

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Church Pelsall

Charity registration no. 1170860

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Trustees' Annual Report 2023 St. Michael and All Angels Church Pelsall

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Pelsall.
Registered Charity number (in England and Wales) 1170860

Administrative Address:

From March 2022: 32 Chestnut Road, Leamore, Walsall WS3 1BD

P.C.C. Members:

ALLABARTON	David William (Mr)	from September 2020
BETHELL	Doreen (Mrs)	From May 2021
BRIGGS	Timothy (Mr)	from April 2018 (Lay Chair)
CHANTLER	Andy (Mr)	Church Warden
CUMPSTON	Gillian Denise (Mrs)	Officer of the PCC (Secretary)
DAVIS	Philip (Mr)	from April 2019 until April 2023
FOXALL	Sally (Mrs)	from April 2019 re-elected April 2023
HORTON	Anetta	from April 2022
LEGG	Rebecca (Mrs)	from September 2020
LLOYD	Susan Carol (Mrs)	from September 2020 re-elected April 23
MAYE	John (Mr)	Deanery Synod Rep re-elected April 23
McCALLUM	Stephen	from April 2023
MORRIS	Alison (Rev)	Minister in Charge
MORRIS	Sarah (Mrs)	Church Warden
MYATT	Alison (Mrs)	Reader from September 2017
NEWPORT	Anne (Mrs)	Officer of the PCC (Treasurer)
READ	Michael (Mr)	from September 2020
WELCH	Susan (Mrs)	from April 2022
WILLIAMS	Michael (Mr)	from April 2016 until April 2023

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Priest in Charge: Rev. Alison M. Morris was licensed and inducted on 20th March 2022

*This report reflects these changing conditions in which St. Michael's ministry has existed and flourished. It also recognizes that the church has been on a journey of courage advocacy as it works out what it is to be a church in a post Covid pandemic. It has meant that the church has had to respond to a change in culture to survive and move forward. Throughout the church has been a safe and secure environment. Throughout this time the congregation have remained **steadfast** and **faithful** to the Lord. Resilience and patience in the face of adversity has been exceptional. The congregation has been united in their endeavour to maintain the mission of the church and to support each other on their journey together in a post pandemic period. The church is now entering a period of **stability** and **strength** from which discipleship is grown, mission encouraged, evangelism spread and community engagement has rapidly increased.*

*Key emphasis during 2023 has been on developing **prayer** and **vocation** to hear what is God's will for this parish; to see and understand God's work in the parish and to discern what He may be calling us to do in His name for the kingdom of God in the future. In March 2022 Rev Alison Morris was inducted and licensed as the Interim Minister for three years. This appointment and length of time provides a strong base on which to love people into the Kingdom of God and to ultimately grow God's Kingdom in this parish of Pelsall. Since then during 2023 vision and Mission Action Plan has been formulated.*

It is against this contextual background that this report is written.....

2. Aim and Purposes

"The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure." The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, missional, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance of the Church, Churchyard and Church Hall.

Public Benefit

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

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

3. Objectives and Activities

The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels is situated on the edge of Pelsall Common. For nearly 180 years it has been at the spiritual, religious and social heart of the village community. The aim of the church is to reach out to the community of Pelsall and the surrounding area enabling all ages to develop a closer relationship with God.

St. Michaels Church is maintaining a Christian presence in our community, serving its people, community, sharing the faith and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship.

MISSION ACTION PLAN

The planning for a Mission Action Plan began in September 2022 with a **Prayer Day for Vision** held for the PCC members. This was an opportunity to pray for the vision and to develop prayer. A Diocesan Spiritual Advisor led the session with PCC members. Space for reflection and meditation was provided. Morning and evening prayer was also available for all to attend. Fundamental and vital to the future of St. Michael's is the need for a new and fresh vision relative to the 'missional' context and the vision of Lichfield Diocese.

So a MAP was produced to be used as a tool to help the church to grow: to grow spiritually, numerically and to grow its presence and witness in the community. It was also to help to prayerfully journey forward, and be effective in *Living God's Love. Our aim is to love people into the kingdom of God.*

The MAP was initially put together by clergy as a working document to be discussed by the PCC. Over a month the PCC were asked to pray and reflect upon the vision. Substantial discussion and ratification followed with the launch of the MAP in leaflet form at St. Michael's Patronal Weekend in September.

Working together as the church family on certain priorities, with God's help and provision, it was the intention to encourage the church congregation to pray and continue to see God's kingdom grow in and through St Michael's in the years to come. In particular, the congregation was asked to be in that journey as disciples of God and to be on that process of discernment.

This Mission Action Plan (MAP) was presented as the blueprint for what we believe God wants St. Michael's to become. The MAP used 6 big sweeping themes: -

- ❖ A Worshipping & Praying Community
 - ❖ A Welcoming Community
- ❖ A Discipleship & Vocational Community
 - ❖ A Caring Community
 - ❖ A Located Community
- ❖ An interactive & Communicative Community

These 6 big statements were interwoven with the themes of *prayer, discipleship and vocation*, to develop a vision for this parish. As the church moves forward, it remains committed to building on lessons learnt, relationships made and networks formed, seeking new ways to engage with and serve our community and to share God's love in authentic and relevant ways. In a world of change, the Church must change too. What people want from their church is shifting - and, at St. Michael's we want to engage with the local community - and the wider world - in a way that is useful for them. The church wishes to be a spiritual resource for people as they find their way on the Journey of Life.

St. Michael's church is an inclusive church that welcomes everyone regardless of age, race, disability, colour, creed or sexuality. It is registered as a *FairTrade church* and is recognised as a *Sight Loss Friendly Church*. It also strives to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Following the church registration in 2020 with AROCHA UK the church achieved the '*Eco Church Bronze Award*'. Quickly followed in autumn 2023 the church gained the award of '*Eco Church Silver Award*.' Throughout the year we continued to maintain the *Church of England Digital Charter* for social media which recognizes that we will comply with the standards as set by the Church of England when using social media platforms.

Responding to the economic crisis the church also registered as a *Warm Welcome Space* taking the lead with Pelsall Community Association, Pelsall Village Centre and the Pelsall Evangelical Church. The aim had been to provide warm spaces to pop in, relax with friends in a welcoming space which is free to enter and open to everyone. However, participants were low in number. Location of the church within the village meant residents attended nearer Warm Welcome Spaces. The church continues to be a signed member of the pledge for the *Walsall for All* initiative. Their vision is to create integrated, empowered and inclusive communities where people from all backgrounds come together to celebrate what they have in common. It aims to provide a place where our residents are safe and valued and everyone has fair opportunities to fulfil their potential and contribute to the growth of Walsall. This is an ongoing commitment by the church and with Walsall for All initiative. Working close with Walsall Council the church also became a partner in the campaign of *Walsall for One*.

As such the PCC are committed to the following:

The PCC is **committed** in promoting the Church's mission through the diocesan direction of travel- '*Follow Christ in the Footsteps of St. Chad's*.' It also aims to implement the Lichfield diocesan priorities of *developing discipleship, encouraging vocation and inspiring evangelism*. The priorities are a way of focussing together on what it means to grow into 'Christlikeness', to invite others to join us on that journey and to help one another flourish in the abundant life God gives us.

The PCC is **committed** to offer a range of services during the week. Over the course of the year, we offer services that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The church attempts to cater to all people, enabling people to become part of our parish community at St. Michael's.

The PCC is also **committed** to the provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, offering support to individuals, care homes and other institutions in the parish, the church also continues to support community activities including the Thursday morning group. Pastoral care is given a high priority in the church's ministry and proves fruitful in providing a link with the sick and housebound.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

How Trustees are appointed:

All members of the PCC are Trustees. PCC members, and therefore Trustees, are either appointed at the Annual Parochial Church by nomination, (and vote if necessary) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or they are ex-officio or co-opted. Elected members can serve for a three- year period, after which if the PCC allows they may stand for a further term of office.

