

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Vicar's Report



This is our third year of operating as a revitalisation here at St Paul's and it has been a great journey. This year the church has been beginning to see the building of momentum behind the vision to be the beating heart of God's love for Stockton. There have been physical changes to the building in our new office, changes in our staffing and structure including the arrival of Alfred our new curate and Tracy our new administrator. We have seen increased missional outreach with a continued focus on children and young people, with our amazing Narnia prayer spaces, coffee mornings and Exodus All Age series as well as the beginning of Youth Life Group. We saw two amazing groups of teenagers from the States join us on mission. Our children's groups, particularly Toddler Church, has grown to the point where we are now planning a launch of Bubble Church in 2024, a very exciting pilot of a service for families with young children.

This is all reflected in our statistics for mission in 2023 – we saw our Sunday attendance grow from 41 to 50 on average with a worshipping community growing from 68 to 140. 84 of that community are under the age of 18. And we are responding to that growth by ensuring we have space to accommodate our children and youth with plans to refurbish our chapel and vestry next year to make room for a creche and a youth den.

As we move in to 2024 it is with a sense of excitement for what God has planned for us with the upcoming Festival Teesside, new Alpha courses, Bubble Church and building projects to come.

Nine years ago, it looked like the church would close. Five years ago we dreamed about what could be. Three years ago we started the hard work of change. Now we are beginning to see lasting fruit of that journey and the hope of more to come!



Warden Report



A big thank you to all who have supported me in post as warden since June: All those who have prayed for me, served on rotas and joined in our Church family gatherings making it all worthwhile!

A particular thankyou to Julie and Dorothy who stepped up as finance team to support the Warden when he became, by default, Treasurer. And to Ian Bendall, who although stepping back from project work within this church, has carefully and thoughtfully handed over any ongoing actions.

The Church is growing in numbers, there is a real sense of looking forward to what's God going to do next. Pastoral care and Safeguarding are well managed and supported. Financial management is good and with the introduction QuickBooks will develop even better transparency.

Health and Safety: Intruder and Fire alarm systems are now tested and maintained.

Future Work: Electrics - Quotations have been received and a supplier selected by PCC who shall be worked with to bring us into compliance with our older electrics in the building.

Seymour Chapel - The works will also cover making the chapel both prayer and child friendly.

The small hall heating and lighting will be renewed. Faculties and grants for both areas are being sought.

Quinquennial action list and other works have been prioritised by PCC.

We have one Warden and one Treasurer post vacant, please consider carefully and prayerfully if you can help.

Safeguarding

After around three years as PSO I have recently handed over this role to Joan Williams. On the point of handover there were no serious concerns which we were actively working through as still unresolved. There was a number of recorded situations and incidents on file which were not causing concern at the point of handover but we were aware issues could well arise again.

Partly because of the demographics of the Parish there are many issues that arise so the role can be a busy one. There are a lot of families struggling and also individuals with health issues who became vulnerable. Issues also arise through the opening up of the church to groups such as Youth. It is important as issues arise to respond quickly and review and update safeguarding policies so groups can be properly and safely welcomed into the church.

The employment of Tracy as administrator and bookkeeper should help ease the pressure of the role as she will be taking on much of the work around DBS checks and monitoring that training is up to date.

The role of the PSO works best as part of a team alongside the vicar Paul Arnold and also the Pastoral team. Beth Miller also provides invaluable advice as Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

I give my heartfelt thanks to Joan Williams for taking on this role .
Geraldine Donegan

Children & Youth



Our children and youth work here in St Paul's is a key part of our mission. We cover a whole range and are beginning planning for Bubble Church and more! Our vision across all of this has been seeing our young people grow in faith and as disciples of Jesus.

Toddler Church We share stories of Jesus and have a lot of fun! The group has grown quickly and it has been great to see the team develop: sharing God's message of love in amazing creative ways. A big thank you on behalf of the whole church to the team.

