Birdbrook Road
Great Barr
Birmingham
B448RB

BANK:

Barclays Plc
Perry Barr

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

PERRY BEECHES

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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.

Funds

Funds are considered to be unrestricted if they are not subject to legal restrictions on their use and held for spending on the general purposes of the PCC and designated (also unrestricted) if the PCC have designated them for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are monies received by the PCC for specific purposes and expended only on the specific objects.

Incoming resources

Following the general principle set out above, collections, planned giving and donations are recognised when received.

Tax refund (Gift Aid) are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement for the amounts due. Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. 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 obligation on the PCC. The diocesan common fund is accounted when due. Amounts received specifically for missions are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance of s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

The church curtilage is of nil value.

No amount is included for church furnishings - the cost of acquisition of fixed assets is written off in the year unless the PCC elect otherwise in any particular case. All maintenance costs are also written off.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 5-11 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

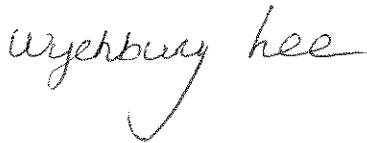
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



23/06/2023

WYCHBURY LEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
CBF Fixed interest shares	356	421
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	61,014	50,898
Debtors and prepayments	5,940	1,373
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(3,642)	(1,063)
NET ASSETS	<u>63,668</u>	<u>51,629</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted	15,249	17,127
Designated	14,190	1,808
Restricted	34,229	32,695
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,668</u>	<u>51,629</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Trevor Thurston-Smith

Mrs Ann Harrison, Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donors	33,452	-	382	33,834	32,738
Other voluntary income resources	3,511	-	38,677	42,188	46,540
Charitable church activities	1,559	23,516	-	25,074	14,687
Other income	19	3,077	10,191	13,287	2,638
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	38,541	26,593	49,251	114,384	96,604
RESOURCES USED					
Direct church activities	40,418	214	47,716	88,350	76,944
Charitable church activities	-	13,997	-	13,997	8,130
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	40,418	14,211	47,716	102,346	85,074
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(1,878)	12,382	1,535	12,038	11,530
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	17,127	1,808	32,695	51,629	40,099
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	15,249	14,190	34,229	63,667	51,628

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

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Sundry donations	2,185	-	382	2,567	539
	33,452	-	382	33,834	32,739
Other voluntary income resources					
Grants - recurring	-	-	24,973	24,973	26,416
Grants - non recurring:					
Hopkins Saylor Charity	-	-	-	-	1,000
St Martins Trust - Heating repairs	-	-	-	-	1,400
St Martins Trust - Discretionary Grant	-	-	-	-	500
St Martins - Curate rent & expenses	-	-	5,151	5,151	
BDBF - Stand-in vicars	-	-	856	856	
BDBF - Energy grant	-	-	2,634	2,634	
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Roger Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	1,000
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Charitable church activities					
Fees paid to PCC	845	-	-	845	277
Solar pannel income	714	-	-	714	626
Brooklyn Hall - rental income	-	23,516	-	23,516	13,784
	1,559	23,516	-	25,074	14,687
Other income					
Interest earned - general account	19	-	-	19	4
Shares interest	-	10	-	10	9
Insurance claim	-	2,652	-	2,652	-
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Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Church overseas, missionary	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Direct church activities					
Ministry:					
Diocesan common fund	23,100	-	-	23,100	23,600
Funeral fees:					
BDBF	-	-	-	-	-
Verger	-	-	-	-	-
Working expenses of clergy	259	-	-	259	602
Curates accommodation	1,279	-	5,151	6,430	-
Church running expenses:					
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Miscellaneous	203	-	-	203	888
Marketing costs	600	-	-	600	568
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Admin, support costs and misc	1,082	64	-	1,147	367
Fundraising	231	-	-	231	300
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Church administrators wages	-	-	14,719	14,719	14,130
Children & family worker costs	-	-	14,216	14,216	13,500
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Bar cellar roof repairs	-	-	-	-	6,000
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Accounts

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and Administrative Information

St Matthew's Church and centre is situated at the corner of Aldridge Road and Birdbrook Road, in the Great Barr area of Birmingham. The office address is: St Matthew's Parish Office, Birdbrook Rd, Birmingham, B44 8RA.

Throughout 2021, the parish was in vacancy and there was no incumbent. The Revd Trevor Thurston-Smith has subsequently been appointed as Incumbent and was Instituted and Inducted on 23rd February 2022. His current (temporary) address is: 88 Hillingford Avenue, Pheasey, Birmingham, B43 7HN.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC powers measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020). We are registered with the Charities Commission, registered charity no. 1164756.

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc.

Independent Examiner: Mr. Chris Lee, Wychbury Lee, South Staffs Freight Building, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Staffs WS14 0ED.

The Parish is part of Handsworth & Central Deanery, in the Church of England Diocese of Birmingham.

The PCC is responsible for working with the Incumbent to promote the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical - in the Parish of Perry Beeches. This includes the life of the Parish Church of St Matthew, including the church centre complex comprising the large hall, lounge and family room, and grounds, and the general and restricted funds required for the

operation of the church and centre, and for the mission of the Parish.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected annually by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The ministers licensed to the Parish and churchwardens are members by virtue of their office. Deanery Synod representatives are elected at the APCM and hold office for three years. Other members of the PCC are elected at the APCM. Up to two additional members can be co-opted by the PCC.

The membership of the PCC in 2021 was as follows:

Peter Conabeer	Ex officio	<i>Licensed Lay Minister</i>
Tim Bartlett	Ex-officio	<i>Churchwarden</i>
Janet Cook	Ex-officio	<i>Churchwarden.</i>
Rodney Williams	Elected	<i>Vice-Chair.</i>
Paul Phipps	Ex-officio	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
John Hope	Ex-officio	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
Ann Harrison	Ex-officio	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
		<i>Parish Administrator & Treasurer</i>
		<i>& Electoral Roll officer</i>
Adrian Deverell	Elected	<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Judith Deverell	Elected	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
Vera Lawrence	Elected	
David Gadd	Elected	
Carolyn Phipps	Elected	
John Hall	Elected	
Matthew Gallon	Elected	
Susan Kyte	Elected	

Electoral Roll In April 2021, there are 60 names.

Usual Sunday Attendance During 2021 We held services on a Friday and a Sunday. Approximately 10 people attended each day and when we changed to a Sunday Morning Service the attendance went up to between 25-40 people while the Friday

service went down to about 5 people. We also held phone in services with between 10-17 attending.

Worshipping Community, During 2021 we have tried to keep our community together. The phone in services have been very successful and we have been open for morning prayer Tuesday – Friday as well as having services on a Friday and Sunday. We have seen some growth in the size of our total worshipping community: in 2015 there were 82 adults and 19 children; in 2016 there were 109 adults and 20 children; in 2017 there were 115 adults and 34 children; in 2018 there were 131 adults and 42 children and in 2019 there were 127 adults and 38 children. This year due to the pandemic many of our services were forced to be by phone in's. When we could we opened for private prayer in Church and some socially distanced services. So, during 2021 we have 130 Adults and 35 children.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC makes all decisions corporately, except that the Standing Committee has delegated powers to make decisions between PCC meetings, subject to keeping the PCC fully informed.

The PCC is responsible for all parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of the treasurer. The work of the PCC is supported by its committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. These are:

Standing Committee – Consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Parish Treasurer, Lay Chairperson, PCC Secretary, and one other member of the PCC elected by the PCC. They have power to transact the business of the PCC between PCC meetings, reporting to the full PCC as appropriate.

Fabric and Finance Committee – Including the Parish Treasurer, the Churchwardens, the Vicar, other PCC members as appointed, to ensure adequate skills and representation and other invited members with appropriate knowledge and skills. They are

responsible for the production of reports and recommendations for the PCC.

Church Growth Group – established after the PCC's annual review in 2016. Includes the Vicar, another member of the PCC, the Clerk for Baptisms & Marriages, and other appointed members with appropriate knowledge and skills.

