

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

England & Wales - Charity number 1199779

Details

Other names	THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2022-07-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Thurrock

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£93,434	£96,670	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,409	£79,192	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alastair Alan John Folan Macrae		2021-05-30
Beverley Jill Macrae		2022-03-02
Christine Louise Mortimer		2021-06-19
David Foster Mortimer		2021-06-19
Frank Edward Stanley Woollard		2021-05-23
Jane Barry		2023-04-16
Janet Veronica Wilkins		2021-05-23
Karen Jean Collier		2020-09-20
LYNDA Ann ROBERTSON		2022-01-30
Lynn Louise Bennett		2022-01-30
Samantha Jane Pankhurst		2024-06-13
Sandra Irene Billinger		2022-01-30
Sonia Anne Ward		2021-05-30

Accounts

The Parish of Hordon, Orsett and Bulphan
Financial Statement for the year ending 2024

1. Notes to be considered when reading the accounts for the year ending 2024. This was the year following the United Benefice of Orsett, Horndon and Bulphan amalgamating to become The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan. It should be noted for the purposes of these accounts, total income figures for 2023 are predominantly for St Giles & All Saints, Orsett and partial income and expenditure for Horndon and Bulphan.

Therefore, it is important to note that any comparisons made against 2023 figures are unreliable as they are not representative of The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan.

The report for 2025 will be the first report where year on year comparisons can be made.

2. The report for the APCM is generated using My Fund Accounting. This software was trialled by Orsett in the year preceding the amalgamation of the three churches. As a result, this report contains information which is applicable only to Orsett as well as for the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan.
3. As a result of the above, the **Statement of Assets and Liabilities** shows three accounts that were in use by Orsett pre amalgamation. These accounts are:

6501A: Bank Account Orsett

6505A: Barclays Business Account Orsett

6510A: CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account 5001D

These accounts are now closed with the balances transferred to the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan's main account. The balances for 2024 show as £0.

As of 2024, we now have one current account and one savings account for the Parish.

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Financial Statement for the year ending 2024

Receipts and payments

Note	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
Orsett Church Reordering - Orsett Church Reordering (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
	Non-recurring one-off grants	-	£3000.00
	Total Donations and legacies	-	£3000.00
Investments			
	Bank and building society interest	£1969.92	-
	Total Investments	£1969.92	-
	Total Income and endowments from:	£1969.92	£3000.00
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Administration	£6000.00	£8040.00
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£6000.00	£8040.00
	Total Expenditure on:	£6000.00	£8040.00
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£4030.08)	(£5040.00)
	Brought forward balance	-	-
	Transfers to/(from)	£143203.13	£5040.00
	Total carried forward balance	£139173.05	-
Gill Blake - Gill Blake (Restricted) Fund			
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
	Parish training and mission	£187.95	-
	Administration	-	£217.10
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£187.95	£217.10
	Total Expenditure on:	£187.95	£217.10
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£187.95)	(£217.10)
	Brought forward balance	(£217.10)	-
	Transfers to/(from)	£5746.52	-
	Total carried forward balance	£5341.47	-

General - General Fund (Unrestricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies		
Gift Aid - Bank	£3802.00	£1945.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes	£112.00	£54.00
Other planned giving	£26609.04	£17725.38
Loose plate collections	£11191.48	£5866.58
Sum up Donations	£5751.30	-
Giving through church boxes	-	£9.77
One-off Gift Aid gifts	£1888.00	£352.94
Donations appeals etc	£7865.76	£12735.64
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£11146.38	£3298.02
Other funds generated	£11958.26	£20425.90
Total Donations and legacies	£80324.22	£62413.23
Income from charitable activities		
Oasis Cafe	£1477.60	£1523.96
Fees for weddings and funerals	£8656.00	£10639.50
Church hall lettings - objectives	-	£25.00
Total Income from charitable activities	£10133.60	£12188.46
Other trading activities		
Church hall lettings - fund raising	£309.00	£205.00
Magazine income - advertising	£884.50	£93.30
Parish magazine sales	£982.00	£153.00
Total Other trading activities	£2175.50	£451.30
Investments		
Bank and building society interest	£788.71	£356.22
Rent from lands or buildings	£12.00	-
Total Investments	£800.71	£356.22
Total Income and endowments from:	£93434.03	£75409.21
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds		
Costs of fetes & other events	£954.77	£7581.47
Total Raising funds	£954.77	£7581.47
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Home mission	£120.60	£127.11
Ministry parish share etc	£59500.00	£33000.00
Assistant staff costs	£28.70	£165.30
Working expenses of incumbent	£587.92	£673.10

