

Annual Report 2024 of the Hanborough PCC

1. RECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO 2024

Looking back on 2023-2024, the joy for me is not found in all the great events that we've done together – and there have been some excellent things – but in who we have been. The last 12 months have been a very special time of being church together, living as the people of God, loving one another in Christ, and being those “new creations” (2 Corinthians 5:17) in Christ which God has made us through the blood of his son Jesus.

This last year has felt like the wind of the Holy Spirit has brought something new and wonderful to our churches, sometimes but not always reflected in numbers, sometimes but not always reflected in finances, sometimes but not always reflected in events, but consistently reflected in Christlikeness to one another. And therefore I think we have the surest of foundations on which to be builders of God's kingdom in the year to come. Nonetheless, God does not bring change to us for nothing: we may need to brace ourselves for where the wind of the Holy Spirit blows in 2024-2025! As Christ said to Nicodemus:

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit” (John 3:8).

And while all the glory for who we are must go to God, he works in us and through us and for us. So I wish to give great thanks to everyone in our church families across the benefice who has served so faithfully over this last year. And while the naming of one is not to undermine the servant-hearted ministry of all who are unnamed (your reward is in heaven!), I will say a special thank you to a few: our associate Rector Mike, offering wisdom, prayer, teaching and challenge in good measure to me in my call to servant leadership; Heather our curate so kind, wise and prayerful; our churchwardens across the benefice Colin, Saskia Emma and Steven so gifted, working so hard and with such grace; our PCC members who serve so diligently in leading our churches; our Area Leads over the last 12 months – Alice Harden (youth and children), Julian Soanes (facilities & communication), Steven Young (music); Mike Madden (small groups); Heather McCulloch (pastoral care); Mands Stewart (prayer), and now Laura Hutchins Payne (benefice social events), serving in varied but such important ways; Alongside these, I offer great thanks to those who serve faithfully on the Christ Church Vision Group and now on the Roundtable groups for St Peter and St Paul and for St Mary's.

And last but not least, those who lay the sure foundation of the biblical gospel of Christ crucified – those who preach the Bible across the benefice – without which and without whom there is no truth, no church, no mission.

Together, all of these equip our church well for teaching, discipling and mission in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And here are a few highlights of what's been happening in our churches over the last 12 months:

Continuing baptisms, weddings and funerals. Continued upgrading of audiovisual systems in our churches. Assemblies, prayer spaces and more in the schools, together with the “Prayer Shack” at Freeland, many visits from our schools to our church buildings. Regular Choral Evensong. The joy of seeing so many musicians helping us worship God in songs of praise. The incredible work of our treasurer Wendy Bayliss – treasurer now for both Hanborough and Freeland. Alpha course at the Rectory. Seeing hundreds of people come through our churches at a very wide range of Easter and Christmas events, and also our Light Events at the end of October. Our amazing “Celebration Sunday” in September. An evening of Christian poetry. Curry evenings. Quiz events. Mulled Wine and Nibbles at the Rectory. Working parties at the churches. Just a flavour the many events of the last 12 months.

Yet I will say once more: in the sight of God, “church” is not measured by the number of events we do, or even by the number of people who walk through the door, or how well-equipped, well-kept and beautiful our church buildings are. The Lord measures his church by what we are and what we have been to one another. God’s “meaningful metric” is our obedience to a commandment and commissions of the Gospels: the commandment to love one another; and the commission to make disciples:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”

(John 13:34-35)

“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt. 28:19-20).

Our mission is not to “do more” but to do this!

An old friend of mine from theological college, now a respected Bible scholar, historian and author, once said, “The gospel without love is no gospel at all. And love without the gospel is no love at all”. I think there is much wisdom in this. But in order to walk this path and be obedient to Christ command to love one another – and as he loved us – we must know what the love of Christ looks like. The love of Christ is rooted in forgiveness. In Christ, loving one another well is not measured first by a list of positive acts (“so-and-so did this good deed”), but by a list of forgiven failures. Among the believers in the kingdom of God, failure absolutely is an option, just as forgiveness of one another is not. This is the measure of whether God’s love is at work among us: that we forgive one another.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 4:32-5:2).

Above all events and acts, it is this forgiving of one another under the sure umbrella of the gospel of salvation, which has been my joy to see and experience at Hanborough and Freeland over the last 12 months. And this living out by you of the gospel faithfully preached means that I am convinced that the Holy Spirit – if we follow where he blows – has many blessings in store for us in the year to come.

With my prayers for us all, and with much love in Christ Jesus,
Steve

Rev Steve Stewart, Rector of Hanborough and Freeland, May 2024

2. AIM AND PURPOSES

Hanborough PCC is responsible for working with the Rector to promote the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has met four times since the last APCM, with attendance ranging between 80% and 100%. Minutes or reports from Area Leads, committees and other meetings were received and responded to as necessary.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship Jesus in our Parish of Hanborough. The PCC has an overview of the worship throughout the parish. All services and worship in the parish seek to nurture faith through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. This is done when planning activities for the year, having consideration for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, teaching and prayer
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, as well as services for special occasions and providing help to those in need.

We are grateful for all the services provided by our clergy (Steve, Mike and Heather) and our retired clergy. It is also good to have many other members of our churches taking leading roles. In order to facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Church Hanborough, and Christ Church in Long Hanborough and this is ably organised by our Churchwardens.