Objectives and Activities

Mindful of its responsibility for the mission of the Church in Perry Beeches Parish, the PCC seeks to provide a welcoming spiritual home and community resource for all in the neighbourhood. We want to discover the heart of God's love with all who seek. This is possible through Christ, who makes of us his Body in Baptism and Eucharist, but whose love and saving grace are not limited to the confines of the church building and institutional life. St Matthew's bears witness to this through its on-site life, where the sacred space sits side-by-side with the hall which draws in many people from the wider community.

The PCC met on 8 occasions during the year with an average attendance of 12 members per meeting.

Major points of discussion have included:

Interregnum and the appointment of Father Trevor

Thurston-Smith:

Reviewing COVID restrictions and delivery of church services:

Church Finances:

Other topics discussed included the agreement of new energy contracts for the church and hall covering the period February 2021 to June 2023, addressing various maintenance issues including agreement to repair the hall boiler following breakdown and safeguarding matters.

Where do we want to be in 2025? This was the question that came up in the people and places review and unfortunately due to the pandemic we have not been able to fulfil many of the aims that we wanted too.. We have not as yet been able to employ a

full time organist but are grateful to the services of Neil Crawford who plays for us each week and the choir members who help us out with the singing.

Children and Families Worker: We appointed Rosalind Hardy in September 2020 and she continues to work, along with volunteers, with the Children in the benefices of St. Matthew's and Lozells and Newtown.

Church Finances: Following a difficult year due to the COVID pandemic, church finances remained quite good due to the on-line church giving scheme, but the hall income was down as a result of lockdown restrictions. This has now picked up with more groups now using the Church Centre.

Interregnum:

We were in an interregnum from November 2020 until February 2022. Although we did manage to get Priests to cover all of our services during this time it was not without problems. Some priests especially the retired ones were reluctant to come out when the covid pandemic was at some of it's worst. We interviewed for a new incumbent in September 2021 and after problems with housing he was finally inducted in February 2022.

Before the Pandemic, The, Sunday Eucharist was at the heart of our Parish life. And very much depended on the ministry of Parish Priest and Lay Reader, the serving team, chalice assistants, readers, welcomers, and coffee makers. Unfortunately during 2021 we were not able to have any one else on the Alter and it is only recently that we have been able to welcome coffee makers and welcomers back and still only have servers doing limited duties. The Sunday School has been welcomed back since July 2021

Prayer & Spiritual Development. Before the pandemic a small, very committed group supported the daily Morning Prayer in church, The prayer life of the Parish was also enriched by monthly

meetings of the Julian Group. We had 13 Baptisms and one confirmation last year

Our team of **Lay Pastoral Assistants** started to go out visiting again in 2021.

Paul Phipps is now a valued member of our Lay Reader team along with Peter Conabeer who has been a lay reader at St. Matthew's for many years.

The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the During 2021 we managed to have Sunday School and Messy Church activities.

The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Thanks to the people of St. Matthew's we were able to deliver Cards at Easter and Christmas to all of the parish.

In 2021 because of the pandemic there were 13 **Baptisms**. (In 2020, 2 baptisms.). The offer of Baptism in a separate, Baptism-only service, has been appreciated by families.

Most **funerals** take place at Perry Barr Crematorium. In 2021 1 Funeral took place in church. In 2020 the Parish Priest conducted 17 funerals in total and 1 wedding took place. We did manage to have a Christmas Fayre in 2021 which was most appreciated by the people of the parish.

Our Friday café has not reopened since the pandemic, but we are hoping that we can start something up again.

We had lockdown online funding to raise funds for St Matthew's own regular expenses and although we did not have a lent offering, we did have online giving for our quarterly charity collections to USPG and Embrace the Middle East.

Church Fabric Our grade 2 listed church building (Murray & Maguire, 1964) provides an exceptionally user-friendly space for prayer and worship.

Church cleaning, flower arranging, and gardening are carried out by volunteers. The Parish is very conscious of the value of all the volunteer hours that we depend on every day.

Partnership with other Christians St Matthew's participates fully in the life of the Diocese and Deanery. Our Parish enjoys a friendly informal partnership with the neighbouring Parish of St John, Perry Barr. There is also an established ecumenical relationship with Beeches Evangelical Church and Perry Beeches Baptist Church, with occasional joint services and pulpit exchanges. We also share our Children and Families Worker with the Benefices of Lozells & Newtown.

Financial Review

2020 financial review reflects the last 12 months when we have been in lockdowns and restricted movements.

We rely on St Martin's Trust to pay our administrator, our organist, and our Children and Families worker.

St. Matthew's regular charities, Malawi and Embrace the Middle East have still been supported this year through our online giving scheme, albeit with reduced contribution. Our common fund payment in 2021 was £23,600 (some £1,778 short of our requested total of £25,378) This would have been met had we been able to have our usual Christmas Fair which usually raises approximately £3,000.

We must acknowledge the generosity of our congregation during the pandemic as many of them contribute to the Church via the Parish Giving scheme, standing orders and envelope contributions, as well as plate/bucket donations when services were allowed in Church.

Hall hire was hit rather badly in 2020, as groups had to shut down during the lockdowns and could only meet when they were allowed to do so.

Hopefully 2021. We will see a return to our groups using the hall again and this will boost our hall income once again.

Church wardens Remarks

2021 continued to be a difficult year. The Church remained open, even during the lockdowns, on a Friday and a Sunday afternoon changing back to Sunday morning in July. It is thanks to the many different Priest that came and presided at our services that we were able to be open for services.

We continued to survive financially mainly because of people contributing to the Parish giving scheme

The Phone in services continued but, in a bid, to try and encourage people to come to Church in person we went down to one day a week during the latter part of 2021.

The Parish newsletter was emailed to 42 people weekly to let them know what was happening in the Church and centre.

The Church was open Tuesday – Friday from 10am-11am for people to come for private prayer

The Sunday School reopened in July and Messy Church also re started during the year.

We managed to deliver cards to every house in the Parish at Easter and Christmas.

There are still challenges to be overcome with getting people back into Church. With prayer and the help of our new incumbent it is hoped that we can overcome this

Vicar's Report 2021

Preparing a report for a meeting held in April or May that relates back to the previous calendar year always feels a little strange as so many of the events and activities referred to took place over a year ago. Preparing *this* particular report feels even more strange as I wasn't in post during the year in question.

Nevertheless, there are things of which I'm aware on which I

would like to comment; and in any event, I believe that this report and the APCM should also be taken as an opportunity to look forward as well as backwards.

First and foremost, I would like to re-iterate my sincere thanks to *everyone* who helped in any way to keep things 'ticking over' in the parish during the interregnum, especially in view of the added challenge of Covid-19 and the resulting 'Lockdown'. Special thanks are due to our Churchwardens, Janet and Tim who bore a particular burden. The fact that I have found it relatively easy to 'pick up the reins' is a tribute to their hard work and organisational skills.

Thanks are also due to St Martin's Trust, who, as our Patrons, oversaw the recruitment process as well as continuing to support the life and work of the parish financially.

I'm also grateful to those who played any part in the 'Familiarisation Day' that was held on Saturday 4th September for those of us who had been shortlisted for interview as your potential new Vicar. I know that all the candidates found the day extremely helpful and informative, and it certainly helped to re-enforce my already strong sense that this would be an exciting place to minister amongst some wonderful people.

Having attended the interview on Thursday 9th September, I was delighted to hear that I was to be offered the post, subject to all the usual administrative checks and processes. These administrative cogs often turn painfully slowly, and that was certainly true in this case. My appointment was officially announced early in November, but it wasn't until Wednesday 23rd February 2022 that I was finally installed and inducted. This delay was due in part to the fact that we were unable to gain possession of the Vicarage, and alternative temporary accommodation had to be sought and agreed. It was fortunate that a vacant Vicarage was eventually identified only a mile and a half away from St Matthew's (albeit over the diocesan border) and that the Diocese of Lichfield kindly agreed to rent it to the Birmingham Diocese. This situation, however, is not ideal, not least because it means that your Vicar lives outside the parish and is therefore not always as visible or present as he would like, and it potentially involves the considerable stress and

upheaval of another move. It is to be hoped that this matter can be properly and fully resolved for the benefit of all concerned over the coming months.