Vicar's telephone	£105.00	£50.00
Parish training and mission	£45.00	£818.37
Church running - insurance	£10489.60	£7101.62
Church office - telephone	-	£47.60
Organ / piano tuning	£435.00	£267.60
Church maintenance	£1289.88	£1267.95
Cleaning	£90.00	-
Upkeep of services	£2573.25	£1906.45
Upkeep of churchyard	£2119.99	£906.88
Administration	£2639.34	£2309.97
Visiting speakers / locums	£35.60	-
Church running - electric	£5640.70	£3356.07
Church running - gas	£6169.83	£2497.08
Church running - water	£1207.66	£426.16
Magazine expenses	£1472.97	£663.47
Sum up Fees	£86.35	-
Church major repairs - structure	-	£16025.31
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£94637.39	£71610.04
Other expenditure		
License Fees	£1078.08	-
Total Other expenditure	£1078.08	-
Total Expenditure on:	£96670.24	£79191.51
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£3236.21)	(£3782.30)
Brought forward balance	£12678.45	£6653.36
Transfers to/(from)	-	£9807.39
Total carried forward balance	£9442.24	£6653.36
BCK - Bulphan Clock (Restricted) Fund		
Expenditure on:		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Church maintenance	£188.29	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£188.29	-
Total Expenditure on:	£188.29	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£188.29)	-
Brought forward balance	-	-
Transfers to/(from)	£1184.00	-
Total carried forward balance	£995.71	-

Bulphan Specific - Bulphan Specific Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

One-off Gift Aid gifts	£1500.00	-
Donations appeals etc	£750.00	-
Legacies	£50000.00	-
Other funds generated	-	£5455.99

Total Donations and legacies £52250.00 £5455.99

Total Income and endowments from:

£52250.00 **£5455.99**

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Upkeep of services	£10664.40	-
Upkeep of churchyard	£1548.00	-

Total Expenditure on charitable activities £12212.40 -

Total Expenditure on:

£12212.40 **-**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure £40037.60 £5455.99

Brought forward balance £9109.88 -

Transfers to/(from) - £3653.89

Total carried forward balance £49147.48 -

Horndon Specific - Horndon Specific Fund (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

Donations appeals etc	£10424.00	-
Other funds generated	£67245.62	£23343.73

Total Donations and legacies £77669.62 £23343.73

Investments

Bank and building society interest £78.06 -

Total Investments £78.06 -

Total Income and endowments from:

£77747.68 **£23343.73**

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events £284.00 -

Total Raising funds £284.00 -

Expenditure on charitable activities

Organ / piano tuning £10039.00 -

Upkeep of churchyard £3050.00 -

Total Donations and legacies	£821.56	£1160.89
Total Income and endowments from:	£821.56	£1160.89
Expenditure on:		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Home mission	£73.00	£59.13
Parish training and mission	£818.37	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£891.37	£59.13
Total Expenditure on:	£891.37	£59.13
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£69.81)	£1101.76
Brought forward balance	£1564.70	£462.94
Total carried forward balance	£1494.89	£462.94

Rector - Rector's Discretionary (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations appeals etc	-	£260.19
Total Donations and legacies	-	£260.19
Total Income and endowments from:	-	£260.19
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds		
Costs of fetes & other events	-	£70.00
Total Raising funds	-	£70.00
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Working expenses of incumbent	-	£100.00
Parish training and mission	£90.36	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£90.36	£100.00
Total Expenditure on:	£90.36	£170.00
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£90.36)	£90.19
Brought forward balance	£1679.76	£1589.57
Total carried forward balance	£1589.40	£1589.57

Rectory - Rectory Decorating Fund (Designated) Fund

Brought forward balance	£757.26	£757.26
Total carried forward balance	£757.26	£757.26

