



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY, LAMORBEY
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023



Incumbent:
The Reverend Mark Blakely

Bankers:
Barclays Bank plc

Independent Examiner:
Stephen England F.C.C.A.

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

2023 was a year of God's continued blessing, progress and growth.

The year began with our first Plough Sunday and the blessing of vintage tractors, which has now established itself in the church calendar as a popular festival to help transition from Christmas to Epiphany. It was good to host the annual Churches Together in Sidcup Unity service in January.

The church heating caused continued problems due to an underground leak. The church was poorly heated with gas cylinders during Advent and Christmas 2022 and this continued until the end of January 2023. The system was repaired by Ecclesiastical Insurance and the boiler limped on to Easter. The diocesan DAC could not agree on an alternative to a gas boiler (which they would not allow). A group of PCC members toured churches in the Canterbury diocese that have installed infrared chandeliers. Our diocese indicated that they wanted a range of ornate and dummy chandeliers that would have been prohibitively expensive. Finally in autumn 2023, the PCC agreed to extensively refurbish the old gas boiler so that we had heating for winter 2023/4. The issue of old pipework in church still requires attention and it is intended that this be tackled in the summer months.

Lent and Easter were well attended. On Good Friday we joined the walk of witness along Sidcup High Street with our own church devotions beginning at 1pm with Stations of the Cross. It was particularly poignant because Annette Barber, a much beloved advocate of church unity, went to heaven during Passiontide. It was moving when all of the gathered congregations prayed for her on the green on Main Road. The Easter morning daybreak matins at the lake in the Glade is becoming a key part of our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

A doughty group of pilgrims reestablished the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham in mid-April. This was thoroughly enjoyed, especially by our Ukrainian family who will have been living at the vicarage for two years by April 2024. The continued collection of foodstuffs and medical aid that is delivered weekly is a remarkably generous and dedicated act of compassion by Holy Trinity.

We formed a healing and wholeness team and held a healing service with more planned for 2024. We had six adult candidates for confirmation this year and the visit of Bishop Simon to St John's, during the weekend of the amazing summer fayre, was excellent. We note that Bishop Jonathan will not confirm children under the age of 13.

We welcomed Fr Andrew as our new curate in September. Andrew brings a richness to our spiritual life.

Our primary school continues to improve and grow. Headteacher Mr Oliver Winstone is unflappable and popular. The school had an Ofsted inspection in October and was given a "good" rating. We thank Sandra Paddon MBE for her dedication to the school as the outgoing chair of governors.

It has been a blessing to welcome new members - Daniel and Aaron to the choir and Harry to the serving team, are much loved young people. Kevin and Rosie along with Koios, Aether and Nephele have been inspired to lead our Sunday school and we give hearty thanks for all that they do to help share the gospel with our young folk.

We have been gladdened by the loyalty of our Scouts and Guides. Their attendance at parades and help with our fundraising has been heartening. It was very good to welcome two new groups into our orbit this year: the Sidcup RAF Air Cadets (ATC) and Sidcup Royal Naval Association.

We have a dedicated ministry team. The housebound and our nursing home residents are well looked after.

There is a continuing programme of improvements planned for the hall, as funds allow. The PCC are also proceeding with the adaption of our current toilets into a wheelchair friendly toilet. This will reduce the number from two to one, but we remember that disabled visitors and worshippers have limited choice whilst the more able bodied can wait or use the hall. We are also progressing with plans to install a kitchenette at the back of the church and are grateful for F.A. Albin and Sons for agreeing to fund this.

Our year concluded with a very full and well-attended Advent and Christmas season. A particular joy being the return of Marlborough School pupils, carers and families. Mother Renate began the process of saying goodbye after a successful curacy and we wish her well for her future in Bournemouth.

Our continued success would not be possible without the grace and blessing of the Holy Spirit and the love, care and hard work of a whole galaxy of faithful members of the congregation. Thank you.

