

# Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

## **2023 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley<sup>1</sup>**

Please note - This report is based on the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) report, which was approved 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024, which includes the 2023 end of year accounts.

### **Aims and purposes**

Gornal and Sedgley's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Acting Team Rector (Rev Catherine Mitchell), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC has overall responsibility to oversee the maintenance of our churches and halls. However, specific responsibility for the day to day running and maintenance is delegated to the respective District Church Councils (DCC); namely All Saints' church and hall, Sedgley, All Saints DCC; St Peter's church and hall, Upper Gornal, St Peter's DCC; St Andrew's church and hall, St Andrew's DCC.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community.

### **Safeguarding**

The PCC, and the people of the parish are committed to their Safeguarding responsibilities.

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<sup>1</sup> The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley includes the churches of All Saints', Sedgley St Peter's, Upper Gornal and St Andrew's, The Straits.

The PCC is aware of its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Church of England's safeguarding policy statement, 'Promoting a Safer Church', requires us to have an action plan in place that sets out how the policy is being put into action and committing to review this regularly. This action plan has been presented by Barbara Baker, our PSO and approved by PCC. Safeguarding is an agenda item on every PCC meeting.

The PCC wish to thank our safeguarding officer Barbara Baker for all her hard work during the past 12 months.

## **Achievements and Performance**

2023 although was another year of challenges for the parish but there were also many blessings. As a parish, we have continued to be greatly blessed by an incredible amount of hard work and ministry that so many are contributing to God's work in this place.

Our PCC, Standing Committee and Church Councils have continued to work together to help steer the parish forward, giving a great deal of time and energy, for which I am grateful and give thanks for the time given through the year.

At the beginning of 2023 the parish was blessed by curate Rev Calum Burke joining the us on a placement from Top Church, Dudley. Rev Calum's remit in joining the parish was to gain wider parish experience, to enable three communion services at All Saints and lead All Saints in the discernment process for the SMMIB (formally SDF) renewals project.

The service rota was maintained through the year. For two mornings a month at 8:00, and one at 11:00, at All Saints, where there no services, a Prayer Meeting, led by Church Warden Keith Tomlinson, has been offered, so that the church could be opened when there was no service and people were encouraged to attend a service in one of the other churches in the parish when there was no service at All Saints. I would like to express my thanks to Rev Calum Burke, LLM Canon Jan Humphries and ALM Worship Leader Suzanne Bradley for leading services in the parish and Church Warden Keith Tomlinson for leading the Prayer meeting through the year.

The SMMIB project bid has identified that All Saints has the potential to grow to a congregation size of 150. The funding would enable a half time stipendiary priest to oversee a potential new worshipping community and a children's and family's worker. Discernment regarding the scope of the project continued through 2023, led by Rev Calum Burke, who, during the year, led a project discernment morning with the PCC and All Saints DCC, the All Saints Hub team, and various questionnaire to groups and individuals who are connected with the church, such as Noah's Arc Toddler group, baptism families etc. Rev Calum was also the link between the parish and the Diocesan Leadership. Rev Calum has also been working with the parish and All Saints church to enable more comprehensive understanding of the project and its scope. There is still much work to be completed but it is hoped that the project submission will be completed in Q1 2024. I want to express my thanks to Rev Calum for his work on the project.

I would also like to express my thanks to our Church Wardens, Church and Parish Councils, Authorised Lay Ministers and LLM Canon Jan, in support of the parish's life and ministry during the year; also, thanks to all who give so much time and energy in many ways.

The Bereavement Hub continued monthly through the year under the careful and sensitive guidance of Pastoral ALM Kath Apperley. The hub initially worked in conjunction with Compton Hospice, during the latter part of the year, due to a reorganisation at Compton Hospice with associated Bereavement Hubs, it was decided the Parish hub would become an independent group. I want to express my thanks to Kath Apperley, and the team, Sheila Moss, Tracey Bate and Joan Sullivan for their sensitive work with those who are bereaved.