When I first read the Parish Profile last August, I sensed that St Matthew's would be a warm, vibrant and faithful Church community. Two months into the job, I'm delighted to say that that perception, however it was arrived at, is proving to be correct. We do, of course, have many challenges to face. In common with many other parishes, we need to do a certain amount of rebuilding of our congregation and our finances, following the major disruption caused by Covid. As well as exploring how best we can develop our mission to the local community - including its families and young people - we also need to look at how we can nurture regular worshippers and newcomers alike in the faith in order to grow both spiritually and numerically. We must also explore our ecumenical relationships and potential partnerships with other agencies. We are blessed with a remarkable set of buildings, and this, coupled with the very positive energy that I see at work here, will, I am sure, stand us in good stead.

Finally, it's good that we are to be joined in the summer by a Curate. Tom Ruston, who is currently studying at Westcott House, Cambridge, will, God willing, be ordained Deacon on 25th June and will then join the ministry team here. Tom will bring many gifts and skills, and I know that he will receive a very warm welcome. I look forward to working with Tom and, of course, continuing to work with all our existing team members for whose ministry and support I am very grateful.

The last year hasn't been an easy one for any of us, and there is much work to be done. I for one, however, am confident that God has good things in store for us, and as I continue to get to know you all, I look forward to working with you in discerning God's plan for us and moving into the future to which he calls us.

Fr Trevor

**ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE
PERRY BEECHES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

PERRY BEECHES

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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.

Funds

Funds are considered to be unrestricted if they are not subject to legal restrictions on their use and held for spending on the general purposes of the PCC and designated (also unrestricted) if the PCC have designated them for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are monies received by the PCC for specific purposes and expended only on the specific objects.

Incoming resources

Following the general principle set out above, collections, planned giving and donations are recognised when received.

Tax refund (Gift Aid) are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement for the amounts due. Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. 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 obligation on the PCC. The diocesan common fund is accounted when due. Amounts received specifically for missions are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance of s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

The church curtilage is of nil value.

No amount is included for church furnishings - the cost of acquisition of fixed assets is written off in the year unless the PCC elect otherwise in any particular case. All maintenance costs are also written off.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 11 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



WYCHBURY LEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
CBF Fixed interest shares	421	426
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	50,898	35,939
Debtors and prepayments	1,373	3,903
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(1,063)	(170)
NET ASSETS	<u>51,629</u>	<u>40,099</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted	17,127	14,827
Designated	1,808	2,150
Restricted	32,695	23,121
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,629</u>	<u>40,099</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Trevor Thurston-Smith

Mrs Ann Harrison, Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donors	32,738	-	-	32,738	37,179
Other voluntary income resources	2,657	-	43,883	46,540	26,878
Charitable church activities	903	13,784	-	14,687	9,874
Other income	222	9	2,407	2,638	8,008
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	36,520	13,793	46,291	96,604	81,939
RESOURCES USED					
Grants and charitable gifts	-	-	-	-	670
Direct church activities	34,221	6,005	36,717	76,944	62,617
Charitable church activities	-	8,130	-	8,130	18,353
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,221	14,136	36,717	85,074	81,641
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	2,299	(343)	9,573	11,530	298
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	14,827	2,150	23,121	40,099	40,099
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	17,127	1,808	32,695	51,628	40,397

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Income from donors					
Tax efficient giving	23,231	-	-	23,231	24,979
Income tax recovered	6,155	-	-	6,155	6,562
Collections (open plate) at services	2,814	-	-	2,814	2,872
Sundry donations	539	-	-	539	2,766
	32,738	-	-	32,738	37,179
Other voluntary income resources					
Grants - recurring	-	-	26,416	26,416	22,218
Grants - non recurring					
Hopkins Saylor Charity	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
St Martins Trust - Heating repairs	-	-	1,400	1,400	-
St Martins Trust - Discretionary Grant	-	-	500	500	-
Harlow Trust	-	-	9,567	9,567	2,546
Roger Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
GJW Turner Trust	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Jarman	-	-	-	-	150
Michael Marsh Charitable Trust	-	-	2,000	2,000	-
George Henry Collins Charity	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Fundraising	2,657	-	-	2,657	1,407
Collections for charity	-	-	-	-	557
	2,657	-	43,883	46,540	26,878
Charitable church activities					
Fees paid to PCC	277	-	-	277	946
Solar pannel income	626	-	-	626	643
Brooklyn Hall - rental income	-	13,784	-	13,784	8,285
	903	13,784	-	14,687	9,874
Other income					
Interest earned - general account	4	-	-	4	37
Shares interest	-	9	-	9	-
Friday café monies	-	-	-	-	463
Flower money	-	-	-	-	100
Sponsored child	-	-	249	249	323
Messy church donations	27	-	-	27	6
Sundry income	190	-	-	190	-
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	2,158	2,158	3,620
Carried forward	222	9	2,407	2,638	4,549

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES - continued

	Unrestrcited Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Brought forward	222	9	2,407	2,638	4,549
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	-	-	3,319
Verger	-	-	-	-	50
Heating	-	-	-	-	90
	<u>222</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2,407</u>	<u>2,638</u>	<u>8,008</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES FOR YEAR	36,520	13,793	46,291	96,604	81,939

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Church overseas, missionary	-	-	-	-	670
	-	-	-	-	670
Direct church activities					
Ministry					
Diocesan common fund	23,600	-	-	23,600	22,800
Funeral fees					
BDBF	-	-	-	-	3,269
Verger	-	-	-	-	50
Working expenses of clergy	602	-	-	602	906
Church running expenses					
Heat and light	3,984	-	-	3,984	4,273
Insurance	3,361	-	-	3,361	3,574
Sacristy services	536	-	-	536	724
Messy Church expenditure	21	-	-	21	34
Friday café costs	-	-	-	-	148
Church flowers	-	-	115	115	11
Sponsored child	-	-	300	300	180
Repairs & renewals	-	-	3,664	3,664	1,860
Miscellaneous	888	-	-	888	1,460
Marketing costs	568	-	-	568	534
Organists wages, choir and music	-	-	1,543	1,543	450
Admin, support costs and misc	362	5	-	367	161
Fundraising	300	-	-	300	107
Church administrators wages	-	-	14,130	14,130	14,142
Children & family worker costs	-	-	13,500	13,500	7,384
Major expenditures					
Capital projects	-	-	3,466	3,466	-
Bar cellar roof repairs	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
Servers	-	-	-	-	550
	34,221	6,005	36,717	76,943	62,617
Charitable church activities					
Brooklyn Hall running costs	-	8,130	-	8,130	18,353
	-	8,130	-	8,130	18,353
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,221	14,136	36,717	85,074	81,640

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	At 31/12/20	Incoming resources	Resources used	Gain (Loss) on investment	At 31/12/21
Unrestricted	14,827	36,520	(34,221)	2,299	17,127
Designated	2,151	13,793	(14,136)	(343)	1,809
Total unrestricted	16,978	50,313	(48,356)	1,957	18,935
Restricted					
Building maintenance	21,391	46,291	(36,717)	9,573	30,964
Total restricted	21,391	46,291	(36,717)	9,573	30,964
TOTAL	38,369	96,604	(85,074)	11,530	49,899