4. THE LIFE AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH:

4.1. Sunday services

During 2023, we continued to enjoy a regular pattern of 10 AM services in all three churches across the benefice, with occasional joint services. Generally these are led by ordained clergy, but it is a wonderful thing at Hanborough and Freeland to also enjoy the enormously wide range of lay ministries which are a feature of our services. These include service leading, preaching, leading prayers, assisting at communion, Bible reading, children and youth work leaders, testimonies, musicianship, sidespersons, welcomers, people on audiovisual and other tech – and more.

Thank you, everyone, for all the great and faithful work that you do. One recognisable feature of Hanborough and Freeland is the broad range of worship styles we are able to enjoy because of the broad range of musical and other gifts given to us. Our services can range from band led worship, to Eucharistic, to choral Evensong. It is a wonderful thing that our styles of worship are not defined by trying to crowbar ourselves into some ideal, but because we have been blessed with such a variety of spiritual gifts.

Without faithful preaching of the gospel from the Bible, there is no real church, just an illusion of church. Throughout our Sunday services in 2023 to early 2024 we have been blessed by a very gifted preaching team, absolutely committed to preaching God's word faithfully. This team has led us through preaching series on the whole of 1 Corinthians, Psalms, 1 Peter and most recently the account of the life of Joseph from Genesis.

A particular blessing has been those times when our churches have joined together as brothers and sisters in Christ, prayed, sat under the Word of God, sung his praises and shared the Lord's supper together. May God bless us likewise in 2024.

4.2. Area - Youth and children

Children's groups have met at St Mary's in the Taunton room most term time Sunday mornings this year. There is a small and welcoming regular group of children and leaders. We enjoy having fun, caring for each other, being creative and learning a bit more about what God is like each week. The youth group meets in the Parvis most weeks and has been studying thematic topics chosen by the youth.

Both groups are now registering attendance on a church suite module (as of April 2024). Previously this was not reliably recorded. This software will be made available to the Christ Church team in the coming months.

Now there is a steadier provision of groups on a Sunday morning, the next step is to communicate this effectively.

We have a small number of (regular/occasional) younger children for whom the back of church is probably still an appropriate space. We have occasional visitors (and at joint services) who have children in the in-between stage where a pre-school/ early primary group might be more appropriate. The challenge is in finding an appropriate safe space and leaders for this irregular ministry.

Bible Fun club has met 4 times this year (summer holidays, light party, Christmas tree lighting, Good Friday). The events are very well run, invitational, gospel centred and well attended by local families. The nativity play performed at the Christmas Christingle service was also a highlight.

The benefice youth group held on a Sunday evening did not restart after the summer break as there was insufficient demand from the youth for it to be a viable group. It was felt that this group had served a good purpose allowing friendships to strengthen/reform after covid, and that it was ok to stop.

Christ Church Youth group are meeting in the Rectory on a Sunday morning. The children's group are meeting at the back of church when the team are able to run a session. Volunteers have done a great job of clearing the back of Christ Church and converting this to a suitable (but very small) space after the old surgery was no longer available to us.

The committed children and youth team do a wonderful job. More volunteers would be warmly welcomed to continue these ministries reliably and safely.

First Steps, Hanborough and Freeland Church's Baby and Toddler group takes place on a Wednesday morning at Christ Church and is run by a team from across the benefice. As well as free play and activities, refreshments and song time, each session includes a Bible story. It is been a joy to share Bible truths with the group each week and introduce songs such as "Great Big God" and "Who is the King of the Jungle". Themes we have explored this year through our story time and activities include "Jesus is our friend", "We are forgiven" and "Age doesn't matter".

First Steps has seen attendance continue to grow over the past year, so much so that we have now had to implement advance sign-up to limit the number of people in the building for everyone's comfort and safety.

It has been encouraging to see families from First Steps come along to other events run by Hanborough and Freeland churches, such as the Light Parties, Christmas Unwrapped, Carols on the Green and Christingle Services, and to also see a few come along to Sunday services. At the First Steps Christmas party, we handed out a book to each child to take home which explained the Nativity story and its relevance to us.

A huge thank you to the team that give up their time each week to make First Steps possible. Our volunteers go above and beyond, particularly when rising numbers has made sessions busier. As we look ahead, we will be looking to grow the team in order to be able to continue to serve the local community generously and safely. We are looking to explore options including bringing people on board to support with behind the scenes admin, preparing refreshments in advance, and set up and set down.

4.3. Area – Music

Music plays an important part in our worship services in the parish and it is wonderful that the musical gifts of many people in the parish/benefice are offered for singing and playing at both churches in the parish and at other events in the parish. Thanks to all the musicians who contribute to the music for worship in the parish/benefice.

4.4. Area – Home groups and small groups

Over the last year as church community, we have facilitated several House Groups of various types and sizes across the three villages. These House Groups either meet in people's homes or online and are attended by members from all three of our churches. Over the last year the House Groups have met as follows.

- The Harden Group (8pm Tuesday evening in Freeland).
- The Feast Group (8pm Tuesday evening in Long Hanborough).
- The Knights Johnson Group (8pm Wednesday evening in Long Hanborough).
- An Online Group led by Pam Berry (7.30pm usually meet on a Wednesday evening).
- The Madden Group (8pm Wednesday evenings in Freeland).
- The Open House led by Mands Stewart and Heather McCulloch (9.30 am Tuesday mornings, St Mary's Freeland).

Around fifty percent of our church community attend House Groups, with all of our House Groups drawing people from at least two and in some cases all three churches from across our Benefice and beyond. A typical House Group evening combines a mixture of catching up over coffee, studying the bible, and prayer, although each group does have its own flavour. Some focus on exegesis, others focus on prayer or sung worship. For example, one of our House Groups has been studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians and has now moved onto, Abraham, whereas another group has been studying the life Lydia in Acts.

