

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SALISBURY PLAIN

England & Wales · Charity number 1173846

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2017-07-18

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

**Activities:** Salisbury Plain Benefice Parochial Church Council organises and leads Church of England worship in the villages of Chitterne, Orcheston, Shrewton and Tilshead on Salisbury Plain

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£100,021	£102,991	-	-
2024-12-31	£127,533	£114,343	-	-
2023-12-31	£107,817	£149,845	-	-
2022-12-31	£108,236	£132,295	-	-
2021-12-31	£93,868	£89,045	-	-
2020-12-31	£112,284	£194,334	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW JOHN LYNDON MACDONALD		2020-10-07
Brigadier John Edward Bruce Smedley CVO		2026-05-20
Deborah Helen Potter		2020-10-07
GABRIELLE ELLINOR FRANCES JENNINGS-BRAMLY		2022-05-04
HILDA ROSE RENSHAW		2018-04-25
Ian Denis Hughes Smith		2022-05-04
LADY SARAH DIANA ROWENA PERCEVAL GOOCH		2014-01-29
MARCELLE ANNE STOBIE		2024-05-01
MICHAEL LAWRENCE BADHAM-THORNHILL		2018-04-25
RICHARD ESSBERGER		2014-01-29
SIMON DAVID WILLIAM SHEPHERD		2016-04-19
Sarah Dawney Provis		2026-05-20

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# Accounts

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**The Parish of Salisbury Plain  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Administrative information**

The Parish of Salisbury Plain was created on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and is a one-parish benefice comprising the historic parishes of All Saints' & St Mary, Chitterne; St Mary's Orcheston; St Mary's Shrewton; and St Thomas à Becket, Tilshead. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1173846) Registration was effective 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017. PCC members who have served from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

*Incumbent until 3rd Nov 25:*      The Revd Canon Eleanor Rance      Chairman  
We have been in vacancy since.

*Wardens:*                      Richard Essberger  
                                        Ewart Grant  
                                        Hilda Renshaw  
                                        Ian Smith  
                                        Marcelle Stobie

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Sarah Gooch

*Elected members:*      Mike Badham-Thornhill      Vice Chairman & Secretary  
                                        John Badgery  
                                        Gay Jennings-Bramly  
                                        Andrew Macdonald  
                                        Debby Potter

*Co-opted Members:*      Sam Shepherd                      Treasurer

## **Structure, governance and management**

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

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, who was until the 3rd November 2025 the Revd Canon Eleanor Rance, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has oversight of the Maddington Church Room in the historic parish of Maddington/Shrewton.

## **Review of the year**

The PCC met on 26<sup>th</sup> February for the APCM on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> June, and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The PCC complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 by having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within the parish. Those due for safeguarding refresher training attended a course online as provided by the diocese.

## **CHURCH ATTENDANCE & WORSHIP**

On 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 there were 96 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

The schedule for Sunday worship until November 2025 continued to include a range of service forms including weekly mid-morning Communion Services, BCP Holy Communion, BCP Evensong, Family Service, and Zoom Evening Prayer. After November when the vacancy began, the Steering Committee worked hard to ensure that Holy Communion in each church was maintained. Where a priest has not been available the LWL or Church Wardens have stepped in. The average attendance across the parish settled at around 23 (23 in 2024) for the main morning service, and 13 (13 in 2024) children at the monthly Family Service/Tea that has been temporarily suspended since October. The attendance at most regular services showed a gentle upward trend. While service attendance at Easter were lower than in 2024, services during Advent were returning to much healthier levels however figures for Christmas Day varied across the Parish. Weekday worship figures have also fluctuated.

It has to be said that the Rev Jonathan Plows has been assiduous in his duties as Rural Dean, and has regularly stepped in to assist us. He is to be commended.

The benefice choir has continued to offer support in worship across the parish, and, along with our two regular organists we have benefited from the support of visitors for a number of weddings and funerals during the course of 2025. We also shared services in our 3 'closed' churches.

**Occasional Offices in the Benefice or at the crematorium (figures in brackets= 2024):**

Baptisms	7	(9)	(Chitterne 0, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 6, Tilshead 0)
Marriages / blessings	1	(6)	(Chitterne 0, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 0, Tilshead 1)
Funerals	11	(14)	(Chitterne 3, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 5, Tilshead 3)

In addition to this there were 7 (9) services to bury ashes (Chitterne 0, Orcheston 0, Shrewton/Rollestone/Maddington 3, Tilshead 4). Assistance and support to bereaved families was also offered to several families. The All Souls' service was well received, with many who attended taking gravelights or memorial candles away with them following the service.

**MINISTRY, INCLUDING WORSHIP, WITH SCHOOLS & FAMILIES IN 2025**

In both schools governance continued to be an important strand of our church ministry. Tilshead's school went successfully through its SIAMS and OFSTED inspections during 2024, with a significant presence of Foundation Governors at both. The events of Holy Week and Easter were marked with pupils from both schools. Leavers Services and activities were supported by the church in both primary schools. Throughout the year provision of financial and food support was coordinated between the clergy, Candlemas and the local schools. In December local community members once again donated small gifts, gift wrap and tags to the church, and we ran a very successful gifting scheme across 2 sites in the parish (see below). This allowed every child to select a gift for a family member at no charge. Remaining gifts, wrap and tags were placed into the new pantry so that the wider community could benefit from a temporary 'present drawer'. Family Service & Tea continued up to October and was a popular and appreciated event during 2025, while Activity packs were distributed to families across the parish during every school holiday. At the end of the summer holidays our, now annual, Teddy Bears' Picnic drop in drew significant numbers from across the community.

The following resources were provided:

Weekly Collective worship	provided almost exclusively 'in person' for the year- for the first time across a whole academic year. Rev Jonathan Plows has continued worship with the schools.
Yr 6 Leavers	sessions with Tilshead Yr 6 thinking about moving on/ moving up
Harvest Services	In Shrewton & Tilshead Churches
'Christmas gifting'	Both Shrewton and Tilshead School held a gift wrapping session for loved ones in the respective schools this year assisted by Benefice volunteers.

## **MINISTRY IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY IN 2025**

Across the year each church collected items of food or gifts of money in support of local organisations, such as the Community pantry based in Shrewton, the Warminster Foodbank and Alabarè.

Support to individuals and families struggling with the cost of living crisis was also made possible, in part, by the provision of a grant by the Church of England. Throughout the year the church community were instrumental in developing the reach and resources of the Community Pantry. 'Pop up' shelves in the Pantry are still welcomed, among these were those for Easter decorations, 'Back to School', games for the school holidays, cookery and kitchen, and the Christmas Gift & Wrap shelf.

September and October saw Harvest Festivals and meals throughout the Parish, with produce donations to Alabarè and the Warminster Food Bank.

Working ecumenically is a significant part of life within the parish, and in 2025 we continued to work with our Methodist friends to prepare and distribute Activity packs, and we also continued to work with GUL, especially with regard to the Community Pantries (there is a second pantry at The Bustard), and visiting. Likewise members of the Plain Church community worshipped with us on a number of occasions.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total Receipts for the financial year including the redemption of investment funds and a generous legacy were £100,781 (2024 £127,534). Regular income fell from £96,000 to £80,000.

Giving to the church through regular planned donations, one off donations and the collection plate over the year reduced to £38,000 from £48,300. This total amount is only equal to 56% of our Parish Share that we paid over to the Diocese.

We received one generous legacy of £20,000 to be spent on the church fabric of St Mary's Church, Orcheston.

We continue to receive a number of generous grants from local organisations. For these we are most grateful to Tilshead Parish Council for a grant towards grass cutting costs at St Thomas churchyard, and also Shrewton Parish Council for a similar grant for grass cutting at St Mary Maddington churchyard.

Gift Aid receipts were reduced to £8,900 reflecting the reduced normal income. Receipts from Parochial fees fell to £7,500 reflecting a reduction in the number of funerals and only one wedding in the Benefice.

Receipts from fund raising events were similar to the previous year at £5,300 but historically this is low.

Income from Bank Deposits and Trusts reduced slightly to £12,800 as a consequence of cashing in some investment funds in 2024.

Maddington Church Hall fee income has fallen to £1,700 from £2,300.

Total expenditure was £102,991 (2024 £114,343) to enable the Benefice in Ministry throughout our four villages.

Our contribution to the Parish Share remained level at £68,000. There was no apparent increase as we now benefit from a partial refund of parochial fees from the Diocese being credited to our Share. However Share will now rise each year by at least £2,500 until 2028.

Clergy expenses were £1,500 up from £1,100. The Salisbury DBF share of parochial fees rose slightly to £3,450.

General running costs of insurance, heating, electricity fell slightly to £14,250 from £14,950.

Fortunately expenditure on building works was historically low at £4,250. Maintenance of our eight churchyards was lower at £2,700.

We have continued to make grants from funds raised earlier from fabric and craft sales. We paid out all funds raised for the community Pantry to GUL, a Shrewton based charity who have taken over responsibility for the Pantry following the departure of our incumbent. In addition we made donations to other causes including The Royal British Legion, CRESS, Alabare, the Stroke association, the Children's Society, Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and the Churches Conservation Trust.

The overall financial result is an excess of expenditure over receipts of £2,200. However the income includes the legacy received. The underlying figures show an income deficit of £22,000 for the year after a similar underlying deficit of £11,000 in 2024.

Our financial assets held in investment funds have increased over the year by £8,500 to £526,500. This illustrates that although we are in deficit on our running costs, we possess considerable assets.

## **Reserves Policy**

At the PCC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a Financial Management Policy paper was presented to and approved by the PCC, including the following "Salisbury Plain Benefice Reserves Policy".

1. The Reserves of Salisbury Plain Benefice are those unrestricted funds required to ensure prudent financial management.
2. The Reserves do not include funds that were raised for designated purposes, or are restricted in terms of their donation, or are endowments or property assets.
3. They will ensure that the PCC will meet all the normal costs of running the Benefice, including the ability to pay our Parish Share, our fees to the Diocesan Board of Finance, building insurance, utility bills, costs of service, administration and day to day repairs.
4. The reserves should also meet minor unexpected repair costs including minor works identified in Quinquennial reports.
5. The Reserves Policy recognises that through the Benefice, the four constituent villages will be able to support each other when necessary.
6. The expected running costs for 2026 will be around £100,000. Given recent experience of the pandemic it is prudent to increase the reserves above Church of England guidance of three months reserves to six months would give an appropriate reserve of £50,000.
7. In the event that our reserves are consistently below the target sum or are consistently above the target, the PCC will take responsibility to remedy the situation. When reserves drop too low funds should be allocated from a designated fund where that fund is not immediately required for the designated purpose. Where reserves are too high funds could, with the approval of the PCC, be used either supporting a project in the community or being designated to an underfunded fabric fund or similar.
8. This Policy should be reviewed annually.

**Approved by the PCC on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 and signed on their behalf by Richard Essberger (per pro PCC Chair)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF THE SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

**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 audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. 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 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 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.

Date: 2 April 2026

Signature:



Name:

John Rhoades

Position:

EXAMINER

Statement of Account as at 31 December 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice	Total	2024 Total
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>								
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	9,439.00	7,117.00	8,410.00	1,980.00	80.00		27,026.00	29,649
Other Planned Giving	220.00						220.00	220
Church Collections	1,216.00	1,988.36	1,242.31	1,670.63	310.00		6,427.30	6,622
Sundry Donations	384.00	20,190.65	230.00	387.00	360.10	2,840.00	24,391.75	11,819
Grants	570.00	15.00		525.00		500.00	1,610.00	1,205
Gift Aid Refund	2,813.79	2,193.55	2,495.87	799.35	184.64	412.50	8,899.70	9,650
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Parochial Fees	2,993.00		1,529.00	2,970.00			7,492.00	12,103
<u>Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Events	2,043.35	364.70	1,280.23	409.33	909.80	282.00	5,289.41	5,628
<u>Receipts from Investments</u>								
Bank & Deposit Interest	25.07	1030.51	53.89	25.07			1,134.54	1,248
Trusts	1,627.32	448.46	289.09	9,323.08			11,687.95	12,267
<u>Other Receipts</u>								
Maddington Fees					1,730.00		1,730.00	2,315
VAT Grant (LPWGS)	227.52		141.05				368.57	2,347
Wayleaves							-	17
Allotment fees	372.00						372.00	302
Nicola Window fund						1,931.00	1,931.00	-
CBF Investment Fund	760.00						760.00	31,713
Miscellaneous	210.00	8.50	673.57	200.00		349.46	1,441.53	428
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>22,901.05</b>	<b>33,356.73</b>	<b>16,345.01</b>	<b>18,289.46</b>	<b>3,574.54</b>	<b>6,314.96</b>	<b>100,781.75</b>	<b>127,534</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Diocesan Parish Share	34165.12	12314.23	12720.24	8800.40			67,999.99	67,961
Clergy Expenses	440.23	357.93	311.64	400.99			1,510.79	1,128
DBF Share of fees	2,062.00	17.00	307.00	1,067.00			3,453.00	3,119
<u>Running Expenses</u>								
Insurance	2,993.36	1,239.77	3,203.07	2,330.65	525.88		10,292.73	10,088
Electricity & Telephone	460.05	248.13	470.03	868.12	620.93		2,667.26	3,253
Heating Oil	1,015.29						1,015.29	1,018
Water	96.61			80.11	99.29		276.01	583
Building Maintenance	769.72	160.00	1,929.94	838.61	542.79	7.42	4,248.48	15,236
Cost of Services	246.57	255.78	223.07	336.98		34.99	1,097.39	1,656
Upkeep of Churchyards	500.00		1,215.00	960.00			2,675.00	3,240
<u>Charitable Giving</u>								
Overseas			913.23				913.23	-
Home	42.50	474.50		156.40		4,492.54	5,165.94	6,477
Leaving Gift						675.00	675.00	-
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Costs	312.18	53.00	4.36		1.62		371.16	149
<u>Church Management</u>								
Administration	107.20	119.95	234.38	107.19	0.91	60.26	629.89	434
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>43,210.83</b>	<b>15,240.29</b>	<b>21,531.96</b>	<b>15,946.45</b>	<b>1,791.42</b>	<b>5,270.21</b>	<b>102,991.16</b>	<b>114,343</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments (Payments over receipts)</b>	<b>(20,309.78)</b>	<b>18,116.44</b>	<b>(5,186.95)</b>	<b>2,343.01</b>	<b>1,783.12</b>	<b>1,044.75</b>	<b>(2,209.41)</b>	<b>13,191</b>

SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE  
2025 BANK RECONCILIATION

		DATE		31/12/2024 OPENING BANK	31/12/2025 CLOSING BALANCE	CHANGETO CASH BALANCE			
SHREWTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£18,981.57	SHREWTON	£18,981.57				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2024		-£20,309.78						
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>-£1,328.21</b>						<b>-£20,309.78</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2025	-£1,328.21						
ORCHESTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£1,363.38	ORCHESTON	£25,109.84				
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2024	£1,529.40						
	CCLA	31/12/2024	£22,217.06						
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2024	<b>£25,109.84</b>						<b>£18,116.44</b>
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2025		£18,116.44						
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£43,226.28</b>						
	CAF BANK	31/12/2025	£3.77						
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2025	£0.00						
	CCLA	31/12/2025	£43,222.51						
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2025	<b>£43,226.28</b>						
CHITTERNE	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	-£198.13	CHITTERNE	£5,355.26				
	LLOYDS CURRENT	31/12/2024	£5,553.39						
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2024	<b>£5,355.26</b>						<b>-£5,186.95</b>
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2025		-£5,186.95						
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£168.31</b>						
		CAF BANK	31/12/2025				-£642.66		
	LLOYDS CURRENT	31/12/2025	£5,810.97						
	TRANSFER FROM CBF DEPOSIT FI	31/12/2025	-£5,000.00						
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2025	<b>£168.31</b>						
TILSHEAD	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£10,913.96	TILSHEAD	£10,913.96				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2025		£2,343.01						
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£13,256.97</b>						<b>£2,343.01</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2025	£13,256.97						
MADDINGTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£4,451.58	MADDINGTON	£4,451.58				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2025		£1,783.12						
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£6,234.70</b>						<b>£1,783.12</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2025	£6,234.70						
BENEFICE	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£9,511.13	BENEFICE	£9,511.13				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2025		£1,044.75						
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£10,555.88</b>						<b>£1,044.75</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2025	£10,555.88						
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-£2,209.41</b>			
<b>2025 LOSS</b>						<b>-£2,209.41</b>			
<b>DISCREPANCY</b>						<b>£0.00</b>			

Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2025

		Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice
<b><u>Current &amp; Deposit accounts</u></b>							
Orcheston Bank & Cash assets	31/12/24		£1,529.40				
	31/12/25		£0.00				
Chitterne Bank Current A/cs & Cash	31/12/24			£5,553.39			
	31/12/25			£5,810.97			
Benefice Current Account	31/12/24	£18,981.57	£1,363.38	-£198.13	£10,913.96	£4,451.58	£9,511.13
	31/12/25	-£1,328.21	£3.77	-£642.66	£13,256.97	£6,234.70	£10,555.88
Outstanding Gift Aid to recover	31/12/24						£2,053.77
	31/12/25						£2,231.42
<b><u>Liabilities - DBF fees</u></b>	31/12/24	£981.00	£17.00	£17.00	£124.00		
	31/12/25	£70.00	£0.00	£48.33	£18.00		
<b><u>Investment Funds</u></b>							
Shrewton Church Land Fund 2,557.9566 shares 2,524.4993 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/24	£59,146.86					
	31/12/25	£56,039.59					
Orcheston CCLA Fabric Fund	31/12/24		£22,217.06				
	31/12/25		£43,222.51				
Orcheston Church Cottage Income Shares 650 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/24		£15,029.76				
	31/12/25		£14,428.90				
Orcheston - Gaye - Income Shares 48 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/24		£1,109.89				
	31/12/25		£1,065.52				
Chitterne CBF Deposit Fund 850	31/12/24			£19,797.96			
	31/12/25			£15,666.12			
CBF Investment Fund 851	31/12/24			£10,404.29			
	31/12/25			£9,988.35			
CBF Accumulation Investment Fund Share	31/12/24			£62,762.20			
	31/12/25			£62,029.60			
Tilshead Empire Bungalow Fund 14,342.64 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/24				£331,640.56		
	31/12/25				£318,382.23		
Tilshead Kempson Fund 168 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/24				£3,884.61		
	31/12/25				£3,729.31		
Shrewton Allotments	31/12/24	£1,000.00					
	31/12/25	£1,000.00					
Maddington Church Rooms	31/12/24					£1,000.00	
	31/12/25					£1,000.00	

**Note 1** Assets in current accounts have been adjusted for unpresented cheques at 31/12/24 & 31/12/25 plus cash held

**Note 2** 33.4573 Shares sold for £760.00 in Shrewton Church Land Fund 11/03/2025 to pay for repairs to vestry roof.

**Notes to the 2025 Accounts**  
**Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC**

1. The Benefice of Salisbury Plain was legally constituted at the end of 2013.
2. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments method.
3. The Statement of Account lists separately the accounts for each of the four former parishes, for Maddington Church Rooms, and a general account, which are then consolidated.
4. The Statement of Assets shows all cash holdings and other investment funds held.
5. The investment funds are at market value as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. These funds are invested in the CBF Investment Fund by CCLA on behalf of the Parish.
6. The Shrewton allotment land continues to be included at a nominal value of £1,000.
7. The Maddington Church Rooms in Shrewton continue to be included at a nominal value of £1,000.
8. Outstanding Gift Aid is the sum due to be reclaimed from qualifying donations in 2025.
9. Liabilities are those known fees owed to Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance for fees incurred in the fourth quarter of 2025 but due for payment in January 2026.



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Charity Number 1173846

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SALISBURY PLAIN**

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# Accounts

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**The Parish of Salisbury Plain  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Administrative information**

The Parish of Salisbury Plain was created on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and is a one-parish benefice comprising the historic parishes of All Saints' & St Mary, Chitterne; St Mary's Orcheston; St Mary's Shrewton; and St Thomas à Becket, Tilshead. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1173846) Registration was effective 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017. PCC members who have served from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

*Incumbent:*                      The Revd Canon Eleanor Rance                      Chairman

*Wardens:*                      Richard Essberger  
   Ewart Grant  
   Hilda Renshaw  
   Ian Smith  
   Marcelle Stobie

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Sarah Gooch  
Mary Lace

*Elected members:*                      Mike Badham-Thornhill                      Vice Chairman & Secretary  
   John Badgery  
   Gay Jennings-Bramly  
   Andrew Macdonald  
   Debby Potter

*Co-opted Members:*                      Sam Shepherd                      Treasurer

## Structure, governance and management

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

## Objectives and Activities

The Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Eleanor Rance, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has oversight of the Maddington Church Room in the historic parish of Maddington/Shrewton.

## Review of the year

The PCC met on 6<sup>th</sup> March, for the APCM on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> June, and 6<sup>th</sup> November by Zoom). The PCC complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 by having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within the parish. Those due for safeguarding refresher training attended a course online as provided by the diocese.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE & WORSHIP

On 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 there were 143 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

The schedule for Sunday worship in 2024 continued to include a range of service forms including weekly mid-morning Communion Services, BCP Holy Communion, BCP Evensong, Family Service, and Zoom Evening Prayer. An average attendance across the parish settled at around 23 (21 in 2023) for the main morning service, and 13 (9 in 2023) children at the monthly Family Service/Tea. The attendance at most regular services showed a gentle upward trend. While service attendance at Easter were slightly lower than in 2023, services during Advent and at Christmas were returning to much healthier levels similar to those pre-pandemic. Weekday worship figures remained normal, with a good attendance at the additional 'Lent Conversations' in 2024.

The benefice choir has continued to offer support in worship across the parish, and, along with our two regular organists we have benefited from the support of visitors for a number of weddings and funerals during the course of 2024. We shared services in our 3 'closed' churches, and especially in Maddington where we had a number of weddings and funerals as well as a baptism at the end of the year.

### Occasional Offices in the Benefice or at the crematorium (figures in brackets= 2023):

Baptisms	9	(2)	(Chitterne 1, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 7, Tilshead 1)
Marriages / blessings	6	(4)	(Chitterne 0, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 6, Tilshead 0)

Funerals 14 (7) (Chitterne 2, Orcheston 2, Shrewton 7, Tilshead 3)

In addition to this there were 9 (9) services to bury ashes (Chitterne 0, Orcheston 0, Shrewton/Rollestone/Maddington 8, Tilshead 1). Assistance and support to bereaved families was also offered to several families. The All Souls' service was well received, with many who attended taking gravelights or memorial candles away with them following the service.

## **MINISTRY, INCLUDING WORSHIP, WITH SCHOOLS & FAMILIES IN 2024**

In both schools governance continued to be an important strand of our church ministry. Tilshead's school went successfully through its SIAMS and OFSTED inspections during 2024, with a significant presence of Foundation Governors at both. The events of Holy Week and Easter were marked with pupils from both schools. On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 we marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day with the whole school in Tilshead, and with representatives of the school in Shrewton at the Shrewton War Memorial. Leavers Services and activities were supported by the church in both primary schools. Throughout the year provision of financial and food support was coordinated between the clergy, Candlemas and the local schools. In December local community members once again donated small gifts, gift wrap and tags to the church, and we ran a very successful gifting scheme across 3 sites in the parish (see below). This allowed every child to select a gift for a family member at no charge. Remaining gifts, wrap and tags were placed into the new pantry so that the wider community could benefit from a temporary 'present drawer'. Family Service & Tea continued to be a popular and appreciated event during 2024, while Activity packs were distributed to families across the parish during every school holiday. At the end of the summer holidays our, now annual, Teddy Bears' Picnic drop in drew significant numbers from across the community.

The following resources were provided:

Weekly Collective worship	provided almost exclusively 'in person' for the year- for the first time across a whole academic year since 2018/19
Yr 6 Leavers	sessions with Tilshead Yr 6 thinking about moving on/ moving up
Harvest Services	In Shrewton & Tilshead Churches
'Experience Christmas'	the whole of Shrewton school attended an event in church to mark Christmas, culminating in selecting a gift for a loved one which was wrapped by volunteers and returned to school for distribution
'Christmas Gifting'	Along with the gifting event above for Shrewton school, we also shared this opportunity with pupils in Tilshead school, and at the Bustard, Shrewton, for home schooled children from the local area.

## **MINISTRY IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY IN 2024**

Across the year each church collected items of food or gifts of money in support of local organisations, such as the Community pantry based in Shrewton, the Warminster Foodbank and Alabare.

Support to individuals and families struggling with the cost of living crisis was also made possible, in part, by the provision of a grant by the Church of England. Throughout the year the church community were instrumental in developing the reach and resources of the Community Pantry. Across the year occasional – ‘pop up’ shelves were introduced into the Pantry. Among these were those for Easter decorations, ‘Back to School’, games for the school holidays, cookery and kitchen, and the Christmas Gift & Wrap shelf.

One significant event early in 2024, was that on 14 March 2024 a Memorial Service was held for Nicola Trahan, MBE, Croix de Guerre and La Médaille de la Reconnaissance française, a courier for the SOE and the French Resistance in WW2, a resident for many years in the village and a great supporter of St Mary's, Orcheston. She died at home aged 97. The number attending, inside St Mary's, was one of the highest we can recall, 130 or more. There may have been funerals in the past at St Mary's attended by similarly large numbers, and a few years back our Christingle carol service saw 125, but it is a rare event for the church to host so many.

During September the incumbent took 4 weeks of study leave, and the parish enjoyed the support of a number of local and diocesan clergy covering both weekday and Sunday services. Local clergy, both retired, military, and serving in other parishes, also assisted with cover for Christmas and Easter and periods of annual leave. The richness of this provision is a joy for all, especially as we no longer have other clergy living and working within the parish. Worship with the rector resumed on 29<sup>th</sup> September with a Benefice Harvest celebration in Orcheston Village Hall. As well as being a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with the whole parish, funds were also donated to Salisbury foodbank.

Working ecumenically is a significant part of life within the parish, and in 2024 not only did we continue to work with our Methodist friends to prepare and distribute Activity packs, but we also began to work more closely with GUL, especially with regard to the Community Pantries (there is a second pantry at The Bustard), and visiting. Likewise members of the Plain Church community worshipped with us at a number of occasions, and assisted with the provision of music for Midnight Mass.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total Receipts for the financial year including the redemption of investment funds were £127,500 (2023 £138,000). Actual income fell to £96,000 from £108,000.

Giving to the church through regular planned donations, one off donations and the collection plate over the year increased to £48,300. This total amount is only equal to 71% of our Parish Share that we paid over to the Diocese.

We continue to receive a number of generous grants from local organisations. For these we are most grateful to Tilshead Parish Council for a grant towards grass cutting costs. We are also grateful to the Friends of St Thomas for contributing half the cost of repairs to the organ.

Gift Aid receipts has remained similar to the previous year at around £10,000. Receipts from Parochial fees rose to £12,000 reflecting the increased number of weddings and funerals.

Receipts from fund raising events at fell to £5,600 from £8,700.

Income from Bank Deposits and Trusts increased slightly to £13,500.

Maddington Church Hall fee income has risen to £2,300.

During the year we recovered VAT by way of the Listed Places of Worship Scheme for building works in Chitterne and Shrewton.

We raised £26,600 from the redemption of some of our CCLA funds held in the Shrewton Lands Trust to meet a shortfall of income. The Eliza Collins Trust in Chitterne was wound up raising £5,100.

Total expenditure was £114,000 (2023 £150,000) to enable the Benefice in Ministry throughout our four villages.

Our contribution to the Parish Share was £68,000. This amount will rise each year by £2,500 until 2028.

Clergy expenses slightly reduced at £1,100. The Salisbury DBF share of parochial fees was similar to last year at £3,100.

General running costs of insurance, heating, electricity was about 9.5% higher at £14,950.

Expenditure on building works was considerably lower at £15,000.

We have continued to make grants from funds raised earlier from fabric and craft sales. We also continue to facilitate fund raising and expenditure for the community pantry. In addition we made donations to other causes including The Royal British Legion, CRESS, Julia's House, RE:ACT Ukraine, the Children's Society, Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and the Churches Conservation Trust.

The overall financial result is an excess of receipts over expenditure of £13,000. However this surplus includes funds drawn down from our investment funds. The underlying figures show an income deficit of £11,000 for the year.

Our financial assets held in investment funds have decreased over the year by £20,000 to £518,000. This illustrates that although we are in deficit on our running costs, we do appear as having considerable assets.

## **Reserves Policy**

At the PCC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a Financial Management Policy paper was presented to and approved by the PCC, including the following "Salisbury Plain Benefice Reserves Policy".

