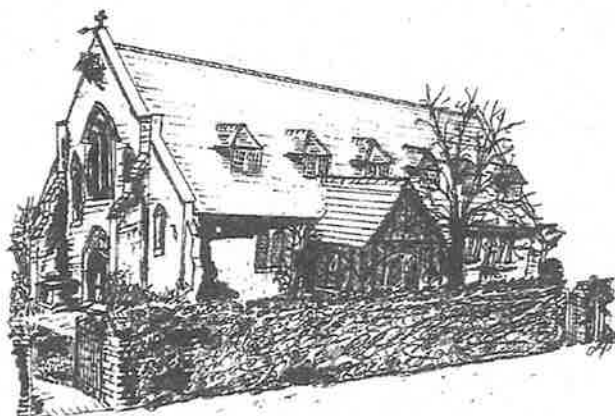


St Augustine Aldershot



Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
For the year ending 31st December 2023

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**St Augustine's Church Aldershot Annual Report of
the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended
31 December 2023**

Administrative Information

St Augustine's Church is situated in Holly Road Aldershot and is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:
St Augustine's Vicarage, Holly Road, North Town, Aldershot, Hants, GU1 2 4SE

St Augustine's Church is a registered charity. Charity number 1171776.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) acts as the trustees of the charity. The Government have changed the reporting system for the Charity Commission and we are still waiting for the new registration details to submit our figures for 2022.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Reverend Canon William Perry	Chair
<i>Churchwardens:</i>	Mrs Jackie Dunne	Chief Warden
	Mr John Rook	Deputy Warden
	Mr Jim Moore	Emeritus (May 2023)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod</i>		
	Mr John Rook	
	Mrs Pauline Rook	
<i>Elected Members</i>	Mrs Jackie Dunne	Until February 2024
	Mr Chris Willis	Until April 2023
	Mr John Rook	
	Mrs Pauline Rook	Assistant Treasurer
	Mr Jim Moore (Emeritus)	Until May 2023
<i>Co-opted Member</i>	Mrs Dot Grobler	Treasurer

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2011. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

St Augustine's PCC has the responsibility for promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This is the last year that Jackie Dunne will act as chief warden and safe guarding officer for St Augustine's, her 6 year tenure runs out in February 2024 and we are very sorry to be losing her. Chris Willis also resigned from the PCC, we thank him for his many years of support. The PCC is looking to recruit new members/trustees so the commitment can continue. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building, church hall complex and its environments. The PCC needs members to continue the role set out above.

Achievements and Performance

In 2023 there were 44 people on the Church Electoral Roll (2019-23), around half of whom 25 are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance, including those under 16, was 27. The regular worshipping community now stands at around 26; Not everyone is

at mass every Sunday, and this is reflected in the weekly number of communicants. We have seen a steady decline overall in the parish and this is perhaps due to the lack of visibility of a vicar around North Town. This continues to be a cause for concern although, this seems to be common in small parishes nationally!

During 2023 there were 2 Baptisms, 0 wedding and 3 funerals conducted by visiting clergy and Father John Harvey.

Although we have seen our numbers dwindling, the local people of North Town and beyond still identify with St. Augustine's as their church and so we continue to offer a ministry which is available to everyone and forms the basis of much of our missionary endeavour.

Review of the Year

The PCC meet every 6 weeks on a Friday afternoon. In 2023 we continued to face challenges to keep afloat financially and still continue to fulfil our mission statement 'To bring people to a personal love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through the sacramental life of the Church.' We have lost a number of regular givers who have either moved away from the Parish, are not well or who have passed away. We did not attract any new members in 2023.

Our Parish Share towards the Diocese for 2023 was set at £26,480.47 and we managed to pay £18,600 of it which left a balance of £7,880.47. This is mainly due to reduced giving and less events taking place. The PCC has a series of Financial Protocols in place, designed to safeguard our ongoing financial position. The Church Hall still contributes a large portion towards the BAU expenses.

Financial Review

The total receipts on the General Fund (Unrestricted) were £57,256.67. Our investments were positive in 2023. Total unrealised gain reported on our investments for 2023 was - £10,845.20 which more than covered the unrealised losses we had in 2022.

We replaced a white PVC window in the hall and replaced one emergency double door. We spread the cost over two financial years. The bulk of the cost was paid (£6,880) in early 2023 when the work was completed. We replaced some of the boiler pipes that were leaking and had a water pressure gauge for the boiler installed, the new system is finally working as it should.

We replaced some of the boiler pipes in the vestry and replaced some missing roof tiles. Both these items were charged to the Fabric Fund Account.

The Quinquennial review was done and we are slowly working through some of the actions and recommendations highlighted in the report. Some of these actions date back to the previous review in Fr. Keith's time. Thank you to John Rook for stepping in and tackling some of the jobs and overseeing those who come in to do others.

