

**Parochial Church Council of North Moreton  
All Saints' Church**

**Annual Report and Accounts  
of the Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended  
31 December 2023**

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## North Moreton Parochial Church Council

### Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

#### Reference and administrative information

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number 1169137).

The address of the church office is The Benefice Office, Blewbury Rectory, Church End, Blewbury, Oxfordshire OX11 9QH

The trustees, members of the PCC at the time of this report, were as follows:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Reverend Jason St John Nicolle
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	-
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Polly Vacher (Secretary) John Harrison (Treasurer) Mary Greene (Electoral Roll Officer) Vickie Squires (Deanery Synod Member) Robert Nickless Muir Parker Timothy West

#### Structure, governance and management

The PCC has been formed under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. PCC members are recruited in a number of ways. The clergy and churchwarden are members by virtue of their office. Deanery Synod representatives are elected by the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and hold office for three years. Other members of the PCC are elected annually at the APCM.

The PCC is the standing committee, as required by law, and met 5 times during the year. There is a sub-committee for the management of the Village Hall comprising 1 member of the PCC and regular users of the hall.

#### Objectives and activities

The objectives of the PCC are defined by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as "to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Churchyard of All Saints', North Moreton, and for the upkeep and running of the Village Hall, High Street, North Moreton.

#### Congregation

There were 47 parishioners on the electoral roll in 2023. The average attendances and communicants at services during normal times are 11 and 10 respectively. The festival services continue to be well attended.

#### Review of the year

North Moreton is part of the Churn Benefice comprising Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, Blewbury, the Hagbournes, North and South Moreton, and Upton. We thank the Reverend Jason St John Nicolle and the Reverends Louise Butler, John Clarke, Mark Rhodes-Smith and Jenny Loder for their ministry and support throughout the year.

#### Worship

Services were held regularly throughout the year, the first Sunday of the month being a morning Eucharist service at 10:30. For the rest of the month the services are held at 4:00 p.m.

The Carol service and Christmas Eve Eucharist service were well attended. Thanks are due to all who help in worship by reading lessons and assisting; also to those who provide organ and other music for the services, and to those who regularly clean and decorate the church with flowers.

#### Fund raising and material contributions

Funds were successfully raised to complete the bell augmentation project, most of the money being provided by the local bell ringing community. This enabled the project to proceed on time and within budget.

For the Chantry Chapel window project, the fund-raising committee, comprising Chris Macdonald (chair), Richard Macfarlane, Ed Squires and Steve Vinnicombe, submitted several grant applications during the year. The window fund currently stands at £42,008. Our sincere thanks go to the fund-raising committee for taking on this project and for their efficiency and enthusiasm.

There was no summer fete during the year due to a clash with the Coronation celebrations. Plans are in progress for a fete to be held in May 2024.

Further funds were raised from the Art Weeks display in the church (£418) and from the informal coffee mornings held in the church. Thanks go to Libby Macdonald and Gill Fletcher for organising these.

### **Church Building**

The Quinney Day was held in November and many cleaning and maintenance tasks were dealt with in the church. Unfortunately, wet weather limited the amount that could be achieved in the churchyard.

The main project remains the repair and restoration of the St Nicholas window in the Chantry Chapel. This window is of national importance, both in terms of its early 14<sup>th</sup> Century glass and its subsequent Victorian conservation. An application for a faculty has been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee and we await the outcome.

As mentioned above, the project to augment the bells with two new bells was completed successfully. The project team were pleased to complete the project in time for the Coronation celebration as the new bells are the first church bells to be cast in the reign of King Charles III. Buckingham Palace had previously given approval to engrave the cyphers of the King and Queen Consort on the new bells, so a great accolade for North Moreton. Thanks go to Richard Loyd, Rob Nickless and Beryl Jones for promoting and managing the bell augmentation project.

### **Churchyard**

Regular maintenance of the churchyard was again carried out in 2023 by Azalea Landscapes and our thanks go to them for their services. The PCC is grateful to the Parish Council for its grant of £350 towards the upkeep of the churchyard and the village hall.

### **Village Hall**

The fees received from hiring the hall increased in the year to £6,948 (2022: £4,599) and the routine running expenses were £5,344 (2022: £6,178).

The book sales were held in April and October raising £2,826 for the hall after making a contribution of £458 to the church general fund for the use of the church.

A successful barn dance was held in the summer raising a net sum of £1,047. Out thanks go to John and Joanna Stuart for the use of their barn, and to Jo Nickless and her team for organising the event.

Further funds were raised from the sale of North Moreton Calendars, raising over £700, the Christmas market (£197), the Quiz held in December (£238) and the sale of plants (£100).

