

**ULEY WITH OWLPEN &
NYMPFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL**

Registered Charity No. 1190805

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS 2023**

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Ewelme Benefice
Uley with Owlpen & Nympsfield Parochial Church Council
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Trustees Annual Report 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The members of the PCC are listed below. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC met seven times during the year. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held on Sunday 14th May 2023 in St Giles church. The Rector's resignation took effect in August. There were two joint meetings held with Dursley PCC in connection with the Vacancy. A working group was set up with representatives from Dursley PCC to prepare the Benefice Statement of Needs.

Administrative information

St Giles Church, The Green, Uley – GL11 5SN

Holy Cross Church, Owlpen, Dursley – GL11 5BZ

St Bartholomew's Church, Church Street, Nympsfield – GL10 3UB

These churches form the United Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield which is part of the Ewelme Benefice together with the Parish of Dursley. The Benefice is part of the Diocese of Gloucester within the Church of England and is the Wotton Deanery.

The correspondence address for these churches is via the Ewelme benefice Office, St James Parish Centre Silver Street Dursley GL11 4NA

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a registered charity, number 1190805.

PCC members are elected annually by all registered on the Parish Electoral Roll. Members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date of this report are:

Ex-officio members:

Incumbent: The Revd Canon Michael Cozens until August 2023

Assistant priests: The Revd Jane Wood

Churchwardens: Pauline Thomas (Electoral Roll Officer)
Moya Wallis (Vice Chair)

Elected members:

John Penley	PCC Secretary
Prudence Vernon	PCC Treasurer
David Thomas	Deanery Synod representative
Paula Rix	Deanery Synod representative
Pat Jones	Safeguarding Officer
Peter Randall	
Joyce Rymer	Resigned 14 th May 2023
Elizabeth Rymer	
Julia Wathen	

Uley with Owipen & Nympsfield Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, when in post, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is specifically responsible for the churches of St Giles Uley, Holy Cross Owipen and St Bartholomew Nympsfield.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and be part of our community. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; hearing about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

The PCC is also responsible for maintaining the fabric of our three churches.

Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Pat Jones. The PCC and the Rector have a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in our Church Community. Every three years PCC members must complete the basic online safeguarding course.

We consider our awareness of Safeguarding issues in our Parish to be good but would always encourage our congregation to come forward and talk to the Rector or the Safeguarding Officer if they have any concerns. Safeguarding is a standing item on our PCC agenda.

Achievements and Performance

The churches have been open for private prayer during the week. 26 weddings and 4 blessing were held, 3 at St Giles, the rest at Holy Cross. There were 3 Baptisms and one Confirmation candidate. The benefice now regularly live-streams a Sunday service which is also recorded to YouTube (alternating between services at St Giles Uley and St James Dursley), publicising the links through email contacts and the benefice website. Weekday services are held on Zoom. The positive outcome of Zoom services and streaming has enabled us to reach church members who find it difficult to attend.

Outreach has been maintained with the vulnerable in the parish including giving monthly Home Communion. Contact with children included holding Messy Church, and other outdoor activities. We supported the school in particular with their Christmas concert attended by the pupils' parents and church members. The Rector is one of the two Foundation Governors of the school and when in post leads Worship in school as well as in St Giles when the school gathers for services during the year.

The parish is a member of Churches Together in Cam and Dursley. We have two representatives on the Wotton Deanery synod.

Numbers on the Electoral Roll for 2023 were 103.

Average attendance for ordinary services was 28 .

The Village News published monthly in cooperation with the Parish Council had 12 printed editions distributed. We are grateful to our volunteer editor for compiling the magazine. We can also contribute to the Nympsfield Village newsletter which is published bi-monthly.

The churchyards of St Giles and Holy Cross are maintained by contractors, while that at

St Bartholomew's is maintained by volunteers. A nature reserve is being developed in the northwest area of St Giles churchyard.

The title to the allotment land adjacent to the Lower Churchyard has now been registered at HM Land Registry and the land on which the Village Hall extension has been built has been transferred to the Diocesan Trust acting as nominee for the PCC.

