

# Parochial Church Council Annual Report

Year Ended 31 December 2023

# GENERAL REPORT

## Reference and Administrative Information

St. Mary the Virgin Church is the parish church of Purley on Thames. It is part of the Bradfield Deanery within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. The correspondence address is St. Mary the Virgin Church, St. Mary's Avenue, Purley on Thames, Reading RG8 8BJ.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 (unless otherwise stated) until the date of this report are:

### Ex-officio Members

Revd Dr David Archer	Chairman
Revd Aidan Jones	

### Churchwardens

David Davies	from July 2023
Jon Saverton	
David Watts	until July 2023

### Deanery Synod Members

Debbie Corrigan	until July 2023
Ina Elliott	
Jon Saverton	from July 2023
Leo Whyte	from July 2023

### Elected Members

Beckie Head	until APCM 25 April 2023
Ina Elliott	
Sue Fossey	from APCM 25 April 2023
Dan Head	
Ginny Green	from May 2023
Anna Saverton	
Angela Sullivan-Brown	from May 2023
Janice Stables	from APCM 25 April until December 2023
Nigel Tolson	from APCM 25 April 2023
Kathryn Tolson	
David Watts	from July 2023
Sandra Whitaker	from APCM 25 April 2023
Leo Whyte	

### Co-opted Members

Sheila Adnett	Secretary
Debbie Corrigan	Treasurer

### Electoral Roll Officer

Vincent West

### Bankers

Lloyds Bank PLC, 24 Broad Street, Reading, RG1 2BT.  
CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ.

### Independent Examiner

Stephen Cox ACMA CGMA, 53 Hazel Road, Purley on Thames, Reading.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under statute law, *The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956*. PCC members are charity trustees. The rules of appointment of PCC members are governed by and set out in the *Church Representation Rules 2020*. Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and consider election to the PCC.

The work of the PCC is supported by working groups which meet between full meetings of the PCC. Their deliberations are reported where necessary to the PCC for discussion and action. A budget is prepared annually by the Treasurer after consultation with those groups which have expenditure. This is presented to the PCC for discussion and approval before being presented to the APCM. Any expenditure which may be proposed during the year and has not been approved within the budget has to be presented to the PCC for specific approval.

St. Mary's PCC met on six occasions through the year.

### Standing Committee

This is the only committee of the PCC required by law. It comprises the Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Other members of the PCC may be co-opted to the Standing Committee as necessary. The Standing Committee did not meet during the year.

### Leadership Team

Whilst the PCC and Standing Committee are the only required formal decision making bodies, the appointment of members to a Leadership Team remains a priority for the Rector.

At the heart of this team is the recognition that ministry leadership is based on calling and gifting. The role of the Leadership Team is to take overall day to day responsibility for ensuring that St. Mary's continues its progress towards its vision and therefore works closely with the Rector and is accountable to the PCC. This team aims to be made up of those having overall ministry and leadership responsibility for the key dimensions of our vision: **leadership, discipleship, worship, mission and fellowship**.

During 2023, St. Mary's Leadership Team has been in a period of transition, with Debbie Corrigan standing down in the summer having served since 2016, and Aidan Jones and Dan Head coming onboard. Ina Elliott has provided operational support. Formal approval of a new Leadership Team is to be sought in 2024.

The Rector continues to meet regularly one to one with key people for co-ordination. It is envisaged that the *Growing Leaders* programme will be offered in the coming year.

### Working Groups

In the last year the following working groups have reported to the PCC, comprising the following:

#### **Building Team**

Revd David Archer, Mike Adnett, David Davies (Chair), David Manning, Geoff Williams.

#### **Finance Team**

Revd David Archer, Anne Bolland, Debbie Corrigan (Chair, Treasurer, Stewardship Secretary), Anna Saverton, Jon Saverton.

#### **Safeguarding Team**

Revd David Archer, Jean Chudleigh, Beckie Head (Parish Safeguarding Officer), Dan Head.

#### **Mission Partners Group**

Revd David Archer (Chair), Sheila Adnett (Secretary), Kathryn Tolson, Bob Trendell, Charmaine Trendell.

## Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, in promoting the mission of the church in the parish – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St. Mary's mission is **to be whole-life disciples of Jesus Christ who changes lives, communities and nations**.

