

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
Bilborough and Strelley Nottingham**

Registered Charity Number 1187401

**Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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PCC Bilborough and Strelley (Nottingham)
PCC's annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Full name:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bilborough and Strelley, Nottingham

Registered Charity Number: 1187401

Principal address

St Margaret's Church, Aspley Lane, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG8 5GE.

Trustees

Rev'd Richard Atkinson
Rev'd Peter Shaw resigned 31/12/2023
Rev'd Denise Watkinson
Carole Platts
Kathleen Marian Henshell
Lyn Kent
Margaret Palmer
Michael Wakerley
Rosemary Walker

Christopher Hayward
Stephen Goodings
John Cherry resigned 23/05/2023
Montunrayo B Ajanaku
Suzanne Cherry resigned 23/05/2023
Shelley Anand
Thomas Pearson resigned 23/05/2023
James Whitham appointed 23/05/2023
Naomi Bradshaw appointed 23/05/2023
Valerie Whitwham appointed 23/05/2023

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 16 Market Place, Oldham. OL1 1JG.

CCLA Investment Management Ltd, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET.

Independent examiner

Katrina Proctor FCMA (Honorary Independent Examiner)

Governance and management

The activity of the PCC is governed by the PCC (powers) measure 1956 and the Church of England representation rules.

All PCC members are trustees. PCC members are elected according to church representation rules of the Church of England (PCC measures 1956). They are recruited by election carried out under church representation guidelines. Those eligible for voting are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish of Bilborough and Strelley. The number of trustees elected is calculated based on the size of Electoral Roll. All Trustees are required to complete and sign a fit and proper persons' declaration.

Objectives and activities

The PCC of Bilborough and Strelley's Mission Statement is "Sharing God's love in Bilborough and Strelley". The main activity of the PCC is promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church. The Mission of the church is to carry forward the work begun by Jesus Christ in all aspects of the life of people in society.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The activities of the PCC are those of the Church of England, namely: (1) proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, through Christian witness, worship, teaching and loving service; (2) seeking to transform unjust structures in society; (3) seeking to safeguard the integrity of all creation.

- We engage with our local communities by offering worship, mission, pastoral care, education and social activities;
- We offer the use of our hall and buildings to community groups such as the uniformed organisations and local groups;
- Our churches are open for a number of hours during the week for many different people groups, including: parents/carers and babies and toddlers, youth, young adults, the elderly, and all ages at our Sunday services;
- We have a graveyard and 3 areas for cremated remains which are available for people from our community should they need them;
- We work alongside and with other organisations in our community, including local schools. We seek to support those in need, both physically and mentally. We offer pastoral services such as weddings, funerals and baptisms;
- We are funded through donations and fundraising;
- The public benefit spiritually, educationally, socially, physically and emotionally from these activities. We are a visible and active sign of God's love for all.
- Safeguarding of all children, young people and adults is an important part of the work of our churches and our policies are reviewed on a regular basis. The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Regular reports are made to the PCC, and, as and when necessary, advice is sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Our Parish comprises three churches: All Saints', St John's and St Martin's, where regular worship is offered. The churches are diverse in nature and offer many opportunities for different forms of worship, cultural events and activities.

- Numbers on the Electoral Roll as at 23 May 2023: 102
- Life Services performed across the Parish:
- 16 Baptisms; 3 Weddings; 10 Funerals, 4 Burials of ashes;
- Our churches were regularly open for visitors;
- We collected foodstuffs and toiletries for our local food banks;
- We supported local and national charities through charitable giving;
- We visited local care homes;
- We hosted visits from local schools;
- We have had a regular pattern of Bible Study/discipleship groups which were open to all.
- Our churches have reached out to their local communities, offering spiritual, psychological and practical support.

A sample for events and activities from each of the churches

All Saints'

All Saints' continued to provide weekly services with the help of Readers, clergy and retired clergy. There were special services, e.g. Remembrance Sunday, Harvest, memorial service and Christingle. The church participated in Woven services and prayer meetings. The church was used for baptisms, renewal of wedding vows, funerals and burials. Great effort was made to support and encourage everyone. The church was open every third Sunday afternoon when visitors were able to see and listen to guides recounting the history of the church. Many initiatives took place involving village residents, and activities included "Ride and Stride" on behalf of Notts Historic Churches Trust, fundraising events e.g.

Spring Fair and "Christmas at The Hall". Members of the church encouraged each other socially with a Christmas meal at the Broad Oak inn.

St John's

During 2023 St John's increased its outreach to the local community, with the residents benefitting in so many different ways. Weekly events at St John's included youth drama, youth drop-in, a community meal, toddler group activities and a drop-in wellbeing café. These, together with the Sunday service with children's groups, and a bi-weekly youth service, gave a weekly footfall of nearly 300 people. St John's ran several men's, and women's, breakfast mornings throughout the year. During the warmer months, there were regular gardening groups on the community allotment. Special events included a Coronation party and Christmas Lights festival. Thus, the church has continued to be very much a vibrant hub of local community life.

St Martin's

St Martin's, as part of the wider Woven Group of Churches, is a small but friendly and welcoming congregation. During 2023, the weekly Sunday morning 10.30 am service provided a quiet and reflective service, whilst on Sundays at 4.00 pm the church had its all-age Family, Faith and Fun service. The church had many visitors who were particularly interested in the age/history of the church. St Martin's continued to maintain the benefit of the Hidden Treasures Project in line with HLF recommendations. The Friends of St Martin's (FOM), is a group of people who enable the church to organise social events for the local community, and support the church in many ways. They continued to offer a programme of one-off events and regular activities to the local and wider community. These included e.g. a weekly Crafty Ladies' Group, a Writers' Group, a monthly Local History Group. On Monday afternoons, the church ran a Little Sparks Group for parents/carers and toddlers and on Tuesday mornings there was a weekly well-being community café. Throughout the year, the church held social events for the community, establishing itself as very much at the heart of the community.