How we induct and train new Trustees:

New members of the PCC (Trustees) are formally welcomed at the first PCC meeting after the A.G.M. They are made welcome and continue to be supported by the other PCC members. Some training or induction can be provided. For example, an evening called 'The ABC of PCC' for new and older members can take place along with a tour of the church explaining tradition, history and legacy. Training is encouraged throughout the year and is a regular agenda item on the PCC. Trustees are encouraged to attend both deanery and diocesan training. The Safeguarding officer provides opportunity for PCC to complete safeguarding modules such as Safer Recruitment as stipulated by the diocese.

Sub-committees:

Standing Committee – Transacts the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC

Pastoral Committee – Attends to pastoral care, mainly of the sick and the bereaved.

Finance Committee – Attends to financial decisions when required.

Social & Fundraising Group- Set up to discuss/organize social and fund raising activities.

Cemetery Working Party - Attends to maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery including the financial income and budget review of its planning.

Health and Safety Group - Attends to health and safety issues and completes site walks if and when appropriate

Maintenance Group: Attends to general maintenance on a monthly basis in church, church hall and churchyard.

Risk management: This has been completed for the Church and Church Hall, and no major risks to the Charity have been identified. It will be reviewed annually.

Policies and Procedures:

St. Michael's has a set of policies which enables the PCC which is a corporate body to fulfil their responsibility to cooperate with the incumbent so that aims and objectives are achieved for this ecclesiastical parish. It also forms the legal foundation upon which the PCC operates. All policies and procedures across the life of the church continue to be reviewed on an annual basis if and when appropriate. In specific areas new policies and structures continue to be have been implemented for the first time. This means the church is **legally compliant** in several areas of the work of the Charity Commission. New policies continue to be put in place when new Safeguarding recommendations are advised. The Safeguarding Policy continues to be reviewed annually. The PCC regularly review the policies and procedures to changing legislation from the national perspective of both the Lichfield Diocese and the Church of England.

5. Achievements and Performance Worship and Prayer

The PCC is still keen to offer a range of services during the week which our community may find both beneficial, age appropriate, spiritually fulfilling and meets the needs of our growing congregation. In ideal contexts the church attempts to cater to all age groups and their preferred worship styles. Worship has remained flexible to accommodate the changing nature of the needs of the congregation. For example, the increased numbers of families and children attending worship has influenced worship provision. Use of thematic services or special services have helped to cater for a wider group of worshippers. Greater involvement of the Lay Reader in leading and preaching at services has had a positive impact upon their own ministerial development. It has also impacted significantly well upon worship in general. Re- introduction of a new welcome team rota which includes young and old has been beneficial to the hospitality offered as both young and old enter church for worship.

Our usual pattern of worship during 2023 was:

Monthly Worship Pattern

Sunday 10am Holy Communion;

4pm Baptisms monthly

Service Special as appropriate on Sunday evenings (see later explanation)

The Sunday Holy Communion service has become the pivotal service in the cycle of worship. A steady growth in attendance of both all ages has been maintained and embedded. Attendance by families and children has seen a sudden upturn in numbers.

Midweek services (Holy Communion) have continued on alternate Wednesdays at 10am. Numbers have stabilised with this more contemplative and quieter service. Morning Prayer on alternate Tuesdays at 9am has a devoted small number attending.

Following a review by the PCC on the use of the 'Common Cup and the role of Chalice administrators' the congregation began to receive the Holy Communion in both kinds from September. Taking into consideration people's sensitivities congregation members have several options. They can receive the host and chalice; intinction (the action of dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that a communicant receives both together) or a blessing. A full review on all chalice administrators was conducted by the clergy and ratified by the PCC. Servers continue to perform a range of specific duties. Prayers of intercessions and readings are led by both clergy and an increased number of laity involvement. This is an upward trend.

Music performed by a dedicated organist and pianist has been maintained. At times CDs and playing of musical instruments such as the recorder have been used to offer a wider range of music provision. Congregation continue to sing the musical setting using a wider choice of hymns. Children contribute to music with their songs at appropriate times within the service. This has proven both successful and beneficial in many ways. At specific times the singing group have sung during some Holy Communion services and other special services such as, The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Candles of Remembrance & Lament, Harvest and Candlemas. Worship has been enhanced by their direction and musical input.

Special services have been very successful in terms of outreach, mission and attendance. Throughout the year when and where possible, these additional services have been held, including the following: The Nine Lessons and Carols, Harvest Festival, Coronation Vigil Service, Corpus Christi, Deanery Lady Day Service, Candles of Remembrance and Lament, Christingle, St. Michael's Patronal Festival, St. George's Day Service, Toy Service, St. Francis Pet Service, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Blessings of the Back Pack and Christmas Crib Service and Remembrance Sunday.

Use of **Church of England Liturgical Themes** have been interwoven woven into the church calendar for Sunday worship. For example, Creationtide Season followed from 1st September to 4th October , which was dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The actual theme for the Season of Creation 2023 was '*Let Justice and Peace Flow.*' During this time a Harvest & Scarecrow Festival provided time and space to give thanks for all God's gifts to us and bringing our own gifts. North Walsall Food Bank and Water Aid were our supported charities. Other examples were Rogation-tide during May, Remembrance tide during November. Vocation Sunday and Safeguarding Sunday were the focussed themes at the end of November. At Christmas the church used the resources from the '*Follow the Star and Join the Song.*'

Festival Praise worship took place when St. Michaels Church and Pelsall Methodists were invited to join the Boaters Christian Fellowship for an open air worship service. Using story and songs the congregation were invited to travel with apostle Peter as he followed Christ. This was part of the Inland Waterways Association Festival of Water on the Wyrley & Essington Canal at Pelsall North Common. It was a successful ecumenical and community engagement.

Attendance Patterns have changed. One major trend is the increased attendance by **families and children**. This has been a top priority for PCC discussion during 2023. For example, the PCC invited the Diocesan Evangelism Enabler (0-12 Focus) to prompt discussion and debate on ways to attract and maintain families and children's ministry. Many are exploring faith for the first time and this has led to several adult baptisms. This has impacted upon the vision and ministry of the church. It now purposefully seeks to cater for the needs of families with young children. The Ark is open for children; the Diddy Boxes are in place and a small table and chairs are at the back of the church for use with smaller children. Regularly published information on children's service and events is shared to encourage families and children to engage with the church community. Children's ministry has its own magazine page dedicated to the 'Diddy Disciples'. These actions had led to continued higher attendance. Specific services and events are planned throughout the church to allow families to access worship. Examples such as Pancake Parties, Teddy Bears' Picnic Service, Blessings of the Back Packs, St. Francis Pet Service, Toy Service, Bonfire Party, and the Crib Service. This has led to an upturn in numbers. It has also given families and children a sense of belonging to St. Michael's church along with a feeling of identification to newcomers. This is an exciting development which needs embedding and consolidating throughout 2024.

King Charles 111 Coronation was a poignant and unique historical event. In preparation for this the Church of England compiled a series of Daily Prayers from Easter Day (9 April) to Coronation Day (6 May). It provided a daily theme, reading, reflection and prayer for use by those who wish to use these days to: pray for The King, our nation and the world; explore the symbolism of the Coronation service; reflect on Jesus, the Servant King. A free copy of a this edition was provided by the church for the congregation. St. Michael's also participated in **National Week of Prayer for Coronation** of King Charles III. During the week the church was open for prayer including Morning Prayer, Mid week Holy Communion and Compline. Over the weekend of 5th - 7th May St. Michael's invited people to celebrate and join with others across the world to celebrate the Coronation. A **Special Ecumenical Vigil Service** on the eve of the Coronation was held where St. Michaels and our Methodist friends gathered. Young and old attended 'Celebratory Tea Party' to celebrate the Coronation which was a tremendous success for church and community. On Sunday 7th there was the Royal Jubilee Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service where the congregation gave thanks together as community for the commemoration for the future Kings reign. Fellowship followed with light refreshments. On the afternoon of the Coronation our Captain of the bell team with its members rang out the celebrations bringing to an end the special day. The impact of the bells ministry upon our presence within the village is highly significant.

Prayer life remains an integral part of our worshipping community. There have been some exciting and creative initiatives. The aim was to introduce prayer to new comers and to start having conversation on the topic of prayer which would broaden people's understanding.g

Summer Evening of Prayer and Pimms was launched in July. People were encouraged and invited to attend an informal evening about prayer. The aim was to explore prayer in an imaginative, creative and informal way that would capture people's imagination. A 'cafe style' approach led to fellowship, conversation and fun. Intervals during the evening allowed attendees to enjoy snack food and Pimms whilst hearing about the various ways to pray. This was very successful with high numbers attending including the Confirmation candidates.