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

BROOKLYN HALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME					
Community letting	-	5,651	-	5,651	2,031
Commercial letting	-	7,984	-	7,984	4,975
Private party letting	-	150	-	150	1,280
TOTAL	-	13,784	-	13,784	8,285
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs and maintenance	-	2,059	-	2,059	2,483
Hall insulation	-	-	-	-	8,478
Fire safety	-	602	-	602	433
Gas	-	1,375	-	1,375	3,368
Electric	-	644	-	644	514
Cleaning materials	-	171	-	171	153
Cleaning contract	-	1,809	-	1,809	1,646
Hygeine contract	-	359	-	359	203
Postage and stationery	-	162	-	162	160
Telephone and broadband	-	437	-	437	409
Photocopies	-	349	-	349	316
Noah's Ark	-	64	-	64	191
Misc expenses	-	100	-	100	-
TOTAL	-	8,130	-	8,130	18,353
PROFIT / (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO FUND	-	5,654	-	5,654	(10,068)

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME					
Tax efficient giving	23,231	-	-	23,231	24,979
Income tax recovered	6,155	-	-	6,155	6,562
Collections (open plate) at services	2,814	-	-	2,814	2,872
Sundry donations	539	-	-	539	2,766
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	-	-	3,319
Verger	-	-	-	-	50
Heating	-	-	-	-	90
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	2,158	2,158	3,620
Hopkins Sayer Charity	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
St Martins Trustees	-	-	21,416	21,416	17,218
Grantham York	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
St Martins Trust - Heating repairs	-	-	1,400	1,400	-
St Martins Trust - Discretionary Grant	-	-	500	500	-
Harlow Trust	-	-	9,567	9,567	2,546
Roger Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

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Servers	-	-	-	-	550
Decrease in share value	-	5	-	5	-
TOTAL	34,221	6,005	36,717	76,943	63,287
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**ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE
PERRY BEECHES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

PARISH PRIEST:

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

PERRY BEECHES

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ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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.

Funds

Funds are considered to be unrestricted if they are not subject to legal restrictions on their use and held for spending on the general purposes of the PCC and designated (also unrestricted) if the PCC have designated them for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are monies received by the PCC for specific purposes and expended only on the specific objects.

Incoming resources

Following the general principle set out above, collections, planned giving and donations are recognised when received.

Tax refund (Gift Aid) are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement for the amounts due. Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. 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 obligation on the PCC. The diocesan common fund is accounted when due. Amounts received specifically for missions are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance of s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

The church curtilage is of nil value.

No amount is included for church furnishings - the cost of acquisition of fixed assets is written off in the year unless the PCC elect otherwise in any particular case. All maintenance costs are also written off.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 11 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



WYCHBURY LEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
CBF Fixed interest shares	421	426
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	50,898	35,939
Debtors and prepayments	1,373	3,903
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(1,063)	(170)
NET ASSETS	<u>51,629</u>	<u>40,099</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted	17,127	14,827
Designated	1,808	2,150
Restricted	32,695	23,121
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,629</u>	<u>40,099</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Trevor Thurston-Smith

Mrs Ann Harrison, Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donors	32,738	-	-	32,738	37,179
Other voluntary income resources	2,657	-	43,883	46,540	26,878
Charitable church activities	903	13,784	-	14,687	9,874
Other income	222	9	2,407	2,638	8,008
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	36,520	13,793	46,291	96,604	81,939
RESOURCES USED					
Grants and charitable gifts	-	-	-	-	670
Direct church activities	34,221	6,005	36,717	76,944	62,617
Charitable church activities	-	8,130	-	8,130	18,353
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,221	14,136	36,717	85,074	81,641
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	2,299	(343)	9,573	11,530	298
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	14,827	2,150	23,121	40,099	40,099
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	17,127	1,808	32,695	51,628	40,397

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Income from donors					
Tax efficient giving	23,231	-	-	23,231	24,979
Income tax recovered	6,155	-	-	6,155	6,562
Collections (open plate) at services	2,814	-	-	2,814	2,872
Sundry donations	539	-	-	539	2,766
	32,738	-	-	32,738	37,179
Other voluntary income resources					
Grants - recurring	-	-	26,416	26,416	22,218
Grants - non recurring					
Hopkins Saylor Charity	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
St Martins Trust - Heating repairs	-	-	1,400	1,400	-
St Martins Trust - Discretionary Grant	-	-	500	500	-
Harlow Trust	-	-	9,567	9,567	2,546
Roger Douglas Turner Charitable Trust	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
GJW Turner Trust	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Jarman	-	-	-	-	150
Michael Marsh Charitable Trust	-	-	2,000	2,000	-
George Henry Collins Charity	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Fundraising	2,657	-	-	2,657	1,407
Collections for charity	-	-	-	-	557
	2,657	-	43,883	46,540	26,878
Charitable church activities					
Fees paid to PCC	277	-	-	277	946
Solar pannel income	626	-	-	626	643
Brooklyn Hall - rental income	-	13,784	-	13,784	8,285
	903	13,784	-	14,687	9,874
Other income					
Interest earned - general account	4	-	-	4	37
Shares interest	-	9	-	9	-
Friday café monies	-	-	-	-	463
Flower money	-	-	-	-	100
Sponsored child	-	-	249	249	323
Messy church donations	27	-	-	27	6
Sundry income	190	-	-	190	-
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	2,158	2,158	3,620
Carried forward	222	9	2,407	2,638	4,549

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES - continued

	Unrestrcited Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Brought forward	222	9	2,407	2,638	4,549
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	-	-	3,319
Verger	-	-	-	-	50
Heating	-	-	-	-	90
	222	9	2,407	2,638	8,008
INCOMING RESOURCES FOR YEAR	36,520	13,793	46,291	96,604	81,939

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Church overseas, missionary	-	-	-	-	670
	-	-	-	-	670
Direct church activities					
Ministry					
Diocesan common fund	23,600	-	-	23,600	22,800
Funeral fees					
BDBF	-	-	-	-	3,269
Verger	-	-	-	-	50
Working expenses of clergy	602	-	-	602	906
Church running expenses					
Heat and light	3,984	-	-	3,984	4,273
Insurance	3,361	-	-	3,361	3,574
Sacristy services	536	-	-	536	724
Messy Church expenditure	21	-	-	21	34
Friday café costs	-	-	-	-	148
Church flowers	-	-	115	115	11
Sponsored child	-	-	300	300	180
Repairs & renewals	-	-	3,664	3,664	1,860
Miscellaneous	888	-	-	888	1,460
Marketing costs	568	-	-	568	534
Organists wages, choir and music	-	-	1,543	1,543	450
Admin, support costs and misc	362	5	-	367	161
Fundraising	300	-	-	300	107
Church administrators wages	-	-	14,130	14,130	14,142
Children & family worker costs	-	-	13,500	13,500	7,384
Major expenditures					
Capital projects	-	-	3,466	3,466	-
Bar cellar roof repairs	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
Servers	-	-	-	-	550
	34,221	6,005	36,717	76,943	62,617
Charitable church activities					
Brooklyn Hall running costs	-	8,130	-	8,130	18,353
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TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,221	14,136	36,717	85,074	81,640

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	At 31/12/20	Incoming resources	Resources used	Gain (Loss) on investment	At 31/12/21
Unrestricted	14,827	36,520	(34,221)	2,299	17,127
Designated	2,151	13,793	(14,136)	(343)	1,809
Total unrestricted	16,978	50,313	(48,356)	1,957	18,935
Restricted					
Building maintenance	21,391	46,291	(36,717)	9,573	30,964
Total restricted	21,391	46,291	(36,717)	9,573	30,964
TOTAL	38,369	96,604	(85,074)	11,530	49,899

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

BROOKLYN HALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME					
Community letting	-	5,651	-	5,651	2,031
Commercial letting	-	7,984	-	7,984	4,975
Private party letting	-	150	-	150	1,280
TOTAL	-	13,784	-	13,784	8,285
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs and maintenance	-	2,059	-	2,059	2,483
Hall insulation	-	-	-	-	8,478
Fire safety	-	602	-	602	433
Gas	-	1,375	-	1,375	3,368
Electric	-	644	-	644	514
Cleaning materials	-	171	-	171	153
Cleaning contract	-	1,809	-	1,809	1,646
Hygeine contract	-	359	-	359	203
Postage and stationery	-	162	-	162	160
Telephone and broadband	-	437	-	437	409
Photocopies	-	349	-	349	316
Noah's Ark	-	64	-	64	191
Misc expenses	-	100	-	100	-
TOTAL	-	8,130	-	8,130	18,353
PROFIT / (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO FUND	-	5,654	-	5,654	(10,068)

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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Accounts

Parochial Church Council of Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthew, Perry Beeches, Birmingham

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and Administrative Information

St Matthew's Church and centre is situated at the corner of Aldridge Road and Birdbrook Road, in the Great Barr area of Birmingham. The office address is: St Matthew's Parish Office, Birdbrook Rd, Birmingham, B44 8RA.