Summary of Fabric Committee work during 2023:

St Giles Church, Uley

The Reordering of St Giles is now considered to be complete.

The tower has been rewired and the distribution board replaced.

The high churchyard wall abutting the highway opposite the bus stop is bulging. Davidson Walsh, structural engineers, are advising and a faculty will be applied for to carry out the work recommended by them.

There has been partial replacement of the lime mortar on the East window. Applications for List B permissions were applied for to dispose of old and now surplus altar frontals, which has been done, and for tree surgery to the cedar tree in the churchyard.

St Bartholomew's Church, Nympsfield

An application for List B permission to cut down the dead Cherry tree was applied for. It has been removed and the site and that of the felled cypress tree have been cleared and are ready for re-sowing.

A list B application was made for the repair of the high-level stonework and the rainwater goods was applied for and the work has been done. A Faculty Application for the repair of the collapsed tombstones has been submitted. The work will be spread over a number of years. It is hoped to get the church clock cleaned and working again. Unfortunately, there was a minor criminal incident which resulted in the loss of the lectern hangings. As a result of police enquiries an apology was received.

Holy Cross Church, Owlpen

The roadway lighting is unsatisfactory and caused a short power cut during the carol service. This will be dealt with. A team of volunteers have cleaned the gutters and gullies.

The building became very damp during the extremely cold weather, the dehumidifier has been replaced. It is used on an intermittent basis only to avoid drawing moisture through the walls.

The annual service of all the fire extinguishers at all three churches has been carried out.

We would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help in many different capacities over this last year, particularly those who have managed the Access for All project. Our churchwardens and vergers have put in many hours supporting the wedding services.

Financial Review

Independent Examiners Report was carried out by Rhian Davies ACMA.

The PCC is not a custodian trustee.

The accounts are now a cash basis.

Approved by the PCC on 12th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Moya Wallis ,
PCC Lay Chairman

ANNEXE TO ANNUAL REPORT

Uley Church Of England Primary School

The School Vision

They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do. Psalm 1:3

Live – Learn – Flourish

Live: at home, in school, and in our local community

Learn: about self, others, and our ever-changing world

Flourish: be the best we can be in all that we do

Our vision is to ensure that we can enable everyone to **be *the best that they can be***.

The School Mission

We give all pupils and staff the opportunities and encouragement to be the best that they can be;

We create an environment that has the right balance of challenge and support;

We deliver a curriculum that is right for our school, inspiring and motivating all, and embracing new ideas;

We apply our core Christian Values of **Trust, Friendship, Compassion** and **Wisdom** in all that we do;

We develop strong and effective partnerships between pupils, staff, governors, parents and the wider community;

We strive to ensure that all flourish within a moral framework built on Christian values and the Diocesan vision "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". (John 10:10)

Ethos Statement

We believe that everyone should be given the opportunity and encouragement to be the best that they can be. To this end, we strive to create the right environment, deliver the right content, and embrace new ideas. We apply our school values of **trust, friendship, compassion** and **wisdom** to enable every individual to flourish within a moral framework built on Christian values. We believe that this can only be

achieved by developing partnerships between pupils, staff, governors, parents and the wider community.

About the school

Number of pupils on the school roll 101.

Age range of pupils 4 to 11

Website www.uleyprimary.co.uk

Headteacher Zoe Mandeville

Chair of the governing body Graham Wilkes

Inspections

Ofsted

An inspection of the school was carried out on 11th and 12th July 2023.

The overall effectiveness of the school was assessed as **Good**.

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

The last SIAMS inspection was in October 2017. This inspection concluded that the school, through its distinctive Christian character, was good at meeting the needs of all learners.

The next inspection is predicted for the academic year 2024 – 2025.

Governors

The school has a Board of 11 Governors made up of parent, staff, church, local authority and community representatives. The Governing Body is committed to driving high standards of educational achievement, and to ensuring that the school environment is one in which all can “be the best that they can be”.

Rev Canon Michael Cozens retired as a Foundation Ex-officio Governor in July 2023.

The school are very grateful to Canon Michael for his dedicated and inspirational service to the governors, staff and children.

