

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1185491

Details

Other names	ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2019-09-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Religious activities. Regular public worship open to all. Pastoral work, including running Foodbank.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Brighton And Hove

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£434,019	£415,391	-	-
2023-12-31	£398,526	£405,743	-	-
2022-12-31	£417,744	£388,327	-	-
2021-12-31	£341,383	£352,194	-	-
2020-12-31	£204,829	£179,799	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Thomas James Holbird	Chair	2017-04-28
ANDREW PETER DENHAM AULD		2023-09-01
Amelia Louise Chant		2026-04-29
CAROLINE RACHEL PALMER FRY		2021-04-29
CHRISTOPHER ADRIAN LOMAS		2021-04-29
DAVID BENJAMIN JONES		2019-04-30
Dr KATHERINE JENNIFER GARDNER		2021-04-29
Florence Ann Sparham O Reilley		2025-04-30
Helena Lomas		2025-04-30
JONATHAN HUGH GREEN		2023-04-01
LAURA BATTEN		2018-04-26
NICOLA RUTH PROBERT		2022-04-01
RACHEL HOLLAND		2023-04-01
Rev Dr KATHERINE SARAH MIDDLETON		2023-07-01
SARAH-JANE BUYS		2023-05-01
SUSAN ELIZABETH MIDDLETON		2020-10-22
Simon William Burrell		2026-04-29
TIMOTHY MARK HUGO PALMER FRY		2021-04-29
Thomas Deering Blair-Fish		2025-04-30

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1185491



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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees

Larry Dean Anderson
Andrew Peter Denham Auld (Treasurer)
Laura Batten
Sarah-Jane Buys
Amelia Louise Chant
Timothy Mark Hugo Palmer Fry
Caroline Rachel Palmer Fry
Dr Katherine Jennifer Gardner
Jonathan Hugh Green
Quin Delpport
Rev Thomas James Holbird (Chairman and Vicar)
Rachel Holland
David Benjamin Jones
Isaac Watson
Christopher Adrian Lomas
Rev Dr Katherine Sarah Middleton
Susan Elizabeth Middleton
Nicola Ruth Probert
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Status

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission. Our Charity Commission number is 1185491.

These are our fifth accounts as a registered charity and cover the year to 31 December 2024.

The PCC members who served during the year were:

Larry Dean Anderson
Andrew Peter Denham Auld (Treasurer)
Laura Batten
Sarah-Jane Buys
Amelia Louise Chant
Timothy Mark Hugo Palmer Fry
Caroline Rachel Palmer Fry
Dr Katherine Jennifer Gardner
Jonathan Hugh Green
Rev'd Thomas James Holbird (Chairman and Vicar)
Rachel Holland
David Benjamin Jones (Secretary)
Lai Lai Lam – resigned September 2024
Christopher Adrian Lomas
Rev'd Dr Katherine Sarah Middleton
Susan Elizabeth Middleton
Nicola Ruth Probert
David Shaun Jonnes – resigned September 2024
Christine Richardson – appointed April 2024
Isaac James Athanasius Watson – appointed April 2024
Quin Delpert

All staff undergo a formal recruiting and selection process, followed by an induction period that includes any training considered necessary to effectively perform their role. Volunteers and trustees' follow the recruitment and selection process in line with our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding policy and they receive necessary induction and training for their specific roles.

Aims and Organisation

The aim of the PCC is the promotion in the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church.

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Overview of Church Activities: 2024

2024 has been a fruitful year at St Matthias and St Richard's. We have seen our youth ministries at both churches grow with some very encouraging stories of young people coming to faith and being baptised. St Matthias launched a new focus on spiritual formation aligned with a newly articulated vision to see our community transformed by the goodness of God. This has led to deeper engagement with ways in which we are seeking to practice the way of Jesus in our own contexts. The St Matthias Play Café has continued to enable the church to be a hub for community throughout the week. St Matthias also launched Livewell community events with panel speakers on topics including anxiety and burnout.

St Richard's has invested in training and deploying leaders, especially many young adults. Sundays at St Richard's continue to grow across all of the age groups. The Hollingdean and Fiveways Foodbank has had real success in supporting those in food crises with the underlying causes, thereby enabling many Foodbank guests to move beyond emergency food provision by getting the support that they need from other agencies and services.

2024 has been a healthy year financially as we have seen giving increase to offset the reduction in SDF grant funding, and we were able to meet our Parish Share pledge.

This report gives a summary of our activities as a church throughout 2024.

St Matthias

Kids Church

In 2024, Kids Church have covered a ranged of teaching series, from unpacking the concept of the Trinity, to looking at the parables told by Jesus and exploring key events from the life of King David. We have also run a number of outreach events which have invited the local community into St Matthias, giving opportunities both to hear about God and be invited to other church events. Downs Y3s and Balfour Y2s have visited the church within their RE curriculums, where they were able to explore the building, hear a story about Jesus and encounter God through worship music. Our School Discos have been valuable opportunities to serve our local primary schools financially and extend either Christmas or Easter invites to families who we might not have reached otherwise.



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Groups

We have 9 groups, which meet across a variety of venues and times/days. Most are in person, although one continues to meet on Zoom for those who find getting out in evenings difficult. We have also launched a daytime group as some people find this a better time of day to connect. Around 100 people from the congregation connect with groups regularly, with many others in indirect contact via social media or message group spaces.

Our groups offer people the opportunity to explore topics discussed in our talks in greater depth as well as providing additional information and teaching. They are also spaces where people can get to know and build relationship with a smaller group of people who might not be those they would necessarily come into contact with otherwise. This becomes more and more valuable as the church grows and people really benefit from those smaller groups where they can feel truly known. Whilst some groups attract people in a similar stage of life most therefore bring together people of different ages and life stages. Groups are therefore also an important space for pastoral care through the deeper connections people can form, and actively offer first line support to those in challenging life stages e.g. after the birth of a baby or illness.

Alpha

We hosted two Alpha courses at St Matthias – one in the morning and one in the evening. Although these courses were small, each course was attended by people who are exploring faith, and the feedback from each course was very positive.

Play Café

2024 has been an exciting year for Play café. In January we employed a new Play café coordinator (Laura). We sold 8926 items to play café guests, and our total sales were £46,277.95.

We held 2 new events, an end of term summer party which brought extra income during the summer when we are generally quieter. Our toddler Christmas carol event saw 450 guests through the door and an extra £300 in café income.



In 2025 we are going to run toddler carols on more than one day to make sure as many people can attend as possible. We will also be holding 2 extra termtime events this year.

We ran one Alpha in the autumn term. We had 4 guests attend. 2 of the guests who didn't consider themselves Christians before the course now do and one guest is being baptized on Easter Sunday at St Peters.

The dramatic rise in the cost of living and the employer costs of moving the staff over to PAYE left us with £6,930.81 loss. To address this, we are running extra events and also having conversations with guests about the structure and vision of the play café, which is making them more aware of the options to donate.

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We have made networking connections with pro baristas, which has seen them signpost volunteers to us, which has been a great asset to our team.



Youth

Over the last year, we have continued to run Youth Café, enabling us to keep building relationships with local teenagers who otherwise do not interact with St Matthias and present church as a safe and welcoming space, regardless of their beliefs. After the success of running Alpha Youth in January 2024, consistently attended by about 15 Youth Café youth, we have been preparing to run the Alpha Youth re-launch in January 2025. Friday Youth Club has developed into a valuable small-group space for the young people in our worshipping community to grow in relationship with each other, as well as a place to look more closely at the Bible and see how its teaching relates to their own lives. Collaborating with our Family of Churches has also provided excellent opportunities for our Youth Club to interact with young people from across the city, experience youth-led worship, and hear Bible teaching from other youth leaders. Our Sunday Youth has witnessed an exciting growth in the second half of the year, with attendance consistently sitting around 15-20 young people, necessitating a split into Younger Youth and Older Youth sessions. Two Older Youth girls without any Christian background have been attending consistently on Sundays, become Christians, and have started preparing for baptism in the coming year.



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Dadventure

Dadventure was run every month during term time throughout 2024. At Dadventure dads get together to enjoy the outdoors with their children while getting to know other dads and their kids. Dadventure has two functions. Firstly, it is a community building exercise for dads and kids joining St Matthias. Secondly, it's a chance for us to create a little bit of God's kingdom into which we can invite dads and kids from our wider community. Dadventure continues to perform both functions and is constantly growing. We now have 82 dads in the Whatsapp group. Including the children, we have around 240 members! On average we have between 30 and 40 attendees every month. The Dadventure team also run periodic socials. These are a chance for dads to get to know each other better without the kids. These often involve a walk, a barbeque and a bottle of beer.



TOTS

TOTs is a group aimed at the older, retired members of our congregation. We meet in the church hall, once a week, on a Friday morning, between 10 am to 12. We use this time to have fun and support each other. Each session includes a variety of activities (for example: indoor bowls, sit down football, indoor games, sit down keep fit, bingo, talks, where possible singing, making decorations for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Remembrance Sunday). We also use a variety of quizzes to keep our minds active. However, throughout these sessions we also look to support each other, so lots of chat and a cuppa, support through the good and difficult, more challenging times. As well as our regular Friday sessions we also try to organise occasional trips (for example: visiting the Bowls club for a lovely lunch, the Theatre Royal to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory followed by a lovely meal; hopefully more to follow). This group is an important part of our church's community outreach. Although small in number we seek to support all of faith or no faith, so they all know that we are here for them but also rejoice when a member of our group find their way back to regular church attendance.

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Events and Special Services

The church connects with hundreds of people who do not come to Sunday services, through a variety of events including our play café, on weekdays in term time, social events such as quiz nights, our primary school discos and events recognising key moments in the liturgical year. All are well attended, often stretching the capacity of the space to its limit.

Easter combines traditional services, held during the daytime, with celebration or special events. Our Good Friday service took the form of a tenebre reflection, with music and space for personal prayer. Easter Sunday was a time of celebration with a family garden party, petting zoo and hot cross buns followed by an informal service.



Likewise, Christmas combines the fun and informal with traditional spaces. This year we added a toddler carol service, with age-appropriate songs, and the retelling of the nativity story to build our nativity scene. It was very popular with over 400 guests, many of whom also stayed to meet Father Christmas afterwards and receive a free Christmas gift. Our Christmas Carol service combined traditional hymns with creative approaches and local performers sharing monologues written by a local author to offer a new perspective on this well told story. We were honoured to host an original art installation from local artist Rachael Nicholson, standing tall and proud in the Chancel and representing the incarnation; God's love reaching down from heaven to bring beauty out of human chaos and mess. The traditional nativity services on Christmas eve continued to be very busy, as our own children retold their own version of the nativity story, with live music and a visit from a donkey. And on Christmas day we gathered for an informal communion service blending family fun with the Christmas message of hope and love.



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A new event in 2024 was Livewell, a community space designed to help people think about challenges of 21st century life and think about how we live well - with tips for health and wellbeing. Topics have covered both our own wellbeing (eg Burnout) and that of our children. These events are not faith focused but bring together local experts who share their own professional or personal experience. Recordings are also shared on our podcast.



And of course, the highlight of our year is the chance to enjoy the warmer weather in the summer, with a service and lunch on the beach, summer socials before Sunday services and our annual trip to Focus, joining people from St Richards and the other HtB network churches at the Newark Showground to eat together, chat and have fun and attend events for worship and teaching together.



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St Richard's

Over the past year, St Richard's has continued to grow in depth, breadth, and impact. Our vision remains to be a welcoming, mission-focused church at the heart of Hollingdean, committed to hospitality, discipleship, and community transformation. We have seen significant growth in our congregation, deepened relationships in our community, and strengthened our ministries to serve those in need. Here are some highlights of key areas of ministry and development from the past year.

We give thanks for all that God has done this year and look forward to what He has in store for St Richard's in 2025!