During the year Kath Apperley completed training to become an Authorised Funeral minister in the parish and was Authorised by Bishop John Inge. Having Kath as part of the team taking funerals is a real blessing, with 41 funerals being conducted by the ministry team through 2023.

Our parish priorities of prayer continued during the year with continued online prayer opportunities, including morning prayer, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on Zoom and the twice monthly prayer opportunities on Tuesday afternoons and

Tuesday evenings, on Zoom and in person. My thanks to Kath Apperley and Joan Sullivan leading the afternoon and evening prayer meetings.

Our second priority of Children and families. Once again parents seeking baptisms for their children saw high numbers with 38 baptisms (this included 3 adults); baptism is seen as one of our biggest opportunities for reaching out to those who do not know Jesus yet and will be a focus for the SMMIB project at All Saints.

The CYD Team developed Café Church at All Saints through 2023 on the first Sunday of the month, although we had a willing Team, the numbers attending the service was disappointing and the team made the difficult decision to stop and reassess what we might be able to offer in the future.

The CYD team once again were able to offer a Teddy Bears picnic at All Saints for pre-school children, and also the Good Friday Workshop and Half Term Workshop in October. I would like to thank Barbara Price, Laura Robinson and the team for making these activities a success.

The toddler groups in the parish, Little Angels (St Andrews) and Noah's Arc (All Saints), continue to be a blessing in the parish, and thanks must go to the hard work of the teams who organise and run the sessions.

Once again connecting with the community was important for our churches, at St Peters and St Andrews we once again hosted successful fairs; and at

All Saints the church was opened to show the Kings Coronation in May. In July All Saints Church and hall were opened for the Black Country Festival in Sedgley, and once again open for the Sedgley Lights Switch on event in November, where we saw many people come into the church and hall. The Lights Switch on event was followed by the Taste of Christmas and the All Saints Christmas fair, which were both successful events. A big thanks for all who arranged and coordinated the events in the parish. We were again able to offer two memorial services for those the Team Ministry have conducted funerals for in the past year, which were well received. In November we hosted once again the Remembrance Sunday services across the parish, with the Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day gathered around the new war

memorial in the gardens adjacent to the church. Our connections with the local schools in the parish continued, with school trips to St Andrews, from The Straits School, and All Saints with Cotwell End School. Both visits were a success and appreciated by the schools.

We also welcomed Alder Coppice and Cotwall End Schools to All Saints Church for their Carol services, which were again a great success where we welcomed 1322 children and adults across the 4 services.

The parish Christmas services were once again busy, and again we welcomed the Worcester Cathedral Chamber Choir for the Nine Lessons and Carols, which is always well received with 134 people attending. The Christingles across the parish are always popular on Christmas Eve, with many people commenting that they see it as part of their Christmas tradition to come. The Christingles saw 526 children and adults attending, and I would like to thank all those involved with organising and leading these services.

During the year, we have been working with our Diocesan Mission Accompanier Chris Sheehan who has been helping us to develop a Parish Health and Sustainability Plan. The main focus of our Health and Sustainability Plan has been to Develop the Family Service at All Saints, which has been evolving through the year, with our service in December being a Scratch Nativity, led by Rev Calum, which attracted 66 people. The family services use iSingWorship for the songs and hymns, rather than the organ, which has received positive feedback from many people. Another project centres on Communication within the parish, which is intended to improve communications within the parish. Another priority is social events, which have been organised through the year by Edward Grist and Tracey Bates, and have been popular. Finally, the last project is to develop a Vision Statement, this project has been planned through the year and will continue to be developed through 2024. I want to thank all those on the hub team from the parish, Matt Guy, Kath Apperley, Edward Grist, Tracey Bate, Jan Humphries, and Maureen Allcock.

Once again, our parish Safeguarding Officer Barbara Baker has worked hard with us to ensure that all are safe, and all appropriate training and checks have been done or are being done, my thanks to Barbara for all her hard work on behalf of the parish.

All Saints Hall continues to be a blessing with excellent facilities offered; the hall is well used by the community and thanks must go to John Anderson and Gail Griffiths for managing the hall, and bookings and requirements. The reeling in the years project has continued through the year and a blessing to all those who attend, any thanks to all who volunteer to make this activity a success.