The PCC has responsibility to support and develop the mission of St. Mary's both home and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, ancillary buildings and churchyard.

## Achievements and Performance

Our prayer is to be a vibrant and growing church, and with this in mind this report marks progress against our church vision *Connecting People With God* and the priorities identified in it:

- Deepening our enjoyment of God.
- Creating vibrant Christian communities.
- Fostering creative and courageous leadership.
- Preparing and adapting the church infrastructure.
- Committed to being a missional church.
- Being whole-life disciples.

Recognising that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were still tangible, though to a lesser degree, the PCC recognised that ministry activity still needed to focus on the rebuilding and strengthening of certain key ministries. The following areas, first highlighted in 2021, remained a priority throughout the year 2023:

- Sundays as a place of genuine encounter with God,
- Children and Youth ministry that is well-resourced and able to flourish,
- Every church member invited to be effectively disciplined in a Connect Group.

As reported last year, although the most obvious impacts of COVID-19 had receded in terms of what was permissible in church services, our activities and events, it is difficult to accurately assess by how much, and in what ways the effects of pandemic continue to impact what we do. Certain church behaviours and patterns of how we *do* things have remained different – for example, we continued to offer communion by intinction rather than the use of a shared common cup.

By and large though, during 2023, Sunday and midweek ministry returned to the following settled shape:

- Sunday services – Contemporary Worship (CW) and Traditional Worship (TW) – are all “in-person” and the only “online” material offered were a selection of YouTube messages during the autumn term. At CW, the first Sunday of the month is designated as “all-age”, the third Sunday as communion, and the fifth Sunday as an “all-age communion”. Guest Sundays were reintroduced on a termly basis. Prayer ministry has not yet recommenced. A usual pattern of Easter and Christmas services resumed, with encouraging numbers attending services during these festival seasons.
- A fuller programme of children and youth activities is offered on Sundays as part of our Contemporary Worship, with a major breakthrough being the construction of our new children’s cabin in spring 2023. Alongside this, the upstairs room had a makeover to ensure that it is suited to work with young people. This means we now have three dedicated spaces for our children and youth ministry, IGNITE. Glow meet in the *Cabin*, Nitro in the *Hub* (formerly the Vestry) and TNT utilise the *Loft*.
- A simple spoken service of midweek communion meets in the Chancel on a Wednesday morning.

As noted in last year’s report, various observations have been made about how the pandemic years have impacted church life, especially with regards to Sunday attendance and the level of engagement of existing church members. These continue to be widely reported, affecting both small and large churches, and seen across multiple denominations. They include:

- Volunteer base impacted, with church members less willing or able to return to previous levels of involvement, or lacking confidence to resume active ministry;
- Congregation numbers at in-person services still noticeably lower. A Church of England attendance report based on figures from five dioceses revealed total onsite weekly attendance in October 2022 varied between 73% and 81% of 2019. Initial figures from October 2023, suggest a small increase in attendance has been observed in the last year.

Against this national and Diocesan backdrop, we can be encouraged with what we have witnessed at St. Mary’s. Our weekly in-person Sunday attendance during October 2023 returned to almost 100% of our 2019 numbers which rises to over 100% if weekly midweek communion numbers are included. If online content is taken into account, our weekly attendance numbers are well over 100%. Early figures from 2024 indicate further increases.

- We have continued to welcome new guests, including young families to our Sunday services, especially at CW, some of whom have arrived as a result of the church being “online” and others with apparently no previous involvement with St. Mary’s or with church life.

uSa	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>CW&amp;TW</b>						
<i>Adults</i>	80	78	-	-	66	69
<i>Children</i>	12	10	-	-	14	17
<b>Messy</b>						
<i>Adults</i>	-	11	-	-	-	-
<i>Children</i>	23	14	-	-	-	-
<b>Online<sup>1</sup></b>		-	-	-	10/40/60	15/35/60
Midweek	-	-	14	8	6	9

<sup>1</sup> Approximate number of YouTube views within 24 hours, 1 week, 1 month

For reference, St. Mary's electoral roll figures for the last decade are as follows:

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Electoral Roll	107	107	110	109	112	122	117	111	113	113

We can take many encouragements from these figures and they bear witness to a church family committed to serving God faithfully to enable Sundays to be a genuine encounter with God, to pastorally care for one another and to have an outward looking approach to ministry.