The Foundation Ex-officio Governor position is currently vacant.

Karen Randall was appointed by the Parochial Church Council as a Foundation Governor in September 2022.

Worship

- Uley Primary School is a Church of England School.
- The aim is to give children an understanding of the beliefs of the Christian faith and an awareness of other religions and teachings.

- There is a daily act of collective worship which is an opportunity for the school to explore together community and Christian values.
 - Quiet reflection and Prayer is a regular feature of worship and if the children wish to make the prayer their prayer they are invited to say "Amen" at the end.
 - Canon Michael regularly led the collective worship until his retirement and it is hoped that his replacement will be able to offer this valuable service which was much appreciated by the children.
 - At the end of every term, a service is held in St Giles where parents and the school community are warmly invited to attend.
 - Year 6 Leavers' Service Friday 21st July 2023
 - Harvest Service Friday 26th October 2023 which resulted in generous donations to the Food Bank.
 - Christmas Service Friday 22nd December 2023
 - Easter Service Friday 22nd March 2024
- The school community is very grateful to Canon Michael and Rev. Jane Wood who have led these important services.
Pauline Thomas and Moya Wallis are always very supportive to the school and this help is much appreciated.
- "Open the Book" is a national project which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible .
 - Open the Book has been re-introduced at school after a break caused by covid. Liz Rymer has been leading this project and prepares a song, bible story and prayer for collective worship. The children are involved in telling the story, with simple dramatisation and fun costumes provided by Liz.
 - Prue Vernon organised a team of volunteers to deliver the Easter story, "Experience Easter", at St Giles on 20th March 2024 using Open the Book.
 - The school leavers join an annual service at Gloucester Cathedral which will be held this year on Thursday 13th June.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Uley with Owlpen & Nympsfield P.C.C

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the members of the PCC 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. 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:

- i. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- ii. The accounts do not accord with those records.
- iii. 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 the independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name :

Rhian Davies

Name of Firm:

Davies Accountants (SW) Ltd

Relevant professional qualification
Or membership of professional body:

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNTANTS (CIMA)

Address:

Equinox South, Great Park Road, Bradley Stoke,
Bradley Stoke, Bristol. BS32 4QL

Date:

10 May 2024

Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield
Consolidated Income and Expenditure 31 December 2023

Income - General Fund (Blue) and Restricted Funds

Collections and Regular Giving	20,362		20,362	17,531
Legacies	1,000	799	1,799	-
Gift Aid Recovered	5,199		5,199	3,576
Donations		183	183	8,924
Grants: Bowmer 1996 Settlement, Mills Bequest Charities & Others	17,691	21,514	39,205	7,825
Uley Access for All Appeal: Grants, Gift Aid, VAT Recovered		3,465	3,465	55,859
Interest Received		3,664	3,664	1,021
Organist Funding (Dividends) NB 2022 dividends previously shown in Other Income		713	713	780
Fundraising Income	6,128	488	6,615	3,904
Fees for Occasional Services	15,369	9,696	25,065	30,115
Other Income (Magazine, Rent, Clergy Fees refund))	3,022	433	3,455	(857)
	68,770	40,954	109,724	128,678

Unrestricted Funds 1	Restricted Funds 2	TOTAL A 1 + 2	TOTAL B
2023	2023	2023	2022
20,362		20,362	17,531
1,000	799	1,799	-
5,199		5,199	3,576
	183	183	8,924
17,691	21,514	39,205	7,825
	3,465	3,465	55,859
	3,664	3,664	1,021
	713	713	780
6,128	488	6,615	3,904
15,369	9,696	25,065	30,115
3,022	433	3,455	(857)
68,770	40,954	109,724	128,678

