

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE

England & Wales · Charity number 1195656

## Details

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Other names	WOODFORD VALLEY PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2021-08-31
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Ministry of the Church of England in the Woodford Valley and Archers Gate

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£170,520	£108,601	-	-
2024-12-31	£100,355	£111,041	-	-
2023-12-31	£122,761	£101,414	-	-
2022-12-31	£97,381	£90,205	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Michael Perry</b>	Chair	2013-09-01
Anthony Edwards		2016-09-01
Antony Edmond Wells		2020-06-01
Catherine Margaret Knight		2017-10-01
Elizabeth Keatinge		2020-09-01
Elizabeth Le Sueur		2010-09-01
GILES FLETCHER		2012-10-01
Helen Hosier		2013-09-01
James Iles		2014-09-01
Julia Gallop		2015-09-01
Luke March		1999-10-01
Peter Antony Shaun Curtis		2021-06-01
Rebecca Carson		2006-09-01
SUZANNE WATERS		2000-09-01
Sarah Coate		2017-09-01
Sylvia Parrett		1994-09-01

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# Accounts

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WITH ARCHERS GATE**

comprising

All Saints' Woodford      St Andrew's Durnford      St Michael's Wilsford

and Archers Gate and Kings Gate

in the Diocese of Salisbury

**ANNUAL REPORT  
and  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
of the  
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For the year ended 31 December 2025**

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Sidesmen	
St Andrew's:	Luke & Sarah March, Ian & Mary Stevens, Suzanne Waters, Antony Wells
St Michael's:	Jennie Chapman, Sarah Coate, Simon Folkes, Angie Langley, Peter Moss, Ian Reid, Liz Le Sueur
All Saints':	Jean Coates, James Iles

## Parishioners and Other Supporters of the Churches in the Woodford Valley

At 31 December 2025 there were 92 (2025: 116) parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

The Church has a worshipping community of 77 (2024: 83). The total number of people who worshipped with us at Easter was 182 (2024: 188) whilst at Christmas it was 357 (2024: 325).

Regular donors to the parish total 77 (2024: 77) persons which includes those donations received at the church services and donations through Parish Giving or by other means to the parish.

## Objectives

The Woodford Valley with Archers Gate PCC is responsible for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical parish. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of the churches within the parish. As part of the Diocese of Salisbury, the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Communion, the PCC also has a responsibility to promote the mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally.

Within this context the PCC aims to be a resource allowing all people who live in the parish to develop faith in Jesus, and to promote and increase Christ-centred community within the Woodford Valley and the new housing estates within our parish.

## Events and Actions During 2025

### Mission within the Parish, Deanery and Diocese

During 2025 the parish continued to contribute actively to the wider mission of the Church of England within the Diocese of Salisbury as well as within the parish itself.

During the year the Vicar took on the role of **Bishop's Adviser for Creation Care and Climate Justice**, a two-day-per-week diocesan appointment agreed by the PCC with an associated reduction in the parish's Parish Share contribution. In this role the Vicar has been working with churches across the diocese to encourage environmental action and engagement with the Eco Church programme. This work reflects the Church of England's commitment to care for creation and supports the PCC's charitable objective of promoting the mission of the Church locally and more widely.

The Vicar was also commissioned as **Associate Rural Dean for the Stonehenge Deanery**. In this role he has supported clergy and parishes within the deanery and participated in the interview and appointment process for new clergy. During the year new appointments were made in Amesbury and within the Avon River Team. The appointment of the new Vicar of Amesbury, Kelvin Inglis, is expected to strengthen missional engagement in the Amesbury housing communities of **Archers Gate and King's Gate**, which lie within our parish. These developments support the PCC's aim of encouraging Christian faith and Christ-centred community life across both the villages of the Woodford Valley and the newer housing communities within the parish.

### Worship and Services

Public worship remains at the heart of the parish's life and mission. Throughout 2025 the parish continued to offer regular services across its churches, providing opportunities for worship, prayer and teaching for the wider community.

During the year the parish introduced a **revised liturgy for Ordinary Time**, used between the main festival seasons. This liturgy was designed to be clear and accessible and has helped make services

more approachable for occasional worshippers as well as regular members of the congregation. In this way the parish continues to fulfil its charitable aim of enabling people living within the parish to explore and develop faith in Jesus Christ.

Music continues to make a significant contribution to the parish's worship. During the year the parish was pleased to recruit **Frances Howard as organist and musical leader for Choral Evensong**. These services, which alternate between St Michael's Wilsford and St Andrew's Durnford, have been well attended and have enriched the worshipping life of the parish.

The **Second Sunday at Six services**, led by Hugh Vivian, have continued to provide a valuable monthly gathering using contemporary worship. During the year these services included teaching from the Burning Heart missional agency and provided an accessible setting for people to explore Christian faith in a different style of worship.

At the parish's principal Sunday services music continues to be led very ably by **Margaret Knight**, to whom the PCC expresses its sincere thanks. Margaret continues to serve in a temporary capacity and the parish remains hopeful of recruiting a further organist to support this important ministry.

A number of special services were held during the year which helped strengthen the parish's engagement with the wider community. These included an **open-air Rogation service at St Andrew's**, giving thanks for the land and agricultural life of the valley, and a well supported **Pet Service at St Michael's** which welcomed many members of the community and their animals. Events such as these provide opportunities for people who may not regularly attend church to connect with the life of the parish.

The major festivals of **Easter and Christmas** continued to attract strong attendance and remain key moments when the church connects with many people in the parish who attend church less frequently during the rest of the year.

Two confirmation services were held during the year. At **Candlemas**, All Saints hosted a confirmation service with Bishop Alastair Redfern, the retired Bishop of Derby, presiding. Later in the year the parish held its annual **school confirmation service on the Vicarage lawn**, with Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Ramsbury, presiding. These services form an important part of the parish's commitment to supporting young people and adults as they deepen their Christian faith.

During the year the parish celebrated **seven baptisms**, conducted **one wedding**, and held **seven funerals**, together with **two burials of ashes** following funerals elsewhere. These services remain a central part of the church's pastoral ministry and demonstrate the church's continuing presence in the key moments of life for people across the parish.

The parish also offered opportunities for Christian learning and reflection during the year. A **Lent Course on the Sacraments** helped participants explore the theological significance of the sacraments in the life of the Church, while an **Advent Course on the Incarnation** encouraged reflection on the meaning of Christ's coming into the world. These activities support the PCC's objective of helping people grow in faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Links with the Church School**

The parish continues to maintain a strong relationship with the local Church of England primary school. The Vicar and Amanda Iles have both served on the **Local Governing Body**, helping support the school's Christian ethos and its role within the local community.

Through this involvement the parish helps support the school's Christian character and contributes to the moral and spiritual development of pupils.

Amanda Iles' four-year term as a governor concludes in June 2026. When she steps down the Vicar will remain the only governor drawn directly from the parish congregation, although several strong Foundation Governors have been recruited from outside the parish. The PCC hopes that further governors from within the parish may be able to serve in the future, strengthening the connection between church and school.

## **Administration**

During 2025 the parish did not employ a parish administrator. In order to reduce costs the Vicar undertook the administrative work of the parish directly. While this approach helped control expenditure during the year, the PCC recognises that additional administrative support would be beneficial and hopes to recruit a parish administrator during 2026.