Kids' Space has seen a group of about 14 children on a Sunday, although this fluctuates. We explored prayer and studied Old and New Testament stories of faith and had a fantastic summer all age series in Exodus.

Schools Work is growing! St John's primary school joining our work with Oak Tree, Green Gates and St Mark's. It is great to be in schools or invite them to us with services here.

Youth Ministry was relaunched this year with Youth Alpha bringing in 3 new young people and a Youth Life Group has developed from this. We want to build relationship with them and see them taking steps of faith from exploring to believing and sharing God's love. Movie nights and Refresh Worship has been a big part of this. Seeing a team come together with a burden for our young people to know God has been great. We are seeing the fruit as young people encounter Jesus.

Overseas Missions Two mission teams from America joined us helping decorate our hall and being in local schools and parks connecting with young people in the area, culminating in a youth led youth service with testimony and song. We look forward to welcoming Scottsdale back them back in June.



Pastoral Care

As we seek to be the beating heart of God's love for Stockton, we need to love one another and our Pastoral Team was formed this year to help us not just say it but to show it too.

Our team consists of the clergy (Paul and Alfred), Jean Eyles, Linda Errington, Geraldine Donegan and Joan Williams (our new Parish Safeguarding Officer). Our job is to help coordinate and organise some of the care that is already happening, so actually the team who care for others is the whole church!

We want to thank all of you for helping this team to do its job: sharing when you are struggling and pitching in to help those in need. We are all real and it is the only way we can really help one another and as a family it is lovely to see us pitch in.

We do have a number of complex pastoral issues that we work through as a team, some are known to us as church when people fall ill, some are rightly confidential. Please do keep us in prayer as we continue in this good work.

The team are investigating appropriate training resources to help with general pastoral skills. If you would be interested in taking on some training please let any of the team know.

A key part of pastoral care is in our relationships with each other. These are really built up in small groups of people sharing life together, so we are really glad to see that life groups are a focus for this church next year. They can be a real pastoral support in times of need.