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain." – Psalm 127:1

Sunday Gatherings & Worship:

Cafe Church on Sunday mornings has flourished, with regular attendance now exceeding 100 people, including approximately 25 children and young people. The informal and welcoming format beginning with breakfast and followed by worship, prayer, and teaching continues to resonate with our congregation. We have also seen an increase in those engaging in prayer and Bible study beyond Sundays.

In addition to our weekly gatherings, we had the joy of celebrating two Thanksgiving services in 2024, marking special moments for families within our community to give thanks for their children and dedicate them to God. These services were wonderful opportunities to welcome extended family and friends, many of whom do not typically attend church, and to share the love of Jesus with them.

We also held a Baptism service for one of our young people where we gathered as a church family to celebrate them publicly declaring their faith in Jesus. It was an incredibly moving service, filled with testimonies of transformation and God's faithfulness.



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Prayer Garden:

In June 2024, folks from St Richard's and the local community joined together to bring the St Richard's Community Prayer Garden to life. At its centre sits a beautifully crafted bench, lovingly built by a local carpenter, inviting anyone who passes by to pause, breathe, and find stillness. We hope that this garden becomes a little oasis in the heart of Hollingdean—a place for prayer and moments of quiet.



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Focus:

We took 40 of our St Richard's family to Focus last year and it was an incredible time away! It was so valuable to be camping together with St Matthias and this provided ample opportunities for people to connect, share meals and have fun together. One of the highlights for us was time around the campfire in the evenings with songs, stories and marshmallows. But best of all, we celebrated news of two of our young people becoming Christians during the worship sessions in the youth venue!



Play Café:

The Play Café continues to be a beautiful connection point for our community, welcoming between 40 and 50 parents and carers each week.

We run the Play Café because we love Hollingdean and want everyone to feel valued and at home at St Richard's. But beyond offering a welcoming space and affordable cake, our deepest hope is that those who come find something far greater - belonging, love, and the presence of God.

One of the first mums to join us when we opened recently said her goodbyes, as her child, who has severe special needs, has now outgrown the group and is starting school. She left us a heartfelt card, sharing that she wouldn't have made it through the last three years without the love, friendship, consistency - and, of course, the cake, that the Play Café provided.

Recently, a single mum from Morocco, living in a safe house after escaping an abusive relationship, found her way to us. We were able to connect her with the Support Café and Foodbank, and now she and her little boy come every week, finding safety, encouragement, and a space where they can relax and feel at home.

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Many of our Play Café families join us for special events, including the Christmas Community Fair. Some were deeply moved by the Live Nativity, while one parent, who stayed for Carols around the fire, later shared how profound and significant it was to experience that moment of warmth and togetherness.

These stories are glimpses of God's presence at work—small but powerful moments where the beauty, love, peace, and hope of His kingdom touch the people of Hollingdean. We long to see even more of this unfold in the year ahead.



Discipleship:

At St Richard's, discipleship groups have been a key part of helping our community grow deeper in faith. Over the past year, we have been journeying through the Practising the Way course, which has been well received, offering a clear and practical pathway for developing spiritual rhythms and practices. More than 30 members have committed to the course, engaging with it not just as a study but as a way of shaping their daily lives around Jesus. These groups have created space for meaningful conversation, accountability, and spiritual growth, strengthening our church community as we follow Jesus together.

Studio:

The Studio serves a very diverse group of women of all ages, social classes, ethnicities, and beliefs. What started as a sewing group has grown to provide other crafts like knitting, cross stitching, crocheting, nail painting, colouring by numbers, tiling, jewellery making, glass painting and sometimes just drinking tea and eating cake.

A group of up to 17 women will join us every week for connection, support and community. Many of these women live alone and it is beautiful to see how they care for and look after each other.

Other ministries at St Richard's are made possible because some of these women volunteer to serve our community. We have amazing conversations about life and faith and in between every stitch we feel the Spirit is weaving something unique.

They join Community Meals, Christmas Fair, Carol Services, Quiz Nights, etc. They may still be making their minds up about Jesus, but they love His Kingdom and its values.

One of them lost a son during Christmas 18 years ago. This Christmas she came to our Christmas Dinner at St Richard's, and it was the first time she was able to celebrate Christmas with other people since the death of her son. Till that

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moment, Christmas only meant a time of isolation and mourning. She shared that it felt like she celebrated Christmas with family and that she felt very loved and had a deep sense of belonging.



Youth Ministry:

Youth work at St Richard's has slimmed down a little this year but has been more fruitful than ever. Rich Fridays, our Friday night youth club has continued to thrive, attended each week by 15-20 people, most of whom aren't from church-attending families. The sense of community and family is building all the time at Rich Fridays, as we play games, eat food around a table together and hear a short thought about the Christian faith. One highlight was our Rich Friday sleepover in November, which was a brilliant opportunity to connect more deeply with our youth. Another was Shift, a youth service we ran jointly with St Matthias, where 40 (mostly unchurched) youth came for games, worship and reflection.

Focus was also a real highlight for youth. Around 8 young people came along, and some were seriously impacted by the sense of community and the Youth sessions. Two previously unchurched young people committed to following Jesus, and another has been coming to church on Sundays regularly since. This has had a lovely impact on our Sunday Youth sessions, which are often a healthy mix of young people with and without a church background.



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Kids Ministry:

2024 was a busy year for kids. We had 2 families join our church, adding 9 children between them! It has been great to see our group grow - so much so that we swapped cabins with youth to give us more space. We continued with our bible timeline and so the kids have covered the whole bible up to Jesus death and resurrection with many connected crazy games and crafts along the way. We organised a fun social event with Laserzone, pizza, and games to help our new members settle in and build connections before Focus. It was a great opportunity to bond and get to know each other in a relaxed setting.

Foodbank:

Laurel became the Foodbank Manager in January, and from February to August, she was supported by Zoe Watson as the Foodbank Coordinator. We temporarily closed in January to implement key changes, allowing us to develop St Richard's Support Café alongside the Foodbank. This pause also provided an opportunity to support individuals who had become reliant on the Foodbank, helping them create a plan to move toward financial independence and sustainable food shopping.

We navigated these changes alongside our volunteer team, and we saw a significant shift over the first few months. There was a major reduction in long-term users and those not in genuine need of emergency support, while more people in our community were able to access the help they truly needed. Along the way, we've witnessed countless stories of individuals and families receiving grants, white goods, jobs, homes, and more.

Behind the scenes, we've strengthened our volunteer teams and roles, launched an online shop and giving page, and built strong connections with local schools and businesses. We've also seen a massive increase in donations, for which we are incredibly grateful.

St Richard's Foodbank is the only one in Brighton & Hove providing seven days' worth of emergency food rather than the standard three. We ensure every parcel includes meat or meat alternatives, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables. Recognising our impact, Brighton & Hove City Council's Emergency Food Network used us as a case study for best practices in the city, and the Council's new Beyond Foodbanks initiative is now modelling its approach on our ethos and community connections.

Christmas 2024:

We were very excited to try something new last year and hosted the St Richard's Christmas Fair. St Richard's Hall was transformed into a market place where local sellers could set up a stall and sell their wares. There was live music and a cafe selling refreshments. Alongside this we were running a live nativity with a full cast characters and even real donkeys! All guests heard the real story of Christmas from angels and shepherds and even got to meet Mary and Joseph. The event cultivated with carols around the fire which was very special indeed!

We also hosted our annual Community Carols, a completely special evening of carols and songs in the round with special performances from some of our very own talented artists!

We hosted our annual Christmas Day lunch again this year and as with previous years, it was a wonderful opportunity to join with many in our community who would otherwise be alone or without a meal on Christmas Day. We sang carols, enjoyed a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and thanks to the Love Christmas Campaign everyone in the room left with a Christmas gift!

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Legal and HR

Staff

There have been some considerable and exciting changes to the staff team. Sarah Johnstone was appointed as Operations Coordinator at St Matthias. Laurel Nathan became our Foodbank Manager. Ruth McCormick was appointed as St Matthias Kids and Youth Pastor as Johnny Hart began ordination training. Sam Hodson also embarked on ordination training and Millie Avard was appointed as Kids and Youth Pastor at St Richard's. Laura Dicker was appointed as Play Café manager. Richard Merrick ended his curacy and was licensed to Chapel Royal.

Risk Assessments

All events and activities are Risk Assessed, and the PCC is confident that it has reacted appropriately to the risks it encounters. Financial Risk is minimised by robust accounting procedures, and strict procedures for the counting and receipt of monies. We are thankful to our book-keeper Charlie Hammond who left St Matthias at the end of 2024, and has handed this role to Maria Topping, and to Brian Steele for providing extensive support to our finance team.

Fire protection is well maintained and all those who run events are Fire Marshall trained. Our verger regularly reviews the premises for other Health and Safety issues and take appropriate remedial action.

Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection and Safeguarding

The Priest-in-Charge is DBS checked, as are all of our Kids Church Team. The Priest-in-Charge and Kids Church Team have received training on Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment. We have fully complied with the Diocesan Safeguarding measures for children and vulnerable adults including the Simple Quality Protects process. All outside groups that use the premises and involve children must adhere to our Safeguarding Policy.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

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Financial Review

Total income for the year was £434,019 (2023: 398,526). Expenditure was £415,391 (2023: £405,743). This resulted in a surplus of £18,628 (2023: deficit of £7,217).

At 31 December 2024 the charity had total reserves of £119,712 (2023: £101,084), made up of unrestricted funds of £74,491 (2023: £52,766) and restricted funds of £45,221 (2023: £48,318).

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold positive free reserves and a minimum cash balance totalling at least 3 month's staff costs in order to ensure the charity is able to meet its ongoing operational needs. The charity held positive free reserves and a cash balance of £91,706 at the year end. This is in excess of the minimum policy requirements.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit and to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to overall aims and objectives that they have set.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board on **21/10/25**

On behalf of the board of trustees



**Thomas Holbird
Chairman**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

On behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations	3	303,301	31,742	335,043	280,278
Other trading activities	4	97,899	-	97,899	117,590
Investment income	5	1,077	-	1,077	658
Total income		<u>402,277</u>	<u>31,742</u>	<u>434,019</u>	<u>398,526</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		379,762	35,629	415,391	405,743
Total expenditure	6	<u>379,762</u>	<u>35,629</u>	<u>415,391</u>	<u>405,743</u>
Fund transfers	14	<u>(790)</u>	<u>790</u>	-	-
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		21,725	(3,097)	18,628	(7,217)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		52,766	48,318	101,084	108,301
Total funds carried forward	15	<u><u>74,491</u></u>	<u><u>45,221</u></u>	<u><u>119,712</u></u>	<u><u>101,084</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.


**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets	11		28,814		25,663
Current assets					
Debtors	12	8,969		17,453	
Cash at bank and in hand		91,706		70,435	
			<u>100,675</u>	<u>87,888</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,777)		(12,467)	
			<u>90,898</u>		75,421
Net current assets			<u>90,898</u>		75,421
Net assets			<u>119,712</u>		<u>101,084</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	14	45,221		48,318	
Unrestricted funds	15	74,491		52,766	
			<u>119,712</u>	<u>101,084</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on



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**Thomas Holbird
Chairman**

Charity Registration No. 1185491

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Legal status of charitable company

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is a charity. The charity's registered number and office address can be found on the Legal and Administrative Information page.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties about The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income from charitable activities comprises grants awarded for activities undertaken by the charity's project partners. Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable unless a grant is subject to donor imposed conditions that specify the time period in which the expenditure of the resources can take place; in which case they are deferred.

2.4 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs (included within Support costs) comprises all costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements with which the charity must comply.