1. The Reserves of Salisbury Plain Benefice are those unrestricted funds required to ensure prudent financial management.
2. The Reserves do not include funds that were raised for designated purposes, or are restricted in terms of their donation, or are endowments or property assets.
3. They will ensure that the PCC will meet all the normal costs of running the Benefice, including the ability to pay our Parish Share, our fees to the Diocesan Board of Finance, building insurance, utility bills, costs of service, administration and day to day repairs.
4. The reserves should also meet minor unexpected repair costs including minor works identified in Quinquennial reports.
5. The Reserves Policy recognises that through the Benefice, the four constituent villages will be able to support each other when necessary.
6. The expected running costs for 2025 will be around £100,000. Given recent experience of the pandemic it is prudent to increase the reserves above Church of England guidance of three months reserves to six months would give an appropriate reserve of £50,000.
7. In the event that our reserves are consistently below the target sum or are consistently above the target, the PCC will take responsibility to remedy the situation. When reserves drop too low funds should be allocated from a designated fund where that fund is not immediately required for the designated purpose. Where reserves are too high funds could, with the approval of the PCC, be used either supporting a project in the community or being designated to an underfunded fabric fund or similar.
8. This Policy should be reviewed annually.

**Approved by the PCC on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Canon Eleanor Rance (PCC Chairman)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF THE SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

**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 audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. 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 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 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.

Date: 5 March 2025

Signature:



Name:

JOHN RHIND-TUTT

Position:

EXAMINER

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Account as at 31 December 2024

	Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice	Total	2023 Total
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS</b>								
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>								
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	11,519.00	7,030.00	8,640.00	1,980.00	480.00		29,649.00	29,575
Other Planned Giving	220.00						220.00	220
Church Collections	1,315.71	2,374.90	1,694.50	1,237.04			6,622.15	6,070
Sundry Donations	6,234.50	156.64	430.51	108.86	224.80	4,664.00	11,819.31	4,840
Grants	40.00	15.00		1,150.00			1,205.00	13,579
Gift Aid Refund	3,392.42	2,441.12	2,732.26	836.89	205.15	42.50	9,650.34	9,933
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Parochial Fees	8,923.00	579.00	1,269.50	1,331.00			12,102.50	9,179
<u>Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Events	1,014.82	1,378.22	1,865.71	365.44	947.16	57.00	5,628.35	8,693
<u>Receipts from Investments</u>								
Bank & Deposit Interest	12.16	1131.95	91.83	12.15			1,248.09	863
Trusts	2,303.03	438.00	420.65	9,105.43			12,267.11	12,805
<u>Other Receipts</u>								
Maddington Fees								
VAT Grant	1,892.25		455.15		2,315.00		2,315.00	1,695
Wayleaves	17.08						2,347.40	6,199
Allotment fees	301.50						17.08	17
Leaving Gift							301.50	319
CBF Investment Fund	26,600.00		5,113.01				-	870
Miscellaneous	145.00		264.65				31,713.01	30,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>63,930.47</b>	<b>15,544.83</b>	<b>22,977.77</b>	<b>16,126.81</b>	<b>4,172.11</b>	<b>4,781.92</b>	<b>127,533.91</b>	<b>137,817</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Diocesan Parish Share	32092.92	13214.73	13214.73	9439.10			67,961.49	62,927
Clergy Expenses	281.89	281.88	281.90	281.89			1,127.56	1,847
DBF Share of fees	2,213.00	282.00	332.00	292.00			3,119.00	3,018
<u>Running Expenses</u>								
Insurance	3,104.49	1,035.74	3,164.43	2,259.88	523.63		10,088.17	9,854
Electricity	524.56	294.25	668.92	1,043.01	721.88		3,252.62	2,676
Heating Oil	1,018.14						1,018.14	735
Water	443.81			56.93	82.19		582.93	389
Building Maintenance	9,209.46	410.00	540.97	1,456.83	3,619.14		15,236.40	55,357
Cost of Services	261.19	212.99	541.50	298.69		342.00	1,656.37	681
Upkeep of Churchyards	1,240.00		560.00	1,440.00			3,240.00	1,992
Leaving Gift							-	870
<u>Charitable Giving</u>								
Ukraine Fund grants							-	2,346
Fund Transfer							-	1,140
Overseas							-	510
Home	87.50	1,280.40	1,565.71	260.20		3,283.27	6,477.08	4,223
Corner Cottage							-	40
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Costs		86.51	15.00	47.35			148.86	451
<u>Church Management</u>								
Administration	138.58	79.75	108.36	79.27		28.52	434.48	789
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>50,615.54</b>	<b>17,178.25</b>	<b>20,993.52</b>	<b>16,955.15</b>	<b>4,946.84</b>	<b>3,653.79</b>	<b>114,343.10</b>	<b>149,845</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments (Payments over receipts)</b>	<b>13,314.93</b>	<b>(1,633.42)</b>	<b>1,984.25</b>	<b>(828.34)</b>	<b>(774.73)</b>	<b>1,128.13</b>	<b>13,190.81</b>	<b>(12,028)</b>

SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE  
2024 BANK RECONCILIATION

		DATE		DISCREPANCY		31/12/2023 OPENING BANK	31/12/2024 CLOSING BALANCE	CHANGE TO CASH BALANCE
SHREWTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£5,666.64		SHREWTON	£5,666.64		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2024		£13,314.93				£18,981.57	
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£18,981.57</b>					<b>£13,314.93</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£18,981.57	£0.00				
ORCHESTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£2,212.96		ORCHESTON	£26,743.26		
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2023	£3,433.04				£25,109.84	
	CCLA	31/12/2023	£21,097.26					
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2023	<b>£26,743.26</b>					<b>-£1,633.42</b>
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2024		-£1,633.42					
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£25,109.84</b>					
	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£1,363.38					
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2024	£1,529.40					
	CCLA	31/12/2024	£22,217.06					
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2023	<b>£25,109.84</b>	£0.00				
CHITTERNE	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£1,273.13		CHITTERNE	£9,371.01		
	LLOYDS CURRENT	31/12/2023	£8,097.88				£11,355.26	
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2023	<b>£9,371.01</b>					<b>£1,984.25</b>
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2024		£1,984.25					
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£11,355.26</b>					
		CAF BANK	31/12/2024	-£198.13				
	LLOYDS CURRENT & DEPOSIT	31/12/2024	£5,553.39					
	TRANSFER TO CBF DEPOSIT FUNI	31/12/2024	£6,000.00					
	<b>SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	31/12/2023	<b>£11,355.26</b>	£0.00				
TILSHEAD	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£11,742.29		TILSHEAD	£11,742.29		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2024		-£828.34				£10,913.96	
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£10,913.96</b>					<b>-£828.33</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£10,913.96	£0.01				
MADDINGTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£5,226.31		MADDINGTON	£5,226.31		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2024		-£774.73				£4,451.58	
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£4,451.58</b>					<b>-£774.73</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£4,451.58	£0.00				
BENEFICE	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£8,383.00		BENEFICE	£8,383.00		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2024		£1,128.13				£9,511.13	
	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£9,511.13</b>					<b>£1,128.13</b>
	CAF BANK	31/12/2024	£9,511.13	£0.00				
							<b>TOI</b>	<b>£13,190.83</b>
							<b>2024 GAIN</b>	<b>£13,190.81</b>
							<b>DISCREPANCY</b>	<b>-£0.02</b>

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2024

		Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice
<b><u>Current &amp; Deposit accounts</u></b>							
Orcheston Bank & Cash assets	31/12/23		£3,433.04				
	31/12/24		£1,529.40				
Chitterne Bank Current A/cs & Cash	31/12/23			£8,097.88			
	31/12/24			£5,553.39			
Benefice Current Account	31/12/23	£5,666.64	£2,212.96	£1,273.13	£11,742.29	£5,226.31	£8,383.00
	31/12/24	£18,981.57	£1,363.38	£-198.13	£10,913.96	£4,451.58	£9,511.13
Outstanding Gift Aid to recover	31/12/23						£2,647.54
	31/12/24						£2,053.77
<b><u>Liabilities - DBF fees</u></b>							
	31/12/23	£189.00	£0.00	£16.00	£59.00		
	31/12/24	£981.00	£17.00	£17.00	£124.00		
<b><u>Investment Funds</u></b>							
Shrewton Church Land Fund 3,689.5159 sh: 2,557.9566 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Ft	31/12/23	£83,402.61					
	31/12/24	£59,146.86					
Orcheston CCLA Fabric Fund	31/12/23		£21,097.26				
	31/12/24		£22,217.06				
Orcheston Church Cottage Income Shares 650 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/23		£14,693.44				
	31/12/24		£15,029.76				
Orcheston - Gaye - Income Shares 48 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/23		£1,085.05				
	31/12/24		£1,109.89				
Chitterne CBF Deposit Fund	31/12/23			£13,146.40			
	31/12/24			£19,797.96			
CBF Investment Fund	31/12/23			£10,171.48			
	31/12/24			£10,404.29			
CBF Accumulation Investment Fund Shares	31/12/23			£59,713.80			
	31/12/24			£62,762.20			
Eliza Collins Fund 220.41 Shares	31/12/23			£4,982.43			
	31/12/24			£0.00			
Tilshead Empire Bungalow Fund 14,342.64 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fur	31/12/23				£324,219.68		
	31/12/24				£331,640.56		
Tilshead Kempson Fund 168 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/23				£3,797.69		
	31/12/24				£3,884.61		
Shrewton Allotments	31/12/23	£1,000.00					
	31/12/24	£1,000.00					
Maddington Church Rooms	31/12/23					£1,000.00	
	31/12/24					£1,000.00	

- Note 1 Assets in current accounts have been adjusted for unrepresented cheques at 31/12/23 & 31/12/24 plus cash held
- Note 2 25.7692 Shares sold for £600.00 in Shrewton Church Land Fund 21/03/2024 to pay for clearing collapsed wall at Maddington Church
- Note 3 1,105.7901 Shares sold for £26,000.00 in Shrewton Church Land Fund 22/11/2024 to pay towards Parish share
- Note 4 220.41 Shares redeemed as Eliza Collins Fund wound up 25/10/2024

**Notes to the 2024 Accounts**  
**Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC**

1. The Benefice of Salisbury Plain was legally constituted at the end of 2013.
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Charity Number 1173846

CHITTERNE • ORCHESTON  
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SALISBURY PLAIN**

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# Accounts

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**The Parish of Salisbury Plain  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Administrative information**

The Parish of Salisbury Plain was created on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and is a one-parish benefice comprising the historic parishes of All Saints' & St Mary, Chitterne; St Mary's Orcheston; St Mary's Shrewton; and St Thomas à Becket, Tilshead. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, Chapel Lane, Shrewton, SP3 4BX

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1173846) Registration was effective 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017. PCC members who have served from the 3<sup>th</sup> May 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Canon Eleanor Rance	Chairman
<i>Wardens:</i>	Richard Essberger Ewart Grant Hilda Renshaw Ian Smith	
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Sarah Gooch Mary Lace	
<i>Elected members:</i>	Mike Badham-Thornhill John Badgery Gay Jennings-Bramly Andrew Macdonald Debby Potter	Vice Chairman & Secretary
<i>Co-opted Members:</i>	Sam Shepherd	Treasurer

## Structure, governance and management

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

## Objectives and Activities

The Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Eleanor Rance, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has oversight of the Maddington Church Room in the historic parish of Maddington/Shrewton.

## Achievements and Performance

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE & WORSHIP

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 there were 154 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

The schedule for Sunday worship in 2023 continued to include a range of service forms including weekly mid-morning Communion Services, BCP Holy Communion, BCP Evensong, Family Service, and Zoom Evening Prayer. An average attendance across the parish settled at around 21(24 in 2022) for the main morning service, and 9 (11 in 2022) children at the monthly Family Service/Tea.

The ministry team began to record an audio clip of prayers or reflections in March 2020. These continued to be recorded and distributed with reduced frequency throughout the course of 2023 to a mailing list of some 30 addressees. This provision ended in December 2023 because it was felt that sufficient alternative options were available.

Worship during the most significant periods of the Church year returned to pre-pandemic levels in terms of provision, though attendance for Holy Week, Easter, and other Feast Days remained low. In 2023 the challenge was in finding support from other clergy in order to cover leave and provide Eucharistic services on key dates in each church in the parish. Attendance for Christmas 2023 suggests a return to 'normal' numbers, though it should be noted that in the case of Shrewton the service was Midnight Mass, in Orcheston the service on Christmas Eve generated a large congregation meaning Christmas morning was 'quieter'; and in the case of Tilshead it was at 9.30am- our early services never proving as popular as those held mid-morning.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Chitterne	48	20	38	41	68
Orcheston	44	18	24	33	29
Shrewton	82	35	30	54	49
Tilshead	53	29	30	40	29

### Ministry, including worship, with Schools & Families in 2023

In both schools governance continued to be an important strand of our church ministry. In the summer of 2023, the foundation governors were involved in supporting EQUA in appointing a new Head Teacher at Tilshead. At Easter members of the Christian community in the parish hosted the whole of Shrewton school and other families after school in St Mary's church, so they could 'Experience Easter'. Leavers Services and activities were supported by the church in both primary schools. Throughout the year provision of financial and food support was coordinated between the clergy, Candlemas and the local schools. In December local community members once again donated small gifts, gift wrap and tags to the church, and we ran a very successful gifting scheme in Shrewton school. This allowed every child to select a gift for a family member at no charge. Remaining gifts, wrap and tags were placed into the new pantry so that the wider community could benefit from a temporary 'present drawer'. Family Service & Tea continued to be a popular and appreciated event during 2023, while Activity packs were distributed to families across the parish during every school holiday.

The following additional resources were provided:

Weekly Collective worship	provided almost exclusively 'in person' for the year- for the first time across a whole academic year since 2018/19
Yr 6 Leavers	sessions with Tilshead Yr 6 thinking about moving on/ moving up
Harvest Services	In Shrewton & Tilshead Churches
Christmas Service	Christingle/Epiphany services for each school took place in early 2024

### **Ministry in the wider community in 2023**

Across the year each church collected items of food or gifts of money in support of local organisations, such as the Community pantry based in Shrewton, the Warminster Foodbank and Alabare. The PCC also shared the remaining funds raised in 2022 for Ukraine in the parish, between REACT and New Forest for Ukraine. (The financial review below lists other organisations and appeals to which we responded during 2023)

Support to individuals and families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis was also made possible, in part, by the provision of a grant by the Church of England. Throughout the year the church community were instrumental in developing the reach and resources of the Community Pantry. A series of 'Grab Bags' including specific items and recipe cards were introduced to great effect. Across the year occasional – 'pop up' shelves were introduced into the Pantry. Among these were those for Easter decorations, 'Back to School' items and the Christmas Gift & Wrap shelf. In the autumn of 2023 along with a pop up shelf in the pantry with hot water bottles, gloves and scarves, two 'warm clothing' events took place, the first hosted in St Mary's, Shrewton, with a second at The Bystard under the oversight of GUL. These allowed for the wider community to share items of clothing and bedding, as well as

receiving a meal or refreshments donated by local businesses. Donations of around £260 were made during these events and this money was used to buy stock for the Community Pantry.