Agency collection (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies						
Other funds generated				£216.90		-
Total Donations and legacies				£216.90		-
Total Income and endowments from:				£216.90		-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure				£216.90		-
Brought forward balance				-		-
Total carried forward balance				£216.90		-

Statement of Assets and Liabilities	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank Current Account	£8613.66	£126304.51	(£60322.75)	-	£74595.42	£41248.99
6501A: Bank Current Account Orsett	(£493.61)	-	£493.61	-	-	-
6505: Bank Deposit Account	£545.31	(£148243.13)	£365779.86	-	£218082.04	£148243.13
6505A: Barclays Business Account Orsett	£267.96	£20893.64	(£21161.60)	-	-	-
6510A: CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account 5001D	£508.92	£4886.53	(£5395.45)	-	-	£6085.71
Total	£9442.24	£3841.55	£279393.67	-	£292677.46	£195577.83
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	£1090.65	-	£1090.65	£902.50
Total	-	-	£1090.65	-	£1090.65	£902.50
Net total assets	£9442.24	£3841.55	£278303.02	-	£291586.81	£194675.33

Represented by

General (Unrestricted)	£9442.24	-	-	-	£9442.24	£12678.45
Designated - CYP	-	£1494.89	-	-	£1494.89	£1564.70
Designated - Gill Blake	-	-	-	-	-	£5746.52
Designated - Orsett Church Reordering	-	-	-	-	-	£143203.13
Designated - Rector	-	£1589.40	-	-	£1589.40	£1679.76
Designated - Rectory	-	£757.26	-	-	£757.26	£757.26
Restricted - BCK	-	-	£995.71	-	£995.71	-
Restricted - Bulphan Specific	-	-	£49147.48	-	£49147.48	£9109.88
Restricted - Gill Blake	-	-	£5341.47	-	£5341.47	(£217.10)
Restricted - Horndon Specific	-	-	£83043.41	-	£83043.41	£18968.73
Restricted - None	-	-	£216.90	-	£216.90	-
Restricted - Orsett Church Reordering	-	-	£139173.05	-	£139173.05	-
Restricted - Orsett Specific	-	-	£385.00	-	£385.00	-
Total	£9442.24	£3841.55	£278303.02	-	£291586.81	£194675.33

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	£3802.00	-	-	-	£3802.00	£1945.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	£112.00	-	-	-	£112.00	£54.00
0201 - Other planned giving	£26609.04	-	-	-	£26609.04	£17725.38
0301 - Loose plate collections	£11191.48	-	-	-	£11191.48	£5866.58
0302 - Sumup Donations	£5751.30	-	-	-	£5751.30	-
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	£9.77
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	£1888.00	-	£1500.00	-	£3388.00	£352.94
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£7865.76	£821.56	£11924.00	-	£20611.32	£21861.56
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£11146.38	-	£125.00	-	£11271.38	£3298.02
0701 - Legacies	-	-	£50000.00	-	£50000.00	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	£10147.20
0901 - Other funds generated	£11958.26	-	£67462.52	-	£79420.78	£60309.62
Donations and legacies Totals	£80324.22	£821.56	£131011.52	-	£212157.30	£121570.07
Income from charitable activities						
0902 - Oasis Cafe	£1477.60	-	-	-	£1477.60	£1523.96
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£8656.00	-	-	-	£8656.00	£10639.50
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	-	-	-	-	-	£25.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	£10133.60	-	-	-	£10133.60	£12188.46
Other trading activities						
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	£309.00	-	-	-	£309.00	£205.00
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	£884.50	-	-	-	£884.50	£93.30
1260 - Parish magazine sales	£982.00	-	-	-	£982.00	£153.00
Other trading activities Totals	£2175.50	-	-	-	£2175.50	£451.30
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	£788.71	-	£2047.98	-	£2836.69	£356.22
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	£12.00	-	-	-	£12.00	-
Investments Totals	£800.71	-	£2047.98	-	£2848.69	£356.22
Other income						
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	£3350.00
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	£3350.00
Income and endowments Grand totals	£93434.03	£821.56	£133059.50	-	£227315.09	£137916.05

EXPENDITURE ON:**Raising funds**

1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	£954.77	-	£284.00	-	£1238.77	£7651.47
Raising funds Totals	£954.77	-	£284.00	-	£1238.77	£7651.47