Expenses - General Fund (Blue) and Restricted Funds

Parish Share paid	25,032		25,032	25,032
Church & Churchyard Costs x 3	23,154		23,154	38,255
Church Repairs x 3	1,020	23,476	24,496	395
Access for All Costs /Youth	440	22,276	22,717	164,340
Organists incl Occasional Services	3,133	2,483	5,616	6,067
Fund Raising Costs/Charitable Donations	1,062	168	1,230	37
Wedding and Funeral Fees		6,549	6,549	6,639
Clergy Expenses & Service Costs to be refunded	1,287	639	1,926	
Admin, Office & Other Expenses	11,749		11,749	10,647
Total Expenses	66,877	55,590	122,468	251,412
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,893	(14,636)	(12,743)	(122,734)
Opening Funds	5,703	269,375	125,538	253,397
Deposit a/cs & Balance Sheet Cash Movement (2022 pd 2023)				(2,694)
			112,795	127,969
Cash in transit			2,432	(2,432)
Transfers between Funds (Note 1)				
Closing Funds			115,227	125,539

25,032		25,032	25,032
23,154		23,154	38,255
1,020	23,476	24,496	395
440	22,276	22,717	164,340
3,133	2,483	5,616	6,067
1,062	168	1,230	37
	6,549	6,549	6,639
1,287	639	1,926	
11,749		11,749	10,647
66,877	55,590	122,468	251,412
1,893	(14,636)	(12,743)	(122,734)
5,703	269,375	125,538	253,397
			(2,694)
		112,795	127,969
		2,432	(2,432)
		115,227	125,539

Assets	A 2023	B 2022
Banks - Barclays & NatWest	7,087	2,207
Petty Cash	36	18
Uley CBF Deposit Account	51,743	51,591
Access for All Appeal CBF Deposit Account	31,021	48,223
Nympsfield CBF Deposit Account	4,629	4,485
Owlpen CBF Deposit Account	12,577	11,133
Uley Organist CBF Deposit Account	1,164	1,127
Youth of Uley CBF Deposit Account	6,971	6,754
	115,227	125,538

Investment Holdings

Purchase of CBF CoE Investment Fund shares x 783.94 A/C 616174001S 31.10.13
 CBF CoE Global Equity Income shares x 2767.81 - 27.12.17

Cost	Value at 01.01.23	Net Gain/Loss	Value at 31.12.23
9,920	16,185	1,536	17,721
5,169	7,289	1,086	8,375
15,089	23,474	2,622	26,096

Uley with Owlpen & Nympsfield PCC
Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2023

Overall the figures show a loss of £12,743 made up of a General funds surplus of £1,893 and a loss of £14,636 on the Restricted current and deposit funds due to the St Giles Access for All project, St Giles churchyard wall and the much needed repairs to St Bartholomew's roof and guttering.

NOTES

- 1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.
- 2. There are no Fixed Assets.
- 3. The endowment fund 'Organist Fund' is invested with the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund and produces a small income which contributes to, but does not cover, the organists' fees.

The Organist Fund was brought into PCC accounts at 1 Jan 2008 at Coupon Value.

Movement of Investment Holdings	Cost 2008	Value at 01/01/23	Net Gain/Loss	Disposal	Value at 31/12/23
Purchased CBF CoFE Investment Fund shares x 783.94 A/C 616174001S 31.10.13	9,920	16,185	1,636		17,721
CBF CoFE Global Equity Income Fund shares x 2767.81 - 27.12.17	5,169	7,269	1,086		8,375
Total Holding	15,089	23,474	2,622	0	26,096

The value of shares increased at the end of 2023 so the table shows a small net gain of £2,622.

- 4. The Restricted funds are deposited with CCLA Church of England Deposit Funds. The interest rate at 31 Dec was 5.3%.

4.1

Access for All	Receipts	Payments	Balance
Opening Balance			48,222.98
VAT Refunded	3,328.44		
Chappell & Dix Ltd		15,983.58	
D Newton		6,292.80	
Interest	1,745.63		
	5,074.07	22,276.38	31,020.67

The project is now complete. We are most grateful for the oversight of the project by Mr David Thomas. A decision needs to be made on whether to reinvest the balance or to apply it to another project.