In March 2023, the parish hosted a 'Craft Supplies' Sale. The stock for this sale was donated, and the event raised around £1000 for work in the community. Once again, working in partnership with the Wiltshire Scrapstore, all remaining items were donated to their organization to avoid them going into landfill. The funds raised from this event and the Fabric Sale in 2022, are used to support work across the whole parish.

#### **Occasional Offices in the Benefice (or at the crematorium):**

Baptisms	2 (10) (Chitterne 0, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 2, Tilshead 0)
Marriages / blessings	4 (11)(Chitterne 2, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 2, Tilshead 0)
Funerals	7 (20) (Chitterne 1, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 4, Tilshead 1)

In addition to this there were 9 (11) services to bury ashes (Chitterne 1, Orcheston 0, Shrewton/Rollestone/Maddington 7, Tilshead 1). Assistance and support to bereaved families was also offered to several families, and one interment also took place.

#### **Review of the year**

The PCC met on 8<sup>th</sup> March and for the APCM on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> September, and 8<sup>th</sup> November. Changes to Church Representation Rules meant that additional decision making during the course of 2023 could be undertaken by correspondence, with decisions and resolutions being recorded, and added to minutes at subsequent meetings. The PCC complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 by having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within the parish. Those due for safeguarding refresher training attended a course online as provided by the diocese.

#### **Financial Review**

Total Receipts for the financial year including the redemption of investment funds were £138,000 (2022 £303,000). The decrease in receipts reflects that in 2022 the church sold the Empire plot of land in Tilshead.

Giving to the church through regular planned donations, one off donations and the collection plate over the year increased by £2,000 to £40,700.

We continue to receive a number of generous grants from local organisations. For these we are most grateful to Shrewton Parish Council and Tilshead Parish Council for grants towards grass cutting costs. We are also grateful to Chitterne Parish Council for paying directly for grass cutting. The Friends of All Saints & St Mary's Chitterne has again generously supported repairs to the church clock. Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust made a grant for repairs to St Mary's Chancel in Chitterne. The Friends of St Mary's Shrewton made a grant to pay for the

restoration of the South Boundary Wall in the churchyard for which we are also most grateful. The Diocese of Salisbury made an award to the Benefice from their Warm Spaces Fund which we are using in support of the Community Pantry.

Gift Aid receipts has remained similar to the previous year at around £10,000. Receipts from Parochial fees have fallen to just over £9,000 from £15,000.

Receipts from fund raising events at £8,700 was similar to the amount raised in the previous year.

Income from Bank Deposits and Trusts has increased from £10,100 to £12,800 reflecting the increased dividend income from the Empire plot sale proceeds being invested in the CCLA fund.

Maddington Church Hall fee income has fallen from £2,000 to £1,700.

During the year we recovered VAT by way of the Listed Places of Worship Scheme for building works in Chitterne and Tilshead.

We raised £30,000 from the redemption of some of our CCLA funds held by Shrewton and Tilshead to pay for building works on the respective church buildings.

Total expenditure was £150,000 (2023 £300,000) to enable the Benefice in Ministry throughout our four villages.

Our contribution to the Parish Share was £63,000. This amount alone is considerably more than the total received in donations referred to above.

Clergy expenses slightly reduced at £1,850. The Salisbury DBF share of parochial fees fell to £3,000 reflecting the lower amount of fees received.

General running costs of insurance, heating, electricity was about 5% higher at £13,700.

Expenditure on building works was considerably higher as we had to repair the guttering above the north aisle of St Mary's Shrewton and carry out repairs to the roof above the south aisle of St Thomas, Tilshead.

We have distributed outstanding funds raised for Ukraine to two charities RE:ACT and New Forest for Ukraine. In addition, we made donations to other causes including The Royal British Legion, CRESS, Julia's House, RE:ACT appeal for Turkey/Syria earthquake, the Children's Society, Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and the Churches Conservation Trust. In addition, we supported directly the Community Pantry paying for food and other products using funds raised in earlier years from Fabric and craft sales.

The overall financial result is an excess of expenditure over receipts of £12,000.

## **Reserves Policy**

At the PCC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a Financial Management Policy paper was presented to and approved by the PCC, including the following "Salisbury Plain Benefice Reserves Policy".

1. The Reserves of Salisbury Plain Benefice are those unrestricted funds required to ensure prudent financial management.
2. The Reserves do not include funds that were raised for designated purposes, or are restricted in terms of their donation, or are endowments or property assets.
3. They will ensure that the PCC will meet all the normal costs of running the Benefice, including the ability to pay our Parish Share, our fees to the Diocesan Board of Finance, building insurance, utility bills, costs of service, administration and day to day repairs.
4. The reserves should also meet minor unexpected repair costs including minor works identified in Quinquennial reports.
5. The Reserves Policy recognises that through the Benefice, the four constituent villages will be able to support each other when necessary.
6. The expected running costs for 2024 will be around £100,000. Given recent experience of the pandemic it is prudent to increase the reserves above Church of England guidance of three months reserves to six months would give an appropriate reserve of £50,000.
7. In the event that our reserves are consistently below the target sum or are consistently above the target, the PCC will take responsibility to remedy the situation. When reserves drop too low funds should be allocated from a designated fund where that fund is not immediately required for the designated purpose. Where reserves are too high funds could, with the approval of the PCC, be used either supporting a project in the community or being designated to an underfunded fabric fund or similar.
8. This Policy should be reviewed annually.

**Approved by the PCC on 13<sup>th</sup> March and signed on their behalf by Revd. Canon Eleanor Rance (PCC Chairman)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF THE SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

**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 audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. 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 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 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 26 FEBRUARY 2024

Signature:



Name:

JENNIFER HINDS

Position:

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## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Account as at 31 December 2023

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice	Total	2022 Total
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>								
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	12,009.00	7,096.00	8,010.00	1,980.00	480.00		29,575.00	28,756
Other Planned Giving	220.00						220.00	220
Church Collections	1,213.05	1,753.00	1,593.70	1,339.81		170.00	6,069.56	6,661
Sundry Donations	1,782.50	206.50	2,403.95	90.27	357.00		4,840.22	3,161
Grants	7,312.84	15.00	3,551.00	525.00		2,175.00	13,578.84	5,175
Gift Aid Refund	3,410.94	2,210.21	3,136.03	881.27	294.98		9,933.43	10,404
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Parochial Fees	5,813.00	301.00	2,329.00	661.20		75.00	9,179.20	14,997
<u>Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Events	2,618.70	816.60	1,736.03	522.60	1,645.00	1,354.40	8,693.33	8,908
<u>Receipts from Investments</u>								
Bank & Deposit Interest	19.81	671.49	151.75	19.82			862.87	266
Trusts	2,563.40	434.75	414.22	9,393.00			12,805.37	10,065
<u>Other Receipts</u>								
Maddington Fees					1,695.00		1,695.00	2,014
VAT Grant			450.55	5,748.53			6,199.08	2,107
Wayleaves	17.08						17.08	17
Allotment fees	319.00						319.00	334
Ukraine Support							-	4,752
Corner Cottage							-	570
Sale of Empire Plot land							-	172,590
Leaving Gift						870.00	870.00	-
CBF Investment Fund	10,000.00			20,000.00			30,000.00	22,030
Miscellaneous	191.85	155.00	776.14	53.05	410.00	1,372.87	2,958.91	9,830
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>47,491.17</b>	<b>13,659.55</b>	<b>24,552.37</b>	<b>41,214.55</b>	<b>4,881.98</b>	<b>6,017.27</b>	<b>137,816.89</b>	<b>302,856</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Diocesan Parish Share	29,715.66	12,235.86	12,235.86	8,739.90			62,927.28	76,069
Clergy Expenses	461.74	461.73	461.74	461.72			1,846.93	1,990
DBF Share of fees	1,836.00	134.00	870.33	177.33			3,017.66	4,564
<u>Running Expenses</u>								
Insurance	2,739.01	1,011.53	3,092.09	2,490.08	521.71		9,854.42	9,241
Electricity	422.12	209.52	475.20	1,032.30	537.30		2,676.44	2,049
Heating Oil	735.00						735.00	1,570
Water	154.79			99.76	134.49		389.04	199
Building Maintenance	11,298.93	269.50	3,641.23	34,436.66	5,620.70	90.00	55,357.02	24,380
Cost of Services	207.47	144.69	114.69	213.86			680.71	1,233
Upkeep of Churchyards	752.00		400.00	840.00			1,992.00	2,042
Leaving Gift						870.00	870.00	-
<u>Charitable Giving</u>								
Ukraine Fund grants						2,345.62	2,345.62	4,050
Fund Transfer						1,140.00	1,140.00	-
Overseas			340.00			170.00	510.00	-
Home	45.00	368.02	1,053.78	40.00		2,716.50	4,223.30	3,101
Corner Cottage						40.00	40.00	530
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Costs	420.61		30.00				450.61	831
Investment in CBf CoE Fund							-	167,550
<u>Church Management</u>								
Administration	181.94	157.65	200.07	167.51	0.95	81.02	789.14	446
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>48,970.27</b>	<b>14,992.50</b>	<b>22,914.99</b>	<b>48,699.12</b>	<b>6,815.15</b>	<b>7,453.14</b>	<b>149,845.17</b>	<b>299,845</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments (Payments over receipts)</b>	<b>(1,479.10)</b>	<b>(1,332.95)</b>	<b>1,637.38</b>	<b>(7,484.57)</b>	<b>(1,933.17)</b>	<b>(1,435.87)</b>	<b>(12,028.28)</b>	<b>3,011</b>

SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE  
2023 BANK RECONCILIATION

		DATE		DISCREPANCY		31/12/2022 OPENING BANK	31/12/2023 CLOSING BALANCE	CHANGE TO CASH BALANCE
SHREWTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£7,145.74		SHREWTON	£7,145.74		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2023		-£1,479.10				£5,666.64	
	BALANCE		£5,666.64					-£1,479.10
	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£5,666.64	£0.00				
ORCHESTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£6,008.79		ORCHESTON	£28,076.21		
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2022	£1,625.31					
	CCLA	31/12/2022	£20,442.11				£26,743.26	
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2022	£28,076.21					-£1,332.95
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2023		-£1,332.95					
	BALANCE		£26,743.26					
	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£2,212.96					
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2023	£3,433.04					
	CCLA	31/12/2023	£21,097.26					
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2023	£26,743.26	£0.00				
CHITTERNE	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£1,586.59		CHITTERNE	£9,626.25		
	LLOYDS CURRENT	31/12/2022	£8,039.56					
	CASH	31/12/2022	£0.00				£11,263.89	
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2022	£9,626.25					£1,637.64
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2023		£1,637.38					
	BALANCE		£11,263.63					
	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£1,273.13					
	LLOYDS CURRENT & DEPOSIT	31/12/2023	£8,097.88					
	CASH	31/12/2023	£0.00					
	TRANSFER FROM INVESTMENT	31/12/2023	£1,892.88					
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2023	£11,263.89	£0.26				
TILSHEAD	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£19,226.86		TILSHEAD	£19,226.86		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2023		-£7,484.57				£11,742.29	
	BALANCE		£11,742.29					-£7,484.57
	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£11,742.29	£0.00				
MADDINGTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£7,159.48		MADDINGTON	£7,159.48		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2023		-£1,933.17				£5,226.31	
	BALANCE		£5,226.31					-£1,933.17
	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£5,226.31	£0.00				
BENEFICE	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£9,818.87		BENEFICE	£9,818.87		
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2023		-£1,435.87				£8,383.00	
	BALANCE		£8,383.00					-£1,435.87
	CAF BANK	31/12/2023	£8,383.00	£0.00				
								TOT -£12,028.02
							2023 LOSS	-£12,028.28
							DISCREPANCY	-£0.26

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2023

		Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice
<u>Current &amp; Deposit accounts</u>							
Orcheston Bank & Cash assets	31/12/22		£1,625.31				
	31/12/23		£3,433.04				
Chitterne Bank Current A/cs & Cash	31/12/22			£8,039.66			
	31/12/23			£8,097.88			
Benefice Current Account	31/12/22	£7,145.74	£6,008.79	£1,586.59	£19,226.86	£7,159.48	£9,818.87
	31/12/23	£5,666.64	£2,212.96	£1,273.13	£11,742.29	£5,226.31	£8,383.00
Outstanding Gift Aid to recover	31/12/22						£2,898.35
	31/12/23						£2,647.54
<u>Liabilities - DBF fees</u>	31/12/22	£641.00	£0.00	£189.33	£59.00		£0.00
	31/12/23	£189.00	£0.00	£16.00	£0.00		£0.00
<u>Investment Funds</u>							
Shrewton Church Land Fun 4,148.56 shar	31/12/22	£85,650.75					
3,689.5159 Shares in CBF CoE Investment	31/12/23	£83,402.61					
Orcheston CCLA Fabric Fund	31/12/22		£20,442.11				
	31/12/23		£21,097.26				
Orcheston Church Cottage Income Share	31/12/22		£13,419.84				
650 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/23		£14,693.44				
Orcheston - Gaye - Income Shares	31/12/22		£991.00				
48 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/23		£1,027.12				
Chitterne CBF Deposit Fund	31/12/22			£1,110.79			
	31/12/23			£13,146.40			
CBF Investment Fund	31/12/22			£9,289.83			
	31/12/23			£10,171.48			
CBF Accumulation Investment Fund Shar	31/12/22			£62,772.84			
	31/12/23			£59,713.80			
Eliza Collins Fund	31/12/22			£4,550.56			
220.41 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Func	31/12/23			£4,982.43			
Tilshead Empire Bungalow 15,267 shares	31/12/22				£315,200.96		
14,342.64 Shares in CBF CoE Investment F	31/12/23				£324,219.68		
Tilshead Kempson Fund	31/12/22				£3,468.51		
168 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/23				£3,797.69		
Shrewton Allotments	31/12/22	£1,000.00					
	31/12/23	£1,000.00					
Maddington Church Rooms	31/12/22					£1,000.00	
	31/12/23					£1,000.00	

Note 1 Assets in current accounts have been adjusted for unrepresented cheques at 31/12/22 & 31/12/23 plus cash held  
Note 2 459.0441 Shares sold for £10,000.00 in Shrewton Church Land Fund 22/11/2023 to pay for repairs to rainwater goods

**Notes to the 2023 Accounts**  
**Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC**

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5. The investment funds are at market value as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. These funds are invested in the CBF Investment Fund by CCLA on behalf of the Parish.
6. The Shrewton allotment land continues to be included at a nominal value of £1,000.
7. The Maddington Church Rooms in Shrewton continue to be included at a nominal value of £1,000.
8. Outstanding Gift Aid is the sum due to be reclaimed from qualifying donations in 2023.
9. Liabilities are those known fees owed to Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance for fees incurred in the fourth quarter of 2023 but due for payment in January 2024.



