



Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2023

**The Parish of East Leightonstone
The Rectory, 15 Church Road, Brampton PE28 4PF**

**St Mary Magdalene Parish Church
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Administrative Information

The East Leightonstone Parochial Church Council (“the PCC”) works with the incumbent, the Reverend Duncan Goldthorpe, in order to promote in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

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

Structure, Governance and Management

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or are co-opted or appointed by the PCC itself.

PCC for 2023-24

Ex-Officio Members:

Rector:	The Reverend Duncan Goldthorpe
Church Wardens:	Mr Keith Wood Mrs Susan Roberts
Curate:	Rev Dr Sarah West (from Jan 24)
ALM:	Mrs Jill Dighton (from May 23)
ALM & Deanery Synod Representative:	Dr Frances Stead

Elected Members:

Mrs Ann Davies (until Mar 23)
Mr Richard Howells
Mr Ian Stracey (until Mar 23)
Mrs Hazel Powell (Until Mar 23)
Mrs Patricia Jordan
Mr John Rowley
Mrs Dee Wormald
Mr Neil Brown (from Mar 23)
Mrs Sue Morgan (from Mar 23)

Appointed Members:

Treasurer:	Mr Graham Heywood (from May 23)
Secretary:	Mrs Dawn Ryder

The PCC had 10 subordinate committees during 2023:

- Standing Committee** – has the power to transact business between meetings of the full PCC and sets the agendas for those meetings.
- Church Hall Management Committee** – manages the day to day running of the Brampton Church Hall and actions routine minor maintenance requirements.
- Worship Impact Group (WIG)** – develops our worship across the parish
- Buildings Impact Group (BIG)** – responsible for maintaining our buildings, how spaces can be used effectively both in the building and also our outside areas.
- Young People’s Impact Group (YPIG)** – provides opportunities for children and young people to have a positive experience of church and be nurtured in their faith.

- f. **Communications Impact Group (CIG)** – develops how we connect with one another and our community
- g. **Mission Impact Group (MIG)** – explores supporting mission partners, local, national and global projects, raising the profile of mission as followers of Christ.
- h. **Fellowship Impact Group (FIG)** – organises social events for our church family and community and provides hospitality in support of church events.
- i. **Resources Impact Group (RIG)** – responsible for stewardship of our money, physical resources (linking with BIG) and fund raising.
- j. **Strategic Development Impact Group (SDIG)** – develops strategy, vision and planning.

Other information

Correspondence address: The Rectory, 15 Church Road, Brampton PE28 4PF
 Independent examiner: Tim Johnson FCA
 Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, 1 Market Hill, Huntingdon

Safeguarding Officer: Jane Rowley
 Lay Eucharist Assistants: Sue Roberts
 Keith Wood

Authorised Lay Ministers: Frances Stead
 Jill Dighton

Worship Group Leader: Ysanne Smith

Mothers Union Branch Leader: Julie Barker

Electoral Roll Officer: Lyndon Hutchison and Rachel Hutchison (from May 23)

Brampton Befrienders: Dawn Ryder

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to encouraging and enabling as many people as possible to become worshipping members of the church community across the parish. We take seriously the Charity Commission's requirement that we operate in the public benefit and so seek to help the people here to live out their faith in our community through:

- Worship and Prayer
- Community Outreach
- Pastoral Care
- Occasional Offices

Occasional Offices

The PCC recognises that for many people the Parish Church is still the place to go for major life events.

There were two weddings in the parish in 2023.

2023 saw 6 baptisms and we hope to maintain these relationships in the future. It was also wonderful to take Pam Clark to Cambridge and support her as she was confirmed by Bishop Dagmar in the Autumn.

Burial of ashes: Garry St Pierre, Shirley Wickert, Walter Northfield, Barbara Perry and David Porter
 Memorial Services: Patricia Sledge

There was much to celebrate in 2023, but it was also a year marked by sadness. During the course of the year we faced the deaths of Dora Cromer, Frances Jenkins, Sylvia Garner, William Fletcher, John Gate, Doreen Claydon, Patricia Sledge, Norma Williams, John Boylen, Walter Northfield, Barbara

Perry, Bob Carr and Brian Wickert. We do not underestimate the significance of being invited to share such times as we commit the deceased into God's loving mercy and pray that the bereaved may find comfort. Yes, it is important to mourn, but at the same time, by God's grace, we can celebrate their lives now that they have been promoted to glory. We give thanks and praise to God for these good and faithful servants.

Church Warden's Report

We ended 2023 with the green shoots of new energy and hope for the parish. Service patterns had become established, and it was encouraging to see growth in all three churches as people chose to take communion in whichever church it was offered across the parish, and we are indebted to our music group who add to the joy of worship wherever they are.

Our buildings have started to receive the TLC they needed and thanks to Rob Barker and the Buildings Impact Group for their expert help in prioritising and actioning repairs needed to all three churches.

The establishment of the impact groups in the previous year started to come to fruition and flourish with plans for children's work, fellowship and worship demonstrating a new energy in the life of our Parish.

As Church Wardens we are much indebted to all the teams who offer their time and dedication to all the roles needed to offer a warm and welcoming environment for all to enjoy. The cleaners, the locking up team, the flower ladies, the refreshment team as well as our sidesmen, AV teams, and the bell ringers, all these people make up a living church, which not only is wonderful to be part of but has played a crucial role in growth in the parish.

During this year we have been encouraged by the people willing to be helpers at children's church, Befrienders, and outreach. It should be noted that our Safeguarding Officer, Jane Rowley, has singlehandedly ensured all who have volunteered have DBS certificates in place as well as being appraised of the safeguarding training necessary for these roles.

As ever as wardens we have been privileged over this year to work alongside Duncan, whose energy and love for all in the community and the parish has been inexhaustible and is demonstrated by the growth in the parish and his ability to be part of the wider community in all three villages, as well as in Rwanda where he has established links with Bosco and Agnes.

As we enter 2024 it is with hope for our continued growth and thanks for all the people who have made that last year a year of hope and growth.

Sue Roberts and Keith Wood, Church Wardens

Minister's Report



Introduction. Last year we focused on our viability and connecting with the community. This continues to bring many challenges, especially in relating to expectations of meeting our parish share and growing our worshipping community. It is a joy to report that our giving is growing, but I also realise that we have a long way to go. We are also seeing stability with regards to our worshipping communities in all three villages. We continue to bless so many people who can no longer come into our buildings but still attend weekly worship through our live streaming of services. Thank you to the team who ensure that our audio visual systems run so smoothly week after week.