Expenditure on charitable activities

1850 - Home mission	£120.60	£73.00	-	-	£193.60	£242.10
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	£59500.00	-	-	-	£59500.00	£33000.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	£28.70	-	-	-	£28.70	£165.30
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	£587.92	-	-	-	£587.92	£773.10
2150 - Vicar's telephone	£105.00	-	-	-	£105.00	£50.00
2201 - Parish training and mission	£45.00	£908.73	£187.95	-	£1141.68	£818.37
2301 - Church running - insurance	£10489.60	-	-	-	£10489.60	£7101.62
2310 - Church office - telephone	-	-	-	-	-	£47.60
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	£435.00	-	£10039.00	-	£10474.00	£267.60
2330 - Church maintenance	£1289.88	-	£188.29	-	£1478.17	£8415.15
2331 - Cleaning	£90.00	-	-	-	£90.00	-
2340 - Upkeep of services	£2573.25	-	£10664.40	-	£13237.65	£1906.45
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	£2119.99	-	£5088.00	-	£7207.99	£4506.88
2360 - Administration	£2639.34	-	£6300.00	-	£8939.34	£10567.07
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	£35.60	-	-	-	£35.60	-
2401 - Church running - electric	£5640.70	-	-	-	£5640.70	£3356.07
2410 - Church running - gas	£6169.83	-	-	-	£6169.83	£2497.08
2420 - Church running - water	£1207.66	-	-	-	£1207.66	£426.16
2501 - Magazine expenses	£1472.97	-	-	-	£1472.97	£663.47
2602 - Sum up Fees	£86.35	-	-	-	£86.35	-
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	£16025.31
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	£4375.00
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£94637.39	£981.73	£32467.64	-	£128086.76	£95204.33

Other expenditure

2361 - License Fees	£1078.08	-	-	-	£1078.08	-
Other expenditure Totals	£1078.08	-	-	-	£1078.08	-
Expenditure Grand totals	£96670.24	£981.73	£32751.64	-	£130403.61	£102855.80

Independent examiner's report to the PCC for Horndon; Orsett; & Bulphan.

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 (this opinion is given in the context of the impact of the final transition of the three independent parishes at the start of the year. Some direct year on year comparisons have been possible, but not all as final transition was only completed in the current year. Full comparison will be achievable at the end of 2025).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

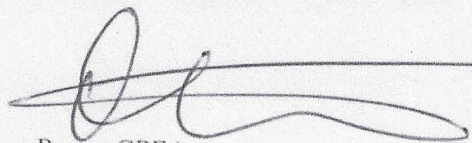
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

(Signed)



(Date)

6/3/25.

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Accounts

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Annual Report for 2023

Part 1 – Vestry Meeting and Reports

Part 2 – Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023



**St Peter and St Paul, Horndon
St Giles and All Saints, Orsett
St Mary the Virgin, Bulphan**

Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus in the Church and community
(Registered Charity number 1199779)

Annual Report for 2023
Part 1 – Vestry Meeting and Reports

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING FOR THE
PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT & BULPHAN**

**SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2023 AFTER SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE AT ST PETER & ST PAUL
CHURCH, HORNDON**

Present:

Rev Sue Mann (in the Chair), Rev Max Blake, Lynn Bennett, Lynda Robertson, Robin Clark, Sonia Ward, Beverley Macrae, Felicity Tarbard, Ron Porter, Frank Woollard, Alastair Macrae, David Mortimer, Christine Mortimer, Sandra Billinger, Philip Mann, Thomas Mann, Jean Kemp, Jo Player, Richard Player, Pauline Cooper, Phil Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Janet McCheyne, Jane Barry, Karen Collier, Ann Bonson, Diane Moore, Carol Nixon, William Rayner, Mary Venn

Apologies for Absence:

Di Bubb, Edward Mortimer

The meeting opened with prayer

VESTRY MEETING

Appointment of Secretary for Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Beverley Macrae was appointed Secretary for the Meeting and for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to follow. She was proposed by Mr David Mortimer and seconded by Mrs Christine Mortimer; all present were in favour.