Fr Mark

Holy Trinity Church, Hurst Road, Sidcup, DA15 9AE seeks to provide a pastoral, evangelistic, social/prophetic and ecumenical mission to the community. The Parish Office is based in the Church Hall. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for the maintenance of the Church building, the Church Hall and adjacent lands on Hurst Road, Sidcup.

Council Membership

The PCC comprises elected representatives of the laity serving for a period of three years, lay members of Deanery Synod; Licensed Reader appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting under Church Representation Rules; and ex-officio members. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2014 a Resolution was passed that no representative of the laity being a member of the PCC may hold office for more than three years continuously. An interval of one year must pass before such an individual is eligible to stand again for election as a representative on the Council. At the APCM in 2023 a Resolution was passed that the term of office of a PCC member ends either after three years or if three meetings are missed during a year, unless there is good reason. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Ex-Officio Members

The Reverend Mark Blakely	Chair
The Reverend Renate Tulloh	Vice-chair
The Reverend Andrew Smith	Curate (from 30.9.2023)
Sue Knight	Churchwarden
Doreen Pitcher	Churchwarden
Sarah Blew	Licensed Reader

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod of Sidcup (2023 – 2026)

Morwenna Semos	
Madeleine Waggett	Treasurer

Elected Members to serve until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

Sandra Paddon MBE, Joan Pape, Sue Williamson

Elected Members to serve until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Nicolette Gaskin, Ian Giles

Elected Members to serve until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

William Burton, Bob King, Ruth Thomas, Irene Wild

Standing Committee: The entire PCC are considered members of the Standing Committee.

The PCC met 7 times during 2023. Reports were received from representatives of Churches Together in Sidcup and the Deanery Synod.

The PCC complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 and formally adopted the House of Bishops' "Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement". A copy is displayed in the church porch together with contact details of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Working Groups & Committees

Several working groups and committees convene between PCC meetings to engage in the work of the Church:

The Ministry Team

The Ministry Team usually meets monthly by invitation of the Vicar. In 2023 it comprised all those who held licensed or permission to officiate (PTO) ministries: our Curate, our Licensed Reader, our PTO Reader, our Pastoral Assistants and our Churchwardens; with the Parish Administrator in attendance. We met to support each other in our work and identify ways of developing the pastoral and worshipping life of the congregation.

Additionally, the following were authorised by the Vicar to assist at the Holy Eucharist: Lynne Buckley, Martin Carruthers, Rosemary Coleman, Terry Hales, Sue Knight, Sandra Mackie, Sandra Paddon MBE, Anna Staple, Marissa Tribe, Madeleine Waggett and Cdt. Cpl. Callum Macdonald.

Safeguarding

The PCC has an obligation to adopt and promote safeguarding policy and approve an action plan to implement it. The policy it has adopted is “Promoting a Safer Church”, which the Church of England states must underpin all safeguarding work within the church. The PCC reviews its action plan on compliance with the policy annually. (Its last review was in September 2023). It also receives regular safeguarding reports.

In November 2023 the PCC authorised the Sunday School as a new church activity, in addition to the choir and the serving team. This means that the PCC has responsibilities in relation to the activity’s governance, finance and insurance.

In November 2023 the PCC also reviewed and adopted a policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, which is a requirement of the Church of England’s practice guidance on Safer Recruitment.

Penny Bull

Parish Safeguarding Officer/Lead Recruiter

The Ark

The Ark gives children a chance to discover the Bible through crafts and activities and takes place in the Vestry on most Sundays during the 10am Mass. We leave the Mass before the first reading and rejoin at the Peace enabling children to have a blessing - open to all children (and parents if they wish).

Kevin Burrows, Rosie Goode and Nicolette Gaskin

Fundraising and Social Committee Report

This year we were getting back into being a real fundraising committee after the various covid restrictions over the last three years.

We sold cakes and books after the Sunday Services, worked with the Sidcup Partners who held a ‘Globe’ at our church, and we served refreshments.

There was a Coronation Family Activity Day in May which was well attended by parents and children from the Youth Organisations and again we did refreshments.