Launch of a new **Church Prayer diary** took place at the autumn evening of Prayer and Pimms. The evening was delivered in the same 'cafe style' informal approach. The aim of the church prayer diary was to encourage people to pray at home using the daily pointers. It was intended to show that praying using this

format would allow our MAP vision will be drenched in prayer and our actions led by the Holy Spirit. The Winter prayer diary issued issues at Advent focussed upon 2024 with the themes of vision, hope and growth which are all interwoven through the Mission Action Plan. Further developments are in hand for 2024.

Introduction of a new style Prayer Board led to more prayer requests. New style prayer cards were made along with a more contemporary board. The launch took place in the autumn with the intention of attracting the newcomers whilst reminding others on how to use the board. Significant numbers using the prayer board have increased. Prayers on the board are always generally referred to in our intercession during worship.

Explore Spring Prayer cards in a display box were introduced into church life. The aim was to allow people to take away prayer cards for themselves and others. The Explore prayer cards, with their thought provoking images, offer simple but profound words to help all to express their feelings or needs and to find comfort, strength and hope. For example, prayers on themes such as Looking for God; Being Thankful and Feeling Sad or Anxious are just some of the prayer topics available. This has proved extremely popular and has impacted upon prayer life within the congregation.

Post a Prayer to Baby Jesus was a child centred approach to prayer for the young children. Throughout Advent children were encouraged to 'post a prayer to Baby Jesus' using a special post box. Prayers from church school pupils in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and church families were presented to Baby Jesus at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

The **Sunday prayer intercession group** has grown in number and has continued with their prayer cycle. Group members continue to pray the prayer requests at home throughout the week. This complied with GDPR regulations. This has continued to be received well. The **Years Mind Anniversary** provides opportunity for the congregation to remember the anniversary of their loved one.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** 18th - 25th January 2023 took place as usual. Using the theme - *'Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice'* both congregations gathered at Pelsall Methodist Church. **The Women's World Day of Prayer** took place in March at St. Francis RC Church Sheffield. Service focussed upon using the Taiwan theme *"I have heard about your faith"* based on the a passage from the Book of Ephesians in the Bible. Members of the St. Michael's church were involved in the service. Both services were well attended and attracted new people from the local churches.

Once again the church participated in the second anniversary of the first lock down with **National Day of Reflection on 23rd March**. Organised by Marie Curie on behalf of the government, it aimed to have several purposes. Firstly, to reflect upon collective loss, support those bereaved and hope for a brighter future. Bells at St. Michael's church rang at 12 noon following a minute silence in conjunction with the nationwide peal of bells. In addition, a specific tree was planted in the church yard. Provided by a family it was in memory of their Father who had recently died.

In May between Ascension Day and Pentecost the church followed **Thy Kingdom Come in Prayer** which was to Light up the World in Prayer. The church was encouraged to join in a global wave of prayer and to 'Light up Pelsall in Prayer' so more people come to know Jesus Christ. Free resources based on Novena - focussed on verses from St. John's First Letter which expressed a focus on God's dynamic action in creation and salvation and a Prayer Journal written by the Archbishop of Canterbury were provided for the congregation. Face book, digital resources and a series of reflections were used to promote this to both young

and old. Use of Cheeky Pandas was to encourage youngsters to learn about the bible. These were very well received.

Church Cluster arrangements are developing well and are being embedded. Relationships, communication and mutual support have improved for both clergy and laity. Openness, transparency and honesty permeate all communication and correspondence. Meetings with Parish Wardens have taken place. Clergy within the cluster have supported each other in their ministry. A series of cluster services across the year foster a sense of collegiality, shared spirituality, worship and fellowship. For example in January St. Michael's held the cluster Candlemas service. This also provided opportunity for the churches to say farewell to Bishop Clive as he left the diocese at Easter. In May St. John's Church, Walsall Wood held the Ascension Day service while St. Michael's Archangel, Rushall celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, and later in the year St. Mark's held All Souls Service. Preaching and celebrant is often shared between the clergy.

Pastoral Offices – weddings, baptisms, funerals

As well as our regular services we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. The church has enhanced their engagement with the many people who bring children to **baptism** through improved hospitality and administration, baptism preparation, goody bags, anniversary cards. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life and in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessings. The reviewed baptism policy and pack with a more user friendly baptism preparation continued to be very effective in preparing families for the baptism. A database of baptisms with contact information has been productive to enable easier contact with families for promotion and publicity of services and events.

A designated member of the congregation acts as administrator, 'welcomer' and point of reference for all enquiries with baptism families. This works exceptionally well and has a lasting impact.

Baptism service has continued to take place on Sunday at 4pm. Feedback from baptism families has been positive. Generally, families felt valued and welcomed within a quieter, personal and more dignified service. Relationships between the church and baptism families have improved thereby creating a much better understanding of the meaning and purpose of baptism as Holy Sacrament. Baptism preparation and practical rehearsal with face-to-face contact has continued on Mondays evening. There is a team of laity that assists with the baptism on a Sunday afternoon.

There have been 31 baptisms (7 adults and 24 babies or young children). Enquiries for baptisms increased in number and this trend appears to continue into 2024.

Overall impact of the baptism provision has led to many baptism families continuing to attend church and to get involved in church life.

Wedding ministry slightly declined. There have been only 2 weddings across the year as the church competes with secular venues. The church still communicated with use of high-quality materials called '*Just Ask*' has been used to communicate with wedding couples. However, there have been 3 renewal of vows (Ruby and 2 Golden Anniversary) which took place in a Sunday Holy Communion Service.

Wedding preparation has used a hybrid approach including face to face when possible and zoom where appropriate. Both formats have provided opportunity to meet the wedding couple and to establish a good relationship with their local church and clergy. Once again there has been a number of divorcees wishing to be married at St. Michael's. Using the document 'Marriage in church after divorce' specific protocols have been

followed. The clergy has applied to the Bishop or Rural Dean for permission of divorcees to marry. Figures already suggest higher numbers for 2024. A database of wedding couples with contact information has been produced according to GDPR regulations. Its sole purpose is to maintain contact and to publicise events, church activities and services. A designated member of the congregation acts as administrator, 'welcomer' and point of reference for all enquiries with wedding couples. This works very well.

Funeral ministry continues to be strong within church ministry. Figures remain quite high as illustrated . However, there is a lower number of crematorium funerals. This is attributed to preference for celebrants to lead. During autumn and early winter there was a sudden spike of deaths in the parish resulted in many funerals being held at church or crematorium. It is important to note that 9 of our congregation died during 2023.

From 1st January until 31st December 2023

24 funerals in church

23 burials of ashes

8 funerals in the crematorium

Face to face meetings takes place in church with home visiting, with zoom, phone calls and email where appropriate. This hybrid approach has proved successful in reaching funeral families. After the funeral service has taken place pastoral care continued where appropriate. Families were given the option to choose whether to have pastoral contact and visits if they wished. This proved unsatisfactory and contact was lost. Therefore, the usual practice was re-introduced. Contact to families is maintained, they are contacted by phone before and after the service, and 6 weeks, six months and twelve months thereafter if requested to. These contacts are carried out by clergy and the Pastoral Group. On the first anniversary of the death, the family receive a prayer card from the church. Services of Candles of Remembrance and Lament were held in November to accommodate the bereaved families. Services were very well attended.

A new initiative was the purposeful act of reaching out pastorally and spiritually to families who only had internment of ashes in the cemetery. Many had chosen a celebrant to lead the funeral service but paradoxically felt the need to have a priest or lay minister to intern ashes. An invitation was sent to attend the Candles of Remembrance and Lament service in November. This was highly successful in offering pastoral support within a Christian setting. Feedback from those who attended was very positive and affirming towards the church.

Retirement of the long serving Verger who was very dedicated and committed led to changes in structure and practice. For preparation of grave plots for internment of ashes the church now outsources a local grave digger. To assist in preparation for weddings and funerals there now is a team of three vergers who operate a rota system. Both changes have proved effective.