What follows is a “snapshot” of life at St. Mary's during 2023.

The teaching and preaching in our Sunday services followed a pattern of thematic and expository series, emphasising the importance of Biblical exegesis and developing the personal discipline of *Chair Time* – regularly spending time in the Scriptures and in prayer. A major message series running through the spring and summer terms was based on *1 Corinthians*. During Lent, *The Spiritual Life* explored key spiritual disciplines, including a church-wide invitation to members to engage in a Daniel fast. In the autumn we studied *Origins: Genesis 1-11*. Our pattern of termly Guest Sundays, for those unfamiliar with church, or the Christian faith was resumed. A notable baptism service for children and adults took place in November.

Our Sunday services are served well by our various worship leaders and their teams, a dedicated AV team and worship support, particularly *SongPro* administration. It is our desire to see musical gifts developed and used for service in this significant ministry area and ongoing strengthening of these teams would be beneficial. Further work on upgrading our AV equipment has been undertaken.

Worship is not restricted to Sunday mornings. A midweek Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion is offered and *Morning Prayer* takes place every Tuesday morning. Our church's prayer life continues to be nourished by a helpful monthly *Prayer Diary*. The *Prayer Board* remains in use, allowing anyone to ask for prayer by completing a prayer tag.

*Glow* and *Nitro* for our children 11 years and under, meet on three Sundays in the month during *Contemporary Worship*, with sessions based on Urban Saints *Energize* resources. *TNT* for our youth, similarly meets on three Sunday mornings, with one session per month based in the Mad Duck café.

During 2023, under the oversight of Dan Head we have begun to make inroads towards strengthening and growing our Connect Group structure, recognising that this ministry area is key to the spiritual health of the church, and in providing pastoral care to church members. *Ladybirds*, a midweek group for ladies was successfully established. Ongoing investment in our Connect Groups is envisaged in 2024.

We continue to offer pastoral care to individuals within the church and in the community, through clergy visits and more informally through members of the congregation caring for others. It remains a priority to reform our *Pastoral Care Team*. The *Tuesday Lunch Club*, extends Christian hospitality and companionship to people, providing a light 2-course cooked lunch in a relaxed environment. It meets on the first Tuesday of the month and is well attended and greatly appreciated by those who attend. The *Singing For Fun* group offers friendship and support to older people around a format of singing, tea and some Christian input. It

continues to flourish. We serve the wider community through our annual *Community Memorial Service* and *Senior Citizens' Tea Party*. We again led a *Remembrance Sunday* service at Purley Memorial Hall. Many of the events and ministries that we offer are dependent on a servant hearted and dedicated *Hospitality Team* which we are extremely grateful for.

Our engagement with the wider church exists financially through the support of our mission partners and is coordinated by our *Mission Partners Group*. Our overseas mission partners are MAI, *Chinchpada Christian Hospital* and SIM, *The Mackies*. Our local partners are *Rahab* and *Yeldall Manor*. We commit to give at least 10% of our income to support our mission partners and help fund and encourage short-term mission trips, especially among our young people. Closer to home we are actively involved in the Bradfield Deanery, Chapter and *All Churches Together Pangbourne and District*, with a member of St. Mary's taking the role of secretary. We have welcomed Sally Hince in her capacity as LLM to St. Mary's ministry team.

Missional events remain an important aspect of our work. We have continued to host *Village Concerts* which brings high quality music to the local area. These have been very successful in attracting a new audience to the church building and helping position the church as a venue for professional music within the community. They generate a useful income.

We have continued our schools work, leading collective worship at our church school *Purley Primary School* and this year welcoming *Long Lane Primary School* back to the church for their Christmas Carol Concert. A member of the church plays an active role in the church school through their involvement as a governor. We have been invited to lead assemblies at *Langtree Secondary School* and continue to pray for future involvement at *Denefield Secondary School*.