In June we held our Summer Fete. It was an extremely hot day. A lot of gazebos were put up but not enough for everyone so the PCC have agreed that we can buy a couple for the coming year. We had

live music with 'The Jolly Good Old Timers' which, along with brightly coloured stalls, brings people in from the street. We would like to thank the Youth Organisations for bringing over all the tables and chairs, without their help we would not have been able to run the fete. They also organised a Race Evening which was well attended.

We did not hold an Autumn Fair as it was not well attended the previous year. Instead, when the Christmas cards were being distributed we had a few stalls and a Christmas Raffle.

Thank you to all those who have supported the fundraising events this year.

Doreen Pitcher

Facilities Report

In accordance with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, revised and updated, Fire Risk Assessments have now been completed for both Church and Church Hall and in further accordance with those regulations, are held on the premises to which each applies.

A new rubbish bin for the church grounds was ordered and delivered. This will be installed in 2024.

With the agreement of the Churchwardens, the defective sink water heater in the organ loft has been removed and a replacement purchased and fitted. Thanks to Steve Paddon for his assistance in this task. Following a failure of the church heating system in 2022, the PCC agreed that a major refurbishment was required. This was partially carried out and appears to be functioning well. Further work on the system may need to be considered in 2024.

Other minor routine maintenance, e.g. replacement of light bulbs, has also been done.

Ian Giles

Facilities Manager

Social Club

The Social Club has had another special year with the celebration of the King's Coronation, and our 47th Birthday. Sadly, we have lost two members but have also gained three and so our membership is maintained. We look forward to another year of social events and happy times.

Valerie Holdsworth

Churchwardens' Report

In January the annual test and inspection for the lightning protection on the church was carried out and was found to be in good working order and a certificate was issued. We also had all the gutters checked and cleaned.

In September, Green and Stone Landscapers carried out the following work in the church grounds:

- removal of two dead cherry trees down to ground level
- pollard of three ash trees removing main limbs nearest the roadside
- trimming of yew trees overhanging the footpath of Halfway Street.

We also carried out an audit of the church grounds and we are happy to say that we have some new willing helpers to add to the hard-working gardening team.

This year the service of admittance took place at Bishop Ridley Church led by the Venerable Allie Kerr. Morwenna accompanied us to this very special service.

Sue Knight and Doreen Pitcher

Hall Management Group Report

As we started 2023 we were very aware that the general income to the Main Church Account was a lot less than was required to maintain the Pledge required by the Diocese. We therefore decided that we should curb our enthusiasm to improve our facilities and first make sure that we could improve our contribution to the Main Account. We decided to increase our annual transfer from the hall account to the main church account from £8,000 to a very ambitious £12,000.00.

We exceeded our target for this new amount, and indeed in November we were able to inject a further £1,500.00 to assist with another matter. This meant that in 2023 we were able to transfer a total of £13,500.00.

Of course, it was still necessary to maintain the condition of the hall and we are grateful to Keith Payne who has carried out an enormous amount of maintenance throughout the year, including having the glass panels in the main doors replaced after a disabled scooter driver accidentally damaged them in November.

One project that did need to be done was the protection of the heating plant in the small storage room and this was done by Kevin one of our parishioners. Another was the fitting of new notice boards which Keith has done. We have also bought new table trolleys. We are planning more improvements for the new year and these will be visible by the time that this report is circulated.

We needed an update of our Fire Risk Assessment and we are grateful to Ian Giles for producing an excellent report.

Of course, to keep our income up we rely on the tireless work done by Pat Payne. After a slow start our income from hirers has increased, this included a new hirer 'The Pauline Quirke Academy'.

One downside is our relationship with our neighbours, Kallars, and despite an approach by Fr. Mark things did not improve and we have not enjoyed the harmonious dealings that we have with other local businesses. Happily, Albins, on the other hand, have been brilliant and they have taken up all the car park spaces vacated by Kallars.

Luke Cashin is one of our unsung heroes and he works all through the year to obtain grants to assist with the implementation of our hall improvements.