Impact Groups. Impact Groups continue to play a vital role in ensuring that we flourish and function as a church community. We have seen more people join the impact groups which work hard in meeting our targets. East Leightonston's focus continues to be:

- 1. To improve provision, develop and grow children's and young people's work in the church.***
- 2. To have multi-functional church buildings with facilities.***

3. To provide a range of activities/events that meet the spiritual and social needs of our communities

You can read more of this from our impact groups in this report.

Mission Partnership with Rev'd Bosco Habinshuti. We continue to strengthen our link with the work of Bosco and Agnes in the Diocese of Kigali. We have a clear understanding of what is required to ensure that their parish is viable and flourishes. Prayer, finance and mutual ministry continues to be our focus. We are planning to send a team out in the next 12 months.

Growing Church. We have seen growth of 50% in the numbers of people of all ages attending our regular Sunday services. Our children and young people's ministry has seen numbers reach a regular average of 15 children and we have approximately 32 children connected with our parish. Ellington and Grafham have sustained a stable regular attendance. It is wonderful to see the growth of fellowship after Sunday services where people are deepening relationships with one another.

Worship. We have seen our worship change and evolve which is reflecting our congregations spiritualities, diversity, enthusiasm and inclusivity. A range of musicians and worship leaders also bring variety to our weekly services.

As ever it was amazing to be able to hold all of our Christmas offerings across the parish. I give thanks for the extensive team of people who have ensured that services happened from those who prepare audio visual screens, prayers, flowers, the musicians, and singers. Our Christmas celebrations in the 'Cinnamon' in Grafham was as popular as ever for "Curry and Carols". We had a good attendance with people from all three villages attending the Midnight Communion service in Ellington. Carol singing in The Mermaid and Black Bull helped to make the time of year special and also shares our worship to the wider community. Our three Carol Services were full to capacity, as usual, wonderful festive services guided by Kate Gentles, and a committed team who formed the augmented choir. Thank you one and all.

I would also like to thank all of you who lock and unlock our churches, serve refreshments each week, provide flowers, welcome people, clean our church buildings, and also verge at funerals. You all make such a difference to the life of our parish, thank you.

I once again say a huge thank you to Keith and Sue as our Church Wardens they continue to provide us with a wonderful commitment and also wisdom in helping me hold everything together with the help of so many of you.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you, the wonderful, committed church members that you are.

Reverend Duncan Goldthorpe

Electoral Roll

Our electoral roll stands at 141 people.

Huntingdon Deanery Synod Annual Report

The first Deanery Synod meeting of 2023 included the installation of our Rector, Duncan, as Rural Dean. During the year, the Revd Philip Howson was also appointed as Assistant Rural Dean.

Much of the year has been focussed on Deanery planning, a document on which has been written and sent to the Diocese. Archdeacon Richard came to our November meeting and encouraged us to start by identifying a small number of achievable targets. As part of the Deanery plan, a SWOT analysis has been carried out, which identifies issues of finance across the Deanery as both a weakness and a threat, while identifying the people (both Lay and Ordained) as a strength, especially with the willingness to collaborate that is obvious across the Deanery.

Four work streams have been identified to pursue which are, Fruitfulness in Mission; Fruitfulness in Ministry; Fruitful buildings and finances; Fruitful children and youth ministry. Mission in particular has been identified as an activity that can be carried out using expertise across the Deanery with joint activities such as the Sunday evening youth, which is a joint activity across Huntingdon and East Leightonstone.

The Deanery also organised a well attended session about Living in Love and Faith at which Canon Nick Moir put the matter into context as a starting point for the Deanery.

Frances Stead – Deanery Synod Representative

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding all those who attend the worship and other activities that we offer in our parish. Our core commitments are:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

The PCC adopted 'Promoting a Safer Church' (2017) as our own policy on 25th August 2020 and confirmed this again on 14th November 2023. The policy can be found on the Safeguarding page of the Church of England website. It confirms that we follow the House of Bishops' Policies 'Protecting All God's Children' (2010). We promote safeguarding as everyone's responsibility. Jane Rowley is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). Large Safeguarding posters are on display in all three churches giving details of who to contact if anyone has any concerns.

All PCC members and all church volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults are required to have DBS clearance, complete Confidential Declaration forms and complete the appropriate Safeguarding training modules. The PSO ensures that we comply with this. DBS clearance, Confidential Declaration forms and training are renewed every three years.

Jane Rowley – Safeguarding Officer

Grafham Church

After the rigours of Covid it was good to enjoy several social events during the year. These began with a superb Supper night in January, albeit in Brampton church hall but at which members of all three churches enjoyed delicious warming casseroles and lovely desserts, all set off with flowers and twinkling lights on the tables. During Lent a course of Bible study took place each week in Grafham village hall followed by a soup lunch. This was open to one and all and was well attended. Generous donations were raised and we were able to donate £100.00 to the Christian Aid fund. During Holy week Compline took place at a short evening service. Messy church was held in Grafham village hall which attracted many children and their families. Various activities included making miniature Easter gardens both with flowers and foliage and also an edible version which was very popular! On Easter day afternoon Open church welcomed many visitors to enjoy tea and cake and hear lovely tunes played by our local musicians. During May Christian Aid was celebrated by hearing from a preacher about how the people of Malawi have been helped by the charity. We were able to donate money from selling of cakes at our services. Every Second Sunday a Taize Service is held at 6.30 pm. It is a quiet meditative service of about 40 minutes with candlelit singing, prayers and a period of silence. It is an opportunity to reflect, contemplate or just 'be'.

Our big event of the year was the famous Flower Festival whose theme was 'Water'. This challenging theme was well represented by depictions such as a waterfall, a fountain, washing up and fishing, such is the imagination and inventiveness of our flower arrangers! A hydroponic display attracted much attention as did the WC! the Bioblitz as ever attracted many children as they are always fascinated to see the small mammals being checked before they are released in the morning. Teas were as popular as always with a fine selection of homemade cakes. Once again our local musicians kept us entertained with their lively music. The two day Festival ended with Songs of Praise. The second weekend of June has been reserved for future Flower Festivals and Bioblitz so that this date can always be kept free from other bookings in the church.

Our Harvest Festival lunch was held for the first time in Grafham village hall. This made arrangements very convenient with the availability of the kitchen equipment and tables and chairs. A delectable array of dishes were brought by attendees, washed down with a glass or two of wine. Following a quick "clear up" by diners we repaired to the church for our Harvest Songs of Praise which

was led by members of the congregation. Donations of non-perishable food were taken to Diamond Hampers Social Supermarket.