As you can see from the above, there are a variety of House Groups attended by people from across the Benefice. Our vision for our House Groups is for them all to be a place of safety where we can study the bible, pray, support one another, have fellowship and fun. All our groups are open to new members, of all ages from all of our churches and beyond. If anyone would like to join a group, please contact Rev Mike Madden.

4.5. Area - Facilities and Communications

Communications

Web site access handed over to Saskia Emma Merry. I will be available for support as required for any maintenance.

Projects

- i. Christ Church, - No projects
- ii. Ss Peter & Paul – assist to set volume on microphones. Outstanding project for hearing loop. I am happy to complete this project once PCC has decided on replacement unit or on contractor fit.
- iii. Freeland – Replaced mix desk with old unit from Christ Church, re installed the projector and adapted the sound system for multimedia presentations. Clock maintenance and periodic reset.

4.6. Area – Benefice-Wide Social events

I (Laura Hutchins Payne) was formally appointed as Area Lead - Benefice-Wide Social Events for Hanborough and Freeland Benefice in December 2023. This appointment followed the success of the New Year's Eve Safari Drinks and Nibbles held on December 31st 2022, and the great success of Celebration Sunday, held on September 10, 2023. Since my appointment, I have organised New Year's Eve Safari Drinks and Nibbles on December 31st 2023. This was a very enjoyable evening, which started at Emma and Steve Young's house in Cassington, and then moved to Steven and my house in Long Hanborough. 14 members of the Benefice enjoyed our time together, chatting, eating, drinking and welcoming in the New Year with Big Ben, and a prayer from Andy Richens.

4.7. Area - Prayer in the churches

Prayer Ministry in the Benefice: The new guidelines for re-starting prayer ministry in the Benefice have been passed on to the clergy team. They are looking into the next steps for taking this forward. It will be great to see this happening in our Churches and pray it will bless many mightily.

Open House Prayer Group: The Open House Prayer group continues to meet weekly where we enjoy fellowship, worship and praying for God's love, mercy and grace to be

poured out on Freeland and the surrounding villages. We enjoyed a half night of prayer at St Mary's in late November and hope to organise some more of these in the future – four hours flew by.

Prayer Walking and Prayer Events: I'm prayerfully considering how we can develop prayer walking in the Benefice alongside more extended times of prayer and fasting across the Benefice.

Prayer and Praise Evenings: Last year we enjoyed two evenings of worship, prayer and reflection in a more informal atmosphere for the whole Benefice. They were well attended and it would be great to offer more in the future.

The Monthly Benefice Prayer Meeting has continued throughout the year. The number attending has reduced from the large numbers during COVID, to a smaller core of committed prayer/ intercessor warriors. For some reason the prayer seems to focus more directly on Parish needs, with less prayer for national and international issues. I personally see this as a slight concern and a bit narrow. However the commitment and vigour remain strong and each session passes incredibly quickly. It remains true, as mentioned last year, that after each session we come out tired but spiritually invigorated, and feeling as though we have been an important part of the spiritual battle against the devil's work.

4.8. Treasurer's Report based on 2023 Accounts

Looking at the statement of financial activities (circulated with this report) on page two of the annual accounts the total income for 2023 was £113,636 against £109,138 in 2022 which is 4% increase. The breakdown of the incoming resources can be seen on page 4. Restricted donations and the beer festival are the main reasons for the increase, as giving is down from £78,067 to £65,544. Fees received were slightly down from £6903 in 2022 to £5181.

Going back to page 2 the resources expended shows that much of the expenditure is comparable to 2022 with the parish share of £48,120 continuing to be by far the largest, most significant expenditure. The PA / AV equipment in both Christ Church and St Peter and St Paul churches have been replaced, hence the increase costs in the equipment line, additional building costs have also been incurred due to inspections carried out on the spire following the Quinquennial reports. PCC events are the other notable increase in expenditure against 2022 which includes Celebration Sunday, most of which was covered by donations and the Beer Festival costs. Total unrestricted expenditure is £96,785 and restricted/designated is £32,337 totalling £129,122 against the 2022 total of £99,304.

Net result is a deficit £15,486. Our total funds held at the end of 2023 are £93,141 the breakdown of which is shown on the balance sheet on page 3 .

Page 5 shows where the missions and charities donations have been made.

Page 6 shows how the restricted, designated and unrestricted funds are made up totalling £93,141 which are split as follows - Restricted Funds - £20,679 Designated Funds - £13,819 and Unrestricted Funds - £58,643.

Thank you to the clergy and church wardens for their support to me in this role, also to Hazel Bowman who continues to collate the envelope giving information and to all who support the church in their giving. Many of you have already changed to give through the Parish Giving Scheme, if you have not and would like more information on this please do ask me.

4.9. Freedom in Christ

This January we (Mands Stewart and Rev Heather McCulloch) ran two Freedom In Christ Courses for the Benefice, one on a Monday evening and one on a Wednesday afternoon. Both were well attended with over ten people on each course plus me and three facilitators. It was wonderful to run the Wed course jointly with Witney Community Church. The response from those attending has been overwhelmingly positive. Here are a few comments from our participants: 'this is some of the best Christian material I have ever come across; the FIC course is excellent and the spiritual world has been brought alive to me.' The Away day for the course was rather intense and less personal as there were a lot of us. Through the participants' feedback we can address this and should the course run again, look at how this can be adjusted.