The incumbent was The Reverend Adam J. A. Romanis
Address: St Matthew's Vicarage, 313 Beeches Rd, Birmingham, B42 2QR up until December 2020 and we are now in an interregnum.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC powers measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006.) We are registered with the Charities Commission, registered charity no. 1164756.

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc.

Independent Examiner: Mr. Chris Lee, Wychbury Lee, South Staffs Freight Building, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Staffs WS14 0ED.

The Parish is part of Handsworth & Central Deanery, in the Church of England Diocese of Birmingham.

The PCC is responsible for working with the Incumbent to promote the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical - in the Parish of Perry Beeches. This includes the life of the Parish Church of St Matthew, including the church centre complex comprising the large hall, lounge and family room, and grounds, and the general and restricted funds required for the operation of the church and centre, and for the mission of the Parish.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected annually by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The ministers licensed to the Parish and churchwardens are members by virtue of their office. Deanery Synod representatives are elected at the APCM and hold office for three years. Other members of the PCC are elected at the APCM. Up to two additional members can be co-opted by the PCC.

The membership of the PCC in 2020 was as follows:

The Revd Adam Romanis	Ex officio	Vicar, <i>Chair</i> until November 2020
Peter Conabeer	Ex officio	Licensed Lay Minister
Tim Bartlett	Ex-officio	<i>Churchwarden</i>
Janet Cook	Ex-officio	<i>Churchwarden.</i>
Rodney Williams		<i>Elected member Vice-Chair.</i>
Paul Phipps	Ex-officio	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
John Hope	Ex-officio	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
Ann Harrison	Ex-officio	<i>Deanery Synod Rep.</i>
		<i>Parish Administrator & Treasurer</i>
		<i>Electoral Roll officer</i>
Adrian Deverell	Elected	<i>PCC Secretary</i>
Judith Deverell	Elected	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
Vera Lawrence	Elected	
David Gadd	Elected	
Carolyn Phipps	Elected	
John Hall	Elected	
Matthew Gallon	Elected	
Susan Kyte	Elected	

Electoral Roll In April 2021, there are 60 names.

Usual Sunday Attendance Due to Covid 19 the average Attendance on a Sunday in Church was 14 adults and 1 child and on the Sunday telephone phone in was 52 adults and 2 children.

Worshipping Community, We have seen some growth in the size of our total worshipping community: in 2015 there were 82 adults and 19 children; in 2016 there were 109 adults and 20 children; in 2017 there were 115 adults and 34 children; in 2018 there were 131 adults and 42 children and in 2019 there were 127

adults and 38 children. This year due to the pandemic many of our services were forced to be by phone in's. When we could we opened for private prayer in Church and some socially distanced services. So, during 2020 we have 125 Adults and 35 children.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC makes all decisions corporately, except that the Standing Committee has delegated powers to make decisions between PCC meetings, subject to keeping the PCC fully informed.

The PCC is responsible for all parish finance, its management and control, including the appointment of the treasurer. The work of the PCC is supported by its committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. These are:

Standing Committee – Consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Parish Treasurer, Lay Chairperson, PCC Secretary, and one other member of the PCC elected by the PCC. They have power to transact the business of the PCC between PCC meetings, reporting to the full PCC as appropriate.

Fabric and Finance Committee – Including the Parish Treasurer, the Churchwardens, the Vicar, other PCC members as appointed, to ensure adequate skills and representation and other invited members with appropriate knowledge and skills. They are responsible for the production of reports and recommendations for the PCC.

Church Growth group (formerly Marketing Group) – established after the PCC's annual review in 2016. Includes the Vicar, another member of the PCC, the Clerk for Baptisms & Marriages, and other appointed members with appropriate knowledge and skills.

Objectives and Activities

Mindful of its responsibility for the mission of the Church in Perry Beeches Parish, the PCC seeks to provide a welcoming spiritual home and community resource for all in the neighbourhood. We want to discover the heart of God's love with all who seek. This is

possible through Christ, who makes of us his Body in Baptism and Eucharist, but whose love and saving grace are not limited to the confines of the church building and institutional life. St Matthew's bears witness to this through its on-site life, where the sacred space sits side-by-side with the hall which draws in many people from the wider community.

The PCC met on 8 occasions during the year with an average attendance of 11 members per meeting.

Major points of discussion have included:

Where do we want to be in 2025? Following the people and places review, it was felt important that we retained a full-time vicar. In order to achieve this, we should aim to recruit 10 new parishioners per year until 2025 and ongoing recruitment was required in areas including the choir, servers and welcomers. The appointment of either a permanent organist or director of music should be a priority.

Children and Families Worker: The recruitment and appointment of Rosalind Hardy was successfully completed with the post being split equally between the benefices of St. Matthew's and Lozells and Newtown. A management committee was needed, and a line manager nominated in order to set targets and objectives.

Church Finances: New accounting software had been purchased which would enable the monthly accounts to be produced in the same format as the annual accounts, with both systems running in parallel for 2020. Following a difficult year due to the COVID pandemic, church finances remained strong due to the on-line church giving scheme, but hall income had fallen as a result of lockdown restrictions reducing the number of group and commercial lettings.

Interregnum: Following Father Adams' departure in November, the church entered a period of interregnum. As the church received financial support from the St. Martin's Trust, the vacancy would be nationally advertised and it was hoped a replacement would be appointed quickly, given the strong desire for the church to move forward.

Other topics of discussion have included the appointment of Father Douglas Machiridza as full time Area Dean of the new deanery of Handsworth and Central, setting up telephone church services due

to COVID restrictions, the election of deanery synod members for a new 3-year term and safeguarding matters.

Before the Pandemic, The, Sunday Eucharist was at the heart of our Parish life. This depended on the ministry of Parish Priest and Lay Reader, the serving team, chalice assistants, readers, welcomers, and coffee makers. We have still not been able to recruit a permanent organist, but we are glad to have the services of two good organists who play alternate weeks. We make full use of *Common Worship* and other resources to adapt the Liturgy to reflect the seasons of the Church's year, and minister to God's people. Each month there was a Children's Liturgy (child-centred Parish Eucharist). Baptisms took place either at the Sunday Eucharist or in a separate service at 12noon. During the pandemic we had phone in services, first daily and then when we were able to open the Church, 4 times a week. We have also had the Church open for private prayer 4 days a week and since the departure of Father Adam twice a week for Said Communion.

Prayer & Spiritual Development A small, very committed group supported the daily Morning Prayer in church, with daily celebration of the Eucharist. The prayer life of the Parish was also enriched by monthly meetings of the Julian Group. We were of course not able to have lent courses in 2020, or to continue with the Julian Group and no confirmations took place although we had several people who were looking to be confirmed last year.

Our team of **Lay Pastoral Assistants** meet regularly with the Vicar to review pastoral care and Lay Pastoral Assistants regularly visited the housebound with Holy Communion, and provide ministry to the bereaved, and this will continue as soon as it is possible to do so.

Paul Phipps was put forward as a candidate for training for the office of **Lay Reader**. This he completed in September 2020 and is now a valued member of our team along with Peter Conabeer who has been a lay reader at St. Matthew's for many years.

