

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Report
The Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church,
Alfriston with Lullington
For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Charity Registration No: 1185209

St. Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

St Andrew's PCC has the responsibility for working with the incumbent, Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, and the Ministry Team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is registered with the Charity Commission as required by the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. Charity Registration No 1185209.

When carrying out its duties the PCC and the incumbent give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, particularly, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

Members/Trustees of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting in accordance with the Church Representation rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC and trustees of the charity:

The Incumbent: Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, the Chairman.

The churchwardens: William Rendall and Sylvia Daw.

The elected members/trustees from the APCM 2023 were Paul Duenas, Jane Ellis, Rodney Young (Treasurer), Jonathan Porter, Paul Wright, Diana Monteath-Wilson and Pauline Kennard.

The ex-officio members were the Ministry Team, Revd. Christyan James (Associate Priest), Revd. Damien Brennan (Curate) and Kelly Ellis (Pastoral Minister).

During the year Patrick Stevens was appointed Deputy Churchwarden and was co-opted on to the PCC.

Pauline Kennard served as Secretary to the PCC.

Committees

The Restoration and Fabric Sub-Committee, responsible to the PCC, raises funds for the restoration of the church and oversees the maintenance and development of the building along with the church wardens

The Standing Committee consists of the Rector, Churchwardens and the Treasurer, as well as Pauline Kennard as PCC secretary. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.

Church attendance.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in April 2023, it was reported that there were 114 parishioners on the church electoral roll, an overall decrease of six from that reported at the previous APCM.

During 2023 average church attendance on Sundays remained at somewhere between 50 and 60 for normal services but with considerably increased numbers for Christmas, Easter and other major festivals.

There remains a small number of generally older parishioners who prefer to attend the Wednesday morning Eucharist rather than the Sunday service, but the number of such communicants remains at between 4 and 6.

Of particular note was the remarkable attendance at the Christingle service for children and their parents on the afternoon of Christmas Eve when the church was packed with at least 250 children and their parents. It is clear that this service draws attendance from a far wider area than just the Cuckmere churches parishes.

There were a number of special services and worthy of mention are the special service for All Souls and the service of lessons and carols prior to Christmas which were both well attended.

The monthly summer services held at the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington continued to be popular and well-attended in 2023 and the Easter morning and Advent Lantern services attracted an attendance of 30 and 42 respectively.

The number of weddings held in St Andrew's in 2023 was not as great as the possibly record number held in 2022 with seven marriages taking place during the year but the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lullington is starting to attract those couples wanting a smaller wedding venue, with three marriages and one service of blessing for a marriage being carried out there.

The Parish continues to attract a considerable number of betrothed couples looking for a traditional church wedding and there are a number of bookings for weddings in both the churches of St Andrew's and that of the Good Shepherd in 2024. It is gratifying that a number of couples who were married in St Andrew's continue to regularly worship here.

Review of the year.

The PCC met four times during 2023 with the Standing Committee taking a more active role in the day-to-day management of the church and the ecclesiastical parish affairs.

The PCC is very conscious of its role in reaching out to the less fortunate and continues to actively support Christian Aid.

St Andrew's has for a long time been a supporter of our local Families Support group run by Chichester Diocese for the benefit of families in the diocese in need of support. Under the leadership of Maria Armstrong, the parish has become a substantial supporter with regular donations of groceries and other supplies but also very considerable Christmas gifts and Easter eggs.

St Andrew's continues to attract a very large number of tourist visitors each year, drawn by its history and picturesque location on a mound by a loop in the Cuckmere River with the green of the Tye in front of it. The PCC attempts to accommodate the visitors as much

as possible by keeping the church open during daylight hours and conducting occasional guided visits but is looking for ways to improve the experience for visitors.

The hugely popular South Downs Summer Music Festival continues to be centred round the church for a week in July and there are an increasing number of organisers of musical concerts making use of the excellent acoustics that the church offers. This is something that the church is actively seeking to encourage as both a source of income and as an artistic benefit for the community.