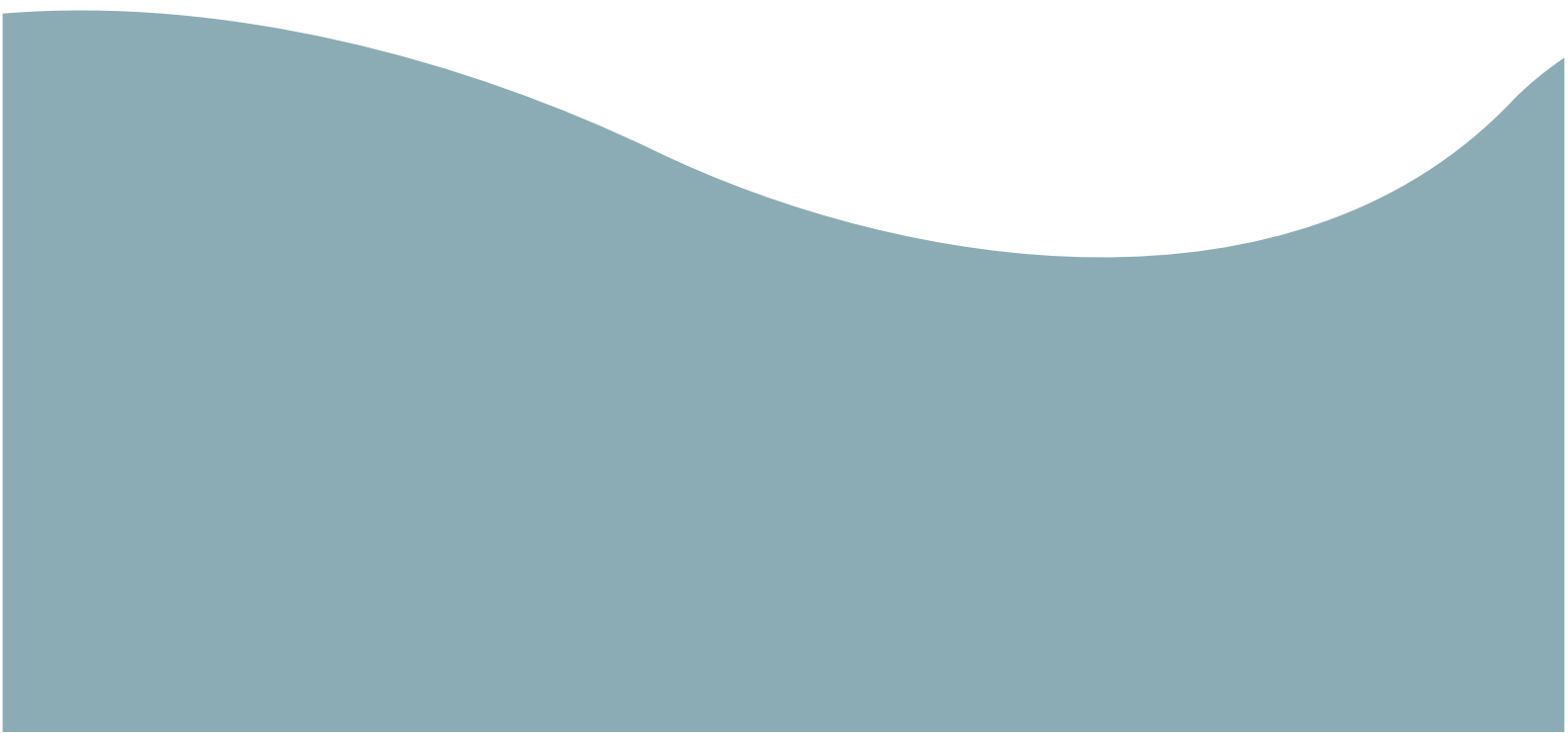
Electoral Roll

In 2023 our Electoral Roll has grown to 57 people on the roll: 15 living in the parish and 42 out of the parish.

Leavers and joiners - We have had 13 people join our roll this year and no leavers from the roll. However, this is going to look very different next year as there are approximately 20 people who no longer attend this church that are likely to no longer be on the roll when we do a full renewal in 2025.

The 12 joiners and next year 20 leavers do not fully reflect the diversity of people that now call this place their church. This is a really good story, but I would urge those who have not joined the roll this year to seriously consider joining it for next year's renewal.

That means that this year - 2023 we cross a boundary that allows us to have on the PCC up to 9 elected lay representatives, along with 2 deanery synod representatives and 2 Churchwardens.



Curate's Report



The first thing I would like to say is thank you. From my first visit to the parish in August 2022, I have been made to feel most welcome. In describing my time at St Paul's I often overuse the words 'Joy', 'Privilege', and 'Wonderful' but it's true!

St Paul's has provided a wonderful place for me to start in ordained ministry. I have had the privilege of many good experiences that have helped with my learning. In my first few months, I helped to lead through the Exodus story in our all age summer series, where we witnessed the pulpit becoming a cloud-covered mountain!

I have been assisted and led baptisms, including one very wiggly four-year-old! I have worked alongside Lauren with toddlers, children, and youth, where I am regularly defeated in table football. And now seeing the toddler church families taking part in bubble church is a real joy.

It has been wonderful to be part of two Alpha courses. Lots of the team for the second one had been guests on the first who wanted to get more involved! I have been able to get varied experiences and insight into all parts of church life in the context of a revitalisation project, seeing both the joys, with people coming to and growing deeper in faith, and the difficulties/pains of times when a small team can be stretched and tired from the good work God gives us.

I would particularly like to thank Rev. Paul for being my training incumbent and journeying with me as I grow into ordained ministry. Please be praying for me as I look forward to being ordained Priest on the 29th of June and continuing my curacy here for the next two years.