Depreciation relates to fixtures and fittings depreciation, being written off over 15 years straight line.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2.8 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are to be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are to be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2.9 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

2.10 Cash flow statement

In accordance with Section 7 of FRS 102 the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of its size.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	151,139	17,186	168,325	151,359
Collections	1,196	-	1,196	532
Appeals and donations	90,730	-	90,730	43,655
Foodbank	2,943	14,556	17,499	56,534
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	57,293	-	57,293	28,198
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Total income from donations	303,301	31,742	335,043	280,278
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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
SDF salaries	14,364	-	14,364	34,031
St Matthias hall revenue	19,915	-	19,915	21,847
St Richards hall revenue	5,143	-	5,143	958
Snooker club	694	-	694	1,408
Weddings and funerals	1,937	-	1,937	1,418
Other events	50,160	-	50,160	51,553
Capex SDF	5,686	-	5,686	6,375
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Total income from other trading activities	97,899	-	97,899	117,590
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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	1,077	-	1,077	658
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Total investment income	1,077	-	1,077	658
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 Total expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depreciation costs £	Other costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly	141,218	2,820	191,821	335,859	321,860
Support costs	-	-	79,532	79,532	83,883
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Total charitable activities	141,218	2,820	271,353	415,391	405,743
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Analysis of support costs (including Governance costs)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
General office and administration	76,532	81,183
Governance costs:		
Independent examiners fees	3,000	2,700
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	79,532	83,883
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Activities undertaken directly includes £60,000 (2023: £35,000) payable for Parish Ministry Costs (PMC).

7 Comparative Funds – Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations	224,434	55,844	280,278
Other trading activities	83,559	34,031	117,590
Investment income	658	-	658
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Total income	308,651	89,875	398,526
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<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	323,872	81,871	405,743
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Total expenditure	323,872	81,871	405,743
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Net income/(expenditure)	(15,221)	8,004	(7,217)
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Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	67,987	40,314	108,301
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Fund balances carried forward	52,766	48,318	101,084
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

8 Trustees

Members of the PCC receiving remuneration directly from the charity in 2024 included Millie Chant £6,661 (2023: £nil), Flo Sparham received £nil (2023: £5,613).

Helena Lomas received £7,798 (2023: £11,380), Clark Buys £5,544 (2023: £nil), Caroline Palmer-Fry £nil (2023: £40) and Millie Chant £2,398 (2023: £6,385) in a self-employed capacity.

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 10 (2023: 8).

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries including social security costs	141,218	123,944
	141,218	123,944

No employee earned greater than £60,000.

10 Taxation

As a charity, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Fixed Assets

	Total Fixtures and Fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	38,750
Additions	5,971
Cost at 31 December 2024	44,721
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	13,087
Charge for the year	2,820
At 31 December 2024	15,907
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	28,814
At 31 December 2023	25,663

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12	Debtors	2024	2023
		£	£
	Gift Aid	-	5,337
	Trade Debtors	3,215	4,069
	Other debtors	489	8,047
	Prepayments and accrued income	5,265	-
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		8,969	17,453
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13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
		£	£
	Trade Creditors	6,501	3,777
	St Peters	482	1,020
	Accruals and deferred income	2,794	7,670
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		9,777	12,467
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2024
Elderly People Project	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Night Shelter	100	-	(100)	-	-
Youth Work	15,645	12,500	(15,732)	(10,645)	1,768
SRH Community Garden	2,613	26	(981)	-	1,658
Church Roof	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Foodbank General	9,181	7,752	(3,024)	(13,909)	-
Foodbank Counselling	2,100	-	(1,800)	-	300
Foodbank Salaries	2,088	4,804	(6,633)	(259)	-
Foodbank Portacabin	13,591	-	-	(13,591)	-
Foodbank Van	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Kids Work	-	1,200	(1,109)	-	91
Acts 435	-	3,460	(4,250)	790	-
Foodbank Retained Earnings	-	-	-	38,404	38,404
	48,318	31,742	(35,629)	790	45,221

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

14. Restricted funds (continued)

Elderly People Project - donation for a new support group for elderly people which we plan to start in 2023.

Night Shelter – gift towards the St Matthias Night Shelter for those experiencing homelessness.

Youth Work – grant to enable St Matthias to launch the Youth Café.

SRH Community Garden - grant to improve the St Richard's Garden for community use.

Church Roof – grant to contribute towards works needed to be carried out on the north chancel roof.

Foodbank General – grant received towards the church Foodbank for community use.

Foodbank Counselling - funding for counselling service at Foodbank.

Foodbank Salaries - funding for Foodbank staff salaries.

Foodbank Van – funding received for purchase of a Foodbank Van.

Kids' Work - funding for children's work within the church.

Acts 435 Restricted Fund - grants received to provide financial help for people in need.

Foodbank Retained Earnings - Surplus remaining at the year-end of funding restricted to the foodbank.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	28,814	-	28,814
Current assets	55,454	45,221	100,675
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,777)	-	(9,777)
	<u>74,491</u>	<u>45,221</u>	<u>119,712</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	25,663	-	25,663
Current assets	39,570	48,318	87,888
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(12,467)	-	(12,467)
	<u>52,766</u>	<u>48,318</u>	<u>101,084</u>

16 Ultimate controlling party

The charity was under the control of the PCC Members (trustees) during the period under review.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1185491



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360c Ditchling Road
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees

Larry Dean Anderson
Andrew Peter Denham Auld
Laura Batten
Sarah-Jane Buys
Amelia Louise Chant
Timothy Mark Hugo Palmer Fry
Caroline Rachel Palmer Fry
Dr Katherine Jennifer Gardner
Jonathan Hugh Green
Rev Thomas James Holbird
Rachel Holland
David Benjamin Jones
David Shaun Jonnes
Christopher Adrian Lomas
Rev Dr Katherine Sarah Middleton
Susan Elizabeth Middleton
Nicola Ruth Probert
Christine Richardson
Isaac James Athanasius Watson

Charity number

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Status

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission. Our Charity Commission number is 1185491.

These are our fourth accounts as a registered charity and cover the year to 31 December 2023.

The PCC members who served during the year were:

Larry Dean Anderson
Andrew Peter Denham Auld (Treasurer) - Appointed 1 September 2023
Laura Batten
Sarah-Jane Buys - Appointed 1 May 2023
Amelia Louise Chant
Timothy Mark Hugo Palmer Fry
Caroline Rachel Palmer Fry
Dr Katherine Jennifer Gardner
Jonathan Hugh Green - Appointed 1 April 2023
Rev'd Thomas James Holbird (Chairman and Vicar)
Rachel Holland - Appointed 1 April 2023
David Benjamin Jones
David Shaun Jonnes
Lai Lai Lam - Resigned 1 April 2024
Christopher Adrian Lomas
Rev'd Dr Katherine Sarah Middleton - Appointed 1 July 2023
Susan Elizabeth Middleton
Nicola Ruth Probert
Christine Richardson - Appointed 24 April 2024
Ann Margaret Catherine Taylor - Resigned 1 April 2023
Isaac James Athanasius Watson - Appointed 24 April 2024

All staff undergo a formal recruiting and selection process, followed by an induction period that includes any training considered necessary to effectively perform their role. Volunteers and trustees' follow the recruitment and selection process in line with our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding policy and they receive necessary induction and training for their specific roles.

Aims and Organisation

The aim of the PCC is the promotion in the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Overview of Church Activities: 2023

2023 was a year of challenge and change. We have seen encouraging growth in the youth ministry at St Matthias and St Richard's with the launch of Friday night youth (St Matthias) and 'Rich Fridays' (St Richard's), as well as through the after-school youth clubs and the secondary schools work. We took a group of young people to May Camp and it was encouraging to baptise some of our youth at both churches. We launched an evening service at St Matthias and a 24/2 weekend of prayer across both churches. St Richard's launched 'The Studio' as a safe community space. We also took a record number of people to Focus. The Hollingdean and Fiveways Foodbank and the St Matthias Play Cafe have been in high demand as have the community meals and the Play Café at St Richard's. Easter and Christmas services at both churches provided particular highlights.

A new apostolic partnership with All Saint's Patcham, initially led by Jon Harley, with the oversight of Tom Holbird, has helped build a closer bond with our neighbouring parish. A number of people have joined All Saints, and we have shared resources and offered support. It was especially encouraging to relaunch Alpha at All Saints and also to see double the number of guests attend their Christmas services. Jon's decision not to continue at All Saints beyond his curacy led to a period of interregnum in which our support became invaluable.

The 'cost of living' crises continues to hit people in our community. Although we have seen an overall rise in giving (by £26K) compared to 2022, our costs have also risen meaning that we weren't able to meet our Parish Share pledge in 2023.

This report gives a summary of our activities as a church throughout 2023.

St Matthias

Kids Church

Over the last year in the Kids Church we have finished our chronological journey through the bible, using the Jesus Storybook Bible. We have moved on from that by doing an in depth journey of the life of Jesus starting at Christmas and finishing at Easter – from incarnation to crucifixion and resurrection. This has given the kids a fuller sense of who Jesus is and how each event in the gospels point to him being God and the significance of that. Additional to kid's church we have ran events with the local primary schools. We have ran two school discos each raising over a thousand pounds for the primary schools in our parish. We have also had school visits from Balfour, Downs, and Hertford year 2s. This has given us a chance to show them around St Matthias and explain why it is 'a special place'.



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Groups

We have 9 groups, which meet across a variety of venues and times/days. Most are in person, although one continues to meet on Zoom for those who find getting out in evenings difficult. We have also launched a daytime group as some people find this a better time of day to connect. Around 100 people from the congregation connect with groups regularly, with many others in indirect contact via social media or message group spaces.

Our groups offer people the opportunity to explore topics discussed in our talks in greater depth as well as providing additional information and teaching. They are also spaces where people can get to know and build relationship with a smaller group of people who might not be those they would necessarily come into contact with otherwise. This becomes more and more valuable as the church grows and people really benefit from those smaller groups where they can feel truly known. Whilst some groups attract people in a similar stage of life most therefore bring together people of different ages and life stages. Groups are therefore also an important space for pastoral care through the deeper connections people can form, and actively offer first line support to those in challenging life stages eg. after the birth of a baby or illness.

Alpha

We hosted four Alpha courses at St Matthias – one in the morning and one in the evening. Although these courses were small, each course was attended by people who are exploring faith, and the feedback from each course was very positive.

Play Café

In 2023 we served over 7600 items to our local community through our play café, over 2000 more than in 2022. Our gross profit was up 18.8% which has led to enhancing our cost coding to ensure that the play café is covering its operational costs to the church (heating, cleaning etc) and has meant that, despite the cost of living crisis increasing costs significantly, the Play Café continues to cover its costs. In 2022 we saw a decrease in numbers on Thursdays due to us helping facilitate the opening of 2 Play Cafés in St Richard's and St Peter's on this day, all sharing the play café branding. In 2023 we saw this balance out and we remain committed to supporting other Play cafes in the family of churches. Whilst we don't run this café for financial motives, it is so assuring to know that it is financially sustainable and see this as a huge blessing.

In December we hired a new Play Café coordinator as Becky our previous Coordinator moved overseas. We are so grateful for all of Becky's hard work and commitment to the Play Café, she was instrumental to growing and stabilizing our operational practice. Thankfully God has more than provided the right person in our new Co-Ordinator Laura Dicker. Laura has a fresh vision for the Play Café, for it to be a diverse, open, supportive place where guests experience the love of God through our practice of hospitality. She has a remarkable eye for not only the practical (2024 sales are significantly up following her initial changes) but also the spiritual, with a huge pastoral heart to share the love of God. She has also doubled the number of volunteers since January.

In 2023 we ran a morning Alpha, successfully ran eight Parenting Conversations, and on Thursdays have hosted weekly Twin Meet-Ups. Excitingly we are gradually seeing guests try Sundays. We are the meet up venue for Rainbow Families in Brighton on Fridays. We have advertised Easter and Christmas services through the Play Cafe, which saw over 300 and 1000 attendees respectively, of which speculatively over 50% were Café guests. Christmas was a joy with our own Santa event (thank you Rich Merrick) sharing Christmas story books with our community.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Our learning from summer 2022 was that on hot days our number of guests drops significantly. To respond to this, we launched the Play Garden in June 2023, a beautiful space with outdoor toys, café tables, which has been a big hit.