Minutes

Minutes of the last Vestry Meeting held on 22nd May 2022, having been circulated previously, were proposed by Mr William Rayner and seconded by Mr. Robin Clark and were subsequently agreed by those present and signed by the Chairperson.

Election of Churchwardens

Mrs Sonia Ward had been proposed by Mr R Clark and seconded by Mrs B Macrae (H)

Mrs Beverley Macrae had been proposed by Mrs S Billinger and seconded by Mrs K Collier (H)

Mrs Christine Mortimer had been proposed by Mr F Woollard and seconded by Mrs P Cooper (O)

Mr David Mortimer had been proposed by Mr F Woollard and seconded by Mrs P Cooper (O)

Mr Frank Woollard had been proposed by Mr R Porter and seconded by Mr A Macrae (B)

Mr Alastair Macrae had been proposed by Mr F Woollard and seconded by Mr R Porter (B)

All had signed the Nomination papers that they were willing to remain in role

Mr W Rayner proposed that all of the above be accepted into the role of Churchwarden and Mr R Porter seconded, all present were in favour.

Election of Deputy Churchwardens

Mrs Felicity Tarbard (H) had been proposed by Mrs B Macrae and seconded by Mr R Clark and had signed that she was willing to hold the office on the Nomination paper

Mr S Ward proposed that Felicity be accepted into the role of Deputy Churchwarden and Mr W Rayner seconded, all present were in favour.

NB: A nomination for Mr Brian Flavell was received but requires approval and signature by Brian. This will be taken to the next PCC Meeting.

Revd Sue thanked Mr Ron Porter for his time and all he had done as Bulphan PCC Secretary and also as joint PCC Secretary.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Present

As above

Apologies for Absence

As above

Minutes

The minutes of the last APCM which took place on Sunday 22nd May 2022 having been circulated previously, were proposed by Mrs C Mortimer and seconded by Mrs F Tarbard. All present were in favour.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Receive copy of the Electoral Roll

Mrs L Robertson, our Electoral Role officer advised that there is a slight amendment to the figures. Since issuing the Roll for the APCM two people have left, as they have moved away, and one person has died, the Roll now consists of 108 people.

Election of Members to the Parochial Church (1 Horndon Affiliate)

Revd Sue advised that, the PCC has 6 lay roles, two affiliated with each village. This stipulation will remain in place for the initial 5 years of the joint PCC. There is currently 1 vacancy for a person affiliated to Horndon.

Mrs Jane Barry had been proposed by Mr P Mann and seconded by Mrs B Macrae and had signed that she was willing to hold the office on the Nomination paper. All present were in agreement.

Election of members to the Deanery Synod

Election to the Deanery Synod occurs every three years. The number of delegates is governed by how many people are on the Electoral Roll. As we have between 100 to 150 on our roll we can elect 4 members.

Mr Frank Woollard was proposed by Mr R Porter and seconded by Mrs B Macrae

Mrs Janet Wilkins was proposed by Mr F Woollard and seconded by Mrs C Mortimer

Mrs Karen Collier was proposed by Mr F Woollard and seconded by Mrs C Mortimer

Mr Alastair Macrae was proposed by Mr F Woollard and seconded by Mr R Porter

All of the above had signed that they were willing to hold the office on their nomination papers. All present were in agreement.

Receive Annual Reports

The following written Reports had been previously circulated to members of the Electoral Roll, and were presented to the meeting. Revd. Sue asked if anyone had any questions or anything that they would like to be raised after reading through the reports. There was nothing raised. She also thanked all those who have written the Reports.

- Churchwardens' Reports – Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan
- Proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- Action Group: Children and Young People
- Action Group: Evangelism and Nurture
- Action Group: Eco Church & Social Justice
- Action Group: Communications
- Action Group: Fundraising
- Action Group: Prayer
- Action Group: Pastoral Care
- Parish School Reports: Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan
- Orsett Bellringers
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Revd Sue then asked if anyone had any questions for the following 2 reports.

- Action Group: Finance and Audited Accounts
- Action Group: Finance – Gift Aid

Mrs Jean Kemp said that she was very concerned about heating bills and paying our Parish Share too, how will we continue?