4.10. Pastoral care in the parish

We now have pastoral care team leaders in St. Mary's and Christ Church, this role is fulfilled by the Clergy Team at St. Peter and St. Paul. The team leaders are listed in the Benefice News email and can be contacted at any time if someone has a concern. The team leaders are supported in their role by a wider team at each of our churches. The pastoral care team help to ensure that members of our churches are supported appropriately as need arises and that the clergy are kept up to date so that no one is missed.

Some members of the pastoral team may also make pastoral visits to people at home from time to time. In this case, an enhanced DBS and a risk assessment are required in addition to the Basic and Foundation levels of safeguarding training. Some of this training is still in progress.

The pastoral care team continue to develop this role and strengthen the pastoral care across our churches.

4.11. Schools' work

BeSpace prayer spaces: We have worked with both our Primary Schools; Hanborough Manor and Freeland, to put on a week of prayer spaces facilitated by BeSpace. Both weeks were brilliant fun, and we had the help of many of the members of our churches to supervise the prayer spaces. Both schools were able to offer every child the opportunity to come into the prayer spaces and participate in all the activities. Reports on these weeks are available.

Space Makers: Thanks to funding approved by both PCC's Heather was able to take one member of staff from each school to the Space Makers training day run by the Diocese down near Windsor. We had an excellent day and returned feeling inspired. Heather met

with the head teachers from both schools, and Heather along with Mandy Cripps and Lars Boardman have planned to run a joint training event in May for all the staff of both schools to learn how to use the Space Makers Contemplative Toolkit in the classroom.

Collective Worship: As a clergy team along with the Methodists and Catholics, we continue to provide weekly Christian Collective Worship in both schools based on the schools' theme for the term.

Freeland School: Since Mandy Cripps' appointment to the school, they have been strengthening the children's understanding of Spirituality and Christianity. Mandy has led a team from Freeland (members of our churches and other local Christians) to develop the Prayer Shack. This continues to be a wonderful resource for the children to come and have some space to connect with God at lunchtimes, for a week each term. Wonderfully, Matt Cripps has now been appointed Foundation Governor at Freeland.

Hanborough Manor School: Saskia Emma (Foundation Governor) and Nick Wood (Director Appointed Governor), both members of our churches, have been trying to support the school's desire to increase connections with the church. We have had conversations with the head teacher and members of staff, about the possibility of developing a Community Week, or an Arts Week with the school at St. Peter and St. Paul, support for the curriculum, and the use of the churchyard as an outdoor classroom space. These discussions are still at an early stage.

Seasonal Services: We have continued to run seasonal services at Christmas, Easter, and Harvest for Freeland Pre-School and both primary schools, along with hosting end of term Collective Worship in our Churches.

4.12. Supporting Ecumenical Relationships

Anglican and Methodist ministers continued to work closely together meeting regularly with Father Martin from the Catholic Church. Annually, the service for Remembrance Sunday is shared, alternating between the Methodist and Anglican Church when the church welcomes the local uniformed organizations before processing to the War Memorial for the two minutes silence. Remembrance Sunday this year was attended by over 300 people in all. Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic ministers have also taken the opportunity to share lunch together this year, sharing thoughts and ideas for the area. Also, in our house and prayer groups, there are some members from other local churches.

4.13. Weddings, baptisms, and funerals

Weddings, baptisms and funerals across the benefice for 2023 were as follows:

Christ Church:

Number of weddings in 2023: 1

Number of funeral services in 2023: 2

Number of memorial services in 2023: 0

Number of interments of ashes in 2023: 0

St Peter and St Paul:

Number of weddings in 2023: 2

Number of funeral services in 2023: 4

Number of memorial services in 2023: 0

Number of interments of ashes in 2023: 0

St Mary the Virgin, Freeland:

Number of weddings in 2023: 2 plus 1 Wedding blessing

Number of funeral services in 2023: 4

Number of memorial services in 2023: 1

Number of interments of ashes in 2023: 3

In Hanborough parish in 2023, there were 3 weddings (down from 7 from last year), no baptisms and 10 funerals (down from 19 from last year), no memorial services and no interments of ashes taken. Each provides a not insignificant pastoral and mission opportunity. We are grateful to all the ministers across the Benefice who serve these occasional offices of weddings, baptisms and funerals.

4.14. Supporting mission in the U.K. and overseas

The Designated Mission and Charities Fund is calculated as 10% of the previous years unrestricted income under note 2a of the accounts. Of this money 80% is allocated equally between seven charities Church Mission Society, Innovista, J Abu Bakker, Open Doors, Salvation Army, The Besom and The Porch. The remaining 20% is discussed and donated by the PCC.

MISSIONS AND CHARITIES					2023
					£
WORLDWIDE					
	Church Mission Society				1,008.00
	Innovista				1,008.00
	J Abu Bakker Christian School India				1,008.00
	Open Doors				1,008.00
	Nepal (Restricted Fund) for surgery				1,469.00
	Arise				1,264.00
NATIONAL					
	Salvation Army				1,008.00
LOCAL					
	The Besom				1,007.00
	The Porch				1,007.00
TOTAL					
					9,787.00

In 2023 the Missions and Charities Designated Fund of £8820 split across the seven charities mentioned above being £7056, so £1008 was paid quarterly by standing order to each of them. The remaining 20% was £1764 of which £1264 was allocated to Arise for their conference fund to sponsor places for woman unable to pay. The remainder of £500 unspent is carried forward to 2024. From restricted funds we were able to fund a further surgery in Nepal costing £1469.