At St Paul's we are called to be the beating heart of God's love for Stockton. Showing and sharing his love. To do this we hold 6 All's at our heart we are ALL:

- **GOD'S FAMILY**

- **SPIRIT LED**

- **JESUS CENTRED**

- **ALL IN**

- **ALL REAL**

- **ALL CAN PLAY**

The beating heart of God's Love for Stockton'

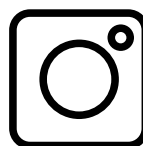


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The Parochial Church Council of the St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees

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The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Reference and Administration Information

Principal address	Bishopton Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 4PB
Status	Registered Charity No: 1195893
Chairpersons	Rev. P. Arnold
Temporary treasurer	Mrs J. Collins
Trustees	Rev. P. Arnold Mrs. F. J. Spratt (<i>resigned December 2023</i>) Mrs. D. F. Aithwaite Mrs. G. Donegan Mrs. J. Collins (<i>resigned May 2023</i>) Mr. R. C. Spratt (<i>resigned November 2023</i>) Mr. D. C. Hird (<i>resigned June 2023</i>) Mrs. F. E. Thompson (<i>resigned May 2023</i>) Mr. J. Eyles (<i>appointed May 2023</i>) Mrs. J. Williams (<i>appointed May 2023</i>) Mrs. L Errington (<i>appointed May 2023</i>) Mr. A Jennings (<i>appointed June 2023</i>)
Independent Examiners	Lynne Dickson FCA JBC Accountants Limited 3B Lockheed Court Preston Farm Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3SH
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 49 High Street Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1AG

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The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC of St Paul's has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Paul's Church.

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

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

Achievements and Performance

- * Vestry converted to an office for administrator and staff
- * Small hall converted to Youth space
- * Further Alpha course successfully completed
- * Junior Alpha course also held
- * Weekly Toddler group continues to flourish, as do relationships with local schools
- * Wider community engagement has continued and flourished with coffee mornings and seasonal celebrations
- * Curate appointed to St Paul's Church

Financial Review

Unrestricted funds

Total incoming resources on unrestricted funds were £35,071 (2022: £34,890) of which £14,002 (2022: £14,433) were planned voluntary donations via standing order, envelope or the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Also £3,054 (2022: £1,838) via the collection plate, £520 (2022: £1,239) fees from weddings/funerals, £2,057 (2022: £965) from hall lettings and £1,658 (2022: £1,276) from events, eg coffee mornings, etc.

Income tax receivable from gift aid was £3,790 (2022: £4,600)

In our outgoings, our utility costs (electricity and water) totalled £7,542 (2022: £9,457).

Other running expenses (insurance, phone, etc) totalled £6,380 (2022: £5,096).

Loan repayments totalling £16,459 including interest of £2,850 were made (2022: £7,750).

£8,800 (2022: £10,682) was paid towards our Diocesan Quota for 2023.

Restricted funds

Restoration account - we received the last quarterly payment of £2,000 in March from a will trust.

This account is used to pay for regular maintenance of the church and grounds and costs totalled £8,328 (2022: £4,912) with £3,356 paid towards refurbishment of the church office.

Grafting account - there was no expenditure in 2023, however, a grant for £30,000 was received from Garfield Weston towards the cost of a Community Café. Replacement baptistry windows have yet to be purchased, but, due to increased costs, grants will have to be sourced to meet the full cost.