4.2 The St Giles Uley Fabric Fund

St Giles Fabric Fund		Bowmer Residual Bequest (St Bartholomew's & Holy Cross)		Total
Opening Balance	15,033.00	Opening Balance	36,559.00	51,592.00
Interest Received	1,626.69			
Interest split (3.24%)		1,186.14	Interest (4.06%)	1,186.14
Churchyard Wall (Ruxton)		1,862.00		
Giles Historic Churches	497.56			
Balance carried forward		13,999.10	Balance c/f	37,745.00
		17,147.24		37,745.00
Balance 31.12.23	13,999.10		Balance 31.12.23	51,744.10
				51,744.10

Split of the Bowmer Residual Bequest		
	St Barts	Holy Cross
01/01/23	16,573	19,986
Interest at 3.25%	538.66	647.58
Balance 31.12.23	17,112	20,634
		37,745

The above funds are held in one deposit account. There were no draw downs from the Bowmer Residual Bequest.

4.3 Youth of Uley

Opening Balance: £6,754.11 Interest Received £216.46 Closing balance £6,970.57
The PCC agreed to support Uley School by donating a Lollypop Road Crossing sign, but the purchase was not refunded until January 2024 so will be applicable to 2024 accounts.

- 4.4 The Holiday Club was not held in 2023 so the balance remains at £490. It is held in the current account.

Receipts on other deposit accounts are Interest received.

Dividend receipts from the Organist Funds (£713) are paid to the General Fund current account to help pay the organist.

5. General Funds: Receipts and Payments

Total Income for 2023: £68,770

- 5.1 Collections and Regular Giving - total £20,362, £2,831 up on 2022 and £4,570 short of the Parish Share for the year before gift aid is added.

- 5.2 Gift Aid recovered - £5,199, a £1,623 Increase on 2022 due to the 2023 GASDS claim received in 2023.

5.3. Legacies – We received 2 legacies, one from the McLeod Family Trust in the USA for £799.47 for Owlpen and £1,000 from Janet Bannister’s mother.

5.4 Fundraising events raised £6,615, an increase of £2,711 on 2022. £488 was restricted. Fundraising included £246 for the Childrens Society, £167 for Christian Aid, and £972 from the Jazz concert for Gloucestershire Historic Churches, £487 of which came back as a donation from GHCT and is the start of the community contribution element of fundraising for the churchyard wall repair. It included:

- Owlpen Coffee Morning -£1,083
- The Walled Garden - £2,166
- Soup & Crumble - £814
- Christingle for the Childrens Society £246
- Owlpen postcards - £36
- Marmalade £73

These events involved a lot of work and we are most grateful to everyone who took part, moved chairs, provided music, gardened, cooked and came. Fundraising events are essential to keep our heads above water.

7. Weddings and Funerals (Occasional Services) – General Funds £15,369 and Restricted £9,696. The Restricted funds amount is due to the Diocese, Clergy taking the services and Organists. This shows as a payments of £6,549 (Clergy & Diocese) and £2,483 (Organists) in the Restricted Payments, the balance of these has been paid in 2024. All those acting as vergers and church cleaners for the weddings at Owlpen deserve special mention as the fees for holding these services have contributed hugely to our ability to pay the Parish Share and maintain the three churches.

8. Grants Received Bowmer 1996 Settlement, Mills Bequest (Nympsfield) and others – General Fund £17,691 Restricted £21,514

Grants Received	General Fund	Restricted
Bowmer 1996 Settlement	9,982	361
Mills Bequest (Nympsfield)	6,739	
Mills Bequest (Nympsfield)		21,153
Gloucester DBF	1,470	
Uley Parish Council	500	
	17,691	21,514

9. Other Income (£3,022) includes Magazine Advertisements - £2,827.50. This includes £1,221 received in 2023 re 2022 advertising income also Uley Parish Council’s 50% contribution to the net costs for 2022.

10. Interest & Dividends - The dividend income of £713 from the two Organist Investments funds. Interest of £3,664 is retained in the appropriate restricted funds.

Other Receipts Including Clergy Fees Refunded – during the vacancy the Diocese refunds the cost of paying clergy to take services. These are refunded monthly in arrears.

11. General Fund Payments

11.1 Parish Share - £25,032 paid in full.

11.2 Wedding and Funeral Fees Paid £9,031.65 – These are the Diocese, clergy, organist and travel element of wedding and funeral fees paid to the Parish, see Receipts Weddings & Funerals (Restricted). The balance of £1,125 has been paid in 2024.