Most of all, we continue to have daily meaningful conversations with our guests, sharing the mental load, being a safe space, sharing the love of God in an authentic way – by truly loving. We want to increase this unquantifiable aspect of the play café with creating more space for volunteers and team to simply hang out there and be available. We now have volunteers whose job it is simply to be available to guests and we are hearing more and more how appreciated this is.

We are dreaming new dreams for our Play Café community and are excited for next year's report!



Youth

In 2023 we continued to run our Youth Café at St Matthias, which has consistently served 50 students every Wednesday. This Youth Café has fully been an outreach programme, which enabled students from the local schools to engage with St Matthias and see this as a place that they are safe and that they belong. From this, we have launched a Youth Alpha which has been attended by about 15 youth each week, which has given space for local youth to explore questions about God and Faith. In addition, we have launched our Friday Youth Club which has been a really great opportunity to build a greater community among our youth. From our youth club we have taken youth to two different residential trips away. The first being the Family of Churches Youth Weekend Away, and the second being the Diocesan youth camp 'Maycamp'. Both of these have enabled our youth to meet other young Christians and to engage in moments of worship and teaching beyond St Matthias. We have also launched a Youth Cafe at Varndean on a Tuesday afterschool which has enabled us to build up a relationship with the school, and with students who we would otherwise not encounter.



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Dadventure

Dadventure has run every month during term time throughout 2023. At Dadventure dads get together to enjoy the outdoors with their children while getting to know other dads and their kids. Dadventure has two functions. Firstly, it is a community building exercise for dads and kids joining St Matthias. Secondly, it's a chance for us to create a little bit of God's kingdom into which we can invite dads and kids from our wider community. Dadventure continues to perform both functions and is constantly growing. We now have 74 dads in the group. If you add the children, we have more than 200 people in the Dadventure group!

Events and Special Services

Our Christmas and Easter services were incredibly well attended with many guests, especially from the Play Café. We had an Easter party, as well as our carols by Candlelight services and 3 Christmas Eve Nativity services in which the church was packed out.

We hosted 2 school disco's, providing much needed funds raised by the event for our local primary schools as well as being a much loved point of connection with our community.

We hosted 2 Quiz nights for our local community, fundraising for our ministries which where a broad range of our community came together, tables hosted by our local businesses and local schools. As well as raising funds, it was meaningful to connect and relax with our wider community.

We hosted a Summer Sunday social, Kingdom Come worship and prayer nights, New to St Matthias evenings and the Big Night In for groups to join together.



We had a really happy time at Focus in which we joined together with 7000 others from the HTB network at the Newark Showground. It was a highlight for about 100 of us to join together as St Richard's and St Matthias for Focus, eating together, dancing together and worshipping together for a long weekend in the (mostly) sunshine.



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St Richard's

St Richard's in reflecting on the progress and activities across the ministries of St. Richard's Church throughout 2023, we're delighted that our community has experienced significant growth and impactful developments.

Our Sunday Cafe Church meetings flourished, consistently drawing between 55 and 65 attendees each week. In 2023 we celebrated 7 baptisms and reaffirmations. A notable addition to our church infrastructure was the installation of two new portacabins. One serves as storage for our Foodbank stock, while the other provides much-needed space for kids' ministry activities. This expansion has not only enhanced our operational efficiency but also freed up valuable space in St. Richard's hall for our Sunday services and other gatherings.

In 2023, St. Richard's hosted two wonderful weddings, marking the first-ever wedding ceremonies held in St Richard's history. These events served as profound witnesses to the community, a bright signal of life, vitality and family springing up in Hollingdean.



We took over 30 people to the Focus church weekend away, forging deeper connections with our St. Matthias family and gaining renewed energy and vision for our mission in Hollingdean.

Our community meals experienced exponential growth, with an average of 65 attendees each month, many of whom are not regular churchgoers. These gatherings continue to serve as vital touchpoints for fostering connections and nurturing relationships within our neighbourhood.

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However, amidst all this, we also face challenges. One pressing issue is the increasing number of neurodivergent (SEN) children attending St. Richard's on Sundays, necessitating a dedicated space to cater to their needs. As a result, we find ourselves juggling for space between this wonderful group of children and our youth group

Kids Church

We had an exciting year with kids' church as we continued to work our way through the bible timeline. The kids have learnt all the books of the bible and have learnt every week from the Old Testament but also how this points forward to Jesus and what it means for them now. The kids lead a whole Sunday service near the start of the year where they taught songs, lead memory verse learning and taught the bible timeline so far. The feedback from the congregation was very positive and they loved seeing the kids in action. During this year Youth started on a Sunday morning, so we went down in numbers with some children going to youth but have had a regular 10 kids attending. The biggest (literally in size) news was that we secured funding to get a beautiful kids' cabin giving us double the space we had up until now. We are very thankful!



Play Café

Our Play Café on a Thursday morning is a wonderful hub of community. We have lots of regular families attending and over the year have continued to see relationships grow. Every week we love having new people to meet! We have on average 40-60 people each week with such positive feedback from Mums, Dads, Guardians and Carers. We have gained the foodbank space this year meaning that we can comfortably accommodate the growth in attendance and have been able to have a separate baby area. We have been blessed with a great team of volunteers.

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Youth

Our schools work is limited to just Varndean school at the moment, where around 80 students come to our after-school youth cafe in the canteen. We build relationships by serving hot chocolate and playing games together. Our after-school youth hangout space, Rich Thursdays, continues to run and attract around 30 young people a week. Our relationships with these young people have developed massively over the past year. We as leaders have felt much more connected and involved in the young people's emotional lives. In October 2023 we launched a Friday night youth club, Rich Fridays, which has been attended regularly by 15-20 young people. It is more organised, we play games together, and eat food around a table together. We also engage with some Christian content, having started with Alpha Youth and then introduced other themes. 8 of our young people had a brilliant time at the Family of Churches weekend away, including one un-churched young person from the estate who made a commitment to faith.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Foodbank

	2023	2022
Vouchers issued	1880	1261
Adults fed	2396	1710
Kids fed	610	536
Total fed	3006	2246

Numbers fed does not indicate separate individuals some will be repeat clients.

Foodbank has had a busy year in 2023 with over 600 more vouchers issued. We have had regular support from Together Co (Social prescribers), CAP, Citizens Advice and Community Counselling. There has been a lot of change as well with the Foodbank Manager Flo Sparham, leaving to explore a different line of work and at the end of the year, the Foodbank co-ordinator Lauren LePrevost also leaving. The volunteers have done a sterling job at keeping the foodbank running smoothly during this time and with a brand new staff team.

Legal and HR

Staff

Kate Middleton joined the team as our curate at St Matthias. Richard Merrick also joined a curate, transferring his curacy from St Cuthman's, Whitehawk. Lauren LePrevost became our Operations Coordinator in addition to her Foodbank Coordinator role. We said goodbye to Flo Sparham, Dominic Butcher and Jon Harley.

Risk Assessments

All events and activities are Risk Assessed, and the PCC is confident that it has reacted appropriately to the risks it encounters. Financial Risk is minimised by robust accounting procedures, and strict procedures for the counting and receipt of monies. We are thankful to our book-keeper Lauren Le Provost who left St Matthias on 15th March 2024, and has handed this role to Charlie Hammond, and to Brian Steele for providing extensive support to our finance team. Fire protection is well maintained and all those who run events are Fire Marshall trained. Our verger regularly reviews the premises for other Health and Safety issues and take appropriate remedial action.

Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection and Safeguarding

The Priest-in-Charge is DBS checked, as are all of our Kids Church Team. The Priest-in-Charge and Kids Church Team have received training on Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment. We have fully complied with the Diocesan Safeguarding measures for children and vulnerable adults including the Simple Quality Protects process. All outside groups that use the premises and involve children must adhere to our Safeguarding Policy.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

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Financial Review

Total income for the year was £398,526 (2022: 417,744). Expenditure was £405,743 (2022: £388,327). This resulted in a deficit of £7,217 (2022: surplus of £29,417).

At 31 December 2023 the charity had total reserves of £101,084 (2022: £108,301), made up of unrestricted funds of £52,766 (2022: £67,987) and restricted funds of £48,318 (2022: £40,314).

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold positive free reserves and a minimum cash balance totalling at least 3 month's staff costs in order to ensure the charity is able to meet its ongoing operational needs. The charity held free reserves of £27,103 at the period end (2022: £39,741). The charity was therefore operating within their reserves policy at the period end.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit and to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to overall aims and objectives that they have set.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board on12/9/2024.....

On behalf of the board of trustees



**Thomas Holbird
Chairman**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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



Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

On behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 3 October 2024

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations	3	224,434	55,844	280,278	234,882
Other trading activities	4	83,559	34,031	117,590	182,596
Investment income	5	658	-	658	266
Total income		308,651	89,875	398,526	417,744
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		323,872	81,871	405,743	388,327
Total expenditure	6	323,872	81,871	405,743	388,327
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		(15,221)	8,004	(7,217)	29,417
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		67,987	40,314	108,301	78,884
Total funds carried forward	15	52,766	48,318	101,084	108,301

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets	11		25,663		28,246
Current assets					
Debtors	12	17,453		10,023	
Cash at bank and in hand		70,435		81,463	
			<u>87,888</u>	<u>91,486</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(12,467)		(11,431)	
Net current assets			<u>75,421</u>		80,055
Net assets			<u><u>101,084</u></u>		<u><u>108,301</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	14	48,318		40,314	
Unrestricted funds	15	52,766		67,987	
			<u><u>101,084</u></u>		<u><u>108,301</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on^{12/9/2024}



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Thomas Holbird
Chairman

Charity Registration No. 1185491

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Legal status of charitable company

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is a charity. The charity's registered number and office address can be found on the Legal and Administrative Information page.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties about The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income from charitable activities comprises grants awarded for activities undertaken by the charity's project partners. Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable unless a grant is subject to donor imposed conditions that specify the time period in which the expenditure of the resources can take place; in which case they are deferred.

2.4 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs (included within Support costs) comprises all costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements with which the charity must comply.

Depreciation relates to equipment depreciation, being written off over 15 years straight line.

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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2.8 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are to be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are to be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2.9 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

2.10 Cash flow statement

In accordance with Section 7 of FRS 102 the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of its size.

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3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	148,244	3,115	151,359	138,421
Collections	532	-	532	261
Appeals and donations	43,033	622	43,655	33,019
Foodbank	5,000	51,534	56,534	27,535
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	27,625	573	28,198	35,646
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Total income from donations	224,434	55,844	280,278	234,882
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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
SDF salaries	-	34,031	34,031	64,231
St Matthias hall revenue	21,847	-	21,847	17,582
St Richards hall revenue	958	-	958	-
Snooker club	1,408	-	1,408	739
Weddings and funerals	1,418	-	1,418	634
Other events	51,553	-	51,553	38,958
Capex SDF	6,375	-	6,375	60,452
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Total income from other trading activities	83,559	34,031	117,590	182,596
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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	658	-	658	266
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Total investment income	658	-	658	266
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6 Total expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depreciation costs £	Other costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly	145,298	2,583	173,979	321,860	303,735
Support costs	-	-	83,883	83,883	84,592
Total charitable activities	145,298	2,583	257,862	405,743	388,327

Analysis of support costs (including Governance costs)

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General office and administration	81,183	82,192
Governance costs:		
Independent examiners fees	2,700	2,400
	83,883	84,592

Activities undertaken directly includes £35,000 (2022: £50,000) payable for Parish Ministry Costs (PMC).

7 Comparative Funds – Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations	202,846	32,036	234,882
Other trading activities	77,735	104,861	182,596
Investment income	266	-	266
Total income	280,847	136,897	417,744
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	273,749	114,578	388,327
Total expenditure	273,749	114,578	388,327
Net income/(expenditure)	7,098	22,319	29,417
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward from previous unregistered position	60,889	17,995	78,884
Fund balances carried forward	67,987	40,314	108,301

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8 Trustees

Members of the PCC receiving remuneration directly from the charity in 2023 included Flo Sparham receiving £5,613 (2022: £7,380).