St. Mary's is a satellite of *Readifood*, Reading's Food Bank and we are active in regularly collecting food for this important local ministry. A number of church members are involved with *Street Pastors* and *First Stop*. We have a presence in the community through the production and distribution of the *Purley Parish News* our magazine for church and community. A *Men's Ministry* reaches out to men through a regular *Man Friday* email and curry evenings.

The effective running of St. Mary's church is dependent on the effort and work of various teams – for which we are very grateful – including our dedicated *Finance Team* and *Safeguarding Team*.

Our church buildings are served well by our *Building Team* who quietly and efficiently maintain our buildings to a high standard, through the ongoing and necessary task of monitoring and carrying out essential repair works. It is assisted by our Churchwardens who manage our facilities. Our rooms are well utilised by a few regular bookings, providing a useful source of additional income. A newly formed *Gardening Team* have begun maintenance work in the churchyard.

# FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

## Finance Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### Overview

The financial year 2023 ended in an overall surplus of £14,828, (2022 deficit of £15,740) taking restricted and unrestricted funds together. £14,123 of the surplus was on the unrestricted position. This amazing result is due to the magnificent and sacrificial response of our church family to an appeal for funds, following the extraordinarily high utility bills St. Mary's experienced. In addition, the fact that so much of our income comes from giving, 94% in 2023 (95% in 2022), stands us in good stead and we are so grateful for the generous and faithful stewardship of our church family.

The key financial position is that of general unrestricted funds. For the first time in four years, there was more income receipts than expenditure and the general unrestricted fund rose by £14,123 (fall of £7,287 in 2022). This also meant that the reserves policy of the PCC was met and the general fund stood at £28,233 at the end of the financial year.

Overall unrestricted income rose by 38% (fall of 4.5% in 2022), and unrestricted donations increased by 29% (drop of 1% in 2022). Unrestricted expenditure was £104,388 (2022: £93,118) and was 12% higher than in 2022. (2022 4.5% drop; 2021 2.9% drop). Gas costs alone saw a fourfold increase despite a 7% drop in usage through careful management. Electricity costs held steady mainly due to a large credit owed at the start of the year.

It has been another challenging year in many ways, the finances continue to be difficult to manage, but the emphasis we place on regular giving has enabled us to continue to weather the storm of the cost-of-living increases. We give all the praise to God. **God is faithful.** (Genesis 22.14 Jehovah Jireh; The Lord will provide).

### General Fund

#### Receipts

Overall income of more than £130,000 was administered in 2023. That is the highest income level in recent memory. Regular unrestricted and planned stewardship (by bank, weekly or gift aid envelopes) increased by 27% to £80,928 (2022 saw a decrease of 1.12% to £63,814). The graph below shows the trend in regular unrestricted and planned giving (yellow line); regular giving has shown a marked increase after sluggish performance since 2018. For the future of the church we must continue to place greater focus on this area. The appeal for funds following the very high gas bills in June 2023 saw a wonderful response and continued emphasis and teaching on regular giving has resulted in two new regular givers so far, however we have also seen movements the other way, so we need to continue to focus on this. An interesting fact is that unrestricted regular giving has increased by 66% since 2014, however in the same time period inflation has reduced the value of giving by 31%, so £10 given in 2014 and never reviewed is now only worth £7.56, an excellent reminder to regularly review personal giving in light of pay and pension inflation rises.

Online and contactless giving continues to increase and to supplement service collections standing at £2,155. Income tax receipts up to October 2023 amounted to £19,725 compared to £16,273 in 2022.

Lettings income fell in 2023 due to the loss of some regular hirers. Marketing of this facility needs some focus. Thanks go to Fran Jones who administers this area of income.

