



St Lawrence Church, Effingham
With
All Saints, Little Bookham.
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

REPORT FROM THE RECTOR

2023

Rector's Report To APCM 16th April 2023

It seems strange to realise that this is my final APCM report of my ministerial career. Being the Rector of this parish for the last seven years has been a journey of joy, discovery and friendship, for which I am eternally grateful. I cannot actually recall how many times I rang the bell at my induction service (each chime is meant to signify the numbers of years one intends to be in post) but, as I have said elsewhere, seven is a 'complete number' in the Bible and so seems an apt time to move on.

Looking back at the seven years as a whole, the most important events were the bringing together the two parishes in 2018; and the way in which we all worked together to survive/'ride out' the Pandemic. Neither of those events will (hopefully, in the case of the Pandemic) ever happen again in this place, but the fact that we continue to thrive is a true sign of God's presence and faithfulness to the people of Effingham with Little Bookham

Returning to some sort of normality in post-Covid times has been a challenge for many institutions and the Church of England has also felt its affects. But in the week that I am writing this report we welcomed twenty children to our Chatterbox session, which was so encouraging. We may have lost our regular Sunday school sessions in these post-Pandemic times, but the cohort of small children having a regular presence in the parish church gives me hope for the future of our children's work. We are also delighted to continue welcoming families to the First of the Month and TGIS services.

At the other end of the age range, our Wednesday morning mid-week service has grown in popularity, no doubt ably encouraged by Wendy Hayes' post-service refreshments.

Our morning prayer Zoom services have continued to attract a small but dedicated band of attendees, who have enjoyed praying together regularly for the parish, community and the world and reading through some of the books of the Bible. These services have been particularly valued by those who are unable to attend services at the church.

In many other ways, our service routine has returned to normal although we have continued to use the church hall for the TGIS services because of the available space and cooking facilities. This more informal setting has been a good place for many of our families to feel at home in a church service.

Our 10am Communion services in All Saints and St Lawrence have continued to be live streamed via Zoom. Again, a small, but dedicated group of people join the service via this means. We are currently in the process of attempting to install wi-fi in the hall, in the hope that future TGIS services can be shared via Zoom.

We have continued to offer the communion wine at our communion services but many of the congregation now choose not to partake.

Christmas 2022

In December we managed to hold our Village Carol Service in St Lawrence and were able to welcome a number of people despite clashing with the Football World Cup Final.

Our traditional Living Nativity took place and was as popular as ever. This time we were able to afford to re-employ the delightful donkey from Aldershot. After having to cancel the Chatterbox Christmas party and Crib Service last Christmas due to Covid, it was wonderful to reinstate these favourites again.

We also celebrated the season through our Christmas Market; a re-run of our Christmas Crib Festival as well as a very well attended Christingle service.

Music

Sadly Brenda Kent, who was so ably building up the choir last year, had to step back during the year due to ill-health. Sheila Barnes and Anne Bleming kindly stepped in to fill the void and the choir – despite falling numbers- has managed to continue leading services. Our Worship Band has complimented the tradition hymns at some of our more informal services and TGIS.

Parish Markets

Our Parish Markets continues through most of the year although we decided not to hold one in January and February to avoid the worse of the winter weather; and our March one sadly had to be cancelled because it clashed with a rival event elsewhere which attracted many of our regular stallholders. Without the hard work put into the markets we would need to find other ways to raise the vital money to 'keep the show on the road' and so we are extremely grateful to those who volunteer to help on the day and those who show their support by attending.

Effingham Community Orchard

On Palm Sunday 2022 we were delighted to mark the official opening of our Community Orchard that had been resourced and created by the Parish for the enjoyment of the whole community. It was a vast improvement on the piece of scrub land that was there previously. Much credit needs to go to the small group of people organised and created the garden and especially to Jon Hargreaves and Arnold Pindar.

Her Majesty the Queen

We were delighted in May to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, with a special Village Market and wonderful displays of local history and portraits of the Queen created by our local school children which decorated St Lawrence. On 4th June we held a celebratory service in St Lawrence and followed it by a 'Royal Garden Party' in the community orchard and in the (closed) street outside the church. It was a joyful occasion and worthy of a Queen.

In September we were sad to also mark the death of the Queen. Many people came to church to light candles and add a personal message to the Book of Condolence. We held a church service to mark her passing.

Harvest.

In October we were pleased to return to the Tithe Barn (having missed a couple of years due to Covid) to celebrate Harvest with our Community Harvest Supper followed by the Harvest Festival in church on the following morning. The supper is very well supported by the wider community and is now a firm fixture in the local calendar.