Helena Lomas received £11,380 (2022: £12,693), Caroline Palmer-Fry received £40 (2022: £4,209) and Millie Chant received £6,385 (2022: £nil) in a self-employed capacity.

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 8 (2022: 6). No employee earned

Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries including social security costs	123,944	100,842
No employee earned greater than £60,000.		
	<u>123,944</u>	<u>100,842</u>

10 Taxation

As a charity, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Fixed Assets

	Total Fixtures and Fittings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023 & 31 December 2023	<u>38,750</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	10,504
Charge for the year	2,583
At 31 December 2023	<u>13,087</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	<u>25,663</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>28,246</u>

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12 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid	5,337	6,313
Trade Debtors	4,069	791
Other debtors	8,047	2,919
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	17,453	10,023
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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,777	9,031
St Peters	1,020	-
Accruals and deferred income	7,670	2,400
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	12,467	11,431
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14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2023 £
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
Strategic development (SDF)	-	34,031	(34,031)	-
Elderly people projects	1,000	-	-	1,000
Night shelter	100	-	-	100
Youth Club	9,145	6,500	-	15,645
Enjoolata Foundation	5,650	-	(3,037)	2,613
Church Roof	2,000	-	-	2,000
Foodbank	14,793	388	(6,000)	9,181
Foodbank Counselling	1,775	1,800	(1,475)	2,100
Foodbank Salaries	5,851	9,828	(13,591)	2,088
Foodbank Portacabin	-	30,870	(17,279)	13,591
Love Christmas campaign	-	6,458	(6,458)	-
	40,314	89,875	(81,871)	48,318

SDF – Grant funding for salaries and building improvements from Chichester diocese and the Church Commissioners for the purpose of revitalising St Matthias and St Richard's.

Elderly people projects - Donation for a new support group for elderly people which we plan to start in 2022.

Night Shelter – gift towards the St Matthias Night Shelter for those experiencing homelessness.

Youth Club – grant to enable St Matthias to launch the Youth Café.

Enjoolata Foundation – grant to improve the St Richard's garden for community use.

Church Roof – grant to contribute towards works needed to be carried out on the north chancel roof.

Foodbank – grant received towards the church Foodbank for community use.

Foodbank Counselling - funding for counselling service at Foodbank.

Foodbank Salaries - funding for Foodbank staff salaries.

Kids' Church - funding for children's work within the church.

Love Christmas campaign - part of the Love Your Neighbour campaign to provide support to vulnerable people within the local community.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	25,663	-	25,663
Current assets	39,570	48,318	87,888
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(12,467)	-	(12,467)
	<u>52,766</u>	<u>48,318</u>	<u>101,084</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	28,246	-	28,246
Current assets	51,172	40,314	91,486
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,431)	-	(11,431)
	<u>67,987</u>	<u>40,314</u>	<u>108,301</u>

16 Ultimate controlling party

The charity was under the control of the PCC Members (trustees) during the period under review.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1185491



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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees

Thomas Holbird (Chairman and Vicar)
Helena Lomas
Douglas Gardner (resigned April 2022)
Kat Gardner
Ann Taylor
Christopher Lomas
Laura Batten
David Jones (Secretary)
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Status

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission. Our Charity Commission number is 1185491.

These are our third accounts as a registered charity and cover the year to 31 December 2022.

The PCC members who served during the year were:

Thomas Holbird (Chairman and Vicar)
Helena Lomas
Douglas Gardner (resigned April 2022)
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All staff undergo a formal recruiting and selection process, followed by an induction period that includes any training considered necessary to effectively perform their role. Volunteers and trustees' follow the recruitment and selection process in line with our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding policy and they receive necessary induction and training for their specific roles.

Aims and Organisation

The aim of the PCC is the promotion in the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church.

Overview of Church Activities: 2022

2022 was a significant year. We celebrated 5 years since the start of the new apostolic partnership with St Peter's. It was the first full year of Sunday services and midweek ministries being run at St Richard's, including the launch of youth work in Hollingdean. It was a year in which we saw demand for the Foodbank greatly increase as people face acute financial challenges associated with the cost of living crises. It was the first full year of running the Play Café at St Matthias. Following the COVID pandemic, 2022 was a year of returning to big community events and services at St Matthias with a school disco, as well as our biggest ever Easter and Christmas services. This report gives a summary of our activities as a church throughout 2022.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

St Matthias

Kids Church

We have been chronologically going through the bible in the Kids Church, we have been using the Jesus Storybook Bible which shows how everything in the bible points to Jesus. From this we have given the Kids a full sense of the grand narratives of the bible enabling them to go deeper with their understanding of God. In January 2022 we launched a Thursday Kids Club for 7-11 year olds. This has brought a new level of community for our kids that has brought our kids out of themselves and enabled them to grow in themselves and grow in their sense of belonging in the Church.

On top of this we had all the year 2s from Balfour and Downs come and visit the church, which gave us a chance to show them how the church is 'a special place'. Additionally, we ran a school disco that raised £1500 for the local primary schools.

Groups

We have 9 groups, some meet in person and some on Zoom. Our groups are an essential way of keeping people connected. They provide a network of pastoral care and are the ideal place for people to go deeper in faith through bible study, discussion and prayer.

Alpha

We hosted four Alpha courses at St Matthias – two in the morning and two in the evening. Although these courses were small, each course was attended by people who are exploring faith, and the feedback from each course was very positive.

Play Café

In 2022 we served over 5,000 coffees and the Play Café was able to cover its costs and contribute towards the operational costs of the church. Our Thursdays are slow since we helped facilitate the opening of 2 Play Cafés in St Richard's and St Peter's on this day. We want to see more Play Cafés opening within local churches supporting their local area and see our quieter Thursdays as our next opportunity to develop a new line of ministry within the play café. Throughout the year we hired a Café coordinator, successfully ran eight Parenting Conversations, 2 Morning Alphas, and one Solo Parenting Lunch. And we have advertised Easter and Christmas services, which saw over 300 and 900 attendees respectively, of which over 60% were Café guests. Our learning from last summer was that on hot days our number of guests drops significantly. To respond to this, we are excited to be developing an outdoor area 'play garden' for Summer 2023.



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Youth

In 2022 we continued to run our Youth Café at St Matthias, which has consistently served 50 students every Wednesday. In that time, we also ran a youth club on a Wednesday afternoon that looked through many topics that are relevant to teens today. This Youth Café and Youth Club was fully an outreach programme, which enabled students from the local schools to engage with St Matthias and see this as a place that they are safe and that they belong. We also moved our Youth Club to a Friday night which has enabled us to create a much more intentional space to have conversations about God with our Youth.



Events and Special Services

Our Christmas and Easter services were incredibly well attended with many guests, especially from the Play Café. We had an Easter party, as well as our carols by Candlelight services and 3 Christmas Eve Nativity services in which the church was packed out.

We hosted a Jazz music night at St Matthias as part of the Brighton Fringe festival. We hosted a school disco. We also hosted a Summer Sundae social, Kingdom Come worship and prayer nights, New to St Matthias evenings and the Big Night In for groups to join together.



We had a really happy time at Focus in which we joined together with 7000 others from the HTB network at the Newark Showground. It was a highlight for about 100 of us to join together as St Richard's and St Matthias for Focus and the event was fun and inspiring

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



Dadventure

Our monthly Dadventure group has run throughout 2022 helping us to connect with dads in the community through having fun with our kids. We have seen lots of new dads and children connect with the group this year.

St Richard's

It has been a very exciting season for St Richard's which has been marked by a sense of establishing stronger connections and relationships in the community in Hollingdean. As a church community we have also sensed a deeper rootedness in our discipleship to Christ. We welcomed three new staff members to the team this year! Lauren, Sam and Laurel have been an answer to prayer and in the short time that they have been with us we have seen their areas of ministry gathering new momentum and growing!

In September we launched the Alpha Course at St Richard's at our community meal. Our guest speaker for the event was Trudy Makepeace, a minister and author, who came to share her remarkable story of how God delivered her from a life of addiction and crime. We had 23 guests sign up for the Alpha Course many of which have connected with church community and continue to come along to Café Church on Sundays. We are very excited to be baptising a member of St Richard's this summer who turned to Christ on this Alpha Course!

The Christmas Trail was back again in 2022, a full emersion journey through the nativity story where school children and families get a multi-sensory experience of the story of Christ's birth. We had over 300 children, teachers and families attending the trail last year. The Christmas Day Meal made a comeback too and we were delighted to welcome over 50 guests to come and enjoy a full-blown Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. This was a wonderful opportunity to personally invite those in the community who we knew would otherwise be alone and/or without a meal on Christmas Day. We welcomed people who we've met through Foodbank, through contacts with other support organisations in Brighton and through our monthly community meals.



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Kids Church

As Sunday church was officially launched in January 2022, we started off with 3-5 children every week. During this year, it grew and thrived with now up to 13 children each week. Each month, we ran a Family at Four Sunday service to connect local families to church which were a lot of fun. During the Summer, we kept kids church going but as an act of service and each week did Random Acts of Kindness around our community to serve and bless people and invite them to Alpha. The kids did litter picking, giving out free coffee and snacks at the shops and giving out free ice creams at the park. They loved serving in this way. In September 2022, we appointed a part time Kids Pastor, Laurel Nathan. The kids are working through a curriculum to go through the timeline of the bible, to show them how the whole book fits together and shows them God, His love and His rescue plan.



Play Café

Our Play Café on a Thursday morning is a wonderful hub of community. We have lots of regular families attending and over the year have seen relationships with church family and with other mums develop and grow. We have on average 40-45 people each week with such positive feedback from Mums, Dads, Guardians and carers. We have seen several of these families attending family at Four and at our Sunday morning church services.



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Youth

In September 2022 Sam Hodson started as Youth Pastor at St Richard's and by November 2022 we launched our youth hangout space - Rich Thursdays. We open the space on Thursday afternoons for secondary school students, predominantly from Hollingdean, with hot chocolate, video games, craft, table football and basketball. For the last half an hour we play group games, eat food together, and often have a leader share a little about their life and faith. We started to see around 30 youth come each week. By December we made successful contact with two schools, BACA and Varndean, and they welcomed us to come in to their schools to do mentoring and run an after school youth space for 2023.



Foodbank

	2022	2021
Vouchers issued	1261	391
Adults fed	1710	461
Kids fed	536	187
Total fed	2246	648

Numbers fed does not indicate separate individuals some will be repeat clients.

Three major developments happened in 2022 which have enabled us to better meet the community need. Lauren Le Prevost joined the staff team as foodbank coordinator in October 2022 with development funding from Trussell Trust. This has allowed us to better develop our communications and digital presence, more efficient running of the day to day operations on foodbank day and added capacity for developing our foodbank strategy.

We partnered with Citizens Advice Brighton and Whitehawk foodbank to provide a dedicated advice service to foodbank clients. Zoe Hurlick is at the Hollingdean foodbank every Monday and the Whitehawk foodbank on Thursdays. The project has been financed for three years by the Trussell Trust financial inclusion funds. So far, across our two foodbanks, 10 clients have achieved, or expect to achieve, financial gains amounting to £2,646. 8 clients have had over £8000 of debt managed. Free community counselling for foodbank clients has been funded by a variety of grants including the mission giving fund. Clients can self-refer, then have a call with our professional councillor to decide if the service will meet their needs. Clients are offered a 10 week course which takes place at the foodbank in a private room on Mondays.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Legal and HR

Staff

Dominic Butcher joined the team as worship pastor at St Matthias. Becky Philips-Laing became Play Café manager at St Matthias. Laurel Nathan joined as Kids Pastor at St Richard's. Sam Hodson joined as Worship and Youth Pastor at St Richard's. Lauren LePrevost became our Foodbank Coordinator. We said goodbye to Sean Avard, Esther Shepherd and to our LDY interns, Lucy Frazer and Issy Brown.

Risk Assessments

All events and activities are Risk Assessed, and the PCC is confident that it has reacted appropriately to the risks it encounters. Financial Risk is minimised by robust accounting procedures, and strict procedures for the counting and receipt of monies. We are thankful to our book-keeper Charlie Hammond, and to Brian Steele for providing extensive support to our finance team.