## **Building Work and Appeal**

The PCC continued work on a major buildings appeal during the year. The appeal has now raised **over £100,000**, and the PCC expresses its sincere thanks to all who have contributed so generously. These funds have enabled several important projects to begin or be completed, including the **repair of the wall at All Saints**, the installation of **new heating at All Saints**, **new lighting at St Andrew's** with similar improvements planned for All Saints, and the installation of **new pew runners at All Saints**.

These projects form part of the PCC's responsibility to care for and maintain the parish churches so that they remain safe, welcoming and suitable for worship and community use. Maintaining these historic buildings also allows them to continue serving as important community spaces within the Woodford Valley.

The PCC expresses particular thanks to **Antony Wells, our Treasurer**, and to the **Churchwardens**, who have undertaken a substantial amount of administrative work connected with faculty applications and project management.

## **Volunteers**

The life and work of the parish depend greatly on the commitment and generosity of volunteers. The PCC expresses its sincere thanks to all who contribute their time and gifts to the life of the church.

This includes the **bell ringers**, those who **open and close the churches**, **cleaners**, **flower arrangers**, **those who care for the churchyards** and the **sides-people** who welcome people to services. Particular thanks are due to our **Churchwardens**, whose leadership and dedication are vital to the effective running of the parish.

The PCC is also grateful for the ministry of **our retired priest Patricia Powell**, our **Lay Ministers Hugh Keatinge and Sylvia Parrett**, and our **Lay Worship Leader Suzanne Waters**, all of whom contribute greatly to the worship and pastoral life of the parish.

The PCC also wishes to thank all those involved in producing the parish magazine **The Bridge**, which continues to be an excellent publication serving both the church and the wider community of the Woodford Valley.

## Financial Report

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025

A full detail of the Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 7-11.

I am pleased to report that the financial position of the parish has now largely stabilized.

#### Statement of Financial Activities

For the financial year 2025, the parish registered a deficit of £3,552 which compares to the deficit of £10,686 in 2024. This is attributed to a number of factors but significantly:

- Interest from the newly opened Deposit Account generated £1,472 in deposit interest
- The Parish Share and fees paid to the diocese reduced to £60,854 which reflects the Vicar's appointment to new responsibilities at the diocese and less time devoted to the parish.
- Repairs & Maintenance charges, although increased over 2024 were in large part applied to Designated Funds (see below) leaving the balance applied to general fund reduced to £5,480 for the year
- The Bridge Magazine once again showed a strong performance with income generated – from donations and advertising – at £8001 and a surplus of £3,132. The editors of the Bridge have generously agreed to release £2,000 of the surplus to General Fund.

#### The Churches Appeal

The biggest impact on the finances of the parish has been the result of the Churches Appeal.

Launched in June 2025, this has generated donations of over £75,000 and together with Gift Aid that will be received in 2026 and also further donations pledged will total over £100,000.

The appeal was targeted to fund a programme of repair and restoration and also enhancement projects across the 3 churches. A number of these projects have been completed and a further few are in hand. Once completed it is expected that the parish will have 3 churches in sound operating order and fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### Balance Sheet

Also largely reflecting the benefit of the Churches Appeal, the financial position of the parish is considered sound with total assets of £171,394 including funds on deposit of £81,868.

Looking forward, the parish will no doubt continue to face financial strains with a steady increase in costs on the one hand against continuing challenges in sourcing revenues to cover those costs on the other. However, for the time being the parish remains in sound financial condition.

Antony Wells  
*Treasurer*

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Woodford Valley with Archers Gate.**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8-11.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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 financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking 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 financial statements 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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025**

			<u>General</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		
			<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2024</u>
REVENUES			£	£	£	£	£
Donations							
	Planned Giving		38,530			38,530	37,624
	Free Will Offerings		3,480			3,480	3,319
	Collections and Boxes		3,451			3,451	4662
	Bequests and Donations		14,854	75,436		90,290	15,656
Gift Aid Reclaim			14,767			14,767	14,642
Fund-raising Events			848			848	6,370
Fees			3,921			3,921	8,684
Investment Income			1,512			1,512	1,530
Grants etc			1,750	2,500		4,250	1,750
Deposit Interest			1,472			1,472	397
Bridge Church Magazine				8,001		8,001	5,722
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>			<b>84,583</b>	<b>85,937</b>		<b>170,520</b>	<b>100,355</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>							
Diocese Parish Share and Fees			60,854			60,854	62,893
Parish Administrator Salary			-			-	4160
Parish Office & Travel exps			3,560			3,560	2,245
Church Supplies & Others			1,500			1,500	1,150
Organist fee			1,020			1,020	2,976
Utilities			3,481			3,481	3,825
Repairs & Maintenance			5,480	15,597		21,077	12,084
Churchyard Maintenance			3,576			3,576	6,264
Legal & Professional Fees			777			777	1,937
Insurance			6,936			6,936	6,814
Bridge Church Magazine				4,869		4,869	4,523
Charity Donations			951			951	2,170
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>			<b>88,135</b>	<b>20,466</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,601</b>	<b>111,041</b>
Net Resource Turnover - gain/(loss)			- 3,552	65,471	-	61,919	- 10,686
Profit/(Loss) on Investments			- 1,184	-	- 1,009	- 2,193	1,217
Net Movement of funds			- 4,736	65,471	- 1,009	59,726	- 9,469
Total funds brought forward			57,194	29,437	25,036	111,667	121,137
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>			<b>52,458</b>	<b>94,908</b>	<b>24,027</b>	<b>171,393</b>	<b>£111,668</b>

**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

			2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Investments at Market Value		52,204		54,397
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Banks				
General Account	33,872		26,881	
Planned Giving Account	3,450		- 6	
Deposit Account	81,868		30,397	
		119,190		57,271
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>171,394</b>		<b>£111,668</b>
<b>Represented by</b>				
<b>General Fund</b>				
At 1 January 2024	57,194		63,192	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 4,736		- 11,223	
Transferred				
From Designated Funds	2,000		1,199	
To Designated Funds	-		4,026	
		54,458		57,194
<b>Designated Funds (see below)</b>				
At 1 January 2024	29,437		33,463	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	65,471		1,199	
Transferred				
From General Fund	-		- 4,026	
To General Fund	- 2,000		- 1,199	
		92,908		29,437
<b>Endowment Funds</b>				
At 1 January 2024	25,037		24,483	
Profit on Investments	- 1,009		554	
		24,028		25,037
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>171,394</b>		<b>£111,668</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>				
Churches Appeal	68,298		-	
Bells	686		686	
Bridge Magazine	4,132		3,000	
All Saints Re-ordering	2,189		2,189	
St Andrew's Maintenance	7,319		9,819	
Repairs (Thody Legacy)	9,373		9,373	
Fabric Repairs	879		4,338	
Sudan Collection	32		32	
<b>Total</b>		<b>92,908</b>		<b>£29,437</b>

# WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investments which are shown at market value at 31 December 2025. The PCC considers that the charity has the ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Funds

The General Fund represents the fund of the Parochial Church Council which is not subject to any restriction regarding its use. Designated Funds are either from or for specific projects. The capital of Endowment Funds is not available for revenue expenses.