Chatterbox

Our Chatterbox group goes from strength to strength. Many of the 'carers' are grandparents now, and it is lovely to be able to support them and give them an opportunity to meet each other for encouragement and friendship. During the colder months we have continued to meet in St Lawrence which provides a larger play area for the children. In the summer, we enjoyed the surrounding of All Saints which meant that the children could play outside. A recent initiative has been to hold the Chatterbox meeting at Libreham Lodge residential home, which has been a great success and thoroughly appreciated by the residents there. Thanks continue to be due to Jenny Peers, Catherine Hall and Anne Bleming who help each week.

Libreham Lodge

Monthly Communion Services have continued at Libreham Lodge with the help of Catherine Hall and Anne Bleming. We were pleased to offer a Christmas Carol service as well.

All Saints' Church

At the beginning of 2022 we were obliged to close All Saints Church in order for urgent repair works to the south wall to be carried out. We were very grateful to The Friends for providing much of the necessary funding. We were also supported financially by others from the church family and wider community to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. Many thanks also goes to William Hill, who has 'project managed' the repair works.

Thank Yous.

As I prepare to leave the parish my heart is full of gratitude to everyone who makes this place so wonderful – from those who clean our churches or decorate or provide refreshments or help set up or service at our services. The list is endless.....

I would like to express particular thanks to Caroline Hill for her work as one of the Church Wardens and not forgetting Paddy MacVean, who has worked equally hard both at church and supporting me behind the scenes. Ili Rodic as our Parish Administrator who works way more hours than we ever pay him for, is also due a vote of thanks.

I would like to continue with a list of names, but know that that is 'dangerous territory' because I am sure to leave someone out inadvertently. But God knows who you are, and we couldn't do what we do without you...so THANK YOU!!

My favourite quote for all God's 'Faithful Servants' in this parish...

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25: 23

And a final thought...

Blesséd are the coffee makers, the cake bakers and minute takers.
Blesséd are the song singers and people bringers.
Blesséd are the sidespeople, the welcomers and stay behinders.
Blesséd are the PCC-ers, the drop-in IT-ers and the “Lord, is it me-ers?”
The readers and teachers, the prayers and preachers,
the stretchers and reachers who keep gutters clean.
The visitors and talkers, the monthly market hawkers,
the tidy-upers who know where the hymn books have been.
The sweepers and dusters, the ones who bring lustre,
and those who can magically muster a team.
The ones who sow; the ones who sew; and the ones who help keep things ‘just so’
For all those who serve, so often unseen,
who fetch and carry and count and clean.
For all those who touch someone’s heart with a word,
whose wisdom and kindness are quietly heard.
We are so very blessed by all that you do.
May God’s blessing always rest on you.

(Partial credit due to Reverend Rachel Dale)

The Future

None of us know yet who will be the next Rector, but God does know and I can guarantee that that wonderful person is being prepared by God even as I say my goodbyes. They will be truly blessed to lead such a wonderful ‘Body of Christ’ in this place!

God bless!

Reverend Mandy MacVean
April 2023

**Parochial Church Council
of
The Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Lawrence, Effingham with All Saints, Little Bookham**

Registered Charity No. 1183011

ACCOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

INCOME & EXPENDITURE TOTAL PCC FUNDS

Notes

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income Resources from Donors	74,069	300	74,369	74,010
Legacies		4,000	4,000	
⁴ Donations from Associated Charities		6,436	6,436	10,600
Other Voluntary incoming Resources	13,385	0	13,385	13,496
Income from Operating Activities	32,801	1,400	34,201	31,993
Investment Income	1,579		1,579	1,357
Total Income	121,834	12,136	133,970	131,456
Expenditure				
Improvement/maintenance of Properties	8,477	7,232	15,709	21,548
Grants Made	562		562	0
Activities relating to the work of the Church	105,024	2,479	107,503	99,793
Costs of Operating Activities	11,403		11,403	7,655
Total Expenditure	125,467	9,711	135,177	128,997
Retained Surplus	-3,632	2,425	-1,207	2,459
Increase in Investments value			-6,184	6,634
Balances brought forward at 1st January			131,888	122,795
Balances carried forward at 31st December			124,497	131,888