Fire protection is well maintained and all those who run events are Fire Marshall trained. Our verger regularly review the premises for other Health and Safety issues and take appropriate remedial action.

Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection and Safeguarding

The Priest-in-Charge is DBS checked, as are all of our Kids Church Team. The Priest-in-Charge and Kids Church Team have received training on Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment. We have fully complied with the Diocesan Safeguarding measures for children and vulnerable adults including the Simple Quality Protects process. All outside groups that use the premises and involve children must adhere to our Safeguarding Policy.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £417,744 (2021: £341,383), expenditure was £388,327 (2021: £352,194). This resulted in a surplus of £29,417 (2021: deficit of £10,811). £108,301 has been carried forward to 2023 (2022: £78,884), of which £40,314 is restricted funding (2021: £17,995).

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold positive free reserves and a minimum cash balance totalling at least 3 month's staff costs in order to ensure the charity is able to meet its ongoing operational needs. The charity held free reserves of £39,741 at the period end (2021: £30,060). The charity was therefore operating within their reserves policy at the period end.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit and to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to overall aims and objectives that they have set.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022***

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board on 30 March 2023

On behalf of the board of trustees



**Thomas Holbird
Chairman**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

On behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated:

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations	3	202,846	32,036	234,882	196,719
Other trading activities	4	77,735	104,861	182,596	144,653
Investment income	5	266	-	266	11
Total income		<u>280,847</u>	<u>136,897</u>	<u>417,744</u>	<u>341,383</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		273,749	114,578	388,327	352,194
Total expenditure	6	<u>273,749</u>	<u>114,578</u>	<u>388,327</u>	<u>352,194</u>
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		7,098	22,319	29,417	(10,811)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		60,889	17,995	78,884	89,695
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>67,987</u></u>	<u><u>40,314</u></u>	<u><u>108,301</u></u>	<u><u>78,884</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

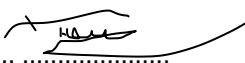
**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets	11		28,246		30,829
Current assets					
Debtors	12	10,023		7,104	
Cash at bank and in hand		81,463		58,262	
			<u>91,486</u>		<u>65,366</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(11,431)		(17,311)	
			<u>80,055</u>		<u>48,055</u>
Net current assets			<u>80,055</u>		<u>48,055</u>
Net assets			<u>108,301</u>		<u>78,884</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	14		40,314		17,995
Unrestricted funds	15		67,987		60,889
			<u>108,301</u>		<u>78,884</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board on30th March 2023



**Thomas Holbird
Chairman**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Legal status of charitable company

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is a charity. The charity's registered number and office address can be found on the Legal and Administrative Information page.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

2.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income from charitable activities comprises grants awarded for activities undertaken by the charity's project partners. Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable unless a grant is subject to donor imposed conditions that specify the time period in which the expenditure of the resources can take place; in which case they are deferred.

2.4 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs (included within Support costs) comprises all costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements with which the charity must comply.

Depreciation relates to equipment depreciation, being written off over 15 years straight line.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2.8 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are to be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are to be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2.9 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

2.10 Cash flow statement

In accordance with Section 7 of FRS 102 the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of its size.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	135,356	3,065	138,421	119,023
Collections	261	-	261	2,500
Appeals and donations	31,879	1,140	33,019	27,822
Foodbank	-	27,535	27,535	19,421
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	35,350	296	35,646	25,953
Grant	-	-	-	2,000
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Total income from donations	202,846	32,036	234,882	196,719
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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
SDF salaries	-	64,231	64,231	50,696
St Matthias hall revenue	17,582	-	17,582	10,534
St Richards hall revenue	-	-	-	85
Snooker club	739	-	739	534
Weddings and funerals	634	-	634	283
Other events	38,958	-	38,958	20,214
Capex SDF	19,822	40,630	60,452	62,307
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Total income from other trading activities	77,735	104,861	182,596	144,653
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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	266	-	266	11
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Total investment income	266	-	266	11
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Total expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depreciation costs £	Other costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly	114,692	2,583	186,460	303,735	305,527
Support costs	-	-	84,592	84,592	46,667
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Total charitable activities	114,692	2,583	271,052	388,327	352,194
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Analysis of support costs (including Governance costs)				Total	Total
				2022	2021
				£	£
General office and administration				82,192	44,507
Governance costs:					
Independent examiners fees				2,400	2,160
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				84,592	46,667
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Activities undertaken directly includes £50,000 (2021: £55,971) payable for Parish Ministry Costs (PMC).

7 Comparative Funds – Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations	177,576	19,143	196,719
Other trading activities	36,429	108,224	144,653
Investment income	11	-	11
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Total income	214,016	127,367	341,383
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Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	241,138	111,056	352,194
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Total expenditure	241,138	111,056	352,194
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Net income/(expenditure)	(27,122)	16,311	(10,811)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward from previous unregistered position	88,011	1,684	89,695
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Fund balances carried forward	60,889	17,995	78,884
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8 Trustees

Members of the PCC receiving remuneration directly from the charity in 2022 (2021: £nil) included Flo Sparham receiving £7,380 (2021: £nil) and Esther Shepherd receiving £1,400 (2021: £nil).

Helena Lomas received £12,693 (2021: £11,087) and Caroline Palmer-Fry received £4,209 (2021: £nil) in a self-employed capacity.

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 6 (2021: 5).

Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries including social security costs	100,842	74,940
	<u>100,842</u>	<u>74,940</u>
	<u><u>100,842</u></u>	<u><u>74,940</u></u>

10 Taxation

As a charity, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 31 December 2021 & 31 December 2022	<u>38,750</u>	<u>38,750</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	7,921	7,921
Charge for the year	2,583	2,583
At 31 December 2022	<u>10,504</u>	<u>10,504</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2022	<u>28,246</u>	<u>28,246</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>30,829</u>	<u>30,829</u>

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12	Debtors	2022	2021
		£	£
	Trade Debtors	6,313	6,313
	Gift Aid	791	791
	Other debtors	2,919	-
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		10,023	7,104
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
		£	£
	Trade Creditors	9,031	4,703
	Accruals and deferred income	2,400	2,160
	Other creditors	-	10,448
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		11,431	17,311
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14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2022
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£
Strategic development (SDF)	-	75,631	(75,631)	-
Cafe funding	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
Elderly people projects	1,000	-	-	1,000
Night shelter	100	-	-	100
Youth Club	6	12,000	(2,861)	9,145
Enjoolata Foundation	5,650	-	-	5,650
Church Roof	2,000	-	-	2,000
Foodbank	9,239	35,036	(29,482)	14,793
Foodbank Counselling	-	2,000	(225)	1,775
Foodbank Salaries	-	7,600	(1,749)	5,851
Kids' Church	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Love Christmas campaign	-	630	(630)	-
	17,995	136,897	(114,578)	40,314

SDF – Grant funding for salaries and building improvements from Chichester diocese and the Church Commissioners for the purpose of revitalising St Matthias and St Richard's.

Café Funding – grant funding to provide seen funding to launch a Play Café as a supportive community for parents and toddlers.

Elderly people projects - Donation for a new support group for elderly people which we plan to start in 2022.

Night Shelter – gift towards the St Matthias Night Shelter for those experiencing homelessness.

Youth Club – grant to enable St Matthias to launch the Youth Café.

Enjoolata Foundation – grant to improve the St Richard's garden for community use.

Church Roof – grant to contribute towards works needed to be carried out on the north chancel roof.

Foodbank – grant received towards the church Foodbank for community use.

Foodbank Counselling - funding for counselling service at Foodbank.

Foodbank Salaries - funding for Foodbank staff salaries.

Kids' Church - funding for children's work within the church.

Love Christmas campaign - part of the Love Your Neighbour campaign to provide support to vulnerable people within the local community.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	28,246	-	28,246
Current assets	51,172	40,314	91,486
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,431)	-	(11,431)
	<u>67,987</u>	<u>40,314</u>	<u>108,301</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	30,829	-	30,829
Current assets	47,371	17,995	65,366
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(17,311)	-	(17,311)
	<u>60,889</u>	<u>17,995</u>	<u>78,884</u>

16 Ultimate controlling party

The charity was under the control of the Trustees during the period under review.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1185491



St Matthias Church
360c Ditchling Road
Brighton
East Sussex
BN1 6JG

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Thomas Holbird (Chairman and Vicar) Helena Lomas Douglas Gardner Kat Gardner Ann Taylor Christopher Lomas Laura Batten David Jones (Secretary) David Jonnes Sue Adams Susan Middleton Timothy Palmer-Fry Caroline Palmer-Fry Paul Shepherd Sam Wood
Charity number	1185491
Principal Address	St Matthias Church Office 360c Ditchling Road Brighton BN1 6JG
Independent Examiner	TC Group The Courtyard Shoreham Road Upper Beeding Steyning West Sussex BN44 3TN
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 125 Church Road Hove BN3 2AN

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Status

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission. Our Charity Commission number is 1185491.

These are our third accounts as a registered charity and cover the year to 31 December 2021.

The PCC members who served during the year were:

Thomas Holbird (Chairman and Vicar)
Helena Lomas
Douglas Gardner
Kat Gardner (appointed April 2021)
Ann Taylor
Christopher Lomas
Laura Batten
Rebecca McDonald- Balfour (resigned April 2021)
David Jones (Secretary)
David Jonnes
Sue Adams
Susan Middleton
Timothy Palmer-Fry
Caroline Palmer-Fry
Paul Shepherd
Sam Wood (appointed April 2021)

All staff undergo a formal recruiting and selection process, followed by an induction period that includes any training considered necessary to effectively perform their role. Volunteers and trustees' follow the recruitment and selection process in line with our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding policy and they receive necessary induction and training for their specific roles.

Aims and Organisation

The aim of the PCC is the promotion in the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church.

Overview of Church Activities

2021 was a year of re-connecting with one another as COVID-19 pandemic restrictions gradually eased. It was also a year of growth as we launched three significant new ministries: The Play Café; The Youth Café; and St Richard's, Hollingdean. This report gives a summary of our activities as a church throughout 2021.

Sunday Services

From January-July we ran our 11am service online as well as in-person in order that those who were still isolating could join from their homes. Our 9am service has run throughout the year in-person and we sent a weekly 'service of prayer' with the Sunday sermon to those from this congregation who were isolating. Over the year lots of new people have joined the church, and a handful have not reconnected with church following the pandemic. By the end of the year there were about 240 people attending Sunday Services.

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Kids Church

In May 2021 we appointed a new Kids and Youth Pastor, Johnny Hart who took over from Millie Avard. Johnny and Millie have done an excellent work leading the Kids Team with in-person sessions as well as the weekly 'Kids Online' service. St Matthias' Kids Church grew in 2021 and by the end of the year we had 75 children attending! We have 4 volunteer-led childrens' groups on a Sunday.

In September 2021 we launched the Youth Café as a drop in space for young people to hang out. St Matthias is well located with two of Brighton's biggest secondary schools within half a mile, and hundreds of young people walk past the church each day. We provide free hot chocolate as well as games consoles, arts and crafts, table football and board games. The Youth Café has become very popular with about 80 young people coming each week.



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Following the success of our youth café, we launched a youth club to create a safe space for deeper discussion about important topics in young people’s lives. This term we looking at topics such as time, money and social media. This was launched in November 21 and so far 40 young people have come along.

Our Sunday morning younger youth is a small group of Christian young people who support and pray for one another. They join Bright City Youth – a city wide Youth Service – on Friday evenings at St Peter’s.

Groups

In September St Matthias launched a new ‘Time out Together’ group for retired folk. We also launched a new evening group. There are now 9 groups, some meet in person and some on Zoom. Our groups are an essential way of keeping people connected. They provide a network of pastoral care and are the ideal place for people to go deeper in faith through bible study, discussion and prayer.