Members of Grafham's congregation enjoyed a delicious bacon and sausage butty breakfast at Brampton church hall before the October fifth Sunday service together with other church members. An act of Remembrance took place at Ellington attended by Grafham congregation. Before Christmas Curry and Carols was celebrated at the local Cinnamon Restaurant. Our Carol Service and Crib Service were attended by a record number of people with the church filled to overflowing. The mulled wine and Christmas cake following the Carol Service were a welcome addition to the joy of the service. Holy Communion was held on Christmas Day.

We are indebted to the Fellowship Impact Group for their help with provision of cakes and serving at our events. Many hands make light work and we are very grateful for their assistance.

Hazel Powell

Ellington Church

The All Saints Church in Ellington continues to benefit from two Sunday services each month and the support of a small band of regular worshippers from the village. Bolstering the numbers all our friends from Grafham and Brampton, together with occasional visitors from Easton and beyond. Average Sunday 9:30 services including the officiant and children is 17. The Wednesday morning prayer attract an average of 2, including the officiant. We had a successful flower festival over the weekend of the Ellington Village Gala, raising funds for various village organisations, including the Church. Ann Davies continues to muster various contributors to this, as well as making the church look beautiful to the congregation and visitors. The Gala weekend finished with a 'Songs of Praise' at the church, with 32 villagers in attendance.

A thoughtful compile was held during Holy Week Ellington. Good Friday saw the Townlands Charity distribute 100 packs of hot cross buns to villagers which was well received and promoted the newly installed book/swap food bank drop off point. With the Harvest Festival services now held in September, there was no Harvest Supper, due to term time bookings in the Village Hall. Christmas saw a successful Carol service supported by the choir (thanks to Kate for organising this) with an attendance including the choir of 89 and a Christmas Eve communion at 11:00 PM, attended by 29. Well-attended carols at The Mermaid returned after a few years in abeyance due to Covid.

The churchyard continues to be well maintained by Walter Howell, Dennis Jolley and the Parish Council. Additionally, the church continues to enjoy the hard work and attention of Rob Barker and volunteers from the village and beyond maintaining the building. This is very much appreciated. Additionally, prior to Remembrance Sunday villagers turned out to tidy up the churchyard in preparation for the Act of remembrance at 11:00 on the Sunday. This was attended by 31 from both Ellington and Grafham.

Richard Howells

Impact Groups

Mission and Outreach Impact Group

The Mission Impact group met several times in 2023 and this year concentrated mainly on our 3 selected Mission Partners and development of the long term relationship with Revd Bosco in Rwanda. The three Mission partner charities for this year were supported through a Giving Sunday for each charity. The Children's society service was supported through giving at our Messy Christingle raising £120.24. Christian Aid was supported over Christian Aid week, as well as through the Count Your Blessings Jars (ably co ordinated by Nicola Childs – thank you Nicola) raising £1000.88 and Friends of CME was supported on 1st October when Chris Almond visited us to tell us about their work. This raised over nearly £400 on the day, with several other church members also donating directly online after the service. It was decided that Christmas service giving should focus on supporting Bosco, Agnes and their ministry in the parish.

The relationship with Revd Bosco in Rwanda and how this can be developed into an ongoing partnership in the Parish is a current focus and there is a trip out there planned for 2024 or 2025.

Frankie Stead



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Thank you very much to everyone who supported Christian Aid in 2023, especially in the light of the current economic crisis. For the second time, 'Cakes for Cash' was our principal fund raising event when we welcomed Chris Lacey to speak in our Christian Aid Sunday services and we sold cakes afterwards. Chris is the Chief Technology Officer for Christian Aid. He has worked for Christian Aid for some time and recently visited C.A. partners in Ethiopia and Kenya. This recent first hand experience enabled him to share with enthusiasm the interesting and life changing work of Christian Aid. Chris also explained that from every pound raised 85p goes directly to C.A. charitable purposes with the remaining 15p going towards fund raising. Thank you all again, for Counting Your Blessings, for helping dreams to come true and for raising hope that the next morning will bring a better day. Lives will be improved or saved. Well done! Grand Total of cash raised in 2023 was £1,000.88.

Nicola Childs

Children's Society

We raised £654.34 for the Children's Society in 2023. The collection at the Mothering Sunday service on 19th March raised £176 and the Messy Church Christingle Service held on Saturday 9th December raised £120.24. The remaining £358.10 was collected from 8 Coin Box Holders in Brampton. One Coin Box holder raised an amazing £198.28. The number of Coin Box Holders reduces each year as people decide to donate by direct debit instead. The money raised will be used by the Children's Society to help children aged between 10 and 19 years old. The Children's Society offers one to one counselling, intensive support and group work for children who have been mentally or physically hurt or who are at high risk.

Julie Barker, Children's Society Co-ordinator

Strategic and Development Impact Group

As SDIG we meet regularly to plan, evaluate and discuss what is going on in our impact groups, and the life of the church relating to the three targets that came out from our PCC Away Day in September 2021. This year we have met less frequently. We realised that it has been important to give time for our initial plans to be embedded in what we do. Next year SDIG will take a more strategic role in supporting impact groups and the whole church community in meeting our targets.

Reverend Duncan Goldthorpe

Communications Impact Group

There were quarterly meetings of the Communications Impact Group (CIG) in 2023.

The most important achievement was replacing the previous website with its misinformation and confusing links with a new website that presents a professional face to the world. Thanks go to Neil Brown for the hours he expended helping me determine in the early stages what information should be retained and what would be superfluous on the new website. Enormous thanks must go to John Barron for the new website's creation and swift implementation and to Mark Leeman for its ongoing maintenance and updating.

The parish continued to benefit from the Newsletter that is compiled and conscientiously emailed every week by Jenny Leeman.

The three churches in the parish were also fortunate to have Frankie Stead continue to post and update information on Facebook.

The Church of All Saints in Ellington received a new noticeboard by the entrance gate.

A leaflet to welcome visitors to our three churches was designed and approved but printing was delayed; it is anticipated that 2024 will see this implemented using new publicity software that will also be utilised in a number of areas to raise the profile of the parish.

John Rowley

Young People's Impact Group

Children's Church - This takes place in the church hall during the 11am service in St. Mary Magdalene, Brampton. We have a wonderful group of volunteers and supportive families. Thank you to everyone and a big thank you to the new volunteers who joined us this year.

We have two groups, one for 3-10 year olds and one for 11-14 year olds. The younger group meet downstairs in the hall and the older ones meet in the Upper Room. This year we followed the ROOTS teaching programme across all age groups. It followed the church lectionary which we hoped would encourage conversation and learning to continue at home. In 2024 we plan to follow a programme called Urban Saints produced by Energize. It offers resources suitable for all our age groups.

