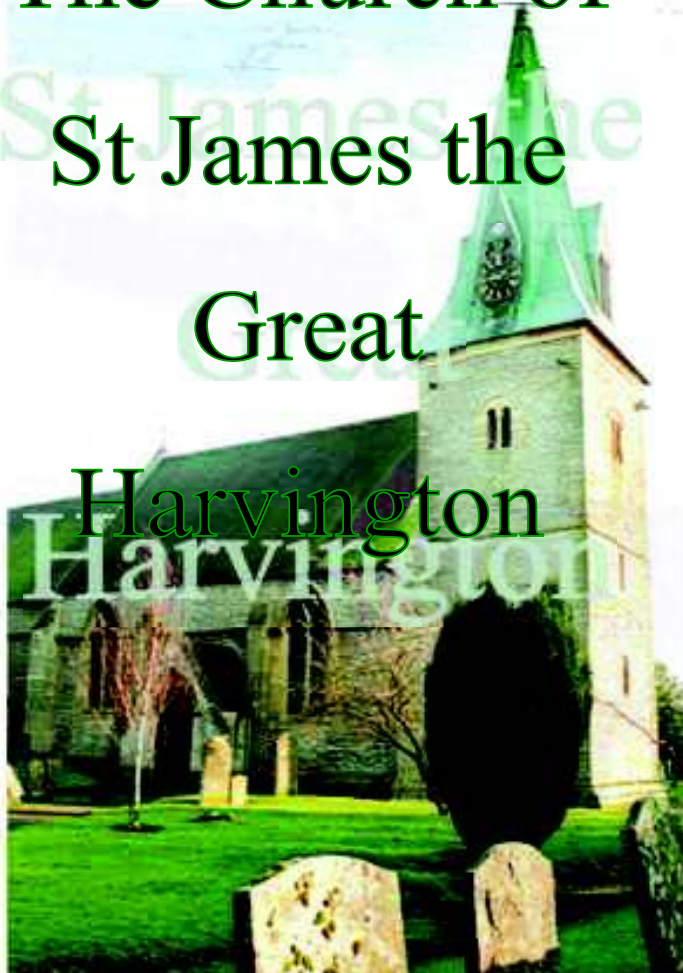


The Church of St James the Great Harvington



**Annual Report and Financial Statement
31st December 2023**

The Church of St James the Great, Harvington

Mission Statement: To Show Our Love for God and You



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Incumbent

Reverend Canon Richard Thorniley

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Associate Minister & Pioneer Deacon

The Reverend Chris Sheehan

Churchwarden

Elliot Grainger

Organist
Sally Livingstone

Licensed Lay Minister

Pippa Heenan

Verger

Members of the PCC

***Independent
Examiner***

Mr Andy Tooth

Authorised Lay Minister

John Liggitt

Eucharist Assistants

David Battin, Susan Bullard, Sophie Dodds, John Liggitt, Janet Stean, Gill Thorniley, Elliot Grainger.

Sides Persons

Sophie Dodds, Annette France, Alan Hirst, John Redman, Elliot Grainger, David Battin, Graham Pearson, Karen O'Neill, Jack Hegarty, Joy Rawes, Jill Francis

Number on Electoral Roll: 54

Average weekly attendance: 28

Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St James the Great, Harvington, Evesham is a charity excepted from Registration with the Charity Commission. It aims to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical [PCC (powers) Measure 1956].

Risk management

The PCC has agreed on a risk management plan and procedures have been designated to manage effectively risks which may arise. The responsible officers for this plan are churchwardens, who may modify it from time to time. A current copy is kept in the church.

PCC members

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Richard Thorniley (Chair)
Curate, Deacon, pioneer Minister	The Reverend Chris Sheehan
Licensed Lay Minister	Pippa Heenan
Churchwarden	Elliot Grainger
Deanery Synod Representatives	David Battin, Jack Hegarty
Elected members	John Liggitt, Annette France, Jill Francis, Joy Rawes, Graham Pearson, Alan Hirst,
Treasurer	John Liggitt
Secretary	Diane Ashplant
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Jill Francis

Standing Committee

Chair: Reverend Canon Richard Thorniley, Elliot Grainger, John Liggitt, Graham Pearson, Diane Ashplant.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The Incumbent, Church Wardens and Deanery Synod Representatives are ex-officio members of the PCC. Other members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted during the year.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements 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 of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- (c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Review of the Year 2023



Sub-committee Reports

Worship and Outreach in 2023

We have at last returned to normal since COVID and our pattern of services are a Morning Service, with an evening BCP Communion, Holy Communion, Family Service and Holy Communion monthly pattern. On 5th Sundays we travel around for a Benefice Eucharist taking it in turns to host in our Benefice churches. Mid-week BCP Holy Communion returned on a fortnightly basis in November.

We have enjoyed slow and steady growing numbers to our regular services and family services, which are re-established, remain well attended, and are assisted by the links made through Holiday Clubs and Youth Groups. The children are happy to take part in the services and we have a range of accomplished regular readers who enhance our family worship.

We had a return of a Taizé service in March led by Pippa Heenan which was a nice break within our Lent observations.

We held special services in the benefice to commemorate His Majesty King Charles 3rd's Coronation at the beginning of May.

The Harvington Festival in June included a church based flower festival and a Songs of Praise with a local brass band in attendance. It was lovely to see the church being used as a Festival venue.

We again enjoyed joint services with Harvington Baptist Chapel (HBC) in August taking turns to host a service each during the holiday month. They also joined us for the Remembrance Service with the Act of Remembrance itself taking place at 11.00 at the War Memorial which was well supported by the village.

Evening Book of Common Prayer Communion Services continued from 2022 and were enhanced by a Taizé services in the Spring led by Pippa Heenan. Carols took place outdoors with hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies and good number of the community of all ages attended. This was preceded by the School Key Stage 2 Carol Service earlier in the week which was packed and the roof tiles were rattling with the enthusiastic singing of the children.

Our Christmas Eve Family Service was reinstated but without Christingles which made it more manageable – and included lovely sketches and commentaries provided by children and adults in equal measure.