In 2024 we will have new blinds to replace the curtains, new storage cupboards and decorations to the small hall, and even more enhancements in the pipeline. We will also maintain our £12,000.00 contribution to the church account, which has been made possible by an increase in our hire rates.

We are very lucky to have Oliver Dean as our Treasurer. Keeping track of all the above financial dealings needs a lot of attention.

Fr. Mark is not the type of Chairman who sits back and lets others do the work and he puts in a lot of effort to ensure a trouble-free existence and induce contributions from outside sources.

Finally, our Churchwarden Sue Knight ensures we have a good relationship with the PCC.

All the above meant that our anticipated consolidation year after Covid has been an extremely positive and constructive one and 2024 looks even better.

Bob King

Relationships Externally Directed

We supported several external charities this year: The Guide Dogs for The Blind and RNIB (the Social Club's charities of the year), The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, the Bexley Foodbank and our Ukraine appeal. The Foodbank and Ukraine appeal have both been supported generously each week with donations of food and medical supplies. Monetary support for the Ukraine appeal enabled four friends to join the prayer pilgrimage to Walsingham in April. In December a beautiful Ukrainian wedding blessing ceremony took place, and the PCC were delighted to approve paying for the fees from this fund as a gift to the young couple. Heartfelt thanks are given for your continued generosity.

1A Hurst Road

The PCC continues to offer a commercial lease on the office above the Church Hall. The lease has been renewed for a period of five years on an increased rent recommended by a professional surveyor.

Church Attendance

Our data collected for Central Church Statistics show the following:

Easter	206 people	133 communicants
Christmas	522 people	202 communicants

Usual Sunday attendance (including Saturday Vigil Mass and 8:30am Said Mass)
112 people, 100 communicants.

There were increases to these figures for Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Sunday and Memorial Services.

Schools coming to church for their Christmas services: Holy Trinity, Burnt Oak Primary, Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School, Hurstmere Foundation Boys' School and Marlborough School (Special) who were joined by members of Bexley Grammar School Choir.

Church Electoral Roll

Following the revision of the Church Electoral Roll the figure now stands at 95. The figure at the last APCM was 95.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by
The Reverend Mark Blakely (PCC Chair)



Dated 28 February 2024

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LAMORBEY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31st DECEMBER 2023

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Funds

General funds represents the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust and which require a faculty for disposal;
- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC;
- Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000; and
- Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made;
- Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims;
- Cash in hand and at bank; and
- Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received at the year end by the PCC.

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC; and
- Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by the year end.

Financial review

The accounts this year are exceptional, in a very challenging year. As always the overwhelming generosity of Parishioners donating to restricted funds has been phenomenal helping to underpin the finances of the PCC.

As detailed in the financial statements:

Total receipts were £137,067. This figure includes:

£64,345 Parishioners giving generously to support our mission (including two Flower Funds, see below)

Being income tax recovered from HM Revenue & Customs on all money given to the PCC under Gift Aid during the £8,946 period.

£4,293 Income generated from fundraising events, before costs.

£9,848 Rental income from 1A Hurst Road - a short term commercial lease.

£35,134 Income from hiring out the Church Hall, before Hall costs of £34,299.

The Yellow Iris Fund was set up during the Coronavirus Pandemic when the doors of Holy Trinity Lamorbey were shut for worship. The fund is a way Parishioners helped Holy Trinity through financial support. The Yellow Iris flower is a symbol of Hope and Cherished Friendships. Hope is what we have for the future and our cherished friendships are what sustain us, with the love we have for one another.

£144,591 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from Holy Trinity. Our key expenditure is the cost of stipendiary ministry and maintaining our beautiful parish church and church hall.

The net deficit was £7,524 of which net £5,945 related to restricted or designated funds.

Only £52 is available within a Repair Fund that may be used towards maintenance work including that identified by architects appointed by the Diocese of Rochester, during their quinquennial inspection. The Diocesan Repair Fund is a designated fund established to meet major repairs on both the Church and Hall and requires replenishment before the next quinquennial works can be carried out.