#### Incoming Resources

All income is recognized when received. Income Tax and Value Added Tax recoverable are not accrued.

#### Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for when incurred.

### 2. Incoming Resources and Resources Used

Full information appears in the detailed accounts, available from the Honorary Treasurer.

### 3. Staff Costs

Members of the Parochial Church Council

The Chairman's reimbursed working expenses	£3,560
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Others

Organists' Fees	£1,020
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### 4. Investments

The historical cost of investments was £11,668 and the market value at 31 December 2025 was £52,205 (2024 £54,397).

### 5. Related Trusts

The Vicar and Churchwardens of Woodford as trustees are the owners of the original site of Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy and the curtilage of Woodford Village Cross. They hold a long lease of the school car park.

## 6. Risk Management

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for risk management, which is kept under review, and also for safeguarding, health & safety, disabled access and protection of children & vulnerable adults.

## 7. Contingent Liabilities

There is a contingent liability of £42,300 in respect of contractor costs for ongoing projects at All Saints church including the rebuilding of the boundary wall, replacement heating system, tower stairs repair and path and soakaway restoration.

## 8. Funds Analysis

### Investments

Endowment Funds	£23,778	
General Fund	<u>£28,427</u>	
Total		£52,205

### Cash at Bank and Deposits

General Fund	£26,282	
Designated Funds	<u>£92,908</u>	
Total		<u>£119,190</u>

Total Funds at 31 December 2025 £171,395 (2024 £111,668)

## 9. Designated Funds

At 31 December 2025, the Designated Funds were subject to the following adjustments:

1. Bridge Magazine Designated Fund
  - £2,000 was released to General Fund.
2. Grant received from Wiltshire Historical Churches Trust
  - £2,500 applied to Churches Appeal Designated Fund reducing the charge of Repairs & Maintenance to that fund
3. Maintenance & Repair Costs charged to designated Funds
  - £2,500 in respect of masonry repairs applied to St Andrew's Maintenance Fund
  - £3,459 in respect of All Saints boundary wall repair applied to Fabric Repairs Designated Fund
  - £500 in respect of St Michael's internal works charged to Fabric Repair Fund
  - £9,638 in respect of various repair projects applied to Churches Appeal Designated Fund

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## Events and Actions During the Year

Throughout 2024, our parish continued to be active in worship, mission, and practical matters. While we faced challenges, including illness and administrative delays, we also saw growth and development in our spiritual life, community engagement, and church governance.

### **Deanery and Missional Pathway**

Early in the year, the deanery explored involvement in a "missional pathway" initiative, and training was undertaken and thought put in by the Vicar and his clergy colleagues as to how this would function. However, later in the year, we learned that our deanery was not selected to participate. While this was disappointing, as a parish we remain committed to engaging in mission both locally and across the diocese.

### **Clergy Sabbatical and Health Challenges**

A sabbatical was planned for Mike, our Vicar, but unfortunately, he was unwell for five weeks in May and June with Covid. Despite this setback, he was able to use some of his remaining sabbatical time to contribute to A Rocha UK.

### **Building Work**

Significant effort was invested in building maintenance and repair, particularly by our Churchwardens:

- The north churchyard cob wall at All Saints was finally repaired, thanks to Helen Coombe's dedicated oversight, despite delays in diocesan planning approvals.
- Plans for repairing the lower gate wall moved forward slowly due to delays within the DAC system. This work is expected to take place in 2025, ensuring a structurally sound yet visually consistent wall.
- At St Andrew's, essential repairs were carried out on the stonework, preserving the integrity of the church.



## **Spiritual Courses**

*Lent:* We followed the Bible Society's "Bible Series," which explored key biblical themes and their relevance to contemporary life.

*Advent:* We studied Brian McLaren's book *The Great Spiritual Migration*, prompting valuable discussions about our engagement with modern society. This has led to a reassessment of some of the language used in our services.

## **Worship Services**

*Choral Evensong* was a highlight of our worship in 2024, drawing both singers and congregants. Thanks go to Peter Barrie, our organist for this service in 2024, and all those involved in making these services a success.

*Holy Week and Easter:* Our Palm Sunday donkey procession, featuring Biscuit the donkey, was once again a memorable event. Holy Week services were well attended, and this year we introduced a reflective Taizé service.

*New Worship Initiatives:* We continued to experiment with a reflective third-Sunday afternoon service, eventually settling on a format using Iona Community liturgy and diverse musical traditions.

*Christmas Services:* Attendance at our Christingle Service was lower than expected, leading us to consider new approaches for 2025, possibly in collaboration with the school. We did however have large numbers of people at our Carol Service, the Christmas Eve crib service at All Saints, our new 9.00pm Christmas Eve service at Wilsford and our two Christmas Day services at Great Durnford and Middle Woodford.

## **Events and Fundraising**

Fundraising remained an important part of parish life, with successful events including:

*A Burns Night dinner, Open Gardens event, Tennis Tournament, Bridge Lunch and Peter Bailey Memorial Concert* as well as talks in the Village Hall

These events not only raised funds but also strengthened community bonds.

## **Church School**

The Vicar and Foundation Governors remained actively involved in governance, ensuring the continued promotion of the school's Christian ethos.

- *Baptism and Confirmation:* In June, we held an open-air Baptism and Confirmation Service, where: Two children were baptised, four children were admitted to communion, and three pupils were confirmed
- *Leadership Transition:* We bid farewell to Mrs Rachel Carson, our longstanding Head Teacher, and welcomed Mrs Donna Young, previously the Deputy Head, as her successor after a thorough selection process.
- *Joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT):* The school decided to join the Pickwick MAT, a network of primary schools in Dorset and Wiltshire. While being a Stand-Alone Academy was beneficial in the past, current educational challenges made this transition necessary. The school's Christian ethos will be preserved and enriched through this collaboration.

## **Looking Ahead**

As we move into 2025, we aim to continue strengthening our spiritual life, community engagement, and church infrastructure. We are especially looking forward to further developments in our worship, mission, and work with the school.

We give thanks for all who have contributed their time, energy, and faith to our parish over the past year. May we continue to grow together in faith and service in the year ahead.

## Financial Report

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

A full detail of the Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 7-11.

For the first time since I took over the Treasurer responsibility, the Parish has registered a deficit – in FY 2024 in the amount of £9,469. While in general terms this is the product of the continuing escalation of our costs, some comments on specific items making up this result are relevant.

The net proceeds of the various fund raising bought in an impressive £6,370. Once again, the Valley was able to put on a wide range of events for the community from which the parish benefitted, including a concert, bridge lunch, gardens opening, tennis competition and Village Hall talk. A vote of congratulations and enormous thanks for those who organised and delivered such a range of high quality and entertaining events.

Although modest in amount, we were able to generate a small amount of income (£397) from placing a part of our cash reserves on deposit.

Our largest single expense, the 'Share' and other levies paid to the diocese, increased by 4.5% in 2024. Such continuing increases are considered no longer affordable by the parish.

Repairs and Maintenance increased to £12,084 for the year. In addition to the day-to-day maintenance of our historic churches, this reflects the expenditure on a programme of essential repairs to the church buildings and churchyards. A part of these costs has been applied to those Designated Funds available for such expenditure.