The Parish made provision for children of different ages through Sunday School and other activities alongside the main service. The Sunday School, in particular, was seeing significant growth

both in numbers and regularity of attendance until we had to stop in March 2020. “Messy Church” sessions which took place roughly every two months, before the pandemic were well established as regular outreach events, attracting 20-50 young children with their parents and carers. Along with the Benefices of Lozells & Newtown we appointed a Children and Families Worker in September 2020 and although her work has been limited because of the pandemic she had a group meeting in October and Zoom meetings with the Children and families as well as delivering advent materials to the families.

The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishop’s guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

During 2020 we could only deliver our thrice yearly **invitation/ programme cards to every house** in the Parish at Christmas.

We had well established links with two local primary **schools**, Glenmead and Greenholm. Both coming regularly to church for Christmas and Easter services. As well as Beeches Infants and Arena Academy Year 7 coming for occasional services. We also had occasional contact with other primary, secondary, and special schools, and would hope to carry this on with our Children’s and Families worker when she is able to do so.

Monthly Eucharists was celebrated at Edith Pope House (sheltered housing for the elderly) and Communion at home was offered to the housebound.

In 2020 because of the pandemic there were only 2 **Baptisms** of children, (In 2019, 15 children and 1 adult). The offer of Baptism in a separate, Baptism-only service, has been appreciated by families.

An evening **healing** Eucharist took place once a month.

Most **funerals** take place at Perry Barr Crematorium. In 2020 17 Funerals and 1 wedding took place. In 2019 the Parish Priest conducted 16 funerals in total

The **Christmas Fayre** which remains our main fundraising event of the year could not take place in 2020. We did however have a highly successful online fund raising campaign instead of the fair.

We had lockdown online funding to raise funds for St Matthew's own regular expenses and although we did not have a lent offering, we did have online giving for our quarterly charity collections to USPG and Embrace the Middle East.

The Hall, Lounge and Family Room continued to open on a Friday lunchtime (until lockdown forced it to close), as a café facility (with books available for sale, and other activities.) The hall was well used for a wide variety of lettings including public sector (polling days), commercial lets (slimming groups, dance classes), and community groups (toddler group, bowls, Rainbows/ Brownies/ Guides, and monthly Hindu worship). Lockdown obviously caused the ceasing of all these groups for a time, but some came back to us in the Summer before being forced to close again and some are returning as soon as legislation allows. We have also been able to accommodate a few new groups. One these being the Young at Heart group who distribute food to the needy and a music group and a band. It is hoped that when all groups are up and running that the hall is once again covering its running costs.

Church Fabric Our grade 2 listed church building (Murray & Maguire, 1964) provides an exceptionally user-friendly space for prayer and worship.

Church cleaning, flower arranging, and gardening are carried out by volunteers. The Parish is very conscious of the value of all the volunteer hours that we depend on every day.

Partnership with other Christians St Matthew's participates fully in the life of the Diocese and Deanery. Our Parish enjoys a friendly informal partnership with the neighbouring Parish of St John, Perry Barr. There is also an established ecumenical relationship with

Beeches Evangelical Church and Perry Beeches Baptist Church, with occasional joint services and pulpit exchanges. We also share our Children and Families Worker with the Benefices of Lozells & Newtown.

Financial Review

2020 financial review reflects the last 12 months when we have been in lockdowns and restricted movements.

We rely on St Martin's Trust to pay our administrator, our organist, and our Children and Families worker.

St. Matthew's regular charities, Malawi and Embrace the Middle East have still been supported this year through our online giving scheme, albeit with reduced contribution.

Our common fund payment in 2020 was £22,800 (some £2,578 short of our requested total of £25,378) This would have been met had we been able to have our usual Christmas Fair which usually raises approximately £3,000.

We must acknowledge the generosity of our congregation during the pandemic as many of them contribute to the Church via the Parish Giving scheme, standing orders and envelope contributions, as well as plate/bucket donations when services were allowed in Church.

Hall hire was hit rather badly in 2020, as groups had to shut down during the lockdowns and could only meet when they were allowed to do so.

Hopefully 2021. We will see a return to our groups using the hall again and this will boost our hall income once again.

Church wardens Remarks

2020 was a difficult year for all and at St. Matthew's this was made especially difficult by our vicar Father Adam Romanis leaving us to take up a position in York.

Our finances have not done too badly considering that people have not been able to worship in Church, either because of lockdown or

because they have not felt safe to come out. We must thank all who have been able, for their financial support during this difficult time.

The importance of the phone in's can not be underestimated especially during the lockdowns when there were no services in Church. They were a lifeline when no other contact with Church could be made. We are most grateful to the team who have kept this going even after Father Adam left.

A newsletter is emailed to approximately 40 people and this has been especially appreciated during the pandemic and our popular web site and Facebook pages also keep people informed as to what is going on in the Church.

When we could we offered private prayer and said services in Church and these were a great comfort to all who have attended, and especially for those who were not confident with technology. We must again thank all the priests who have come along and led our services.

We are very grateful that we were able to welcome a New Children and Families Worker and a new Lay Reader to our team.

Unfortunately, a lot of the work with young people has had to be suspended but it is hoped that this will be restarted as soon as possible.

Although we could not continue our thrice-yearly distribution of invitation cards to every house in the Parish we did manage to do so for Christmas.

We were also able to take the opportunity of the hall not been used to improve the insulation of the roof.

There will be many more challenges in the time ahead not least with getting people back into the actual Church building, but it is hoped that with prayer this will be a time of new starts for all.

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Resources expended

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

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance of s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

The church curtilage is of nil value.

No amount is included for church furnishings - the cost of acquisition of fixed assets is written off in the year unless the PCC elect otherwise in any particular case. All maintenance costs are also written off.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 5 - 11 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



WYCHBURY LEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
CBF Fixed interest shares	426	426
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	35,939	38,518
Debtors and prepayments	3,903	856
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(170)	0
NET ASSETS	<u>40,099</u>	<u>39,800</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted	14,827	9,183
Designated	2,150	3,425
Restricted	23,121	27,193
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,099</u>	<u>39,800</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

Mr T. Bartlett, Church Warden

Mrs Ann Harrison, Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestrcited Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donors	37,179	-	-	37,179	40,696
Other voluntary income resources	1,407	-	25,471	26,878	29,144
Charitable church activities	1,589	8,285	-	9,874	22,594
Other income	43	463	7,502	8,008	5,852
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	40,217	8,748	32,973	81,939	98,286
RESOURCES USED				-	
Grants and charitable gifts	-	-	670	670	2,650
Direct church activities	34,573	148	27,896	62,617	72,659
Charitable church activities	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,573	10,023	37,044	81,641	96,194
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	5,644	(1,275)	(4,071)	298	2,092
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	9,183	3,425	27,193	39,800	39,800
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	14,827	2,150	23,121	40,098	41,892

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Income from donors					
Tax efficient giving	24,979	-	-	24,979	24,631
Income tax recovered	6,562	-	-	6,562	7,552
Collections (open plate) at services	2,872	-	-	2,872	4,538
Sundry donations	2,766	-	-	2,766	3,975
	37,179	-	-	37,179	40,696
Other voluntary income resources					
Grants - recurring	-	-	22,218	22,218	15,184
Grants - non recurring					
Baron Davenport	-	-	-	-	1,000
WEDunn Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	500
R&G Turner	-	-	-	-	3,000
Harlow Trust	-	-	-	-	920
Keeble College	-	-	2,546	2,546	-
Sawyer grant Bowls	-	-	-	-	500
Jarman	-	-	150	150	250
A Romanis charity money	-	-	-	-	250
Michael Marsh	-	-	-	-	1,000
GW Turner grant	-	-	-	-	1,000
Bewley	-	-	-	-	100
Harry Payne / Heart of England	-	-	-	-	1,000
Fundraising	1,407	-	-	1,407	3,152
Collections for charity	-	-	557	557	2,288
	1,407	-	25,471	26,878	29,144
Charitable church activities					
Fees paid to PCC	946	-	-	946	1,347
Solar pannel income	643	-	-	643	615
Brooklyn Hall - rental income	-	8,285	-	8,285	20,632
	1,589	8,285	-	9,874	22,594
Other income					
Interest earned - general account	37	-	-	37	37
Shares interest	-	-	-	-	17
Increase in share value	-	0	-	-	9
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Friday café monies	-	463	-	463	2,061
Carried forward	37	463	-	500	2,125