Special Sundays - Graham Smith led a special Sunday for the combined groups in October which was enjoyed by all.

All-Age Services - We have been blessed. Chris and Emily Jenkins have volunteered to organise All-Age services throughout the year. There were five in 2023 covering Harvest, Palm Sunday, Christmas, Miracles and one focused on 'Being a living sacrifice'. We plan to have four in 2024.

Little Fishes in Grafham - This is going very well. We have a good number of children who attend regularly, either with parents or grandparents. Our leaders are Jane, Kia and Jo. As always, we are very grateful for Hazel and her team who serve the tea and coffee every week. We meet in the Grafham village hall on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am - 11.30am in term time.



We enjoyed taking part in the Ellington and Grafham Flower festivals.

The Grafham village hall received a donation of small chairs and bought two small tables for our use. We greatly appreciate these as they make our craft sessions much easier to manage. Thank you.



Little Fishes in Brampton - This is going well. We meet at The Methodist Church on the Green in the school room at the rear, on Tuesday mornings 9.00 to 10.00, term time only. We have a regular group of children who attend with parents and grandparents – it's lovely to see them joining in each week making friends and being excited to place their own fish on the board. Our leaders are Gill, Rosemary and Brenda. Special thanks to Rosemary who also manages to serve tea and coffee during the session. Our children's numbers have dwindled since September as many of our regulars have now moved on to attend school and preschool - however we still have a regular group - but smaller. We have placed 'Little Fishes' notices around the village in shops and the community halls and intend to give out flyers to people outside the school. Also, we are currently looking for more leaders or willing people to assist with refreshments during the session.

Messy Church - "Messy Church is a way of being church for people of all ages. It is Christ-centred, based on fun, creativity, hospitality and celebration, to enable people to encounter Jesus". (www.messychurch.brf.org.uk)

We held two Messy Church mornings this year, one on Good Friday at Grafham Village Hall and a Messy Christingle in December at Ellington Village Hall. On Good Friday, we had various crafts to help us think about the events of Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and new life. We made and decorated different types of crosses, painted a giant colourful cross and hammered nails into a wooden cross. We had fun sowing seeds, making Easter Gardens and making Easter baskets filled with mini eggs. Rev Duncan then talked about the events of Easter, and we all enjoyed a shared lunch afterwards.

Messy Christingle was certainly messy, making traditional Christingles with candles and oranges ("The red ribbon is like God giving a hug to the whole world"). Christingle cakes, headbands, Advent wreaths and candles were created, along with some amazing playdough Christingles! Rev Duncan taught us a song which explained the significance of the different elements of a Christingle, which was followed by lunch together.



Nearly 60 people attended from all three villages in our parish and beyond. Some had previously been 'Little Fishes', so it was a lovely chance for them to renew contact.

Donations at Messy Christingle and across the parish raised over £120 to support the work of The Children's Society. We were blessed by a very kind donation from Sainsbury's to help with buying the Christingle oranges and some of the food for our lunch.

Many thanks go to everyone who has been involved with Messy Church, whether with planning, preparation, helping with crafts and the food or joining us. It is wonderful to see so many of our church family enjoying being together, learning more about Jesus!

Co-ordinator - Our prayers have been answered! Emily (ably assisted by Chris and Sylvia) has offered to take over as our co-ordinator in 2024. Thank you to Emily, Chris and Sylvia. The team will support you in all you do.

We are delighted with the way our children's work is developing and look forward to welcoming more families with children in 2024. We are very thankful for the current group of volunteers but will always welcome more. We already have three new volunteers for 2024 which is very encouraging.

Jane Rowley

Buildings Impact Group

Quinquennial Inspection Reports and Maintenance

Another busy year. As part of the prevention of water getting into the buildings, masonry repairs and re-pointing have been progressed in some areas. Three 'List B' submissions (one for each church) for lime mortar re-pointing and lime washing were approved by Dioceses Advisory Committee (DAC) early in 2023. Six maintenance mornings were arranged. Two per church, three in the Spring and three in the Autumn. They were well attended and lots of essential maintenance works were done as well as promoting fellowship, enthusiasm, unity and support for each other across the three parish churches.

Ellington

General maintenance works, including cleaning and repairing the gutters and downpipes, polishing pews, clearing birds nests, re-grouting leaded windows, servicing of fire extinguishers and servicing of roof alarms was all carried out.



The temporary arrangements installed to better manage rainwater flows remain in place. The plastic liners installed in the gullies are functioning well, and the water is being discharged correctly into the outfall pipes, not the foundations. The temporary plastic downpipes and hoppers installed to the north aisle roof outfalls have stopped the rainwater cascading over the masonry, allowing it to dry out and be repaired. A new inspection chamber was installed to the drainage on the south side of the church.

Where water had been discharging over the masonry of the north porch wall there was considerable loss of material below the window level. It needed to be extensively re-pointed. To ensure that there wasn't any danger of sections of the wall collapsing, the works had to be done in small areas, with each area allowed to gain strength before doing the next. The masonry at the base of the middle, north-aisle buttress had also suffered from extensive water damage as had the upper section of the Chancel north east buttress. The middle north aisle buttress and the upper section of the Chancel north east buttress were both re-pointed during the summer. Following a roof leak, the inside of the west parapet to the south aisle roof was also re-pointed in the Autumn.



A quotation for the upgrade of the lightning protection system to meet current standards was received and Ellington Town Lands Charity confirmed that they will cover the costs. List B approval was applied for from the DAC and this was emailed in November 2023. We received approval in late December 2023 and the works were undertaken in early 2024.

The leadwork roofs were inspected (Mar 23) and quotes for the numerous repairs required were received (Aug 23). A 'List B' application was submitted to the DAC for permission to carry out the repairs in Sep 23. Further information was supplied in Oct 23. We received approval to proceed in Jan 24 and will not undertake the repairs.

Grafham

An application to manage/trim the trees affected by Tree Preservation Orders was made to Hunts District Council in Jan 23 and approval was granted in Jun 23. List B approval was applied for from the DAC (Jul 23). Further information was requested by DAC and this was emailed (Aug 23) and approval was granted in Sep 23. The works to the trees and the cutting up of a large tree that was blown down in storm winds was completed in Sep and Oct 23, by both a local contractor and our maintenance volunteers.



General maintenance works, including cleaning the gutters and downpipes, cleaning windows, linseed oiling doors and window frames, cutting back trees, etc, was all carried out at two well attended maintenance mornings in March and October. The rotten threshold to the north nave door was removed. It will be replaced by reclaimed, buff, clay, pavement tiles.