Mission and evangelism

The Rector Stephen Stuckes continues to develop the mission of the Parish in a number of ways.

- The well-established Ministry Team including Mrs Kelly Ellis as Lay Pastoral Minister and Revd. Christyan James as Associate priest and Curate Damien Brennan continues to minister in a variety of ways across the Benefice. Damien was Ordained as Priest at Petertide, and this was followed by a parish celebration. Damien is part-time and self-supporting. Significantly, apart from necessary expenses, none of these posts cost the parish anything since both the Pastoral Minister and Associate Priest are funded by a generous gift and the Curate, as a self-supporting training post, does not require parish funding. This makes it imperative that we make a real effort to fully fund the main ministry post here and this will place increasing financial demands on the Benefice until a 100% PMC contribution is met and able to continue. More regular givers by Standing Order are needed and a request to current givers to increase their contributions.
- Morning prayer is offered on weekdays by the Ministry Team and a Wednesday Eucharist meets the needs of those who cannot make the Sunday celebration.
- The highly-qualified architect John Bailey gives further impetus to the care and development of the church building for mission. Preliminary plans are in development for a significant reordering and restoration of the church and the next important consultation is an informal visit of the D.A.C.
- The restored Bells are being fully utilised with new ringers in training under the tutelage of Tower Captain Pauline Kennard.
- Anthony Davy has taken responsibility for leading the 'Friends' and has coped diligently in resolving a hiatus in banking facilities. He is keen to pursue the necessary support for the developing building project.
- Our services and liturgy are welcoming, accessible and importantly, capable of attracting new members.
- This years' Lent meditations, on the theme of Art and Faith, attracted up to 40 people.
- Further work has been done on the Cuckmere Pilgrim Trail. Scratch dials are now sited in Alfriston and Lullington Churchyards and bespoke shelves which focus an information point have been provided. The Trail is being used by pilgrims.
- The Church remains compliant with all necessary safeguarding measures.
- The South Downs Music Festival was held in the church (and at Lullington) in the summer and was a great success. Already booked for this coming summer the Festival

is important in demonstrating that we are making available the church building for community use, especially as we apply for grants for internal works. We actively look for opportunities to engage the wider community in the use of the church building and the number of musical events is increasing adding both to church funds and to wider engagement with the wider community. Thanks are due to Katherine Arnold who has generously supported musical events which include music composed by her father.

- There are 7 weddings booked this year and we continue to be a desirable destination for this purpose for couples from far and wide. We are encouraged by the presence of those preparing for marriage in our Sunday congregations.
- The appointment of a new Administrator, Maggie Carden, (who attends Litlington Church) has resolved the vacancy following the retirement of Pauline Kennard. Thanks are due to Pastoral Minister Kelly Ellis who covered all the main duties until this appointment in addition to her Pastoral role.
- The Treasurer role has been reconceived now that Rod Young has taken responsibility. Pauline Kennard has been employed for four hours a week as Bookkeeper to support this demanding work.

Pastoral Ministry

The Pastoral Ministry continues to thrive with Kelly Ellis holding lead responsibility in this role but The Curate ably contributing through his developing ministry.

Advent Calendars were delivered to all families with young children within the Benefice. The School were prepared for and held their Christmas and Easter Services in Church.

Visiting the sick and those in need continues diligently.

Music

Our two very fine Organists David Ollosson and Alex Mason have supported the choir and worship to a very high standard. Following the retirement of Kathryn Maulkin as Director of Music David Ollosson has now been appointed as Organist/Choirmaster. Thanks are due to Christine Baelz who ably coordinated choir matters in the vacancy.