Revd Sue said that she hoped that our rotation of services may keep heating bills lower than they could be. She agreed that the Church of England is in a poor state financially and those who attend the Deanery Synod will be very aware of this. Within Thurrock stipendiary clergy have been reduced from 16 to 10 and, should the Parish share continue to be lacking throughout the Deanery, these figures could further reduce to 7.

During the coming year, the three bank accounts will have moved to just the one, we will encourage people to give via the Parish Giving scheme as this way the Deanery can budget better.

Mrs Lynda Robertson added that the Treasury team have been meeting and, at the last meeting they discussed gas and electricity. They will pass their figures to all Churchwardens in order to ascertain best ways forwards. We could look to see if we could move to a cheaper provider.

We are also looking at other ways to save money. One being our current Insurance schemes where all 3 churches have separate policies. This could be a money saver if we could amalgamate the 3 to 1 now we are one Parish.

Mr David Mortimer wondered if the Church of England as a whole could renegotiate? Revd Sue said that maybe this sort of question could be raised at the next Deanery Synod which occurs this coming week. The Deanery Finance officer will be present and would be able to provide a more in-depth response.

Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan Report by the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) March 2024

It is just over 15 years since I became the Parish Safeguarding Officer for what was then the Benefice and is now the Parish.

In 2023, 6 DBS checks or rechecks were completed. All checks have been made online and there are a total of 19 volunteers with current clear DBS checks.

Helen Cosans carries out the role of assistant recruiter. I store all the forms securely at home, and access to the information is only shared with Rector Sue and the Diocese, should it be necessary, and is available to Helen should I be unavailable.

Guidance and regulations continue to change: we now have the opportunity to ask new recruits to church positions to complete a basic DBS check, if they are not eligible for an enhanced check.

In the past year, 2 Safeguarding concerns have been shared with me: a record has been kept but no formal action has been taken. Neither incident involved a church member, and only 1 was raised by a parishioner.

Safeguarding training is predominantly online: some via online courses which you can access at your convenience, and some are Zoom sessions with opportunities for question and discussion.

Just a reminder that although the PSO carries out the admin, safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole PCC. The PCC of the parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan have complied with their duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Janet McCheyne

In addition to the report Mrs Janet MacCheyne thanked all those who have recently completed Safeguarding courses. Most of the training is Online with the more advanced via a Zoom meeting. She hopes that all PCC members would be able to complete this training. Currently we have already fulfilled our Safeguarding accredited quota.

Revd Sue added some who took part in the Food Hygiene course a few years ago must shortly renew their certification. Alastair has sourced an on line course and this could be offered to all those who are involved in food preparation. This idea was proposed by Mrs S Ward and seconded by Mrs S Billinger and all those present were in favour.

Rector's Report for the APCM April 28th 2024.

We have now been working together as one Parish for two years. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to this process. I recognise that, for some of you, this has meant doing things differently and has required compromise and I am grateful for your patience with this. I do believe we are in a good position to be able to focus on our commitment of knowing and sharing the love of Jesus in the Church and community, through the work of our PCC and Action Groups. It has been wonderful, this year, to witness new people come to faith and to see so many people walking through the church

doors because of the hospitality offered by both church members and members of our local communities. We are also very grateful to those who work so hard to keep our churchyards looking so good.

Thank you to Revd Max, who continues to lead services as a Priest with Permission to Officiate, following his retirement as Associate Priest, a role he held for many years. Last year we also said goodbye to Revd Moji last year as she moved up north to be closer to her family. We thank Moji for all she gave in service and ministry in this Parish. Thank you to our Wardens, Assistant Wardens, our PCC, our Parish Administrator, our Musicians, Preachers and all those who lead and serve on the Action Groups, who enable so much to happen within the Parish and beyond. Last year Brian Flavell stepped down as Assistant Warden and PCC member and we are very grateful for his many years of service. Thank you to everyone who undertook extra duties last year to allow me to take the first half of my study leave.

Don't forget that anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll who wishes to join any of the following Action Groups is welcome to do so:

Fundraising, Children and Young People, Communications, Ecology and Social Justice, Mission, Evangelism and Nurture. There is no need to be on the Electoral Roll to join the Prayer Action Group.

I am very grateful to members of the Finance Team who worked extremely hard this year to merge the bank accounts, whilst ensuring that any restricted funds remain restricted. I would also like to give particular thanks to Melvyn Porter who has guided us both in the financial process and that of Governance, which we are still consolidating. He has also kindly offered to take on the role of Independent Examiner going forward and for that we are extremely grateful.

