

**Emmanuel Church**

**Weston-super-Mare**

*Registered Charity No 1182674*

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

and

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

of the

**Parochial Church Council**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Incumbent**

**The Rev Tom Webber**

**The Cedar**

**Montpelier**

**Weston-super-Mare**

**Bank**

**Nat West**

**High Street**

**Weston-super-Mare**

**Independent Examiner**

**Mrs H C Evans ACCA (Affiliate)**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The PCC of Emmanuel Church Weston-super-Mare

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1182674

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

6 March 2024

Name:

Helen C Evans

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (Affiliate)

Address:

171 Longridge Way Weston Village

Weston-super-Mare North Somerset BS24 7HT

# BACKGROUND

Emmanuel Parish Church continues as part of a joint benefice with Christ Church remaining independent in terms of being self-governing and responsible for the management of its own affairs. During 2023 we have maintained our fellowship and co-operation with Christ Church. We continue with the online weekly news sheet "Connected" started during the pandemic which is delivered to those without technology and covers news and information about both churches.

## MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, the following served as PCC members during 2023.

Incumbent	Revd T Webber
Curate	Revd L Trust
Reader	Mrs M Hill – Lay Chair
Reader	Mrs D Pilgrim
Church Wardens	Mrs M Passey
	Mr K Bury
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs D Pilgrim
	Ms S Judson
Elected Members	Mrs S Beckford
	Mrs C Evans
	Mrs D Hill
	Mrs D Parker
	Ms P Hanson
	Miss J Morgan

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE** - There are 48 parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

## STANDING COMMITTEE

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any direction given by the council.

It was unanimously agreed that the Standing Committee should comprise:-

Revd T Webber	PCC Chair
Revd L Trust	Curate
Mrs M Hill	Reader and PCC Vice Chair
Mrs D Pilgrim	Reader
Mrs M Passey	Church Warden
Mr K Bury	Church Warden
Mrs C Evans	Treasurer
Mrs D Parker	Project Manager

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met 9 times during 2020. At the post APCM meeting officers to serve for the coming year were appointed as follows:

PCC Vice Chair	Mrs M Hill
PCC Treasurer	Mrs C Evans
PCC Secretary	Mrs D Hill
Project Manager	Mrs D Parker

## PARISH LIFE

Emmanuel continues to give wafers dipped in wine rather than reverting to sharing a common cup. On 5 February the Service of Light took place at All Saints in Weston and was well attended. Winter Warmth did not restart last winter as Somewhere to Go now open all day on Sundays. The Beacon and Thursday Friendship Group continue to meet, and our hall was well used by AA, NA and CA; while New Dawn Counsellors worked in the offices upstairs. The number of people attending the mid-week communion service had dropped considerably so now meet monthly. The Deaf Church continues to meet, but youth church Elevate has not returned yet.

Emmanuel hosted the service for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3 March 2023, the service was well attended and many people stayed behind for refreshments organized by Sheila Judson. At the APCM on Sunday 16 April Sandy Beckford was elected to the PCC, Sheila Judson was elected as a Deanery Synod Rep and Donna Pilgrim was re-elected alongside her while Keith Bury and Sheila Passey agreed to continue as church wardens. Sadly we lost Vera Clothier, Pon Duchesne and Margaret Young during the year and another person stopped attending but we gained 4 new members so the electoral role remains at 48.

King Charles' Coronation was celebrated with a bring-and-share lunch on Sunday 7 May with Christ Church members invited to attend. In June the Archdeacon came to preach at Emmanuel, and in October we were invited to The Friends meeting hall for World Quaker Day. Tom and Larissa had been at the helm of our Seaside service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Enjoyable open gardens were held at Grace's, Sandy's and Tony's, and there was an Open House at Meg's, owing to poor weather keeping us indoors. The summer fete and Christmas bazaar were well attended, each raising around £800.

The church wardens were kept busy during the year with the repair work to the windows, general maintenance and repairs to the car park wall damaged after someone backed into it. A Quinquennial visit was arranged for 15 August before the window repairs commenced. Our Harvest celebrations in September included a bring-and-share lunch and an auction of the goods donated which raised a generous amount for Ripple Effect.

A helpful bereavement course ran from September to mid-December at Christ Church with approximately 20 people taking part, 2 being non-Christians brought along by a member of the congregation. 10<sup>th</sup> September was celebrated as Homelessness Sunday. At the October PCC meeting Rod Crocker explained that he and John Hinchcliffe had prepared a memorial for the members of the Parish who had died in World War II; Sheila Judson had helped by checking the records of baptisms to see who would have been of an age to serve in the armed forces. The details of 7 young men were found and these were checked against the Commonwealth War Graves records to confirm when they had died. The memorial, with the names of 6 young men was presented by Rod on Remembrance Sunday who was warmly thanked by the congregation.

