

PARISH OF WYKE REGIS ALL SAINTS WITH ST EDMUND PCC

**REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Chartered Accountants

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered charity number 1193556

Registered address 1 Portland Road
Weymouth
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Administration

The Parish of Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund is situated in the Weymouth suburb of Wyke Regis and Lanehouse, Weymouth. It is a Church of England parish in the ecclesiastical diocese of Salisbury.

The membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) consists of the incumbent, Licensed Lay Ministers, Churchwardens, and those elected to represent the congregation and the parish on the Deanery Synod who have to be members of the church electoral roll.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (CRR). All regular members of the Churches are encouraged to register on the Parish Electoral Roll.

PCC members during the period of this report were as follows:

Incumbent	Rev Alasdair Kay (ceased 4 June 2023) Rev John Mackenzie (appointed 17 Oct 2023)	PCC Chair PCC Chair
Licensed Lay Minister	None	
Churchwardens	Gary Hepburn Jeffrey Thomas Leslie Seemark Caroline Elliot Vacant	Vice Chair
Deanery Synod	Maxine Legg Carole Griffin	
Secretary	Lyndsay Wiles	
Treasurer	Michael Dillistone	
Elected Members St Edmunds Church	Julie Norris Judy Walbrin Amy Roff Lynda Ferry Michael Prince	
Elected Members All Saints Church	Derek Griffin Stanley Berry Jane Thomas Cheryl Wise Maxine Foster Marilyn Mackenzie Lorraine Ovenden Robert Smith	

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Aims and purposes

The PCC had the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbents, Rev'd Brother Alasdair Kay, who was instituted on 24 September 2019, and then with Rev'd John MacKenzie, instituted on 17 October 2023, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of All Saints Church, Wyke Regis and St Edmunds Church and Hall, Lanehouse.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The objectives of the charity for the public benefit are as follows:

The PCC is committed to working with the incumbent to provide an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere to everyone who wants to come to our churches to worship and to share in the wider life of our parish community.

The PCC maintains a strategic overview of worship throughout the parish, and works with the incumbent on the development of worship, services and parish groups to ensure we provide worship and other activities for a wide range of the parish community. Our services, groups and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

The PCC ensures the fabric of our Church buildings is properly maintained, so that they are not only available as a place of worship, but also a venue for parish events, music concerts and activities of our schools within the parish.

When planning our activities for the year, we considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning 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. To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church buildings and Hall
- To provide the Occasional Offices of Baptism, Weddings and Funerals for those people living in or connected to this Parish.

Achievements and performance

The year fell into three parts: until the beginning of June the parish was under the guidance of Rev Brother Alasdair Kay as rector; in June he left, and the parish entered an interregnum; and in October Rev John MacKenzie took over as the new Rector. The report for the first two parts is given below by Gary Hepburn, churchwarden and vice PCC chair. This is then followed by a report on the final part of the year by the new rector. At the end is a financial review prepared by the PCC treasurer.

1 January – 16 October 2023

2023 started with much enthusiasm with COVID well behind us there was lots of activity in the parish within several groups and led by many different people. Our Rector Brother Alasdair had been developing strong links with our schools and with the pupils, with work such as Project Touchline, the Chamberlaine Prize, Prayer Club and the Reflection Garden worthy of note at Wyke Federation. Brother Alasdair was not only very visible in Wyke Federation and All Saints, leading assemblies and assisting with religious education, but he took every opportunity to get the schools' pupils into church at every opportunity, for teaching, and communion.

Brother Alasdair and several parishioners continued to support the Ukrainian community who had found themselves living in Wyke Regis and the wider Weymouth, with many also opening up their homes and making them welcome. Good links were fostered with the Veterans Hub in Wyke and other veterans groups: Brother Alasdair and others were often seen at the Veterans Hub, and veterans supported events at the church, and services such as remembrance Sunday and Sea Sunday to name a few. Brother Alasdair also continued links with the Royal Engineers Association at the Wyke Regis Training Camp of which he was Chaplain.