Bellringing

The bells are rung for most Sunday services with only a few exceptions due to ill health or holidays. They are also rung, by request, for weddings, funerals and other special occasions. Practices are taking place regularly on a Monday morning and we are grateful to help from other local ringers. There are currently 10 members of the band but as all are over retirement age more need to be recruited for the bells to continue to ring. Practices would be held out of school or office hours if younger ringers were recruited.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Lullington

Summer services took place and again there was a significant service for Advent held outdoors for safety and attended by many people. Important work continues to maintain

the grounds around the church and some trees have been planted to replace those removed to prevent the spread of disease. The church continues to be cared for by a part-time caretaker who occupies Lullington Cottage, tied to this role. The task of updating aspects of the cottage and the arrangements under which it is occupied are progressing. A review of the legal basis of the tenancy and employment is taking place, and a survey of the property is to be carried out.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod provides the PCC with an essential link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. Important matters such as church finance are discussed and it remains a forum in which parishes in the Deanery can take matters to further levels of Church Government.

Church cleaning and decoration

Members of the Flower Guild provide their skills to ensure that the church is beautifully decorated for all appropriate occasions. Monthly volunteer cleaning sessions keep the church in very good order at no cost.

Financial Review

It is the responsibility of the PCC to ensure that the income, expenditure and financial assets of the parish are prudently managed and applied effectively in support of the mission and objectives set out elsewhere in this report.

The investment policy of the PCC entails the use of CCLA/CBF funds, mainly the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Securities Fund, for all the parish's endowment funds. A level of funds sufficient for anticipated day to day activities is maintained in a Barclays current account, backed up by an additional reserve in a Barclays savings account which can be accessed quickly if needed. The remainder of the PCC funds, both restricted and general, are pooled for investment purposes and are placed in 3-6 month short term fixed interest bank deposits via the platform provided by CAF. The income from the bank and CAF accounts is apportioned among the relevant PCC funds in accordance with the average balances of these funds during the year. This approach enables the PCC to maximise investment income consistent with accessibility and security.

(CCLA = Churches, Charities and Local Authorities. CBF = Church Board of Finance, CAF = Charities Aid Foundation)

During the year the PCC agreed to accept responsibility for three long-standing endowments in the name of Leigh, Bretton and Baker, previously operated separately from the PCC as "Vicar and Churchwarden" funds. The value of these funds at 31 December 2023 was £5,982, £2,147 and £5,293 respectively, as shown in the accounts. All three endowments have similar provisions, namely that the income be used to help provide for the sick, poor and needy of the parish. The income from these endowments is

now transferred to a restricted fund, The Alfriston Charity fund, to be applied for this same purpose.

For the year to 31 December 2023 the total receipts on general unrestricted funds totalled £103,638 (2022 £97,592) as detailed in the Accounts section of this Report. The total unrestricted donations and grants received, including legacies, amounted to £63,268 (2022 £62,816) with higher General Donations and a lower legacies income than last year. Income from other sources amounted to £27,075 (2022 £23,437) with some reduction in fee income from weddings and funerals but with a large contribution from a special fundraising concert. Grant income totalling £24,013 relates mainly to collection of grants promised for the restoration work carried out to the south transept and the church bells in the last two years. At 31 December 2023 the balance of the Restoration Fund stood at £21,125. There were no contributions from the Friends of Alfriston Church, which is being reorganised in anticipation of a fundraising drive for church fabric repairs, which remain urgent.

A further transfer of £1,500 has been set aside for replacement of the St Andrew's boilers, bringing the total of this designated fund to £13,500.

It has been the policy of the PCC to maintain a minimum balance on the general unrestricted funds which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted payments, as a contingency against unforeseen circumstances. This amount equates to approximately £35,000. However, with the church building of St Andrew's still on the "At Risk" register, and given current financial uncertainties, it has been deemed prudent to retain a balance above this level.

Sharing the Ministry Costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The largest expenditure of the PCC was the sum of £40,845 (2022 £37,132) paid to the Diocese of Chichester for our share of all churches Parish Ministry Costs. This amount covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. The PCC's aim is to progressively increase our contribution to our allocated share of these costs which, in common with many other parishes, we do not currently meet in full. For the 2023 year we met approximately 80% of our allocated share.