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES - continued

	Unrestrcited Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Brought forward	37	463	-	500	2,125
Flower money	-	-	100	100	485
Sponsored child	-	-	323	323	183
Messy church donations	6	-	-	6	88
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	3,620	3,620	-
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	3,319	3,319	2,608
Verger	-	-	50	50	105
Heating	-	-	90	90	259
	43	463	7,502	8,008	5,852
INCOMING RESOURCES FOR YEAR	40,217	8,748	32,973	81,939	98,286

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Church overseas, missionary	-	-	670	670	2,650
	-	-	670	670	2,650
Direct church activities					
Ministry					
Diocesan common fund	22,800	-	-	22,800	25,200
Funeral fees					
BDBF	-	-	3,269	3,269	2,769
Verger	-	-	50	50	50
Working expenses of clergy	906	-	-	906	1,988
Church running expenses				-	-
Heat and light	4,273	-	-	4,273	6,524
Insurance	3,574	-	-	3,574	3,500
Sacristy services	724	-	-	724	907
Messy Church expenditure	34	-	-	34	46
Friday café costs	-	148	-	148	615
Church flowers	-	-	11	11	839
Sponsored child	-	-	180	180	205
Repairs & renewals	-	-	1,860	1,860	6,077
Miscellaneous	1,460	-	-	1,460	1,211
Marketing costs	534	-	-	534	874
Organists wages, choir and music	-	-	450	450	4,068
Admin, support costs and misc	161	-	-	161	778
Fundraising	107	-	-	107	299
Church administrators wages	-	-	14,142	14,142	11,420
Children & family worker costs	-	-	7,384	7,384	-
Major expenditures					
Hall Windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Chruch Signage	-	-	-	-	1,038
Servers	-	-	550	550	-
	34,573	148	27,896	62,617	72,659
Charitable church activities					
Brooklyn Hall running costs	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,573	10,023	37,044	81,640	96,194

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	At 31/12/19	Incoming resources	Resources used	Gain (Loss) on investment	At 31/12/20
Unrestricted	9,183	40,217	(34,573)	5,644	14,827
Designated	3,426	8,748	(10,023)	(1,275)	2,151
Total unrestricted	12,609	48,966	(44,596)	4,370	16,978
Restricted					
Charity Collections	-	557	(557)	-	-
Building maintenance	27,193	30,685	(36,487)	5,802	21,391
Total restricted	27,193	31,242	(37,044)	5,802	21,391
TOTAL	39,801	80,208	(81,640)	(1,433)	38,369

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

BROOKLYN HALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME					
Community letting	-	2,031	-	2,031	4,308
Commercial letting	-	4,975	-	4,975	8,838
Private party letting	-	1,280	-	1,280	2,756
Donations for windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Donations for heating system	-	-	-	-	480
TOTAL	-	8,285	-	8,285	20,632
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs and maintenance	-	2,483	-	2,483	1,311
New windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Hall insulation			8,478	8,478	-
Fire safety	-	433	-	433	604
Gas	-	3,368	-	3,368	4,653
Electric	-	514	-	514	751
Water	-	-	-	-	-
Boiler insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning materials	-	153	-	153	218
Cleaning contract	-	1,646	-	1,646	5,727
Hygeine contract	-	203	-	203	593
Postage and stationery	-	160	-	160	40
Telephone and broadband	-	409	-	409	388
Photocopies	-	316	-	316	1,781
Other office supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Noah's Ark	-	191	-	191	570
TOTAL	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
PROFIT / (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO FUND	-	(1,590)	(8,478)	(10,068)	(253)

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestrcted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
INCOME	£	£	£	£	£
Tax efficient giving	24,979	-	-	24,979	24,631
Income tax recovered	6,562	-	-	6,562	7,552
Collections (open plate) at services	2,872	-	-	2,872	4,538
Sundry donations	2,766	-	-	2,766	3,975
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	3,319	3,319	2,608
Verger	-	-	50	50	105
Heating	-	-	90	90	259
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	3,620	3,620	-
Baron Davenport Trust	-	-	-	-	1,000
Sawyer grant Bowls	-	-	-	-	500
St Martins Trustees	-	-	17,218	17,218	15,184
Grantham York	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
R & G Turner	-	-	-	-	3,000
Harlow Trust	-	-	-	-	920
Keeble College	-	-	2,546	2,546	-
Lord Austin	-	-	-	-	-
Bewley	-	-	-	-	100
WEDunn Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	500
Jarman Trust	-	-	150	150	250
Harry Payne / Heart of England	-	-	-	-	1,000
GW Turner grant	-	-	-	-	1,000
Vicar's Discretionary Handsworth Trust	-	-	-	-	250
Michael Marsh	-	-	-	-	1,000
Fundraising	1,407	-	-	1,407	3,152
Collections for charity	-	-	557	557	2,288
Fees paid to PCC	946	-	-	946	1,347
Solar panel income	643	-	-	643	615
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Sponsored child	-	-	323	323	183
Messy church donations	6	-	-	6	88
Increase in share value	-	-	-	-	9
TOTAL	40,217	463	32,973	73,654	77,654
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Diocesan common fund	22,800	-	-	22,800	25,200
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Verger	-	-	50	50	50
Carried forward	22,800	-	3,989	26,789	30,669

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	Unrestrcited Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2019 £	2019 £
EXPENDITURE - CONTINUED	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	22,800	-	3,989	26,789	30,669
Working expenses of clergy	906	-	-	906	1,988
Heat and light	4,273	-	-	4,273	6,524
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Children & family worker expenses	-	-	143	143	-
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Miscellaneous	1,460	-	-	1,460	1,211
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Hall Windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Chruch Signage	-	-	-	-	1,038
Servers	-	-	550	550	-
TOTAL	34,573	148	28,566	63,287	75,309
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Resources expended

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

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance of s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

The church curtilage is of nil value.

No amount is included for church furnishings - the cost of acquisition of fixed assets is written off in the year unless the PCC elect otherwise in any particular case. All maintenance costs are also written off.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 5 - 11 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2016 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with S41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
CBF Fixed interest shares	426	426
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	35,939	38,518
Debtors and prepayments	3,903	856
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(170)	0
NET ASSETS	<u>40,099</u>	<u>39,800</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted	14,827	9,183
Designated	2,150	3,425
Restricted	23,121	27,193
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>40,099</u>	<u>39,800</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

Mr T. Bartlett, Church Warden

Mrs Ann Harrison, Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestrcited Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from donors	37,179	-	-	37,179	40,696
Other voluntary income resources	1,407	-	25,471	26,878	29,144
Charitable church activities	1,589	8,285	-	9,874	22,594
Other income	43	463	7,502	8,008	5,852
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	40,217	8,748	32,973	81,939	98,286
RESOURCES USED				-	
Grants and charitable gifts	-	-	670	670	2,650
Direct church activities	34,573	148	27,896	62,617	72,659
Charitable church activities	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,573	10,023	37,044	81,641	96,194
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	5,644	(1,275)	(4,071)	298	2,092
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	9,183	3,425	27,193	39,800	39,800
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	14,827	2,150	23,121	40,098	41,892