Thanks also to our administrator Gail Griffiths for all her support and commitment in the parish office.

February saw the closure of St Peters Church building with a wonderful thanksgiving service led by Doug Chaplain, Discipleship and Lay Training Officer in Worcester Diocese. It was a significant moment in the life, ministry and worship of St Peters church community. The closure process has been long and challenging but it is hoped that the church community are able to see the opportunities that the hall will give.

Late in 2023, we advised by Mark Carter, Church Buildings Officer, that we were responsible for registering the pocket of land, that the vergers house once sat, and the land on which the St Peters Hall sat. The process of registering the land has begun and solicitor engaged. Once the pocket of land has been registered, St Peters DCC would be able to benefit financially if, and when, the land is sold.

St Peters Hall has now been equipped with the sound system from the church, including the loop, which has made a big difference in worship. The church community continues to seek how we move forward in ministry and mission.

St Andrews church continues to be supported by LLM Canon Jan Humphries, I would like to express my thanks to Jan for all her hard work in managing so much of the life of the church community on The Straits. The hall at St Andrew's continues to be used well, but there is scope for more hall bookings, which would improve the financial situation for the church. This year St Andrews hosted two successful fairs. Also, St Andrews church is working with Bridge Church, who hire the church hall for their services and a monthly coffee morning, to bless the community on The Straits with a defibrillator. A grant has been secured from Dudley Council to cover the costs.

It is hoped that the unit will be fitted in Q1 2024, with training with St John Ambulance organised.

Thank you to the treasurers in the parish, John Anderson, Sheila Moss and Alan Turner for all their hard work; and thank you all for all you are giving to God's work in money, time and talents.

As a parish and the leadership teams of the PCC and DCC's we continue to work within the framework of the Diocese or Worcester initiative of being Kingdom People, with its emphasis on the Gospel main stays of love, compassion, justice and freedom. 2023 has, once again, been a challenging year for the parish, the parish is a busy parish, with many opportunities to connect with people who do not come to church, it is hoped that 2024 will see the fruits of the SMMIB renewal project discernment, with 2 new team members.

As we move into 2024, we will need to continue to discern what God is calling us to as a parish in our Ministry and Mission, our stewardship of time, talents, and money; and what it means to be the people of God in the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley.

There are too many to mention by name but thank you to all who have given so much and all you are doing in the parish.

Together with God we will move forward!

Catherine

Rev Catherine Mitchell  
Acting Team Rector, Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

The following outlines, with these eight characteristics, the achievements and performance of the parish

### **1. Deeply rooted in prayer and study of the Scriptures,**

Prayer is the most important activity we do as Christians. There are several opportunities that have been established within the parish; morning prayer each week at 9:15, which moved online from the start of the pandemic, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Also, two prayer meetings have continued once a month on a Tuesday afternoon, and once a month on a Tuesday evening, both are now on line.

The Thursday Fellowship Group continued, hosted by Kath Apperley and Joan Sullivan, online through the year and attracted members from outside the parish.

### **2. Renewed and transformed by regular worship,**

From the start of 2023 we were blessed by Rev Calum Burke joining us in the parish on placement; which enhanced our worship experience.

The rota remained unchanged, and All Saints was able to open at times when there was no service, thanks to Church Warden Keith Tomlinson.

### **2. Equipped to witness to the Gospel of love, compassion, justice and freedom,**

Occasional offices continued during the year, with baptisms and weddings and funerals. We continue to be blessed with how many families request baptisms in the parish, and allocated slots were all booked early in the year. There were four Weddings in the parish, three at All Saints and one at St Andrews. It was a particular blessing this year that these could be shared between Rev Catherine and Rev Calum. We continued to receive regular requests for funerals during the year which were conducted by Rev Catherine, Rev Calum, Canon Jan Humphries (LLM), and newly authorised funeral minister Kath Apperley. We again conducted two memorial services for those who had died, over the past year, both services were well attended and received.