Brampton

General maintenance works were carried out, including the repair of rainwater down pipes at the west end of the north aisle and the east end of the north clerestory. Walls were repointed where they had been water damaged by the broken downpipes.



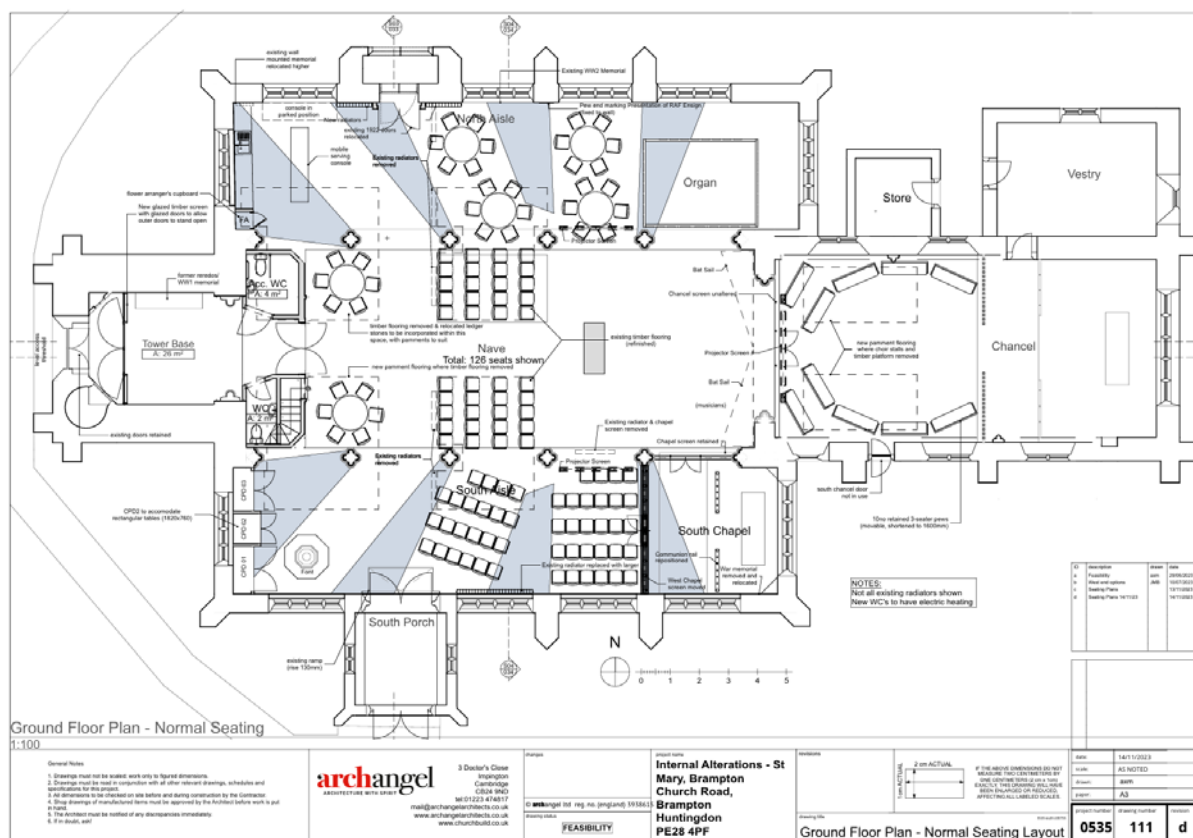
Several timber doors were painted and/or waterproofed and the underground drains were rodded and cleared and mapped out as much as possible. The retaining post to the south porch door was replaced. The roof alarms, fire extinguishers, organ and boilers were all serviced. Some of the stained glass windows were vandalised in the south aisle. One of these was boarded over, repairs by specialists will be progressed in 2024.

The leadwork roofs were inspected (Mar 23) and quotes for the numerous repairs required were received (Aug 23). A 'List B' application was submitted to DAC for permission to carry out the repairs was made (Sep 23). Further information was supplied (Oct 23). We received approval to proceed in Jan 24 and will now undertake the repairs.

Re-ordering Proposals

Extensive consultation for the Re-ordering Proposals for St Mary Magdalene at Brampton including toilets and a kitchenette, was undertaken in the first half of the year, including with the DAC. Then a revised submission was made to DAC in July for their consideration, and we hoped approval of a faculty to proceed. DAC had various further queries and set up a working party to better deal with the issues. Following further consultation and another site visit in October, the proposals have been revised again and together with further supporting material has been supplied to the members of the working party. We also need to provide details of the changes to the heating and lighting arrangements that will be needed due to the re-ordering works. A separate specialist consultant has been engaged to carry out this design work. When the heating and lighting are better outlined in early 2024, and we have addressed the other DAC queries (including the need and accessibility of the proposed gallery), we can again consider a re-submission to DAC.

The latest proposed re-ordering layout:



Rob Barker

(Please see full report which includes numerous additional photographs)

St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Brampton

Introduction. 2023 has been a good year for the Hall, both in bookings and facilities. The constraints of the Covid pandemic restrictions are now behind us but, in the aftermath, we have seen fewer casual party bookings. Happily, losses have been more than balanced by an increase in regular users, and Hall and garden continue to be a very useful facility for Church events.

Bookings. Church groups and activities such as the Mothers' Union, children's activities, special events, a regular home group, Warm Spaces and the PCC make good use of the Hall. Regular community users generating a steady stream of income include Girl Guide sections, dog training in the garden, a Contemporary Textile Art group, and an eclectic range of University of the Third Age (U3A) groups such as Drama, French Conversation, Italian Language, Rail Interest, Photography, and Ukulele playing. Casual users include NHS "Health and Wellbeing" sessions and family parties. Not all the regular groups meet every week, so Sally Mackenzie has coordinated a patchwork of weekly, alternative week, and monthly bookings. The Contemporary Textile Art group was keen to have more working and display space, and generously paid over £200 to donate two new tables to match our current stock. The tables are kept in the store and are available to all users.