The Reverend Chris Sheehan continued to host daily morning prayer via Zoom at 8.30 am Monday to Saturday. The Reverend Richard Thorniley hosts Evening prayer at 6.00 pm. The Church of England liturgical pattern is followed except on Saturday when it is Northumbrian Prayer. The regulars have found it invaluable in shaping the day when everything else is thrown out of the diary. This spin-off from Lockdown remains.

Holiday Club

We had two Holiday Clubs which took place in April, (Easter Holiday Club) and July, our summer one. The Holiday Clubs included wonderful craft opportunities, Easter egg hunt, walks, games and in the summer the now traditional obstacle course at Ellenden farm. Lively singing of well-known school songs from iSingPop selection at the start of the day along with prayers made these two clubs a great success.

Outreach

Open the Book took place in school again and the team comprising Pete Ashplant, Jill Francis, Michael Bowen, Gill Thorniley, Toby Sturgess, who left in March 2023, and was replaced by Ruth Axten, and Richard Thorniley. A series of stories from the Old and New Testament were presented in sketch form to the children's delight especially when they could provide noises and moves as well as additional personnel.

Acknowledgements

Our sincere thanks go to all those who have led services during this year, including Reverend Richard Thorniley, Reverend Chris Sheehan, Bishop Robert Paterson, Reverend David Foster, Reverend Gerry Foster, Reverend Steve Tilley, Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Pippa Heenan and Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) John Liggitt. We offer our grateful thanks to Sally Livingstone, who plays the organ and the keyboard for us at services at St. James' with additional support from Richard Ball when Sally is away.

Caring Hands

Sophie Dodds writes:

Caring Hands has again been supported by the generosity of our congregation and the community of Harvington during the past year. Our thank you goes to all who have been helping this worthy cause, run by volunteers in Evesham and providing supplies for the needy and destitute.

Evesham serves cooked meals during the week, arranges food parcels for individuals and families. The need is ever increasing by the year but only the very needy who are referred can be supported by Caring Hands.

Thank you again to all who have given.

THIS SERVICE ONLY EXISTS DUE TO THE LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR!!

Cameo Teas

Sophie Dodds writes:

CAMEO TEAS enjoyed another successful year. A few new people joined which always enhances the fun and laughter for our monthly get-together.

For our Spring-Outing we visited "Jinney Ring Garden Centre" for our Afternoon Tea treat. Hoping to sit by the pond to watch the ducks and geese frolicking in the spring sunshine, but the weather put a stop to it, so we moved to the cosy veranda and had a lovely afternoon.

The children from Harvington School visited us in June in our church for Tea and cakes and our Rev. Richard provided the usual quiz for the children with which even some of us adults struggled. It shows how observant we are when we visit our church every Sunday.

The children hosted us in July for Afternoon Tea. It is so interesting to talk to them; the children have an enormous gift to communicate.

Great to have established an Intergenerational Forum over the years. We all love it !!!

The Christmas Season started with our usual Christmas Carol Service at church followed by Christmas Lunch at the Kings Court Hotel. The organisation is self-funding and has served the community for many years. Thank you to all the Havingtonians who faithfully come along and thanks to all the volunteers who help to make it happen.

Pastoral sub-committee

Wendy and Konrad Monks write:

The Harvington Community Support Group was originally initiated by Sheila Harris, and is overseen by the Rector Revd Richard Thorniley. It is currently coordinated by Wendy and Konrad Monks who have lived in Harvington for many years.

The purpose of the group is to provide low-key practical and emotional support to residents of the village, or to provide advice about how to access help for more complex needs. The team currently consists of Mike Barbour, Annette France, Kay Barrett and Joy Rawes, as well as the Rector and Wendy and Konrad.

Over the course of 2023, the team responded to 64 individual requests for help, getting on for twice as many as the previous year. Clearly the service is getting better known in the village, which is gratifying, but it does mean that our volunteers are busier, and we could do with one or two extra pairs of hands. Most of the people who get in touch with us are elderly, and some are very frail. The kind of help needed is often transport and assistance with attending appointments, but also sometimes getting in shopping, sitting with someone whilst a carer goes out, general 'friendly visiting', helping with computer problems, helping with pets, etc.

The "Welcome to Harvington" booklet is being up-dated and will be ready for distribution in the spring. Thanks go to Mike who has done the lion's share on this, and also thanks are due to the Parish Council for funding the production of the up-date.

Feedback we have had from residents suggests that the help we provide is appreciated and that people derive a sense of comfort knowing we are there in the background. As co-ordinators, we enjoy our role in this, but we couldn't do it without the commitment of our always willing volunteers and we very much value their input.

CHURCH WARDEN REPORT 2023

Churchwarden Elliot Barfield Grainger writes:

It has been a privilege to be Church Warden for another year. Thanks must go again to the team approach to the Church Warden duties, particularly to Alan Hirst and David Battin, but also Sophie Dodds, who whilst stepping back remains a fount of wisdom and advice. Thank you, for sharing some of the administration and continuing to support ongoing projects (see below) and for general advice and reminders through the year. We are very fortunate to have such collaboration in maintaining our beautiful building for the community and for God.

Thanks also to all who support the work of the Church in delivering services each Sunday, and the huge range of other work that the Church community provides within the village, as the below outlines there is much going on within our community.

Once again, I would like to remind people that there are two posts of Church Warden, and volunteers to the position to support the work would be gratefully received.

Strategic Review

The last year saw our review of 2022 move into strategic planning for the years ahead. We had the announcement that Fr. Richard's retirement is expected in 2025, and thus there is a need for all of us to think about succession planning, not least from a financial point of view.

The result was the **St James's Church Harvington, Strategy for Growing and Sustaining, Easter 2023 - Easter 2025**. The Strategy gives us all much to aim for, and it has been really exciting to see a whole host of people from across the congregation stepping up to make things happen over this past year.

In the Strategy we set ourselves 7 Objectives, across which we are making headway. What follows is a brief review of where we are against each of the metrics.

- i. To increase the monthly average regular attendance at church on Sundays by 25% to reach an average of 30 people;

Whilst congregation numbers are up we are not yet achieving an “average of 30” people across services. The 2023 census shows an average of 28 which is up, but not quite there.