Under its new management the *Bridge* church magazine once again generated a substantial revenue from donations and advertising which more than covered the increased cost of its publication. The editors of the *Bridge* have generously agreed to allow the surplus of £1,199 to be transferred to General Fund.

The net result for the year was a total deficit across the General, Designated and Endowment Funds of £9,469. Following transfers between General Fund and Designated Funds this has brought an overall decline in the level of General Fund and Designated Funds of £5,998 and £4,026 respectively with a £554 increase to the Endowment Funds.

The finances of the parish are under pressure. Given the increase in our costs and limited opportunity to increase revenues, the overall outlook is for continuing deficit, or at best breakeven, before applying the costs of the major projects of maintenance of our churches and churchyards. In this light the PCC has resolved to limit the payment of the diocesan share to £60,000/year. The parish is preparing an appeal to cover the cost of major maintenance as well as some priority upgrades to our churches and churchyards.

Antony Wells  
*Treasurer*

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Woodford Valley with Archers Gate.**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7-10.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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 financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustee as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustee as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking 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 financial statements 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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Donations					
Planned Giving	37,624			37,624	39,831
Collections and Boxes	7,981			7,981	6,955
Bequests and Other Gifts	15,656			15,656	28,439
Gift Aid Reclaim	14,642			14,642	13,411
Fund-raising Events	6,370			6,370	6,750
Fees	8,684			8,684	7,330
Investment Income	1,530			1,530	1,454
Grants etc	1,750			1,750	750
Deposit Interest	397			397	-
Bridge Church Magazine	-	5,722		5,722	4,865
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>94,633</b>	<b>5,722</b>		<b>100,355</b>	<b>109,784</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Diocese Parish Share and Fees	62,893			62,893	60,204
Parish Administrator Salary	4,160			4,160	3520
Parish Office & Travel exps	2,245			2,245	3,178
Church Supplies & Others	1,150			1,150	1,274
Organist fee	2,976			2,976	2,460
Utilities	3,825			3,825	2,747
Repairs & Maintenance	12,084			12,084	4,654
Churchyard Maintenance	6,264			6,264	12,559
Legal & Professional Fees	1,937			1,937	702
Insurance	6,814			6,814	6,659
Bridge Church Magazine		4,523		4,523	2,724
Charity Donations	2,170			2,170	732
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>106,518</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,041</b>	<b>101,414</b>
Net Resource Turnover - gain/(loss)	- 11,885	1,199	-	- 10,686	8,370
Profit/(Loss) on Investments	663	-	554	1,217	4,607
Net Movement of funds	- 11,222	1,199	554	- 9,469	12,977
Total funds brought forward	63,192	33,463	24,482	121,137	108,160
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>51,970</b>	<b>34,662</b>	<b>25,036</b>	<b>111,668</b>	<b>£121,137</b>

**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

				2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
	Investments at Market Value		54,397		53,181
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Banks					
	General Account	26,881		66,486	
	Planned Giving Account	- 6		1,472	
	Deposit Account	30,397		-	
			57,271		67,958
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>£111,668</b>		<b>£121,138</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
General Fund					
	At 1 January 2024	63,192		49,416	
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 11,223		1,345	
Transferred					
	From Designated Funds	1,199		12,431	
	To Designated Funds	4,026		-	
			57,194		63,192
Designated Funds (see below)					
	At 1 January 2024	33,463		36,359	
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,199		9,535	
Transferred					
	From General Fund	- 4,026		-	
	To General Fund	- 1,199		- 12,431	
			29,437		33,463
Endowment Funds					
	At 1 January 2024	• 24,483		22,385	
	Profit on Investments	554		2,098	
			25,037		24,483
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>£111,668</b>		<b>£121,138</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
	Bells	686		686	
	Bridge Magazine	3,000		3,000	
	All Saints Re-ordering	2,189		2,189	
	St Andrew's Maintenance	9,819		9,819	
	Repairs (Thody Legacy)	9,373		10,373	
	Fabric Repairs	4,338		7,364	
	Sudan Collection	32		32	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£29,437</b>		<b>£33,463</b>

# WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investments which are shown at market value at 31 December 2024. The PCC considers that the charity has the ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Funds

The General Fund represents the fund of the Parochial Church Council which is not subject to any restriction regarding its use. Designated Funds are either from or for specific projects. The capital of Endowment Funds is not available for revenue expenses.

#### Incoming Resources

All income is recognized when received. Income Tax and Value Added Tax recoverable are not accrued.

#### Resources Used

All expenditure is accounted for when incurred.

### 2. Incoming Resources and Resources Used

Full information appears in the detailed accounts, available from the Honorary Treasurer.

### 3. Staff Costs

Members of the Parochial Church Council

The Chairman's reimbursed working expenses	£2,245
Others	
Organists' Fees	£2,976
Administrator's salary	£4,160

### 4. Investments

The historical cost of investments was £11,668 and the market value at 31 December 2024 was £54,397 (2023 £53,181).

### 5. Related Trusts

The Vicar and Churchwardens of Woodford as trustees are the owners of the original site of Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy and the curtilage of Woodford Village Cross. They hold a long lease of the school car park.

## 6. Risk Management

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for risk management, which is kept under review, and also for safeguarding, health & safety, disabled access and protection of children & vulnerable adults.

## 7. Contingent Liabilities

There is a contingent liability of £10,000 in respect of architects fees and contractor costs for the rebuilding of the boundary wall at All Saints, Woodford.

## 8. Funds Analysis

### Investments

Endowment Funds	£25,037	
General Fund	<u>£29,360</u>	
Total		£54,397

### Cash at Bank and Deposits

General Fund	£27,834	
Designated Funds	<u>£29,437</u>	
Total		<u>£57,271</u>

Total Funds at 31 December 2024 £111,668 (2023 £121,138)

## 9. Designated Funds

At 31 December 2024, the Designated Funds were subject to the following adjustments:

1. The surplus for the year on the Bridge Magazine Designated Fund of £1,200 was released to General Fund.
2. A part of repair costs incurred in the year were charged to Designated Funds
  - £1,000 of St Michael's church roof repairs charged to Thody Legacy Designated Fund
  - £3,250 of All Saints boundary wall repair costs charged to Fabric Repairs Designated Fund.

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# Accounts

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**THE PARISH OF THE WOODFORD VALLEY  
WITH ARCHERS GATE**

comprising

All Saints' Woodford      St Andrew's Durnford      St Michael's Wilsford

and Archers Gate and Kings Gate in Amesbury civil parish

in the Diocese of Salisbury

**ANNUAL REPORT  
and  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
of the  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Vicar:**

The Reverend Dr Michael Perry  
The Vicarage  
Middle Woodford  
Salisbury SP4 6NR

**Professional Advisers**

Bankers:                      HSBC, 19 Minster Street, Salisbury SP1 1TE  
                                      Lloyds Bank, 38 Blue Boar Row, Salisbury SP1 1DA

Investment Manager:      CCLA, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ

Independent Examiner:    AJ Radice FCA, Guelder Cottage, Hanging  
                                      Langford, Salisbury SP3 4NW.