BALANCE SHEET

	2022 FUNDS					2021 FUNDS				
	£		£		£		£		£	
	General	Restricted	Development	Hall	Total	General	Restricted	Development	Hall	Total
Investments										
	46,583				46,583	52,767				52,767
Current Assets										
Debtors	2,663	0		0	2,663	1,847	0		2,351	4,198
Cash at bank										
Bank Balances	22,665	32,959		6,522	62,146	27,760	30,534		615	58,909
Current Accounts								5,264		
CBF Deposit Account	11,246		5,333	3,740	20,319	11,246			3,691	20,201
Total	83,157	32,959	5,333	10,262	131,711	93,620	30,534	5,264	6,657	136,075
Current Liabilities										
Amounts falling due within 1 year	4,089			3,125	7,214	2,357			1,831	4,187
Net Current Assets	79,067	32,959	5,333	7,138	124,497	91,264	30,534	5,264	4,827	131,888
Represented by:										
Reserves brought forward	91,264	30,534	5,264	4,827	131,888	84,226	28,318	5,261	4,990	122,795
Surplus for the year	-12,197	2,425	69	2,311	-7,391	7,038	2,216	3	-164	9,093
Transfers	0					0				
Reserves carried forward	79,067	32,959	5,333	7,138	124,497	91,264	30,534	5,264	4,827	131,888
	112,026					121,798				

Note: Restricted Funds at the year end comprise:
£23,696 for maintenance and improvement of St Lawrence Church
£7,534 for maintenance and improvement of All Saints Church
£1,729 for the Effingham Village Orchard

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 6/3/23
on its behalf by:

Signed AS Lawrence
Rev. Amanda MacVean (Chairman)

Janet Merry
Janet Merry (Treasurer)

Christopher Peers
Christopher Peers (Assistant Treasurer)

GENERAL PCC FUNDS ¹
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(excludes Church Hall income & expenditure)

Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
General Fund	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
² Planned Giving	52,419		52,419	55,419
³ Other voluntary resources from donors	17,606	-	17,606	13,128
⁴ Associated Charities		6,436	6,436	10,600
Church Hall Contribution				
Gift Aid recovered	14,153	300	14,453	14,224
⁵ Fundraising	10,326		10,326	11,784
PCC Fees	5,934		5,934	6,350
Investment Income	1,461		1,461	1,352
⁶ Grants Received	3,371	-	3,371	4,750
⁷ Legacies		4,000	4,000	
Additional Income	2,950		2,950	735
Magazine Income	1,371		1,371	3,775
Community Orchard		1,400	1,400	3,635
Total Income	109,591	12,136	121,727	125,754
<u>Resources Used</u>				
Church Expenses				
Outward giving	562		562	
Parish Share	79,815	420	80,235	77,419
Churchyard Maintenance	4,640	792	5,432	4,808
Insurance	3,811		3,811	3,600
⁸ Organist & Choir	2,615	-	2,615	1,445
Locum priests	33		33	112
Utilities	3,876		3,876	2,192
Chancel exp.	248		248	101
Catering	272		272	225
Miscellaneous	1,279	200	1,479	1,719
Fundraising expenses	1,539		1,539	1,793
⁹ Maintenance	3,837	6,440	10,277	13,161
Church Improvement		-	-	3,279
Bank Charges	171		171	20
Parish Expenses				
Administrator	6,481		6,481	5,318
Computer	686		686	350
Printing, stationery etc.	1,127		1,127	1,030
Photocopier/printer	-		-	74
Vestry phone	440		440	433
Rector's Expenses	643	-	643	766
Rectory Expenses	872		872	800
Magazine Costs	2,049		2,049	1,982
Flowers Costs	607		607	
Community Orchard		1,859	1,859	2,205
Total Expenditure	115,603	9,711	125,314	123,134
Income - Expenditure	-6,013	2,425	-3,587	2,620

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

DEVELOPMENT FUND

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance at 1st January	5,263.59	5260.85
Income		
Interest	69.23	2.74
Net transfer		
Total	<u>69.23</u>	<u>2.74</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>5,332.82</u>	<u>5,263.59</u>

CHURCH HALL ACCOUNT

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Lettings Regular bookings	8,197.25	4,132.50
Casual Bookings	3,852.50	1,402.50
Key deposits	0.00	50.00
Interest CCLA	48.55	1.92
Sundry Income	76.24	112.08
	<u>12,174.54</u>	<u>5,699.00</u>
Less Expenditure		
Sundries	0.00	0.00
Fees	3,495.40	1,655.95
Utilities	2,092.53	712.73
Maintenance	3,544.25	2,792.27
Insurance	731.42	701.76
Transfer to PCC General Account		
	<u>9,863.60</u>	<u>5,862.71</u>
Profit for the year	<u>2,310.94</u>	<u>-163.71</u>
Balance b/fwd at 1st January	<u>4,826.66</u>	<u>4,990.37</u>
Balance c/fwd at 31st December	<u>7,137.60</u>	<u>4,826.66</u>
Lloyds TSB ac no1070066	6,522.21	614.51
CCLA 617080004D Church Hall Deposit Account	3,740.03	3,691.48
Balance in accounts	<u>10,262.24</u>	<u>4,305.99</u>
Outstanding Invoices/Payments/Adjustments	<u>-3,124.64</u>	<u>520.67</u>
Total assets	<u>7,137.60</u>	<u>4,826.66</u>
Outstanding invoices/Payments		
Amounts falling due within 1 year	3,124.64	1,830.58
Amounts owed		2,351.25