The Pastoral Group continues to visit those who are ill or housebound. Should you sense that you may be called to pastoral ministry and would be willing to undertake the required course, offered by Chelmsford Diocese, please do pray about it and let me know.

I appreciate that there are many others who work hard behind the scenes without a job description or title. Please know that all you do is not unnoticed.

As we move into another year, let's remember to keep prayer at the centre of all that we do and to remain open to wherever God may be leading us.

Thank you, everyone, for all your help and support as, together, we work to serve God.

**Take care and God bless,
Sue Mann, April 2024**

Appointment of Auditor

The Parish needs to appoint an Independent Examiner. Sue recorded her thanks to all those who have helped in the past. Mr Mel Porter is now stepping down in the role he performed for many years. She asked Mrs L Bennett what the criteria is for the role.

Lynn said that the role is for a competent person, not necessarily an accountant or auditor. They would need to be comfortable with finance and accounts. The role will be advertised shortly in the Hobnob.

Any Other Business

There being no further business Revd Sue thanked everyone for all working hard and supporting each other. She realises that it is a big commitment but it is very much appreciated.

Mrs S Billinger thanked Sue, Max and Moji for everything they do for the community and wished Sue safe and happy travels on behalf of all those present.

Meeting closed at 11.45am with prayer

HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT TO THE APCM APRIL 2024

In 2022 we started looking at costs for a glass entrance door. Having gained PCC approval, we used the services of Thomas Ford architects who supplied drawings etc. We currently await DAC approval to continue to move ahead with this project.

We also completely renovated the vestry kitchen, replacing the old units and wooden worktops to something more in keeping with modern requirements. Many thanks to Colin Long and his son in law for installing. Other items that have been replaced, renovated or serviced this year are, a new piano which was kindly donated by the family of Peter Wallwork. Our organ was serviced. We installed a Prayer Area in the chancel, we've just had everything PAT tested, the limes in the churchyard were pollarded and the loo was given a complete overhaul and now flushes better!

We have had several guest speakers at the varied services held. These include two representatives from the Queen Victoria Seaman's Rest who came on Sea Sunday 2023 and Rev Mike Nelson from over in Kent who spoke to us about his church's journey to become part of Inclusive church.

Many thanks to all involved with the Tuesday Gardening Club. The group have continued to mow and weed so that both our church and graveyards remain in a manageable condition. Thanks also go to Tony Ward who, in his role of Allotment Manager has made sure that monies are collected on time, rules are adhered to, and plots are kept free of weeds. Last year we restarted the 'Adopt a flowerbed' initiative. We still have some flowerbeds vacant so have advertised for more volunteers in the Hobnob. We are lucky to be able to have the Community Payback team visit us regularly. They are able to take on larger jobs, for example removing soil from drainage ditches, mowing the Mill Lane cemetery, cut back and dispose of large shrubs, fallen trees etc.

We continue to support the Thurrock Foodbank, the drop off point has moved to Lion Cottages on the High Road, together with a collection point at the back of the church. Many thanks to Jane Barry for taking the items to the collection point. Further thanks to Jane who, for the second-year running has made marmalade from the Christingle oranges. All monies going to church funds.

Open Church held on a Saturday and Tuesday morning is going from strength to strength. Many villagers are now regulars with some baking cakes or crafting wooden crosses etc for us. Several have started to attend church services. The Tuesday event often has upwards of 50 people attending with the Saturday welcoming around 30. Lots of chats and new friendships have been made. The Community police visit during Saturday Open Church on a bimonthly basis and is advertised as 'Coffee with Cops'. The village 'Save our Village Bus' group also had their meetings at Open Church too. A Christmas party was arranged early December with all three villages represented both in the entertainers and the audience.

Another success is the Refresh service which is held during the fifth Sunday afternoon, and which is more contemporary. Likewise, the monthly Forest Church service now is offered at Horndon which means that all three villages are represented.

The Churchwardens would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue and Max for their continued dedicated support throughout the Parish. All those that help at Open Church, the sacristans and musicians, vergers and Young Church organisers. Finally, massive thanks to Robin Clark for all the many things you do to make the churchwarden's jobs easier.