There is however a very positive story here of a strong, regular attendance. What appears to be occurring is that we are now more regularly getting 24 - 26 members in the congregation week-on-week (and our children numbers are up considerably). This implies that we have a wider cohort of regular attendees. However, the services where we get larger numbers have not increased thus our average has ticked up, but is not yet reaching our target.

- ii. To have regular (at least monthly) gatherings of 8+ adults for prayer and praise at at least two other occasions in church during the week outside of the main parish Sunday service;

The regular bi-monthly, mid-week services are underway, and set in the calendar of events. This joins the daily morning prayer online. However, the regular gathering of people is around 6. So, whilst this is a great step to make something sustainable, we need to continue to reflect on how we might all engage in these midweek moments of prayer and praise together, and create an offering to others to join us.

- iii. To triple the regular home groups taking place within our parish community;

This is where we have seen success. The regular prayer group that has long been in place has now become four home groups, started in 2023. Efforts are now needed to reflect on how these continue, are reviewed and develop and to ensure they are sustainable. How we engage new congregants or those not in prayer/home/study groups might also need to continue to be on our radar.

- iv. To establish a permanent Cross Club meeting during Sunday morning services in term time;

Another success. With many thanks to Gill Thorniley and team for making this a regular term-time occurrence.

- v. To plant one sustainable, “fresh expression” by which we mean a financially self-sustaining, regularly meeting group by Easter 2025;

Messy Church is now established. Attendance in 2023 was patchy as it got going, but this is now settling into a routine. With thanks to all who volunteer to make this happen, and who are keeping costs low as it seeks to become a truly self-sustaining fresh expression within our community.

- vi. To place the church at the centre of village and community life, seen by people as more than a place of worship, as recognised by its increased ranking in a repeat survey; and

Assessing this objective at the end of year 1 is difficult, as we will need to review a survey in 2025 to see if we have achieved it. However, we should assume that sentiment has not shifted much. Further efforts on delivering some of the action points will be explored in 2024 as we seek to put the church more in the minds of the village beyond those of us who see it as a place of prayer and praise.

- vii. To increase income to the church by £10,000 from 2022 levels

Technically, this is a success. Finances will be discussed across the report for the APGM. In short this metric is looking like it will be met. The more worrying story is that a £10,000 increase may not be enough to meet the ever-increasing demands for money from the Bishop. Plus, our future ‘financial liability’ will be decided as a Benefice and the story from our brothers and sisters is not as positive. John Liggitt will expand more in his finance report.

To help achieve the above and make some of the objectives more practical, an Action Plan broke down what was needed into three streams of work - which overall is at 50% completion. This rises to 60% if we look at Action 1, **Create and sustain an accessible and open community prayer life**. As noted above we have had success in growing ways in which to share the Good News within our community.

Action 2, **Bring God to the community by placing the church at the centre of community activity** is making strides, with 42.5% of actions being met. In almost all cases some activity is underway. Making these initial steps *sustainable* now needs to be the focus for the year ahead.

Action 3 to show God's love of our community through our provision of support to the community, our neighbours and those in need is also underway. We are reporting on this as 50% complete. Here the challenge is that we were already doing many things in this space. The strategy calls for us to "strengthen" and "grow" these activities to our neighbours, which has started to happen and signs are positive that this neighbourly love will continue at pace into the year ahead.

The strategy has been a useful way for us to mark what is happening in our congregation. It also responds to a call from the *Diocese for a "Health and Sustainability Plan"* Elements of the strategy easily help us identify our priorities, and the Plan will now be used to help us focus on what we want to achieve in 2024.

However, much of what is happening is because of the motivation of the Holy Spirit within members of our community. People are stepping up to help, but also coming forward with ideas.

To everyone on the PCC who keeps things moving and our traditions in place but evolving - thank you.

Thanks also go to Gerry Foster who has spearheaded a team on the "Welcome Packs", to Katie Horton who has helped make social events happen, and now taken on the mantle of organiser-in-chief for 2024 onwards. I thank Jean Spiers for the flower arranging, and Joy and Julian Rawes for their care of the church yard along with all those who volunteer to support these activities.

David Battin deserves another mention both for his roster work, ensuring the readers, prayers and refreshments for every service, but also for spearheading the eco-Church activity, and looking to take us from Bronze to Silver in the years ahead.

I also thank Diane Ashplant for coming forward as secretary and keeping the Standing Committee on point, Jill Francis for ensuring we are safeguarding compliant, and to thank Graham Pearson for stepping forward to support the work of the Standing Committee, and Jack Hegarty for his support with the Mission Accompanier. And of course, thanks to John Liggitt for ensuring the money is accounted for and that we are, as best we are able, able to keep up our Share.

And finally, thank you to Richard, who has done so much for the Parish and the Benefice, working hard across four churches, and of course being open to discussions on his retirement so publicly with us all, helping ensure we can prepare to build on success in the years ahead.

Benefice Meetings

It has been great to engage in several Benefice meetings with my fellow church wardens this past year. Fr Richard reinstated these as we started to discuss managing his final two years and succession planning, as well as meeting together as we explored our mission accompanist's advice and guidance.

We at Harvington are the larger partner in the benefice and are looking to take on a larger share of the Mission Share as the village population has increased. We also have a larger congregation, and are seeing positive signs of action and activity. This is not the same for our partners in the benefice, and we all need to look to support our family of churches as we head into 2024.

Whether or not we are supported to replace Fr Richard after his retirement will require the whole benefice to be seen as “financially able” to do so. Remembering the diocesan focus is always money first. At present, we are not meeting our obligations in this “voluntary payment”. Change would now seem most likely at the end of Richard’s tenure and we all need to be alive to what that will mean.

Fundraising

Fundraising continued in 2023, with the Open Gardens and Flower Festival again the highlight of the summer, with thanks to Jean Spiers and Joy Rawes, and everyone else who helped make this happen. We look forward to the 2024 editions.

In addition, the Christmas Fair was a triumph, organised by Katie Horton (and family), with support from all quarters, but of course a special thanks to Pete Ashplant for playing a particularly vital role.