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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SALISBURY PLAIN**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173846

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# Accounts

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**The Parish of Salisbury Plain  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Administrative information**

The Parish of Salisbury Plain was created on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and is a one-parish benefice comprising the historic parishes of All Saints' & St Mary, Chitterne; St Mary's Orcheston; St Mary's Shrewton; and St Thomas à Becket, Tilshead. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, Chapel Lane, Shrewton, SP3 4BX

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1173846) Registration was effective 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017. PCC members who have served from the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Canon Eleanor Rance	Chairman
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mike Badham-Thornhill Richard Essberger Ewart Grant Hilda Renshaw John Smedley	Vice Chairman
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Sarah Gooch Mary Lace	
<i>Elected members:</i>	John Badgery Janice Hassett Gay Jennings-Bramly Andrew Macdonald Debby Potter Virginia Pryor Sally Shepherd Ian Smith	Secretary
<i>Co-opted Members:</i>	Sam Shepherd	Treasurer

## **Structure, governance and management**

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

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Eleanor Rance, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has oversight of the Maddington Church Room in the historic parish of Maddington/Shrewton.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE & WORSHIP**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 there were 152 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. During the year we lost 4 members of the roll, either through moving away or death.

During 2022, regular services 'in person' in church tended to be the norm, with the continued input of Zoom worship as an additional option. What follows gives an indication of the range of worship and attendance figures at key points for 2022:

Zoom worship on Sundays – During 2022, Evensong moved first to be fortnightly, then once per month. Zoom Morning Prayer on Mondays continued throughout the year. These services rely upon the availability of the Rector, and therefore did not take place during periods of leave due to holidays or ill-health.

Worship in churches on Sundays- the schedule for Sunday worship in 2022 continued to change incorporating Evensong, Family Service and finally BCP Holy Communion in addition to the pre-existing Zoom Evening Prayer, and weekly mid-morning services. An average attendance across the parish settled at around 24 for the main morning service, and 11 children /13 adults at the monthly Family Service/Tea (reintroduced in the summer of 2022).

Daily prayers- the ministry team began to record an audio clip of prayers or reflections in March 2020. These continued to be recorded and distributed throughout the course of 2022 to a mailing list of some 30 addressees.

For Remembrance in 2022, we were once again able to return to hosting a service/Act of Remembrance in every village. 3 of these services took place in church, while a 4<sup>th</sup> took place outside at the war memorial in the churchyard.

Attendance on Christmas morning demonstrates well the fact that in many respects that while we are returning now to some semblance of normality, our numbers still remain at between 65

and 85% of their figure pre-pandemic. This would also be the case for any regular worship and indeed social events.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Chitterne	48	20	38	41
Orcheston	44	18	24	33
Shrewton	82	35	30	54
Tilshead	53	29	30	40

### **Ministry, including worship, with Schools & Families in 2022**

In 2022 work in schools and with families resumed a far more 'normal' pattern, with most activities taking place in person. During the spring we supported two host families in introducing Ukrainian refugee children into Shrewton school, and later in the year, when one of these children moved to Tilshead we were able to offer continued liaison. The Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust supported our parish in a scheme to create and send cards of hope to Ukrainian children, with several hundred cards being packed into backpacks and parcels during the spring/summer.

In both schools governance continued to be an important strand of our church ministry. In Tilshead the decision to academise took place, and was implemented during the autumn term. Tilshead school is now within the EQUA MAT. RE sessions were given by the ministry team and church members, and many pastoral meetings took place, especially in partnership with Shrewton school. Over the summer, a uniform swap shop was run for Shrewton school, and throughout the year provision of financial and food support was coordinated between the clergy, Candlemas and the local schools. In the winter of 2022 the community pantry was moved to its permanent location on Tanners Lane in Shrewton, and stocked with gifts from the school's Harvest collection. In December local community members donated small gifts, gift wrap and tags to the church, and we ran a very successful gifting scheme in Shrewton school. This allowed every child to select a gift for a family member at no charge. Remaining gifts, wrap and tags were placed into the new pantry so that the wider community could benefit from a temporary 'present drawer'.

The following additional resources were provided:

Weekly Collective worship	provided almost exclusively 'in person' for the year- for the first time across a whole academic year since 2018/19
Getting ready for school	resources for all children beginning in the 2 schools sent to families during summer term
Yr 6 Leavers	sessions with Tilshead Yr 6 thinking about moving on/ moving up

Yr 6 Leavers Day Service	provided for both schools in person for the first time since 2019
Christmas Service	Christmas service in Tilshead School, but post-Christmas in Shrewton (therefore in 2023) to mark Epiphany.

The activity packs were first created in the summer of 2020, and these continued to be distributed across the whole of 2022, with themed packs provided for every school holiday period (2 bumper packs in the summer holidays). The WhatsApp group allowed for families to swap ideas and photos and to share their exploits. At the end of the summer holidays, we were able to host a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' event outside and this was a great opportunity for families to spend a little more time with one another. The membership of this group has continued to increase and has led to new families becoming part of the Family Service congregation. Family Service & Tea was re-introduced in June 2022, and with it came a new generation of families, and individuals keen to worship and share fellowship together. People from across the whole parish come to this service and enjoy the opportunity to be with one another. In Chitterne a family gathering was hosted at the end of the summer in St Mary's chancel and churchyard. This was well attended by members of the village community and their wider families.

### **Ministry in the wider community in 2022**

During 2022 we were able to build on the experience of community development during the pandemic, to great effect. In March 2022 the Rector began a new group to co-ordinate support for Ukraine. Among other things this involved setting up a fund within the PCC account to assist newcomers to the parish. By May there were 4 households in the parish hosting refugees from Ukraine. In addition, the whole community contributed collections of backpacks filled with essentials for children, baby clothes, nappies, milk, bedding and toys, sanitary protection for women, cold weather clothing, sleep bags, and boots, medical kits, and food and games for children. All of these items were transported directly to Poland and/or Ukraine in partnership with the White Eagle Club based in London. In Chitterne the church and village worked together to fundraise for RE:ACT in order to support its work on the front line in Ukraine.

In March 2022, the parish hosted its first Fabric & Wool Sale. The stock for this sale was donated, and after the costs (PAT testing of sewing machines), the event raised £1500 for work in the community. In addition, a significant donation of stock was made to the Afghani Women Refugee scheme, and all remaining items were given to Wiltshire Scrapstore to avoid them going into landfill. The funds raised from this event have so far enabled small grants to Stay & Play in Tilshead school, Chatterbox toddler group, the community pantry in Shrewton, food items for the activity packs, support for St Nicholas Fair, and the purchase of gravelights for the graves of those bereaved during 2022 across the parish.

Following the positive experiences of sharing food, hard to come by items, and garden produce during the first lockdowns in 2020, a small community pantry was established in the porch of St Mary's church, Shrewton. This was in place during the warmer months, but

ceased in the winter. In March 2022 when the pantry was re-established long life items such as tins and packets were placed in the porch. It was clear that the need had changed from 'a helping hand' during shortages, to filling significant gaps in the cupboards of residents. The cost of living crisis had begun to have an impact. By November 2022 the pantry had finally become a permanent fixture in the village in Shrewton, occupying a purpose built shed just outside the school. As noted above, the pantry has been supported by funds raised in the 2022 Fabric Sale, along with regular donations from members of the whole community.

**Occasional Offices in the Benefice (or at the crematorium):**

Baptisms	10 (5) (Chitterne 0, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 9, Tilshead 1)
Marriages / blessings	11 (3) (Chitterne 2, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 6, Tilshead 2)
Funerals	20 (10) (Chitterne 3, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 11, Tilshead 5)

In addition to this there were 11 (5) services to bury ashes (Chitterne 0, Orcheston 3, Shrewton/Rollestone/Maddington 6, Tilshead 2). Assistance and support to bereaved families were also offered to several families, and one memorial service took place.

**Review of the year**

The PCC met on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and for the APCM on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> September, and 9<sup>th</sup> November. Changes to Church Representation Rules meant that additional decision making during the course of 2022 could be undertaken by correspondence, with decisions and resolutions being recorded, and added to minutes at subsequent meetings. Business during this year focused upon updating our worship provision in a post-Covid environment, a discussion of the Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Plan 2022, as well as our finances, and care of our buildings. The PCC complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 by having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within the parish. Those due for safeguarding refresher training attended a course online as provided by the diocese.

**Financial Review**

Total Receipts for the financial year, including the sale of a property, and the redemption of investment funds were £303,000 (2021 £210,000). Stripping out the property sales the equivalent totals are £135,000 (and 2021 £94,000).

Giving over the year is similar in total to the previous year. However the amount received from planned giving has decreased, whilst the amount put in the collection plate has increased. The amount received in donations is much lower than in the previous year.

We continue to receive a number of generous grants from local organisations. For these we are most grateful to Shrewton Parish Council and Tilshead Parish Council for grants towards grass cutting costs. We are also grateful to Chitterne Parish Council for paying directly for grass cutting. The Friends of All Saints & St Mary's Chitterne has generously supported

repairs to the church clock. The Friends of St Thomas a Becket Tilshead paid half the cost of the cleaning of the organ. Additionally we received the grant previously made by Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust towards the electrical works in St Thomas completed in 2020.

The amount received in Gift Aid is lower reflecting the fall in donations received. Receipts from Parochial fees have increased over the previous year reflecting the increase in marriages and funerals.

Money received through fund raising is again higher. Much of this was raised for designated uses.

Income from Bank Deposits and Trusts has increased.

Maddington Church Hall fee income has increased.

We raised considerable sums to support Ukrainians who have settled in our community, and also to support charities working in Ukraine.

During the year the land in Tilshead known as The Empire Plot was sold at Auction for net £172,590 and, after the allocation to income of previous fees paid, £167,550 has been invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

During the year we applied to the Charities Commission to change the objects of the Church Land Shrewton Trust under s275 of the Charities Act. The Commission granted our application, and this allowed us to draw down £19,900 from the CBF Investment Fund to repay the outstanding Parish Share from 2021 and other capital previously put to purposes that should have been funded out of income in Shrewton.

We received a substantial insurance payment to pay for replacement of a finial damaged in Storm Eunice.

Total expenditure was £300,000 (2021 £205,000) to enable the Benefice in Ministry throughout our four villages. Stripping out investment of sale proceeds in the CBF Investment Fund, the net expenditure was £132,000 (and 2021 £89,000).

Our contribution to the Parish Share increased to £76,000. This sum includes the repayment of outstanding share amounting to almost £15,000 owed from 2021.

Clergy expenses were reduced. The Salisbury DBF share of parochial fees rose to reflect our increased receipts.

General running costs of insurance, heating, electricity increased from £11,000 to £13,000 in the main reflecting payments for oil and increased electricity charges.

Expenditure on building works have risen from £16,000 to £24,000 mainly accounted for by the payment for the replacement finial, and for work required in St Mary's Chancel in

Chitterne. This has been slightly offset by lower expenditure on the upkeep of our churchyards.

We have donated much of the funds raised for Ukraine. In addition we made donations to other causes including The Royal British Legion, CRESS, Julia's House, the DEC Appeal for Pakistan Flood, the Children's Society, Alabare, WHCT & CCT.

The overall financial result is a surplus of £3,000.

### **Reserves Policy**

At the PCC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a Financial Management Policy paper was presented to and approved by the PCC, including the following "Salisbury Plain Benefice Reserves Policy".

1. The Reserves of Salisbury Plain Benefice are those unrestricted funds required to ensure prudent financial management.
2. The Reserves do not include funds that were raised for designated purposes, or are restricted in terms of their donation, or are endowments or property assets.
3. They will ensure that the PCC will meet all the normal costs of running the Benefice, including the ability to pay our Parish Share, our fees to the Diocesan Board of Finance, building insurance, utility bills, costs of service, administration and day to day repairs.
4. The reserves should also meet minor unexpected repair costs including minor works identified in Quinquennial reports.
5. The Reserves Policy recognises that through the Benefice, the four constituent villages will be able to support each other when necessary.
6. The expected running costs for 2023 will be around £100,000. Given recent experience of the pandemic it is prudent to increase the reserves above Church of England guidance of three months reserves to six months would give an appropriate reserve of £50,000.
7. In the event that our reserves are consistently below the target sum or are consistently above the target, the PCC will take responsibility to remedy the situation. When reserves drop too low funds should be allocated from a designated fund where that fund is not immediately required for the designated purpose. Where reserves are too high funds could, with the approval of the PCC, be used either supporting a project in the community or being designated to an underfunded fabric fund or similar.
8. This Policy should be reviewed annually.

**Approved by the PCC on 24<sup>th</sup> March and signed on their behalf by Revd Canon Eleanor Rance (PCC Chairman)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF THE SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

**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 audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. 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 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 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.