Mission, Evangelism, Discipleship and Vocation

The aim of the church must not be self-serving but to seek to share God's love and to work for the kingdom. Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The Church supports **several charities** including Water Aid at Harvest time, Children's Society and Christian Aid throughout the year. Locally the church family supports the Walsall North Food Bank. The Church donates 10% of its direct giving to overseas and local mission. Clergy introduced the principle that at least one chosen charity must be chosen from human, animal and environmental charities. Suggestions were submitted for the Mission group to make the decision to be ratified by the PCC. Those organisations supported in 2023 included:

Home Mission

Centrepoint 500 (Human)
 Assistance Dogs 350 (Animal)
 Shannon Trust 350 (Human)
 Pelsall First Responders 100 (Human)

Over Seas Mission

Sight Savers 350 (Human)
 Smile Train 350 (Human)
 Brooke Donkeys 339.55 (Animal & Environment)

Donation was also made to AROCHA UK (EcoAward) when the church bought a plaque on achieving Silver Status. (Environment)

Year 6 children at the three primary schools were provided with a book at the end of the year. At specific times during the church year there have been retiring collections such as, MacMillan Cancer Support during September and Make a Mother's Day (Mother's Union) in March.

Mission and discipleship has been a priority within the congregation. In order to develop, it was decided to use the **Church Development Tool** pioneered by the Church of England. Using a short anonymous survey with the congregation its aim was to provide a clear picture of demographics, discipleship and evangelism. This was conducted in the autumn of 2022 with a small group of people who analysed the results in early 2023. However, this tool was not really successful. Ambiguous questions or irrelevant sections led to incomplete responses so results in places were inconclusive. It did attempt to define what our mission should be for the future and any opportunities for growth. Two areas for development did emerge namely, **prayer and vocation**. Both areas have been top priority for 2023.

Vocation was explored further when an Ordinand was sent from Queens Theological College. Over 10 weeks the ordinand explored their vocation within the tradition of our churchman-ship. The presence of the student provoked discussion and raised the understanding of vocation. As such, it provided the congregation a platform to ask and question vocation in their own lives. Additionally, in October the Diocesan Director of Ordinands Rev. Preb. Romita Schrinder preached about vocation. This ran parallel with the **Black History Month** in the UK. This was an occasion in our church to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British culture, economy, and history. Specifically, this particular celebration highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities. This theme needs further development in the future.

Our **parish magazine** is a substantial part of the overall **evangelistic** strategy. Feedback from the community remains positive. Many comment that they appreciate the publication for those who have no access to social media. A new format and high quality graphic design make it an attractive publication. Local businesses are keen to advertise in the magazine. Quality items covering both church and community issues are informative, inspiring and keeps the parishioners up to date. Specific articles aim to develop knowledge of Christianity and the mission of the church. Magazines are published four times per year and are available at several outlets in the village.

Invitation to promote church services and events are also included in The Grapevine and The Pioneer. Use of The Grapevine is no cost to the church. Productive and purposeful relationships now exist between the church and other publishing companies which is beneficial to all parties.

Social media has continued to develop to encourage mission and evangelism. Both the church Face book page and website have developed to engage and connect with people. Communication has improved within

the parish and the wider community but is under continual review. St. Michael's Church Face book is very effective for promotion and reporting upon church services and events. Through creative imagery, graphics and symbolism it is highly successful to reach a broader base of people through differing engagements. However, the church website will need much further development in the future. This is a top priority.

Publication of the '*Whats On*' poster periodically throughout the year provides up to date information on church services and events. Responses from the general public indicate appreciation by the local people and businesses.

Services and visits to the **local nursing home** have resumed. Pelsall Hall residents had a short Christmas carol service led by the lay minister and supported by the Singing Group. It is important to note that our link with Pelsall Hall has been impacted by their staffing and illness programme which has affected our visiting. Home Communion has been taken if and when appropriate to specific housebound and poorly members of the congregation.

Christmas and Easter cards produced by the church along with Palm Crosses were distributed to the house bound. This was added to by pupils from St. Michael's church school who also made cards and calendars. They were received well. It is intended to strengthen this practice in the future

Links and positive relationships continue to be developed and embedded with the **three village schools**, namely, St. Michael's CE Primary, Pelsall Village and Ryders Hayes School. Clergy and lay minister's involvement has increased in a range of ways. Clergy have consistently visited schools. Together the church and schools have worked hard to foster and encourage partnership between and amongst the school and church communities. Engagement with parents at St. Michael's Church School has increased which is beneficial. Clergy attend evenings within school to meet prospective reception parents and also to share in the nursery Graduation.

Introduction of new practices have sustained and consolidated the link between church, church school and the new headteacher since September. One very important development has been the **introduction of a Holy Communion service** in school for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This has been very well received by both pupils and staff. This is to be developed further in 2024 to include parents where possible. The traditional 'Clipping Service' encouraged reception class and parents to attend the church. Parental numbers increased from the previous year. Feedback indicates that aarents are beginning to feel more confident in attending church due to a warm and embracing welcome. This has proved it to be a very worthwhile activity. Likewise for the first time a Mothering Service was held in church for Key Stage1 and their Mothers.

Clergy regularly lead worship in school, particularly St. Michaels and occasionally in Pelsall Village School.

Visits to the church by schools have taken place for different reasons. Pupils from Ryders Hayes visited in January to explore the Bible. Opportunity was provided for pupils to interview congregation members about their understanding of the Bible and how the Bible related to daily life. Later in the year nursery pupils from Pelsall Village visited church. Pupils came to explore the inside of the church and its contents.

Special service for **St. George's Day** brought the church and church school community together in Sunday worship. Bishop of Lichfield was the preacher. The church school choir led the Holy Communion musical setting and sang set pieces during the administration of the communion. Local councillors, local MP and the Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands attended the special service along with other representatives from

the community and the church congregation. Parental attendance was high. This galvanised the church, school community and Pelsall residents with a positive and affirming spiritual experience.

In June 5- 13th June the three schools took part in the Church of England & Wales nationwide project run by A ROCHA titled **Love Your Burial Ground/ Churches Count on Nature**. Organised by under the theme 'Caring for God's Acre' it was an opportunity for pupils to explore wildlife in our churchyard. It also provided time to see and research about the 6 war graves located in our cemetery and churchyard. The church invited local community including local councillors and church congregation to be involved. All were invited to record plants, fungi, insects and birds in their own locality. As part of the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) pupils were able to add to the database of wildlife across the country. This was a highly successful day of community engagement.

Preparation for **School Confirmation** was led by the school with six year 6 pupils being confirmed by the Bishop of Lichfield in July. Pupils and their families if possible were expected to show commitment and dedication through their regular attendance prior as part of their preparation. Generally, a very sound response.

In July clergy were able to attend the **year 6 leaver's ceremony** at both Pelsall Village and St. Michael's school. Books purchased by the church were distributed to pupils.

The annual community **Christingle** service had a very large attendance with pupils, parents and community. Each of the three schools participated in the service through prayers, readings and music. Community engagement was purposeful. Continuation of a **Christingle Workshop** on the day before, created an opportunity for the newcomers within the community to learn about the meaning of Christingle. Families experienced a free afternoon of explanation, games, singing and refreshments. It was a very successful event.

In December the clergy were invited to the **Carol Service** at Ryders Hayes, Pelsall Village and St. Michael's Primary School. Pupils from St. Michael's Church school in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 had their own Christmas service with age specific content. Clergy visited the nursery for their age appropriate service.

Open the Book has continued with their input into the church school. Enthusiasm and commitment by members of the congregation makes this very successful in mission and engagement. It is a valuable asset to the mission of the church. Pelsall Village have expressed an interest and the team has delivered one session at Christmas.

School governance continues to be a strength through which evangelism can be fostered through debate and discussion between the local school and church. Relationships between the schools are excellent. The Foundation Governor at St. Michael's school is a member of the laity whilst the clergy is an ex-officio member. Both church governors were involved in the appointment of the new Head teacher. Clergy is also a member of the governing body of the Pelsall Village School. They hold the post of the Vice Chair of the governing body and Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

Community engagement has embedded steadily throughout the year. **Walsall North Foodbank** (part of the Black Country Foodbank) which is based at Pelsall Methodist Chapel is very well supported by St. Michael's congregation. Hundreds of items are collected throughout the year with a particular emphasis during Lent and also at Harvest time. Members of the congregation actively work with the project.