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. At the year-end there is a balance of £32,201 of unrestricted funds at the year-end related estimated to cover over three months of unrestricted expenditure in a normal year. The PCC holds over £109,613 of designated funds available to use if necessary.

Funds to the value of £72,590 are restricted - please refer to Note 2 to the accounts.

Cash funds are maintained with Banks: Barclays, HSBC & Lloyds as well as the Rochester Diocesan Society Board of Finance.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

Note	2023				2022
	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets					
Bank Current Accounts	20,442	8,411	2,983	31,836	31,883
Bank Deposit Account	3,102	64,778	106,578	174,458	183,592
Rochester Diocese Deposit Funds	8,656	370	52	9,079	8,796
<i>Total cash</i>	32,201	73,559	109,613	215,373	224,270
1 Other assets Church Hall at Cost	14,500			14,500	14,500
TOTAL ASSETS	46,701	73,559	109,613	229,873	238,770
2 <i>Less Liabilities</i>					
Organ Repair Fund		(8,864)		(8,864)	(8,583)
Upkeep of Church Services		(2,940)		(2,940)	(2,991)
Choir/ Music Fund		(349)		(349)	(349)
Church Hall Activities		(556)		(556)	(556)
Memorials		(6,059)		(6,059)	(5,669)
Pilgrimages & Outings		(48)		(48)	(266)
Church Repairs		(2,980)		(2,980)	(2,780)
Charitable Grants		(196)		(196)	(196)
Scouts (Hall Car Park)		(2,520)		(2,520)	(2,520)
Social Club		(4,778)		(4,778)	(4,116)
Yellow Iris Fund		(16,429)		(16,429)	(8,589)
Purple Gladiolus Fund		(23,789)		(23,789)	(23,789)
Sunflower Fund		-		-	(150)
Ukraine Fund		(2,281)		(2,281)	(1,378)
Fund Raising		(360)		(360)	-
Hall Fund		(1,411)		(1,411)	-
Garden Fund			(4,369)	(4,369)	(4,408)
Investment Fund			(105,191)	(105,191)	(122,726)
RBDF Repair Fund			(52)	(52)	(52)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		(73,559)	(109,613)	(183,172)	(189,116)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	£46,701	-	-	£46,701	£49,654

There are many parishioners who donate their time and talents in furtherance of the Holy Trinity Church Lamorbey mission.
 Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28/02/24 and signed on its behalf by:

Reverend Mark Blakely, Vicar of Holy Trinity Lamorbey, Church

The Notes on the following pages form part of these account

Mark Blakely

INCOMING RESOURCES (RECEIPTS)

		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	2023	2022
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Income*</u>	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Note	<u>Voluntary Income</u>				
3	Gift Aid donations	34,591	-	34,591	35,128
4	Income Tax recoverable	7,474	1,472	8,946	17,717
	All other giving	1,644	19,773	21,417	22,834
5	Collections at services	8,337	-	8,337	6,644
	Legacy income			-	-
	<u>Charity Fund Raising</u>				
14	Charitable Collections		-	-	44
	<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>				
6	Fund Raising Events	4,293	-	4,293	4,833
	<u>Income from Investments</u>				
8	Interest	1,767	281	2,048	229
9	Rental Income from 1A Hurst Rd	9,848	-	9,848	8,681
	<u>Income from Church Activities</u>				
10	Fees (Clergy & PCC)	10,171	-	10,171	10,937
7	Church Hall	35,134	-	35,134	36,861
	Social Club	-	2,282	2,282	1,931
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	113,259	23,808	137,067	145,840

* Includes designated funds - refer to Notes

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RESOURCES EXPENDED (PAYMENTS)