Christine Andrews replaced Paul Wharam as St Augustine's accountant. This will be the second year we have assigned our accounts over to her for auditing purposes.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC Reserve policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, where reasonable and practicable, which equates to six months unrestricted payments to cover emergency payments which may arise from time to time.

Investment Policy

It is PCC policy to invest our funds balances with the CCLA CBF Church of England Investment and Deposit accounts. The system for the investments was changed in July 2023 and we have been given new numbers.

Finance Protocols

This protocol sets out a summary of the main financial funds and rules governing their use by the PCC. These rules are supported by resolutions of the PCC and require amended resolutions to change the arrangements.

Summary of funds

There are 5 funds available to the PCC:

- General fund – unrestricted
- Hall fund – designated
- Fabric fund – restricted
- Drawdown fund – restricted
- Swingler Fund – restricted

Specifics of each fund

General fund

This is used for the general income and running costs of the church. It should not be used for repairs that are covered from the Fabric fund. It cannot be used for income or costs associated with the Hall complex which are covered from the Hall fund. The fund rules require that the PCC maintains a contingency balance sufficient to cover 6 months running costs. With current costs and inflation this should be approximately £15,000.

Hall fund

This is used for the specific income and costs associated with running the Hall complex. The fund rules require that the PCC maintains a contingency balance sufficient to cover 6 months running costs.

In addition, the Hall needs to be self-funding so there should also be a contingency amount allowed for repairs/maintenance of not less than £10,000.

Bearing in mind that an increasing amount of the Parish Share is paid from the Hall Fund, if the Hall is to continue to be self-funding, the total balance in the Hall Fund should not fall below £20,000. As at 31st December, the balance of the fund stood at £20,592.48.

Fabric fund

This is used for specific income and costs associated with the fabric of the Church building and services. It is a Restricted fund and can only be used for this purpose. It cannot be used for repairs to the Hall complex except to give initial support for any major capital Works such as replacing the boiler or structural repairs. The support would need to be paid back from the Hall receipts. This fund must not be used to pay for any Parish Contributions.

Drawdown fund

This is a Restricted fund and is made up of two donations made specifically to support payment of the Parish Share each year. The amount that can be withdrawn is £2,000 per annum. To increase this amount would require the agreement of the original donors. The capital sum accrues interest annually so, at the current rate of withdrawal, the fund will last until approximately 2024/25. As at 31st December, the balance of the fund stood at £2,631.58.

Swingler Fund

This is a Restricted fund managed by the Diocese to support women priests, we are paid interest from this investment for general use. As this fund is for specific purposes only and our assets are set decline in future years, we cannot just spend it when we want to.

Note to the Church Accounts

The General Fund includes an amount of £5,763.56 transferred from the Hall fund for general purposes.

The interest received from the Swingler Fund is split between the General (£73.33 – 43%), Hall (£26.37 – 15%), Fabric (£68.71 – 40%) and Drawdown (£3.37 – 2%) funds.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH ALDERSHOT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2023	2022
<u>Incoming resources from donors</u>		
Gift Aid	£ 15,763.25	£20,880.89
Income Tax recovered	£ 6,134.76	£ 6,891.79
Non Gift Aid Planned Giving	£ 330.00	£ 410.00
GASDS	£ -	£ -
Banns	£ 51.00	£ 144.00
Drawdown Fund	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
From Quinquennial Reserve	£ 1,300.00	£ -
Fabric Fund loan	£ -	£ -
Collections in Church	£ 1,320.16	£ 1,155.86
Refund Received	£ 1,472.80	£ -
Book of Remembrance	£ -	£ -
Pricket Stands and Wall Safe	£ 557.75	£ 2,759.38
From Diocese	£ 1,000.00	£ 2,843.75
Walsingham Account	£ -	£ 227.15
Non Gift Aid Donations	£ 57.89	£ 225.59
	£ 29,987.61	£ 37,538.41
<u>Other voluntary incoming resources</u>		
Bazaars & Sales	£ 1,038.92	£ 801.16
Easy Fundraising		
	£ 1,038.92	£ 801.16
<u>Income from investments</u>		
CBOF Investments	£ 3,509.24	£ -
	£ 3,509.24	£ -
<u>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</u>		
Hall Income to General	£ 5,763.56	£ -
Fees due to PCC	£ -	£ 276.00
	£ 5,763.56	£ 276.00
Cash Receipts	£ 40,299.33	£ 40,615.57
<u>Add Unrealised Gain</u>		
Interest on Investments	£ 73.33	£ 98.75
	£ 73.33	£ 68.72
Total Receipts	£ 40,372.66	£ 40,714.29
Payments	2023	2022
<u>The Ministry</u>		
<u>Parish Clergy</u>		
Robe Allowance	£ -	£ -
Travel expenses & motor mileage	£ 873.20	£ 1,426.10
Ministerial fees	£ 150.00	£ 864.00
Hospitality	£ -	£ -
CME, Retreats etc.	£ -	£ -