Local network meetings with ASDA Foundation acting as co-ordinator have been established. Meetings are held at Pelsall Community Association on a monthly basis. As such, the church has benefited from an ASDA grant towards the church centre refurbishment. Likewise Haywards Transport of Walsall also gave a substantial donation towards this project.

Working with Brownhills Community Association our branch of Mother's Union Pelsall launched a new project called **Mary's Samaritans**. Together, they organized support for local families in need of household items such as kitchenware, bed wear, cutlery and crockery through our network of support organizations. This was very effective at the start of the project. However, the project faltered slightly earlier in the year due to issues surrounding communication, collection and distribution. These have been resolved as the project has also refocused upon needs of the schools.

A **Pelsall Christmas Carol** organised by the Pelsall garage business owner was an excellent community event held in December. Its aim was to bring Christmas spirit to the High Street. Supported by Pelsall Ladies Choir with Santa in attendance plus hot drinks and mince pies the 3 hour session was very successful. Residents turned out to support and the collection organised by the garage was given to St. Michael's Church.

Partnership with the church and our **local councillors plus Pelsall Community Association** continues to make a difference to the locality. Working together, a **Toy Service** was organized to provide toys for children through the 'The Black Country Toy Appeal' which was one of the Mayor of Walsall's charities. The church also decided to support a local project, called 'Tots in Need'. The Mayor of Walsall, the local M.P. and local councillors participated and supported. People from the community and congregation were asked to donate brand new toys and to attend the service. Response was tremendous and exceeded our expectations. This was a very successful community service which showed very clearly substantial community engagement between church and its parish. Such working partnerships can and do make a difference to the locality.

Well established groups such as Men's Fellowship, Mother's Union, Ladiesdotcom, Baptism & Wedding Preparation and Thursday Morning Group all continue to function regularly. Each group contributes to the 'building blocks' of the church community.

Study and learning has had a high priority. Using the '**Unity Course**' during Lent the congregation members considered how inevitable disagreements are faced within churches in authentically Christian ways. Topics focussed on ways to approach disagreement, practising loving disagreement, and how to love our neighbour with whom we disagree. It was a well attended and popular course which had an impact on people's understanding.

Dust and Glory booklet was the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2023. The booklet offered daily Bible readings, short reflections, prayers and practical ideas to help people make sense of life's challenges and draw closer to God during Lent. Each congregation member or family were given a free booklet for study and reflection while our church children were given an alternative children's booklet on the same theme.

Teaching materials have been consolidated on the church website. Teaching materials are always under review to meet the needs of the congregation. Materials associated with the church lectionary are provided for both adults and children. On a Wednesday the church uses 'Wednesday Word' which is a weekly feature based on the Sunday gospel. The development of children's materials on the website continues to be a priority.

During Holy Week a booklet was on line to follow Christ's journey towards Easter Sunday. This included -

- Worship at home from Palm Sunday to Easter.
- Stations of the Cross
- Easter Work Booklet for children
- Special edition of Wednesday Word for children

For three days in Holy Week a service of reflection and social action ‘Called to Action, Called to Forgive, Called to Trust’ was a reflective worship which brought lived experiences into God’s transforming presence.

During Holy Week the congregation had opportunity to participate in ***Come with me! the call to vocation Holy Week and Easter - A Retreat in Daily Life***. It was for all those who find it hard to get away on retreat. “Come with me” was an invitation to explore vocation; to listen for where God is calling them to change and to grow. It focusses upon the invitation of Jesus who asks people to follow him, to walk with him, and to discover the gifts of faith and service that God longs to awaken within people. It was also about a journey of discovery as people dare to step out of the ordinary patterns of our lives, and set out on a different path. This was well received and further development will continue in 2024.

Confirmation Study Group.

Four candidates were confirmed in 2023 at the Deanery Confirmation at St. Matthews. Candidates attended church regularly and followed ‘The Pilgrim Course’ over several months. Use of excellent materials assisted the candidates in their understanding. Pilgrim is a major teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers. Candidates followed the following stages:

Pilgrim is comprised of two initial stages: the *Follow stage* for those very new to faith. It introduces the Christian faith for newcomers or those exploring confirmation or affirming their faith.

Grow stage for those who want to go further to develop a deeper level of discipleship. Each stage contains four short six-session courses which focus on a major theme of Christian life.

Increased enquiries for Confirmation appears to continue into 2024.

Pastoral Care at St Michael’s has always been and continues to be a priority, supporting our congregation and bereaved families in the Parish. Contact by telephone is initially made with bereaved families, followed with a visit if they so wish. A card is sent to the families on the first anniversary of their bereavement. The Pastoral Team Leader meets with clergy periodically to review the situation. Clergy are available for advice and guidance especially where there may be difficult visits.

During 2023 visiting has take place with those needing our support in their homes, care homes and hospital in the usual way. Although, normally telephone calls prior to visits take place to ascertain the latest situation as Covid can still be a concern. In addition to visits, contact is made by telephone, cards, texts, and email. Our Pastoral team is slowly increasing in numbers which is a very positive sign for the future.

Part of our role is to review and update the “Years’ Mind Book” and produce the monthly list for prayers for those who have passed away. The team have a supportive network within the congregation and are very

grateful and appreciative of the love, care and support given by Clergy and all who show their continued commitment to our Pastoral Mission.

Clergy offered once again ‘**Congregations and Conversations**’. Time was offered with the clergy within the week for anyone who wished to have a talk about how they are, how they are feeling, how their faith has been challenged, strengthened or has flat bottomed out during most challenging circumstances. This proved fruitful and beneficial.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod meetings resumed in person after the pandemic. Meetings were well attended with a variety of topics covered along with guest speakers at several meetings. Feedback was provided to the PCC which has provided an important link between our parish and the wider structures of the church. St Michael’s Deanery Synod representative John Maye was elected as Lay Chair for the Deanery in November 2023 and will continue to report back to the PCC.

Social And Fundraising

The social and fundraising team have met several times during 2023.

Our regular church hall hirers from the community continue to use the hall throughout the week. These include Slimming world, Fordbrook Bowling Association as well a martial arts group. The cub pack are no longer using the hall. There have been regular bookings of the hall for children’s birthday parties and for some regular faith group meetings from elsewhere in the community throughout the year.

We held several social events in the church hall during 2023, these included a cabaret night, a Kings Coronation party, bonfire party and New Years Eve party. We also held a Christmas Market which was a great success. Several fundraising events were also held in church during the year, including a concert by the Salvation Army Band, an evening of carols and pies- led by Pelsall Ladies Choir and a concert by Staffordshire Brass Band.

All events were well attended by members of the wider community, as well as members of the church.

Ecumenical Relationships

Ecumenical relationships continue to strengthen and develop with Pelsall Methodist Church. Clergy from both churches meet regularly to forward plan and to support each other in their ministry. In January the two congregations gathered for the ‘Week of Prayer for Christian Unity’ at Pelsall Methodist. In May during the Christian Aid Week the congregations met to worship at the Holy Communion service at St. Michael’s. Later in October there was another ecumenical service at Pelsall Methodist. In 2023 a Special Service of Vigil on the eve of the Coronation brought the two congregations together with the community. In December both churches came together to ‘Carol Sing in the village’ and to proclaim the Christmas message through a series of reading, prayers and carols. Both clergy and lay ministers are invited to attend their Thursday afternoon fellowship group.

6.Financial Review

Treasurer's report for the accounts:

Total receipts for the year were £111,271 (£97,765) of which £41,313 (£38,917) was voluntary giving and donations. A further £7,792 (£7,930) was received from Gift Aid and GASDS and a sum of £7,650 (£6,475) was received from grants. A legacy of £1,000 was also received.

The planned giving together with collections at services totalled £35,781 (£31,864), an increase of 12% on the previous year.

Total income including tax recovered was £111,271 (£97,765) an increase of 14% on last year.