For 2024 the Missions and Charities Designated Fund is £8256, so 80% for the usual seven charities will mean they will receive £943.50 each and the balance of £1651 plus the £500 from 2023 carried forward means there is £2151 available for the PCC to decide upon the recipient(s) in due course.

4.15. **Structure, Governance and Management: Administrative Information**

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parish and Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Description of role	Name
Incumbent (Rector):	Rev Steve Stewart
Associate Rector:	Rev Mike Madden
Curate	Rev Heather McCulloch
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mr Clive Berry
Elected members:	
Churchwardens:	Dr Steven Young and Ms Saskia Emma Merry
Representative on Deanery Synod:	Dr Steven Young
Elected Members:	Mrs Amanda Madden
	Mr Clive Berry
	Mr Simon Gundry *
Appointments by the PCC:	
Vice chair:	Rev Mike Madden
Treasurer:	Mrs Wendy Bayliss (co-opted)
Secretary:	Dr Pam Berry (co-opted)

*Resigned March 2024, due to moving away

4.16. **Report on Standing Committee, Roundtables, and Christ Church Vision Group i) Standing Committee.**

- i. The functions of the Standing Committee have been carried out by the clergy and wardens who have met around every 4 weeks. (Church Representation Rules M.31).

- ii. *Christ Church Vision Group (CCVG).*

This team, as a subcommittee of PCC, looks not only at the day-to-day practicalities (e.g., rotas, unlocking, audiovisual, music, hospitality) required for Christ Church for regular 10 AM Sunday services, but also the “vision ...and mission of needs of Christ Church in any given season”, and to “serve, help fulfil, and shape the mission and vision of Christ Church”. The vision group meets approximately monthly.

- iii. Round Tables

In 2023, groups similar to the CCVG were set up for both St Mary Freeland and for St Peter and St Paul Church Hanborough. These are known as “Roundtables” (RTs). Like the CCVG, these function as subcommittees of the PCC, to be a forum where members of

the local congregation meet with the clergy team for prayer, general communication, general admin, birth new initiatives, and promote good discipleship.

St Peter and St Paul (P&P-RT)

The P & P-RT is made up of the Clergy Team plus three members of P&P (Nick Wood, Gill Hunt, Amanda Madden). It has begun to meet on a regular basis, to provide an informal framework for communication focussing on local issues relevant to P&P. This has included work on the building, operational and pastoral concerns, and more recently exploring and developing P&Ps mission in the parish of Hanborough.

St Mary the Virgin (SMV-RT)

The SMV-RT is made up of the Clergy Team plus three members of St Mary's. (Matt Cripps, Denise Ball, and Julian Soanes). It has begun to meet on a regular basis, to provide an informal framework for communication focussing on local issues relevant to St Mary's. The current focus is on exploring and developing St Mary's mission to the village of Freeland.

4.17. PCC Meetings

Items for PCC discussion (many of which are covered more fully elsewhere in this report), have included: state of the spire at St Peter and St Paul and different repair options, the condition of the floorboards in the kitchen and better access to the church, especially for those with mobility issues. For Christ Church, provision of space for children and youth work once we do not have access to the old Surgery and especially the possible development of a small multifunctional crèche/prayer and fellowship and area at the back of the church. For each church, we discussed the improvement in / replacement of the sound systems.

4.18. Electoral Roll Report

There are 74 people on it. 3 additions from last year, 1 removal.

4.19. Others who serve in various ministries

With the exception of our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart, our Curate, Heather McCulloch, the Benefice Administrator and our organist and church cleaners, all the other people who minister and serve the churches, including our Associate Rector Rev. Mike Madden, work in a voluntary capacity. The PCC is very grateful to all these people who work in so many different ways to enable the mission of the church.

4.20. Churchwarden's Report

As new church wardens we have been learning about the many routine things that need to happen for the upkeep of and running of our church buildings (boiler servicing, fire extinguishers, PAT testing, opening of buildings, putting out the bins). Thanks to all those who do many unseen things to keep our churches working, and to all who came along to help with the working parties. Thanks also to previous church wardens for the excellent handover sessions.

It is very helpful that members of the congregation from both churches have been happy to contact us as church wardens, alerting us to things that need attention (e.g. broken kettles, light bulbs that need replacing) as well as offering many other helpful suggestions about things that could be improved. Please do continue to reach out if there are things you want to discuss about either church.

New fire safety signage has been put up at St Peter and St Paul, and we are looking into commissioning fire safety reports for all three churches in the benefice. New sound systems have been installed in both churches to replace aging (and broken) equipment. A tarpaulin was fitted in the bell tower at St Peter and St Paul to divert rainwater and is working well. An additional double electric socket was fitted in kitchen area at St Peter and St Paul.

Future work under considering includes improving the space we have at Christ Church for children's work. The floorboards in the kitchen area at St Peter and St Paul are shortly to be replaced, and the accessible path project is in the pre-app stage.

Apart from Sunday morning services, a range of other activities continue in our churches: the First Steps baby and toddler group meets each week during term at Christ Church, the BeSpace prayer space was hosted at St Peter and St Paul in January, and discussions have taken place with Hanborough Manor School about a possible "eco" project in the churchyard in the summer.

4.21. Occasional Festivals

This year the joint Remembrance Sunday service with the Methodists was held at St. Peter and St. Paul, Church Hanborough. A carol service for the village, "Christmas Unwrapped" was held at Christ Church and another one around the Christmas tree in Hurdeswell. There was also a Christingle Service at Christ Church.