Staff Costs

In 2023 the PCC employed a Parish Administrator, a Director of Music and a Pastoral Minister. Towards the end of the year the Administrator role was divided into the separate roles of Administrator and Bookkeeper. The salaries for these new roles will be reflected in the 2024 accounts. In addition, during 2023, the costs of the Associate Priest have been paid to the Diocese. These costs, and the costs of the Pastoral Minister are met from the restricted Rector's Mission Fund. Further details are provided in the notes to the accounts.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC also supported the clergy by paying council tax, water and sewage charges and some minor rectory expenses. In the year the rector claimed expenses of £1,961, bringing the total rectory and rector's expenses to £4,965 (2022 £4,042).

The only elected member of the PCC receiving payments in connection with the church was the Parish Administrator. There were no payments to persons related to or connected with the trustees.

The fabric of the church building

The condition of the church remains a concern. The detailed Quinquennial report prepared by the architect in 2021 highlighted the aspects most in need of addressing.

Little progress has been made in 2023 in addressing the most urgent matters as it is considered that the best approach is to combine both the restoration and headline maintenance work required with plans for an overall re-ordering of the church to make it suitable for the needs of the 21st century, including new low energy lighting, in one overall plan that can be pushed forward as a combined project. This ambitious project will seek to combine both the needs of the church in its mission with the more secular needs of the community that it serves.

Risk management

The PCC consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The need to fund unexpected costs associated with the churches listed buildings.
- An unexpected fall in income, particularly, given the dependence of the church on a limited number of major regular donors.
- The requirement to find volunteers and staff with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support the ministry of the congregation.

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its mission action plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings.

The trustees annual report was approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stukes

Stephen Stukes.

Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stukes

Date: *20th April 2024*

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington**

Registered Charity no.1185209

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	63,268	36,806	-	100,074	102,798	
Charitable activities	8,791	-	-	8,791	11,589	
Other trading activities	18,284	-	-	18,284	11,848	
Investments	8,737	3,364	1,037	13,138	8,338	
Other receipts	4,559	-	-	4,559	4,165	
Total income	103,638	40,170	1,037	144,845	138,738	2
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	1,016	-	-	1,016	634	
Charitable activities	79,482	30,155	743	110,380	208,259	
Other trading activities	9,812	-	179	9,991	10,811	
Other expenditure	10,530	-	116	10,646	9,172	
Total expenditure	100,840	30,155	1,038	132,034	228,875	3
Net gains (or losses) on investments	-	-	3,323	3,323	(5,708)	8
Net income or (net expenditure)	2,798	10,015	3,321	16,135	(95,846)	
Transfers between funds (net effect) and funds introduced	-	4,123	13,034	17,157	-	7
	2,798	14,138	16,355	33,292	(95,846)	
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Other gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>						
Net movement in funds	2,798	14,138	16,355	33,292	(95,846)	
Total funds brought forward	87,861	73,964	39,844	201,670	297,517	
Total funds carried forward	£90,659	£88,102	£56,199	£234,961	£201,671	

Balance Sheet

	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	
Intangible assets	-	-	
Tangible assets	-	-	
Heritage assets	-	-	
Endowed investments	56,201	39,844	
Total fixed assets	56,201	39,844	8
Stocks	1,500	2,200	
Debtors	16,583	13,622	10
Investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	196,862	179,221	
Total current assets	214,945	195,043	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(23,684)	(14,466)	11
Net current assets or (liabilities)	191,261	180,577	
Total assets less current liabilities	247,462	220,421	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(12,500)	(18,750)	12
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	
Total net assets or (liabilities)	£234,962	£201,671	
The funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds	56,199	39,844	
Restricted income funds	88,102	69,712	
Unrestricted funds	90,659	92,113	
Total charity funds	£234,961	£201,670	13

Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 2

Analysis of income and endowments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving	18,015	-	-	18,015	18,713
Donation Box	7,665	-	-	7,665	8,263
Service collections	7,388	-	-	7,388	7,268
General donations	21,316	1,306	-	22,622	17,083
Gift Aid recoverable	4,311	-	-	4,311	5,355
Restoration Income incl Gift Aid	-	60	-	60	6,476
Rectors Mission Fund incl Gift Aid	-	15,000	-	15,000	15,500
Legacies	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,500
Grants	3,573	20,440	-	24,013	20,640
Donations and legacies	£63,268	£36,806	-	£100,074	£102,798
Fees for weddings & funerals	8,791	-	-	8,791	11,589
Charitable activities	£8,791	-	-	£8,791	£11,589
Music events	7,373	-	-	7,373	1,378
Other fundraising Income	390	-	-	390	-
Flowers	2,225	-	-	2,225	3,030
Cuckmere News adverts	5,166	-	-	5,166	4,820
Stall sales	3,129	-	-	3,129	2,619
Other trading activities	£18,284	-	-	£18,284	£11,848
Bank & CAF deposit interest	3,337	2,960	-	6,296	1,453
CCLA interest/dividends	-	-	1,037	1,037	1,163
Chancel Trust Fund income	-	405	-	405	322
Rent from letting of investment property	5,400	-	-	5,400	5,400
Investments	£8,737	£3,364	£1,037	£13,138	£8,338
Other parish contributions to joint benefice costs	4,559	-	-	4,559	4,165
Total income on all funds	£103,638	£40,170	£1,037	£144,845	£138,738
Increase (Decrease) in investment values	-	-	3,323	3,323	(5,708)
Total income and endowments on all funds	£103,638	£40,170	£4,360	£148,168	£133,030

Notes to the financial report (continued)- Note 3

Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fundraising incl Restoration fund	1,016			1,016	634	
Cost of raising funds	£1,016			£1,016	£634	
Charitable grants and donations				-	-	4
Rectors Mission Fund		16,834		16,834	15,725	
Diocesan parish share	40,845			40,845	37,132	
Clergy and rectory expenses	4,965			4,965	4,042	
Parish administration	6,979			6,979	6,431	
Service costs	216			216	356	
Insurance	3,523			3,523	2,896	
Utility costs	8,329			8,329	7,879	
Office and misc expenses	3,112			3,076	3,116	
Churchyard and memorial garden	5,778	735		6,513	4,200	
St Andrew's church maintenance and cleaning	3,339	220	547	4,106	4,004	
The Good Shepherd Maintenance	1,604		196	1,800	3,138	
Restoration project building costs		12,156		12,156	58,538	
Bell restoration project costs		210		210	60,048	
Governance	-			36	22	
Accountancy	500			500	500	
Bank charges and investment fees	293			293	232	
Youth Fund	-			-	-	
Cost of charitable activities	£79,482	£30,155	£743	£110,380	£208,259	
Cuckmere News and other printing	6,297	-	-	6,297	7,338	
Stall costs	1,364			1,364	1,161	
Flowers	2,150		179	2,329	2,312	
Cost of other trading activities	£9,812	-	£179	£9,991	£10,811	
Music costs	9,530		116	9,646	8,076	
Lullington cottage maintenance and insurance	1,000			1,000	1,095	
Total expended on all funds	£100,840	£30,155	£1,038	£132,033	£228,875	

Notes to the financial report (continued)

4. Missionary and charitable giving:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
St Wilfred's Hospice		-	-	265	630	
Church of England Childrens Society		-	-	470	416	
	-	-	-	735	1,046	

5. Staff costs

Three members of staff were employed throughout 2021

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Remuneration						
Wages and salaries	10,390	9,935	-	20,325	17,747	
Employer social security costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Employer pension costs	-	-	-	-	-	
	10,390	9,935	-	20,325	17,747	

6. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Independent examination	36			36	22	
	36	-	-	36	22	