Date: 19 MARCH 2023

Signature:

Name:

JONATHAN TUFF

Position:

EXAMINER

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

Statement of Account as at 31 December 2022

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice	Total	2021 Total
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>								
Planned Giving - Gift A	12,044.00	6,912.00	7,340.00	1,980.00	480.00		28,756.00	30,075
Other Planned Giving	220.00						220.00	220
Church Collections	1,118.91	1,633.60	2,354.03	1,554.20			6,660.74	5,679
Sundry Donations	1,516.00	278.73	791.25	100.00	425.10	50.00	3,161.08	16,563
Grants	540.00	15.00	570.00	4,050.00			5,175.00	5,010
Gift Aid Refund	3,506.13	2,112.17	2,608.59	825.18	364.74	987.50	10,404.31	11,494
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Parochial Fees	7,972.00	1,072.00	2,850.00	3,103.00			14,997.00	7,342
<u>Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Events	1,656.01	940.30	2,975.81	473.00	1094.90	1,768.10	8,908.12	5,848
<u>Receipts from Investments</u>								
Bank & Deposit Interes	10.75	229.39	14.99	10.74			265.87	3
Trusts	3,195.04	428.91	411.94	6,028.81			10,064.70	6,300
<u>Other Receipts</u>								
Maddington Fees					2,014.00		2,014.00	1,428
VAT Grant	1,439.28		667.88				2,107.16	2,489
Wayleaves	17.08						17.08	34
Allotment fees	333.50						333.50	341
Ukraine Support						4,751.68	4,751.68	-
Corner Cottage						570.00	570.00	-
Sale of Land in Nett Road							-	116,155
Sale of Empire Plot land				172,589.80			172,589.80	-
CBF Investment Fund	22,030.00						22,030.00	-
Miscellaneous	9,415.70	100.00	105.30		70.00	138.92	9,829.92	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>65,014.40</b>	<b>13,722.10</b>	<b>20,689.79</b>	<b>190,714.73</b>	<b>4,448.74</b>	<b>8,266.20</b>	<b>302,855.96</b>	<b>210,023</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Diocesan Parish Share	46,264.37	11,034.48	11,514.72	7,255.56			76,069.13	43,283
Clergy Expenses	465.30	465.33	465.31	465.32		128.96	1,990.22	2,564
DBF Share of fees	2,793.00	526.00	470.34	774.66			4,564.00	2,244
<u>Running Expenses</u>								
Insurance	2,388.74	1,152.86	2,938.68	2,302.26	458.28		9,240.82	9,227
Electricity & Telephone	276.21	392.22	310.57	781.75	288.10		2,048.85	1,508
Heating Oil	1,192.38	378.00					1,570.38	-
Water	84.74			84.74	29.72		199.20	206
Building Maintenance	11,286.77	250.00	8,844.73	3,055.01	903.09	40.00	24,379.60	16,035
Cost of Services	259.88	135.44	530.27	307.70			1,233.29	1,128
Upkeep of Churchyard	706.94		375.00	960.00			2,041.94	3,575
<u>Charitable Giving</u>								
Ukraine Fund grants			1,796.41			2,253.56	4,049.97	-
Overseas							-	-
Home	91.43	739.10	1,388.61	355.52		525.85	3,100.51	1,648
Corner Cottage						530.00	530.00	-
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Costs	475.95	118.05		79.95		156.80	830.75	640
Investment in CBF CoE Fund				167,549.80			167,549.80	116,155
<u>Church Management</u>								
Administration	114.90	97.52	112.64	98.46		22.74	446.26	6,987
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>66,400.61</b>	<b>15,289.00</b>	<b>28,747.27</b>	<b>184,070.73</b>	<b>1,679.19</b>	<b>3,657.91</b>	<b>299,844.71</b>	<b>205,200</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments (Payments over receipts)</b>								
	<b>(1,386.21)</b>	<b>(1,566.90)</b>	<b>(8,057.48)</b>	<b>6,644.00</b>	<b>2,769.55</b>	<b>4,608.29</b>	<b>3,011.25</b>	<b>4,823</b>

SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE 2022 BANK RECONCILIATION				31/12/2021 OPENING BANK	31/12/2022 CLOSING BALANCE	CHANGE TO CASH BALANCE
	DATE		DISCREPANCY			
SHREWTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2021				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2022			SHREWTON	£8,531.95	
	BALANCE				£7,145.74	
						-£1,386.21
	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£0.00			
ORCHESTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2021				
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2021		ORCHESTON	£29,643.11	
	CCLA	31/12/2021				
					£28,076.21	
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2021				-£1,566.90
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2022					
	BALANCE					
	CAF BANK	31/12/2022				
	LLOYDS BANK	31/12/2022				
	CCLA	31/12/2022				
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2022	£0.00			
CHITTERNE	CAF BANK	31/12/2021				
	LLOYDS CURRENT & DEPOSIT	31/12/2021		CHITTERNE	£17,683.71	
	CASH	31/12/2021				
					£9,626.25	
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2021				-£8,057.46
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2022					
	BALANCE					
	CAF BANK	31/12/2022				
	LLOYDS CURRENT & DEPOSIT	31/12/2022				
	CASH	31/12/2022				
	SUB-TOTAL BANK BALANCE	31/12/2022	£0.02			
TILSHEAD	CAF BANK	31/12/2021				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2022			TILSHEAD	£12,582.86	
	BALANCE					
					£19,226.86	
	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£0.00			£6,644.00
MADDINGTON	CAF BANK	31/12/2021				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2022			MADDINGTON	£4,389.93	
	BALANCE					
					£7,159.48	
	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£0.00			£2,769.55
BENEFICE	CAF BANK	31/12/2021				
	INCOME/EXPENDITURE 2022			BENEFICE	£5,210.58	
	BALANCE					
					£9,818.87	
	CAF BANK	31/12/2022	£0.00			£4,608.29
					TOTAL	£3,011.27
					2022 GAIN	£3,011.25

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2022

		Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice
<u>Current &amp; Deposit accounts</u>							
Orcheston Bank & Cash assets	31/12/21		£3,869.21				
	31/12/22		£1,625.31				
Chitterne Bank Deposit & Current A/cs &	31/12/21			£15,590.90			
	31/12/22			£8,039.66			
Benefice Current Account	31/12/21	£8,531.95	£23,550.45	£2,092.81	£12,582.86	£4,389.93	£5,210.58
	31/12/22	£7,145.74	£6,008.79	£1,586.59	£19,226.86	£7,159.48	£9,818.87
Outstanding Gift Aid to recover	31/12/21						£2,161.27
	31/12/22						£2,898.35
<u>Liabilities - DBF fees</u>							
	31/12/21	£500.67	£108.00	£42.00	£0.00		£0.00
	31/12/22	£641.00	£0.00	£189.33	£59.00		£0.00
Salisbury DBF 2021 Share	31/12/21	£14,899.20					
	31/12/22	£0.00					
<u>Investment Funds</u>							
Shrewton Church Land Fur 5,199.42 share	31/12/2021	£121,597.28					
4,148.56 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fu	31/12/2022	£85,650.75					
Orcheston CCLA Fabric Fund	31/12/21		£2,223.45				
	31/12/22		£20,442.11				
Orcheston Church Cottage Income Share	31/12/21		£15,201.36				
650 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/22		£13,419.84				
Orcheston - Gaye - Income Shares	31/12/21		£1,122.56				
48 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/22		£991.00				
Chitterne CBF Deposit Fund	31/12/21			£1,096.36			
	31/12/22			£1,110.79			
CBF Investment Fund	31/12/21			£10,523.08			
	31/12/22			£9,289.83			
CBF Accumulation Investment Fund Shar	31/12/21			£66,067.04			
	31/12/22			£62,772.84			
Eliza Collins Fund	31/12/21			£5,154.66			
220.41 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Func	31/12/22			£4,550.56			
Tilshead Empire Bungalow 7,727.76 share	31/12/21				£180,726.80		
15,267 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Func	31/12/22				£315,200.96		
Tilshead Kempson Fund	31/12/21				£3,928.97		
168 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/22				£3,468.51		
Land - Empire Bungalow Plot	31/12/21				£30,000.00		
	31/12/22				Sold 27/07/2022		
Shrewton Allotments	31/12/21	£1,000.00					
	31/12/22	£1,000.00					
Maddington Church Rooms	31/12/21					£1,000.00	
	31/12/22					£1,000.00	

- Note 1 Assets in current accounts have been adjusted for unrepresented cheques at 31/12/21 & 31/12/22 plus cash held
- Note 2 The Empire Plot in Tilshead was sold 27 July 2022 for net £172,589.80 - £5,040.00 paid over to Tilshead to cover earlier fees  
Net sum £167,540.80 invested in Empire Bungalow Fund - 7,539.24 shares acquired
- Note 3 101.60 Shares sold for £2,130.00 13/12/2022 to pay fees incurred by Shrewton church prior to sale of land in Nett Road

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6. Empire Bungalow Plot, Tilshead was sold on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for £181,000. The net proceeds of sale £172,589.80 has been invested in the existing Empire Bungalow Church of England Investment Fund.
7. The sale of property and subsequent investment in Church of England Investment Funds are recorded in the Statement of Account as well as in Statement of Assets. A similar adjustment has been made to the 2021 account.
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# Accounts

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**The Parish of Salisbury Plain**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**Administrative information**

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1173846) Registration was effective 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017. PCC members who have served from the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Canon Eleanor Rance	Chairman
<i>Assistant Curate:</i>	The Revd Stéphane Javelle	(resigned 31st October 2021)
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mike Badham-Thornhill Richard Essberger Ewart Grant Hilda Renshaw John Smedley	Vice Chairman
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Sarah Gooch Mary Lace	
<i>Elected members:</i>	John Badgery Janice Hassett Andrew Macdonald Debby Potter Robert Pryor Virginia Pryor Sally Shepherd	Secretary
<i>Co-opted members:</i>	Sam Shepherd	Treasurer

## **Structure, governance and management**

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

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Eleanor Rance, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has oversight of the Maddington Church Room in the historic parish of Maddington/Shrewton.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE & WORSHIP**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 there were 153 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. During the year we lost 7 members of the roll, either through moving away or death. It is again difficult to provide 'average' figures for worship in the parish during the past year due to the fact that from January-early April the churches were closed for corporate worship, and when they re-opened not all felt able to return. What follows gives an indication of the type of worship that was possible and roughly what numbers attended:

Zoom worship on Sundays – an average of around 20-25 people attending in the morning and 6-10 in the evenings during the first quarter of 2021, when no worship in church took place. The weekly Evensong continued throughout the year, along with a Zoom Morning Prayer on Mondays. These services tended to gather between 4 and 9 people online.

Worship in churches on Sundays- an average across the parish of around 20 for the main morning service.

Daily prayers- the ministry team began to record an audio clip of prayers in March 2020. These were then distributed to the mailing list of 100 households on a daily basis. In the late summer of 2021, some felt ready to be removed from this mailing list due to life having returned to some sort of normality. The daily prayer mailing list remains at just under 90 addresses.

YouTube- films for reflection were provided for every day during Lent, with contributions from members of the local church community, from the Archdeacon of Sarum, and Bishops of Ramsbury and Salisbury. YouTube was also used to share a very short reflective clip of the sea during the early summer when many were still unable to leave their homes for visits. This was very well received by the wider community.

Worship at home- along with the provision of resources on YouTube, we also moved the Lent Course online, and provided Holy Week resources for people at home. We marked Ash

Wednesday with the production of a prayer card on which an ash cross had been applied, and we also marked Mothering Sunday with distribution of a prayer leaflet and flowers to numerous members of our parish.

For Remembrance in 2021, two services took place exclusively outside in order to maintain social distancing. Attendance across the parish was good, in spite of this.

Attendance on Christmas morning is not indicative of the numbers we normally expect, but it is included here for reference.

	2019	2020	2021
Chitterne	48	20	38
Orcheston	44	18	24
Shrewton	82	35	30
Tilshead	53	29	30

### **Ministry, including worship, with Schools & Families in 2021**

From January until the end of the summer term, weekly collective worship was provided to the schools in the form of a film, and while we had the opportunity to meet with specific groups occasionally across the year, 'in person', the majority of our schools meetings (including governance) and activity took place online. Over the summer, a uniform swap shop was run for Shrewton school, and throughout the year provision of financial and food support was coordinated between the clergy, Candlemas and the local schools. Between September and October it was possible to visit in the schools and we were involved in an OFSTED inspection, interviews for staff posts, and Collective worship during this period. From October-December we returned to online provision, and this included 'live' RE sessions.

The following additional resources were provided:

Weekly Collective worship	provided in MP4 format from throughout the year for both schools; and for 5-7 weeks 'in person' from Sep-Oct 2021
Easter Worship	In person at GUL Riverside for Shrewton
Experience Easter	Full set of resources provided to Tilshead school for Experience Easter to take place in school with teachers
Getting ready for school	resources for all children beginning in the 2 schools sent to families during summer term
Yr 6 Leavers Day Service	provided in school for Shrewton only
End of Year Worship	Recorded and sent to both schools for use across the community

Harvest loaves	resources and instructions provided for loaf-making in school
Harvest Service	provided in church in Shrewton, and 'live' on Teams for Tilshead
Christmas Service	recorded in church with contributions from local church community and sent as a video to both schools.

The activity packs were first created in the summer of 2020, and these continued to be distributed across the whole of 2021, with 10 sets being made and shared across the year-300 packs in all. The WhatsApp group allowed for families to swap ideas and photos and to share their exploits. At the end of the summer holidays we were able to host a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' event outside and this was a great opportunity for families to spend a little more time with one another. The membership of this group has increased across the year and has also been the trigger for pastoral and practical engagement with some families.

**Occasional Offices in the Benefice (or at the crematorium):**

Baptisms	5 (2)	(Chitterne 1, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 3, Tilshead 0)
Marriages	3 (2)	(Chitterne 0, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 2, Tilshead 0)
Funerals	10 (13)	(Chitterne 2, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 5, Tilshead 2)

In addition to this there were 5 services to bury ashes (Chitterne 2, Orcheston 0, Shrewton/Rollestone/Maddington 2, Tilshead 1). Assistance and support to bereaved families was also offered to several families, and one memorial service took place.

**Review of the year**

The PCC met online on 10<sup>th</sup> March and for the APCM on 12<sup>th</sup> May, and in person on 15<sup>th</sup> September, and 10<sup>th</sup> November. Changes to Church Representation Rules meant that additional decision making during the course of 2021 could be undertaken by correspondence, with decisions and resolutions being recorded, and added to minutes at subsequent meetings. Business during this year inevitably focused around the various changes to Coronavirus protocols, as well as our finances, and care of our buildings. In the autumn of 2021 the parish participated in the diocesan Generous Giving campaign. The PCC complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 by having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within the parish. Those due for safeguarding refresher training attended a course online as provided by the diocese.

## Financial Review

Receipts for the financial year were £93,900 (2020 £112,300). The reduction in income is a reflection of the reduction in grants and VAT refunds for building works. The underlying income of the parish is slightly higher than in 2020.

Giving over the year has increased both from regular giving and in the collection plate as we were able to hold more church services. We have also benefitted from a number of generous donations and one legacy.

We continue to receive a number of generous grants from local organisations. For these we are most grateful to Shrewton Parish Council and Tilshead Parish Council for grants towards grass cutting costs. The Friends of St Mary's Shrewton have provided support for the replacement of the lighting circuits within the church. The Friends of St Thomas paid for the felling of a dying tree.