Reserves policy

It is the intention of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least £5000, in case of a sudden drop in giving, or other emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The balance held on unrestricted funds is in line with this policy.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church representation rules that came into force on 1st April 2013. The PCC is registered with the Charities Commission during the year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Appropriate induction and training procedures are in place, and PCC members are sent on relevant training courses when, and where necessary.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Approved by the PCC on 9th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**Reverend Paul Arnold -
Priest in Charge**

Mrs. J. Collins - Temporary treasurer



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Independent Examiners Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination on the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 

Name: Lynne Dickson FCA

Firm: JBC Accountants Limited

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Preston Farm
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Date: 10 May 2024

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Note				
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2a	21,969	68,676	90,645	72,496
<i>Church activities</i>	2b	2,577	-	2,577	2,204
<i>Other trading activities</i>	2c	1,658	-	1,658	1,376
<i>Investments</i>	2d	57	287	344	36
<i>Other</i>	2e	8,810	-	8,810	9,799
Total		<u>35,071</u>	<u>68,963</u>	<u>104,034</u>	<u>85,911</u>
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds</i>	3a	172	-	172	104
<i>Mission giving & donations</i>	3b	380	633	1,013	1,765
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	27,951	47,872	75,823	101,012
Total		<u>28,503</u>	<u>48,505</u>	<u>77,008</u>	<u>102,881</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		6,568	20,458	27,026	(16,970)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>6,568</u>	<u>20,458</u>	<u>27,026</u>	<u>(16,970)</u>
Total funds brought forward	8 & 9	(80,047)	62,629	(17,418)	(448)
Total funds carried forward	8 & 9	<u>(73,479)</u>	<u>83,087</u>	<u>9,608</u>	<u>(17,418)</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Current Assets:			
Debtors	5	2,088	8,791
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>93,987</u>	<u>77,014</u>
		96,075	85,805
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	10,076	16,935
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>85,999</u>	<u>68,870</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	76,391	86,288
Total net assets		<u>9,608</u>	<u>(17,418)</u>
Parish funds:			
Unrestricted funds	8	(73,479)	(80,047)
Restricted funds	9	83,087	62,629
	10	<u>9,608</u>	<u>(17,418)</u>

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9/5/2024

Approved by: *P. Arnold* Rev. P. Arnold

J. Collins Mrs. J. Collins

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Investment Assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102: - the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Funds

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

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that's is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered probable and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable.

Other trading activities

All incoming resources including fundraising are accounted for gross.

Church activities

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

Investments

Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer.

Expenditure

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

The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings:

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

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property, listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets have not been valued in the accounts. Subsequently no individual item has cost £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment:

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

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

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

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2 Income and endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2a Donations and legacies				
Planned: Standing Orders	14,002	-	14,002	14,433
Income Tax Recoverable	3,790	-	3,790	4,600
Open collections	3,054	-	3,054	1,838
Sundry donations	1,123	633	1,756	1,582
Legacy received	-	2,000	2,000	8,000
Grants received	-	66,043	66,043	42,044
	<u>21,969</u>	<u>68,676</u>	<u>90,645</u>	<u>72,496</u>
2b Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	520	-	520	1,239
Church hall lettings	2,057	-	2,057	965
	<u>2,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>2,204</u>
2c Other trading activities				
Coffee mornings/Sale of Kneelers etc	1,658	-	1,658	1,376
	<u>1,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,658</u>	<u>1,376</u>
2d Investments				
Bank interest received	<u>57</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>36</u>
2e Other - RHI scheme incentives	8,810	-	8,810	9,799
Total	<u>35,071</u>	<u>68,963</u>	<u>104,034</u>	<u>85,911</u>

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3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
3a Raising funds	<u>172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>104</u>
3b Mission Giving & Donations	<u>380</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>1,013</u>	<u>1,765</u>
3c Church activities				
Parish Share	8,800	-	8,800	10,682
Salaries, wages and honoraria	50	29,439	29,489	26,974
Clergy & staff expenses	1,027	-	1,027	702
Mission & evangelism costs	1,441	3,280	4,721	1,984
Church running expenses	6,380	15,153	21,533	21,930
Church utility bills	7,542	-	7,542	9,457
Miscellaneous expenses	284	-	284	250
New Building work to church/hall	-	-	-	24,884
Loan interest	1,877	-	1,877	3,600
Independent Examiner's fee	550	-	550	550
	<u>27,951</u>	<u>47,872</u>	<u>75,823</u>	<u>101,013</u>
Total	<u>28,503</u>	<u>48,505</u>	<u>77,008</u>	<u>102,882</u>

4 Employee Costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	28,588	26,405
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	901	569
	<u>29,489</u>	<u>26,974</u>
The average number of staff employed during the year was (1 x Admin/Comms & 1 x Children/Youth worker):	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The vicar's and curate's expenses are included within the detail of Note 3c.