	£ 1,023.20	£ 2,290.10
<u>Visiting Clergy</u>	£ 250.00	£ 259.00
	£ 250.00	£ 259.00
<u>The Church Buildings</u>		
Water, Electricity, Gas	£ 1,295.53	£ 3,185.65
Insurance	£ 1,667.85	£ 1,647.37
Church Cleaner	£ 930.00	£ 780.00
Organ maintenance	£ -	£ -
Minor Repairs	£ -	£ -
Churchyard	£ 1,488.43	£ 687.83
Maintenance	£ 75.60	£ 51.80
Robes and Hangings	£ -	£ -
Investment Transfer - Swinger	£ -	£ 5,271.20
Quinquennial Survey Fund	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
	£ 5,957.41	£ 12,123.85
<u>Upkeep of Services</u>		
Sacristy requisites	£ 442.13	£ 437.79
Flowers	£ -	£ 30.00
Book of Remembrance	£ -	£ -
Gifts/Donations	£ 27.50	£ 18.25
Organist's stipend	£ -	£ -
	£ 469.63	£ 486.04
<u>Vicarage</u>		
Water Rates	£ -	£ -
Gas & Electrics	£ -	£ -
Minor repairs	£ 15.00	£ -
	£ 15.00	£ -
General Fund Receipts and Payments Account - Payments continued		
<u>Parish Administration</u>		
Bank Charges	£ 158.90	£ 165.90
Telephone	£ 186.00	£ -
Postage	£ 1.00	£ -
Office Requisites & Printing	£ 89.55	£ 205.73
Secretarial expenses	£ -	£ -
Lottery Registration	£ 20.00	£ 20.00
	£ 455.45	£ 391.63
Refreshments	£ 57.89	£ 421.33
	£ 57.89	£ 421.33
<u>Parish Share</u>	£ 18,600.00	£ 19,200.00
	£ 18,600.00	£ 19,200.00
<u>Deanery Dues</u>	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -
<u>To Fabric Fund</u>	£ -	£ -

	£	-	£	-
<u>Grants - From General Fund (See also Special Efforts)</u>				
Forward in Faith	£	100.00	£	199.00
Walsingham Candle	£	-	£	-
		£ 100.00		£ 199.00
<u>Miscellaneous Minor Expenditure</u>	£	821.09	£	306.96
		£ 821.09		£ 306.96
Cash Payments		<u>£ 27,749.67</u>		<u>£ 35,677.91</u>
<u>Add Unrealised Loss on CBOF Investments</u>	£	-	£	2,781.55
Total Payments		<u>£ 27,749.67</u>		<u>£ 38,876.41</u>
<u>Excess of Receipts over Payments</u>				
Cash & Bank Balance as at 1 January 2023		£ 46,794.04		£ 43,306.16
Cash & Bank Balance as at 31 December 2023		<u>£ 12,622.99</u>		<u>£ 3,487.88</u>
		<u>£ 59,417.03</u>		<u>£ 46,794.04</u>

Quinquennial Survey Fund

Receipts	2023	2022
From General Account	<u>£ 500.00</u>	<u>£ 500.00</u>
Payments	2023	2023
Quinquennial Inspection Fees	<u>£ 1,300.00</u>	<u>£ -</u>
<u>Excess of Receipts over Payments</u>	NIL	NIL

Fees Due to Diocesan Board of Finance

Receipts	2023	2022
From Incumbent	<u>£ 336.00</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Payments	2023	2022
To GDBF	<u>£ 336.00</u>	<u>£ -</u>
<u>Excess of Receipts over Payments</u>	NIL	NIL

Hall Fund Receipts and Payments Account (Designated)

Receipts	2023	2022
Rentals received	£ 28,817.80	£ 19,377.97
Income from investments - Gross Interest	£ 26.37	£ 48.44
Total Receipts	£ 28,844.17	£ 19,426.41
Payments	2023	2022
Water, Electricity, & Gas	£ 4,671.35	£ 5,668.22
Insurance	£ 2,303.22	£ 2,274.93
Cleaner	£ 2,222.00	£ 1,958.00
Cleaning materials	£ 91.11	£ 96.95
Repairs & Refurbishment	£ 10,104.69	£ 3,085.50
Miscellaneous	£ 376.40	£ 165.50
Repay Fabric Fund	£ 5,763.56	£ -
To General Fund	£ 5,763.56	£ 3,875.59
Total Payments	£ 31,295.89	£ 17,124.69
Excess of Receipts over Payments		
Cash & Bank Balance as at 1 January 2023	£ 17,257.52	£ 14,790.30
Cash & Bank Balance as at 31 December 2023	-£ 2,451.72	£ 2,301.72
	£ 14,805.80	£ 17,092.02