Registered Charity No. 1195656

# The Parish of the Woodford Valley with Archers Gate Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Parochial Church Council (PCC)

<u>Ex-officio:</u>		<u>Note</u>
Incumbent:	The Reverend Dr Michael Perry (Chairman)	1,3
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mrs Sylvia Parrett (Vice Chairman)	1
Churchwardens:		
All Saints' Woodford:	Mr Giles Fletcher	1
	Mrs Helen Coombe	1
St Andrew's Durnford:	Mrs Julia Gallop	1
	Mr Peter Curtis	1
St Michael's Wilsford:	Vacant	
Representatives to Deanery Synod:	Mrs Margaret Knight	2,5
<u>Elected</u>	Mrs Rebecca Carson	4
	Mr Jeremy Coombe (dep. Ch'warden)	
	Mr Anthony Edwards	
	Mrs Vanessa Hawkings	
	Mrs Sarah Coate	
	Mrs Helen Hosier	1
	Mr James Iles	
	Mrs Elizabeth Le Sueur	1
	Canon Luke March	
	Mrs Suzanne Waters	
	Mr Antony Wells, (Treasurer)	

Note: 1. Member of the PCC Standing Committee; 2. PCC Safeguarding Officer;  
3. Member of Diocesan Synod; 4. Head, Woodford Valley Academy; 5. Electoral Role Officer

## Other Office Holders

Rev'd Patricia Powell	Honorary Associate Priest
Parish Administrator	Lucinda Holbrook (appointed 2 June 2023)
Lay Ministers	Mrs Sylvia Parrett Lt Col Hugh Keatinge
Lay Pastoral Assistants:	Mrs Suzanne Waters
Lay Worship Leaders:	Mrs Suzanne Waters
Sidesmen	
St Andrew's:	Canon Luke March, Mr Antony Wells, Mrs Suzanne Waters, Col Ian Stevens
St Michael's:	Lt Col Hugh Keatinge, Mr Simon Folkes
All Saints':	Mrs Sarah Coate, Mrs Jean Coates, Mrs Amanda Iles, Mr James Iles, Mr Joseph Studholme, Mr Stuart Whatley, Mrs Mary Wilson

## Parishioners and Other Supporters of the Churches in the Woodford Valley

At 31 December 2023 there were 119 (2022: 118) parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

The Church has a worshipping community of 87 (2022: 90). The total number of people who worshipped with us at Easter was 238 (2022: 183) whilst at Christmas it was 363 (2022: 250).

Regular donors to the parish total 46 (2022: 66) persons in addition to the donations received at the church services.

## Objectives

The Woodford Valley with Archers Gate PCC is responsible for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical parish. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of the churches within the parish. As part of the Diocese of Salisbury, the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Communion, the PCC also has a responsibility to promote the mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally.

Within this context the PCC aims to be a resource allowing all people who live in the parish to develop faith in Jesus, and to promote and increase Christ-centred community within the Woodford Valley and the new housing estates within our parish.

## Events and Actions During the Year

### Church Services, Music, Study and Prayer

In 2023 we held our regular pattern of service across the Parish, interspersed with more those which were more unusual.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February the Archbishop of Brazil and Bishop of the Amazon Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto to our 10am Village Service. She shared with us about the work of the Anglican Church in Amazonia.

On the weekend of the 6/7<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated the coronation of King Charles, with a tent service on the 7<sup>th</sup>, with over eighty people from the community attending (more than at the Jubilee). Thanks go to the organisers of the tent and those who provided refreshments after the service. May also saw our second annual open air Rogation Service at St Andrew's.

In June we held our school baptism and confirmation service, this year with the new Bishop of Salisbury, Bishop Stephen. It seems to have left a strong positive impression on the Bishop. Nine children were confirmed and one younger child baptised. The service included the giving of tree saplings to each candidate, with the idea that they plant the tree as a symbol of their faith growing and God's care for all creation.

Our mid-week service saw a steady growth in numbers. Thanks go to Helen Coombe who has developed a good gathering for coffee chat and cake following the service, attended more generally by people beyond those who come to the service.

In terms of innovations in worship, 2023 saw the development of regular Choral Evensongs, alternating between two of our church buildings, St Michael's and St Andrew's. Particular thanks go to Peter Barrie the organist for leading the choir for these services. As the year progressed it became apparent that St Andrew's needed to host the majority of the choral evensongs in the autumn due to where annual events such as Remembrance and All Souls fell. However we have seen a rebalance of this following Christmas, again due to how annual events fell.

At Christmas the PCC opted to end the experiment of a non-Eucharistic service at 10.00am, planning to develop a contemporary 4.00pm evening service. The Wyle Valley Forest Church which the Vicar had engaged with opted to stop meeting due to lack of numbers.

Our attendance at Easter and in particular Christmas were well up on previous years. In general terms we have not seen a major decline in church numbers following the Pandemic, a common experience for churches across the country. Following the Pandemic however more people are primarily attending their local church building rather than traveling to the other two of their parish, and linked with this is a decline in regular weekly attendance.

With music we have been fortunate in having Peter Barrie to play for our evening services. Sincere thanks too go to Margaret Knight for covering organ playing for our morning services whilst we continue to look for a long-term organist.

Two study courses were held in the year, the *Money Makes Change* studies in Lent explored a Biblical ethic in our approach to money and finance whilst the *Travelling Light* course in Advent, reflected on the journeys undertaken in the Biblical Christmas story.

Throughout the year we held a number of occasional offices in our own parish with four baptisms, four marriages, five funerals and 4 burials / burial of ashes without a service in church. Sadly we also saw the death in December of Major-General James Templer, a former longstanding Churchwarden of our parish and someone who led on a number of practical projects. We give thanks for all that James did to build up the parish we have now.

## Amesbury

Our Parish stretches into Amesbury with Archers and Kings Gate where our Vicar continues to engage in pastoral work. During the year the Vicar continued to meet and work with the Methodist Minister of Amesbury Rosemary, the Baptist Minister Barry and the Roman Catholic Priest Fr Saji Mathew. As Ministers we also met with the Mayor of Amesbury, Dr Monica Devendran to discuss matters affecting Amesbury residents. Exploring closer work with the Methodist Church in our new estates, the vicar also met with a researcher for the local circuit.

In October the Priest in Charge (PiC) of Amesbury, Darren A'Court announced that he was leaving with his last service to be on 10 December 2023. In subsequent meetings with the local Bishop and Rural Dean it was concluded that there were no plans to merge our parishes. The current plan is to interview for a new PiC for Amesbury Parish in November 2024, to start in early 2025. The possibility of a lay evangelist / pioneer post to work across the boundaries of our two parishes was also mooted (perhaps part funded by the local Methodists) but no firm plans have been drawn up. In the meantime since 10 December 2023 our Parish has been providing part of the clergy cover needed at Amesbury, with the Revd Patricia Powell generally taking two 10.00am services per month and our Vicar taking assemblies in Amesbury School and occasional offices.

## Parish Involvement with Woodford School

Our Parish continued to have an integral involvement with our local Primary school. Members of the worship team led regular services and the Foundation Governors, as well as the Academy Trustees from the Parish played a full and active part in overseeing the life of the school. Mrs Margaret Knight stepped down as Chair of Governor's in the summer, and after a short locum period the post was filled by Mrs Jacqui Goodall, who was recruited from outside of the parish, and who has extensive experience of the education sector and in particular Church schools.