No other members have had expenses reimbursed.

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5 DEBTORS	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	1,370	2,500
Other debtors	718	6,291
	<u>2,088</u>	<u>8,791</u>

6 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan	5,000	8,712
Trade creditors	2,650	4,823
Accruals	2,426	3,400
	<u>10,076</u>	<u>16,935</u>

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan	76,391	86,288

A loan of £100,000 was received in 2021 from Durham Diocese to purchase ground source heating. This is being repaid over 20 years, with the first payment made in March 2022. The conditions of the loan are that the amount of capital to be repaid would be the higher of £5,000 plus interest (3%) or the amount received in the previous year from the RHI scheme.

8 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2023	2022
	£	£
Brought forward at 1st January 2022	(80,047)	(82,004)
Income	35,071	34,890
Expenditure	(28,503)	(32,933)
Transfers	-	0
Carried forward at 31st December 2021	<u>(73,479)</u>	<u>(80,047)</u>

9 RESTRICTED FUNDS

2023:	At 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£
Restoration fund	33,926	2,287	(8,329)		27,884
Grafting fund	14,760				14,760
National Lottery grant	10,000				10,000
Garfield Weston grant	-	30,000			30,000
Donations	-	633	(633)		-
Strategic Development Funding	3,943	36,043	(39,543)		443
	<u>62,629</u>	<u>68,963</u>	<u>(48,505)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,087</u>

Quarterly payments from a bequest have now ceased but the Restoration fund is still used for ongoing maintenance to church, hall and grounds.

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9 RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

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Dickens Goshen Trust	5,000	-	(5,000)		-
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Strategic Development Funding	1,198	39,138	(36,393)		3,943
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Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Parochial Church Council present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Reference and Administration Information

Principal address	Bishopton Road Stockton-on-Tees TS18 4PB
Status	Registered Charity No: 1195893
Chairpersons	Rev. P. Arnold
Temporary treasurer	Mrs J. Collins
Trustees	Rev. P. Arnold Mrs. F. J. Spratt (<i>resigned December 2023</i>) Mrs. D. F. Aithwaite Mrs. G. Donegan Mrs. J. Collins (<i>resigned May 2023</i>) Mr. R. C. Spratt (<i>resigned November 2023</i>) Mr. D. C. Hird (<i>resigned June 2023</i>) Mrs. F. E. Thompson (<i>resigned May 2023</i>) Mr. J. Eyles (<i>appointed May 2023</i>) Mrs. J. Williams (<i>appointed May 2023</i>) Mrs. L Errington (<i>appointed May 2023</i>) Mr. A Jennings (<i>appointed June 2023</i>)
Independent Examiners	Lynne Dickson FCA JBC Accountants Limited 3B Lockheed Court Preston Farm Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3SH
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 49 High Street Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1AG

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The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC of St Paul's has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Paul's Church.

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

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

Achievements and Performance

- * Vestry converted to an office for administrator and staff
- * Small hall converted to Youth space
- * Further Alpha course successfully completed
- * Junior Alpha course also held
- * Weekly Toddler group continues to flourish, as do relationships with local schools
- * Wider community engagement has continued and flourished with coffee mornings and seasonal celebrations
- * Curate appointed to St Paul's Church

Financial Review

Unrestricted funds

Total incoming resources on unrestricted funds were £35,071 (2022: £34,890) of which £14,002 (2022: £14,433) were planned voluntary donations via standing order, envelope or the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Also £3,054 (2022: £1,838) via the collection plate, £520 (2022: £1,239) fees from weddings/funerals, £2,057 (2022: £965) from hall lettings and £1,658 (2022: £1,276) from events, eg coffee mornings, etc.