It is great to see that a programme of an activity and services reinstated since COVID during 2023.

Community engagement

Bringing people to God and hopefully our pews, involves community engagement, with many areas outlined in the strategy above. Fr. Richard continues to play a leading role in this. The Holiday Clubs were again a great success and proved popular with children and parents alike.

Messy Church has been re- established, with support from St James’s for an initial year in the hope to make it self-sustaining. A huge thanks to the volunteers working to make this a success once a month.

St James’s continued its close relationship with the School both at school and here in Church, and Harvington Singers remain a community partner, who give a generous donation each year after their concerts.

We also continued its partnership with the Baptist chapel in supporting the Harvington Youth Group - and news is expected on long-term funding as we go into 2024.

Building and Fabric

Quinquennial Inspection

A project tracker of the 2019 Quinquennial Report was created in 2022. This is monitoring our progress in delivering the recommendations made. We have increased the results of our management making 48% completion (from 39% a year ago) across all recommendations. However, this rises to 85% on high and medium urgency projects - with only two areas not undertaken to date - repair of the chancel roof and repair of the chancel floor. Many of the lower risk issues are being kept under review by the PCC as they are suggestive, and in some cases considered not in keeping with the current or future use of the building as envisaged by the PCC.

It is worth noting that 2024 is the year we are due another Quinquennial inspection.

New Flood Light

The Tree of Light installation drew attention to the end of the life of one of the floodlights. This has been replaced.

Rector's Vestry

The start of the year saw the completion of renovations to the Vestry with thanks to Mr Rawls and Mr Hirst for seeing this project through to completion.

Clock

The saga of the clock continues. Whilst the repairs have been a success, and paid for, and the clock now works and chimes on time, the plan to fit a regulator has not resulted in any regulation. Alan Hirst and Anthony Wheeler have been heroic in efforts to work with the clock, and the repair company, to resolve this ongoing challenge. However, I think we all agree that hearing the clock ring out the hours again has been worth the wait.

Boundary Walls

The boundary wall to the north east of the churchyard has been repaired. A faculty for greater repairs to the north wall is underway with expectation of this taking place in early 2024 as the days get warmer.

Cleaning and General Maintenance

Thanks to everyone on the roster for keeping the church clean and tidy week by week, and to all those who offer their time to keep the Churchyard in check. A new lawn mower was purchased in 2023 to help support the work of the gardening team.

Eco Church

David Battin (coordinator) writes:

St James' Church was awarded the Eco Church Bronze Award in April 2023. The plaque is displayed in the porch. The PCC has made a commitment to work towards a Silver Award over the next couple of years. The award will involve strengthening worship and teaching on caring for God's earth, improving our management of our buildings and land, organising community outreach projects and auditing of personal lifestyle issues. Already considerable work has taken place in our churchyard to improve its facilities for people and wildlife. Some of us have measured our personal carbon footprints. My thanks go to all who have assisted and provided ideas to improve the environmental impact of our church community.

Church Activities

Faith Today Group

Sophie Dodds writes:

What would we do without Faith Today? It keeps us grounded and connects us to the WORD, makes things clearer when we don't understand and when we are in doubt it brings us back to an even keel. The input and the fellowship we enjoy on our journey of faith is palpable. We meet on the second Friday in the month from 10-12noon at Breslau, and have a pause during the summer months. It is a very friendly group, about 6-8 members and fun is always the operative word. During the past term we discussed Martha and Mary; Why Church; Revelation; Death and Resurrection; Covenant at Mount Sinai; (break from June –Sept); most important Rules (love God and love your neighbour); last Judgement. Members have the opportunity to lead a subject but it is not mandatory. The subjects are agreed amongst ourselves and we find them always so interesting and enlightening that often two hours are not long enough. That is due to the contribution each and everyone makes. The subjects which have been chosen for 2024 are very challenging and thought provoking. . THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALIVE!!

Cross Club

Gill Thorniley writes:

Cross Club took a break after end of summer term 2019. It was due to be a longer break than usual over the summer holidays but then also over the autumn term as Richard, and therefore Gill, was on sabbatical. It was due to restart January 2020. But then Covid happened.

But now due to popular demand, it is back! The first time we met was on 5 November 2023, and it met six times before the end of December.

Cross Club has a regular attendance of 5 young people, and now meets in the choir vestry rather than at The Rectory. This makes it easier logistically, but it does limit the number of children who can attend, we probably have space for a maximum of eight children and two adults.

Gill Thorniley is currently heading it up with a team of helpers with a backup team to cover for emergencies. Thank you to all the helpers who give up their Sunday worship to be part of the children's worship.

We continue to use ROOTS as our main source of inspiration. ROOTS is a flexible resource that can be used in any churches who follow the lectionary readings. This means that most weeks the session is designed around the same readings as in the main church service. Currently ROOTS are following the Old Testament readings and are looking at God's big plan.

We are getting to know one another and what works for us as a group, and it is a joy to spend time together on our faith journey.

The Lenches and Harvington Messy Church

Rev. Chris Sheehan writes:

Messy Church, a national Christian form of church was restarted in the ARCH Benefice in 2023 after the pandemic. A dedicated team organise an occasional event on a Sunday afternoon in Harvington village hall which has all the elements of traditional church - a bible-linked theme, exploring the theme (through various craft tables), a time of celebration in song and word and a shared hot meal where families can come together with lovely food. The aim of our Messy Church is fourfold: Getting families together, removing the mystique of God/church, ensuring the spiritual side is met and for those put off by religion but who admire the person of Jesus and discipleship.

In 2023 we ran three Messy Church events in June, October and November. Many families attended with young children, some known to us and others who have never attended either traditional church or Messy Church. While we are a separate worshipping community we are affiliated to St James and aspects such as safeguarding follow C of E guidelines. And we very much appreciate the financial support of St James PCC. A big thanks to our volunteer team who organise all aspects of the event before and during the fun afternoon. Volunteers always welcome.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding officer for the Arch Benefice, Jill Francis writes:

The Parochial Church Council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

- There have been no reported Safeguarding concerns during the last year.
- During the last year eight people have renewed their DBS certificates (now required every three years). These were for volunteers involved with Messy Church, Cross Club, Youth Project and Pastoral Support. The PCC is very grateful to all these people who give their time voluntarily.
- All new volunteers are encouraged to complete online Safeguarding Awareness Training and existing volunteers are reminded to refresh their Safeguarding Awareness Training every three years. This training can now be completed online using the Diocesan Safeguarding website.