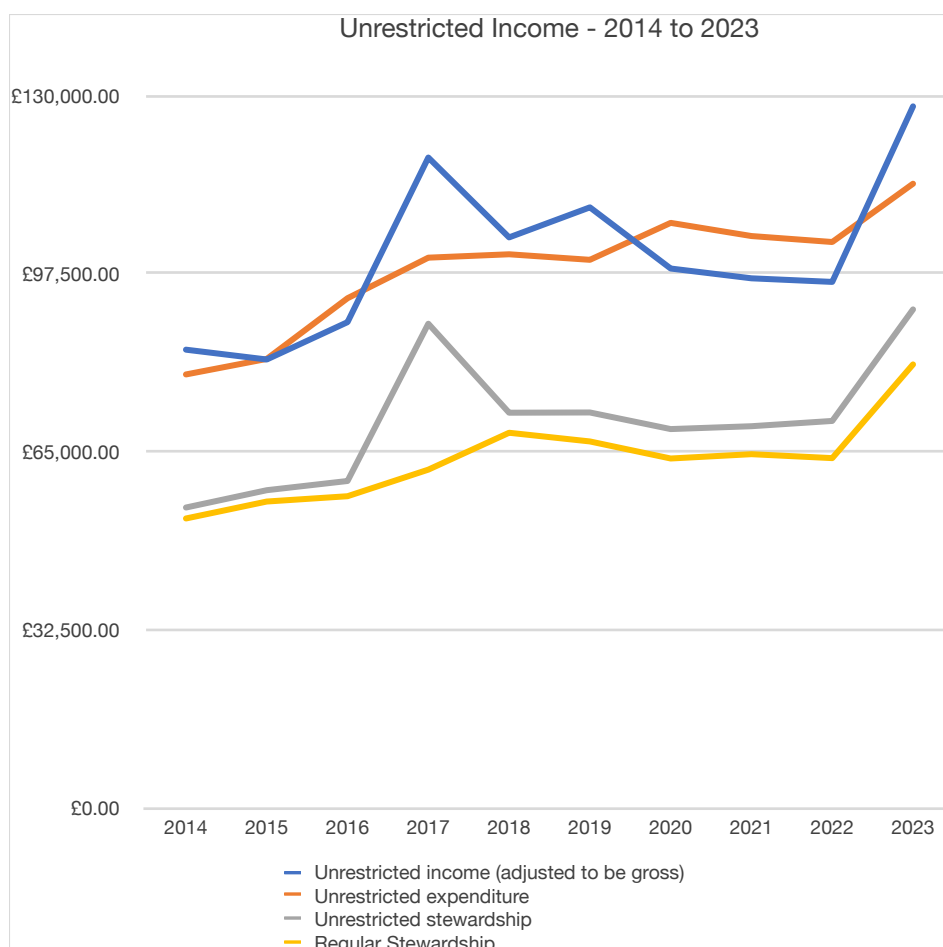
Net income from fees shows a surplus of £2,528. Thanks go to Anne Bolland who administers this area of ministry.

Net income from the Purley Parish News shows a small surplus. Focus is needed on the advertising income. Subscriber numbers have levelled off which is positive after previous falls. However, prior to the next subscriber year (2025/26) the PCC needs to take a decision on whether to proceed with this area of ministry. A great deal of work goes into the production and distribution of the magazine and Homeinstead Reading sponsored a "Thank you" event in August for all involved. Thanks go to the Editorial Team and distributors.

Fund raising income was at the highest level for five years. The majority of this was due to Village Concerts. Thanks go to the team who put these events on. St. Mary's receives 20% of ticket profits and all the bar profits.

Restricted fund total receipts in 2023 amounted to £2,611 (£2,784 in 2022). All giving was towards youth/ children's work.

We received a one off grant of over £600 from Purley Parish Council towards the cost of our digital AV box used at services and events.



## Payments

The total unrestricted payments for 2023 amounted to £104,388 (2022 £93,118), 12% higher after a drop in 2022. Despite church expenditure being closely managed, the doubling of costs on utilities and cleaning along with a rise in the parish share and inflation increases of 12% and 8% respectively on copyright licence costs and insurance meant that overall expenditure increased.

Our largest area of expenditure, the Parish share, continued to dominate. It increased by around 1%. Once again, St. Mary's paid it in full. The agreed *Diocesan* parish share is reported in the accounts. This agreed *Diocesan* parish share is reduced at the Deanery level, with other Deanery parishes funding the Area Dean role which is seen as a shared post. This role was performed by David Archer until autumn 2023. The difference between the gross parish share and the net parish share is retained and used to help offset the St. Mary's Curate rental costs. Designated fund accounting has once again been actioned and a surplus of £838 was made on this unrestricted designated fund, with the balance being retained to fund 2024 costs.