4.22. Church Flowers St Peter and St Paul

I (Denise Parrott) have continued to ensure that flowers are provided on a weekly basis throughout the year, apart from Lent and Advent when, traditionally, we do not have flowers in church. I would particularly like to thank Gill Hunt who is always there to help out, particularly at special festivals and when I am away on holiday. My thanks also go to Richard and Margaret Wilkins who kindly do the Easter Garden and source and decorate the Christmas Tree and to others who may not think they contribute a great deal but little things all add to the overall appearance. I must not leave out thanks to Roger, my husband, who comes down to church with me and follows behind with the dustpan and brush!

I am always grateful for any donations to the cost of providing flowers, particularly at Easter when I try to purchase Easter Lilies and I thank those people who have given generously over the years. It would be so nice to see more people coming forward to help.

You don't have to be a flower arranger as just a vase of flowers in the window is quite sufficient but it does make our church look welcoming to the many visitors that call in.

4.23. Sacristan Report

At both churches, all is in good order, with all altar frontals in good repair. These are changed according to the liturgical season.

St. Peter and St. Paul, Church Hanborough

The Holy Communion vessels are always sterilized after use and stowed away in the locked cupboard of the vestry. The used altar linen is washed and ironed after every use. The 3 large altar cloths are laundered at least three times every year.

During the year the use of Holy Communion wafers were replaced with a gluten free roll. This negated the use of separate gluten free wafers. Holy Communion wine was purchased during the year. Candles used at Christmas are now safely stowed in the locked vestry in accordance with Fire Precautions.

Christ Church , Long Hanborough

All the Holy Communion vessels are thoroughly washed after each use before being stored in a locked cupboard in the vestry. All altar linen is washed and ironed regularly and cloths used for communion are washed after each use. A gluten-free roll is used for Communion.

4.24. Annual Safeguarding Report for the Benefice of Hanborough

It has been a good year for continuing with high levels of compliance with DBS certification and Safeguarding Training, especially online, across the Parish. I am particularly grateful for the speed with which people are renewing their DBS certification if needed, and for Colin Griffiths' (Freeland) invaluable work in processing the renewals very quickly.

The formalizing of Pastoral Care to include visiting in homes has increased the number of people needing to undergo the DBS checks and Safeguarding Training. This is not yet complete but the Pastoral Care leads are aware of the requirements for anyone visiting a vulnerable person at home to have received the appropriate training and background checks.

A reminder that anyone who has a role in church leadership, such as PCC or leading a housegroup, should expect to take part in Safeguarding Training, in the same way as all those who work with children and vulnerable adults expect to undergo a DBS check and training.

The PCC is committed to the Safeguarding Policy provided by the Diocese "Promoting a Safer Church". A copy of this is available from the Parish Safeguarding Officer at any time. The PCC has recently re-affirmed its commitment to the Safeguarding Action Plan, through which the various access of the policy are worked out and monitored.

In the Parish of Hanborough, the following DBS checks and training have been completed:

	Number of people with role requiring DBS/Training	Number of people up to date with DBS/Training
DBS Check	22	18

Safeguarding Training	27	22

The above numbers exclude members of the clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and those with Permission to Officiate (as their checks and training are managed from the Diocese). They include anyone else living in Hanborough or mainly worshipping at Christ Church or St Peter and St Paul.

The Diocese is rolling out a new platform to enable PSOs to keep track of volunteers' DBS status and training requirements. It is similar to the Dashboard used for managing tasks related to policies and other aspects of safeguarding. It is therefore likely that the PSO will be contacting people over the next few months if we find that we are missing details such as DBS certificate numbers.

Please see below for details of which role in the Parish requires which training – please contact Emma Young if you realise that you need to complete further training.

	Training Levels							
Role	DBS required	Basic	Foundation	Leadership	Permission to Officiate	PSO induction	Domestic Abuse	Safer Recruitment and People Management
Parish Safeguarding Officer	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
PCC Member		X	X					
Churchwarden	X	X	X					
LLM	X	X	X	X			X	
Clergy team	X	X	X	X	X (if not eligible for Leadership)		X	X
Area Lead (not Children and Young People)		X	X					
Area Lead: Children and Young People	X	X	X					
Children and Young People's work	X	X	X					
Housegroup leaders		X	X					
DBS Verifier		X	X					X

4.25.

Pastoral Visitors	X	X	X				X	
Bell Tower Captain	X	X	X					

4.26. Deanery Synod Annual Report 2023

Area Dean: Revd Jeremy Auld (until December 2023)
 Revd Dr Andrew Bunch (from January 2024)
Lay Chair: Stephanie Lacey
Secretary: Maria Coonick
Treasurer: Mike Sinfield

Deanery synod meetings

We had three meetings in 2023. All of these meetings were preceded by a short act of worship, which helped us to focus on God's love and the work of the church in the deanery. In March we met at St James the Great In Stonesfield and our Parish Development Adviser, Revd Charles Chadwick, ran a workshop on planning our Mission Action Plan. In June we met at St Leonard's in Eynsham, when Revd Canon Sally Welch spoke to us about pilgrim paths and the possibility of benefices creating their own paths for visitors and inhabitants. In November, we welcomed Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley to St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock. She spoke about Kairos Palestine and each deanery representative was asked to discuss their work with their PCC and decide whether to support the Carlisle proposal before the March deanery meeting. In March 2024 we are meeting at Steeple Aston and John Orridge, the diocesan director of finance, will talk about his strategy and answer questions. Treasurers will also be invited to this meeting.

