

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST NEOTS WITH EYNESBURY

England & Wales - Charity number 1195248

## Details

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**Other names** ST NEOTS WITH EYNESBURY PCC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2021-07-21

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Religion - the Church of England parish covering the greater part of the town of St Neots that lies east of the River Great Ouse.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Cambridgeshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£141,023	£223,652	-	-
2023-12-31	£128,616	£149,442	-	-
2022-12-31	£133,843	£120,653	-	-

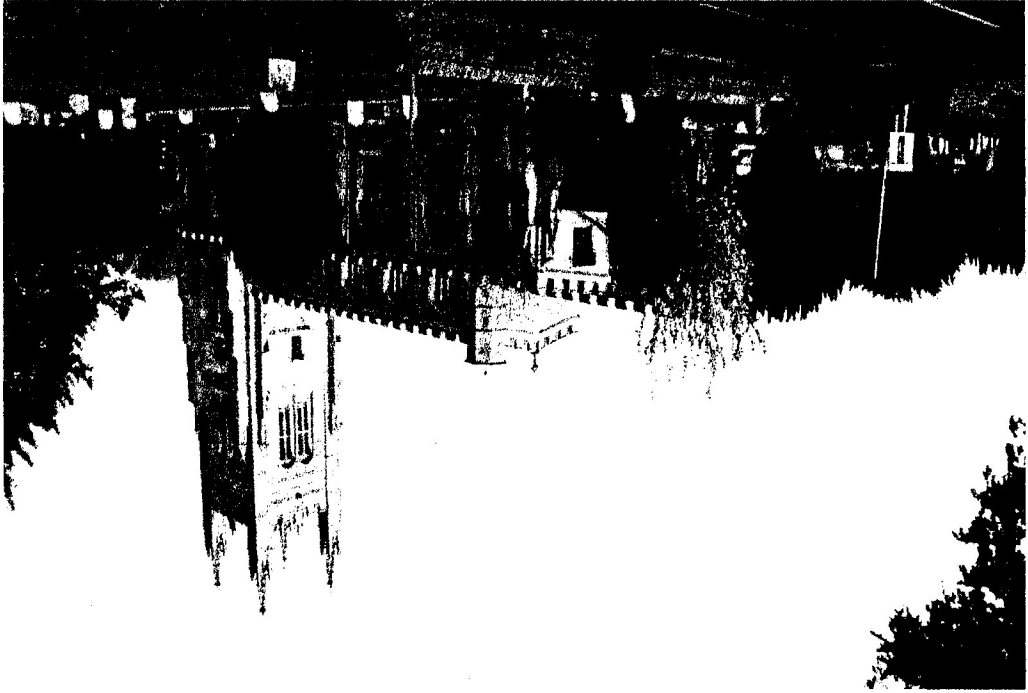
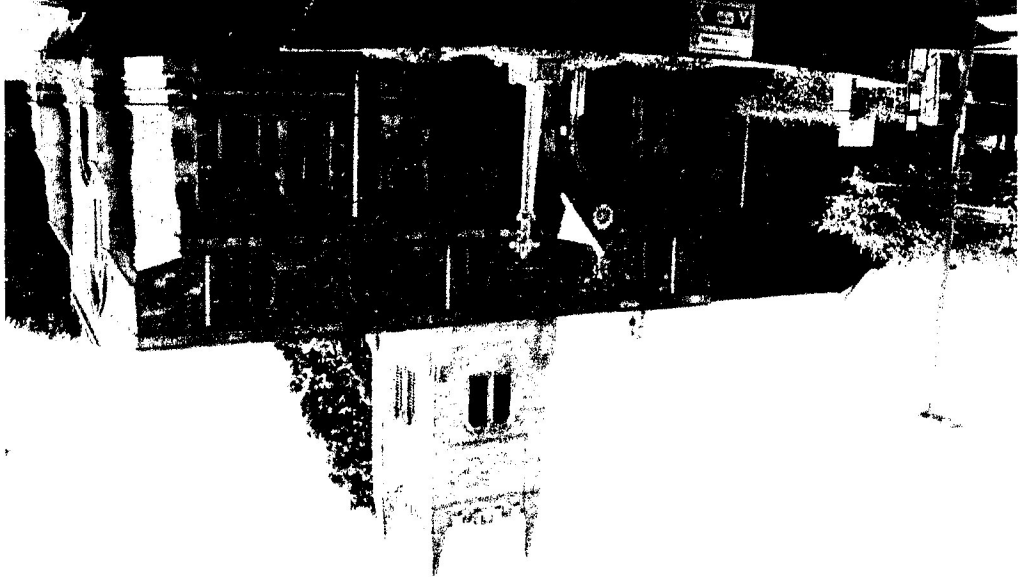
## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Andrew Paul Hutchinson</b>	Chair	2020-03-01
Andrew William Isaac		2021-05-12
Angela Joyce Robertson		2021-05-12
Anthony Phillip Hopwood		2020-03-01
CAROL PATRICIA WAY		2020-03-01
Catherina Elizabeth Griffiths		2020-03-01
Christian Robb Laughton		2020-03-01
Christine Miles		2020-03-01
David Frank Read		2020-03-01
David John Wells		2023-04-23
Dr Gabriel Senyo Amable		2022-04-03
Godfrey Gordon Wilson		2022-04-03
Helen Bloxham		2020-03-01
JACQUELYN MARY ISAAC		2020-03-01
Marion Ann Catmull		2024-04-28
PHILIP RICHARD BARRETT		2020-03-01
Peter Rufus Raggatt		2020-03-01
Stephen Gill		2022-04-03
Tara Celeste Skey		2021-05-12
VALERIE ANN FREEMAN		2020-03-01

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity Number: 1195248

**The Parochial Church Council of  
The Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

INFORMATION PAGE

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Bankers

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Kathryn Pickering BSc FCA

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 December 2024**

**Administrative Information**

The Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury, part of the Diocese of Ely within the Church of England, was formed on 1st March 2020 by a Pastoral Scheme dated 11th February 2020 ('the Scheme'). It comprises the entirety of the former ecclesiastical parishes of St Neots (a charity formerly registered with the Charity Commission under number 1132445) and Eynesbury (an exempted charity). It has two parish churches: St Neots Parish Church (St. Mary's) is located in Church Street, and St Mary's Eynesbury is located in Berkeley Street. Both historic churchyards have long been closed to new burials (apart from interment of cremated remains in designated areas), and the primary responsibility for their maintenance rests with St Neots Town Council.

The correspondence address is The Parish Office, 29 Church Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 2BU. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the new parish was registered with the Charity Commission in 2021 under number 1195248.

PCC members who have served during the period are as follows:

**Incumbent (Rector):** Revd Paul Hutchinson (ex officio)

**Churchwardens:** Appointed Annually

Mr Tony Hopwood  
Mrs Christine Miles  
Mrs Jacquelyn Isaac  
Vacancy

**Representatives on the Deanery Synod (term expiry 2026):**

Mrs Catherine Griffiths (PCC Secretary)  
Mr Tony Hopwood  
Mr David Wells

**Elected Members (with current term expiry date):**

Dr Gabriel Amable (2025)	Mrs Helen Bloxham (2025)	Mrs Carol Way (2026)
Mr Andrew Isaac (2025)	Mr Peter Raggett (2026)	Mrs Judith McAteer (resigned 28 April 2024)
Mr Stephen Gill (2025)	Mrs Lynne Burnell (resigned 7 November 2024)	Mrs Marion Catmull (2027)
Mr Godfrey Wilson (2025)	Mr David Read (2027)	Mrs Angela Robertson (2027)
Mr Phillip Barrett (2026)	Mrs Valerie Freeman (2026)	Ms Tara Skey (2027)
Mrs Christian Laughon (2026)		

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The PCC is a body corporate under the PCC Powers Measure 1956. The appointment of PCC members is set out in the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and the Church Representation Rules 2022. All church attenders are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Rector (its Chair), of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelic, social and eumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the St Neots Parish Church Rooms. When planning the activities for the year, the Rector and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

**Risk Management**

PCC members, as trustees, acknowledge their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity and its users are exposed, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Maintenance, Health and Safety, Fire Risk, anti-theft measures and financial controls have continued. Tony Hopwood has continued as Treasurer. Increasingly the Parish receives money by online means (including the Parish Giving Scheme). The PCC is assisted by a Stewardship Recorder/Gift Aid Officer who managed the collection and banking of St Neots cash. Church room rentals are controlled and collected by the Parish Office (run by the Parish Administrator). Bookkeeping and accounts are maintained by the PCC Treasurer in consultation with an external accountant. Cheques require two authorised signatories and online transactions two authorisations.

**Disability Access**

Level access into both churches is available via the North doors, hearing loop systems are in regular use, large print hymnbooks, service booklets and notice sheets are available; there are toilets suitable for disabled people in St Neots Church Rooms (the one in Eynesbury Church is unsuitable for wheelchair users).

**Safeguarding Policy and Procedures**

The PCC is committed to safeguarding all those who attend worship and the other activities that the parish offers. It takes due regard of the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, through the documents 'Promoting a Safer Church', 'The Parish Safeguarding Handbook', and ongoing Safeguarding Practice Guidance. Having adopted the recommended parish policy on inception in 2020, the PCC has reaffirmed the policy each year and has now also taken note of the new Safeguarding standards. The PCC also adopted a policy for the recruitment of ex-offenders in 2021. The PCC seeks to create a culture where everyone is included, respected, listened to, and taken seriously; and the PCC accepts the prime duty of care for children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is a standing item at every PCC meeting; reports are received in person from the Safeguarding Officer at approximately half-yearly intervals; and there are regular reviews of the ParishHub (previously the Safeguarding Dashboard). Mrs Ann Barnsley has been Parish Safeguarding Officer since 2022. We were made aware of one potential safeguarding concern during the year: advice was sought from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and duly acted upon.