Income tax receivable from gift aid was £3,790 (2022: £4,600)

In our outgoings, our utility costs (electricity and water) totalled £7,542 (2022: £9,457).

Other running expenses (insurance, phone, etc) totalled £6,380 (2022: £5,096).

Loan repayments totalling £16,459 including interest of £2,850 were made (2022: £7,750).

£8,800 (2022: £10,682) was paid towards our Diocesan Quota for 2023.

Restricted funds

Restoration account - we received the last quarterly payment of £2,000 in March from a will trust.

This account is used to pay for regular maintenance of the church and grounds and costs totalled £8,328 (2022: £4,912) with £3,356 paid towards refurbishment of the church office.

Grafting account - there was no expenditure in 2023, however, a grant for £30,000 was received from Garfield Weston towards the cost of a Community Café. Replacement baptistry windows have yet to be purchased, but, due to increased costs, grants will have to be sourced to meet the full cost.

Reserves policy

It is the intention of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least £5000, in case of a sudden drop in giving, or other emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The balance held on unrestricted funds is in line with this policy.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church representation rules that came into force on 1st April 2013. The PCC is registered with the Charities Commission during the year.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Appropriate induction and training procedures are in place, and PCC members are sent on relevant training courses when, and where necessary.

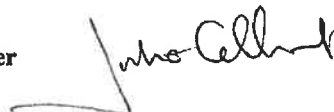
The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

Approved by the PCC on 9th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**Reverend Paul Arnold -
Priest in Charge**

Mrs. J. Collins - Temporary treasurer



The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Independent Examiners Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination on the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 

Name: Lynne Dickson FCA

Firm: JBC Accountants Limited

Address: 3B Lockheed Court
Preston Farm
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 3SH

Date: 10 May 2024

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Note				
Income and endowments from:					
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2a	21,969	68,676	90,645	72,496
<i>Church activities</i>	2b	2,577	-	2,577	2,204
<i>Other trading activities</i>	2c	1,658	-	1,658	1,376
<i>Investments</i>	2d	57	287	344	36
<i>Other</i>	2e	8,810	-	8,810	9,799
Total		<u>35,071</u>	<u>68,963</u>	<u>104,034</u>	<u>85,911</u>
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds</i>	3a	172	-	172	104
<i>Mission giving & donations</i>	3b	380	633	1,013	1,765
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	27,951	47,872	75,823	101,012
Total		<u>28,503</u>	<u>48,505</u>	<u>77,008</u>	<u>102,881</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		6,568	20,458	27,026	(16,970)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>6,568</u>	<u>20,458</u>	<u>27,026</u>	<u>(16,970)</u>
Total funds brought forward	8 & 9	(80,047)	62,629	(17,418)	(448)
Total funds carried forward	8 & 9	<u>(73,479)</u>	<u>83,087</u>	<u>9,608</u>	<u>(17,418)</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

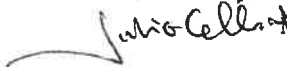
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Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Current Assets:			
Debtors	5	2,088	8,791
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>93,987</u>	<u>77,014</u>
		96,075	85,805
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	10,076	16,935
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>85,999</u>	<u>68,870</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	76,391	86,288
Total net assets		<u>9,608</u>	<u>(17,418)</u>
Parish funds:			
Unrestricted funds	8	(73,479)	(80,047)
Restricted funds	9	83,087	62,629
	10	<u>9,608</u>	<u>(17,418)</u>

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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9/5/2024

Approved by:  Rev. P. Arnold

 Mrs. J. Collins

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for Investment Assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102: - the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Funds

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

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that's is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered probable and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable.