Donna organised an Advent Prayer Space in the chancel where she hoped that Claire Horton might come to lead a group in the New Year. The congregation was encouraged to take part in Samaritan's Purse online, and many people once again donated to CAP Christmas Hampers. Emmanuel's Carol Service was held on Friday 15 December led by Larissa; Carols in the Square took place on Monday 18 December at 2.30pm, blessed by mild dry weather, with a number of passers by joining in and thanks go to the Fellowship Group for providing teas and mince pies. The Town Centre Carol Service took place at lunchtime on the 11 December and our final service of the year was on Sunday 24 December.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Our giving in 2023 was up by £365.60 and we had a very successful Gift Day raising £11,050 towards repairs to the stained glass windows and mullions. I was able to claim gift aid on our Gift Day giving, as well as our giving in 2022 and the first half of our giving in 2023 which totalled £6,782.86. Income on our hall letting was up by £1,737.50, with thanks to Meg who organises them. We were able to hold our fete, bazaar and Saturday coffee mornings which raised £2903.64; while Grace, Meg, Tony and Sandy held Open Gardens which raised £445.20. We received £1,000 from the estate of Jean Palmer and there were small donations from members of the congregation.

The Children's Society box opening and donations raised £327.69; we contributed to Easter Eggs (£56) and Christmas Hampers (£390) for Christians Against Poverty clients. We were encouraged to give online to Samaritan's Purse, however £40 was donated with which I purchased two children's boxes online and a third was donated free by the scheme. At Harvest we held an auction and raised £519.30 for Ripple Effect (this included a very generous single donation). As I said in last year's report the Diocese of Bath and Wells had received a National Church grant of £309,000 which parishes were encouraged to apply for and I had not heard, but in February we received a £1,000 Energy Grant.

Our giving to Missions and Charities on page 6 shows that we gave £600 to Interserve for the BLiSS project, £300 each to Tearfund and Prayer for Israel, and £50 towards a Youth Drop in Centre at St Peter's Church. We give Christians Against Poverty £50 per month towards their work.

Our major piece of work in 2023 was the long awaited repairs to the windows and mullions on the west side of the building. Larissa has done an amazing amount of successful work in seeking grants for the window repairs and preparing the information for our Gift Day, and our grateful thanks go to her. The work was completed within the time and on budget. We knew we needed the guttering repaired on the south side of the building but found out that the repairs are going to be much more expensive than we thought being in the region of over £10,000, but New Dawn Counselling has kindly donated £1,500 towards this expense. We purchased a new sound system early last year costing £6,069, which has improved our ability to hear the services and Keith arranged for the church lighting to be upgraded which was a great improvement. Our car park wall was damaged twice last year, and Keith very kindly dealt with our insurance company to secure our claims; the wall has been repaired hopefully for the final time. The boiler room roof was repaired for £380; a blocked drain and subsequent necessary work cost £1,767.84 and our plumber undertook a couple of plumbing and heating jobs for us throughout the year. The organ had a few sticking notes which cost £102 to repair.

My thanks go to Keith Bury and Mary Passey for care of our church collections which Keith banks. We have paid for the servicing of our gas boilers and fire extinguishers, periodic inspection and testing of the fire alarm system and emergency lights, had our lightning conductor checked and had no outstanding bills at the year end.

Our Parish Share for 2024 has increased and the three year fixed energy tariff ceases in July this year and will undoubtedly cost much more going forward. The upkeep of Emmanuel will always be with us as will our outreach, and we need to search our hearts and consider our giving and the best way to maintain both. Do remember that if you pay income tax, all you have to do is sign a form and I can reclaim the tax (25p in the £) for Emmanuel, it is very simple, but very beneficial to Emmanuel.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2023</b> £	<b>2022</b> £
Giving	17,619.36	£17,253.76
Gift Day	11,050.00	£0.00
Tax recovered on giving	6,782.86	£2,908.53
<b>REGULAR RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£35,452.22</b>	<b>£20,162.29</b>
Bank & CBF Deposit A/c Interest	864.64	£90.06
Catering Events	1,463.66	£1,475.77
Concert, Fete, Bazaar & Open Garden	2,090.78	£1,976.45
Window Project	16,600.00	£12,850.00
Gutter fund	1,500.00	
Flowers for Church	0.00	£0.00
Gas and Electricity Refund	1,126.80	£305.67
General Refund	0.00	£46.00
Gifts and Legacies	1,277.78	£713.06
Greetings Cards	48.16	£29.95
Hall Lettings incl Deaf Church & MU	13,422.50	£11,685.00
Insurance Claim	3,985.00	
Magazines, Directories & Weston's Heart	0.00	£24.60
New Dawn Heating	1,216.65	£1,613.93
Parochial Fees Funerals	176.00	£706.00
<b>UNRESTRICTED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>43,771.97</b>	<b>£31,516.49</b>
Less Accrual	30.30	
	<b>43,741.67</b>	
<b>Grants &amp; Donations - Restricted</b>		
Charity Collections	1,343.03	£1,397.78
Cost of Energy Grant	1,000.00	£500.00
Winter Warmth - Restricted		£500.00
Hardship Fund - Restricted	£120.00	£120.00
Restricted Receipts	£2,463.03	£2,517.78
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£81,656.92</b>	<b>£54,196.56</b>