**Personnel**

The Diocese of Ely's Changing Market Towns initiative ceased to operate in this parish at the end of 2023. The former full-time Operations Manager (a pre-existing member of the PCC) was re-employed at the beginning of 2024 as a part-time Parish Administrator (funded by the Parish). The Parish-funded role of Children's Schools' and Families' Minister had been created in February 2023: the post-holder has a Diocesan permission to officiate but is not a member of the PCC. Another PCC member is paid for some hours' cleaning work each week in connection with the Church Rooms. The organist (not a PCC member) receives an honorary.

**Electoral Roll**

At the 2024 Annual Meeting the Electoral Roll contained 232 names (down from 237 in 2023).

**PCC Meetings**

Not including the meeting to appoint officers that immediately followed the 2024 Annual Meeting, the PCC met in person on eight occasions. In addition to standing items, major topics under discussion have included parish mission, events to welcome visitors, community groups and civic representatives to both churches, issues with the fabric and finances of both churches, developments in the use of the Church Rooms and questions about ownership and boundaries of both the St Neots Church Room and the gravedigger's hut, reports about our children's activities and church schools (including the Ofsted inspections at both schools), parish communications, the acquisition of new hymnbooks, the reordering of the north-west aisle at St Neots Parish Church, the repair of the church path at Eynesbury and the St Neots church clock, and receiving reports from Deanery and Diocesan Synods (including about the Diocesan-led Deanery Planning process that continues). The Rector and the PCC Secretary are both members of the Ely Diocesan Synod, as well as St Neots Deanery.

Significant Activities: Worship, study, prayer, mission, evangelism, ecumenism.

The new normal pattern of services continues to be: three Sunday morning eucharists; three weekday eucharists; a weekly 'Stay and Play' (previously Play Church) and a monthly 'All Aboard' (previously Teatime Praise) under the oversight of the Revd Margaret Marshall as our Children's Schools' and Families' Minister (both gaining new members, and now incorporating what was previously Messy Church); monthly Saturday informal eucharist (connected with Saturday Social in the Church Rooms – which specially through not exclusively serves those who live alone); weekday evening monthly healing eucharists; occasional Mothers' Union special services; and (in most months) an evening Choral Service, as well as seasonal Messy Church. Sadly, 'Little Saints' Sunday School ceased to operate in the course of the year. Regular services continued at Old Vicarage, Poppyfields, and Old Market Court (as well as with church members at Cavendish Court and other home communions, including now the new home at Henbrook House). Average attendance on a Usual Sunday in 2024 has been 88 adults and 4 children (as in 2023) but this disguises that the figure was higher in the first half of 2024, and lower in the second half.

Beyond the normal annual round of special services – Holy Week, Remembrance (a full church at St Neots), Advent and Christmas – there have been fewer special services this year, but there was a choir visit with St Leonard's and other friends to St Edmundsbury Cathedral to sing Evensong. In addition to an organ recital series in the summer at St Neots, there were several concerts through the year organised by the parish and by the Friends, and St Neots hosted (during the closure of the Priory Centre) the performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' by the local musical theatre group VAMPS. We expect to have also hosted VAMPS again just before the 2025 Annual Meetings. We also held two book launch events in conjunction with Waterstones St Neots.

St Neots bells are rung most Fridays and Sundays, as well as for occasional special events, peals and quarter-peals, and their sound (alongside the clock) is a much-appreciated feature of community life. Eynesbury's bells – though an even more historic asset of the town – are rung much less frequently, due to a shortage of ringers, but can still be rung by the St Neots band when needed.

Eynesbury Church has rested from Coffee mornings, but has held its usual successful summer Strawberry tea; St Neots church remains open daily for prayer and visitors, and has again held two successful tower and church open days (with hundreds of visitors at each), and an Autumn Fair. There was also a busy Quiz Night at St Neots. We remain grateful for the co-operative spirit in which relations with the Town Council are conducted: we appreciate their care on the maintenance of the two churchyards, and we continue to look forward to seeing the costly but necessary work carried out on St Neots churchyard wall. Churches together in St Neots, and the ministers of St Neots churches, met occasionally, but an ecumenical act of worship on the Market Square on Good Friday was not possible this year because of Market Square works.

St Neots Church Rooms continue to be available for many town organisations, as well as parish social events; we were pleased to install a new fire exit and have a substantial refurbishment in the summer, and look forward to doing further area in the kitchen and storage area in time. We continue to use Eynesbury Room for a variety of small church meetings (including cross-parish groups) and other lettings. We have ceased to produce the Messenger magazine for the time being, and the process for an appropriate replacement has not yet been worked through. Mothers' Union members continue to contribute to social action projects, and other church members were involved in the work of the churches through the Food Bank, Community Debt Advice, Thursday Food (now meeting at Berkeley Street Methodist Church), and a range of other Churches Together voluntary activities, in addition to the many ways that members kept in touch with each other and with neighbours in need.

Ministers continue to conduct funerals both in the churches and at local crematoria and cemeteries: an aggregate of 25 this year (compare the 2012-2016 average of 40). Other occasional offices continue to decline: 9 baptisms and 4 weddings (compare the averages of 40:10 in 2016-8 and 51:16 in 2012-5). As a traditional form of outreach, this trend continues to be of concern, but we were heartened by a Confirmation of six adults conducted by Bishop Dagmar in May. Relationships with local schools continue to have ups and downs, though the Revd Margaret Marshall has been of substantial assistance in this area. Our clergy are in both our church schools in some way every week. Eynesbury School have adopted a pattern of two or three visits to church for worship each term, School Eucharists are now termly at St Mary's, and school curriculum visits to church have again drawn in both Priory Schools and Roundhouse/Wintingham. In the run-up to Christmas we saw these and other schools and nurseries too. The Rector and other Church members continue to play a major role in the governance of both our church schools; a quite time-consuming task inter alia because of the two Ofsted inspections: a vacancy currently exists for a foundation governor at Eynesbury School.

Our thanks go to all the clergy who have exercised ministry here during the year – not only the Revd Margaret Marshall, but also Revds Robert Sibson, Melvyn Barnsley, and Roger Henhorne – and to our continuing Authorised Lay Minister Catherine Griffiths and retired Deaconess Mavis Hinde. Sadly, at the time of writing in 2025, we have just seen the funeral of the Revd Ken Anderson, a year ago, many members of St Neots church also travelled to Ely Cathedral for the funeral of Canon Bruce Curry, former Vicar of St Neots 1978-1994.

Other lay members of the Church have committed many hours to the work described above, to prayer and study, and to other social events and activities; and they too are thanked: a church community flourishes through the activity and shared responsibility of its

**Stewardship and Finance**

This is the account for the year ended 31st December 2024. During this year we have continued to use the Xero accounts system, with banking through Barclays.

Voluntary Giving showed a positive 4% increase over 2023 levels totalling £88,083 (£84,475 in 2023). Dividend income reflected the increase in growth nationally with an almost 50% increase on the previous year. Hire income from the Church Rooms fell slightly but not enough to cause concern. Sundry donations were significantly less this year but annual variances are to be expected. Overall incoming resources totalled £141,023, slightly higher than the £138,568 of 2023.

The PCC incurred expenditure of £223,652 (2023: £171,542) in supporting the objectives of the PCC. Many of the church utilities and running costs remained on a level with 2023. Exceptional items of expenditure included the purchase of new Hymnals; the Church Room refurbishment and the church tower tower louvers - some of the cost of which came from the Church Wall Fund. This was also the first year of employing an Administrator and the continuation of the employment of a Children & Families Worker.

Overall £81,198 was spent from reserves, leaving £114,862 in unrestricted funds and £208,945 of restricted funds at the year end. The PCC has reserves which are held on deposit in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund, together with some reserves held in the Barclays accounts.

It is the PCC's policy to maintain reserves so that it can meet immediate expenditure and to pay for future major expenditure including that arising from future quinquennial reviews to maintain the churches, work on the church bells and other improvements to the church.

A. Paul Hutchinson

Revd A. Paul Hutchinson  
Rector and Chair of the PCC

27.03.2025

Mr Anthony P. Hopwood, Treasurer



## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC

The Charities Act 2011 requires the members of the PCC to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the PCC for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the members of the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue as a going concern

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST  
NEOTS WITH EYNESBURY**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury ("the charity") for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under sections 145(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement – no matters of concern identified**

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 as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm that there are no matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Kathryn Pickering

Relevant professional qualifications or membership: ICAEW member 9271272  
Address: 18 Lannesbury Crescent, St Neots, PE19 6AF

Date: 25 March 2025



BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 24

	2024	Note	2023
	£		£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	5a	-
Investment assets	64,588	5b	62,593
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7,616	8	7,539
Short term deposits	189,015		182,072
Cash at bank and in hand	75,619		164,742
<b>LIABILITIES: FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
	13,031	9	11,941
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>259,219</b>		<b>342,412</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>323,807</b>		<b>405,005</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	114,862	7	162,291
Restricted	208,945	7	242,714
Endowment	-	7	-
	<b>323,807</b>		<b>405,005</b>

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

*Unrestricted funds* represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted and are called designated funds

The accounts 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 main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

**Incoming resources**

*Voluntary income and capital sources*  
Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.  
Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised when received.

Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received or accrued within one month of receipt. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable, and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.  
Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

*Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

*Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are recognised on revaluation of investments at the end of each accounting year.