Recovery of Gift Aid and receipts of Parochial fees have increased over the previous year.

Fund raising events have increased as restrictions have been eased.

Income from Bank Deposits and Trusts has increased.

Maddington Church Hall fee income has also begun to pick up.

In addition to the income included in the Statement of Account the parish received £116,155 from the sale of the field in Nett Road, Shrewton. This capital has been invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund. These investment changes are shown in the Statement of Assets.

Total expenditure was £89,000 (2020 £194,300) to enable the Benefice in Ministry throughout our four villages.

Our contribution to the Parish Share has reduced to £43,300. This lower amount is a consequence of only paying 50% of the Share due for Shrewton. We owe Salisbury DBF £14,900 for 2021. The continuing impact of the pandemic led to the PCC requesting a reduced payment. We are in ongoing discussion with the DBF over how we will make up this payment.

Clergy expenses were £2,600. The Salisbury DBF share of parochial fees amounted to £2,250.

General running costs of insurance, heating, electricity were a little lower at £11,000.

After two years of considerable building works we thankfully had much less this year.

The overall financial result is a surplus of £4,800.

## **Reserves Policy**

At the PCC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a Financial Management Policy paper was presented to and approved by the PCC, including the following "Salisbury Plain Benefice Reserves Policy".

1. The Reserves of Salisbury Plain Benefice are those unrestricted funds required to ensure prudent financial management.
2. The Reserves do not include funds that were raised for designated purposes, or are restricted in terms of their donation, or are endowments nor property assets.
3. They will ensure that the PCC will meet all the normal costs of running the Benefice, including the ability to pay our Parish Share, our fees to the Diocesan Board of Finance, building insurance, utility bills, costs of service, administration and day to day repairs.
4. The reserves should also meet minor unexpected repair costs including minor works identified in Quinquennial reports.
5. The Reserves Policy recognises that through the Benefice, the four constituent villages will be able to support each other when necessary.
6. The expected running costs for 2022 will be around £90,000. Church of England guidance suggesting three months reserves would give an appropriate reserve of £23,000.
7. In the event that our reserves are consistently below the target sum or are consistently above the target, the PCC will take responsibility to remedy the situation. When reserves drop too low funds should be allocated from a designated fund where that fund is not immediately required for the designated purpose. Where reserves are too high funds could, with the approval of the PCC, be used either supporting a project in the community or designating to an underfunded fabric fund or similar.
8. This Policy should be reviewed annually.

**Approved by the PCC on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 and signed on their behalf by Revd Canon Eleanor Rance (PCC Chairman)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF THE SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

**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 audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. 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 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 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.

Date: 28 February 2022

Signature:



Name:

Paul Hindle

Position:

Examiner

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Account as at 31 December 2021

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice	Total	2020 Total
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>								
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	13,213.00	6,932.00	7,515.00	1,935.00	480.00		30,075.00	26,335
Other Planned Giving	220.00						220.00	220
Church Collections	1,762.75	1,615.00	1,146.06	1,155.45			5,679.26	3,545
Sundry Donations	9,234.00	221.00	710.23	211.00	3,663.50	2,523.00	16,562.73	6,911
Grants	3,770.00	15.00		1,075.00		150.00	5,010.00	27,458
Gift Aid Refund	4,663.71	2,073.51	2,115.51	1,277.68	863.85	500.00	11,494.26	8,384
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Parochial Fees	4,580.00	1,101.00	1,076.00	585.00			7,342.00	5,811
<u>Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Events	2,703.61	692.10	530.00	685.00	1,236.88		5,847.59	3,845
<u>Receipts from Investments</u>								
Bank & Deposit Interest		1.16	1.54				2.70	21
Trusts	793.95	414.83	398.38	4,692.46			6,299.62	5,317
<u>Other Receipts</u>								
Maddington Fees					1,428.00		1,428.00	829
VAT Grant	1,908.00	225.90	354.76				2,488.66	22,019
Wayleaves	34.16						34.16	-
Allotment fees	341.00						341.00	341
Field rent							-	420
Miscellaneous	275.00	80.00	600.00			87.61	1,042.61	829
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>43,499.18</b>	<b>13,371.50</b>	<b>14,447.48</b>	<b>11,616.59</b>	<b>7,672.23</b>	<b>3,260.61</b>	<b>93,867.59</b>	<b>112,285</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Diocesan Parish Share	14,899.20	10,508.40	10,965.60	6,909.60			43,282.80	57,682
Clergy Expenses	620.76	597.41	578.31	605.82		161.47	2,563.77	2,891
DBF Share of fees	1,223.00	596.00	168.00	204.67		52.00	2,243.67	2,477
<u>Running Expenses</u>								
Insurance	2,610.58	1,120.49	2,820.35	2,223.44	452.56		9,227.42	9,178
Maddington Costs							-	272
Electricity & Telephone	145.39	124.51	167.26	753.88	316.74		1,507.78	2,110
Heating Oil							-	449
Water	82.42			82.42	41.00		205.84	205
Building Maintenance	4,963.21	2,898.74	3,008.14	325.31	4,839.42		16,034.82	112,601
Cost of Services	587.51	101.19	277.07	162.02			1,127.79	1,392
Upkeep of Churchyards	1,065.00		350.00	2,160.00			3,575.00	1,570
<u>Charitable Giving</u>								
Overseas							-	-
Home		608.00	930.06	110.00			1,648.06	1,165
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Costs	198.42	138.40		303.67			640.49	914
<u>Church Management</u>								
Administration	1,508.81	356.78	157.78	4,437.77	47.00	479.00	6,987.14	1,429
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>27,904.30</b>	<b>17,049.92</b>	<b>19,422.57</b>	<b>18,278.60</b>	<b>5,696.72</b>	<b>692.47</b>	<b>89,044.58</b>	<b>194,335</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments (Payments over receipts)</b>								
	<b>15,594.88</b>	<b>(3,678.42)</b>	<b>(4,975.09)</b>	<b>(6,662.01)</b>	<b>1,975.51</b>	<b>2,568.14</b>	<b>4,823.01</b>	<b>(82,050)</b>

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2021

		Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice
<b><u>Current &amp; Deposit accounts</u></b>							
Orcheston Bank & Cash assets	31/12/20		£12,897.57				
	31/12/21		£3,869.21				
Chitterne Bank Deposit & Current A/cs & Ca:	31/12/20			£19,337.96			
	31/12/21			£15,590.90			
Benefice Current Account	31/12/20	-£7,062.93	£18,201.67	£3,320.85	£19,244.87	£2,414.42	£2,642.44
	31/12/21	£8,531.95	£23,550.45	£2,092.81	£12,582.86	£4,389.93	£5,210.58
Outstanding Gift Aid to recover	31/12/20						£2,350.84
	31/12/21						£2,161.27
<b><u>Liabilities - DBF fees</u></b>							
	31/12/20	£250.00	£263.00	£0.00	£0.00		£52.00
	31/12/21	£500.67	£108.00	£42.00	£0.00		£0.00
Salisbury DBF 2021 Share	31/12/21	£14,899.20					
<b><u>Investment Funds</u></b>							
Shrewton Land - Nett Road	31/12/2020		£0.00				
5,199.42 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/2021		£121,597.28				
Orcheston CCLA Fabric Fund	31/12/20		£2,222.29				
	31/12/21		£2,223.45				
Orcheston Church Cottage Income Shares	31/12/20		£13,290.36				
650 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/21		£15,201.36				
Orcheston - Gaye - Income Shares	31/12/20		£981.44				
48 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/21		£1,122.56				
Chitterne CBF Deposit Fund	31/12/20			£1,095.79			
	31/12/21			£1,096.36			
CBF Investment Fund	31/12/20			£9,200.20			
	31/12/21			£10,523.08			
CBF Accumulation Investment Fund Shares	31/12/20			£63,267.03			
	31/12/21			£71,221.70			
Tilshead Empire Bungalow Field 8,672 shares	31/12/20				£158,007.19		
7,727.76 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/21				£180,726.80		
Tilshead Kempson Fund	31/12/20				£3,435.05		
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Shrewton Land - Field in Nett Road	31/12/20	£81,000.00					
	31/12/21	£0.00					
Shrewton Allotments	31/12/20	£1,000.00					
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Maddington Church Rooms	31/12/20					£1,000.00	
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**Note 2** Shrewton still owe 50% of the Parish Share for 2021 payable to Salisbury DBF

**Note 3** Shrewton Land Field sold 27th May for £132,000. Net sale proceeds £116,155.09 reinvested in CoE Investment fund

**Note 4** The Empire Plot Land in Tilshead is at valuation in 2017. The land is being marketed for sale as at 31/12/2021 with guide price of £150,000.

**SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE  
2021 BANK RECONCILIATION**

	<b>31/12/2020 OPENING BANK</b>	<b>31/12/2021 CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>CHANGE TO CASH BALANCE</b>
<b>SHREWTON</b>	-£7,062.93	£8,531.95	<b>£15,594.88</b>
<b>ORCHESTON</b>	£33,321.53	£29,643.11	<b>-£3,678.42</b>
<b>CHITTERNE</b>	£22,658.81	£17,683.72	<b>-£4,975.09</b>
<b>TILSHEAD</b>	£19,244.87	£12,582.86	<b>-£6,662.01</b>
<b>MADDINGTON</b>	£2,414.42	£4,389.93	<b>£1,975.51</b>
<b>BENEFICE</b>	£2,642.44	£5,210.58	<b>£2,568.14</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,823.01</b>
		<b>2021 NET INCOME</b>	<b>£4,823.01</b>

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12. Shrewton Church has only paid 50% of 2021 Share and so owe the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance £14,899.20. The PCC is investigating options to repay this amount.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SALISBURY PLAIN**

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Richard Essberger  
Ewart Grant  
Gay Jennings-Bramly  
John Smedley

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Sarah Gooch  
Mary Lace

*Elected members:* John Badgery Secretary  
Andrew Macdonald  
Debby Potter  
Robert Pryor  
Virginia Pryor  
Hilda Renshaw  
Sally Shepherd

*Co-opted Members:* Sam Shepherd Treasurer

## **Structure, governance and management**

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

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Eleanor Rance, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has oversight of the Maddington Church Room in the historic parish of Maddington/Shrewton.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE & WORSHIP**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 there were 159 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. It is difficult to provide 'average' figures for worship during 2020 due to the fact that for long periods the churches were not in use, and when they re-opened not all felt able to return. What follows gives an indication of the type of worship that was possible and roughly what numbers attended/viewed:

Zoom worship on Sundays – an average of around 20-25 people attending in the morning and 6-10 in the evenings.

Worship in churches on Sundays- an average across the parish of around 20 for the main morning service (though capacity was an issue for Orcheston)

Daily prayers- the ministry team began to record an audio clip of prayers in March 2020. These were then distributed to the mailing list of 100 households on a daily basis.

YouTube- films for reflection were provided for Holy Week & Easter and Rogation Sunday. Remembrance Sunday (155 views), Advent Sunday (139 views) and the Christmas Carol Service (83 views) each had services created for YouTube.

Worship at home- the creation of resources for Holy Week and Easter was the first focused activity for those who were stuck at home and unable to access the internet. All the booklets that were subsequently created were also made available by email to the parish mailing list. Around 20 households from among our regular worshipping community have no access to the internet at all. For this group of people, regular written contact was maintained from March onwards. In total a series of 3 booklets were created for the period leading up to the re-opening for public worship. During the second lockdown a further set of booklets were provided for All Souls and Remembrance, and during Advent a second audio clip to include readings was sent out daily with the prayers. In Chitterne a Stable and Crib scene were

created with figures contributed from across the village. This provided a focal point for reflection within the village.

Remembrance Sunday was also marked quietly in each of the 4 villages in the parish, outside, with the opportunity to mark the 2 minutes silence while socially distanced.

Worship on Christmas Day in 2020 was permitted inside the churches, along with provision of two Zoom services on Christmas Eve for any who felt unable to attend church in person.

Attendance on Christmas morning is not indicative of the numbers we normally expect, but it is here for reference.

Chitterne	20
Orcheston	18
Shrewton	35
Tilshead	29

### **Ministry, including worship, with Schools & Families in 2020**

Until early March 2020, the children of both church schools in the parish received weekly visits from the clergy ministry team for collective worship, both schools were also supported by the clergy in their capacity as governors. From Easter onwards, as the schools established new systems for contacting and supporting families at home, the clergy began to contribute pre-recorded Collective Worship. From September this became a regular weekly pattern, with a service for both schools and a specially prepared act of worship for the youngest children being prepared each week. In addition, the clergy worked with the schools to direct support to more vulnerable families, on occasion providing resources during lockdown. Over the summer, a uniform swap shop was run for Shrewton school, and provision of financial and food support was co-ordinated between the clergy, Candlemas and the local schools. The following additional resources were provided:

Easter Worship	Tilshead & Shrewton
Getting ready for school	resources for all children beginning in the 2 schools sent to families during summer term, with video introduction
Year 6 Leaving reflections	regular videos provided for Shrewton school during summer term
DSAT Leavers service	hosted by Eleanor Rance for the whole DSAT year 6 community
Leaver's Day Prayer Space	resources provided for an event run within Tilshead school
End of Year Worship	Recorded and sent to both schools for use across the community

Welcome of new children	clergy team welcomed year R children and families into school on first day of term
Weekly Collective worship	provided in MP4 format from September for both schools
Harvest loaves	resources and instructions provided for loaf-making in school
Christmas Crib visit	Year R children hosted to put together the Crib in Shrewton

Family Service & Tea was the hardest service to replicate online, not least because younger children find it hard to 'connect' on a screen. Pastoral contact was maintained in different ways, principally by setting up a new form of delivery of our usual activity groups. The Activity 'takeaway' bag was first created for 5 weeks during the summer holidays and supported by the Shrewton Methodist Church. For each week children received a bag containing activities, recipes, and opportunities for reflection and exercise. The bags were accompanied over the summer months by a geocache trail in Maddington woods, and the opportunity to participate in pebble painting, and a small competition. The activity packs were such a success that they have become a regular part of our ministry, with bags also being created for half-term and Christmas. A WhatsApp group allowed for families to swap ideas and photos, and to share their exploits. Up to the end of 2020 a total of 212 bags had been distributed with more planned for the holidays in 2021.