Maintenance. Our old gas boiler had become increasingly unreliable, so the decision was taken in February that it should be replaced. It wasn't clear then whether bookings would continue to recover after Covid pandemic restrictions. However, the Church Lands' Trust made a very welcome grant of £1,950 for the upgrade, which included a "Hive" control system. It has been a great success, allowing much more flexible programming remotely over a mobile phone or computer to suit daily bookings; hitherto it was impractical to do other than set up a standard heating schedule for winter or summer. Tim Johnson has again led and managed grounds maintenance activities. That has included grass cutting, hedge trimming, drain clearance, weeding, and more, throughout the year. We've been fortunate to have a dedicated team regularly meeting to keep things under control. However, we could do with a few more volunteers, so I'd be glad to hear from any able-bodied men or women who

might like to help. Heather Coffin and Tina Leigh have been keen, reliable and efficient in keeping the Hall clean and tidy over the last year. They have been in only once per week, readying the Hall for the weekend, but have done a great job. The Hall interior will soon need a more comprehensive redecoration than the fairly piecemeal work we have done in the past few years. Only so much can be undertaken by self-help, particularly with such high walls and ceilings, so it may be appropriate to pay a contractor to come in during the coming year.

Finances. Rental income was over £9,000 in 2023. Utilities, maintenance, and cleaning cost us some £6,500, bringing in a surplus of a little over £2,500. Those figures do not include the one-off £1,950 Church Lands Trust grant for our new boiler.

The Hall Committee. Finally, I am again grateful to the Hall Committee for all their support and hard work throughout the year. I'm sorry to report that Ian Stracey has decided to stand down from the committee after the APCM in 2024. He has put a huge amount of effort into supporting the Hall over many years, and his advice and practical support will be sorely missed.

Hall Committee Members: Ken Mackenzie (Chair), Tim Johnson (Secretary), Sally Mackenzie (Booking Secretary), Rob Barker, Dawn Ryder, Ian Stracey.

Grounds Maintenance Team: Tim Johnson, Rob Barker, Shaun Hagan, Ken Mackenzie, Alastair Reed and Graham Smith.

Ken Mackenzie, Chair Church Hall Committee

Fellowship Impact Group

The Fellowship Impact Group (FIG) is responsible for the planning, resourcing and delivery of events focused on the development of fellowship within the parish. We are a small team with representatives from the 3 churches and meet regularly to plan and support social events.

We began 2023 with a Supper Night in January, and those that braved the weather enjoyed some wonderful food, desserts and company for the evening. We supported the lent lunches 27th February- 27th March. We provided Hazel and the team at the Grafham Open Church on Easter Day with an array of cakes and scones. For Christian Aid in May Ann had coffee and cake at Ellington and Nicola organised an amazing array for the cake sale at Brampton. Also, in May we were able to support Hazel with cakes and serving tea and coffee at the wonderful Grafham Flower Festival and Bioblitz. We wore our MU hats and baked again to add to the vast array of cakes for the MU stall at the Brampton Village Fete in July.

Nicola coordinated refreshments and cake at the Brampton Village Show in September to fuel the contributors and the visitors. FIG provided a warm welcome, tea and cake before the 'In Memory' service in October. We opened a breakfast café in the church hall on 29th October before the all together service and bacon and sausage butties etc went down well, especially with the bell ringers who asked why we didn't do it every Sunday!! Nicola again in November had the happy task of supporting the Christmas Bazaar with you guessed it tea, coffee and cake.

We don't just do cake, honest, but we do love providing hospitality and opportunities for our church family to be together in fellowship. We would love you to join our happy team, or we would willingly support any events that you are planning or would like to put on for our church family and communities.

Dawn Ryder

Community Outreach

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care covers multiple activities in the parish, and while it is co ordinated by Frankie, the actual activity is something that everyone can be involved in, simply by taking to heart Jesus command to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The roaming tablet paid for by Brampton Lands Trust is now being regularly passed across several parishioners. This enables the YouTube services to be watched by them at a time that suits their daily

rhythm, as it can be used either when the service is actually being streamed, or to watch the recorded service later in the week. A small team are now taking Holy Communion regularly into 2 Care Homes in the parish, and connections with staff at the Manor and Montague House are enabling some people to come to services (with the help of some lovely church volunteers) and also the streaming of Sunday Services for those unable to come out. We are still supporting the Afghan families to some extent, and several members of the Mothers Union are getting to know the ladies from the English classes to help them get to know women in the community. The remainder of the grant money that we were awarded to help support these families is being used to support several of the ladies, who are struggling with their English, to have small group lessons.

The Friendship Café, which started as a Warm Space activity at the end of 2022, continued into the early summer, but has since stopped as attendance was declining. As the main attendees were from the Montague Care Home, we have now turned this activity into an afternoon coffee in the Bistro at Montague in the same time slot, as this enables us to meet with residents who were unable to make the journey up to the church hall. Anyone interested in joining this or any other activity across the parish is welcome. If you would like to know more about pastoral visiting in the parish and get involved, please contact Frankie.

Frankie Stead – Pastoral Assistant ALM

Brampton Befrienders

2023 was a busy year, when things definitely felt back to normal. The numbers attending Befrienders gradually increased from a slow start and since the return from the Christmas break this year, we have had over 35 each week keeping the volunteers on their toes.

Our first event of 2023 was the Spring Lunch. We were treated to roast chicken followed by spotted dick and custard from Measures, which was delicious as always. Followed on 5th May by a Coronation Party. This was a wonderful event to celebrate with our Befrienders and they very much enjoyed it. The hall was festooned in red, white and blue, the volunteers provided amazing and traditional tea party food and we had a couple of themed quizzes which kept everyone busy and provoked much discussion and arguing which drowned out the themed music playing in the background. For the Summer Lunch, Measures provided meat platters and the volunteers provided the wonderful variety of side dishes that made up a lovely spread. For the Autumn lunch we had Fish and Chips delivered by Atlantis. We had not had this option for a while and it went down really well.



December was a lovely festive month. We had the children's choir from the school on the 1st December. This was the first time they had been back post COVID and we were treated to a wonderful performance. On the 8th December was the annual turkey and all the trimmings lunch provided by Measures. We had crackers, drinks, quizzes, fairy lights and festive music in the background and everyone went home happy, with rosy cheeks and ready for a snooze. 43 lunches were served which is a record. We were all back again on the 15th December for the Christmas party. Lovely food and drinks were provided by the volunteers and Kate Gentles provided a lovely selection of festive music for the guests to listen to as they relaxed and enjoyed the morning. Everyone was given a gift of a large box of chocolates to take home.



We also had a Christian Aid coffee morning in May and a Macmillan one in September and the collections were donated accordingly.

On the admin side we had fewer formal committee meetings in 2023 but met instead to make arrangements for the social events. We reviewed and updated the risk assessment and continued to discuss safeguarding awareness. We also received a very generous donation from The Thrift Shop of £300 which enabled us to provide the summer lunch as a free event and went towards some of the Christmas event costs.