Mission giving was £10,968 (2022 £8,319). The PCC policy is to donate 10% of our *stewardship* giving to our selected mission partners. What a privilege it is to be able to give to others from our plenty and to sow into the Lord's work in the UK and overseas.

Expenditure on utilities and cleaning increased to £15,201 (2022 £7,794). St. Mary's energy is purchased through the Parish Buying Scheme to try and achieve the most cost-effective rates. November 2023 to January 2024 costs for gas stood at £1261 compared to £4016 in the corresponding period in 2022/23. Careful management of the heating has also helped to reduce units used by 40%. Variable rates have now reduced from 27p in November 2022 to 4.96p in January, however standing charges have increased from £2.30 a day to £5.30 a day.



Repairs and maintenance costs have decreased to £1,621 (2022 £1,898). The costs of repairs to the sewage pump continue to be a concern and all are reminded to ensure that wet wipes are not placed in the toilets. Thanks go to all involved in managing the fabric of our beautiful church.

Stationery, computing, publicity, and photocopier costs fell slightly to £3,995 from £4,045. Savings will continue to be seen in this area with the departure of the leased photocopier which cost over £2,000 per year. £487 was the cost of the online financial ledger, and £726 was the cost of the Churchsuite database which is transforming our churchwide communication and will assist with meeting GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) and managing rotas and contact details. The remainder was for Zoom, the website and publicity.

The balance sheet reports balances on the general fund of £28,233 as at 31 December 2023, £7,502 on the designated fund and £21,181 in restricted funds. PCC has an agreed reserves policy of retaining circa 3 months of expenditure in case of need. We have met this policy.

We all need to keep a close eye on our giving. If we stand and worship an almighty heavenly Father, whose love is boundless, who generosity is endless, we need to respond.

### **Building Fund**

Since 2013 we have spent over £44,500 on concept designs, professional fees, legal advice and feasibility studies. The addition of the childrens cabin, *The Cabin*, has seen a flourishing in our childrens work and a seemingly linked increase in numbers at church. We now need to take stock and re-focus post COVID-19 to finalise the vision and to get this exciting project over the line.

### **Future**

The PCC has agreed a slight deficit operational budget for 2024, but will be focussing on increasing and encouraging more giving alongside investing in AV and reviewing expenditure.

2023 has once again been a challenging year but there has been an amazing display of God's favour through the generosity, sacrificial giving and financial faithfulness of our church family. Our hope is that God's favour would continue to be on us, as we seek to grow the numbers searching for and turning towards God in our community.

Thanks go to the banking team, to Anna Saverton in her role supporting the Treasurer, to the finance team and to the independent examiner for his efforts in providing the examination of the accounts.

Debbie Corrigan, *Treasurer*

**Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary's The Virgin, Purley on Thames**  
**Source of wording - Charity Commission guidance on independent examination**

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of PCC St Mary's The Virgin, Purley on Thames for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the next two pages.

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

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

They 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.

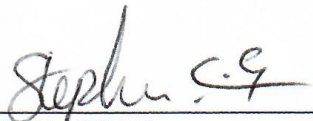
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

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

Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC St Mary's The Virgin, Purley on Thames, as required by section 130 of the Act; or  
The accounts do not accord with those records.

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:   
S Cox ACMA, CGMA  
53 Hazel Road  
Purley on Thames  
Reading  
Date: 9/4/24