We held special services for the school at the key Festivals, including Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day Harvest, Easter and Christmas.

## Maintenance and Improvement of Church Buildings and Churchyards

The PCC continued in its work to maintain the church buildings and grounds. In regard to our churchyards, particular thanks go to Ian and Mary Stevens for their work in St Andrew's Churchyard and Lucinda Holbrook and her team in St Michael's churchyard. During the year we experimented

with a no-mow area in All Saints Churchyard to encourage wildlife.

In January the retaining wall close to the lych-gate of All Saints fell down, and has proved a complicated issue to put right,

## Pastoral Care and Outreach

Some members of the community have been unable to attend worship through sickness or disability and our Vicar the Revd Michael Perry, together with the Revd Patricia Powell and members of the church community have visited them both at home and in care homes. Regular home communions have been held.

## Administration

For the first five months of the year we were without an administrator, meaning much of the general administration had to be undertaken by the Vicar. Lucinda Holbrook was interviewed and appointed starting on 2 June. She has proved an able and efficient administrator for the parish. Two additional areas she has developed have been in the area of fundraising and magazine advertising.

## *The Bridge* Parish Magazine

This year Elizabeth Perry and Ness Hawkings took on the Editorship of the *Bridge* building on the strong legacy of Hugh Keating's with verve and imagination – our thanks to them both.

## Volunteers

Sincere thanks go to all those who have worked so hard to keep our buildings and grounds looking so beautiful and our churches worshipping well. Our Tower Captain Margaret and our team of bell ringers are greatly thanked for their dedicated ringing throughout the year. Grateful thanks goes to all those who clean the church buildings, have decorated them with flowers, have opened the buildings morning and night, made refreshments and have helped as sides people.

## Governance and Management

The PCC's appointment process is undertaken in line with the Church Representation Rules and the members are listed above. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The PCC met six times during the year, with the Standing Committee meeting on a monthly basis.

## Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 that is its duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

## Planning for the Future

During 2023 connections were made to develop an interdenominational strategy for our outreach in Archers Gate and Kings Gate. Ideas from our Mission Action Plan were enacted in our parish life. We face the continuing challenge of maintaining our ancient buildings. In particular, there is a need to renew the lighting, heating and sound system of All Saints Woodford, alongside the need to ensure all our buildings are in good repair.

## Financial Report

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023

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I am pleased to report that in FY 2023, notwithstanding continuing pressures on our finances, the PCC has again registered a small surplus.

Factors contributing to this are summarised

The parish was the welcome beneficiary of a legacy of over £10,000. Given the pressing demands for the maintenance of our churches, this has been set aside in to a designated fund to cover repairs to the fabric of our three churches and churchyards.

At a total of £6,750, fund raising registered a significant increase over the previous year. Events included a concert and flower festival at St Andrews over the Coronation holiday weekend, the Peter Bailey Memorial Concert at Wilsford and a Burns Night dinner and ceilidh. Fund raising remains an important – even critical - source of revenue for the parish as well as delivering a popular series of community events.

The Bridge Magazine under new management and a now enhanced format showed significant increases in both revenues from donations and advertising and costs.

The Diocesan Share and other fees payable to the Diocese remains the dominant expenditure for the PCC.

The second largest item in expenditure is the cost of maintenance of our historic buildings and their surrounding churchyards totalling over £17,000. As well as the regular costs of grass cutting and maintenance of electrical, heating and other facilities in the 3 churches, principal expenditure in 2023 was on the preliminary costs relating to the restoration of the churchyard wall at All Saints church. This project is on-going and further significant costs are expected in 2024.

The net result for the year was a total surplus across the General, Designated and Endowment Funds of £12,977. In addition, with new management team at the Bridge magazine we have agreed to transfer of reserves from the Bridge to the general funds of some £12,500 considered no longer required to support the Bridge Magazine operation.

Although with the surplus generated in 2023, the parish is considered in a sound financial position, we continue to face financial strains with the continuing increases in Diocesan share and the costs of maintaining our churches.

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### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>		
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
REVENUES		£	£	£	£	£
Donations						
Planned Giving		44,902			44,902	44,608
Collections and Boxes		6,925	30		6,955	6,513
Bequests and Other Gifts		16,283	12,156		28,439	15,853
Gift Aid Reclaim		8,340			8,340	13,170
Fund-raising Events		6,750			6,750	3,387
Fees		7,330			7,330	8,273
Investment Income		1,454			1,454	1,456
Grants etc		750			750	1,500
Bridge Church Magazine			4,865		4,865	2,621
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>92,734</b>	<b>17,051</b>		<b>109,784</b>	<b>97,381</b>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Diocese Parish Share and Fees		60,204			60,204	59,365
Parish Administrator Salary		3,520			3,520	4,571
Parish Office & Travel exps		3,178			3,178	2,615
Church Supplies & Others		1,274			1,274	680
Organist fee		2,460			2,460	1,970
Utilities		2,747			2,747	2,806
Repairs & Maintenance		4,654			4,654	4,550
Churchyard Maintenance		7,767	4,792		12,559	4,630
Legal & Professional Fees		702			702	752
Insurance		6,659			6,659	6,195
Bridge Church Magazine			2,724		2,724	847
Charity Donations		732			732	1,224
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>93,898</b>	<b>7,516</b>		<b>101,414</b>	<b>90,205</b>
Net Resource Turnover - gain/(loss)		- 1,164	9,535	-	8,370	7,176
Profit/(Loss) on Investments		2,509		2,098	4,607	- 6,446
Net Movement of funds		1,345	9,535	2,098	12,977	730
Total funds brought forward		49,416	36,359	22,385	108,160	107,430
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<b>£50,761</b>	<b>£45,894</b>	<b>£24,483</b>	<b>£121,137</b>	<b>£108,160</b>

**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

				2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
	Investments at Market Value		53,181		48,574
<b>Current Assets</b>					
	Cash at Banks				
	General Account	66,486		56,011	
	Planned Giving Account	1,472		3,575	
			67,958		59,586
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>£121,138</b>		<b>£108,160</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
	General Fund				
	At 1 January 2023	49,416		47,772	
	Transferred from Designated Funds	12,431			
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,345		1,644	
			63,192		49,416
	Designated Funds (see below)				
	At 1 January 2023	36,359		34,337	
	Transfer to General Fund	- 12,431			
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	9,535		2,022	
			33,463		36,359
	Endowment Funds				
	At 1 January 2023	22,385		25,321	
	Profit on Investments	2,098		- 2,936	
			24,483		22,385
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>£121,138</b>		<b>£108,160</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
	Choir	-		- 178	
	Bells	686		656	
	Bridge Magazine	3,000		13,468	
	All Saints Re-ordering	2,189		2,189	
	St Andrew's Maintenance	9,819		9,819	
	Repairs (Thody Legacy)	10,373		10,373	
	Fabric Repairs	7,364		-	
	Sudan Collection	32		32	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£33,463</b>		<b>£36,359</b>

# WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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The General Fund represents the fund of the Parochial Church Council which is not subject to any restriction regarding its use. Designated Funds are either from or for specific projects. The capital of Endowment Funds is not available for revenue expenses.