Also the outreach work continued into 2023 in supporting the work of the foodbanks locally, the Nest and the Lantern, following on from the more hands-on approach of running our own foodbank within the parish during the pandemic. Also support was given financially to pupil premium children at Wyke Federation, as part of the foodbank legacy.

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The toddlers group, which had been moved to St Edmunds, continued the good work of Nicky Kay, who had been instrumental in getting it running at All Saints before COVID, and who had continued with an online presence during the pandemic. Amy Roff and others now ran this with enthusiasm for those who turned out weekly during school term time.

The parish was active in supporting those who could not come to church for communion, with communion been regularly taken to the local care homes, and also to the Verne prison.

Many others groups within the parish are worthy of note, with so much good work going on and engaging with church members and the wider community. Its really amazing how much is done by so many people:

- Fellowship with its wide and varied activities of the fellowship group with something for everyone.
- Our bellringers, often heard but not seen, with unrivalled facilities for training new ringers and two very active young ringers groups as well as a great group of enthusiastic and active adult ringers, many of whom support other towers and travel to regional and national ringing opportunities.
- Eco Church, gardeners and grass cutters who look after our church grounds and maintain them in good order whilst ensuring we have plenty of space provided for wildlife.
- Our choir, servers, sidesman, coffee servers, who either help lead our worship or support the activities around it, making our services an uplifting experience and a friendly environment (and usually featuring cake, which is always good!). And of course those who visit the sick and housebound and take the parish out to them.
- Those that plan for and look after our fabric such as the fabric group, those who do maintenance and those who do cleaning and repairs.

We sadly record that Brother Alasdair and Nicky Kay (and Patch) left us at the beginning of June 23 to be nearer their family in Derby, having been so active and done so much in the parish over difficult times, and we record our heartfelt thanks to them.

But with one chapter closing, another opened, with the appointment of a new Rector. So we are also pleased to record Rev John and Sophie Mackenzie joining us in the autumn. After very early interest in the forthcoming vacancy and encouragement from the parish and the support of Archdeacon and Bishop we had a very short interregnum. But we are very grateful to all those who helped take services during this time to bridge the gap between Rectors. It was great to welcome John formally at his institution, induction and installation service on 17th October 23 and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead whilst we build on previous good work and look at new ideas as well.

17 October – 31 December 2023

It was with great happiness in October that I was inducted as the 58th Rector of the Parish of Wyke Regis. Sophie and I were delighted by your wholehearted welcome. A huge thank you to all who worked so very hard to make this happen. I would like to express my thanks to Gary Hepburn, who gave up so much of his time to show both Sophie and I the Parish, and to our friends at Wyke Regis Primary Federation for giving us their hall for the evening reception. I am grateful to for the time that Bro. Alastair gave to me as he was packing up the house - and for all the work that you did with him, much of which is continuing at a good pace.

Bishop Stephen joked in the service that this was the shortest vacancy on record, but there was still a need for services to be taken during this time and thank you to my fellow clergy and lay ministers of the Deanery for your help in this. I was pleased that representatives from our church schools were in attendance at my Induction service, and that I have become a Governor at the Primary Federation and am making progress towards being a member of the All Saints Church of England Secondary Academy local committee.

I was encouraged from your parish profile of your expressed desire to be a more inclusive church. At our first PCC we voted overwhelmingly to join Inclusive Church (whose logo and values statement can be found on the front page of our website). The profile also spoke of the community of which we are a part and it has been good to try to get acquainted with many of those community groups.

On the worship side of our common life, I reintroduced (after its abeyance during the interregnum) an 8 am service on Sundays - this is from the Book of Common Prayer, and helps to ensure we offer a broad choice of services for people to attend. I also revamped the Cafe Church service, and will review this in the coming year. I value our two church parish and would like to explore what more we can do at both centres of worship as we try to serve our parish.