**Resources expended**

*Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

*Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*

The diocesan common fund or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31<sup>st</sup> December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

**Fixed Assets**

*Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings*

Consecrated and benefited property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefited buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment  
 Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years.  
 Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.  
 Investments  
 Investments are valued at their market value at 31 December 24  
 Current Assets  
 Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents, or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.  
 Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

**2. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
	2024	2024	2023	2023
<b>a) Voluntary income</b>				
Planned giving	11,806	11,806	11,411	11,411
Stewardship	55,289	55,289	54,914	54,914
Parish Giving	17,516	17,516	14,310	14,310
Income tax recoverable	3,472	3,472	3,840	3,840
Open plate collections at services	3,000	3,000	-	-
Grants	1,670	1,670	6,222	14,683
Sundry donations	92,635	4,670	-	97,305
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>				
Church Hall letting income (note 10)	10,086	-	-	10,086
<b>c) Income from investments</b>				
Dividends & Interest receivable	12,373	350	-	12,723
<b>d) Income from church activities</b>				
Service Fees	12,806	12,806	11,067	11,067
Sundry other income	-	-	70	70
General Fundraising Events	7,126	443	7,229	7,229
50/50 Club	-	-	390	390
Magazine Sales	17	17	566	566
Tower and Bells	-	517	419	419
Bells - E	-	-	110	110
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>135,043</b>	<b>5,980</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141,023</b>
	<b>19,949</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,909</b>
				<b>138,568</b>

**3. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
<b>a) Church activities</b>					
Charitable giving	5,674			5,674	6,901
General charities	62,074			62,074	59,687
Ministry Share	3,000			3,000	3,300
Church Hall Lettings (note 11)	254			254	343
Vicar's Expenses	1,240			1,240	3,824
Staff costs	-			-	470
Light and Heat	12,922			12,922	13,253
Insurances	11,563			11,563	11,041
Security Costs	1,288			1,288	1,279
Church Repairs & Maintenance	9,389			9,389	15,531
Church Rooms maintenance	1,059			1,059	8,096
Tower & Bell expenditure	-	2,772		2,772	396
Organists fees	3,075		20	3,075	3,000
Flowers	-		266	266	344
Children & Youth Ministry	43			43	1,028
Cost of Magazine	1,901			1,901	1,003
Accountancy Services	5,844	59		5,903	1,344
Subscriptions & books	8,570	36,929		8,570	6,253
Service & church expenses	-			36,929	-
Major repairs - church					17,422
Major repairs - church rooms	20,651			20,651	154,889
<b>b) Governance costs</b>					
Administration	7,307			7,307	7,715
Parish office costs	7,307			7,307	7,715
<b>4. STAFF COSTS</b>					
<b>Wages and salaries:</b>					
Administrator	18,002			18,002	8,938
Children & Youth worker	9,750			9,750	-
	27,752			27,752	8,938
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>183,606</b>	<b>40,046</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223,652</b>	<b>171,542</b>

**5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**

5(a) The freehold land and buildings comprising the Church Rooms contribute to the income of the PCC but are not considered to be an asset of the PCC and have not therefore been capitalised.

Consecrated and benefited property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.



**Unrestricted funds (including designated):**

	2023	2022	2021
Budget Fund (£)	4,990	14,025	1,292
Burrows Legacy	915	1,443	
Choir Fund	14,035	14,035	
Church Rooms Fund	14,035	14,035	
General Fund	53,282	53,282	
Messenger Fund	-	-	
REAM	20,514	20,514	
Social Fund	6,095	6,095	
WRAY	13,588	13,588	
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,862</b>	<b>135,043</b>	<b>141,023</b>
	<b>1,134</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>323,807</b>

**The Restoration Funds** are monies held as restricted funds only for use in respect of repairs to the fabric of the Church. St Neots fund includes the Knight legacy of £124,960 and Eynesbury fund includes the Young Legacy of £50,000.

**The Tower and Bells Fund** is for monies donated to provide funding for the rehangings of the bells of the church and to carry out all the necessary work to make this possible.

**The Church Rooms Fund** is money accumulated from the renting out and running of the church rooms.

**The Organ Fund** is made up of occasional donations specifically for the organ (for example by visitors who ask to play it) or by donations to the organ fund at organ concerts and this money is used for occasional repairs or tuning.

**The WRAY Fund** relates to a legacy that expires on 24th August 2067. £5,000 (the original capital) has to remain as restricted but income is available for general PCC use.

**The Newton and Hatley Fund** relates to donations received from a separate trust of that name whose trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens. The donations are shown as restricted funds because they are given to the PCC solely for the purpose of Christian education.

**The Refreshment Station Fund** is money designated from unrestricted funds for the specific purpose of a refreshment station.

**The REAM Fund** relates to a legacy that expired on 22nd December 2013. The Trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens and they have formally agreed to add these monies to general PCC reserves.

**The Craft Group Fund** is money accumulated from activities carried out on behalf of the Church by the craft group. This fund has now been allocated to the provision of a Refreshment Station.

**The Messenger fund** is money from the sale of the Messenger less money spent on producing it. The funds in the main bank account have now been transferred to the general fund.

**The Choir Fund** is money held by the choir for choir social trips etc.

**The Social Fund** relates to monies collected for teas and coffees sold after Church.

**The Flower Fund** consists of donations from the congregation specifically for flowers for the church

**The Bible Fund** consists of donations from the congregation specifically for the purchase of Bibles for church school leavers. The balance of the fund was gifted to a Theology student this year.

**Little Giants** consists of money put aside for pre-school youth activities. The fund was fully spent this year.

**The Burrows Legacy** is a recent gift designated for good use around the church. It was used for the purchase of new hymnals and to finance the provision of a Children & Families Worker.

**7. BREAKDOWN OF NET ASSETS BY FUND:**

	2024	2023
Unrestricted Funds	39,252	68,491
Restricted Funds	25,336	64,588
Endowment Fund	-	348,456
<b>Investment fixed assets</b>	<b>88,642</b>	<b>277,251</b>
Current assets	183,609	348,456
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>114,863</b>	<b>405,005</b>

**8. DEBTORS**

	2024	2023
Prepayments and accrued income	6,677	5,365
Tax recoverable from Gift Aid	939	2,174
	<b>7,616</b>	<b>7,539</b>

**9. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
Accruals	13,031	11,941
	<b>13,031</b>	<b>11,941</b>

**10. CHURCH ROOM LETTINGS**

	2024	2023
Rental income	10,086	11,036
	<b>10,086</b>	<b>11,036</b>

**11. PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH ROOMS EXPENSES**

	2024	2023
Cleaning	3,505	3,329
Water rates	1,349	1,047
Printing, postage and stationery	3,386	3,951
Telephone and internet	1,670	2,104
Bank charges	397	534
Salaries attributed to parish office, property and governance	0	0
General office costs	0	50
	<b>10,307</b>	<b>11,015</b>
Allocated:		
Church Hall Lettings	3,000	3,300
Governance costs	7,307	7,715

**12. MAJOR REPAIRS**

The Church Tower Louvres were repaired at a cost of £30,602. Funds used came from the balance of the Church Wall Fund (£19,682) and the Restoration Fund. A beetle infestation had to be dealt with at a cost of £6,327. The Church Room was refurbished at a cost of £20,651. The designated Church Rooms Fund covered the cost.

**13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The PCC entered into an arrangement for the supply of cleaning services with a PCC member. During the financial year a total of £2,059 was paid for those services. There are no outstanding balances with this related party.  
A PCC member was employed as Administrator during the year at an overall cost of £18,002. The PCC has entered into no other material transactions, contracts or other arrangements (including grants) with any related party. Certain transactions, including donations of any money or in kind, from PCC members or those closely connected to them, are unlikely to influence the separate independent interests of the PCC and therefore need not be disclosed.

14. CHARITABLE GIVING AND SPECIAL EFFORTS

	2024	2023
<b>General Funds:</b>		
Loves Farm Community Debt Advice	200	200
St Neots Womens' Refuge	500	500
St Neots Women's Middle East	700	500
Embrace the Middle East	500	500
Actos	500	300
Feed the Minds	300	300
The Mission to Seafarers	300	300
USPG	300	300
Leprosy Mission	500	500
Bible Society	300	300
Church Army	500	500
Crosslinks John Lobel	500	500
The Children's Society	300	350
CMS	1,000	1,000
Parish Youth Provision	300	200
Ripple Effect	300	300
Mission Aviation Fellowship	300	300
Churches Together	100	350
St Neots Food Bank		1
Earthquake appeal (donations collected)		
Balance of accrual for 2023 giving		
<b>Total Charitable Payments</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>6,901</b>

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# Accounts

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**The Parochial Church Council of  
The Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Registered Charity Number: 1195248**



## INFORMATION PAGE

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 December 2023

### Administrative Information

The Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury, part of the Diocese of Ely within the Church of England, was formed on 1st March 2020 by a Pastoral Scheme dated 11th February 2020 ('the Scheme'). It comprises the entirety of the former ecclesiastical parishes of St Neots (a charity formerly registered with the Charity Commission under number 1132445) and Eynesbury (an excepted charity). It has two parish churches: St Neots Parish Church (St. Mary's) is located in Church Street, and St Mary's Eynesbury is located in Berkley Street. Both historic churchyards have long been closed to new burials (apart from interment of cremated remains in designated areas), and the primary responsibility for their maintenance rests with St Neots Town Council.

The correspondence address is The Parish Office, 29 Church Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 2BU. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the new parish was registered with the Charity Commission in 2021 under number 1195248.

PCC members who have served during the period are as follows:

Incumbent (Rector):	Revd Paul Hutchinson ( <i>ex officio</i> )
Loves Farm Community Chaplain:	Revd Helene Tame ( <i>ex officio</i> , term ending 27th February 2024)
Curates:	Revd William Lyon Tupman ( <i>ex officio</i> )
Churchwardens:	
Appointed Annually	Mr Tony Hopwood Mrs Christine Miles Mrs Jacquelyn Isaac Vacancy
Representatives on the Deanery Synod (term expiry 2026):	Mrs Catherina Griffiths (PCC Secretary) Mr Tony Hopwood Mr David Wells

Elected Members (with current term expiry date):

Mrs Lynn Burnell (2024)	Mr Stephen Gill (2025)
Mrs Judith McAteer (2024)	Mr Godfrey Wilson (2025)
Mr David Read (2024)	Mr Philip Barrett (2026)
Mrs Angela Robertson (2024)	Mrs Valerie Freeman (2026)
Ms Tara Skey (2024)	Mrs Christian Laughton (2026)
Dr Gabriel Amable (2025)	Mrs Carol Way (2026)
Mrs Helen Bloxham (2025)	Mr Peter Raggatt (2026)
Mr Andrew Isaac (2025)	

### Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a body corporate under the PCC Powers Measure 1956. The appointment of PCC members is set out in the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and the Church Representation Rules 2022. All church attenders are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Rector (its Chair), of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the St Neots Parish Church Rooms. When planning the activities for the year, the Rector and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

### **Risk Management**

PCC members, as trustees, acknowledge their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity and its users are exposed, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Maintenance, Health and Safety, Fire Risk, anti-theft measures and financial controls have continued. Tony Hopwood has continued as Treasurer. Increasingly the Parish receives money by online means (including the Parish Giving Scheme). The PCC is assisted by a Stewardship Recorder/Gift Aid Officer who managed the collection and banking of St Neots cash. Church room rentals are controlled and collected by the Parish Office (run by the Operations Manager - from 2024 the Parish Administrator). Bookkeeping and accounts are maintained by the PCC Treasurer in consultation with an external accountant. Cheques require two authorised signatories and online transactions two authorisations.