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

MADDOX CHARITY

Registered Charity No. 238038

	2022		2021
	£		£
Opening balance at 1st January	561.79		544.26
Income received	839.02		817.53
Payment to Effingham with Little Bookham PCC		1,370.00	
Closing balance at 31st December	<u>30.81</u>		<u>561.79</u>
			800.00

*2020 accounting period 01.10.19 to 31.12.20

GERALD SANDERS TRUST

	2022		2021
	£		£
CCLA Investment fund 617080002S			
No shares held 11143			
Value at 1st January	260,598.00		227,837.58
Interest received	<u>6,847.37</u>		<u>6,622.29</u>
Value at 31st December	<u>230,057.26</u>		<u>260,598.00</u>
 CCLA Fixed interest securities fund 6170800001F			
No of share held 3980			
Value at 1st January	6,288.00		6,732.17
Interest received	<u>156.81</u>		<u>177.11</u>
Value at 31st December	<u>5,347.08</u>		<u>6,288.00</u>
 Total value at 31st December	<u>235,404.34</u>		<u>266,886.00</u>
Total interest received at 31st Dec. (Paid to James Walker Fund)	<u>7,004.18</u>		<u>6,799.40</u>

JAMES WALKER FUND

Registered Charity No. 246037

	2022		2021
	£		£
CCLA Deposit fund 617080002D			
Balance at 1st January	22,292.78		17,283.49
Income received from Sanders Trust	7,004.18		6,799.40
Payment to Effingham with Little Bookham PCC		0.00	
Interest retained	<u>353.09</u>		<u>9.89</u>
Total	<u>29,650.05</u>		<u>24,092.78</u>
Balance at 31st December	<u>29,650.05</u>		<u>22,292.78</u>
			1,800.00

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes

- 1 The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Lawrence, Effingham with All Saints, Little Bookham was formed on 1st January 2018, by the merger of the parishes of St Lawrence, Effingham, and All Saints, Little Bookham. The accounts are a consolidation of the accounts of All Saints, St Lawrence, and Effingham with Little Bookham PCC.
- 2 Planned Giving plus associated Gift Aid totalled £63,800 cf 2021 £67,473 - a decline of £3,673.
- 3 Other Voluntary Resources includes a donation of £1,100 for installation of WiFi in the Church Hall
- 4 The Associated Charities are:
 - The James Walker Fund - Registered Charity No. 246037
 - The Maddox Charity - Registered Charity No. 238038
 - The Friends of All Saints and St Lawrence Churches - Registered Charity No. 1048406

£5,066 was received from The Friends to fund maintenance work at All Saints.
£1,370 was received from Maddox Charity for maintenance at All Saints and to contribute to Parish Share.
- 5 Fundraising

Eight Village Markets were held during the year raising just over £8,000 income.
The Harvest Raffle raised £700, and the Brennans' Christmas party raised £920.
- 6 Grants

Grants totalling £2,843 were received from the Diocese towards energy costs and Parish Share, and £527 was received from the Listed Places of Worship scheme for recovery of VAT.
- 7 Legacies

A legacy of £4,000 was received from Rev Edmund Haviland "for the maintenance and enhancement of All Saints Church".
- 8 Organist & Choir

The increased expense reflects the return to services in church following the Covid pandemic in 2020/21.
- 9 Maintenance

This includes £5,000 for architectural services related to the proposed repairs to the South wall at All Saints, and £3,300 for electrical work at All Saints.
- 10 Diocesan Fees

Fees collected for, and paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance for weddings and funerals amounted to £2,930 cf £4,428 in 2021.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the SORP 2005 issued in March 2005 Church Accounting Regulations 2006, applicable UK Accounting Standards, and the Charities Act 2011. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value. They include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are shown at their year-end market values. They are invested in CDF Church of England Income and Fixed Interest Funds.

DEBTORS

Debtors consist of amounts due to the Church - £2,633 in 2022 cf £4,198 in 2021

CREDITORS

Creditors are for utilities and other running costs - £7,214 in 2022, cf £4,187 in 2021.

EXAMINER'S REPORT

Effingham with Little Bookham Parochial Church Council.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022

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").

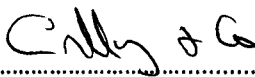
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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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: 

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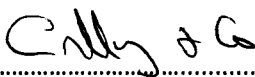
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