Drawdown Gift Fund Receipts and Payments Account (Restricted)

Receipts	2023	2022
Donations	£ -	£ -
Income Tax recovered	£ -	£ -
Income from investments - Gross Interest	£ 3.37	£ 10.61
Total Receipts	£ 3.37	£ 10.61
Payments	2023	2022
Disbursements	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Total Payments	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments		
Cash & Bank Balance as at 1 January 2023	£ 4,628.21	£ 6,617.60
Cash & Bank Balance as at 31 December 2023	-£ 1,996.63	-£ 1,989.39
	£ 2,631.58	£ 4,628.21

Fabric Fund Receipts and Payments Account (Restricted)

Receipts	2023	2022
<u>Voluntary incoming resources</u>		
Gift Aid	£ -	£ -
Income Tax recovered	£ -	£ -
Donations	£ -	£ 283.44
From General Fund	£ -	£ -
Hall Loan Repayment	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ 283.44
<u>Income from investments - Gross Interest</u>	£ 594.04	£ 109.77
	£ 594.04	£ 109.77
Cash Receipts	<u>£ 594.04</u>	<u>£ 393.21</u>
<u>Add Unrealised Gain on CBOF Investments</u>	£ 6,791.25	£ -
Total Receipts	<u>£ 7,385.29</u>	<u>£ 393.21</u>
Payments	2023	2022
Repairs to Church Building	£ 1,629.78	£ 929.75
Refurbishment	£ -	£ 6,257.98
General Fund Loan	£ -	£ -
Electrical Work	£ -	£ -
<u>Add Unrealised Loss on CBOF Investments</u>	£ -	£ 6,392.74
Total Payments	<u>£ 1,629.78</u>	<u>£ 13,580.47</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		
Cash & Bank Balance as at 1 January 2022	£ 47,897.13	£ 79,870.14
Cash & Bank Balance as at 31 December 2022	£ 5,755.51	-£ 13,187.26
	<u>£ 53,652.64</u>	<u>£ 66,682.88</u>

Swingler Fund Receipts and Payments Account (Restricted)

Receipts	2023	2022
<u>Income from investments - Gross Interest</u>	£ 171.78	£ 693.28
<u>General Fund</u>	£ -	£ 5,271.20
	£ 171.78	£ 5,964.48
<u>Add Unrealised Gain on CBOF Investments</u>	£ 544.71	-£ 761.94
	£ 544.71	£ -
Total Receipts	<u>£ 716.49</u>	<u>£ 5,964.48</u>
Payments		
General Fund	£ -	£ -
<u>Add Unrealised Loss on CBOF Investments</u>		£ 791.94

Total Payments	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 791.94</u>
<u>Excess of Receipts over Payments</u>		
Cash & Bank Balance as at 1 January 2022	£ 6,173.77	£ 971.23
Cash & Bank Balance as at 31 December 2022	<u>£ 716.49</u>	<u>£ 5,202.54</u>
	<u>£ 6,890.26</u>	<u>£ 6,173.77</u>

Special Efforts Receipts and Payments Account (Restricted)

Receipts

Incoming resources from donors	2023	2022
Collections at Services	£ 139.00	£ -
Lent Appeal	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 160.14</u>
	£ 139.00	£ 160.14
<u>Other voluntary incoming resources</u>		
Harvest Lunch	£ 210.11	£ 155.00
Lent Lunches	£ -	£ -
Coffee Mornings	£ -	£ -
Christmas Card	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
	£ 210.11	£ -
Total Receipts	<u>£ 349.11</u>	<u>£ 315.14</u>

	2023	2022
<i>Payments</i>		
<u>Donations (Grants) to Charities</u>		
<u>Christian Relief and Development Agencies</u>		
Christian Aid	£ 20.00	
Bishop of Guildford's Foundation	<u>£ -</u>	
	£ 20.00	£ -
<u>Home Missions and Church Societies</u>		
The Childrens Society	£ -	
Additional Curates Society	£ 139.00	£ 160.14
The Vine	<u>£ 210.11</u>	<u>£ 155.00</u>
	£ 349.11	£ 315.14
<u>Secular Charities</u>		
Mayor's Charity	£ -	£ -
Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage	<u>£ -</u>	
	£ -	£ -
Total Payments	<u>£ 369.11</u>	<u>£ 315.14</u>
<u>Excess of Receipts over Payments</u>	NIL	NIL

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC St Augustine's Church Aldershot

I have examined these accounts to the best of my ability and previous experience as treasurer at St. Augustine's Church, Aldershot. I have been unable to find any reason to believe they are anything other than a true and honest record of St Augustine's Church Aldershot's income and expenditure for the year 2023.

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16th March 2024