A total of £25,642 (£17,294) was spent from designated and restricted funds during the year, an increase of 48%.

The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £40,069. There was also an increase in the value of the shares of £7,884. The total value of the Church now stands at £493,140 (£445,186).

Reserves Policy:

Reserve Funds are held for the bells (Bell/Tower Fund), the organ (Organ/Music Fund), the upkeep and maintenance of the Church (Fabric/Restoration Fund), the upkeep and maintenance of the Church Hall (Repair/Renewal Fund) and the graveyard (Graveyard Fund). Balances on the Graveyard Fund are used to maintain the graveyard (cost this year £1,860), and the balances on the other funds are used to cover repairs, maintenance and emergencies.

There is an unrestricted reserves policy of holding 3 months expenditure. On 2023 figures this would be £11,390 (2022 £10,961) and unrestricted reserves at 31.12.2023 are actually £96,112 (2022 £88,785) which is substantially above this target. The PCC are happy to hold this excess as it provides a cushion in these uncertain times. There are also designated reserves of £379,692 (2022 £340,870). There are no overdrawn reserves.

Fabric Report

Cemetery

The Hall Lane cemetery has been kept in good order. The grass has continued to be mowed and strimmed on a voluntary basis.

Hedges continue to be cut professionally by contractors.

The graveyard committee meet regularly to plan maintenance throughout the year.

Church building

During 2022 the church underwent its quinquennial inspection. On the whole the report has acknowledged the good overall condition of the buildings. However, several jobs have been highlighted that will need to be addressed over the next few years. A programme of repairs has been planned and jobs have been looked at in order of priority and some work has already commenced. The external woodwork of the church building and extension was painted. The church centre meeting room has undergone a refurbishment, carpet replaced, and chairs reupholstered. This was largely carried out by volunteers. The church maintenance team continue to carry out jobs that are suitable, around the church, church yard and church hall. A contractor is now being used to cut the grass around the church yard. All annual safety checks have been carried out.

Church Hall

The church hall is kept in good order and any routine maintenance has been carried out. There are no major concerns regarding the church hall.

Appointment of the independent Examiner

This takes place at the A.G.M. It was agreed that the services of the Diocese of Lichfield would be used to examine the financial affairs of the parish.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). This year has seen the review of the new safeguarding policy and its provision within the church community. The church is now compliant with safeguarding policies and procedures. In November the Safeguarding Sunday took place which provided literature and information to the congregation for their information and records. Presentation of this was organised by our designated and committed Safeguarding person who effectively contributes to ensure that the church is legally compliant.

Approved by the PCC on 17.4.24 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Alan N. Morris
(Chair)

Julie Crompton
(Secretary)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Pelsall

Registered charity number: 1170860

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

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed: 

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance

Date: 18/04/2024

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Pelsall

Registered charity number: 1170860

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32 Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners).

Brief details of any items that the Examiner wishes to disclose

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Pelsall

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Accounting Policies

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. 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 PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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

Cashflow Statement

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

Going Concern

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

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

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

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

Description of Funds

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

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

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

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Governance and Support Costs

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

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

Fixed Assets

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

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

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 exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Other tangible fixed assets are valued at cost.

Investments

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

Debtors

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

Creditors and Accruals

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

PCC of Pelsall St Michael & All Angels

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior year
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	49,417	4,391	7,705	—	61,513	53,321
Activities for generating funds	4,762	17,151	—	—	21,913	19,615
Investment income	6,810	—	850	—	7,660	3,260
Incoming resources from charitable activities	7,439	11,711	300	—	19,450	21,609
Other incoming resources	—	733	—	—	733	(42)
Total income	68,428	33,987	8,855	—	111,271	97,765
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of generating voluntary income	919	—	—	—	919	1,436
Charitable activities	44,466	18,691	6,951	—	70,108	59,551
Governance costs	174	—	—	—	174	150
Total expenditure	45,559	18,691	6,951	—	71,202	61,137
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	22,868	15,296	1,904	—	40,069	36,627
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	100	23,526	—	—	23,626	24,702
Gross transfers between funds - out	(23,526)	—	(100)	—	(23,626)	(24,702)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	7,884	—	—	—	7,884	(11,745)
Net movement in funds	7,326	38,822	1,804	—	47,954	24,881
Total funds brought forward	88,785	340,869	15,531	—	445,186	420,304
Total funds carried forward	96,112	379,692	17,336	—	493,140	445,186
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	96,112	—	—	—	96,112	88,785
Designated						
Bar and Social Fund	—	7,335	—	—	7,335	4,100
Bell Tower Fund	—	1,382	—	—	1,382	1,247
Buildings - Fixed Asset Fund	—	268,171	—	—	268,171	268,171
CHURCH HALL RUNNING FUND	—	10,758	—	—	10,758	7,840
Cake Fund	—	60	—	—	60	—
Children's Ministry Fund	—	150	—	—	150	—
Church Centre Renovation Fund	—	655	—	—	655	—
Church Electricity	—	44	—	—	44	265
Church Gas	—	—	—	—	—	527
Church Hall Electricity	—	240	—	—	240	—
Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund	—	1,413	—	—	1,413	1,413
Graveyard Fund	—	26,512	—	—	26,512	17,905
Legacy Fund	—	11,501	—	—	11,501	10,501
Organ/Music Fund	—	10,115	—	—	10,115	7,860
Parish Common Fund	—	40,672	—	—	40,672	20,336
Warm Welcome Fund	—	679	—	—	679	700
Restricted						
Advanced wedding fees	—	—	600	—	600	400
Agency collection	—	—	(380)	—	(380)	(380)
Bridgeman Education Fund	—	—	9,492	—	9,492	9,642
Fabric/Restoration Fund	—	—	2,458	—	2,458	703
Flower Fund	—	—	30	—	30	30
Graveyard Donation Fund	—	—	480	—	480	480
Interior Decorating Scheme Fund	—	—	4,625	—	4,625	4,625
Lighting Fund	—	—	29	—	29	29

PCC of Pelsall St Michael & All Angels

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Total Funds	Prior year Funds
Tangible Assets		
Tangible assets	268,171	268,171
Investments	91,687	83,803
	359,858	351,973
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	135,588	93,206
	135,588	93,206
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,306	(6)
	2,306	(6)
Net current assets less current liabilities	133,282	93,212
Total assets less current liabilities	493,140	445,186
Total net assets less liabilities	493,140	445,186
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	96,112	88,785
Designated		
Bar and Social Fund	7,335	4,100
Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund	1,413	1,413
Parish Common Fund	40,672	20,336
Warm Welcome Fund	679	700
Bell Tower Fund	1,382	1,247
Organ/Music Fund	10,115	7,860
Graveyard Fund	26,512	17,905
Mission Giving Fund	—	—
Legacy Fund	11,501	10,501
Buildings - Fixed Asset Fund	268,171	268,171
Cake Fund	60	—
Church Centre Renovation Fund	655	—
CHURCH HALL RUNNING FUND	10,758	7,840
Children's Ministry Fund	150	—
Church Electricity	44	265
Church Gas	—	527
Church Hall Electricity	240	—
Restricted		
Advanced wedding fees	600	400
Administration Grant Fund	—	—
Bridgeman Education Fund	9,492	9,642
Graveyard Donation Fund	480	480
Interior Decorating Scheme Fund	4,625	4,625
Fabric/Restoration Fund	2,458	703
Flower Fund	30	30
Lighting Fund	29	29
Agency collection	(380)	(380)
Funds of the church	493,140	445,186

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17.4.2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: Alison M. Morris

Name: Alison M. Morris

PCC of Pelsall St Michael & All Angels
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Church Hall -	—	268,171	—	—	268,171	268,171
CBF Shares -	91,687	—	—	—	91,687	83,802
Totals	91,687	268,171	—	—	359,858	351,973
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Santander current account -	4,386	19,296	(417)	—	23,265	19,622
CCLA (CBF) deposit account -	633	93,935	13,128	—	107,697	68,959
Interior Decorating Scheme -	—	—	4,625	—	4,625	4,625
Totals	5,020	113,232	17,336	—	135,588	93,206
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
Agency collections -	—	—	—	—	—	(6)
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	(6)
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Creditors Due in one year -	594	1,710	—	—	2,305	—
Totals	594	1,710	—	—	2,305	—
Grand total	96,112	379,692	17,336	—	493,140	445,186