**PCC ST MARYS PURLEY-ON-THAMES**  
Financial statement for the period 1 January - 31 December 2023

General Funds	Actual 2023					Actual 2022			
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total
	General (£)	Designated (£)				General (£)	Designated		
<b>Receipts</b>									
Stewardship	80,928.00	8,938.09	2,285.20	92,151.29	1	63,814.00	9,096.31	1,655.50	74,565.81
Single Donations	7,020.00			7,020.00		855.00			855.00
Online giving	2,155.00			2,155.00		1,358.80			1,358.80
Service Collections	871.63			871.63		488.90			488.90
Income Tax Recovered	19,399.78		325.65	19,725.43	2	15,145.12		1,128.15	16,273.27
Legacy income/in memory of	700.00			700.00		80.29		0.00	80.29
	<b>111,074.41</b>	<b>8,938.09</b>	<b>2,610.85</b>	<b>122,623.35</b>		<b>81,742.11</b>	<b>9,096.31</b>	<b>2,783.65</b>	<b>93,622.07</b>
Lettings, gross	1,570.00			1,570.00		2,359.50			2,359.50
Fees (net)	2,528.00			2,528.00	3	(64.00)			(64.00)
Parish Magazine - net	181.00			181.00	4	(330.20)			(330.20)
Fund Raising, & Community events (net)	2,007.28			2,007.28	5	1,082.64			1,082.64
Interest	292.48			292.48		45.09			45.09
Other Income	857.83			857.83	6	996.60			996.60
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>118,511.00</b>	<b>8,938.09</b>	<b>2,610.85</b>	<b>130,059.94</b>		<b>85,831.74</b>	<b>9,096.31</b>	<b>2,783.65</b>	<b>97,711.70</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Donations (see balance sheet)	10,967.56			10,967.56		8,318.75			8,318.75
Parish Share (gross)	65,278.00			65,278.00		64,567.00			64,567.00
Service expenses	268.88			268.88		399.34			399.34
Evangelism, Mission, Outreach	0.00			0.00		106.00			106.00
Audio Visual Costs	1,150.00		410.00	1,560.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
Copyright license	800.28			800.28		714.92			714.92
Children & Youth	280.74		2,333.84	2,614.58		673.50		11,087.09	11,760.59
Travel	245.01			245.01		125.36			125.36
Leadership & Pastoral	177.00			177.00		259.72			259.72
Small group resources	0.00			0.00		0.00			0.00
Subscriptions & Training	182.17			182.17		319.57			319.57
Telephone & Postage	570.24			570.24		560.23			560.23
Broadband/Church wifi	0.00			0.00		0.00			0.00
Stationery, Photocopier, Computing & publicity	3,995.30			3,995.30	7	4,044.61			4,044.61
Utilities & Cleaning	15,200.82			15,200.82	8	7,794.01			7,794.01
Insurance	2,732.81			2,732.81		2,547.86			2,547.86
Building project (professional fees)	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00		1,146.00	1,146.00
Repair & Maintenance	1,621.12			1,621.12	9	1,897.67			1,897.67
Curate housing rental		8,100.08		8,100.08		0.00	8,100.00		8,100.00
Furniture & Fittings & Equipment	0.00			0.00		19.99			19.99
Bank Charges	353.39			353.39		193.36			193.36
Hospitality & thank you gifts	486.85			486.85		576.61			576.61
Legal Fees	0.00			0.00		0.00			0.00
Sundry Expenses	78.01			78.01	10	0.00			0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>104,388.18</b>	<b>8,100.08</b>	<b>2,743.84</b>	<b>115,232.10</b>		<b>93,118.50</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>	<b>12,233.09</b>	<b>113,451.59</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>14,122.82</b>	<b>838.01</b>	<b>(132.99)</b>	<b>14,827.84</b>		<b>(7,286.76)</b>	<b>996.31</b>	<b>(9,449.44)</b>	<b>(15,739.89)</b>



**Note 1a: Restricted Stewardship Receipts**

	2023 Receipts (£)	2022 Receipts (£)
Children & Youth	1,610.85	1,605.85
Youth Cabin	1,000.00	1,057.50
Building	0.00	0.00
Mission	0.00	0.00
In Memory of E Smith	0.00	70.30
COVID support	0.00	50.00
Wifi	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,610.85</b>	<b>2,783.65</b>

**Note 1b: Stewardship Breakdown**

	2023 Unrestricted Receipts (£)	2022 Unrestricted Receipts (£)
CAF regular receipts	73,338.00	58,358.00
Lloyds regular receipts	5,350.00	2,300.00
Weekly envelopes	1,440.00	2,700.00
Gift aid envelopes	800.00	456.00
	<b>80,928.00</b>	<b>63,814.00</b>

**Note 1c: Designated Receipts**

	2023 Receipts (£)	2022 Receipts (£)
Area Dean Rebate/Curate fund	8,938.09	9,096.31
	<b>8,938.09</b>	<b>9,096.31</b>

**Note 2: Contactless giving**

	2023	2022
Online donations	650.00	380.00
Church contactless machine donations	1,505.00	978.80
	<b>2,155.00</b>	<b>1,358.80</b>