Our parish finances continue to be a concern - I believe that it is vitally important for a parish to pay its share, which we have once again failed to do this year. Our share is one of the bench marks that is used to see if a parish is viable. Our financial sustainability is one of the ways to ensure that our parish grows and is of use to its community in the future. It is this share that pays for the cost of ministry in our parish, my salary, the parish Rectory and its upkeep, training, and for the provision and training of Curates (which we have benefited from in the past). It also ensures that we get help for those tasks we are required to fulfill under law - safeguarding and Faculty (church planning permission!) and many other things. Please do all you can to ensure that we can more than pay our way this coming year – the responsibility is ours!

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Financial Review

The two churches of the parish maintain separate accounts, but this review presents them combined, as for the parish as a whole.

Total gross receipts on unrestricted funds were £98,998, the main components of which were £49,699 in voluntary donations, £690 from grants, £13,451 from fundraising, £14,293 in fees, £9,650 from St Edmunds church hall letting, £10,567 from income tax recovered and £648 from Dividends and Interest.

Gross restricted income was £84,520 of which £10,508 of voluntary donations, £47,577 of legacies, £19,275 of grants, £4,411 fundraising and £2,618 dividends and interest and £131 income tax recovered.

£97,649 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from the two churches, of which £52,635 was the diocesan parish share. The parish share was paid in full by Saint Edmunds, while All Saints paid 70% of the requested amount.

The net result for the year, excluding exceptional items such as legacies, was that St Edmunds made a surplus of £4,587 on unrestricted funds, while All Saints made a loss of £10,152. The combined balances carried forward on 31st December on unrestricted funds totalled £61,988; and on restricted funds totalled £146,651 including All Saints Roof Fund (£58,861), All Saints Fabric Fund (£66,223), St Edmunds (£14,664) and Foodbank surplus (£4,333).

As in previous years, withholding some of the parish share was necessary in order to prevent the current accounts of both churches from falling below the minimum permitted by the reserves policy. However, the surplus at St Edmunds allowed the church to start to repay its unpaid share of debt, accumulated in the previous year when the share was not paid in full. Taking into account this historic debt, at the end of 2023 All Saints owed the diocese £35,500 and St Edmunds £13,700 in unpaid share.

Compared with the previous year, "normal" voluntary giving at both churches remained largely constant, but All Saints saw significant additional giving towards the Roof Fund. Both churches received significant legacies towards their Fabric Funds. At St Edmunds, running costs were lower than the previous year, but All Saints saw its utility costs more than double.

Reserves

Both churches aim to maintain a minimum level of unrestricted funds that is sufficient to pay six months of normal expenditure excluding the parish share. This is done to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. At the end of 2023, the unrestricted funds of both churches were above these minimum levels.

Principal Risk Factors

The policy of withholding part of the share in order to maintain a prudent minimum level of unrestricted funds results in a debt accumulating with the diocese. This is unlikely to be acceptable to the diocese in the long term.

Approved by the Board on 8 May 2024

Signed on behalf of the board by Rev John Mackenzie

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parish of Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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

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

**H E Jones BA (Hons) FCCA
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Chartered Accountants**

27 August 2024
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PARISH OF WYKE REGIS ALL SAINTS WITH ST EDMUND PCC
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift-Aided Planned Giving	31,730	535		32,265	33,012
Other Planned Giving	886	-		886	837
Collections at Services	8,827	762		9,589	7,594
All other giving receipts	8,256	9,211		17,468	8,324
Tax Recovered	10,567	131		10,698	11,922
Legacies	-	47,577		47,577	1,000
Grants	690	19,275		19,965	700
Fundraising	13,451	4,411		17,862	20,311
Dividends & Interest	648	2,618		3,265	808
Parochial fees	14,293			14,293	11,152
Income from other activities	9,650	-		9,650	11,119
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	98,998	84,520	-	183,518	106,779
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98,998	84,520	-	183,518	106,779

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Section A Receipts and payments continued