### **Disability Access**

Level access into both churches is available via the North doors, hearing loop systems are in regular use; large print hymnbooks, service booklets and notice sheets are available; there are toilets suitable for disabled people in St Neots Church Rooms (the one in Eynesbury Church is unsuitable for wheelchair users).

### **Safeguarding Policy and Procedures**

The PCC is committed to safeguarding all those who attend worship and the other activities that the parish offers. It takes due regard of the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, through the documents 'Promoting a Safer Church', 'The Parish Safeguarding Handbook', and ongoing Safeguarding Practice Guidance. Having adopted the recommended parish policy on inception in 2020, the PCC has reaffirmed the policy each year. The PCC also adopted a policy for the recruitment of ex-offenders in 2021. The PCC seeks to create a culture where everyone is included, respected, listened to, and taken seriously; and the PCC accepts the prime duty of care for children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is a standing item at every PCC meeting; reports are received in person from the Safeguarding Officer at approximately half-yearly intervals; and there are regular reviews of the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard (now in 2024 the Parish Hub). Mrs Ann Barnsley has been Parish Safeguarding Officer since 2022. No reports have been received in the year of any incidents of concern.

### **Personnel**

As part of the Diocese of Ely's Changing Market Towns initiative, a full-time Operations Manager (a pre-existing member of the PCC) was appointed in 2020, and continued in post to the end of 2023, when she became a part-time Parish Administrator (funded by the Parish). A full-time Youth Missioner, appointed in 2021 (working both on parish matters and as part of Love's Farm Church) entered maternity leave in late 2022 and has not returned – her resignation taking effect at the end of 2023. It did not prove possible to appoint a third Changing Market Towns worker, and we terminated our involvement with the initiative at the end of 2023. The PCC created the new Parish-funded role of Children's Schools' and Families' Minister in February 2023: the post-holder has a Diocesan permission to officiate but is not a member of the PCC. Another PCC member is paid for some hours' cleaning work each week in connection with the Church Rooms. The organist (not a PCC member) receives an honorarium.

In the autumn, Fr Will Lyon Tupman broadened his curacy experience with parish and chaplaincy placements elsewhere, and at the end of the year began an extended placement in South Cambridgeshire which will effectively conclude his time here. At the beginning of 2024, the Revd Helene Tame also stepped back from her role as Community Chaplain and leader of Loves Farm Church. Conversations continue about the parish's future relationship with Loves Farm Church.

### **Electoral Roll**

At the 2023 Annual Meeting the Electoral Roll contained 237 names (The same as 2022, after additions and removals)

### **PCC Meetings**

Not including the meeting to appoint officers that immediately followed the 2023 Annual Meetings, the PCC met in person on eight occasions. In addition to standing items, major topics under discussion have included the relationship with Changing Market Towns, events to welcome visitors and civic representatives to both churches, issues with the fabric and finances of both churches, developments in the use of the Church Rooms, regular reports from the Operations Manager and about our children's activities and church schools, the future of the parish magazine, and receiving reports from Deanery and Diocesan Synods (including about the Diocesan-led Deanery Planning process that continues). The Rector and the PCC Secretary are both members of the Ely Diocesan Synod, as well as St Neots Deanery.

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**Significant Activities: Worship, study, prayer, mission, evangelism, ecumenism.**

The worship of the early part of the year was shaped by an injury which put our long-serving organist, Lloyd Barnett, out of action for two and half months. The parish is grateful to Stuart McCarthy for providing around half of the necessary cover: the other half was provided by the Rector (when other clergy were available to preside), and he also led the choir. Lloyd's return at Easter was warmly welcomed!

The new normal pattern of services continued to bed in: three Sunday morning eucharists; three weekday eucharists; a renewed weekly Play Church under the oversight of the Revd Margaret Marshall as our Children's Schools' and Families' Minister; Little Saints (moving from twice monthly to weekly during the year – with particular thanks to the commitment of its leaders); monthly Sunday Teatime Praise (also much renewed, and gaining new members); Saturday informal eucharist (connected with Saturday Social in the Church Rooms – which specially though not exclusively serves those who live alone); weekday evening healing eucharists; occasional Mothers' Union special services; and (in most months) an evening Choral Service, as well as seasonal Messy Church. Regular services continued at Old Vicarage, Poppyfields, and Old Market Court (as well as with church members at Cavendish Court and other home communions). Average attendance on a Usual Sunday in 2023 has been 88 adults and 4 children (2022: 89/7).

Beyond the normal annual round of special services – Holy Week, All Souls, Remembrance (a full church at St Neots), Advent and Christmas – there have been special services again this year: for the eve of the King's Coronation; a RSCM local area event; a choir workshop with Philip Stopford; joint evensongs at St John's Hills Road, at St Leonards on Sea, here, and at Coventry Cathedral. In addition to an organ recital series in the summer at St Neots (the Eynesbury pipe organ remains out of action), and a round of concerts through the year organised by the parish and by the Friends, we also hosted Cantores Minores – the choir of boys and young men from Helsinki Cathedral on a tour of England, Scotland and Ireland. We also held three book launch events in conjunction with Waterstones St Neots branch and will hold more in 2024.

St Neots bells are rung most Fridays and Sundays, as well as for occasional special events, peals and quarter-peals, and their sound (alongside the clock) is a much-appreciated feature of community life. Eynesbury's bells – though an even more historic asset of the town – are rung much less frequently, due to a shortage of ringers: the occasions on which they were heard did include ringing for the coronation (as at St Neots).

Eynesbury Church has held occasional coffee mornings and a summer Strawberry tea; St Neots church remains open daily for prayer and visitors, and has again held two successful tower and church open days (with hundreds of visitors at each) on the weekends of the Coronation and St Neot's Day. We remain grateful for the co-operative spirit in which relations with the Town Council are conducted: we appreciate their care on the maintenance of the two churchyards, and we look forward to seeing the costly but necessary work carried out on St Neots churchyard wall in the near future.

Churches Together in St Neots, and the ministers of St Neots churches, met occasionally, and an ecumenical act of worship took place on the Market Square on Good Friday.

St Neots Church Rooms continue to be available for many town organisations, as well as parish social events: we look forward to planned building works when funds are available. We continue to use Eynesbury Room for a variety of small church meetings (including cross-parish groups) and other lettings.

We were pleased to have Izzy Doran as the editor of the Messenger magazine up to the September issue. She laid down the post when she moved away, and the Rector has produced an intermittent interim stopgap to honour the subscriptions given in 2023 (the last of those issues remains to be produced at the time of writing). Mothers' Union members continue to contribute to social action projects, and other church members were involved in the work of the churches through the Food Bank, Community Debt Advice, Thursday Food (now meeting at Berkley Street Methodist Church), and a range of other Churches Together voluntary activities, in addition to the many ways that members kept in touch with each other and with neighbours in need.

Ministers continue to conduct funerals both in the churches and at local crematoria and cemeteries: the aggregate of all types of service of 22 in 2023 is well down on the 2022 figure (34) and the 2012-2016 average of 40. Other occasional offices were also still reduced on pre-lockdown figures: 18 baptisms and 4 weddings were lower than 2022 (23/9), and even lower than the averages of 40:10 in 2016-8 and 51:16 in 2012-5. As a traditional form of outreach, this continuing trend is of concern – but we will continue to work at it.

Relationships with local schools continue to have ups and downs, though the Revd Margaret Marshall has been of substantial assistance in this area. Our clergy are in our both our church schools in some way every week, Eynesbury School have adopted a pattern of three visits to church for worship each term, School Eucharists have been twice termly at St Mary's, and school curriculum visits to church have again drawn in both Priory Schools and Roundhouse/Wintringham (helped by the Revd Helene Tame). It was good to see a return of other schools and nurseries in the run-up to Christmas. The Rector and other Church members continue to play a major role in the governance of both our church schools.

Our thanks go to all the clergy who have exercised ministry here during the year – not only those mentioned above, but also Revds Robert Sibson, Melvyn Barnsley, Roger Henthorne, and Ken Anderson – and to our continuing Authorised Lay Minister Catherina Griffiths and retired Deaconess Mavis Hinde. Other lay members of the Church have committed many hours to the work described above, to prayer and study, and to other social events and activities; and they too are thanked: a church community flourishes through the activity and shared responsibility of its laity.

### Stewardship and Finance

This is the account for the year ended 31st December 2023. During this year we have continued to use the Xero accounts system, with banking through Barclays.

Stewardship and the Parish Giving Scheme have been maintained during the year: PGS and Open Plate donations are down, while Stewardship donations have increased – so there has been reduction in total income from these sources compared to 2022, and the PCC recognises the need to improve income generation during 2024. Church Room income has grown in 2023; we hope it grows further in 2024.

The PCC has incurred expenditure of £171,542 (2022: £129,965) in supporting the objectives of the PCC, including from capital funds held from previous years towards some of those purposes (making the technical deficit a more even out-turn when seen in wider context). The largest elements of this are the payment of £59,687 in respect of Ministry Share, £17,422 for buttress repairs, and £8,096 on the creation of the emergency exits for the Church Rooms. The parish has also incurred increased staff costs because of the new post of Children's Schools and Families Minister, and it will have additional expense in 2024 for the Parish Administrator.