That was all the fun in 2023 but we also had some sadness. Patricia Sledge, a founding member of Befrienders as well as long serving chair and treasurer, died peacefully at home with her family in June and many of us were able to attend her very fitting Service of Thanksgiving. We also lost two gentlemen members of the Befrienders family.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Befrienders Committee members: Judy, Norma, Nicola, Margaret, Pat L, Barbara, Billie, Anne and our Treasurer Pat P. This group are not only on the committee but also support with helping on the rota and making cakes. We the committee could not cope without the help of our amazing band of helpers: Mary (who comes every week, bakes scones and looks after the lunch tickets), Chris, Angie, Pauline, Elizabeth, Gill, Lin, Bob, Janet and Dorothy. We are very blessed to have such a large team of volunteers as many groups struggle. We and the guests also enjoy Duncan's regular visits. Thank you also to the invaluable support of the Parish Council, especially with the setting up and clearing away of all the

tables and chairs each week.

Brampton Befrienders continues to offer a welcoming and friendly place every Friday morning for a chance to chat over tea, coffee and homemade cakes, so come along and enjoy, or join our fun and sociable volunteers. Also, if you have a family member or neighbour who would enjoy some company please bring them along.

Dawn Ryder



Brampton Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union in Brampton in 2023 was busy with a combination of afternoon and evening meetings. The Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity which supports families worldwide. This branch has played their part by supporting local Mothers' Union projects. Our actions seem small but hopefully we have reached out to people who need help.



In 2023, we continued to raise money for the "Away from It All Holiday Scheme" and we achieved an amazing total of £1076.70 which will support several families to take a holiday break "away from it all". These families are sponsored by clergy, social services or schools. A holiday gives the family the opportunity of space to make positive memories, build relationships and strengthen family bonds. The scheme is organised by Ely Diocese Mothers' Union and the money raised is used to pay for the accommodation and travel expenses for a three day break in a caravan in Hunstanton. The money was raised

throughout 2023 but in particular at our Garden Party in June, the Village Fete on the Green in July and the Pudding Evening in October. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these events and make them a success.

We have also sent money to the Overseas fund (now called Worldwide fund) and to the Numeracy programme which operates in Rwanda. Hence our efforts are helping people in other countries as well.

We have supported Mid Cambs and Fenland Women's Refuges. We were able to fill 10 bags of personal items to hand out to Women arriving at the refuges without anything. The bags contained a hair brush, lip salve, deodorant, tissues, face wipes, face cream, shower puff, panty pads, towel, flannel and socks. We also collected money to buy a gift for the mothers and a selection of chocolates and sweets for the children for Mothers' Day.

Last year we collected items to donate to the Antenatal Ward of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital for expectant mums who arrive with nothing. In May, we visited Lilac Ward to see how they had made up welcome packs using our items. At least two packs have been given out so far.



We have given 6 handmade quilts to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Chaplaincy Team to be given as a gift to parents at the funeral service of a baby. We also knitted and donated 25 lap blankets and 5 twiddle muffs for the dementia wards of both Hinchingsbrooke and Peterborough Hospitals.

In 2023, we had a dedicated committee of 6 members: Julie Barker, Shirley Johnson, Sally Mackenzie, Sheila Richardson, Elizabeth Arkle and Nicola Childs.

We have continued to advertise our meetings in The Brampton Magazine and thank you to Sheila Richardson for doing this for us. Thank you to Dawn Ryder for sending birthday cards to our members and thank you to Gill Stracey for sending out baptism cards. Thank you to everyone on the flower rota for the Lady Chapel flowers.

At the end of 2022 we had 23 members. Since then 2 decided not to renew and 1 member has moved away. Very sadly, Pat Cartwright who was a long time member until a few years ago died in June 2023 and we were pleased to learn that the donations from the funeral were made to Ely Diocesan Mothers Union. In 2023, we have welcomed 13 new members so this brings our membership total to 33.



In January we held our Annual General Meeting and we decided to celebrate the fact that our branch was at least 100 years old. We have records since 1923 and we displayed these along with old photographs.

In February we held two meetings. In the afternoon, Gill Stracey told us about her experiences as a foster parent and how she is still in contact with the children she helped. In the evening, we held our informal "Craft, Chat and Charity Café" meeting when we made items to donate to our causes, supported each other with fellowship and bought items to

raise funds for the Away from it All Holiday Scheme. We held our second “Craft, Chat and Charity Café” evening during November.

In March, Jill Dighton led us in a quiet time of reflection, music and prayer during the period of Lent. This was a popular meeting and thank you to Jill for providing an opportunity to put aside our worries and look to God.

We were invited to read the bible passages and the prayers at the Mothering Sunday service in March.

In May, Julie Barker gave a talk about the Stained Glass windows in St Mary Magdalene church. In June, we all enjoyed the summer garden party at Julie and Keith’s home. We invited the Godmanchester wives and the Mothers Union members from St Neots. It was a windy day but this didn’t stop everyone enjoying tea, scones and cakes and chatting. Thank you to Julie and Keith for welcoming everyone to your lovely garden.

In July a small group of us set off to Huntingdon and we walked through the town identifying key places and the history of Cromwell. Unfortunately, it decided to rain so it was fun to end the evening eating hot fish and chips inside at the back of a cafe.

In September we welcomed Sue Clayton and Rev Duncan Goldthorpe to tell us all about Rwanda. Sue was very informative about her visit to Shyogwe in Rwanda and she included photographs and facts about the history and geography of the country. Duncan followed with photographs of his visit to Kigali and this was interesting as the parish of Eastleightonstone has now established a link with Reverend Bosco, who he met on that visit.

In October, we held our famous pudding evening. This was very popular with 38 people attending. Everyone enjoyed homemade puddings with cream, ice cream or custard.



For the afternoon meeting in November, we attended a communion service at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Chapel run by the Chaplaincy team. We were able to donate our items to the Hospital as well as invite the NHS staff we have made contact with.

In December, we ended our year with an evening about bells. Julie Barker gave a talk about how bells are made then we enjoyed some sausage rolls, cheese scones and mince pies. Gill and Ian

Stracey then taught us how to ring hand bells. Many of us had a go and it was good fun with much laughter. An enjoyable end to a busy year.

Julie Barker – Branch Leader

Parish Choir

As usual, the choir met from mid-October to rehearse for the carol services, which were again sung in all three churches – this time over the same weekend. We were very grateful to Tony Humes for accompanying us in Grafham and Ellington, and Bronwen Taylor in Brampton.