A3 Payments

Fund Raising Costs	1,442			1,442	2,227
Bank Charges and Interest	250	37		287	170
Donations to Charities	2,020	4,000		6,020	1,158
Parish Share C.2	52,635			52,635	48,746
Salaries, Wages & Honoraria	2,885			2,885	1,632
Mission & Evangelism	-	-		-	153
Printing and material costs - both churches	495	-		495	-
Church Running Expenses	5,818	234		6,052	4,653
Church Utility Bills	11,732	-		11,732	7,118
Costs of Trading	2,585	-		2,585	3,054
Governance Costs	1,349	2,138		3,487	1,866
Major Repairs Church	120	-		120	398
Major Repair/Replace/Hall	490	-		490	607
Fees (Incumbent/Diocese)	3,793	-		3,793	3,889
Organ Stipend	2,260	-		2,260	3,140
Telephone	942	-		942	900
Church maintenance	2,629	862		3,491	1,842
Church insurance	6,204	-		6,204	5,723
Significant purchases	-	-		-	797
Sub total	97,649	7,271	-	104,920	88,073

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				-	
Computer equipment	-	-	-		2,583
Fixtures, fittings and equipment		664		664	
Sub total	-	664	-	664	2,583

Total payments **97,649** **7,935** **-** **105,584** **90,656**

Net of receipts/(payments)	1,349	76,585	-	77,934	16,123
A5 Transfers between funds	(265)	265	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	60,904	69,801	-	130,705	114,582
Cash funds this year end	61,988	146,651	-	208,639	130,705

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	All Saints Current Accounts	1,661	-	-
	All Saints CBF Deposit	-	38,679	-
	All Saints Rector & Churchwardens	15,254	5,799	-
	All Saints CAF Account	23,815	38,186	-
	Fabric fund CBF account		49,280	-
R	Organ fund CBF account	-	43	-
R	St Edmund CBF Deposit	2,980	-	-
R	St Edmund Lloyds Current account	4,885	-	-
	St Edmund CAF account	12,589	14,664	-
	St Edmund NS&I Account	804	-	-
	Total cash funds	61,988	146,651	-
B2 Other monetary assets				
	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	All Saints - Quibbell Legacy	Restricted	-	1,628
	Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance	Unrestricted	-	14,354
			-	
			-	
			-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computer equipment	R & CW	2,583	-
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	St Edmunds restricted	664	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Independent Examination	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Rev John Mackenzie	8 May 2024	

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Section C Notes

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the receipts and payments basis

Reserves policy - The PCC tries to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to approximately 6 months unrestricted payments excluding diocesan share, to cover fluctuations and emergency situations that may arise. The combined All Saints and St Edmund unrestricted current account balances of approximately £43,000 meet this requirement.

2. Parish share 2023

St Edmunds Share has been paid in full.

All Saints paid £35,268, representing 70% of the requested amount.

3. Restricted funds

YE 31/12/2023	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
All Saints fabric	19,484	40,356	(819)	265	59,286
All Saints organ	42	1	-	-	43
All Saints bells	531	-	(234)	-	297
All Saints roof	36,013	31,989	(2,204)	-	65,798
Food bank	7,443	904	(4,014)	-	4,333
Sunday school	690	220	-	(400)	510
Choir fund	1,170	-	-	-	1,170
St Edmund	4,428	10,500	(664)	400	14,664
Heating	-	550	-	-	550
	<u>69,801</u>	<u>84,520</u>	<u>(7,935)</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>146,651</u>

Notes

(1) In 2021 £15,000 of the restricted Fabric Fund was designated by the PCC to the Roof Fund. It is shown under the Roof Fund rather than the Fabric Fund, but if undesignated it will revert to the Fabric Fund

(2) In 2021 £265 Donations for the Fabric Fund were misstated and recorded as Unrestricted Income this has been rectified by transferring these funds to the Fabric Fund.

(3) The PCC elected to transfer £400 Sunday School Restricted Funds to the St Edmunds Restricted Fund to provide resources for the toddler group held at St Edmunds.