- From January 2024 all DBS criminal checks have to be carried out every three years (formerly five years). This will be a time-consuming task for the PSO.
- The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) has continued to review and update information onto the Diocesan Parish Dashboard. This online facility shows evidence of our church's progress in implementing required procedures for a Safer Church and also shows where we still need to improve. It can be viewed by the Diocese at any time.
- It is pleasing to inform the meeting that St James Church has achieved 72% progress on the Dashboard with all urgent/red items now completed, due to all members of the PCC having engaged with online Safeguarding Training!
- An important update for this year is the news that The Church of England will begin (in January 2024) a new three-year programme of Safeguarding Audits for Dioceses and Cathedrals. Auditors will be coming to the Worcester Diocese on 1st – 5th July. However, they will begin the process well before this date doing a deep-dive into our processes and culture. They want to visit parishes and learn what safeguarding is really like on the ground.

Church Bell ringing teams

Tower Captain, Anthony Wheeler writes:

We started the New Year 2023 by ringing just before and after midnight.

During the year 5 visiting teams rang here including 2 quarter peals.

We rang for 3 Weddings and 1 Wedding Blessing.

On May 6th we rang here at Harvington to celebrate the crowning of our new King Charles 3rd. As a continuation on that day, we rang at Norton and Bishampton as they are short of ringers.

During September we welcomed an experienced ringer into our team. Tony Hartwell, who is the grandfather of Josh Lowe who was a ringer in our team a while ago.

Half muffled ringing took place for Remembrance Day {Nov 12th} and for Holy Innocence Day on December 28th.

Many hours have been spent by Chris Haynes and myself trying to get the church clock to keep good time. Cumbria Clocks have repaired various parts and are visiting again soon.

Many thanks as always to our Bell Ringing Team for their continued support and dedication. Thanks to the PCC for our Christmas Gifts for 2023 and 2022. Thanks also to Richard for chairing the meeting.

St James Hand bell ringers report

Keith Hemming writes:

The handbell ringers have had another busy year. We have done ladies groups, lunchtime Church concerts, Harvington school summer sizzler and we still go into school for an afternoon club which the children enjoy. However, our biggest event is Christmas fundraising for the Midlands Air Ambulance and also the Warwickshire Air Ambulance. We go and perform at care homes, supermarkets both in Worcestershire and Warwickshire. In 2023 we were asked to go and play in the service area on the M5 motorway. This was a first for us as we were invited by the Midlands Air Ambulance to do this. We managed to pass all previous totals and raised a massive £4730 - let's see if we can go better this year. The group is always looking for new members so if you are interested come along for a taster evening. and you don't have to read music it's all done by numbers.

Churchyard Vergers report

Joy and Julian Rawes write:

We have had a busy year in the churchyard with our excellent team of around 20 helpers who are keen and enthusiastic, their ages range from 8 to 80 plus!

Keith will continue mowing this year and ask for help if he needs it.

Meanwhile the hedges in the burial ground have been cut, the flowerbeds tended and planted up. Older graves have been tidied and the wildlife area maintained. The mown paths in this area have proved a success and are being used regularly.

In 2024, we are planning to remove the overgrown beech hedge in the burial ground to make room for more burials. This will be done by Peter Leamy and the team. We will be meeting with David Battin to discuss the next stage of Eco church and how we can move this forward. We always enjoy the emerging bulbs in Spring and look forward to starting the gardening team on the 3rd Saturday of March 2024.

Electoral Roll

Annette France writes:

Number on roll is 54.

Harvington Youth Project

Peter Ashplant Chairperson of the Harvington Youth Project Steering Group writes:

I reported last year on the arrival of our new Youth Worker, Toby Sturgess. He settled in to the Project during the second half of 2022 and into the early part of 2023. We knew that Toby found living expenses difficult with just a part time job and he found it necessary to start an additional job to supplement his income. In March 2023, Toby suddenly gave in his notice to leave the Project and we found ourselves without a youth worker again. The Steering Group met to discuss all the issues raised by Toby's departure and agreed that we should take time to consider the way forward. It was acknowledged that offering a part-time post had not attracted many applicants and we agreed to take stock of our way forward.

The volunteers proved wonderful yet again in continuing the work of the three groups during Spring and the early part of the Summer. Autumn saw a number of movements of children and young people as they became too old for their group night. The dynamics of the groups changed and it was pleasing to see that the Ignite group of 13+ grew in numbers. This left Explorers with a much younger group as a number of 11-year-olds joined the group. Adventurers continued to grow in numbers and they regularly have over 20 attending on a Thursday.

During 2023, one of the established groups (Phoenix) in the village chose Harvington Youth Project as its charity of the year. This was a special accolade and it not only provided the Project with a generous cheque of £430, but also an opportunity to be linked to the Parish Council in terms of advising on youth issues in the village. One of the members of Phoenix sits on the Parish Council and she led the campaign of getting a Youth Project voice onto the Council. She attended the Ignite group to talk it through and a young person was chosen to attend Parish Council on a regular basis. Now, there is an opportunity to apply for funding for a youth facility in the village.

The summer also saw an opportunity for young people to use a music bus set of workshops donated by Wychavon District Council. In a "state of the art" converted bus, young people had the opportunity to make music recordings and play instruments as well as understanding how to mix electronic music.

As the year progressed, a further opportunity arose to apply for a revenue grant to the Church of England Healthier Churches Fund. In November, a number of meetings took place and it was decided to apply. The focus of the bid was to expand the youth worker post to full time and spread the work of the Project further into other parts of the Benefice as well as linking into neighbouring rural churches. If the application is successful in obtaining 5-year funding, 2024 will be a wonderful opportunity to employ a full-time youth worker. The core of the Project will still be a strong collaboration between St. James and the Baptist Chapel.