11.3 St Giles and Churchyard Wall - £12,742.68 from the General fund and £1,962 from St Giles Fabric Fund (see Point 4.2).
Access for All Reordering Appeal £22,276 (see point 4.1).
The Invoice for £1,020 was paid in December and funds will be transferred from the Fabric Fund in 2024 to cover it.

Insurance costs have increased by £23.38/month.

St Giles Running Costs	General Fund	Restricted
Insurance	4,103.72	
Heating	1,511.51	
Organ	165.00	
Churchyard Mowing & trees	3,362.40	
Repairs & maintenance	579.76	
BT	378.14	
Light bulbs, cleaning, flowers, calligraphy	476.15	
Reordering - surveyor, plaque	489.00	
Reordering - Chappell & Dix, D Newton, Tower Electrics	1,370.00	22,275.60
Churchyard Wall – General Fund & Fabric Fund	1,020.00	1,962.00
Quinquennial inspection	657.00	
	14,112.68	24,237.60

St Giles costs £977/month to run excluding the churchyard wall cost of £1,020 and the Tower electrical rewiring £1,370. (2022 £1,146/month)

11.4 St Bartholomew's Nympsfield

This costs £286.75/month to run. (2022 £691 inc. tree felling)

St Bartholomew's	General Fund	Restricted
Insurance	1,772.96	
Heating	317.15	
Organ	150.00	
Churchyard	743.84	
Repairs & maintenance	466.21	
Major Work: Gutters & Roof		21,513.50
	3,450.16	21,513.50

Insurance costs have increased from October by £7.88/month. The churchyard costs are higher than usual as the flowering cherry died and had to be cut down professionally. We received a grant from the Mills Bequest for the roof and guttering work.

11.5 Holy Cross, Owlpen

This costs £551 per month to run. (2022 £518/month)

Holy Cross	General Funds
Insurance	2,119.56
Heating	352.36
Organ	520.00
Churchyard	3,088.50
Repairs & Maintenance	453.13
Land Registry	78.40
	6,611.95

The insurance costs have gone up by £11.23/month from October. The churchyard has had a lot of extra work done to deal with overgrown shrubs and trees and the large amount of autumn leaf fall. Wedding services were held throughout the autumn and the grass kept growing so churchyard maintenance had to continue. (£3,088.50)

12. Organist, Sacristan, Clergy and Office Costs

Organists and music excluding weddings & funerals - £3,133
Sacristan expenses - £759.68
Clergy Expenses (mileage, phone) M Cozens to July, J. Wood - £1,206.82
Clergy Fees paid during vacancy to be refunded by Glos DBF - £638.79
Office Costs including Office Manager, stationery, printing, telephone - £7,853.17

13. Other Payments

Charitable Giving:

Gloucester Cathedral	£25.00
Glos Historic Churches Fund	£975.10 (Ride & Stride Jazz)
Christian Aid	£167.00
Childrens Society	£246.77 – cash paid direct to CSoc. 2024
The Christingle service on Christmas Eve for the Children's Society raised £531.77, £285 of this will show in the 2024 accounts.	

Youth Work - £440.16 includes bibles for school leavers and a lollypop road crossing sign for the school.

Outreach - £496.89 – hospitality for bishop's visit, rector's leaving party and live streaming fee.

Fundraising Expenses - £87.13 – Open Gardens £66.13 and TEN for GHCT Jazz evening £21.00

Village News printing - £2,090 – cost offset by advertising income (£1,322 pd Dec) and balance split with Parish Council. The April advertising receipt of £1,221 and May Parish Council contribution of £284.50 apply to the 2022 costs.

Bank Charges - £105.60 – cost of running the GoodBox on line card giving- £217.64 tax refund paid to Settlement.

P Vernon
10.05.2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of Uley with Owlpen & Nympsfield P.C.C

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the members of the PCC 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. 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:

- i. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- ii. The accounts do not accord with those records.
- iii. 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 the independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name :

Rhian Davies

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10 May 2024