Other trading activities

All incoming resources including fundraising are accounted for gross.

Church activities

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

Investments

Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer.

Expenditure

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

The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due.

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

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings:

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

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property, listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets have not been valued in the accounts. Subsequently no individual item has cost £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment:

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

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current assets

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

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2 Income and endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2a Donations and legacies				
Planned: Standing Orders	14,002	-	14,002	14,433
Income Tax Recoverable	3,790	-	3,790	4,600
Open collections	3,054	-	3,054	1,838
Sundry donations	1,123	633	1,756	1,582
Legacy received	-	2,000	2,000	8,000
Grants received	-	66,043	66,043	42,044
	<u>21,969</u>	<u>68,676</u>	<u>90,645</u>	<u>72,496</u>
2b Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	520	-	520	1,239
Church hall lettings	2,057	-	2,057	965
	<u>2,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>2,204</u>
2c Other trading activities				
Coffee mornings/Sale of Kneelers etc	1,658	-	1,658	1,376
	<u>1,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,658</u>	<u>1,376</u>
2d Investments				
Bank interest received	<u>57</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>36</u>
2e Other - RHI scheme incentives	8,810	-	8,810	9,799
Total	<u>35,071</u>	<u>68,963</u>	<u>104,034</u>	<u>85,911</u>

The Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees
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3 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
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3b Mission Giving & Donations	<u>380</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>1,013</u>	<u>1,765</u>
3c Church activities				
Parish Share	8,800	-	8,800	10,682
Salaries, wages and honoraria	50	29,439	29,489	26,974
Clergy & staff expenses	1,027	-	1,027	702
Mission & evangelism costs	1,441	3,280	4,721	1,984
Church running expenses	6,380	15,153	21,533	21,930
Church utility bills	7,542	-	7,542	9,457
Miscellaneous expenses	284	-	284	250
New Building work to church/hall	-	-	-	24,884
Loan interest	1,877	-	1,877	3,600
Independent Examiner's fee	550	-	550	550
	<u>27,951</u>	<u>47,872</u>	<u>75,823</u>	<u>101,013</u>
Total	<u>28,503</u>	<u>48,505</u>	<u>77,008</u>	<u>102,882</u>

4 Employee Costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	28,588	26,405
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	901	569
	<u>29,489</u>	<u>26,974</u>
The average number of staff employed during the year was (1 x Admin/Comms & 1 x Children/Youth worker):	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The vicar's and curate's expenses are included within the detail of Note 3c.

No other members have had expenses reimbursed.

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5 DEBTORS	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	1,370	2,500
Other debtors	718	6,291
	<u>2,088</u>	<u>8,791</u>

6 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan	5,000	8,712
Trade creditors	2,650	4,823
Accruals	2,426	3,400
	<u>10,076</u>	<u>16,935</u>

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan	76,391	86,288

A loan of £100,000 was received in 2021 from Durham Diocese to purchase ground source heating. This is being repaid over 20 years, with the first payment made in March 2022. The conditions of the loan are that the amount of capital to be repaid would be the higher of £5,000 plus interest (3%) or the amount received in the previous year from the RHI scheme.

8 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2023	2022
	£	£
Brought forward at 1st January 2022	(80,047)	(82,004)
Income	35,071	34,890
Expenditure	(28,503)	(32,933)
Transfers	-	0
Carried forward at 31st December 2021	<u>(73,479)</u>	<u>(80,047)</u>

9 RESTRICTED FUNDS

2023:	At 1 January	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December
	£	£	£	£	£
Restoration fund	33,926	2,287	(8,329)		27,884
Grafting fund	14,760				14,760
National Lottery grant	10,000				10,000
Garfield Weston grant	-	30,000			30,000
Donations	-	633	(633)		-
Strategic Development Funding	3,943	36,043	(39,543)		443
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