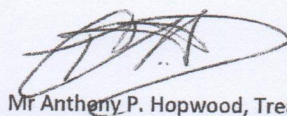
The PCC has reserves which are held on deposit in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund, together with some reserves held in the Barclays accounts.

It is the PCC's policy to maintain reserves so that it can meet immediate expenditure and to pay for future major expenditure including that arising from future quinquennial reviews to maintain the churches, work on the church bells and other improvements to the church.

A. Paul Hutchinson.

Revd A. Paul Hutchinson  
Rector and Chair of the PCC

6.4.2024



MF Anthony P. Hopwood, Treasurer

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC

The Charities Act 2011 requires the members of the PCC to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the PCC for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the members of the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue as a going concern

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST  
NEOTS WITH EYNESBURY**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury ("the charity") for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under sections 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement – no matters of concern identified**

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 as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm that there are no matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Kathryn Pickering

Relevant professional qualifications or membership : ICAEW member 9271272

Address: 18 Lannesbury Crescent, St Neots, PE19 6AF

Date: 6.4.2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 23**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	FUNDS 2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2a	90,406	8,752		99,158	152,660
Activities for generating funds	2b	11,036	-		11,036	7,470
Income from investments	2c	8,242	281		8,523	4,016
Income from church activities	2d	18,932	919		19,851	24,855
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>128,616</b>	<b>9,952</b>	-	<b>138,568</b>	<b>189,001</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Church activities	3a	135,208	19,681		154,889	122,989
Governance costs	3b	7,715			7,715	6,976
Staff Costs	4	6,519	2,419		8,938	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>149,442</b>	<b>22,100</b>	-	<b>171,542</b>	<b>129,965</b>
<b>NET INCOMING/EXPENDED RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>		<b>(20,826)</b>	<b>(12,148)</b>	-	<b>(32,974)</b>	<b>59,036</b>
Gains/losses on investment assets unrealised	5b	2,843	2,516		5,359	(7,519)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(17,983)</b>	<b>(9,632)</b>	-	<b>(27,615)</b>	<b>51,517</b>
Transfer between funds	6	0	0	-	0	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AFTER TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(17,983)</b>	<b>(9,632)</b>	-	<b>(27,615)</b>	<b>51,517</b>
<b>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2023</b>		<b>180,273</b>	<b>252,346</b>	-	<b>432,620</b>	<b>381,102</b>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2023</b>		<b>162,291</b>	<b>242,714</b>	-	<b>405,005</b>	<b>432,619</b>

The ensuing notes form part of these accounts

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 23

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a	-	-
Investment assets	5b	62,593	56,696
		<b>62,593</b>	<b>56,696</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	7,539	13,705
Short term deposits		182,072	176,322
Cash at bank and in hand		164,742	197,372
		<b>354,353</b>	<b>387,399</b>
<b>LIABILITIES: FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
	9	11,941	11,476
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>342,412</b>	<b>375,923</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>405,005</b>	<b>432,619</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	7	162,291	180,273
Restricted	7	242,714	252,346
Endowment	7	-	-
		<b>405,005</b>	<b>432,619</b>

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Funds

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

*Unrestricted funds* represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted and are called designated funds

The accounts 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 main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

### **Incoming resources**

#### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised when received.

Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received or accrued within one month of receipt.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable, and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

#### *Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

#### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

#### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are recognised on revaluation of investments at the end of each accounting year.

### **Resources expended**

#### *Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

#### *Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*

The diocesan common fund or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31<sup>st</sup> December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

### **Fixed Assets**

#### *Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

#### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

#### *Investments*

Investments are valued at their market value at 31 December 23

#### *Current Assets*

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents, or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

## 2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023	2022
<b>a) Voluntary income</b>					
Planned giving					
Stewardship	11,411			11,411	10,894
Parish Giving	54,914			54,914	58,162
Income tax recoverable	14,310			14,310	15,547
Open plate collections at services	3,840			3,840	7,275
Sundry donations	5,931	8,752		14,683	60,782
	<b>90,406</b>	<b>8,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,158</b>	<b>152,660</b>
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>					
Church Hall letting Income (note 10)					
	11,036			11,036	7,470
	<b>11,036</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,036</b>	<b>7,470</b>
<b>c) Income from investments</b>					
Dividends & Interest receivable	8,242	281		8,523	4,016
	<b>8,242</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,523</b>	<b>4,016</b>
<b>d) Income from church activities</b>					
Service Fees	11,067			11,067	15,732
Flower Fund (incl the Festival)				-	-
Sundry other income	70			70	-
General Fundraising Events	7,229			7,229	4,667
50/50 Club		390		390	1,365
Magazine Sales	566			566	793
Tower and Bells		419		419	537
Bells - E		110		110	1,148
Church Choir				-	613
	<b>18,932</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,851</b>	<b>24,855</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>128,616</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,568</b>	<b>189,001</b>

### 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2023	2022
<b>a) Church activities</b>						
Charitable giving						
General charities	note 14	6,901			6,901	7,700
Ministry Share		59,687			59,687	57,379
Church Hall Lettings (note 11)		3,300			3,300	3,000
Vicar's Expenses		343			343	349
Fundraising Costs		3,194	630		3,824	1,941
Staff costs		470			470	817
Light and Heat		13,253			13,253	4,789
Insurances		11,041			11,041	10,378
Security Costs		1,279			1,279	1,558
Church Repairs & Maintenance		15,531			15,531	6,641
Church Rooms maintenance		7,447	649		8,096	3,945
Tower & Bell expenditure			396		396	2,292
Organists fees		3,000			3,000	3,000
Flowers		135	240		375	266
Children & Youth Ministry			344		344	1,769
Cost of Magazine		1,028			1,028	885
Accountancy Services		1,003			1,003	942
Subscriptions		1,344			1,344	1,168
Service & church expenses		6,253			6,253	14,170
Major repairs	note 12		17,422		17,422	-
		<b>135,208</b>	<b>19,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,889</b>	<b>122,989</b>
<b>b) Governance costs</b>						
Administration						
Parish office costs	note 11	7,715			7,715	6,976
		<b>7,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,715</b>	<b>6,976</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>142,923</b>	<b>19,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,604</b>	<b>129,965</b>

### 4. STAFF COSTS

			2023	2022
			£	£
<b>Wages and salaries:</b>				
Total gross cost		6,519	2,419	8,938
				-

## 5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

5(a) The freehold land and buildings comprising the Church Rooms contribute to the income of the PCC but are not considered to be an asset of the PCC and have not therefore been capitalised.

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

5(b) Investments	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Market value at 1st January 2023	34,544	22,152	56,696
Purchases at cost	539		539
Revaluation gain/loss	2,843	2,516	5,359
<b>Market value at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>37,926</b>	<b>24,668</b>	<b>62,593</b>

### Holdings at 31 December 23

#### Breakdown of Investments:

Fisher Fund	650 shares	£14,694
Hawkey Fund	485 shares	£10,964
Lincoln Fund	159 shares	£3,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>1294 shares</b>	<b>£29,251</b>
REAM	887 shares	£20,058
WRAY	588 shares	£13,284
<b>Total</b>	<b>1444 shares</b>	<b>£33,342</b>

Many years ago (before 1985), three former members of the congregation, messrs. Fisher, Hawkey and Lincoln, left legacies in their wills to create a Fabric Fund to be used for repair and maintenance of the church building. The terms of the trusts were that the PCC cannot spend the capital but can spend the income from the capital. The investment of these funds is in a CBF unit trust fund from which there is a variable dividend per share. The dividends are added to the Restoration Fund's income and used for various works of restoration of the building. Expenditure on maintenance projects has been made through the General Fund rather than cashing in the above investments and this is reflected in the allocation between restricted and unrestricted funds.

## 6. FUNDS

The opening balances of these funds represent the value of the funds as at 31st December 2022

The movements on the funds are:

	Opening Balances at 1 January 23	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers / Revaluations	Balances Carried Forward
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
50/50 Club	1,282	390	(630)	(1,043)	-
Bible Fund	59				59
Flower Fund	107	200	(240)		67
Little Giants Fund	153				153
Bell Fund - E	1,148	110	(2)		1,256
Organ Fund - E	29				29
Restoration Fund - E	52,567	373		1,043	53,983
Church Rooms Fund	649		(649)		-
Church Wall Repair Fund	19,682				19,682
General Fund (robes)	500				500
NEWTON & HATLEY	2,763		(2,763)		-
Refreshment Station	9,600				9,600
Refreshment Station (Craft )	7,186				7,186
Restoration Fund	147,303	192	(17,422)	2,516	132,589
Tower and Bells	4,318	602	(394)		4,526
WRAY	5,000				5,000
Charities Fund		8,085			8,085
	<b>252,346</b>	<b>9,952</b>	<b>(22,100)</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>242,714</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds (including designated):</b>					
Budget Fund (E)	4,990				4,990
Burrows Legacy	18,376		(4,351)		14,025
Choir Fund	1,443				1,443
Church Rooms Fund	29,861	11,301	(12,092)		29,070
General Fund	89,535	116,778	(132,999)		73,314
Messenger Fund	14				14
REAM	17,819	539		1,700	20,057
Social Fund	6,095				6,095
WRAY	12,141			1,143	13,284
	<b>180,273</b>	<b>128,618</b>	<b>(149,442)</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>162,291</b>
	<b>432,619</b>	<b>138,570</b>	<b>(171,542)</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>405,005</b>

**The Restoration Funds** are monies held as restricted funds only for use in respect of repairs to the fabric of the Church. St Neots fund includes the Knight Legacy of £124,960 and Eynesbury fund includes the Young Legacy of £50,000

**The Tower and Bells Fund** is for monies donated to provide funding for the rehangng of the bells of the church and to carry out all the necessary work to make this possible

**The Church Rooms Fund** is money accumulated from the renting out and running of the church rooms. Note that the majority of the monies that are accumulated are unrestricted funds. However, there is a balance of £649 that is restricted for use only as improvements to the Church Rooms. This has arisen from specific fundraising over the years less any money spent on improvements.