The service started with all but the choir in darkness as we sang the very peaceful, contemplative *There is no Rose*, a modern but medieval-sounding carol by Tim Porter. The service continued with the more familiar solo verse of *Once in Royal David’s City*. In addition to *There is no Rose*, the choir sang *Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day* (a 16th century carol), *Oh My Dear Heart* (a medieval lullaby to a modern setting by Peter Aston), and *Masters in this Hall* (a traditional French carol arranged by David Willcocks). The choir sang beautifully – although had little voice left by the end of the third service in a single weekend!

Kate Gentles

Bellringing Brampton Tower



Monday evening practises are continuing as normal. We get between 3 and 7 people each week out of our 9 members. At the moment we have 2 leaders/teachers and various members ranging from long experience to near beginners. With only 3 experienced method ringers, teaching others to ring methods is a struggle, but we have two members who are at this stage of learning and making steady progress.

Of the beginners who have started in the last year or so, one is comfortable with call changes and will be moving on to methods soon, two are learning to cope with other bells in different orders after call changes, and one is at the stage of developing basic bell control. From this group we managed to field almost a complete band to ring for the recent wedding in the church.

Attendance for service ringing is on a best efforts basis, we rarely have 6 people more often only 3, and some weeks not enough to ring. This should improve as our recent beginners improve.

Looking forward we are planning to replace the bell ropes during the coming year, for which we will need some funds. We would welcome anyone who wants to join.

Bruce Gentles

Flower Guild

We began our year with Easter lilies followed by flowers for the Coronation of King Charles III in May. In July we did the arrangements for a memorial service for Patricia Sledge who was well known in church community and especially in our Flower Guild being a founder member of the Guild.



We bought in a new stock of hessian pew ends for weddings and used them for the first for a wedding in August which the bride and groom were delighted with, so we hope to get plenty of use out of them in the future. In September we did our usual Harvest festival flowers. We ended our year with white and silver arrangements in church for Christmas. Guild Members:- Diane Hodgetts, Christine McLean, Jan Dobie, Ruth Wood and Sylvia Collen.



Diane Hodgetts

Financial Report

The Overall Picture

2023 proved to be a challenging year, but thanks to prudence in expenditure, we were able to achieve a small surplus at the end of the financial year. Part of this reflects the significant increase in parish giving during 2023 and based on the latter part of 2023, the potential growth in this section augurs well for 2024

Conversely, we paid £50,000 only of a required £69,000 to the Diocese as our parish share. This shortfall, not for the first time, has been noted by the Diocese as an exception to most of the parishes in the Diocese and it is an item which PCC must address in 2024. The expected parish share payment in 2024 is £72,000. This is a major challenge for us and requires us to maintain our frugal approach to expenditure during the coming year.

For the avoidance of doubt, our problem is not one of over expenditure but insufficient income, and this could be achieved only by a continuing increase in parish giving.

On a brighter note, the planned 2024 budget offers the potential to achieve a surplus in this year.

Keith Wood, Church Warden

Report of the Independent Examiner to the members of East Leightonstone Parochial Church Council

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

(Original Copy Signed)

Timothy Johnson
Chartered Accountant
31 Cranfield Way
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Huntingdon
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Date: 2 April 2024

Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of
East Leightonstone
For the year ended 31 December 2023
Cash Basis

Account	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income & Expenditure Report					
Receipts					
Giving & Gift Aid	80,189	792	950	81,930	71,348
Investment Income	1,325	0	0	1,325	242
Legacies	2,000	0	0	2,000	0
Other Income	4,846	8,787	1,950	15,583	20,094
Mission Donations	0	2,246		2,246	3,322
Total Receipts	88,359	11,825	2,900	103,084	95,007
Payments					
Parish Share	50,000	0	0	50,000	50,861
Rector/Curators Costs	1,021	0	0	1,021	1,028
Church/Hall running costs	18,722	4,448	1,950	25,120	31,708
Service Costs inc honoraia	317	(50)	0	267	1,140
Organ Tuning	538	0	0	538	670
Administration	3,779	0	126	3,905	4,206
Other Costs	4	(2,783)	0	(2,779)	83
Consultancy Costs	0	0	6,373	6,373	8,466
Mission Costs	975	1,286	1,721	3,982	2,227
Total Payments	75,356	2,901	10,170	88,428	100,390
Net Income/Expenditure	13,003	8,923	(7,270)	14,656	(5,383)
Cash at Bank 01/01/2023	(2,536)	12,730	34,351	44,545	49,928
Cash at Bank 31/12/2023	10,467	21,653	27,081	59,201	44,545

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Designated Funds

	Church Hall £	Mission £	DBF Fees £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts - Other Income				-	
Lettings	8,787			8,787	9,846
Other Income			2,833	2,833	-
Mission Giving, Christian Aid		3,038		3,038	598
	8,787	3,038	2,833	14,658	10,444
Payments:					
Church Hall Running Costs	4,448			4,448	6,347
Other Expenditure				-	-
Mission Giving, Christian Aid		1,286		1,286	232
	4,448	1,286	-	5,734	6,579
Surplus for the year	4,339	1,752	2,833	8,924	3,865
Transfer between funds					
Cash at Bank 01/01/2023	11,922	808		12,730	4,199
Cash at Bank 31/12/2023	16,261	2,560	2,833	21,654	8,865

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Restricted Funds

	Fabric Fund	Bell Fund	Flower Fund	Mission Grant	AV Donation	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	-	-	-	-	-		
Donations	950	-	-	-	-	950	7,239
Donations - Church Hall	1,950					1,950	7,000
	2,900	-	-	-	-	2,900	14,239
Payments							
Fabric Fund	6,373	-	-	-	-	6,373	8,466
Fabric Fund - Church Hall	1,950	-	-	-	-	1,950	6,191
Fabric Fund - Grafham						-	1,803
Mission Grant	-	-	-	1,846	-	1,846	1,450
Other Costs	-	-				-	-
	8,323	-	-	1,846	-	10,169	17,910
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	(5,423)	-	-	(1,846)	-	(7,269)	(3,671)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank 01/01/2023	27,643	1,208	69	4,055	1,376	34,351	38,022
Cash at Bank 31/12/2023	22,220	1,208	69	2,209	1,376	27,082	34,351

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash at bank and in hand					
Barclays	10,467	13,189	1,374	25,030	10,373
CCLA		8,464	25,708	34,172	34,172
Cash in hand					
	10,467	21,653	27,082	59,202	44,545
Assets retained for church use					
Church Hall improvements	130,439	-	-	130,439	130,439
Equipment	26,398	-	-	26,398	26,398
	156,837			156,837	156,837
Cash due to creditors	1,179	4,233	5,364	10,776	902
Cash due from debtors		1,337		1,337	1,263