Comings and goings

We are very pleased to report that our former Area Dean, David Tyler, has been appointed as our new Archdeacon. His collation was at Christ Church on Saturday 18 March at the 6.00pm Evensong service. David was formerly acting archdeacon, having been Assistant Archdeacon to Judy French before then. The deanery welcomed David at a special Evensong on Sunday 30 April. At the end of 2023 David was joined by Revd Preb Jane Haslam, who is our new Associate Archdeacon.

Our Area Dean, Revd Jeremy Auld, left the diocese at the end of 2023 to take up the chaplaincy of Nice and Vence in the South of France. We wish him and Christine many sun filled days! The deanery wished him farewell at our November meeting and presented him with a cheque to reflect our thanks for all his work. At an Epiphany carol service in Woodstock, Bishop Gavin licensed Canon Dr Andrew Bunch as our new Area Dean. Andrew retired to Long Hanborough a few years ago after serving at St Giles and St Margaret's churches in Oxford for many years.

In the summer of 2023 we made appointments to our two vacant benefices. Revd John Reader was appointed to Wootton, Glympton and Kiddington, but very sadly he died suddenly in October. So that benefice is once again in vacancy. Revd Harriet Orridge was appointed to Steeple Aston, North Aston and Tackley and has also kindly agreed to serve on the diocesan synod as one of our two deanery clergy representatives, replacing Revd Marcus Green. Now that Jeremy has left, we have another clergy vacancy on the diocesan synod. Our lay representative on the diocesan synod is Mike Holmes (Woodstock), there is currently a vacancy for another lay representative.

We also welcomed Melanie McGregor as our new Church Inspections Treasurer following the retirement of Ian Hale. We were pleased to present a small gift of thanks to Ian at our March meeting.

2023 was the year in which elections took place for lay deanery synod representatives. Some people were re-elected and some new representatives were voted on to the synod.

Other things to mention

Deanery synod reps, clergy and church officers had the opportunity to meet together in a social setting on two occasions during the year. In January at a Winter Bash in Duns Tew we had a late celebration of Burns Night. We had a successful Summer drinks party at the rectory garden in Woodstock, with its wonderful view over Blenheim Palace.

Stephanie Lacey February 2024
Woodstock Deanery Lay Chair

HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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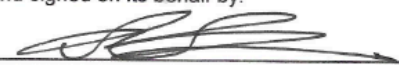
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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
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Activities for generating funds	2b	11,814	-	11,814	9,393
Investing activities		1,169	44	1,213	376
Total incoming resources		95,543	18,093	113,636	109,138
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
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	Doctors Surgery	527		527	
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	Christ Church		5,146	5,146	857
Insurance	Peter & Paul	4,797		4,797	3,595
	Christ Church	940		940	876
Missions and charities	3	8,318	1,469	9,787	11,507
Gifts & Donations		90	311	401	1,885
Rector's expenses		2,393	1,300	3,693	2,399
Other ministers' expenses		1,231	500	1,731	1,090
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Stationery, Printing & Postage		1,109		1,109	910
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	PCC events	6,316	2,161	8,477	210
	First Steps 2c		759	759	939
Total resources used		96,785	32,337	129,122	99,304
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		- 1,242 -	14,244 -	15,486	9,834
Funds at 1 January		69,885	38,742	108,627	98,793
Funds at 31 December	Transfer	- 10,000	10,000		
		58,643	34,498	93,141	108,627

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BALANCE SHEET

	Unrestricted	Restricted/D	2023	2022
	£	esignated	£	£
Current assets				
Central Board of Finance	9,919	9,725	19,644	19,035
Debtors	18,850	2,694	21,544	15,998
Bank balances	33,476	22,064	55,540	77,967
Petty Cash		15	15	13
	<u>62,245</u>	<u>34,498</u>	<u>96,743</u>	<u>113,013</u>
Current liabilities				
Creditors	- 3,602	-	3,602	- 4,386
	<u>58,643</u>	<u>34,498</u>	<u>93,141</u>	<u>108,627</u>

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HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Restricted funds are those received for use on specified purposes. Expenditure which meets those criteria is allocated to that fund. Unrestricted funds are those received or generated that can be used for the general purposes of the PCC.

(c) Income and other expenditure

Interest income is taken into account when receivable and expenditure when incurred by the PCC, regardless of when payment is made.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

(a) Voluntary income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Direct to bank	63,204	2,340	65,544	78,067
Envelopes	1,155		1,155	1,529
Collections and wall safes	1,019		1,019	1,088
Donations/Grants received	933	12,254	13,187	1,960
First Steps		761	761	847
Parish Giving Scheme	1,662		1,662	
Tax recoveries	14,587	2,694	17,281	15,878
	<u>82,560</u>	<u>18,049</u>	<u>100,609</u>	<u>99,369</u>

(b) Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Church lettings & land	848		848	930
Fees	5,181		5,181	6,903
Beer Festival	5,785		5,785	1,560
	<u>11,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,814</u>	<u>9,393</u>

(c) First Steps breakdown

	2023	2022
Donations (in 2a above)	761	847
Tax recovery (in 2a above)		110
Expenses	-759	- 939
Net surplus (loss)	<u>2</u>	<u>18</u>