### **3.Dedicated to helping children and young people to belong and be nurtured in faith,**

The toddler groups, Noah's Ark and Little Angels continue to be well attended and supported.

We have continued to engage with the diocesan CYD project "Baptism Books" sending out the resources each month to baptism families.

We continued to engage a children's evangelist, Paul Wilmot, who visits several of the local school to take assemblies on behalf of the church.

The Good Friday workshop resumed, and was well attended; also the Teddy Bears Picnic for under 4's.

### **5. Devoted to growing deeply as disciples, offering our time, talents and money to God**

We continue to be blessed by many people in the parish working hard to keep the buildings.

We are thankful and blessed that all three churches were able to pay our Ministry Share in full this year. Grateful thanks to all who contribute to the financial obligations of the parish.

### **6. Resourced and released to minister to others**

Within the parish we are blessed with several people who minister to the church and individuals; we have a licensed lay minister, Canon Jan Humphries and appreciate and value her ministry with us. There are also several Authorized Lay Ministers (ALM's) who take on specific roles within the parish within worship, pastoral care and youth. Also we have Kath Apperley now Authorized Funeral Ministers.

### **7. Ready to engage with and serve our community**

The parish continued to support and serve at the local foodbank throughout the year. During 2023 all three churches were able to host several fairs during the year which brought in well needed income, and enabled connections with the community.

The Reeling in the years project continues to reach out to the community who are lonely or living with dementia. Reeling in the years shows films and offers refreshments for the those who attend.

The bereavement hub, at All Saints, meeting once a month, continues to be well received by those who attend. The team is supported by Pastoral ALM's and other volunteers.

### **8. Committed to making our buildings fit for purpose as a spiritual and community resource**

The church building of St Andrew continues to be at the heart of the local community and is blessed by the response by the community for the fairs offered during the year.

The church of All Saints has continued to be well maintained and overseen by our Church Wardens.

The PCC and DCC's of the churches continue to discern how we can make our buildings more flexible and appealing for both worship and community resources.

## **Financial Review**

From 2023 financial accounts

Income	£143,270
Expenditure	£134, 534
Excess	£8,736
Balance brought forward from 31st Dec 2022	£192,321
Increase in value of shares	£11,678
Balance at 31st December 2023	£212,678

See also Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2023 for further information.

## **Reserves Policy**

All three churches now have reserves policies in place

## **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches friendly and welcoming places, and in building the community. In particular I want to mention our licensed lay minister Canon Jan Humphries and our church wardens Mr Steve Castle, Mr Keith Tomlinson, Mr Dave Moss and Mr Edward Grist. We would also like to thank all of our PCC and DCC members, and all who give so much of their time for the church community.

## **Structures, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. In the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley the membership of the PCC consists of the Acting Team Rector, churchwardens from the three churches, the licensed lay minister, the Treasurers from each Church, together with members elected by the members of the congregations who are on the electoral rolls of our three churches, ex officio members (Deanery reps) and Co-Opted members. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll as Members. Members are encouraged to stand for election of the PCC.

The PCC, is the executive body of the parish and responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern for the whole parish, including on how any funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC delegates specific responsibilities to the individual church councils (DCC's) as set out in the Pastoral Scheme dated April 2008. New members of the PCC receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

There were four meetings of the PCC in 2023 (May (x2), July and December). The second PCC meeting in May 2023 was to confirm parish officers. The average attendance for PCC meetings was 71%.

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The number of electors on the roll for the Gornal and Sedgley Team Ministry at 7th May 2023 is 178 a decrease of 14 from 2022.