Fund movement by type - 2023

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
AWFees - Advanced wedding fee						
Restricted	400	300	—	(100)	—	600
Sub-total for AWFees	400	300	—	(100)	—	600
Agency Account						
Restricted	(380)	—	—	—	—	(380)
Sub Total for Agency	(380)	—	—	—	—	(380)
Admin Gran - Administration Grant						
Restricted	—	6,500	6,500	—	—	—
Sub-total for Admin Gran	—	6,500	6,500	—	—	—
Bar - Bar and Social Fund						
Designated	4,100	3,305	70	—	—	7,335
Sub-total for Bar	4,100	3,305	70	—	—	7,335
Buildings - Buildings - Fixed As						
Designated	268,171	—	—	—	—	268,171
Sub-total for Buildings	268,171	—	—	—	—	268,171
Cake Fund - Cake Fund						
Designated	—	60	—	—	—	60
Sub-total for Cake Fund	—	60	—	—	—	60
Ch-Cen Ren - Church Centre Renova						
Designated	—	2,535	1,879	—	—	655
Sub-total for Ch-Cen Ren	—	2,535	1,879	—	—	655
Ch-HALL - CHURCH HALL RUNNING						
Designated	7,840	13,346	10,429	—	—	10,758
Sub-total for Ch-HALL	7,840	13,346	10,429	—	—	10,758
Children's - Children's Ministry						
Designated	—	150	—	—	—	150
Sub-total for Children's	—	150	—	—	—	150
Church-EL - Church Electricity						
Designated	265	244	466	—	—	44
Sub-total for Church-EL	265	244	466	—	—	44

Church-Gas - Church Gas						
Designated	527	—	527	—	—	—
Sub-total for Church-Gas	527	—	527	—	—	—
Education - Bridgeman Education						
Restricted	9,642	—	150	—	—	9,492
Sub-total for Education	9,642	—	150	—	—	9,492
Grave-Don - Graveyard Donation F						
Restricted	480	—	—	—	—	480
Sub-total for Grave-Don	480	—	—	—	—	480
HALL-ELEC - Church Hall Electric						
Designated	—	489	249	—	—	240
Sub-total for HALL-ELEC	—	489	249	—	—	240
Hall-Rep - Church Hall Repair/R						
Designated	1,413	—	—	—	—	1,413
Sub-total for Hall-Rep	1,413	—	—	—	—	1,413
IntDecorat - Interior Decorating						
Restricted	4,625	—	—	—	—	4,625
Sub-total for IntDecorat	4,625	—	—	—	—	4,625
Parish Com - Parish Common Fund						
Designated	20,336	—	—	20,336	—	40,672
Sub-total for Parish Com	20,336	—	—	20,336	—	40,672
Warm Welco - Warm Welcome Fund						
Designated	700	—	20	—	—	679
Sub-total for Warm Welco	700	—	20	—	—	679
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	88,785	68,428	45,559	(23,426)	7,884	96,112
Sub-total for General	88,785	68,428	45,559	(23,426)	7,884	96,112
Tower - Bell Tower Fund						
Designated	1,247	135	—	—	—	1,382
Sub-total for Tower	1,247	135	—	—	—	1,382
Organ - Organ/Music Fund						
Designated	7,860	2,255	—	—	—	10,115
Sub-total for Organ	7,860	2,255	—	—	—	10,115
Graveyard - Graveyard Fund						
Designated	17,905	10,467	1,860	—	—	26,512
Sub-total for Graveyard	17,905	10,467	1,860	—	—	26,512
Mission - Mission Giving Fund						
Designated	—	—	3,190	3,190	—	—
Sub-total for Mission	—	—	3,190	3,190	—	—
Legacy - Legacy Fund						
Designated	10,501	1,000	—	—	—	11,501
Sub-total for Legacy	10,501	1,000	—	—	—	11,501
Fabric - Fabric/Restoration F						
Restricted	703	2,030	276	—	—	2,458
Sub-total for Fabric	703	2,030	276	—	—	2,458
Flower - Flower Fund						
Restricted	30	25	25	—	—	30
Sub-total for Flower	30	25	25	—	—	30
Lighting - Lighting Fund						
Restricted	29	—	—	—	—	29
Sub-total for Lighting	29	—	—	—	—	29
Grand total	445,566	111,271	71,202	—	7,884	493,140

Designated Funds

Bar & Social Fund-money received from St. Michael's Social Club and used for upkeep/expenses of Social Club.

Church Hall Running Fund-money received from lettings of Hall and used for general upkeep and running costs of the Church Hall.

Bell Tower Fund-funds received from weddings/funerals and donations and used for the upkeep of the bells.

Graveyard Fund-funds/donations received from funerals and used for maintenance of the graveyard.
Organ/Music Fund-funds received from weddings/funerals and used for upkeep of organ and music requirements.
Legacy Fund-money received from various legacies and used at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens for the general upkeep of the Church.
Mission Giving Fund-funds transferred monthly from giving and used for local and overseas mission.
Church Hall Repair/Renewal Fund-money transferred from Church Hall Running Fund and used for upkeep of the Church Hall.
Church Gas Fund-donations received for payment of Church gas utility bills.
Church Electric Fund-donations received for payment of Church electricity utility bills.
Church Hall Electric Fund-donations/funds transferred from Church Hall Running Fund for payment of electricity utility bills.
Parish Common Fund-proportion of Common Fund held at parish level following special agreement with LDBF. Donations/transfers made from other funds.
Warm Welcome Fund-grants/funds received to assist with "Warm Welcome" initiative set up in the Church November 2022.
Cake Fund-donations received for baking of cakes.
Church Centre Renovation Fund-donations received for renovation of Church Centre.
Children's Ministry Fund-donations received for Children's ministry.

Restricted Funds

Advanced Wedding Fees Fund-payments received for forthcoming weddings.
Bridgeman Education Fund-monies received from the sale of unit trusts to be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens for education and children in the Church.
Fabric/Restoration Fund-monies received from boxes and donations used for the upkeep of the Church.
Flower Fund-monies received from donations for flowers in the Church.
Graveyard Donation Fund-donations received and used for maintenance of the graveyard.
Interior Decorating Fund-funds held for decoration/upkeep of the vicarage.
Lighting Fund-monies received from donations and used for lighting in the Church.
Administration Grant Fund-grant received from LDBF to assist with the costs of administration in the Church.

Summary of Fund Movements - 2022

	Reserves at 1 st Jan £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Gains / Losses	Reserves at 31 st Dec £
Unrestricted Fund	102,489	61,834	43,845	(19,947)	(11,746)	88,785
Designated Funds						
Bar & Social Fund	842	3,487	229			4,101
Buildings Fund	268,171					268,171
Church Hall Running Fund	2,829	9,469	4,022	(436)		7,841
Church Gas	15	750	853	616		527
Bell Tower Fund	900	347				1,247
Church Hall Repairs Fund	977			436		1,413
Graveyard Fund	11,329	9,826	3,250			17,906
Organ / Music Fund	6,663	1,905	1,548	840		7,860
Legacy Fund	10,501					10,501
Mission Giving Fund			3,009	3,009		
Church - Electricity		725	459			266
Church Hall - Electricity		405	405			
Parish Common Fund		3,050		17,286		20,336
Warm Welcome		700				700
Restricted Funds						
Bridgeman Education Fund	9,642					9,642
Fabric Fund	519	230	500	455		704
Lighting Fund	29					29
Flower Fund	30					30
Interior Decorating Scheme	4,562	63				4,625
Graveyard Donation Fund	480					480
Advance Wedding Fees	700	100		(400)		400
Administration Fund		4,875	3,017	(1,858)		
Adj re: Agency Balance	(380)					(380)
Total Funds	420,305	97,765	61,138		(11,746)	445,187