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**GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> £	<b><u>2022</u></b> £
Admin Expenses	1,200.00	1,225.00
Architect's/Surveyor's Fees	2,757.35	-
Catering Events	0.00	-
Church Service Expenses	369.36	113.51
Clergy, Readers, & Verger Expenses	852.00	1,056.48
Diocesan Parish Share	16,688.88	16,326.96
Fixtures & Fittings	6,101.34	-
Gas, Electricity and Water	5,333.50	5,037.50
Halls-Cleaning and Supplies	4,325.00	3,385.00
Insurances	2,218.26	1,977.28
Maintenance-Equipment	1,648.74	1,766.50
Missions and Charities	2,240.00	75.00
Organists & Organ Tuning/ Repairs	427.00	994.40
Repairs	4,175.84	350.00
Sunday Link	243.27	222.70
Sundries	198.30	85.00
Gifts	110.00	120.00
Window Project	25,984.60	-
Items prepaid in 2022	1,508.69	-
<b>Unrestricted Payments</b>	<b>76,382.13</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Less Prepayments</b>		1,508.69
	<b>76,382.13</b>	<b>- 1,508.69</b>
<b>Restricted Payments</b>		
<b>Missions &amp; Charities - Restricted</b>	<b>952.99</b>	<b>3,827.78</b>
<b>Winter Warmth - Restricted</b>	<b>61.69</b>	<b>109.69</b>
<b>Restricted Payments</b>	<b>1,014.68</b>	<b>3,937.47</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£77,396.81</b>	<b>2,428.78</b>
Total Receipts	81,656.92	54,196.56
Receipts over Payments	<b>£4,260.11</b>	<b>51,767.78</b>
Bank Current & Deposit A/cs at 1 Jan	51,026.79	31,979.34
Bank Current & Deposit A/cs at 31	<b>£55,286.90</b>	<b>51,026.79</b>

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**GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**MISSIONS & CHARITIES**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
The Beacon	0.00	540.00
Children's Society	327.69	555.78
Christians Against Poverty	1046.00	1112.00
Churches Together WSM	0.00	50.00
Disaster Emergency Committee	0.00	215.00
Interserve BLISS	600.00	600.00
Locking Deanery Mission	0.00	75.00
Operation Christmas Child	40.00	145.00
Prayer for Israel	300.00	0.00
Ripple Africa	10.00	0.00
Ripple Effect	519.30	0.00
St Peter's Youth Drop In	50.00	50.00
Tearfund	300.00	0.00
Ukraine Appeal	0.00	560.00
World Day of Prayer subs	10.00	0.00
	<u><b>£3,202.99</b></u>	<u><b>£3,902.78</b></u>

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**MONETARY ASSETS**

B/fwd 1/1/23  
Receipts 2023  
Payments 2023  
T/fer funds  
C/fwd 31/12/23

Represented by:-

NWB Current Account


CBF Deposit Account

**Total Monetary Assets**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>RESTRICTED FUND</b>	<b>TOTAL 2023</b>
£	£	£
51,216.73	<b>-189.94</b>	<b>51,026.79</b>
79,193.89	<b>2,463.03</b>	<b>81,656.92</b>
<b>-76,382.13</b>	<b>-1,014.68</b>	<b>-77,396.81</b>
54,028.49	<b>1,258.41</b>	<b>55,286.90</b>
51,769.11	<b>1,258.41</b>	<b>53,027.52</b>
2,259.38	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,259.38</b>
<b>54,028.49</b>	<b>1,258.41</b>	<b>55,286.90</b>

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Approved by the PCC on 17 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

  
Rev T Webber - Chairman

  
Mrs C Evans - Treasurer