(d) Employee Emoluments

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	1,300	1,300
Wages	4,818	4,433
	<u>6,118</u>	<u>5,733</u>
Average No of employees:	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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3. MISSIONS AND CHARITIES		2023	2022
		£	£
WORLDWIDE			
	Church Mission Society	1,008	1,074
	Innovista	1,008	1,074
	J Abu Bakker Christian School India	1,008	1,074
	Open Doors	1,008	1,074
	James Berry (Fund now closed)		2,113
	Nepal (Restricted Fund) for surgery	1,469	
	Arise	1,264	879
	Pakistan Flood Relief		1,000
NATIONAL			
	Salvation Army	1,008	1,073
LOCAL			
	The Besom	1,007	1,073
	The Porch	1,007	1,073
TOTAL		9,787	11,507

HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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4. DESIGNATED FUNDS, UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

Note	1 January 2023 £	Income £	Transfers £	Expenditure £	31 December 2023 £
Restricted Funds:					
Benchseat memorial	372			195	177
Churchyard	928	47			975
Ducker Bequest	258	8			266
First Steps	18	761		759	20
Holiday Club/Children Ministry	1,177	30		593	614
Ministry Fund	8,331	2,925		500	10,756
Nepal Fund	4,721			1,469	3,252
Rector's Discretionary Fund	5,919			1,300	4,619
Christ Church Building Fund	-	10,000		10,000	-
Celebration Sunday	-	2,161		2,161	-
Gifts & Donations	-	311		311	-
Total Restricted Funds	21,724	16,243	-	17,288	20,679
Designated Quinquennial Building Fund	17,018	1,850	10,000	15,049	13,819
Other unrestricted fund	69,885	95,542	-	96,784	58,643
Total Combined	108,627	113,635	-	129,121	93,141

The benchseat memorial is restricted funds from a legacy for the benchseat sited at Christ Church

The Churchyard Fund comprises capital of £500 & accumulated income after expenditures of £475 held in Trust by the Rector and Churchwardens. The accumulated income is to be used to keep the graveyard of Christ Church in good order and repair the graves and gravestones of F G and A Thompson, E H, A E and AL Jakeman and to keep the lettering thereon legible and to have the lettering recut from time to time.

The Ducker Bequest Fund is to be used for the Sanctuary at the Parish Church.

First Steps - Moneys held for the First Steps Mums and Toddlers group.

The Holiday Club Fund is to be used for children's ministry within the parish

The Ministry Fund is a restricted fund towards ministry and/or curate costs.

The Nepal fund is giving towards cost of surgery for children in Nepal

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is able to be used at the Rector's discretion to assist him in his work.

The Christ Church building fund is monies received toward building costs/PA at this church

Celebration Sunday - gifts given specifically towards Celebration Sunday expenses

Gifts & Donations are restricted funds received towards gifts and donations to specific people & paid out in 2023

Designated Quinquennial Fund for annual building costs with an aim to build up the fund for future repairs.

HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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Independent Examiner's Report to Hanborough PCC

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you 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


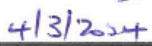
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission . An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence which would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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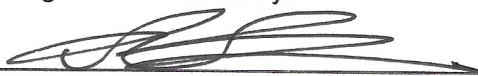
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Holiday Club/Children Ministry	1,177	30		593	614
Ministry Fund	8,331	2,925		500	10,756
Nepal Fund	4,721			1,469	3,252
Rector's Discretionary Fund	5,919			1,300	4,619
Christ Church Building Fund	-	10,000		10,000	-
Celebration Sunday	-	2,161		2,161	-
Gifts & Donations	-	311		311	-
Total Restricted Funds	21,724	16,243	-	17,288	20,679
Designated Quinquennial Building Fund	17,018	1,850	10,000	15,049	13,819
Other unrestricted fund	69,885	95,542	- 10,000	96,784	58,643
Total Combined	108,627	113,635	-	129,121	93,141

The benchseat memorial is restricted funds from a legacy for the benchseat sited at Christ Church

The Churchyard Fund comprises capital of £500 & accumulated income after expenditures of £475 held in Trust by the Rector and Churchwardens. The accumulated income is to be used to keep the graveyard of Christ Church in good order and repair the graves and gravestones of F G and A Thompson, E H, A E and AL Jakeman and to keep the lettering thereon legible and to have the lettering recut from time to time.

The Ducker Bequest Fund is to be used for the Sanctuary at the Parish Church.

First Steps - Moneys held for the First Steps Mums and Toddlers group.

The Holiday Club Fund is to be used for children's ministry within the parish

The Ministry Fund is a restricted fund towards ministry and/or curate costs.

The Nepal fund is giving towards cost of surgery for children in Nepal

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The Christ Church building fund is monies received toward building costs/PA at this church

Celebration Sunday - gifts given specifically towards Celebration Sunday expenses

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HANBOROUGH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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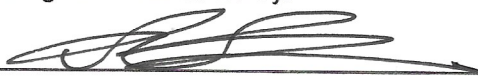
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BALANCE SHEET

	Unrestricted £	Restricted/D esignated £	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets				
Central Board of Finance	9,919	9,725	19,644	19,035
Debtors	18,850	2,694	21,544	15,998
Bank balances	33,476	22,064	55,540	77,967
Petty Cash		15	15	13
	<u>62,245</u>	<u>34,498</u>	<u>96,743</u>	<u>113,013</u>
Current liabilities				
Creditors	- 3,602	-	3,602	- 4,386
	<u>58,643</u>	<u>34,498</u>	<u>93,141</u>	<u>108,627</u>

These accounts were approved by the P.C.C. on 18-3-2024
for presentation to the A.P.C.M., and signed on its behalf by:



REV STEVE STEWART