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All income is recognized when received. Income Tax and Value Added Tax recoverable are not accrued.

#### Resources Used

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### 2. Incoming Resources and Resources Used

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### 3. Staff Costs

Members of the Parochial Church Council

The Chairman's reimbursed working expenses	£2,465
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Others

Organists' Fees	£2,460
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Administrator's salary	£3,250
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### 4. Investments

The historical cost of investments was £11,668 and the market value at 31 December 2023 was £53,181 (2022 £48,574).

### 5. Related Trusts

The Vicar and Churchwardens of Woodford as trustees are the owners of the original site of Woodford Valley Church of England Primary Academy and the curtilage of Woodford Village Cross. They hold a long lease of the school car park.

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The Parochial Church Council is responsible for risk management, which is kept under review, and also for safeguarding, health & safety, disabled access and protection of children & vulnerable adults.

## 7. Contingent Liabilities

No contingent liabilities are recorded at 31 December 2023.

## 8. Funds Analysis

### Investments

Endowment Funds	£24,233	
General Fund	<u>£28,948</u>	
Total		£53,181

### Cash at Bank and Deposits

General Fund	£34,495	
Designated Funds	<u>£33,463</u>	
Total		<u>£67,958</u>

Total Funds at 31 December 2023 £121,138 (2022 £108,160)

## 9. Designated Funds

At 31 December 2023, the Designated Funds were subject to the following adjustments:

1. The deficit balance on the Choir Fund was written off and charged to the General Fund.
2. The balance of the Bridge Magazine Designated Fund was reduced to £3,000 which is considered adequate reserve for the Bridge Magazine operation. The excess reserve of £12,609 was released to General Fund.
3. A Fabric Repairs Designated Fund was set up to be applied to the substantial costs expected covering the repairs necessary to the three churches and their churchyards. The £11,156 balance of the legacy received from Canon Ann Philp, together with a further donation received in respect of repair costs, was applied to this Fund and the costs incurred relating to the cost of rebuilding the wall at All Saints churchyard totalling £4,792 were charged to the Fabric Repair Fund.

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# Accounts

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**THE PARISH OF THE WOODFORD VALLEY  
WITH ARCHERS GATE**

comprising

All Saints' Woodford      St Andrew's Durnford      St Michael's Wilsford

and Archers Gate and Kings Gate in Amesbury civil parish

in the Diocese of Salisbury

**ANNUAL REPORT  
and  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
of the  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Vicar:**

The Reverend Dr Michael Perry  
The Vicarage  
Middle Woodford  
Salisbury SP4 6NR

**Professional Advisers**

Bankers:                      HSBC, 19 Minster Street, Salisbury SP1 1TE  
   Lloyds Bank, 38 Blue Boar Row, Salisbury SP1 1DA

Investment Manager:      CCLA, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ

Independent Examiner:    AJ Radice FCA, Guelder Cottage, Hanging  
   Langford, Salisbury SP3 4NW.

Registered Charity No. 1195656

# The Parish of the Woodford Valley with Archers Gate Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## Parochial Church Council (PCC)

<u>Ex-officio:</u>		<u>Note</u>
Incumbent:	The Reverend Dr Michael Perry (Chairman)	1
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mrs Sylvia Parrett (Vice Chairman)	1
Churchwardens:		
All Saints' Woodford:	Mr Anthony Edwards	1
	Mr Giles Fletcher	1
St Andrew's Durnford:	Mrs Julia Gallop	1
	Mr Peter Curtis	1
St Michael's Wilsford:	Mrs Elizabeth Keatinge	1
Representatives to	Mrs Sylvia Parrett	1
Deanery Synod:	Mrs Margaret Knight	3,2,5
<u>Elected</u>		
	Mrs Rebecca Carson	4
	Mrs Sarah Coate	
	Mrs Helen Hosier	
	Mr James Iles	
	Mrs Elizabeth Le Sueur	
	Canon Luke March	1
	Mrs Suzanne Waters	
	Mr Antony Wells, Treasurer	1

Note: 1. Member of the PCC Standing Committee; 2. PCC Safeguarding Officer;  
3. Member of Diocesan Synod; 4. Head, Woodford Valley Academy; 5. Electoral Role Officer

## Other Office Holders

Rev'd Patricia Powell	Honorary Associate Priest
Parish Administrator	Joceyln Egan (retired 31/12/2022)
Lay Ministers	Mrs Sylvia Parrett Lt Col Hugh Keatinge
Lay Pastoral Assistants:	Mrs Suzanne Waters
Lay Worship Leaders:	Mrs Suzanne Waters, Mrs Donna Young
Sidesmen	
St Andrew's:	Canon Luke March, Mr Antony Wells, Mrs Suzanne Waters, Col Ian Stevens
St Michael's:	Lt Col Hugh Keatinge, Mr Simon Folkes
All Saints':	Mrs Sarah Coate, Mrs Jean Coates, Mrs Amanda Iles, Mr James Iles, Mr Joseph Studholme, Mr Stuart Whatley, Mrs Mary Wilson

## **Parishioners and Other Supporters of the Churches in the Woodford Valley**

At 31 December 2022 there were 118 (2021: 121) parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

The Church has a worshipping community of 90 (2021: 91). The total number of people who worshipped with us at Easter was 183 (2021: 115) whilst at Christmas it was 245 (2021: 234).

Regular donors to the parish total 66 (2021: 56) persons in addition to the donations received at the church services

## **Objectives**

The Woodford Valley with Archers Gate PCC is responsible for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in this ecclesiastical parish. It also has responsibility for the maintenance of the churches within the parish. As part of the Diocese of Salisbury, the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Communion, the PCC also has a responsibility to promote the mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally.

Within this context the PCC aims to be a resource allowing all people who live in the parish to develop faith in Jesus, and to promote and increase Christ-centred community within the Woodford Valley and also the new housing estates within our parish.

## **Events and Actions During the Year**

### **Church Services, Music Study and Prayer**

2022 finally saw a return to a more normal pattern of annual worship following the Pandemic. This included some new patterns of worship, special celebrations as well as the time of mourning following the death of our late Queen.

Our first major new service in 2022 was the Rogation at Great Durnford, which had worship across the village and the Estate. We joined with the wider community for the June Jubilee Weekend, with a service in the marquee, pitched on the Woodford school playing fields. Other notable church events included hosting an evening Deanery supper for Bishops from South Sudan following the Lambeth Conference.

It was a year of very large weddings, with All Saints in turn hosting a worship band and rousing contemporary worship for one and a full choir and wonderful full choral work for another. St Andrew's in turn hosted a large winter wedding just before Christmas. Sadly too we had a number of poignant funerals this year.

2022 also sadly saw the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, with the Parish opening books of remembrance and holding a Civic Service in Remembrance.

A new regular non-eucharistic 10.00am service was added to our rota of services on the first Sunday of the month and this has attracted people who have not previously regularly worshipped with us. The Second Sunday at Six services of informal worship started once again and have been well attended. Mike our Vicar developed a connection with the Wylie Valley Forest Church during the year (the church is currently in abeyance).

We are very grateful for the work of the Revd Patricia Powell, our Lay Minister Hugh Keatinge, our Lay Worship Assistant Suzanne Waters and Hugh Vivian for their involvement in

leading services alongside our vicar. Sylvia Parrett continues to have a full involvement in the ministry team but has pulled back from leading services.