**The Organ Fund** is made up of occasional donations specifically for the organ (for example by visitors who ask to play it) or by donations to the organ fund at organ concerts and this money is used for occasional repairs or tuning.

**The WRAY Fund** relates to a legacy that expires on 24th August 2067. £5,000 (the original capital) has to remain as restricted but income is available for general PCC use.

**The Newton and Hatley Fund** relates to donations received from a separate trust of that name whose trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens. The donations are shown as restricted funds because they are given to the PCC solely for the purpose of Christian education.

**The Refreshment Station Fund** is money designated from unrestricted funds for the specific purpose of a refreshment station.

**The REAM Fund** relates to a legacy that expired on 22nd <sup>Sept</sup> ~~Dec~~ember 2013. The Trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens and they have formally agreed to add these monies to general PCC reserves.

**The Craft Group Fund** is money accumulated from activities carried out on behalf of the Church by the craft group. This fund has now been allocated to the provision of a Refreshment Station.

**The Messenger fund** is money from the sale of the Messenger less money spent on producing it. The funds in the main bank account have now been transferred to the general fund.

**The Choir Fund** is money held by the choir for choir social trips etc.

**The Social Fund** relates to monies collected for teas and coffees sold after Church.

**The 50/50 Club** has ceased and all remaining funds transferred to the Restoration Fund

**The Flower Fund** consists of donations from the congregation specifically for flowers for the church

**The Bible Fund** consists of donations from the congregation specifically for the purchase of Bibles for church school leavers.

**Little Giants** consists of money put aside for pre-school youth activities.

**The Burrows Legacy** is a recent gift designated for good use around the church.

#### 7. BREAKDOWN OF NET ASSETS BY FUND:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	2023	2022
Investment fixed assets	37,926	24,668		62,593	49,698
Current assets	136,307	218,047		354,353	403,635
Current liabilities	(11,941)			(11,941)	(11,476)
	<b>162,291</b>	<b>242,714</b>	-	<b>405,005</b>	<b>441,856</b>

#### 8. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
Prepayments and accrued income	5,365	5,142
Tax recoverable from Gift Aid	2,174	8,563
	<b>7,539</b>	<b>13,705</b>

#### 9. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
Accruals	11,941	11,476
	<b>11,941</b>	<b>11,476</b>

#### 10. CHURCH ROOM LETTINGS

	2023	2022
Rental income	11,036	7,470
	<b>11,036</b>	<b>7,470</b>

## 11. PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH ROOMS EXPENSES

	2023	2022
Cleaning	3,329	3,029
Water rates	1,047	714
Printing, postage and stationery	3,951	3,650
Telephone and internet	2,104	1,707
Bank charges	534	572
Salaries attributed to parish office, property and governance	0	0
General office costs	50	304
	<b>11,015</b>	<b>9,976</b>
<b>Allocated:</b>		
Church Hall Lettings	3,300	3,000
Governance costs	7,715	6,976

## 12. MAJOR REPAIRS

Repairs were made to the Buttress and downpipe at St Neots church by Strickland at a cost of £17,422  
The Emergency Exit in the Church Rooms was widened and renewed at a cost of £8,096

## 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The PCC entered into an arrangement for the supply of cleaning services with a PCC member. During the financial year a total of £2,311 was paid for those services. There are no outstanding balances with this related party.

The PCC has entered into no other material transactions, contracts or other arrangements (including grants) with any related party. Certain transactions, including donations of any money or in kind, from PCC members or those closely connected to them, are unlikely to influence the separate independent interests of the PCC and therefore need not be disclosed.

## 14. CHARITABLE GIVING AND SPECIAL EFFORTS

	2023	2022
<b>General Funds:</b>		
Loves Farm Community Debt Advice	200	300
St Neots Womens' Refuge	500	500
Embrace the Middle East	500	500
Actios	500	500
Feed the Minds	300	300
The Mission to Seafarers	300	350
USPG	300	300
Leprosy Mission	500	500
Bible Society	300	300
Church Army	500	800
Crosslinks John Lobei	500	500
The Children's Society	350	300
CMS	1,000	1250
Parish Youth Provision	200	300
Ripple Effect	300	300
Mission Aviation Fellowship	300	300
Salvation Army		200
Cancer Research		200
St Neots Food Bank	350	
Earthquake appeal (donations collected)	1	
<b>Total Charitable Payments</b>	<b>6,901</b>	<b>7,700</b>

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# Accounts

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**The Parochial Church Council of  
The Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Registered Charity Number: 1195248**



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The PCC has the responsibility, with the Rector (its Chair), of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for the St Neots Parish Church Rooms. When planning the activities for the year, the Rector and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

### **Risk Management**

PCC members, as trustees, acknowledge their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity and its users are exposed, and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Harmonisation of Maintenance, Health and Safety, Fire Risk, anti-theft measures and financial controls have continued. Tony Hopwood has continued as Treasurer. Increasingly the Parish receives money by online means (including the Parish Giving Scheme). The PCC is assisted by a Stewardship Recorder/Gift Aid Officer who managed the collection and banking of St Neots cash. Church room rentals are controlled and collected by the Parish Office (run by the Operations Manager). Bookkeeping and accounts are maintained by the PCC Treasurer in consultation with an external accountant. Cheques require two authorised signatories and online transactions two authorisations.

### **Disability Access**

Level access into both churches is available via the North doors, hearing loop systems are in regular use; large print hymnbooks, service booklets and notice sheets are available; there are toilets suitable for disabled people in St Neots Church Rooms (the one in Eynesbury Church is unsuitable for wheelchair users).

### **Safeguarding Policy and Procedures**

The PCC is committed to safeguarding all those who attend worship and the other activities that they offer. They take due regard of the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, in particular in the documents 'Promoting a Safer Church', and 'The Parish Safeguarding Handbook (2018)', and having adopted the recommended parish policy on inception, reaffirmed the policy in 2021. The Parish also adopted a policy for the recruitment of ex-offenders in 2021. The PCC seeks to create a culture where everyone is included, respected, listened to, and taken seriously: Safeguarding is a standing item at every PCC meeting, and reports are received in person from the Safeguarding Officer at approximately half-yearly intervals, in addition to matters arising from regular reviews of the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. The PCC accepts the prime duty of care for children and vulnerable adults; and have appointed a parish safeguarding officer to ensure that what they do is informed by up-to-date policies and procedures from local and national authorities. During 2022, Mr Tony Murfin retired from the role of safeguarding officer, and Mrs Ann Barnsley was appointed as his successor. No reports have been received in the year of any incidents of concern.

### **Personnel**

A full-time Operations Manager (a pre-existing member of the PCC) was appointed in 2020 after competitive interview as part of the Diocese of Ely's Changing Market Towns initiative, and continues in post. During 2021, a full-time Youth Missioner was appointed (working both on parish matters and as part of Love's Farm Church) as part of the same initiative. In late 2022, that postholder entered maternity leave. After a delay of many months because of a 'reset' in Changing Market Towns, it was again not possible to appoint a Children's and Families' Missioner during the year: other strategies have been considered for 2023. Another PCC member is paid for some hours' cleaning work each week in connection with the Church Rooms. The organist (not a PCC member) receives an honorarium.

### **Electoral Roll**

At the 2022 Annual Meeting the Electoral Roll contained 237 names

### **PCC Meetings**

Not including the meeting to appoint officers that immediately followed the 2022 Annual Meetings, the PCC met in person on eight occasions, without any additional use of internet meeting technology. In addition to standing items, major topics under discussion have included the relationship with Changing Market Towns, work towards a major reordering of St Neots Parish Church to deal with a wide range of issues (including environmental concerns), events to welcome visitors and civic representatives to both churches, the winter Warm Spaces initiative, developments in the use of the Church Rooms, nomination of school governors, regular reports from the Operations Manager and Youth Missioner and about our children's activities, membership of Inclusive Church, commissioning of new ciboria and altar frontals, assessing what might remain of Covid-19 precautions, establishing renewed patterns for Lent and Holy Week, and receiving reports from Deanery and Diocesan Synods (including about the Diocesan-led Deanery Planning process that continues into 2023).

**Significant Activities: Worship, study, prayer, mission, evangelism, ecumenism.**

2022 began with some Covid-nervousness, following lower attendances at Christmas 2021 in the face of the Omicron variant. But the year saw a return to some normality, albeit a normality changed by the experience of recent years, trying to re-establish what might be 'usual' in a parish that had been amalgamated since the previous 'normal' year, in a nation also dealing with a Platinum Jubilee and the death of the Monarch. Weekly online services via Facebook continued until August (a run of almost 2½ years); online reflections by the Revd Margaret Marshall were broadcast there and on YouTube in Lent. We also used social media videos to draw attention to tower openings and significant bellringing during the year, but as the year unfolded, social media activity reverted mostly to non-video posts.

The new normal pattern of services settled in: three Sunday morning eucharists, three weekday eucharists and weekly Play Church; twice-monthly Little Saints, monthly Sunday Teatime Praise, Saturday informal eucharist (connected with Saturday Social in the Church Rooms – which specially though not exclusively serves those who live alone), weekday evening healing eucharists, Mothers' Union meetings, and (in most months) an evening Choral Service, as well as seasonal Messy Church. Regular services (some eucharistic, some not) continued from their 2021 restarts at Old Vicarage, Poppyfields, and Old Market Court (as well as with church members at Cavendish Court and other home communions). Average attendance on a Usual Sunday in 2022 has been 89 adults and 7 children (rather lower than before lockdown – in line with national trends – but also explained in part by the removal of Loves Farm figures and a closer attention to the removal of double counting).