The last word in this report must go to the continuing, tremendous work of the volunteers, without whom we would not have been able to exist. There are exciting times ahead as well as hard work to employ the right person for the project. Numbers in all three groups total around 50 young people who continue to find the Project a safe place to come and grow their friendships as well as be given an understanding, principles and values of developing a Christian faith in their young lives.

Deanery Synod Report

Representatives: Jack Hegarty writes:

Jack Hegarty and David Battin are your representatives. Meetings throughout the year are planned as a mix of online and face to face. On 15th March there was a varied agenda which included an update on the Diocesan priorities for 2023 -2030 and that the Diocese had been successful in its grant application which had resulted in an award of £8m -10m. This comprised about £2m for projects with young people from the healthy Churches Fund and around £7m from the National Churches Fund for significantly bigger churches and about £1m to enable new worshipping communities. PCCs across the Diocese were being encouraged to see if they could benefit from this new funding. There also was a presentation by Helen Laird, mission Enabler on a new initiative called 'Gather' aimed at primary age children and a partnership between schools and the church. The Elmley Castle scheme was described. The worship element includes a contemporary song and a bible story and prayers and allows a mix of learning styles for children to connect with the story – words, emotions symbols and actions. Chris Sheehan made a short presentation on Mission Accompaniers using his experience and the opportunities for parishes from this free initiative. Finally, there was an update on the significant housing growth and new towns planned within the Deanery area over the next few years, which would create new worshipping communities. In lieu of the summer normal Synod meeting a Service of Celebration was held at St Peter's Bengeworth on 12th July and open to all. The Eucharist service was led by Archdeacon Robert Jones and provided an opportunity to say goodbye before he retired from the role later in the year. At the meeting of 14th November, The Rev Nick Scott, Anglican Chaplain at HMP Long Lartin gave a very interesting talk on his role and experiences at a high security prison which holds over 600 men often on very long or indeterminate sentences. He explained his challenging ministry which he considered it a privilege to fulfil.

David Battin is standing down as one of your deanery representatives from March 2024.

Flower Rota

Jean Spires writes:

Flowers were placed in Church during the year as necessary and the team helped at Easter, then in May for King Charles Coronation. An arrangement for Pentecost was placed in front of the Altar. In July a Flower Festival was held as part of the Village Festival, the title being "The Beauty of Books" when many book titles were displayed with flowers. In October the Church was decorated for Harvest Festival and donations of toiletries, tins and packets were given to "Caring Hands". In November lilies were placed in the prayer corner with a Scroll displaying the names of the deceased and then for Remembrance Sunday arrangements of poppies were displayed. Finally, in December the Christmas tree was placed by the Altar and the windows decorated with evergreens and small trees.

Many thanks to you all for all the help given during the year which is very much appreciated.

Arch Messenger

Richard Thorniley writes:

Grateful thanks are offered to Cathy Davies for editing the Arch Messenger, our Benefice magazine, and Chris Reed for overseeing the advertising which ensures that it can be distributed free to all households. The distribution is enabled through the good offices of Kay Barrett who carefully nurtures

our hard walking distributors. It is a labour of love that is warmly welcomed by many in the community and enables the church to share the Christian message of hope as well as news and events in the community.

Summary

We had many positive experiences during the year with a steadily growing congregation, the re-establishment of Cross Club and Messy Church, new Home Groups established, Family services being well attended and returning to being monthly. The buzz at church on Sundays makes St James a welcome place to be, and to experience the Kingdom of God.

Church occasional services included 3 baptisms, 3 weddings, a wedding blessing, which were delights, and sadnesses of 6 funerals in church including Jon O'Neill a great supporter of the church and community.

Meetings with our recently appointed Mission Accompanier, Paul Ward, encouraged us to revive the Benefice Coordinating Group and to appreciate the enormous amount that is done by the St James family. He also suggested that St James might consider itself a resource church for others in the Benefice.

The Coronation enabled us to appreciate both the historical significance of a change of a head of state, a first for most of us, and the significance of the role of monarch which King Charles clearly had put considerable thought to. One feels we will be well served by him.

The churchyard continued to be cared for by a wonderful team, headed up by the Rawes and Roland and Lynne Merrick, receiving special mention and the reception of an Eco award, headed by David Battin, was most welcome during the year.

St James ended the year in a good place with a delicious vibrancy which was caught by the well supported Christmas Fayre resulting from outstanding organizing, marketing and resulted in great fun enjoyed by many – which is a wonderful platform from which to take out the good news of the gospel.

Richard Thorniley.

Financial Statements
for the year ending
31 December 2023

Church of St James the Great
Harvington, Parochial Church Council



Financial Review

I am pleased to report that due to the generosity of all of you in your continued financial support and your commitments of time and energy in fund raising activities, we are reporting an overall surplus of £2,983 for 2023.

This is the first surplus we have managed since 2017.

But, we cannot be complacent. We are expecting our costs to continue increasing and we have to be aware of this and continue our fund raising.

The first area of increased costs will be in the amount we contribute to our Ministry Share (previously Paris Share). The Diocese charges our Benefice for the costs of providing our Rector and other associated costs of providing housing, training etc. To help with the transition from Parish Share to Ministry Share, the Diocese has made grants available for a limited period of time.

Since the introduction of a Ministry Share the amount charged by the Diocese, the allocation to our parish and the amount of Grant applied for is shown below. As can be seen, the amount allocated against St James will increase from 2024. This is due to the formula used to allocate benefice charges to the individual parishes is based on the populations of the parishes and Harvington has grown more than the other three.

ARCH Benefice Ministry Share										
	2022		2023		2024		2025		2026	
							Estimated		Estimated	
Total Ministry Share charged by Diocese	78,906	100.00%	80,484	100.00%	84,509	100.00%	86,199	100.00%	87,923	100.00%
Grant	27,375		22,548		19,675		16,500		13,500	
Payable	51,531		57,936		64,834		69,699		74,423	
Harvington	39,453	50.00%	40,242	50.00%	49,860	59.00%	50,857	59.00%	51,875	59.00%
Grant	14,903		13,403		11,047		9,750		8,000	
Payable	24,550		26,839		38,813		41,107		43,875	

Other costs are increasing, including Electricity, Gas, Insurance and the costs of administration, printing etc.