With music we have been fortunate in having Peter Barrie to play for our evening services. Sincere thanks too go to Margaret Knight for covering organ playing for our morning services whilst we continue to look for a long-term organist. During this year our choir started once again, singing at our 10.00am third Sunday service – it has been wonderful to have them as part of our worship once again.

Two study courses were held in the year, exploring the Psalms in Lent and the writings of the Christian mystic Evelyn Underhill in Advent.

### **Parish Involvement with Woodford School**

Our Parish continued to have an integral involvement with our local Primary school. Members of the worship team led regular services and the Foundation Governors, as well as the Academy Trustees from the Parish played a full and active part in overseeing the life of the school. Particular mention should go to Margaret Knight, the school's Chair of Governors, as well as Rebecca Carson our Head Teacher.

We held special services for the school at the key Festivals, including Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day and Harvest. Once again we held an open air Confirmation Service for members of year six who wished to be confirmed

### **Pastoral Care**

Some members of the community have been unable to attend worship through sickness or disability and our Vicar the Revd Michael Perry, together with the Revd Patricia Powell and members of the church community have visited them both at home and in care homes. Regular home communions have been held.

### **Maintenance and Improvement of Church Buildings and Churchyards**

Quinquennial Inspections were held for All Saints Woodford & St Andrew's Durnford this year.

### **Volunteers**

Sincere thanks go to all those who have worked so hard to keep our buildings and grounds looking so beautiful and our churches worshipping well. Our Tower Captain Margaret and our team of bell ringers are greatly thanked for their dedicated ringing throughout the year. Sincere thanks goes to all those who clean the church buildings, have decorated them with flowers, have opened the buildings morning and night, made refreshments and have helped as sides people.

### **Governance and Management.**

The PCC's appointment process is undertaken in line with the Church Representation Rules and the members are listed above. The PCC is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The PCC met six times during the year, with the Standing Committee meeting on a monthly basis.

### **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 that is its duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

### **Planning for the Future**

A Mission Group met during 2022 to plan out future initiative with a Mission Action Plan. It is to be embedded as a rolling and reviewed plan to develop the life of the Parish.

We face the continuing challenge of maintaining our ancient buildings. In particular there is a

need to renew the lighting, heating and sound system of All Saints Woodford, alongside the need to ensure all our buildings are in good repair.

## Financial Report

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

A full detail of the Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 7-10

The bottom line for 2022 is that we registered a very small surplus for the year. Significant features were:

Revenues from Planned Giving – standing orders including Parish Giving revenue - showed a significant increase to £44,608. This largely reflects the benefit of a full year Parish Giving which includes also the Gift Aid reclaim for that income

The decline of Bequests and Other Gifts is due to the St Michaels churchyard wall appeal revenue which fell into 2021

Similarly, Fund Raising declined where the 2021 figure included the wonderfully successful duck race and other events

Repairs and Maintenance costs also declined against 2021 which included the cost of the repair to the Wilsford wall at over £10,000. The decline in expenditure was notwithstanding the significant backlog of repairs that is accumulating to maintain our churches, where the process of finding acceptable contractors and completing faculty approval has frustrated the implementation of some repairs.

The return on investments was negative (-£6,446) for the first time in many a year reflecting the decline in the stock market valuations.

The total value of Funds – the net worth of the PCC – increased marginally to £108,160. This includes Designated Funds of £36,559 and Endowment Funds of £22,385. This balance is considered sufficient to carry out the parish responsibilities

While it is pleasing to be able to report a small surplus for the year the outlook for the PCC finances is concerning. The parish has to bear the steady increase in Diocesan Share as well as a mounting cost of maintaining our fine churches. To fund this we are principally dependent on the continuing generosity of our parishioners and other supporters who may not be there forever. And added to this we are facing a cost of living crisis which will inevitably have an impact on our costs and will likely also effect our ability to raise funds from hard pressed supporters.

This parish is in a relatively strong position financially – we show a surplus and are able to fund our Diocesan share. However the strains on our finances are evident so that to maintain such a position is going to provide some big challenges.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Woodford Valley with Archers Gate.**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 7-10.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner**

The charity's trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustee considers 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 financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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April 2023



**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Endowment</u>		
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUES	£	£	£	£	£
Donations					
Planned Giving	44,608			44,608	36,578
Collections and Boxes	6,513			6,513	5,544
Bequests and Other Gifts	12,853	3,000		15,853	34,633
Gift Aid Reclaim	13,170			13,170	10,117
Fund-raising Events	3,387			3,387	12,250
Fees	8,273			8,273	6,009
Investment Income	1,456			1,456	1,399
Grants etc	1,500			1,500	1,500
Sundries	28	2,593		2,621	3,081
				-	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>91,788</b>	<b>5,593</b>		<b>97,381</b>	<b>111,110</b>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Parish Office & Travel exps	2,615			2,615	2,727
Utilities	2,806			2,806	1,374
Repairs & Maintenance	1,826	2,724		4,550	12,039
Legal & Professional Fees	752			752	1,954
Churchyard Maintenance	4,630			4,630	5,601
Parish Administrator Salary	4,571			4,571	4,677
Organist fee	1,970			1,970	4,070
Diocese Parish Share and Fees	59,365			59,365	55,926
Charity Donations	1,224			1,224	329
Insurance	6,195			6,195	5,833
Church Supplies & Others	680	847		1,527	3,781
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>86,634</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,205</b>	<b>98,311</b>
Net Resource Turnover - gain/(loss)	5,154	2,022	-	7,176	12,799
(Loss)/Profit on Investments	- 3,510		- 2,936	- 6,446	6,900
Net Movement of funds	1,644	2,022	- 2,936	730	19,699
Total funds brought forward	47,772	34,337	25,321	107,430	87,731
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>£49,416</b>	<b>£36,359</b>	<b>£22,385</b>	<b>£108,160</b>	<b>£107,430</b>

**WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

				2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
	Investments at Market Value		48,574		55,020
<b>Current Assets</b>					
	Cash at Banks				
	General Account	56,011		48,603	
	Planned Giving Account	3,575		3,807	
			59,586		52,410
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>£108,160</b>		<b>£107,430</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>					
	At 1 January 2021	47,772		31,339	
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,644		16,433	
			49,416		47,772
<b>Designated Funds (see below)</b>					
	At 1 January 2021	34,337		34,196	
	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,022		141	
			36,359		34,337
<b>Endowment Funds</b>					
	At 1 January 2021	25,321		22,196	
	Profit on Investments	- 2,936		3,125	
			22,385		25,321
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>£108,160</b>		<b>£107,430</b>
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# WOODFORD VALLEY WITH ARCHERS GATE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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## 7. Contingent Liabilities

No contingent liabilities are recorded at 31 December 2022.

## 8. Funds Analysis

### Investments

Endowment Funds	£22,385	
General Fund	<u>£26,189</u>	
Total		£48,574

### Cash at Bank and Deposits

General Fund	£23,227	
Designated Funds	<u>£36,359</u>	
Total		<u>£59,586</u>

Total Funds at 31 December 2022	<u>£108,160</u>	(2021 £107,430)
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