There are 46 electors at St Peter's, 110 at All Saints' and 22 at St Andrew's. (from the electoral roll officer report 7th May 2023)

## **Administrative Information**

The Benefice and Parish of Gornal and Sedgley, consists of the Parish Church of All Saints', Sedgley; the Parish church of St Peter's, Upper Gornal; and the Church of St Andrew's, The Straits. It is in the Greater Dudley Deanery, being part of the Diocese of Worcester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address and administrative centre is All Saints Parish Office, Ladies Walk, Dudley, DY3 3UA

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measures 1956m Church Representation Rules 2006).<sup>2</sup>

PCC members who served during 2023-24 Ex Officio members :

- Acting Team Rector: The Reverend Catherine Mitchell - From 7-5-17
- Licensed Lay Minister, Deanery Rep and Warden (St Andrew's) Canon Jan Humphries
- Wardens: Mr Steve Castle (All Saint's), Mr Keith Tomlinson (All Saints'), Mr Dave Moss (St Peter's), Mr Edward Grist (St Peter's).
- PCC Secretary Mrs Kath Apperley (PCC Secretary)
- Deanery Reps: Mrs Joan Sullivan, Mrs Kath Apperley and Mrs Sheila Moss (also PCC Treasurer)
- Mrs Barbara Baker (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

<sup>2</sup> The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in Clause 4.4.5 of the Pastoral Scheme for the Parish of Gornal & Sedgley, dated 27th April 2008. (The scheme is pursuant to Church Representation Rule 18.)

Elected Members:

Mrs Tracey Bate (St Peters)

Ms Suzanne Bradley (St Peters)

Mr David Moss (St Peters)

Mrs Joan (Margaret) Dain (St Andrews)

Mrs Rosemary Reid (St Andrews)

Mrs Maureen Matthews (All Saints)

Mrs Elizabeth Jeanne Williams (PCC Electoral Roll Officer)

Report approved by the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Gornal and  
Sedgley 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

### **Year Ending 2023 P.C.C. Treasurer's Report**

Overall, there was an increase in the Parish's financial assets of £20k.

The main areas of change were:-

The value of shares held by All Saints' was up by £11.6K.

Ministry Share payment was less by £10k.

There were other lesser variations, perhaps the most significant of which was that total offertories reduced by £5k, with the knock on effect that Gift Aid /GASDS refund of tax was down by £800.

All Saints' obviously have the most assets of our three churches but we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that the majority of these are held in restricted funds and, looking at the unrestricted funds, they hold the least of the three churches.

They also have liabilities in excess of £100k associated with work required to the Stained Glass and £8k associated with the clock and potential expenditure with regard to their quinquennial inspection.

The year ahead will be interesting, although at the same time challenging with the prospect of the New Worshipping Community taking shape and coming to fruition.

We are having to change our accounting procedures to Accruals and so the presentation of our accounts will look a little different next year.

Sheila Moss

GORNAL AND SEDGLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL KINGSWINFORD DEANERY									
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023									
	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds			Grand Total 23	Grand Total 22	
	St. Peter's	St. Andrew's	All Saints'	Sub	St Andrew's	All Saints'			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>									
Tax efficient planned giving	13425	2736	33421	49582			49582	55914	
Other Planned giving	4185		5865	10050			10050	11291	
Cash collections at services	1576	5221	4119	10916			10916	8566	
All other giving( inc. donations & Appeals)	721	150	3625	4496			4496	10223	
Gift Aid recovered	3970	900	10680	15550			15550	16300	
Legacies received			0	0		2000	2000	0	
Grants/insurance claims		200	2412	2612			2612	10473	
<b>Total voluntary income</b>	<b>23877</b>	<b>9207</b>	<b>60122</b>	<b>93206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>95206</b>	<b>112767</b>	
Gross income from fundraising activities	2611	3803	2560	8974			8974	8619	
Dividends, interest and income from property	541		6621	7440		3030	10470	10177	
Net fees (weddings, funerals etc.)		1120	7203	8323			8323	3038	
Gross income from trading	1978	5341	12108	19427			19427	18135	
Other receipts		370		370		500	870	1413	
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>29007</b>	<b>20119</b>	<b>88614</b>	<b>137740</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5530</b>	<b>143270</b>	<b>154149</b>	
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>									
Fundraising activities (costs & payments)	120	130	144	394			394	561	
Mission giving and donations	1261		3170	4431			4431	6628	
Ministry Share	12877	5892	34800	53569			53569	63530	
Salaries, wages and honoraria	260	520	9678	10458			10458	8621	
Clergy expenses	1764		298	2062			2062	1874	
Mission and evangelism costs		475	2049	2524			2524	0	
Running expenses	3383	1780	14189	19352		3699	23051	24181	
Utility bills	2206	2120	2781	7107			7107	6561	
Trading costs			17454	17454		3078	20532	16623	
Major repairs	3690	1710		5400		3687	9087	11851	
Repairs to Hall etc.				0			0	2739	
New building work				0			0	0	
<b>Total Church activities and expenses</b>	<b>25561</b>	<b>12627</b>	<b>84563</b>	<b>122751</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10464</b>	<b>133215</b>	<b>143169</b>	
Governance costs			1319	1319			1319	0	
Other outgoing resources/payments				0			0	4106	
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>25561</b>	<b>12627</b>	<b>85882</b>	<b>124070</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10464</b>	<b>134534</b>	<b>147275</b>	
Net Surplus/deficit of Income/expenditure	3446	7492	2732	13670		0	8736		
Balances forward from 31st December 2022	22886	33079	20764	76729		94	115498	192321	
Transfers between funds			-558			558			
Increase of value of shares in 2023			1514	1514		0	11621	-17988	
<b>BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023</b>	<b>26332</b>	<b>40571</b>	<b>24452</b>	<b>91355</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>121229</b>	<b>212678</b>		