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Income from donors					
Tax efficient giving	24,979	-	-	24,979	24,631
Income tax recovered	6,562	-	-	6,562	7,552
Collections (open plate) at services	2,872	-	-	2,872	4,538
Sundry donations	2,766	-	-	2,766	3,975
	37,179	-	-	37,179	40,696
Other voluntary income resources					
Grants - recurring	-	-	22,218	22,218	15,184
Grants - non recurring					
Baron Davenport	-	-	-	-	1,000
WEDunn Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	500
R&G Turner	-	-	-	-	3,000
Harlow Trust	-	-	-	-	920
Keeble College	-	-	2,546	2,546	-
Sawyer grant Bowls	-	-	-	-	500
Jarman	-	-	150	150	250
A Romanis charity money	-	-	-	-	250
Michael Marsh	-	-	-	-	1,000
GW Turner grant	-	-	-	-	1,000
Bewley	-	-	-	-	100
Harry Payne / Heart of England	-	-	-	-	1,000
Fundraising	1,407	-	-	1,407	3,152
Collections for charity	-	-	557	557	2,288
	1,407	-	25,471	26,878	29,144
Charitable church activities					
Fees paid to PCC	946	-	-	946	1,347
Solar pannel income	643	-	-	643	615
Brooklyn Hall - rental income	-	8,285	-	8,285	20,632
	1,589	8,285	-	9,874	22,594
Other income					
Interest earned - general account	37	-	-	37	37
Shares interest	-	-	-	-	17
Increase in share value	-	0	-	-	9
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Friday café monies	-	463	-	463	2,061
Carried forward	37	463	-	500	2,125

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES - continued

	Unrestrcited Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Brought forward	37	463	-	500	2,125
Flower money	-	-	100	100	485
Sponsored child	-	-	323	323	183
Messy church donations	6	-	-	6	88
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	3,620	3,620	-
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	3,319	3,319	2,608
Verger	-	-	50	50	105
Heating	-	-	90	90	259
	43	463	7,502	8,008	5,852
INCOMING RESOURCES FOR YEAR	40,217	8,748	32,973	81,939	98,286

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving					
Church overseas, missionary	-	-	670	670	2,650
	-	-	670	670	2,650
Direct church activities					
Ministry					
Diocesan common fund	22,800	-	-	22,800	25,200
Funeral fees					
BDBF	-	-	3,269	3,269	2,769
Verger	-	-	50	50	50
Working expenses of clergy	906	-	-	906	1,988
Church running expenses				-	-
Heat and light	4,273	-	-	4,273	6,524
Insurance	3,574	-	-	3,574	3,500
Sacristy services	724	-	-	724	907
Messy Church expenditure	34	-	-	34	46
Friday café costs	-	148	-	148	615
Church flowers	-	-	11	11	839
Sponsored child	-	-	180	180	205
Repairs & renewals	-	-	1,860	1,860	6,077
Miscellaneous	1,460	-	-	1,460	1,211
Marketing costs	534	-	-	534	874
Organists wages, choir and music	-	-	450	450	4,068
Admin, support costs and misc	161	-	-	161	778
Fundraising	107	-	-	107	299
Church administrators wages	-	-	14,142	14,142	11,420
Children & family worker costs	-	-	7,384	7,384	-
Major expenditures					
Hall Windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Chruch Signage	-	-	-	-	1,038
Servers	-	-	550	550	-
	34,573	148	27,896	62,617	72,659
Charitable church activities					
Brooklyn Hall running costs	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	34,573	10,023	37,044	81,640	96,194

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEWS, PERRY BEECHES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	At 31/12/19	Incoming resources	Resources used	Gain (Loss) on investment	At 31/12/20
Unrestricted	9,183	40,217	(34,573)	5,644	14,827
Designated	3,426	8,748	(10,023)	(1,275)	2,151
Total unrestricted	12,609	48,966	(44,596)	4,370	16,978
Restricted					
Charity Collections	-	557	(557)	-	-
Building maintenance	27,193	30,685	(36,487)	5,802	21,391
Total restricted	27,193	31,242	(37,044)	5,802	21,391
TOTAL	39,801	80,208	(81,640)	(1,433)	38,369

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

BROOKLYN HALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME					
Community letting	-	2,031	-	2,031	4,308
Commercial letting	-	4,975	-	4,975	8,838
Private party letting	-	1,280	-	1,280	2,756
Donations for windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Donations for heating system	-	-	-	-	480
TOTAL	-	8,285	-	8,285	20,632
EXPENDITURE					
Repairs and maintenance	-	2,483	-	2,483	1,311
New windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Hall insulation			8,478	8,478	-
Fire safety	-	433	-	433	604
Gas	-	3,368	-	3,368	4,653
Electric	-	514	-	514	751
Water	-	-	-	-	-
Boiler insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning materials	-	153	-	153	218
Cleaning contract	-	1,646	-	1,646	5,727
Hygeine contract	-	203	-	203	593
Postage and stationery	-	160	-	160	40
Telephone and broadband	-	409	-	409	388
Photocopies	-	316	-	316	1,781
Other office supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Noah's Ark	-	191	-	191	570
TOTAL	-	9,875	8,478	18,353	20,885
PROFIT / (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO FUND	-	(1,590)	(8,478)	(10,068)	(253)

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestrcted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
INCOME	£	£	£	£	£
Tax efficient giving	24,979	-	-	24,979	24,631
Income tax recovered	6,562	-	-	6,562	7,552
Collections (open plate) at services	2,872	-	-	2,872	4,538
Sundry donations	2,766	-	-	2,766	3,975
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	3,319	3,319	2,608
Verger	-	-	50	50	105
Heating	-	-	90	90	259
Contribution to childrens & families worker	-	-	3,620	3,620	-
Baron Davenport Trust	-	-	-	-	1,000
Sawyer grant Bowls	-	-	-	-	500
St Martins Trustees	-	-	17,218	17,218	15,184
Grantham York	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
R & G Turner	-	-	-	-	3,000
Harlow Trust	-	-	-	-	920
Keeble College	-	-	2,546	2,546	-
Lord Austin	-	-	-	-	-
Bewley	-	-	-	-	100
WEDunn Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	500
Jarman Trust	-	-	150	150	250
Harry Payne / Heart of England	-	-	-	-	1,000
GW Turner grant	-	-	-	-	1,000
Vicar's Discretionary Handsworth Trust	-	-	-	-	250
Michael Marsh	-	-	-	-	1,000
Fundraising	1,407	-	-	1,407	3,152
Collections for charity	-	-	557	557	2,288
Fees paid to PCC	946	-	-	946	1,347
Solar panel income	643	-	-	643	615
Interest earned - general account	37	-	-	37	37
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Flower money	-	-	100	100	485
Sponsored child	-	-	323	323	183
Messy church donations	6	-	-	6	88
Increase in share value	-	-	-	-	9
TOTAL	40,217	463	32,973	73,654	77,654
EXPENDITURE					
Missionary and charitable giving	-	-	670	670	2,650
Diocesan common fund	22,800	-	-	22,800	25,200
Funeral fees: BDBF	-	-	3,269	3,269	2,769
Verger	-	-	50	50	50
Carried forward	22,800	-	3,989	26,789	30,669

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH CENTRE

CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestrcited Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2019 £	2019 £
EXPENDITURE - CONTINUED	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	22,800	-	3,989	26,789	30,669
Working expenses of clergy	906	-	-	906	1,988
Heat and light	4,273	-	-	4,273	6,524
Insurance	3,574	-	-	3,574	3,500
Sacristy services	724	-	-	724	907
Organists wages, choir and music	-	-	450	450	4,068
Admin, support costs and misc	161	-	-	161	778
Fundraising	107	-	-	107	299
Church administrators wages	-	-	14,142	14,142	11,420
Children & family worker wages	-	-	7,241	7,241	-
Children & family worker expenses	-	-	143	143	-
Messy Church expenditure	34	-	-	34	46
Miscellaneous	1,460	-	-	1,460	1,211
Marketing costs	534	-	-	534	874
Friday café costs	-	148	-	148	615
Church flowers	-	-	11	11	839
Sponsored child	-	-	180	180	205
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	1,860	1,860	6,077
Hall Windows	-	-	-	-	4,250
Chruch Signage	-	-	-	-	1,038
Servers	-	-	550	550	-
TOTAL	34,573	148	28,566	63,287	75,309
 PROFIT (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO FUND	 5,644	 316	 4,407	 10,367	 2,346