As reported last year, the village hall committee commissioned a structural survey of the stage and are embarking on a project to remove the stage and alter the layout of the hall, including upgrading the double-glazed windows to improve energy efficiency. Some grant money has already been received from Oxfordshire County Council (£6,367), and further applications have been made to various grant making bodies. We thank the Village Hall Committee for their hard work on these application, in particular, Jeremy Howland and Jo Nickless.

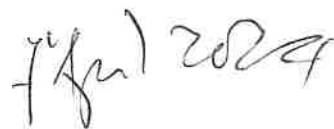
### **Financial Review**

The figures for the year show a decrease in the General Fund of £5,049. The closing balances for the five funds were: General Fund £12,457; Roof Repair Fund £3,822; Bell Fund £998 (after receipt in 2024 of Gift Aid tax reclaim); Window Fund; £42,008; Hall Fund £33,732.

**Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by**



**Reverend Jason St John Nicolle**



**Independent examiner's report  
to the members of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints, North Moreton**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- (1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave 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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Dated:

26/3/2024

# North Moreton Parochial Church Council

## Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

### Receipts and Payments Account

2022		Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
£	RECEIPTS		£	(Hall) £	(Roof/Bells) £	(Window) £	£
	<b>Receipts from generated funds:</b>						
54,160	Voluntary income	2	15,133	-	15,966	13,578	44,677
14,061	Activities for generating funds	3	2,818	13,747	610	-	17,175
1,080	Investment income	4	1,741	-	-	-	1,741
69,301			19,692	13,747	16,576	13,578	63,593
5,537	<b>Other cash receipts</b>	5	250	6,367	11,521	-	18,138
74,838	<b>Total receipts</b>		19,942	20,114	28,097	13,578	81,731
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
	<b>Payments for generating funds:</b>						
-	Cost of generating voluntary income	6	-	-	-	-	-
184	Fundraising costs	7	-	1,307	-	-	1,307
-	Investment management costs	8	-	-	-	-	-
184			-	1,307	-	-	1,307
26,261	<b>Church activities</b>	9	20,049	5,344	-	-	25,393
133	<b>Charitable donations</b>	10	210	-	-	-	210
4,804	<b>Church management &amp; administration</b>	11	4,732	-	-	-	4,732
7,660	<b>Other cash payments</b>	12	-	4,110	34,465	4,241	42,816
39,042	<b>Total payments</b>		24,991	10,761	34,465	4,241	74,458
35,796	<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		(5,049)	9,353	(6,368)	9,337	7,273
-	<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-	0
35,796	<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) after transfers</b>		(5,049)	9,353	(6,368)	9,337	7,273
35,958	Cash balances at start of year		17,506	24,379	8,003	32,671	82,559
71,754	Cash balances at end of year		12,457	33,732	1,635	42,008	89,832

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts.

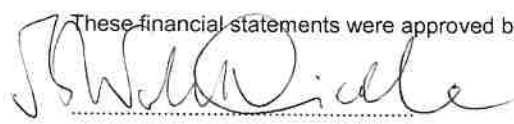

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2022 £	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (Hall) £	Restricted funds (Roof / Bells) £	Restricted funds (Window)	Endowment funds £	Total £
<b>Monetary assets</b>							
-	Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-
42,504	Bank current account	9,070	-	-	-	-	9,070
40,055	Bank deposit account	3,387	33,732	1,635	42,008	-	80,763
-	CBF Deposit account	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>82,559</u>		<u>12,457</u>	<u>33,732</u>	<u>1,635</u>	<u>42,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,832</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>							
-	Licence fee due	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Communion wine	-	-	-	-	-	-
-		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Investments assets</b>							
	Central Board of Finance Inv Fund	14					
24,959	E Spratley Memorial Fund -1208	-	-	-	-	27,307	27,307
1,860	Churchland Charity - 90	-	-	-	-	1,860	1,860
7,727	Churchyard Trust - 374	-	-	-	-	7,727	7,727
<u>34,546</u>		<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,894</u>	<u>36,894</u>
<b>Assets used for the charity's own use</b>							
100,000	Church Hall at valuation (est)		100,000				
<b>Liabilities</b>							
-	Loans from Parishioners					-	

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on **27th March 2024**

  
Chairman  
  
2024

  
Trustee

# North Moreton Parochial Church Council

## Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

### Notes to the financial statements

#### 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with section 42(3) of the Charities Act 1993 using the receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2001.