Play Café

Following the amazing success of Tots and Toddlers in which we had 1500 unique visitors within the first 18 months, we launched the Play Café in May 2021. Over lockdown we supported 90 new families with our ‘walk and talk’ weekly support groups for mums with new babies, which was the group the café then opened to directly serve and deepen relationship with.

The Play Café runs every morning in the church, Monday to Friday. It is run as a professional café with paid baristas alongside a team of volunteers, serving ethically sourced coffee and food produced by local partners. The Play Café has been incredibly popular and every day many guests enjoy the wonderful atmosphere. As well as enabling St Matthias to become a hub for our community



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"I actually don't know what I'd do without this place, it feels like a lifeline, thank you". **Café Guest**

"If you're a parent in Brighton then this is THE place for you. With delicious coffee, yummy snacks and tonnes of high-quality toys for little ones to play with, it is the perfect place to hang out and feel relaxed with small children."
Guest comment on review website.

Alpha

We are into our thirteenth Alpha. Over these courses we have had 99 guests many of whom had no previous connection to church and who now love coming to St Matthias, to attend Sunday services, and are volunteering in our projects.

In 2021 we ran two online Alpha Courses. These worked really well and people have joined St Matthias through online Alpha during this period. Sam joined St Matthias after doing Alpha online. She said:

"Before Alpha, I would have told you very confidently that I was an atheist. I had very strong views and God was not part of my life. I would describe Alpha as a route home. A change in what I had built my life on. The necessary dying and things we need to let go of. And it has bought me to something else."

Dadventure

Our monthly Dadventure group helps us to connect with Dads in the community through having fun with our kids. Dadventure involves outdoor adventure, making camps in the woods and cooking food on the fire. We want St Matthias to be a very Dad-friendly environment and have found that if we are able to reach out to the Dads it is much easier to reach the whole family.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Schools

We have now had school visits from four local primary schools and we are regularly invited into the schools to take assemblies. In 2021 St Matthias launched Alpha in Cardinal Newman secondary school attended by 20 year 7 and 8 students. We had school visits from two local primary schools to St Matthias. Children from a further two primary schools from Hollingdean attended the 'Christmas Trail' at St Richard's.



St Richard's

Following the parish boundary changes in 2018 to include Hollingdean into the St Matthias parish, we have been drawing up plans to plant a new church community into St Richard's, Hollingdean. The first step was to launch a Foodbank into St Richard's, and this was launched in February 2021 in response to the growing need in Hollingdean.

In its first 8 months the Hollingdean Foodbank has fed 424 people including 146 children. Our local domestic hubs have donated a whopping great total of 2,148KG of food since the Foodbank first opened. We distributed over 1,600Kg of food between February and August 2021.



We have hosted clients from all over the world. We have served students struggling to keep going under lockdown restrictions, workers who suddenly found jobs dried up in the pandemic, women isolated and far from family, escaping from domestic violence and trafficking, refugees and asylum seekers desperately trying to make ends meet on an inadequate state allowance and not able to apply for work.

We have also had the honour to hear and share stories from long-time Brighton residents who are struggling with mental health, physical health and addiction recovery. The Foodbank is part of a local network of community organisations called the Hollingdean Hive. This network includes other community food providers such as Brightstore Hollingdean, garden and green space pioneers, local statutory services and the Hollingdean Development Trust.

"Maybe Angels do exist" Foodbank client when they received their first food parcel.

In 2021 we hosted an Easter Holiday Club for children on free-school meals. It was a wonderful success with 15 children coming each day.

In May 2021 we employed Maleni Simerro and Quin Delport as lay-leaders of St Richard's. Maleni and Quin have spent time getting to know the community of Hollingdean, gathering a group to pray, and launching monthly community meals attended by about 50 people.

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St Richard's has undergone a major renovation with roofing work, new windows, a new kitchen, a new boiler, new café bar, new toilets, new lighting, new office, PA/AV equipment, full redecoration, outdoor seating and festoons.



In October 2021 we launched our first Alpha at St Richard's with 12 guests and a fantastic team.

In November we hosted a bonfire night for the community. It was a wonderful event with about 90 people including 30 children, most of whom had not previously attended St Richard's. We also launched a new Play Café.



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Christmas at St Richard's was a wonderful celebration. We hosted the Christmas Trail in which, over a three-day period, the church was transformed into a fully immersive walk through of the Christmas story. The Christmas Trail was attended by groups from two local primary schools as well as many local families. St Richard's also hosted a Family Christmas Party and a Christmas Day lunch for 40 guests.

Events

We hosted an Arts and Jazz music night at St Matthias as part of the Brighton Fringe festival. We also hosted Kingdom Come worship and prayer nights. Focus (our church weekend away) moved to being an online event and a number of groups went camping together.

Christmas

Christmas 2021 was affected by rising rates of COVID-19. We hosted a successful wreath making event and a wonderful Carols by Candlelight Service. The Christmas Bus driving around the community was a lot of fun. Our three Christmas Eve Nativity Services were well attended given the social distance restrictions in place and because by this time many were avoiding public places.

Staff

Flo Sparham joined the team to lead the Hollingdean Foodbank. Flo was joined by Maleni Simarro and Quin Delpont as Community Pastors for St Richard's. Johnny Hart joined the team as Kids and Youth Pastor. Sean Avard became our 'head of operations'. Isabelle Brown and Lucy Frazer joined as LDY interns in September. We said goodbye to Tom Lomax, Toby Lancaster and Hannah Rothwell.

Risk Assessments

All events and activities are Risk Assessed, and the PCC is confident that it has reacted appropriately to the risks it encounters. Financial Risk is minimised by robust accounting procedures, and strict procedures for the counting and receipt of monies. We are thankful to our book-keeper Charlie Hammond, and to Brian Steele for providing extensive support to our finance team.

Fire protection is well maintained and all those who run events are Fire Marshall trained. Our Head of Operations regularly review the premises for other Health and Safety issues and take appropriate remedial action.

Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection and Safeguarding

The Priest-in-Charge is DBS checked, as are all of our Kids Church Team. The Priest-in-Charge and Kids Church Team have received training on Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment. We have fully complied with the Diocesan Safeguarding measures for children and vulnerable adults including the Simple Quality Protects process. All outside groups that use the premises and involve children must adhere to our Safeguarding Policy.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £341,383 (2020: £204,829), expenditure was £352,194 (2020: £179,799). This resulted in a deficit balance of £10,811 (2020: surplus of £25,030). £78,884 has been carried forward to 2022 (2020: £89,695), of which £17,995 is restricted funding (2020: £1,684).

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold positive free reserves and a minimum cash balance totalling at least 3 month's staff costs in order to ensure the charity is able to meet its ongoing operational needs. The charity held free reserves of £30,060 at the period end (2020: £54,599). The charity was therefore operating within their reserves policy at the period end.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit and to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to overall aims and objectives that they have set.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board on 21st March 2022

On behalf of the board of trustees



Thomas Holbird
Chairman

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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



Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

On behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 25 July 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations	3	177,576	19,143	196,719	145,275
Other trading activities	4	36,429	108,224	144,653	59,469
Investment income	5	11	-	11	85
Total income		<u>214,016</u>	<u>127,367</u>	<u>341,383</u>	<u>204,829</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		241,138	111,056	352,194	179,799
Total expenditure	6	<u>241,138</u>	<u>111,056</u>	<u>352,194</u>	<u>179,799</u>
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		(27,122)	16,311	(10,811)	25,030
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		88,011	1,684	89,695	64,665
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>60,889</u></u>	<u><u>17,995</u></u>	<u><u>78,884</u></u>	<u><u>89,695</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Legal status of charitable company

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is a charity. The charity's registered number and office address can be found on the Legal and Administrative Information page.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This includes taking into account any known impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income from charitable activities comprises grants awarded for activities undertaken by the charity's project partners. Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable unless a grant is subject to donor imposed conditions that specify the time period in which the expenditure of the resources can take place; in which case they are deferred.

2.4 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs (included within Support costs) comprises all costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements with which the charity must comply.

Depreciation relates to equipment depreciation, being written off over 15 years straight line.

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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2.8 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are to be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are to be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2.9 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

2.10 Cash flow statement

In accordance with Section 7 of FRS 102 the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of its size.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	119,023	-	119,023	98,054
Collections	2,500	-	2,500	1,749
Appeals and donations	27,822	-	27,822	17,792
Foodbank	2,278	17,143	19,421	2,765
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	25,953	-	25,953	17,091
Grant	-	2,000	2,000	-
Furlough grants (CJRS)	-	-	-	7,824
Total income from donations	<u>177,576</u>	<u>19,143</u>	<u>196,719</u>	<u>145,275</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
SDF salaries	-	50,696	50,696	33,391
St Matthias hall revenue	10,534	-	10,534	2,986
St Richards hall revenue	85	-	85	4,777
Snooker club	534	-	534	2,640
Weddings and funerals	283	-	283	498
Other events	20,214	-	20,214	8,528
Capex SDF	4,779	57,528	62,307	6,649
Total income from other trading activities	<u>36,429</u>	<u>108,224</u>	<u>144,653</u>	<u>59,469</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	11	-	11	85
Total investment income	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>85</u>

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6 Total expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depreciation costs £	Other costs £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly	74,940	2,583	228,004	305,527	139,581
Support costs	-	-	46,667	46,667	40,218
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Total charitable activities	74,940	2,583	274,671	352,194	179,799
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Analysis of support costs (including Governance costs)

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
General office and administration	44,507	38,118
Governance costs:		
Independent examiners fees	2,160	2,100
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	46,667	40,218
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Activities undertaken directly includes £55,971 (2020: £51,317) payable for Parish Ministry Costs (PMC).

7 Comparative Funds – Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds £	Restrict funds £	Total 2020 £
Income from:			
Donations	143,175	2,100	145,275
Other trading activities	26,078	33,391	59,469
Investment income	85	-	85
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Total income	169,338	35,491	204,829
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Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	139,592	40,207	179,799
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Total expenditure	139,592	40,207	179,799
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Net income/(expenditure)	29,746	(4,716)	25,030
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward from previous unregistered position	58,265	6,400	64,665
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Fund balances carried forward	88,011	1,684	89,695
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8 Trustees

No members of the PCC received any remuneration directly from the charity in 2020 or 2021.

Helena Lomas received £11,087 (2020: £2,893) in a self-employed capacity.

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 5 (2020: 3).

Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries including social security costs	74,940	56,916
	<u>74,940</u>	<u>56,916</u>

10 Taxation

As a charity, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 31 December 2020 & 31 December 2021	<u>38,750</u>	<u>38,750</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2021	5,338	5,338
Charge for the year	2,583	2,583
At 31 December 2021	<u>7,921</u>	<u>7,921</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2021	<u>30,829</u>	<u>30,829</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>33,412</u>	<u>33,412</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Debtors	6,313	-
Gift Aid	791	5,279
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	7,104	5,279
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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Creditors	4,703	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,160	2,100
Other creditors	10,448	9,413
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	17,311	11,513
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14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Balance at
	Balance at	Incoming	Resource	31
	1 January	resources	s	December
	2021	resources	expended	2021
	£	£	£	£
Strategic development (SDF)	-	101,574	(101,574)	-
Cafe funding	584	-	(584)	-
Elderly people projects	1,000	-	-	1,000
Night shelter	100	-	-	100
Youth Club	-	1,000	(994)	6
Enjoolata Foundation	-	5,650	-	5,650
Church Roof	-	2,000	-	2,000
Foodbank	-	17,143	(7,904)	9,239
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	1,684	127,367	(111,056)	17,995
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SDF – Grant funding for salaries and building improvements from Chichester diocese and the Church Commissioners for the purpose of revitalising St Matthias and St Richard's.

Café Funding – grant funding to provide seen funding to launch a Play Café as a supportive community for parents and toddlers.

Elderly people projects - Donation for a new support group for elderly people which we plan to start in 2022.

Night Shelter – gift towards the St Matthias Night Shelter for those experiencing homelessness.

Youth Club – grant to enable St Matthias to launch a new Youth Café.