Looking at the figures in greater detail shows the following:

Income

Planned Giving – There has been a further substantial increase in the amount received from planned giving from £23,280 in 2022 to £28,896. Once again, thank you..

Collections – have decreased slightly from £3,473 in 2022 to £3,110.

Donations – An increase from £1,310 in 2022 to £2,715.

Gift Aid – Receipts from Gift Aid have increased from £6,309 in 2022 to £7,137. The Parish Giving Scheme is still the most efficient method of giving and if anyone would like further details please contact either the Treasurer or Rector.

Income from Activities to generate funds

This income is from 2 sources. Firstly the fees we charge for Weddings and Funerals which have increased from £1,958 in 2022 to £5,035; and secondly from fund raising which has increased from a net £2,209 in 2022 to £2,844.

Expenditure

Ministry Share – As outlined above, our share has increased from £24,550 in 2022 to £26,839 with even larger increases to come in 2025 and 2026.

There have been no other exceptional changes in our expenditure aside from increases in Utilities and Insurance with the exception of the Benefice/Clergy Expenses. Our share of these has risen from £2,620 in 2022 to £4,654. This is mainly due to the amount paid to the Parish Administrator being increased to reflect an hourly rate of at least the Minimum Living Wage.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
St James' Harvington Parochial Church Council**

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charities members 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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

Mr A Tooth
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Dated

2024

St James Harvington PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	Total	2022 Total
Incoming Resources				
Planned Giving	28,296	600	28,896	23,280
Collections and other giving	2,560	551	3,110	3,473
Donations	1,943	772	2,715	1,310
Grants			-	-
Legacies	1,000		1,000	1,000
Investment Income	2,054		2,054	887
Income from activities to further the work of the Church	1,000		1,000	1,076
Income from activities to generate funds	8,372		8,372	4,416
Income tax (GA) recovered	6,100	-	6,100	6,118
Debtor Gift Aid to be recovered	1,037		1,037	191
Benefice Account	13,124	-	13,124	10,317
Sundry Income			-	19
Transfer from General Fund to Mission, Spire Appeal and Churchyard Funds	5,028	5,123	10,151	8,426
Total Incoming Resources	70,513	7,046	77,560	60,513
Resources Expended				
Diocesan Parish Share	26,839		26,839	24,550
Local and overseas mission		2,625	2,625	2,333
Activities to generate funds	563		563	250
Church Running Expenses	575		575	-
Utilities	2,705		2,705	2,323
Insurance	2,475		2,475	2,361
Benefice/Clergy Expenses	4,654		4,654	2,620
Sound System Licence			-	-
Repairs	5,178	5,584	10,762	7,770
Sundries	104		104	81
Benefice Account	13,124	-	13,124	10,317
Transfer to Mission and Churchyard Funds from General Fund	10,151		10,151	8,426
Total Resources Expended	66,368	8,208	74,576	61,031
Net movement in Funds	4,145	(1,162)	2,983	(518)
Reconciliation of Funds				
B/Fwd Balance	(2,979)	113,119	110,140	110,658
Net movement in Funds	4,145	(1,162)	2,983	(518)
C/Fwd Balance	1,166	111,957	113,123	110,140

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	2023	2020
Current Assets		
Current Bank Account	9,786	11,434
Cash in Hand	817	-
CCLA Church of England Deposit	3,633	3,520
Bank Deposits	100,000	100,000
Debtors & Prepayments	5,375	2,948
Total Current Assets	119,610	117,902
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	6,487	7,762
Total Current Liabilities	6,487	7,762
Net Current Assets	113,123	110,140
Funds		
General Fund	(13,949)	(15,933)
Fabric Fund	110,629	110,281
Clock Appeal	1,371	3,057
Churchyard Funds	13,944	11,783
Mission Fund	446	190
Education Fund	53	53
Harvington Support Fund	629	709
Benefice Account	-	-
	113,123	110,140

The Revd Canon R Thorniley
Chairman of the PCC

Mr John Liggitt
Treasurer

Date 2024

St James Harvington PCC
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st December 2023
General Fund (Unrestricted)

Incoming Resources	2023	2022
Incoming Resources from donors		
Planned Giving	28,296	22,690
Collections and other giving	2,560	2,823
Income tax (GA) recovered	5,950	5,951
Debtor Gift Aid to be recovered	<u>1,037</u>	<u>190</u>
	37,843	31,654
Other Voluntary incoming resources		
Donations	1,943	1,002
Legacies	1,000	1,000
Bank & CCLA Interest	<u>2,054</u>	<u>887</u>
	4,997	2,889
Income from activities to further the work of the Church		
Fees	-	76
Contributions for the use of the Church	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	1,000	1,076
Income from operating activities to generate funds		
Special Events	3,307	2,458
Sundries	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>
	3,337	2,478
Total Incoming Resources	<u>47,177</u>	<u>38,097</u>
Resources Expended		
Church Activities		
Diocesan Parish Share	26,839	24,550
Church Running Expenses	575	-
Utilities	2,705	2,323
Insurance	2,475	2,361
Benefice/Clergy Expenses	4,654	2,621
Organ Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	37,248	31,855
Church Management & Admin		
Sundries	<u>104</u>	<u>80</u>
	104	80
Special Events	<u>563</u>	<u>250</u>
Total Resources Expended	37,915	32,185
Transfer to Fabric Fund	5,028	4,106
Transfer to Mission Fund	2,250	1,500
Transfer to Churchyard Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>1,984</u>	<u>306</u>
Opening balance	<u>(15,933)</u>	<u>(16,239)</u>
Closing balance	<u>(13,949)</u>	<u>(15,933)</u>