Beyond the normal annual round of special services – Holy Week, All Souls, Remembrance (a full church at St Neots), Advent and Christmas – there have been a substantial number of special services this year: the Mayor's Civic Service; services for an installation of the Grandparents' Quilt, for the Jubilee and on the eve of the Queen's funeral; St Neot's Day; a special café-style service at St Neots for Harvest; Fr Will Lyon Tupman's ordination as priest at Ely and first eucharist here; Fr Melvyn Barnsley's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesting. The latter was also the occasion of one of the choir's joint evening services with a visiting choir (from Stevenage, others being from St John's Hills Road, and Christ Church, St Leonards on Sea – we continue joint relationships with both the latter). In addition to an organ recital series in the summer, and a round of concerts organised by the parish and by the Friends organisation through the year, we also once again hosted the junior choir from the cathedral at Fürstenwalde, east of Berlin: after singing at both churches on their last day here, they sang evensong at Bury St Edmunds accompanied by our organist on their route home. At the end of the year, we learnt of the Revd Ann Williams' impending move to Ely to take charge of St Peters: her farewell service was on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Sadly, the pipe organ at Eynesbury is not currently usable. We have given some thought to how this may be addressed, though without a clearly identified way forward: in the meantime, the vintage electronic instrument there continues for now to provide reliable service (and our organist is to be thanked for playing there as well as at St Neots). St Neots bells are rung most Fridays and Sundays, as well as for occasional special events, peals and quarter-peals, and their sound is a much-appreciated feature of community life. Eynesbury's bells – though a historic asset of the town – are rung much less frequently, due to a shortage of ringers (which also affects how often the full ring is heard at St Neots): the four occasions on which they were heard did include fully muffled ringing for the Queen's funeral (as at St Neots).

Eynesbury Church has held occasional coffee mornings and (on a notably hot day) a summer Strawberry tea; St Neots church both remains open daily for prayer and visitors, and has held two successful tower and church open days (with hundreds of visitors at each) in early June and late July, together with a living history festival that coincided with the period of mourning for the Queen, and many visitors to sign the Book of Condolence. This period of mourning was one of the occasions in the year when we were immensely grateful for the co-operative spirit in which relations with the Town Council are conducted: we have appreciated both their care on the maintenance of the two churchyards, and their help with clearing work in the gravedigger's hut at St Neots. Although progress has been much delayed, we look forward to seeing the necessary work carried out on St Neots churchyard wall in the near future.

Churches Together in St Neots, and the ministers of St Neots churches, were able to meet in person, and although the traditional ecumenical acts of worship did not take place in 2022, the Rector was able to allocate time to attend Sunday worship in the autumn at the United Reformed and Methodist churches.

St Neots Church Rooms continue to be available for many town organisations, as well as parish social events: we look forward to the further planned building works soon. We continue to use Eynesbury Room for a variety of small church meetings (including cross-parish groups) and other lettings.

The Messenger magazine has continued throughout the year, and editorship has been passed from Revd Ann Williams (with thanks for her many years' service) to Izzy Doran in 2023. Mothers' Union members continue to be able to contribute to significant social action projects. Church members who were able to do so continued to contribute to the work of the churches through the Food Bank, Community Debt Advice, Thursday Food (now meeting at Berkley Street Methodist Church) and a range of voluntary activities by Churches Together and a wider community of goodwill (including in this year those who have welcomed refugees from Ukraine, and kept vigil for that country in the Market Square), in addition to the many ways that members kept in touch with each other and with neighbours in need.

Ministers continue to conduct funerals both in the churches and at local crematoria and cemeteries: the aggregate of all types of service of 34 is close to the average of years since 2017, but lower than the average of 40 in the five years 2012-6. Other occasional offices were still reduced on pre-lockdown figures: 23 baptisms and 9 weddings were larger figures than 2021 (including some catch-up from lockdown postponement), and very close to 2019, but smaller than the averages of 40:10 in 2016-8 and 51:16 in 2012-5. As a traditional form of outreach, this trend is of some concern – but we will continue to work at building our presence in the wider community.

Relationships with local schools have begun to flourish again. Our clergy are in our both our church schools in some way every week, Eynesbury School have adopted a pattern of three visits to church for worship each term, School Eucharists have been twice termly at St Mary's, and school curriculum visits to church have also drawn in both Priory Schools, Roundhouse/Wintringham (helped by the Revd Helene Tame) and (at Eynesbury) Samuel Pepys. Christmas services suffered some cancellations because of weather, but we were still able to welcome one of the town's nurseries. We look forward to further growth in this area in 2023. Church members continue to play a major role in the governance of both our church schools. As Eynesbury School's IEB handed responsibility back to the Governing Body at the end of 2021, the Rector resumed his ex-officio foundation governor role there, and another PCC member was appointed to the other foundation place in the autumn. In 2022, the Revd Ann Williams stepped into the Rector's place on the DEMAT local governing body at St Mary's (alongside several other church members, and we were pleased to welcome a new one at the end of the year), though the Rector has resumed that place in 2023

Our thanks go to all the clergy who have exercised ministry here during the year – not only those mentioned above, but also Revds Robert Sibson, Roger Henthorne, and Ken Anderson – and to our continuing Authorised Lay Minister Catherina Griffiths and retired Deaconess Mavis Hinde. Other lay members of the Church have committed many hours to the work described above, to prayer and study, and to other social events and activities; and they too – along with our Changing Market Towns workers - are thanked: a church community flourishes through the activity and shared responsibility of its laity.

### **Stewardship and Finance**

This is the account for the year ended 31st December 2022. During this year we have continued to use the Xero accounts system, with day to day banking through Barclays.

Stewardship has reduced somewhat from £12,548 to £10,894 whilst the Parish Giving Scheme has been mainly maintained during the year. Open Plate donations are up from £5,376 to £7,275. Overall there has been a very marginal increase in income from these sources compared to 2021, which reflected the reduced income due to Covid. Church Room income has reduced from £10,762 to £7,470 although the 2021 figure included a donation from Huntingdon District Council of £6,000.

The PCC has incurred expenditure of £120,653 in supporting the objectives of the PCC. The largest element of this is the payment of £57,379 in respect of Ministry Share.

The PCC has reserves which are held on deposit in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund, together with some reserves held in the Barclays accounts.

It is the PCC's policy to maintain reserves so that it can meet immediate expenditure and to pay for future major expenditure including that arising from future quinquennial reviews in order to maintain the churches, work on the church bells and other improvements to the church.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on  
and signed on its behalf by:

Revd A. Paul Hutchinson  
Rector and Chair of the PCC

Mr Anthony P. Hopwood, Treasurer

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PCC**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the members of the PCC to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the PCC for that period.

In preparing those accounts, the members of the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue as a going concern

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST NEOTS WITH  
EYNESBURY**

I report on the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury ("the charity") for the period January 1st 2022 to December 31st 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner

11.07 2023



DAVID S. JONES F.C.A.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 22**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	FUNDS 2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary income	2a	100,650	52,010		152,660	251,536
Activities for generating funds	2b	7,470	-		7,470	10,762
Income from investments	2c	3,918	98		4,016	1,719
Income from church activities	2d	21,805	3,050		24,855	16,432
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>133,843</b>	<b>55,158</b>	-	<b>189,001</b>	280,449
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Church activities	3a	113,677	9,312		<b>122,989</b>	108,320
Governance costs	3b	6,976			<b>6,976</b>	5,124
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>120,653</b>	<b>9,312</b>	-	<b>129,965</b>	113,444
<b>NET INCOMING/EXPENDED RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>						
		13,190	45,846	-	59,036	167,005
Gains/losses on investment assets unrealised	5b	(3,952)	(3,567)		(7,519)	8,000
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>9,238</b>	<b>42,279</b>	-	<b>51,517</b>	175,005
Transfer between funds	6	0	0	-	0	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AFTER TRANSFERS</b>		<b>9,238</b>	<b>42,279</b>		<b>51,517</b>	175,005
<b>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2021</b>		<b>171,035</b>	<b>210,067</b>	-	<b>381,102</b>	<b>206,097</b>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 December 2021</b>		<b>180,273</b>	<b>252,346</b>	-	<b>432,619</b>	381,102

The ensuing notes form part of these accounts

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 22

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5a	-	
Investment assets	5b	56,696	63,694
		<b>56,696</b>	<b>63,694</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	13,705	12,198
Short term deposits		176,322	174,867
Cash at bank and in hand		197,372	139,541
		<b>387,399</b>	<b>326,606</b>
<b>LIABILITIES: FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
	9	11,476	9,198
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>375,923</b>	<b>317,408</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>432,619</b>	<b>381,102</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	7	180,273	171,035
Restricted	7	252,346	210,067
Endowment	7	-	-
		<b>432,619</b>	<b>381,102</b>

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Funds

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

*Unrestricted funds* represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted and are called designated funds

The accounts 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 main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

### **Incoming resources**

#### *Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised when received.

Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received or accrued within one month of receipt.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable, and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross.

#### *Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

#### *Income from investments*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

#### *Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are recognised on revaluation of investments at the end of each accounting year.