				2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Expenditure	Expenditure*		
		£	£	£	£
Note	Church Activities				
	Parish Pledge (payment to Diocese)	40,000	-	40,000	40,000
	Organist	6,867	100	6,967	7,601
	Administrator	6,128	-	6,128	6,005
11	Clergy expenses	3,563	150	3,713	4,940
12	Church running expenses	9,042	23,834	32,876	10,124
	Church utility bills	4,914	4,050	8,964	6,356
	<u>Other Resources Expended</u>				
7	Church Hall Expenses	34,299	-	34,299	70,018
6	Fundraising Events	117	-	117	-
13	Management & Administration	2,333	-	2,333	2,245
	Social Club	-	1,619	1,619	2,507
10	Fees (Clergy & PCC)	7,575	-	7,575	5,607
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£114,838	£29,753	£144,591	£155,404
EXCESS OF (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME				(7,524)	(9,565)
	Net Transfer from/(to) Repair Fund			-	-
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE				(7,524)	(9,565)
Current and deposit accounts at beginning of the Year				(21,958)	(12,393)
Current and deposit accounts at the end of the Year				£(29,482)	£(21,958)

* Includes designated funds - refer to Notes

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NOTE 1 CHURCH HALL

The original cost of the Church Hall was £14,500. The PCC does not hold a current market value for the Hall.

NOTE 2 RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fund Type		Opening £	Income £	Expenditure £	Closing £	
Restricted	Organ Repair Fund	8,583	281	-	8,864	
Restricted	Upkeep of Church Services	2,991	615	(666)	2,940	
Restricted	Choir/ Music Fund	349	-	-	349	
Restricted	Church Hall Activities	556	-	-	556	
Restricted	Memorials	5,669	390	-	6,059	
Restricted	Pilgrimages & Outings	266	2,534	(2,752)	48	
Restricted	Church Repairs	2,780	200	-	2,980	
Restricted	Charitable Grants	196	-	-	196	
Restricted	Scouts (Hall Car Park)	2,520	-	-	2,520	
Restricted	Social Club	4,116	2,282	(1,619)	4,778	
Restricted	Yellow Iris Fund	8,589	10,682	(2,842)	16,429	
Restricted	Purple Gladiolus Fund	23,789	-	-	23,789	
Restricted	Sunflower Fund	150	-	(150)	-	
Restricted	Ukraine Fund	1,378	1,003	(100)	2,281	
Restricted	Heating Fund		4,050	(4,050)	-	
Restricted	Fund Raising		360	-	360	
Restricted	Hall Fund		1,411	-	1,411	
		61,930	23,808	(12,180)	73,559	
Designated	Garden Fund	4,408	-	(39)	4,369	
Designated	Investment Fund	122,726	-	(17,534)	105,191	
Designated	RBDF Repair Fund	52	-	-	52	
		£189,116	£23,808	£(29,753)	£183,172	£183,172 £189,116

Organ Repair Fund	Legacy of the Miss Anne Elisabeth Thomas Deceased
Upkeep of Church Services	Specific donations to items such as Church flowers & wine
Choir Music Fund	Specific donations to cover expenditure on choir music
Church Hall Activities	Specific donations to cover expenditure on new hall equipment
Memorials	Memorial Funds for Tim Room, Bob Semos and Mavis Forder
Pilgrimages & Outings	Specific donations to cover expenditure on congregational pilgrimages and outings

Church Repairs	Newly established fund to support repairs to fabric of the church
Charitable Grants	Donations received specifically for onward donation to named charities
Scouts Church Car Park	Co-Op Funding arranged by Scouts to aid maintenance of the Church & Hall Car Park
Social Club	Subscriptions and donations to be used for social club events

NOTE 2 RESTRICTED & DESIGNATED FUNDS (continued)

Yellow Iris Fund	For use of projects at at HTL as directed by the Vicar and PCC
Purple Gladiolus Fund	To cover expenditure on future Church repairs and maintenance
Sunflower Fund	Mother Renate Honorarium (closed)
Ukraine Fund	To support Ukrainian individuals within the community (closed)
Heating Fund	Donations specifically to cover high rise in Heating costs (opened and utilised within the year)
Fund Raising	To purchase equipment in aid of fund raising
Hall Fund	General Fund to cover Hall expenses
Garden Fund	Specific donations to cover expenditure on Church Garden
Investment Fund	Refer to Page 2 Financial Review, Legacy income. Aims to create a sustainable future income stream
RDBF Repair Fund	Specific Fund established to support Quinquennial Repairs to Church (not Hall)

Quinquennial Obligations

In accordance with the Diocesan Scheme under the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955, as amended by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991, the Church is inspected by architects appointed by the Diocese of Rochester in 2016 on quinquennial basis. The latest Quinquennial report was received in 2021.