This parish was impacted by a pastoral scheme effective 1st January 2024, whereby two new parishes have been formed being Bilborough St John the Baptist and Bilborough St Martins of Tours and the residual parish has been renamed Strelley All Saints. These accounts are the final accounts of the combined parish.

The charity's policy of reserves

The trustees have a policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves at a minimum equal to 3 months expenditure, this policy has been met at the year end.

Risks

There is always a risk that income from regular giving can fall if members sadly die or move out of the Parish. In addition, this year the churches face continued financial risk due to higher energy prices. This was been mitigated in 2023 by the government scheme and also a church of England grant.

The PCC tries to ensure that sufficient funds are left in reserve for upkeep of the four buildings in the Parish. We might be financially challenged should unavoidable multiple major repairs be needed all at the same time.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signed CL Platts

Date 19/8/2024
Carole Platts, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Bilborough and Strelley Parish,
(Nottingham)
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bilborough and Strelley, Nottingham, which are set out on pages 2 – 4 covering the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bilborough and Strelley, Nottingham are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Respective responsibilities of the Examiner

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

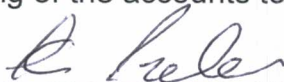
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bilborough and Strelley, Nottingham has not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - the accounts are prepared which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

08.08.24

Katrina Proctor FCMA (Honorary Independent Examiner)

PCC Bilborough and Strelley (Nottingham)
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

for the year ended 31 December 2023				
2022				2023
Total			Unrestricted	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds
£		Note	£	£
Receipts				
106,584	Grants and donations	2	70,598	51,210
3,026	Fundraising		4,395	176
24,118	Sales & Fees		27,335	-
1,112	Bank Interest		1,579	-
498	Sundry receipts		15,443	310
135,338	TOTAL		119,350	51,696
Payments				
16	Fundraising costs		77	7
330	Mission giving and donations			3,284
11,328	Parish share		14,928	-
11,438	Staff costs		12,238	9,247
18,458	Mission activities		2,772	13,414
19,393	Church running costs		13,371	886
28,362	Utility bills		27,161	5,000
62,257	Major Building Work		-	7,062
2,340	Woven Contribution		3,809	-
153,923	TOTAL		74,355	38,899
Transfer between funds			5,947	(5,947)
(18,585)	Net receipts/(payments)		50,942	6,850
94,341	Cash funds at start of this period		27,186	48,570
75,756	Cash funds at end of this period		78,128	55,420

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Statement of assets and liabilities as
at 31 December 2023

2022			2023
£		Note	£
	Cash assets		
75,538	Bank accounts		133,548
218	Cash in hand		-
75,756			133,548
	Other monetary assets		
30,971	Investments: Endowment Funds		33,885
3,896	Debtors		1,552
34,867			35,437
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment		
	Liabilities		
(6,701)	Creditors	3	(936)
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1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants & Donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Warm Welcome	1,000		1,000
Diocesan Energy Grant	13,400		13,400
Nottinghamshire Historical Churches		2,500	2,500
Groundworks		500	500
Listed place of Worship Grant		196	196
Growing Disciples Grant		2,000	2,000
Caring for creation		250	250
Garfield Weston		10,000	10,000
East Midlands Airport		591	591
The National Churches Trust		10,000	10,000
Nottingham City Council		275	275
National Lottery		10,000	10,000
Sundry donations	56,198	14,898	71,096
	70,598	51,210	121,809

3. Creditors

	£
Utilities	20
Mission costs	200
Parochial Fees	716
	936

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4. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Fund Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted Funds					
St Martins Funds					
Hidden Treasures Delivery	20,849	-	3,442	-	17,407
St Martin's Build	-	110	-	(110)	-
New Worshipping Community	4,345	-	-	(1,345)	3,000
Growing Disciples Family, Faith and Fun	-	2,000	652	-	1,348
Growing Disciples SMC - AV	282	-	-	-	282
St Johns Funds					
Love your neighbour	3,104	-	3,104	-	-
WARM	10,000	-	10,000	-	-
St Johns Little Sparks Toddler Group	763	-	499	-	264
Feed 52	683	2,803	2,563	-	923
Coronation	-	500	1,290	790	-
PS Discretionary	-	6,250	3,469	(790)	1,991
Growing Disciples SJ	480	-	137	-	343
Rooted	218	861	666	-	413
Christmas Meal	4,307	545	4,477	-	375
Lottery	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Youth	2,745	995	234	-	3,506
St Johns build	-	20,000	6,616	(3,782)	9,602
Other	794	244	849	-	189
All Saints Strelley Funds					
SAS Build	-	5,301	901	(710)	3,690
SAS Other	-	75	-	-	75
SAS War Memorial	-	2,013	1	-	2,012
	48,570	51,696	38,899	-	5,947
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	1,274	272	155	-	1,392
Strelley All Saints General Fund	986	30,594	12,987	710	19,303
St Martins Church General Fund	-	18,457	17,800	1,455	2,112
St Johns Church General Fund	16,429	49,790	28,086	3,782	41,915
St Johns Social General Fund	5,397	20,238	15,328	-	10,307
St Johns Social Designated Buidling Fund	3,100	-	-	-	3,100
	27,186	119,350	74,355	5,947	78,128

5. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.


Restricted Funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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Approval of the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

These financial statements are accepted and approved on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bilborough and Strelley, Nottingham by:

Signed 
Rev'd Richard Atkinson, Chair

Dated 19/8/2024

Signed 
Lyn Kent, Treasurer

Dated 19/8/2024