**Note 2a HMRC receipts**

	2023 Unrestricted Receipts (£)	2023 Restricted Receipts (£)	2022 Unrestricted Receipts (£)	2022 Restricted Receipts (£)
Nov 22 to 5 Apr 23	9,250.10	165.00	8,782.76	160.65
6 Apr 23 - 31 Oct 23	10,149.68	160.65	6,362.36	967.50
	<b>19,399.78</b>	<b>325.65</b>	<b>15,145.12</b>	<b>1,128.15</b>

**Note 3: Fees**

	2023	2022
Income from fees	3,825.00	2,040.00
Less expenditure from fees	(1,297.00)	(2,104.00)
<b>Net</b>	<b>2,528.00</b>	<b>(64.00)</b>

**Note 4: Parish Magazine**

	2023	2022
Subscription income (circulation numbers low)	2,530.50	2,476.05
Advertising income (advertising space)	1,530.50	1,699.75
Less printing costs	(3,880.00)	(4,506.00)
<b>Net</b>	<b>181.00</b>	<b>(330.20)</b>

**Note 5: Fundraising**

	2023 Income	2023 Expenditure	2023 Net	2022 Expenditure	2022 Net
Village Concerts (3 events/prepayments CC)	5,164.40	4,036.12	1,128.28	4,357.10	1,183.06
RMVC event	745.00	326.00	419.00		0.00
Quiz	460.00		460.00		
Jubilee event			0.00	277.10	(100.42)
	<b>6,369.40</b>	<b>4,362.12</b>	<b>2,007.28</b>	<b>4,634.20</b>	<b>1,082.64</b>

**Note 6: Other income unrestricted (Gross)**

	2023	2022
Book sales (Connect groups/Alpha)	131.50	102.50
Purley Parish Council grants	667.33	
Photocopier usage	13.00	31.10
Coronation donations	46.00	
Oasis donations	0.00	60.00
Energy Grant OBDP	0.00	708.00
Alpha donations	0.00	95.00
	<b>857.83</b>	<b>996.60</b>

**Note 7: Stationery, Photocopier, Computing & Publicity**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Copier paper	32.68	135.7
Tonor cartridges (Rectory printer)	263.6	
Website platform hosting	402.32	219.51
Weekly envelopes	0	49.04
Lease of photocopier	573.76	2144.97
Cost of copies	302.4	583.2
Purchase of small printer/copier	350	
SSD for AV	0	69.98
Annual Zoom License/Norton Antivirus/other software	138.1	168.87
Noticeboard posters/service adverts	368.56	93.94
New website set up costs (photos)	350.68	
Financial Ledger	487.2	458.40
Churchsuite	726.00	121.00
	<b>3,995.30</b>	<b>4,044.61</b>

**Note 8: Utilities & Cleaning**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Gas	9,584.40	1,835.69
Electricity	2,473.35	2,981.09
Water	128.60	148.10
Broadband (Associate Minister)	0.00	0.00
Church wifi costs	0.00	0.00
Cleaning (labour costs)	1,738.00	1,270.50
Cleaning products and equipment	283.47	142.32
Hall floor resurface	0.00	0.00
COVID items for cleaning/hygiene	0.00	57.24
Grass cutting church yard inc green bin	993.00	1,359.07
	<b>15,200.82</b>	<b>7,794.01</b>

**Note 9: Repairs & Maintenance**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Roofing work	120.00	0.00
Lighting/bulbs and other electrical repairs		
Sewage pump replacement and maintenance	810.00	288.00
Entrance hall - internal decoration and repair	0.00	0.00
Plumbing	0.00	0.00
Five Year Fixed Wire test	0.00	1,128.00
PAT Testing	266.76	0.00
Fire extinguisher servicing	0.00	58.44
Heating repairs and pipework	348.00	360.00
Green bin, signage, other	76.36	63.23
	<b>1,621.12</b>	<b>1,897.67</b>

**Note 10: Sundry Expenses**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Church keys cut	0	0
Hospitality for meetings/parishioners/welcome	78.01	0
	<b>78.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>