7. Transfers between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Transfer from unrestricted funds to Boiler designated funds	1,500			1,500	-	
	1,500		-	1,500	-	

Notes to the financial report (continued)

8. Fixed Assets

Investments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Market value 1 January 2023	-	-	39,844	39,844
Disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-
Purchases at cost	-	-	-	-
Transfer from other endowments	-	-	13,034	13,034
Net gains and revaluation	-	-	3,323	3,323
Market value 31 December 2023	-	-	£56,201	£56,201

Notes to the financial report (continued)

9. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets			56,201	56,201	39,844	
Stock	1,500	-	-	1,500	2,200	
Current assets (except cash)	12,195	4,388	-	16,583	13,622	
Cash at bank and on deposit	113,883	82,980	-	196,862	179,221	
Current liabilities	(22,949)	(735)	-	(23,684)	(14,466)	
Long term liabilities	(12,500)	-	-	(12,500)	(18,750)	
	£92,129	£86,632	£56,201	£234,962	£201,672	

10. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accounts receivable	4,316			4,316	2,200	
Gift Aid and VAT recoverable	6,261		-	6,261	6,585	
Prepayments	1,160	-	-	1,160	584	
Chancel trust funds	-	4,388	-	4,388	4,252	
Accrued Income	457			457	-	
	£12,195	£4,388	-	£16,583	£13,622	

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund/s	Endowed Fund/s	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	£	
Accruals for utilities and other costs	9,843	-	-	9,843	2,087	
Church collections for charities		735	-	735	416	
Fees paid in advance	655	-	-	655	155	
Income received in advance	7,192	-	-	7,192	8,523	
DBF re Fees	3,524	-	-	3,524	1,285	
Wedding deposits	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	
	£23,214	£735	-	£23,949	£14,466	

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

Deferred income	£12,500	-	-	£12,500	£18,750
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Notes to the financial report (continued)

13. Statement of funds

	Balances b/fwd 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Balances c/fwd 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Parker - Property	18,306	548	(548)	1,722	20,028
Dr Thomas Beautification	5,019	114	(114)	280	5,299
Penfold Trust- Flowers	2,822	64	(64)	168	2,991
Penfold Trust- Music	5,088	116	(116)	284	5,372
Wimbush Foundation Lullington	8,609	196	(196)	480	9,089
Endowment Fund - AA Baker for Sick and Needy	-			5,293	5,293
Endowment Fund - Breton for Sick Poor				2,147	2,147
Endowment Fund - Charles Edward Austen Leigh				5,982	5,982
Total of all endowed funds	39,844	1,038	(1,038)	16,355	56,199
Fabric fund	27,577	1,011	(220)	-	28,368
Memorial Garden	1,775	52	(735)	-	1,092
Bell Ringers fund	2,988	450			3,438
Bell Restoration fund	1,084	1,767	(210)		2,641
Restoration fund	13,848	19,432	(12,156)		21,125
Lullington fund	2,841	1,077		-	3,918
Rectors Mission fund	19,599	15,688	(16,834)		18,453
Chancel Trust funds*	4,252	405			4,657
Alfriston Charity Fund		289		4,123	4,412
Total of all restricted funds	73,964	40,170	(30,155)	4,123	88,102
General fund	75,861	103,638	(100,840)	(1,500)	77,159
Designated Boiler fund	12,000			1,500	13,500
Total of all unrestricted funds	87,861	103,638	(100,840)	-	90,659
Total funds	£201,670	£144,846	£(132,034)	£20,478	£234,961

*NB The Chancel Trust Fund has previously been included as an unrestricted fund but the Diocesan limitations on how it can be spent makes it more properly a restricted fund

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew's Church, Alfriston with Lullington

For the year ended 31 December 2023

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Andrew's Alfriston with Lullington on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages 1 to 17

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145{5}{b} of the Charities Act, and
3. To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name

MR PAUL STRICKLAND

Date:

20th May 2024

Relevant professional qualification(s) or bodies if any:

ICMA retired

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