Enjoolata Foundation – grant to improve the St Richard's garden for community use.

Church Roof – grant to contribute towards works needed to be carried out on the north chancel roof.

Foodbank – grant received towards the church Foodbank for community use.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	30,829	-	30,829
Current assets	47,371	17,995	65,366
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(17,311)	-	(17,311)
	<u>60,889</u>	<u>17,995</u>	<u>78,884</u>
	<u><u>60,889</u></u>	<u><u>17,995</u></u>	<u><u>78,884</u></u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	33,412	-	33,412
Current assets	66,112	1,684	67,796
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,513)	-	(11,513)
	<u>88,011</u>	<u>1,684</u>	<u>89,695</u>
	<u><u>88,011</u></u>	<u><u>1,684</u></u>	<u><u>89,695</u></u>

16 Ultimate controlling party

The charity was under the control of the Trustees during the period under review.

Accounts



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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees	Thomas Holbird (Chairman and Vicar) Helena Lomas Douglas Gardner Ann Taylor Christopher Lomas Laura Batten Rebecca McDonald- Balfour David Jones (Secretary) David Jonnes Sue Adams Susan Middleton Timothy Palmer-Fry Caroline Palmer-Fry Paul Shepherd
Charity number	1185491
Principal Address	St Matthias Church Office 360c Ditchling Road Brighton BN1 6JG
Independent Examiner	TC Group The Courtyard Shoreham Road Upper Beeding Steyning West Sussex BN44 3TN
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 1 Kings Parade Ditchling Road Brighton BN1 6JT

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's Trust Deed and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Status

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission. Our Charity Commission number is 1185491.

These are our second accounts as a registered charity and cover the year to 31 December 2020.

The PCC members who served during the year were:

Thomas Holbird (Chairman and Vicar)
Penelope Buller – resigned in October 2020
Helena Lomas
Douglas Gardner
Ann Taylor
Christopher Lomas
Laura Batten
Rebecca McDonald- Balfour
David Jones (Secretary)
David Jonnes
Sue Adams
Susan Middleton
Timothy Palmer-Fry
Caroline Palmer-Fry
Paul Shepherd – appointed in October 2020

All staff undergo a formal recruiting and selection process, followed by an induction period that includes any training considered necessary to effectively perform their role. Volunteers and trustees' follow the recruitment and selection process in line with our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding policy and they receive necessary induction and training for their specific roles

Aims and Organisation

The aim of the PCC is the promotion in the Ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church.

Overview of Church Activities

2020 was a challenging year for St Matthias. When the COVID-19 pandemic led to the national lockdown in March we had to instantly change how we operated as a church. Church services and events went online as people joined from their own homes. This report gives a summary of our activities as a church throughout 2020.

Sunday Services

From March we launched two online services so that people could continue to worship and access talks without coming to the church building. We needed to quickly learn how to produce high quality film content. A great amount of creativity went into producing these services. A fun-packed Kids Online service aimed at young children enabled families to enjoy church from their homes. St Matthias Online was an adult focussed service which included pre-filmed music, bible readings, creative prayer, and talks.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



In addition to the online services we also produced a weekly Service of Prayer which was sent out by post and email along with the 9 o'clock news. This was a good way of keeping the 9am Congregation in touch.

From September we were able to reopen our 9am and 11am Services in line with Government and Church of England guidelines regarding the wearing of masks, social distancing, and without congregational singing.



Alpha

We ran two Alpha courses in 2020 in which we welcomed 12 guests. One of these courses was Alpha Online which has many advantages over in-person Alpha and works very well.

Groups

In 2020 we launched 3 new groups in addition to the 4 existing ones, all meeting on Zoom. Our groups became an essential way of keeping people connected. They enabled a network of pastoral care and became the ideal place for people to go deeper in faith through bible study, discussion and prayer.



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Events

Our last community event before lockdown restrictions was a School Disco. It was a great success and we raised £500 for local schools.



Once in-person gatherings were not possible we reverted to running online events in order to keep people connected during a period of isolation. We hosted a pub quiz, a weekly Tots and Toddlers song time, Easter Services, Kingdom Come worship and prayer nights, Dadventure challenges and even Focus (our church weekend away) Online. We also launched a new Justice Team, convened to help respond to issues of social injustice.



Christmas

Christmas 2020 was a great success at St Matthias. We were able to run services such as our Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Eve Nativity and Christmas Day Services in the building as well as online. Instead of Beer and Carols we hosted the Christmas Bus. We drove around the community in an open top double decker bus with a live band on the top playing Christmas music. Through this initiative we were able to bring some fun Christmas vibes to our community, especially those who have been isolated.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



Staff

We were able to benefit from the Government furlough scheme by furloughing two members of staff. We were extremely thankful for the work three members of staff who have moved on from their roles in 2020: our office administrator Charly Wood, our Kids Church Pastor Sarah Auld, and Jake Stimson, our worship pastor. Millie Avard joined the team in September taking up the Kids Church Pastor role and Tom Lomax joined the team as Worship Pastor in November. Toby Lancaster who is a St Mellitus ordinand joined the team in September for the final year of his ordination training. Hannah Rothwell joined the team becoming St Matthias' first Leadership Development Year intern in September. In November Flo Sparham joined the team as Foodbank Manager.

Risk Assessments

All events and activities are Risk Assessed, and the PCC is confident that it has reacted appropriately to the risks it encounters. Financial Risk is minimised by robust accounting procedures, and strict procedures for the counting and receipt of monies. We are thankful to our book-keeper Jo Aldridge, and to Helen James for providing extensive support to our finance team.

Fire protection is well maintained and all those who run events are Fire Marshall trained. Our Head of Operations regularly review the premises for other Health and Safety issues and take appropriate remedial action.

Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection and Safeguarding

The Priest-in-Charge is DBS checked, as are all of our Kids Church Team. The Priest-in-Charge and Kids Church Team have received training on Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment. We have fully complied with the Diocesan Safeguarding measures for children and vulnerable adults including the Simple Quality Protects process. All outside groups that use the premises and involve children must adhere to our Safeguarding Policy.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, in relation to having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £204,829. Expenditure was £179,799. This resulted in a balance of £25,030 - which offset the deficit at the end of the previous year of £24,466. £89,695 has been carried forward to 2021, of which £1,684 is restricted funding.

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold positive free reserves and a minimum cash balance totalling at least 3 month's staff costs in order to ensure the charity is able to meet its ongoing operational needs. The charity held free reserves of £54,599 at the period end. The charity was therefore operating within their reserves policy at the period end.

Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the duties set out in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit and to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to overall aims and objectives that they have set.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020***

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the accounts

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board on ...22 April 2021.....

On behalf of the board of trustees



**Thomas Holbird
Chairman**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

TC Group

Mark Cummins FCCA FCIE

On behalf of TC Group

Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 28 April 2021

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations	3	143,175	2,100	145,275	98,028
Other trading activities	4	26,078	33,391	59,469	75,880
Investment income	5	85	-	85	150
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Total income		169,338	35,491	204,829	174,058
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Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		139,592	40,207	179,799	198,524
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Total expenditure	6	139,592	40,207	179,799	198,524
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Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		29,746	(4,716)	25,030	(24,466)
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Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		58,265	6,400	64,665	89,131
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Total funds carried forward		88,011	1,684	89,695	64,665
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	11		33,412		35,982
Current assets					
Debtors	12	5,279		5,590	
Cash at bank and in hand		62,517		25,193	
			67,796		30,783
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(11,513)		(2,100)	
Net current assets			56,283		28,683
Net assets			89,695		64,665
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	14	1,684		6,400	
Unrestricted funds	15	88,011		58,265	
			89,695		64,665

The accounts were approved by the Board on22 April 2021



**Thomas Holbird
Chairman**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Legal status of charitable company

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is a charity. The charity's registered number and office address can be found on the Legal and Administrative Information page.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

2.2 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This includes taking into account any known impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as income when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

Income from charitable activities comprises grants awarded for activities undertaken by the charity's project partners. Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable unless a grant is subject to donor imposed conditions that specify the time period in which the expenditure of the resources can take place; in which case they are deferred.

2.4 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable activities comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity.

Governance costs (included within Support costs) comprises all costs associated with constitutional and statutory requirements with which the charity must comply.

Depreciation relates to equipment depreciation, being written off over 15 years straight line.

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PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS, BRIGHTON**
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Accounting Policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2.8 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are to be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are to be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2.9 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

2.10 Cash flow statement

In accordance with Section 7 of FRS 102 the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of its size.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	96,054	2,000	98,054	62,610
Collections	1,749	-	1,749	6,831
Appeals and donations	17,692	100	17,792	10,747
Foodbank	2,765	-	2,765	-
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	17,091	-	17,091	17,840
Furlough grants (CJRS)	7,824	-	7,824	-
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Total income from donations	143,175	2,100	145,275	98,028
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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
SDF salaries	-	33,391	33,391	41,418
St Matthias hall revenue	2,986	-	2,986	10,396
St Richards hall revenue	4,777	-	4,777	9,384
Snooker club	2,640	-	2,640	3,317
Weddings and funerals	498	-	498	1,857
Other events	8,528	-	8,528	9,508
Capex SDF	6,649	-	6,649	-
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Total income from other trading activities	26,078	33,391	59,469	75,880
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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	85	-	85	150
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Total investment income	85	-	85	150
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6 Total expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depreciation costs £	Other costs £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly	53,886	2,570	83,125	139,581	122,814
Support costs	3,030	-	37,188	40,218	75,710
Total charitable activities	56,916	2,570	120,313	179,799	198,524

Analysis of support costs (including Governance costs)

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
General office and administration	38,118	73,610
Governance costs:		
Independent examiners fees	2,100	2,100
	40,218	75,710

Activities undertaken directly includes £51,317 (2019: £59,767) payable for Parish Ministry Costs (PMC)

7 Comparative Funds – Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £
Income from:			
Donations	91,628	6,400	98,028
Other trading activities	34,462	41,418	75,880
Investment income	150	-	150
Total income	126,240	47,818	174,058
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	157,106	41,418	198,524
Total expenditure	157,106	41,418	198,524
Net income/(expenditure)	(30,866)	6,400	(24,466)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward from previous unregistered position	89,131	-	89,131
Fund balances carried forward	58,265	6,400	64,665

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8 Trustees

No members of the PCC received any remuneration directly from the charity in 2019 or 2020.

Helena Lomas received £2,893 (2019: £11,327) in a self-employed capacity.

Timothy Palmer-Fry is a director and shareholder of Caliper Projects Limited which invoiced the church £nil (2019: £17,756) in the year.

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 3 (2019: 3).

Employment costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries including social security costs	56,916	45,990
	<u>56,916</u>	<u>45,990</u>

10 Taxation

As a charity, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Matthias, Brighton is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Fixed Assets

These relate to equipment acquired prior to registration as a charity. The net book value at 1 January 2020 was £35,982 and depreciation of £2,750 was charged in the year.

12 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift Aid	5,279	4,069
Other debtors	-	1,521
	<u>5,279</u>	<u>5,590</u>

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,100	2,100
Other creditors	9,413	-
	<u>11,513</u>	<u>2,100</u>

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Balance at
	Balance at	Incoming	Resources	31
	1 January	resources	expended	December
	2020	£	£	2020
	£	£	£	£
Strategic development funding – towards salaries	-	33,391	(33,391)	-
Cafe funding	5,400	2,000	(6,816)	584
Elderly people projects	1,000	-	-	1,000
Night shelter	-	100	-	100
	<u>6,400</u>	<u>35,491</u>	<u>(40,207)</u>	<u>1,684</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	33,412	-	33,412
Current assets	66,112	1,684	67,796
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,513)	-	(11,513)
	<u>88,011</u>	<u>1,684</u>	<u>89,695</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	35,982	-	35,982
Current assets	24,383	6,400	30,783
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,100)	-	(2,100)
	<u>58,265</u>	<u>6,400</u>	<u>64,665</u>

16 Ultimate controlling party

The charity was under the control of the Trustees during the period under review.