PCC of Pelsall St Michael & All Angels

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Giving - Direct to Bank	740	—	—	—	740	240
Giving Direct - Donations	17,238	—	—	—	17,238	15,069
Giving - Envelopes	4,753	—	—	—	4,753	4,806
Collections at services	9,168	—	—	—	9,168	9,380
Collections Weddings/Funerals	2,339	520	—	—	2,859	1,799
Collections/Baptisms	1,023	—	—	—	1,023	568
Sunday Donations	1,005	276	25	—	1,306	1,800
Other funds generated	3,596	60	101	—	3,758	1,584
Donations-Church Centre Renovation	—	2,535	—	—	2,535	—
Church boxes - Restoration	—	—	79	—	79	22
One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,610	—	—	—	1,610	3,645
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	5,689	—	—	—	5,689	5,395
Tax recovered on GASDS	2,103	—	—	—	2,103	2,534
Legacies	—	1,000	—	—	1,000	—
Grant per LDBF	—	—	7,500	—	7,500	5,725
Non-recurring one-off grants	150	—	—	—	150	750
Total	49,417	4,391	7,705	—	61,513	53,321
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Magazine Income	705	—	—	—	705	650
Fund Raising activities	3,172	500	—	—	3,672	5,009
Greeting Card Sales	325	—	—	—	325	260
Church hall hire	—	13,346	—	—	13,346	9,469
Church Centre Hire	560	—	—	—	560	740
Bar & Social Club Income	—	3,305	—	—	3,305	3,487
Total	4,762	17,151	—	—	21,913	19,615
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
Dividends from CBF Shares	2,506	—	—	—	2,506	2,492
Bank and building society interest	4,303	—	—	—	4,303	705
Bonus	—	—	—	—	—	62
Sale of land or buildings	—	—	850	—	850	—
Total	6,810	—	850	—	7,660	3,260
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Weddings and funerals PCC Fees	7,439	—	—	—	7,439	10,064
Wedding/Funeral Donations-Organ/Music	—	1,185	—	—	1,185	1,335
Wedding/Funeral donations-Tower	—	75	—	—	75	300
Weddings Deposits	—	—	300	—	300	100
Funerals donation-Graveyard Fund	—	10,451	—	—	10,451	9,810
Total	7,439	11,711	300	—	19,450	21,609
Other incoming resources						
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	(42)
Refunds	—	733	—	—	733	—
Total	—	733	—	—	733	(42)
INCOME TOTAL	68,428	33,987	8,855	—	111,271	97,765

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

Costs of giving envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	102
Costs of fetes & other events	172	—	—	—	172	345
Costs of magazine	747	—	—	—	747	988
Total	919	—	—	—	919	1,436

Charitable activities

Giving to Charities	248	—	—	—	248	318
Mission Giving - Home mission	—	1,838	—	—	1,838	1,703
Mission Giving - Overseas mission	—	1,040	—	—	1,040	1,090
Mission Giving - Child Sponsorship	—	216	—	—	216	216
Subscriptions	605	70	269	—	945	1,054
Common Fund	30,505	—	—	—	30,505	30,505
Fees of parish secretary	—	—	5,358	—	5,358	4,920
Fees of parish organist	1,375	—	—	—	1,375	1,400
Associate Minister Expenses	1,366	—	—	—	1,366	1,382
Parish training and mission	506	—	—	—	506	7
Organ / piano tuning	—	—	—	—	—	150
Upkeep of services	520	—	—	—	520	360
Upkeep of Services/Hymn Books	12	—	—	—	12	—
Upkeep of churchyard - Maintenance	—	793	—	—	793	2,293
Upkeep of Churchyard - Water	—	134	—	—	134	124
Upkeep of Churchyard - Refuse	—	915	—	—	915	832
Administration - General	80	16	—	—	97	69
Administration - Photocopier	965	—	1,021	—	1,986	1,866
Administration - Telephone	552	—	—	—	552	500
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	25
Administration-Computer	—	—	—	—	—	338
Gift to Clergy/Congregation	172	—	—	—	172	53
Church running Electricity	709	466	—	—	1,175	720
Church running - gas	629	7	—	—	637	—
Church running Gas	200	519	—	—	720	1,064
Church running - water	233	—	—	—	233	202
Church running - maintenance	685	—	276	—	961	418
Church Running - Flowers	—	—	25	—	25	—
Church Running - Consumables	54	—	—	—	54	45
Church running - Insurance	3,132	—	—	—	3,132	2,961
Church Running - Q I Report	870	—	—	—	870	—
Church Yard - Upkeep	1,040	—	—	—	1,040	—
Church running - Conservation	—	96	—	—	96	—
Warm Welcome Space Expenses	—	20	—	—	20	—
Hall running - Consumables	—	259	—	—	259	148
Hall running - electricity	—	3,260	—	—	3,260	2,213
Hall running Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	405
Hall running - insurance	—	896	—	—	896	843
Hall running - maintenance	—	137	—	—	137	—
Hall running - water	—	233	—	—	233	202
Hall Running - Refuse	—	675	—	—	675	614
Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	500
Church Centre interior & exterior decora	—	7,093	—	—	7,093	—
Total	44,466	18,691	6,951	—	70,108	59,551

Governance costs

Governance costs examination/audit fee	174	—	—	—	174	150
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Total	174	—	—	—	174	150
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	45,559	18,691	6,951	—	71,202	61,137
GRAND TOTAL	22,868	15,296	1,904	—	40,069	36,627

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Allocation of Support Costs

Support costs comprise Trustee Training and Governance Costs etc. Due to the nature of the financial activities of the PCC, these would be allocated across Charitable Expenditure which comprises the majority of its expenditure and as such are automatically charged there.

Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Wages & Salaries	£ 7,748	£ 6,320
Average number of employees	3	2

During the year the PCC employed a parish secretary, organist and a gardener (all part-time) and no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

1 Trustee has been reimbursed £1,366 (2022 £1,382) for travel and phone expenses incurred during the year.

Related Parties

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

Donations from related parties (PCC members) totalled £10,726 (13 people). 2022 - £7,534.

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiner's fees	£174	£150
Other fees (eg accountancy services) paid to the Independent Examiner	£-	£--

Analysis of Transfer between Funds

Unrestricted	£	Designated	£	Restricted	£	Total £
General Fund	(20,336)	Parish Common Fund	20,336			0
General Fund	100			AWF	(100)	0
General Fund	(3,190)	Mission Giving Fund	3,190			0
Total	(23,426)		23,526		(100)	0

Parish Common Fund – transfers made into this fund for Common Fund purposes and held at parish level.

Advanced Wedding Fees – Non-refundable wedding deposits forfeited.

Mission Giving Fund – monthly transfers made between two funds to account for 10% of planned giving, which ultimately goes to local and overseas mission.

Fixed Assets

a. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
As at 1 st Jan	£268,171		£268,171
Additions in the year			
Disposal in the year			
Revaluation (if any)			
Value at 31st Dec	£268,171		£268,171
Accumulated Depreciation			
As at 1 st Jan			
Charge for the year			
Disposals			
Value at 31st Dec			
Net Book Value at 1st Jan 2023	£268,171		£268,171
Net Book Value at 31st Dec 2023	£268,171		£268,171

The freehold buildings comprise of the Church Hall at Vicarage Road, Pelsall. The valuation is based on the insurance value.

b. Investments

	At 1 st Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in market value £	At 31 st Dec £
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	£83,803				£7,884	£91,687
Restricted Funds						
Endowment funds						
Total	£83,803				£7,884	£91,687

The holding at 31st December 2023 was 4,056 shares in the CCLA Investment Fund.

Current Assets

a. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift aid recoverable	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
Total	-	-

Liabilities

a. Amounts falling due in one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	2,306	
Common Fund		
Agencies (Funerals)		6
Total	2,306	6

b. Amounts falling due after more than one year
None

PCC of St Michael & All Angels, Pelsall
SOFA for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	45,004	3,213	5,105		53,322
Activities for generating funds	3,610	16,006			19,616
Investment income	3,198		63		3,261
Incoming resources from charitable activities	10,064	11,445	100		21,609
Other incoming resources	(42)				(42)
Total income	61,834	30,664	5,267		97,765
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income	1,436				1,436
Charitable activities	42,258	13,777	3,517		59,552
Governance costs	150				150
Other resources used					
Total expenditure	43,845	13,777	3,517		61,138
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	17,989	16,888	1,751		36,627