#### **Occasional Offices in the Benefice (or at the crematorium):**

Baptisms	2	(Chitterne 0, Orcheston 0, Shrewton 2, Tilshead 0)
Marriages	2	(Chitterne 0, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 0, Tilshead 1)
Funerals	13	(Chitterne 5, Orcheston 1, Shrewton 7, Tilshead 0)

In addition to this there were 4 services to bury ashes (Chitterne 0, Orcheston 1, Shrewton/Rollestone/Maddington 3, Tilshead 0). Assistance and support to bereaved families was also offered to 11 families, and one memorial service took place. During the first lockdown those who had died were named on the external noticeboard in Shrewton, in a public acknowledgment of our shared loss. This display was warmly received both by families of those who had died, but also by the wider community. It was striking that for many this was the only opportunity for them to learn of a person's passing, and to pay their respects. For All Souls Day 2020, as we were not permitted to have a service in church, grave lights (long lasting candles) were lit at every grave where a burial had taken place in the previous 12 months, and a service was printed and distributed for personal use, while mirrored by a service on zoom. The provision of lighted candles at graves allowed family members to visit separately (and therefore safely), and many noted how important it had been to find the light burning a day or two later.

## **Review of the year- Ministry**

From the commencement of the first lockdown in March 2020, pastoral ministry was transformed within the parish. Many of those who work as volunteers across the villages were unable to participate in their usual roles, but most took on a new approach, notably with phone contact, writing letters, and running errands for those who were in need of practical support. The clergy worked closely with parish councils, GP partnerships, schools, carers and a large number of volunteers throughout the first lockdown, extending many aspects of pastoral care on through the summer and into the second and third lockdown periods. New partnerships and networks were established, especially with local charities, and professionals experienced in support of the vulnerable or those at risk. From this closer partnership new opportunities for ministry are now developing, and it is hoped that in due course these can be brought into the 'routine' work of the parish.

## **Review of the year -Governance**

The PCC met on 4<sup>th</sup> March, for the APCM in October, and online (Zoom) in November. Changes to Church Representation Rules meant that much of the decision making during the course of 2020 could be undertaken by correspondence, with decisions and resolutions being recorded, and added to minutes at subsequent meetings. The PCC was closely involved in the process of returning to worship in churches in the summer of 2020, passing a resolution to suspend Holy Communion initially, as new routines were established. In November the PCC received an update about the challenges presented to our finances during the preceding months. It was agreed to address this further in the early part of 2021. Meanwhile the PCC agreed for a letter to be sent to the members of the Electoral Roll in three of the villages in order to explain the challenges faced and to encourage further financial support. The Churchwarden would contact members in our other village personally. During 2020 the PCC also approved various maintenance tasks, and supported applications for works to be undertaken under Faculty Jurisdiction rules.

The PCC complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 by having due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults within the parish. Those due for safeguarding refresher training attended a course online as provided by the diocese.

## **For 2021...**

The PCC's priority will be to support the wider church community in getting back into more familiar routines and patterns of ministry and worship. However, it will also wish to take into account many lessons learned about new forms of contact, support and ministry during the pandemic. A first survey has been undertaken in early 2021, and work will continue in this field throughout the year. The PCC will also continue to explore how it can be more effective with the limited resources it holds, and how best to explore and implement the numerous reports and initiatives launched by the Church of England in recent months.

## Financial Review

Receipts for the financial year were £112,300 (2019 £109,800). Although this amount appears to have risen this masks considerable falls in our routine income.

Planned giving over the year was similar to the previous year, however money received in the collection plate has been cut right back due to the loss of our services for most of the year.

We continue to receive a number of generous grants from local organisations. For these we are most grateful to Shrewton Parish Council and Tilshead Parish Council for grants towards grass cutting costs. Wiltshire Council for the repair of the steps at the top of the St Mary's Shrewton churchyard. The Friends of St Mary's Shrewton have provided support for the repair of steps, a replacement flag, new floodlighting and a new oil-fired boiler. The Friends of St Thomas a Becket have provided support towards the cost of a complete rewiring of the church and towards the cost of repairs to the roof of the south aisle. Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust provided grants towards the cost of repairs to the tower of All Saints & St Mary's Chitterne.

Our reimbursement of Gift Aid on qualifying donations has also fallen through the fall in collection receipts. Parochial fees have also fallen, partially as a consequence in the reduction in weddings.

There have been fewer of our normal fund-raising events leading to a further reduction in income.

Income from Bank Deposits and Trusts has been lower.

Maddington Church Hall fee income for most of the year has also been lost.

The main sources of income that appear to lift our total income have been repayment of VAT for the building work in 2019 in Orcheston and for Chitterne in 2019 & 2020 and Tilshead in 2020 together with the various grants referred to above.

Total expenditure was £194,300 (2019 £173,900) to enable the Benefice in Ministry throughout our four villages.

Our contribution to the Parish Share fell slightly to £57,700. Clergy expenses £2,900. Of this total of £60,600 we have only raised 55% from our Planned giving and church collections including the related gift aid.

The Salisbury DBF share of parochial fees reduced in line with a reduction in fees received.

General running costs of insurance, heating, electricity are similar to the previous year at about £12,000.

During the year there has been considerable expenditure paid for out of church reserves for quinquennial repairs to Chitterne Tower roof, Chitterne organ refurbishment, total rewiring of the church in Tilshead and assorted works in Shrewton.

The overall financial result is a net expenditure of £82,100.

## **Reserves Policy**

At the PCC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a Financial Management Policy paper was presented to and approved by the PCC, including the following “Salisbury Plain Benefice Reserves Policy”.

1. The Reserves of Salisbury Plain Benefice are those unrestricted funds required to ensure prudent financial management.
2. The Reserves do not include funds that were raised for designated purposes, or are restricted in terms of their donation, or are endowments nor property assets.
3. They will ensure that the PCC will meet all the normal costs of running the Benefice, including the ability to pay our Parish Share, our fees to the Diocesan Board of Finance, building insurance, utility bills, costs of service, administration and day to day repairs.
4. The reserves should also meet minor unexpected repair costs including minor works identified in Quinquennial reports.
5. The Reserves Policy recognises that through the Benefice, the four constituent villages will be able to support each other when necessary.
6. The expected running costs for 2021 will be around £90,000. Church of England guidance suggesting three months reserves would give an appropriate reserve of £23,000.
7. In the event that our reserves are consistently below the target sum or are consistently above the target, the PCC will take responsibility to remedy the situation. When reserves drop too low funds should be allocated from a designated fund where that fund is not immediately required for the designated purpose. Where reserves are too high funds could, with the approval of the PCC, be used either supporting a project in the community or designating to an underfunded fabric fund or similar.
8. This Policy should be reviewed annually.

**Approved by the PCC on 17<sup>th</sup> March and signed on their behalf by Revd Canon Eleanor Rance (PCC Chairman)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL OF THE SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

**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 audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

**Basis of this report**


My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. 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 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 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave 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.

Date: 7 March 2021

Signature: 

Name: 

Position: 

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Account as at 31 December 2020

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice	Total	2019 Total
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
<u>Voluntary Receipts</u>								
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	11,947.00	5,958.00	7,350.00	600.00	480.00		26,335.00	25,437
Other Planned Giving	220.00						220.00	970
Church Collections	648.53	629.15	1,407.00	860.50			3,545.18	11,778
Sundry Donations	3,612.04	986.64	1,023.28	695.70	156.58	437.00	6,911.24	7,077
Grants	11,517.79	15.00	3,100.00	12,825.00			27,457.79	10,403
Gift Aid Refund	3,464.58	1,798.83	2,057.72	739.46	323.43		8,384.02	12,225
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Parochial Fees	3,049.00	691.00	1,514.00	505.00		52.00	5,811.00	10,752
<u>Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Events	840.06		940.40	1,444.50	620.00		3,844.96	11,490
<u>Receipts from Investments</u>								
Bank & Deposit Interest		9.40	11.30				20.70	245
Trusts		400.59	384.71	4,531.38			5,316.68	6,003
<u>Other Receipts</u>								
Maddington Fees					829.00		829.00	2,479
VAT Grant		4,703.67	13,966.37	3,349.41			22,019.45	5,603
Wayleaves							-	126
Insurance claim							-	1,707
Allotment fees	340.50						340.50	386
Field rent	420.00						420.00	420
Miscellaneous	667.00	25.00	100.00			36.84	828.84	2,677
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>36,726.50</b>	<b>15,217.28</b>	<b>31,854.78</b>	<b>25,550.95</b>	<b>2,409.01</b>	<b>525.84</b>	<b>112,284.36</b>	<b>109,778</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
<u>Church Activities</u>								
Diocesan Parish Share	29,724.30	10,350.76	10,800.58	6,805.90			57,681.54	59,673
Clergy Expenses	717.56	717.55	717.55	738.57			2,891.23	2,955
DBF Share of fees	1,579.00	42.00	526.00	330.00			2,477.00	2,426
<u>Running Expenses</u>								
Insurance	2,600.64	967.59	2,809.41	2,382.68	417.50		9,177.82	9,212
Maddington Costs					272.00		272.00	-
Electricity & Telephone	240.17	85.01	669.16	378.64	736.87		2,109.85	2,191
Heating Oil	448.81						448.81	1,019
Water	81.00			81.00	43.46		205.46	214
Building Maintenance	13,041.25	3,345.56	71,536.97	20,294.88	4,382.73		112,601.39	85,395
Cost of Services	534.13	124.45	131.24	417.64		184.80	1,392.26	4,029
Upkeep of Churchyards	714.95		255.00	600.00			1,569.95	1,560
<u>Charitable Giving</u>								
Overseas							-	
Home	125.44	267.00	335.50			437.00	1,164.94	2,242
<u>Cost of Generating Funds</u>								
Fund-Raising Costs	8.92			904.93			913.85	433
<u>Church Management</u>								
Administration	838.42	188.42	188.42	188.42		25.00	1,428.68	2,540
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>50,654.59</b>	<b>16,088.34</b>	<b>87,969.83</b>	<b>33,122.66</b>	<b>5,852.56</b>	<b>646.80</b>	<b>194,334.78</b>	<b>173,889</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments (Payments over receipts)</b>	<b>(13,928.09)</b>	<b>(871.06)</b>	<b>(56,115.05)</b>	<b>(7,571.71)</b>	<b>(3,443.55)</b>	<b>(120.96)</b>	<b>(82,050.42)</b>	<b>(64,111)</b>

## SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE PCC

## Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2020

		Shrewton	Orcheston	Chitterne	Tilshead	Maddington	Benefice
<b><u>Current &amp; Deposit accounts</u></b>							
Orcheston Bank & Cash assets	31/12/19		£22,540.54				
	31/12/20		£12,897.57				
Chitterne Bank Deposit & Current A/cs & Cash	31/12/19			£77,673.09			
	31/12/20			£19,337.96			
Benefice Current Account	31/12/19	£6,865.16	£9,439.16	£1,100.77	£26,816.58	£5,857.97	£2,763.40
	31/12/20	-£7,062.93	£18,201.67	£3,320.85	£19,244.87	£2,414.42	£2,642.44
Outstanding Gift Aid to recover	31/12/19						£2,474.86
	31/12/20						£2,350.84
<b><u>Liabilities - DBF fees</u></b>	31/12/19	£643.00	£0.00	£119.00	£119.00		
	31/12/20	£250.00	£263.00	£0.00	£0.00		£52.00
<b><u>Investment Funds</u></b>							
Orcheston CCLA Fabric Fund	31/12/19		£2,212.89				
	31/12/20		£2,222.29				
Orcheston Church Cottage Income Shares	31/12/19		£12,431.90				
650 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/20		£13,290.36				
Orcheston - Gaye - Income Shares	31/12/19		£918.05				
48 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/20		£981.44				
Chitterne CBF Deposit Fund	31/12/19			£1,091.16			
	31/12/20			£1,905.79			
CBF Investment Fund	31/12/19			£8,605.93			
	31/12/20			£9,200.20			
CBF Accumulation Investment Fund Shares at	31/12/19			£57,522.18			
	31/12/20			£63,267.03			
Tilshead Empire Bungalow Fund 8,672 shares	31/12/19				£147,801.14		
7,727.76 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/20				£158,007.19		
Tilshead Kempson Fund	31/12/19				£3,213.17		
168 Shares in CBF CoE Investment Fund	31/12/20				£3,435.05		
Land - Empire Bungalow Plot	31/12/19				£30,000.00		
	31/12/20				£30,000.00		
Shrewton Land - Field in Nett Road	31/12/19	£81,000.00					
	31/12/20	£81,000.00					
Shrewton Allotments	31/12/19	£1,000.00					
	31/12/20	£1,000.00					
Maddington Church Rooms	31/12/19					£1,000.00	
	31/12/20					£1,000.00	

**Note 1** Assets in current accounts have been adjusted for unrepresented cheques at 31/12/19 & 31/12/20 plus cash held

**SALISBURY PLAIN BENEFICE  
2020 BANK RECONCILIATION**

	31/12/2019 OPENING BANK	31/12/2020 CLOSING BALANCE	CHANGE TO CASH BALANCE
SHREWTON	£ 6,865.16	(£7,062.93)	(£13,928.09)
ORCHESTON	£ 34,192.59	£33,321.53	(£871.06)
CHITTERNE	£ 78,773.86	£22,658.81	(£56,115.05)
TILSHEAD	£ 26,816.58	£19,244.87	(£7,571.71)
MADDINGTON	£ 5,857.97	£ 2,414.42	(£3,443.55)
BENEFICE	£ 2,763.40	£ 2,642.44	(£120.96)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(£82,050.42)</b>
		<b>2020 DEFICIT</b>	<b>(£82,050.42)</b>

## Notes to the 2020 Accounts

### Salisbury Plain Benefice PCC

1. The Benefice of Salisbury Plain was legally constituted at the end of 2013.
2. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments method.
3. The Statement of Account lists separately the accounts for each of the four former parishes, for Maddington Church Rooms, and a general account, which are then consolidated.
4. The Statement of Assets shows all cash holdings and other investment funds held.
5. The investment funds are at market value as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. These funds are invested in the CBF Investment Fund by CCLA on behalf of the Parish.
6. Empire Bungalow Plot, Tilshead is at valuation prepared by Woolley & Wallis dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
7. Shrewton Land in Nett Road, Shrewton is at valuation prepared by Woolley & Wallis dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.
8. The Shrewton allotment land continues to be included at a nominal value of £1,000.
9. The Maddington Church Rooms in Shrewton continue to be included at a nominal value of £1,000.
10. Outstanding Gift Aid is the sum due to be reclaimed from qualifying donations in 2020.
11. Liabilities are those known fees owed to Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance for fees incurred in the fourth quarter of 2020 but due for payment in January 2021.