The Church Hall does not have similar inspections and the Church Council responds to repairs and maintenance needs as they arise and as funds become available.

NOTE 3 GIFT AID DONATIONS

Money either in envelopes, through a bankers' order, or by cheque, which is given on a regular and committed basis under Gift Aid. Envelope printing costs are set off against this income.

NOTE 4 INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE

The amount of tax recovered from HMRC on all money given to the PCC under Gift Aid (see Note 3)

NOTE 5 COLLECTIONS AT SERVICES

Open plate collections, Sundays, Weddings, Funerals, Special Services

NOTE 6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Money raised from Fundraising activities for non specific use

NOTE 7 CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT

		£	£	£
Income	Donations	1,661		2,300
	Wellington Boots	9,000		8,547
	Slimming World	2,970		3,028
	Karate	1,672		1,420
	Baby Ballet	3,520		3,722
	First Class Learning	4,785		5,195
	Bulgarian Dance	1,310		950
	Occasional hires	1,060		1,940
	Polling Fees	-		520
	Car Park	9,157		9,240
			35,134	£36,861
Related Expenditure	Caretaker	(3,064)		(2,968)
	Contract cleaners	(13,321)		(10,101)
	Utility bills	(9,928)		(5,888)
	Insurance (note 15)	(2,563)		(2,518)
	Maintenance	(5,423)		(1,864)
	Toilet Renovation (Restricted)	-		(46,680)
			(34,299)	£(70,018)
Net Income / (Expenditure)			£835	£(33,157)

NOTE 8 INTEREST

Interest earned on funds held at Rochester Diocese & Barclays Bank.

NOTE 9 RENTAL INCOME FROM 1A HURST ROAD

Though part of the Hall structure this income is carved out from the Hall. Lease was renewed in 2020.

NOTE 10 FEES (CLERGY & PCC)

	£	£
Fees paid to PCC for weddings, funerals, cremations and Burial of Ashes		
DBF Fees towards Clergy's stipend	10,171	10,937
PCC Fees (net of outgoings)	(7,575)	(5,607)
	<u>£2,596</u>	<u>£5,330</u>

NOTE 11 CLERGY EXPENSES

	£	£
Vicarage rates	2,943	2,762
Vicarage & grounds costs	-	541
Ukrainian Support	-	1,137
Honararium (restricted)	770	500
	<u>£3,713</u>	<u>£4,940</u>

		2023	2022
NOTE 12 CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES			
	Restricted element	£	£
Insurance (note 15)		2,563	2,518
Subscriptions		495	496
Church flowers		666	560
Church Garden (restricted)		39	53
Quinquennial Repairs		-	-
Repairs & Maintenance †		23,077	5,007
Upkeep of Church services		1,628	1,376
Other Parish & Support costs †		4,408	114
		£32,876	£10,124

† 2023 includes £17,504 spent on boiler repairs met from the Investment Fund

NOTE 13 CHURCH MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Printer/ Copier, website, stationery, telephone, postage, bank charges.

NOTE 14 CHARITY DONATIONS AND GRANTS (RESTRICTED)

Money raised by the Church congregation for specific charitable causes (all restricted)

2023: nil 2022:RSPB

- £44

NOTE 15 INSURANCE

Church Insurance is provided by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

NOTE 16 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC.
The only payments to other PCC members were the reimbursement of receipted expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.
No payments or expenses were paid to any persons closely connected or related to PCC members.

Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of Holy Trinity Lamorbey, Sidcup

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the accounts comply with part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 8 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations; have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Stephen England

07.03.2024

Stephen England, FCCA