### **Resources expended**

#### *Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

#### *Activities directly relating to the work of the Church*

The diocesan common fund or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31<sup>st</sup> December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet

### **Fixed Assets**

#### *Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

#### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

#### *Investments*

Investments are valued at their market value at 31 December 22

#### *Current Assets*

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents, or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

## 2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022	2021
<b>a) Voluntary income</b>					
Planned giving					
Stewardship	10,894			10,894	12,548
Parish Giving	58,162			58,162	58,960
Income tax recoverable	15,547			15,547	20,827
Open plate collections at services	7,275			7,275	5,376
Sundry donations	8,772	52,010		60,782	153,825
	<b>100,650</b>	<b>52,010</b>	-	<b>152,660</b>	<b>251,536</b>
<b>b) Activities for generating funds</b>					
Church Hall letting Income (note 10)					
	7,470			7,470	10,762
	<b>7,470</b>	-	-	<b>7,470</b>	<b>10,762</b>
<b>c) Income from investments</b>					
Dividends & Interest receivable	3,918	98		4,016	1,719
	<b>3,918</b>	<b>98</b>	-	<b>4,016</b>	<b>1,719</b>
<b>d) Income from church activities</b>					
Service Fees	15,732			15,732	13,978
Flower Fund (incl the Festival)				-	-
Social Fund				-	104
General Fundraising Events	4,667			4,667	1,020
50/50 Club		1,365		1,365	720
Magazine Sales	793			793	568
Tower and Bells		537		537	40
Bells - E		1,148		1,148	0
Church Choir	613			613	2
	<b>21,805</b>	<b>3,050</b>	-	<b>24,855</b>	<b>16,432</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>133,843</b>	<b>55,158</b>	-	<b>189,001</b>	<b>280,449</b>

### 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2022	2021
<b>a) Church activities</b>						
Charitable giving						
General charities	(note 14)	7,700			7,700	6,800
Special Efforts					-	-
Ministry Share		57,379			57,379	55,642
Church Hall Lettings (note 11)		3,000			3,000	2,400
Vicar's Expenses		349			349	-
Fundraising Costs		1,213	728		1,941	-
Staff costs		817			817	525
Light and Heat		4,789			4,789	5,924
Insurances		10,378			10,378	9,729
Security Costs		1,558			1,558	882
Church Repairs & Maintenance		5,023	1,618		6,641	7,562
Church Rooms maintenance			3,945		3,945	5,032
Tower & Bell expenditure		71	2,221		2,292	393
Organ maintenance		-			-	-
Organists fees		3,000			3,000	3,000
Choir expenses		-			-	0
Flowers		235	31		266	24
Children & Youth Ministry		1,000	769		1,769	-
Cost of Magazine		885			885	678
Accountancy Services		942			942	833
Subscriptions		1,168			1,168	722
Service & church expenses		14,170			14,170	8,174
Major repairs (note 12)		-			-	-
		<b>113,677</b>	<b>9,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,989</b>	<b>108,320</b>
<b>b) Governance costs</b>						
Administration						
Parish office costs (note 11)		6,976			6,976	5,124
		<b>6,976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,976</b>	<b>5,124</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>120,653</b>	<b>9,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,965</b>	<b>113,444</b>

### 4. STAFF COSTS

		2022	2021
		£	£
<b>Wages and salaries:</b>			
Total gross cost	-	-	-
<b>Allocated:</b>			
Parish Office - see Note 11	-	-	-

## 5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

5(a) The freehold land and buildings comprising the Church Rooms contribute to the income of the PCC but are not considered to be an asset of the PCC and have not therefore been capitalised.

Consecrated and benefited property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

<b>5(b) Investments</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Market value at 1st January 2022</b>	<b>37,975</b>	<b>25,719</b>	<b>63,694</b>
Purchases at cost	521		521
Revaluation gain/loss	(3,952)	(3,567)	(7,519)
<b>Market value at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>34,544</b>	<b>22,152</b>	<b>56,696</b>

### Holdings at 31 December 22

#### Breakdown of Investments:

Fisher Fund	650 shares	£13,430
Hawkey Fund	485 shares	£10,021
Lincoln Fund	159 shares	£3,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>1294 shares</b>	<b>£26,736</b>
REAM	862 shares	£17,819
WRAY	588 shares	£12,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>1444 shares</b>	<b>£29,960</b>

Many years ago (before 1985), three former members of the congregation, messrs. Fisher, Hawkey and Lincoln, left legacies in their wills to create a Fabric Fund to be used for repair and maintenance of the church building. The terms of the trusts were that the PCC cannot spend the capital but can spend the income from the capital. The investment of these funds is in a CBF unit trust fund from which there is a variable dividend per share. The dividends are added to the Restoration Fund's income and used for various works of restoration of the building. Expenditure on maintenance projects has been made through the General Fund rather than cashing in the above investments and this is reflected in the allocation between restricted and unrestricted funds.

## 6. FUNDS

The opening balances of these funds represent the value of the funds as at 31st December 2021

The movements on the funds are:

	Opening Balances at 1 January 22	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers / Revaluations	Balances Carried Forward
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
50/50 Club	1,305	1,365	(728)	(660)	1,282
Bible Fund	59				59
Flower Fund	138		(31)		107
Little Giants Fund	153				153
Bell Fund - E		1,148			1,148
Organ Fund - E	29				29
Restoration Fund - E	1,657	50,250		660	52,567
Church Rooms Fund	4,594		(3,945)		649
Church Wall Repair Fund	19,682				19,682
General Fund (robes)	500				500
NEWTON & HATLEY	3,003	529	(769)		2,763
Refreshment Station	9,600				9,600
Refreshment Station (Craft )	7,186				7,186
Restoration Fund	152,060	428	(1,618)	(3,567)	147,303
Tower and Bells	5,101	1,438	(2,221)		4,318
WRAY	5,000				5,000
	<b>210,067</b>	<b>55,158</b>	<b>(9,312)</b>	<b>(3,567)</b>	<b>252,346</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds (including designated):</b>					
Budget Fund (E)	4,990				4,990
Burrows Legacy	19,356		(981)		18,376
Choir Fund	830	613			1,443
Church Rooms Fund	26,767	7,723	(4,630)		29,861
General Fund	79,592	124,986	(115,043)		89,535
Messenger Fund	14				14
REAM	19,630	521		(2,332)	17,819
Social Fund	6,095				6,095
WRAY	13,761			(1,620)	12,141
	<b>171,035</b>	<b>133,843</b>	<b>(120,653)</b>	<b>(3,952)</b>	<b>180,273</b>
	<b>381,102</b>	<b>189,001</b>	<b>(129,965)</b>	<b>(7,519)</b>	<b>432,619</b>

**The Restoration Funds** are monies held as restricted funds only for use in respect of repairs to the fabric of the Church. St Neots fund includes the Knight Legacy of £124,960 and Eynesbury fund includes the Young Legacy of £50,000

**The Tower and Bells Fund** is for monies donated to provide funding for the rehangng of the bells of the church and to carry out all the necessary work to make this possible

**The Church Rooms Fund** is money accumulated from the renting out and running of the church rooms. Note that the majority of the monies that are accumulated are unrestricted funds. However, there is a balance of £649 that is restricted for use only as improvements to the Church Rooms. This has arisen from specific fundraising over the years less any money spent on improvements.

**The Organ Fund** is made up of occasional donations specifically for the organ (for example by visitors who ask to play it) or by donations to the organ fund at organ concerts and this money is used for occasional repairs or tuning.

**The WRAY Fund** relates to a legacy that expires on 24th August 2067. £5,000 (the original capital) has to remain as restricted but income is available for general PCC use.

**The Newton and Hatley Fund** relates to donations received from a separate trust of that name whose trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens. The donations are shown as restricted funds because they are given to the PCC solely for the purpose of Christian education.

**The Refreshment Station Fund** is money designated from unrestricted funds for the specific purpose of a refreshment station.

**The REAM Fund** relates to a legacy that expired on 22nd December 2013. The Trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens and they have formally agreed to add these monies to general PCC reserves.

**The Craft Group Fund** is money accumulated from activities carried out on behalf of the Church by the craft group. This fund has now been allocated to the provision of a Refreshment Station.

**The Messenger fund** is money from the sale of the Messenger less money spent on producing it. The funds in the main bank account have now been transferred to the general fund.

**The Choir Fund** is money held by the choir for choir social trips etc.

**The Social Fund** relates to monies collected for teas and coffees sold after Church.

**The 50/50 Club** relates to a fund raising scheme: members pay a monthly fee, a twice yearly draw takes place and profits are retained specifically for Restoration.

**The Flower Fund** consists of donations from the congregation specifically for flowers for the church

**The Bible Fund** consists of donations from the congregation specifically for the purchase of Bibles for church school leavers.

**Little Giants** consists of money put aside for pre-school youth activities.

**The Burrows Legacy** is a recent gift designated for good use around the church.

#### 7. BREAKDOWN OF NET ASSETS BY FUND:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	2022	2021
Investment fixed assets	34,544	22,152		56,696	63,694
Current assets	157,205	230,194		387,399	326,606
Current liabilities	(11,476)			(11,476)	(9,198)
	<b>180,273</b>	<b>252,346</b>	-	<b>432,619</b>	<b>381,102</b>

#### 8. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
Prepayments and accrued income	5,142	5,337
Tax recoverable from Gift Aid	8,563	6,861
	<b>13,705</b>	<b>12,198</b>

#### 9. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
Accruals	11,476	9,198
	<b>11,476</b>	<b>9,198</b>

#### 10. CHURCH ROOM LETTINGS

	2022	2021
HDC Grant		6,000
Rental income	7,470	4,762
	<b>7,470</b>	<b>10,762</b>

#### 11. PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH ROOMS EXPENSES

	2022	2021
Cleaning	3,029	1,217
Water rates	714	678
Computer costs		353
Printing, postage and stationery	3,650	2,491
Telephone and internet	1,707	1,864
Bank charges	572	439
Vicarage Room Rental	0	0
Salaries attributed to parish office, property and governance	0	0
General office costs	304	482
	<b>9,976</b>	<b>7,524</b>
<b>Allocated:</b>		
Church Hall Lettings	3,000	2,400
Governance costs	6,976	5,124

#### 12. MAJOR REPAIRS

None

#### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The PCC has entered into no material transactions, contracts or other arrangements (including grants) with any related party. Certain transactions, including donations of any money or in kind, from PCC members or those closely connected to them, are unlikely to influence the separate independent interests of the PCC and therefore need not be disclosed.

#### 14. CHARITABLE GIVING AND SPECIAL EFFORTS

	2022	2021
<b>General Funds:</b>		
Loves Farm Community Debt Advice	300	0
St Neots Womens' Refuge	500	500
Embrace the Middle East	500	500
Actios	500	500
Kigali		750
Feed the Minds	300	300
The Mission to Seafarers	350	300
USPG	300	300
Leprosy Mission	500	500
Bible Society	300	300
Church Army	800	800
Crosslinks John Lobei	500	500
The Children's Society	300	300
CMS	1,250	1250
Parish Youth Provision	300	
Ripple Effect	300	
Mission Aviation Fellowship	300	
Salvation Army	200	
Cancer Research	200	
	<b>7,700</b>	<b>6,800</b>