<b><u>GORNAL AND SEDGLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</u></b>						
<b><u>KINGSWINFORD DEANERY</u></b>						
<b><u>BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2023</u></b>						
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>ST. PETER'S</u></b>	<b><u>ST. ANDREW'S</u></b>	<b><u>ALL SAINTS'</u></b>		<b><u>2023 TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>2022 TOTAL</u></b>
	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Unstrct Restrict</u></b>	<b><u>Unstrct</u></b>	<b><u>Restrict</u></b>		
CBF Deposits	17,546	8,882			26,428	19,611
Value of CBF Share Accounts			17,249	93,216	110,465	101,535
Current Accounts	7,175	14,150	4,077		25,402	27,145
Bank Deposit a/cs		17,539	3,126	1,764	22,523	18,165
Building Society a/cs					0	0
Cash in Hand					0	0
CBF Deposit fund at Diocese				23,035	23,035	24,907
Value of Trust Fund at Diocese (shares)				3214	3,214	699
Debtors					0	1,050
Sub Total	<b>24,721</b>	<b>40,571</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>121,229</b>	<b>211,067</b>	<b>193,112</b>
Plus debtors	1,611				<b>1,611</b>	791
Total	<b>26,332</b>	<b>40,571</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>121,229</b>	<b>212,678</b>	<b>192,321</b>



7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Re: Independent Examiners Reports for accounts Year ending 31/12/23**

The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley Year End Accounts Statement is an amalgamated statement containing the year end accounts statements for each church, therefore there is no Overall Independent Examiners Report.

Each church is responsible for its own finances and accounts as per Pastoral Scheme in 2009, at the creation of the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley.

The end of year accounts for each church are examined by independent examiners and the reports are contained within this document, for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Rev Catherine Mitchell,  
Acting Team Rector Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**Independent Examiner's Report to All Saint's Church - Sedgley**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of All Saint's Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As All Saint's Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts in accordance with instructions given to us by inspecting without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of All Saint's Church – Sedgley and from information and explanations supplied to us.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. adequate accounting records were not kept in respect of the church; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content.

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



David Guy C/O  
Guy & Co Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Date: 2/3/2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL OF [ST PETER](#), UPPER GORNAL

This report on the accounts of the D.C.C. for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 5, is in respect of an examination carried out under regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

As the members of the D.C.C. you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the C.B.F. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the D.C.C. and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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

- 1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997have 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.

J. A. Howell B.A.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Andrew's Church,  
Gornal and Sedgley, Parochial Church Council.**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on the appended pages to this report.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.


An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name ..... **John Hopkins** .....

Signed .....  .....

Date ..... **3/02/23** .....