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Fabric Fund

Incoming Resources	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Planned Giving	-	600	600	590
Gift Aid	150	-	150	165
Fees	-	-	-	-
Church Fabric Donations	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	150	600	750	755
Resources Expended				
Repairs	5,178	-	5,178	4,271
Bell Maintenance, Ropes and Stays		252	252	-
Total Resources Expended	5,178	252	5,430	4,271
Surplus/Deficit for year	(5,028)	348	(4,680)	(3,516)
Transfer from General Funds	5,028	-	5,028	4,106
Opening balance	-	110,281	110,281	109,691
Closing balance	-	110,629	110,629	110,281

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Clock Appeal (restricted)

	2023	2022
Incoming Resources from donors		
Donations	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Incoming Resources	-	-
Resources Expended		
Repairs	1,686	399
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Total Resources Expended	<u>1,686</u>	<u>399</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	(1,686)	(399)
Opening balance	3,057	3,456
Transfer from/(to) General Fund	-	-
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Closing balance	<u>1,371</u>	<u>3,057</u>

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Churchyard Fund

Incoming Resources	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
PCC Fees	5,035		5,035	1,958
Memorials	-	-	-	270
Donations	-	772	772	8
Gift Aid	-	-	-	2
Total Incoming Resources	5,035	772	5,807	2,238
Resources Expended				
Lawn & Tree Maintenance	-	2,039	2,039	1,703
General Maintenance	-	1,607	1,607	1,196
Living Memory	-	-	-	201
Total Resources Expended	-	3,646	3,646	3,100
Surplus/Deficit for year	5,035	(2,873)	2,161	(862)
Opening balance	11,783	-	11,783	12,645
Transfer	(2,873)	2,873	-	-
Closing balance	13,944	-	13,944	11,783

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Mission Fund (Restricted)

	2023	2022
Incoming Resources		
Collections from Weddings, Funerals and Special Services	551	380
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Total Incoming Resources	551	380
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Resources Expended		
Harvington Youth Project	1,500	1,500
Nominated Charities	741	833
Messy Church	304	-
	-	-
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Total Resources Expended	2,545	2,333
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Surplus/Deficit for year	(1,994)	(1,953)
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Transfer from General Fund	2,250	1,500
Opening balance	190	643
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Closing balance	446	190
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Education Fund

	2023	2022
Incoming Resources		
Donations	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
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Total Incoming Resources	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Resources Expended		
Peru Mission	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Resources Expended	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Surplus/Deficit for year	-	-
Opening Balance	<hr/> 53	<hr/> 53
Closing Balance	<hr/> 53	<hr/> 53

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Harvington Support Fund

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Donations received	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
Total Receipts	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
Payments		
Meals & vouchers provided	-	-
Other assistance	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>(80)</u>	<u>300</u>
Opening Balance	<u>709</u>	<u>409</u>
Closing Balance	<u>629</u>	<u>709</u>

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Benefice Account

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Holiday Club	901	1,137
Arch Messenger	2,915	3,940
Allocation		
Harvington	4,654	2,620
Others	4,654	2,620
	<u>13,124</u>	<u>10,317</u>
Total Receipts	13,124	10,317
Payments		
Clergy Expenses	3,117	2,863
Holiday Club	354	411
Arch Messenger	3,932	3,590
Parish Administrator	3,527	1,830
Stationery & Photocopying	2,195	1,288
Pandemic costs (Handwash & Recorded Services)	-	160
Sundries	-	175
	<u>13,124</u>	<u>10,317</u>
Total Payments	13,124	10,317
Surplus/ Deficit for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Opening Balance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Balance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

St James Harvington PCC

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) '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)' and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at fair value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds comprise revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use abated in line with assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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2 Fund Raising

	Income	Expenditure	Net 2023	Net 2022
Open Gardens/Flower Festival	768	73	695	-
Xmas fayre	2,279	321	1,959	1,791
Tree of Light	260	50	310	185
Other expenses	-	120	(120)	-
Christmas Craft Morning	-	-	-	60
Jubilee Tea Party	-	-	-	173
To General Fund	3,307	563	2,844	2,209

3 Transfers between Funds

The sum of £2,250 (2022: £1,500) was transferred from the General Fund to the Mission Fund to cover the cost of a £1,500 contribution to Harvington Youth Project and £750 for Messy Church.

The sum of £2,873 (2022: £2,820) was transferred from the Unrestricted Churchyard fund to the Restricted Churchyard fund to cover ongoing costs of maintaining the Churchyard.

The sum of £5,028 (2022: £4,106) was transferred from the General Fund to the Unrestricted Fabric Fund to cover cost of repairs and maintenance.

St James' Handbell Ringers

Balance Sheet

Year ending 31st December 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	Funds				2022
	General	Charity	Capital	Total	
Charitable Collections		4,660.34		4,660.34	3,647
Grants				0.00	0
Misc. Donations				0.00	0
Playing Fees			0.00	0.00	0
Members donations	405.00			405.00	380
Rally income	0.00			0.00	0
Total receipts	405.00	4,660.34	0.00	5,065.34	4,027
<u>Payments</u>					
Licenses	49.80			49.80	46
Subscriptions	10.00			10.00	118
Marketing	0.00			0.00	0
Team Expenses	0.00		0.00	0.00	0
Equipment			28.00	28.00	1,710
Hall hire	0.00			0.00	0
Rallying expenses	70.00			70.00	250
Donations to Charities		3,482.00		3,482.00	2,200
Total payments	129.80	3,482.00	28.00	3,639.80	4,324
Surplus/Deficit	275.20	1,178.34	-28.00	1,425.54	-296
Fund balance as at 1st January 2023	591.16	3,782.72	3.24	4,377.12	4,673
Transfers 27/2/23		-200.00	200.00		
Surplus/Deficit	275.20	1,178.34	-28.00	1,425.54	-296
Fund balance as at 31st December 2023	866.36	4,761.06	175.24	5,802.66	4,377
<u>Represented by</u>					
Lloyds TSB bank	5,802.66		Check	0.00	
Petty Cash	0.00				
Total	5,802.66				
I have examined the accounting documents provided for me and the annual financial statement for the 31st December 2023 does not contain any items which give me cause for concern.					
Signature					
Date					
	Mrs L. Knight 36 Orchard Place Harvington				
Check Total	0				