#### 2 Voluntary income

2022 £		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (Hall) £	Restricted funds (Roof / Bells) £	Restricted funds (Window) £	Total £
	Recurring income:					
8,375	Tax - efficient planned giving	8,482	-	-	-	8,482
2,751	Collections at services (gift aided)	2,776	-	-	-	2,776
358	Collections at services (other)	418	-	-	-	418
40,003	Other individual donations	287	-	13,783	6,820	20,890
2,578	Tax recovered	3,013	-	2,183	6,758	11,954
95	Church boxes	157	-	-	-	157
54,160		15,133	-	15,966	13,578	44,677
	Non-recurring income:					
-	Special Appeals	-	-	-	-	-
54,160		15,133	-	15,966	13,578	44,677

#### 3 Activities for generating funds

-	Gift Day	605	-	-	-	605
3,300	Fete	-	-	-	-	-
-	Barn Dance	-	1,654	-	-	1,654
-	Concert	-	-	610	-	610
-	Wreath classes	35	35	-	-	70
263	Art weeks	418	-	-	-	418
120	Plant Sale	-	100	-	-	100
2,988	Book sales	458	2,826	-	-	3,284
163	Christmas Market/Soup Lunch	-	197	-	-	197
-	Calendars	-	1,360	-	-	1,360
-	Quiz	-	238	-	-	238
2,000	Licence Fee re churchyard	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
139	Fees - weddings, funerals etc	302	-	-	-	302
4,599	Fees - hiring of hall	-	6,948	-	-	6,948
150	Fees - tent hire	-	150	-	-	150
339	Sundries	-	239	-	-	239
14,061		2,818	13,747	610	-	17,175

#### 4 Investment income

1,027	CBF dividends	1,033	-	-	-	1,033
53	Bank interest	708	-	-	-	708
1,080		1,741	-	-	-	1,741

#### 5 Other cash receipts

5,537	Grants	250	6,367	11,521	-	18,138
5,537		250	6,367	11,521	-	18,138

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2022 £		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (Hall) £	Restricted funds (Roof / Bells) £	Restricted funds (Window) £	Total £
<b>6 Cost of generating voluntary income</b>						
-	Gift Aid envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
<b>7 Fundraising costs</b>						
184	Fete	-	-	-	-	-
-	Barn Dance	-	607	-	-	607
-	Calendar printing	-	686	-	-	686
-	Sundry	-	14	-	-	14
184		-	1,307	-	-	1,307
<b>8 Investment management costs</b>						
-	Investment advice	-	-	-	-	-
<b>9 Church activities</b>						
11,771	Parish Share	11,431	-	-	-	11,431
	Running costs					
1,332	Heating & lighting	1,165	2,101	-	-	3,266
185	Water	-	407	-	-	407
6,115	Repairs	2,240	488	-	-	2,728
1,456	Maintenance of Churchyard	1,725	-	-	-	1,725
3,310	Insurance	2,522	1,093	-	-	3,615
1,069	Cleaning	684	897	-	-	1,581
1,023	Sundries	282	358	-	-	640
26,261		20,049	5,344	-	-	25,393
<b>10 Charitable donations</b>						
25	Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust	25	-	-	-	25
-	Maggie's Centre Oxford	-	-	-	-	-
108	Royal British Legion	185	-	-	-	185
133		210	-	-	-	210
<b>11 Church management and administration</b>						
4,732	Churn Benefice expenses (see note 15)	4,732	-	-	-	4,732
-	Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
72	Sundry	-	-	-	-	-
-	Independent examination	-	-	-	-	-
4,804		4,732	-	-	-	4,732
<b>12 Other payments</b>						
5,135	New bells	-	-	34,465	-	34,465
1,512	Architect's & Professional fees	-	4,110	-	4,241	8,351
1,013	Trolleys for hall tables	-	-	-	-	-
7,660		-	4,110	34,465	4,241	42,816



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**13 Fund movements**

	At 01/01/23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>General Fund</b>	17,506	19,942	(24,991)		12,457
<b>Designated Fund</b>					
Hall Fund	24,379	20,114	(10,761)		33,732
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Roof Fund	3,522	300	-	-	3,822
Bell Fund	4,481	27,797	(34,465)	-	2,187
Window Fund	32,671	13,578	4,241	-	42,008
	40,674	41,675	(38,706)	-	43,643
<b>Total fund movements</b>	82,559	81,731	(74,458)	-	89,832

**14 Investments**

The three investment funds are held on permanent trust. The dividend income from the Ethel Spratley Memorial Fund and the Churchland Charity is for the general purposes of the Church. The dividend income from the Churchyard Trust is put towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

**15 Churn Benefice Expenses**

Separate accounts are kept for the common expenses fund for the 6 parishes within the Churn Benefice. The figure shown in these accounts represents the sum apportioned to the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023