Sonia Ward & Beverley Macrae

ST GILES & ALL SAINTS, ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT TO THE APCM APRIL 2024

Whilst 2022 was a baptism by fire in trying to learn all that was required of a churchwarden (not sure we've even touched the edges yet!) the past year has felt like being circus performers - trying to keep all the plates spinning at the same time and not dropping any.

The biggest project last year was undoubtedly the roof repairs. There were a number of items from the quinquennial inspection that needed our attention and as the valley was leaking yet again, it was prudent to replace the felt covering at the same time. All of this was beyond our limited resources and many thanks must go to Friends of Orsett Church for their very generous donation to enable this to go ahead.

I expect the biggest talking point of the village was the incident with the speedboat. I don't suppose there are many who would contact their insurance company to say that their wall had been hit by a passing boat when they are 4 miles from the nearest river. Thankfully this occurred in the early hours of the morning when there was nobody about and the cost to repair the wall was covered by our insurance.

General servicing has been on-going throughout the year, including the boilers, fire extinguishers, tower clock and the electrical PAT testing. It was during the servicing of the boilers that we discovered our heat exchange pump was inadequate for the size of the building and a new much bigger one was installed. Again, our thanks go to Friends of Orsett Church for their very kind donation. Having had the tower clock serviced it decided to stop working and the engineer had to return twice before managing to fix the problem.

Cleaning of the church is a regular chore, but this has been made easier over the past 4 months. We were contacted by a Year 9 pupil from Hassenbrook Academy to ask if they could help as part of their volunteering section for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. As they say, no reasonable offer refused, so Bobby has been along most Saturday afternoons since the beginning of December to help out.

Our proposed re-ordering project for the inside of the church building is still in the early stages but moved a step closer following a visit from the Diocesan Advisory Committee. They were very impressed with our plans and offered some good advice as to how these could be improved. Due to the scale of the plans, we have now found someone to assist us with major grant applications and face to face meetings are due to commence in the near future.

Our church grounds have also been serviced. The lime trees along the main path have been pollarded to help them keep their shape and stay healthy and the black noticeboard has been refurbished. Many thanks to Dan, Mark and Edward in helping to get this re-installed. Everyone coming to tend graves has been grateful for a new outside tap, kindly installed by David Haynes who also replaced the tap in the kitchen - Thank you David. The churchyard became a little overgrown last summer as our sit on lawn mower broke down and was out of action for a few weeks. Our gardeners did a good job in keeping pathways clear, but we were all glad when the mower returned fit for action. It goes without saying that the churchyard requires a lot of work, especially during the summer months, and we are very grateful for all that Bronc and John do. At this point we would also like to thank our gravediggers, Jamie and Tim, and Edward who prepares the ground for interment of ashes.

Last year, we experimented with bringing the Oasis Café into the church during the school summer holiday. This was a great success and one which we will repeat again this summer. Look out for posters displaying the information nearer the time.

We have seen various life events throughout the past year. Many have brought their children for baptism; we have witnessed marriages and, sadly, have held too many funerals for loved ones. But a very joyous occasion was held in July when four of our regular congregation were confirmed. Congratulations to Kelly, Taylor, Katie and Lorraine. These events remind us that, even though maintenance work needs to be regularly undertaken, our church is primarily a building to be used for worship. We are extremely fortunate to have the leadership and guidance of Revd. Sue Mann, who, together with Revd. Max Blake and Phil Anderson deliver our Sunday services.

We would like to thank everyone for their words of encouragement and offers of help; Janet as sacristan, Jackie and Sandra for refreshments, Janet and Jane our organists, Jo and Libby as vergers and those who are always happy to step into the breach when the need arises.

Christine and David Mortimer

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BULPHAN CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT TO THE APCM 28TH APRIL 2024

St Marys Church, Bulphan stands as a refuge for those who have faith and those who have no faith. It is welcoming to all.

The Church opens on Monday and Thursday mornings for private prayer and Bulphan Church hosts our Parish service every three weeks. In 2023 the Holy Communion Service on a Tuesday evening was transferred to the Rectory and ran on a trial basis but due to the low attendance the PCC has agreed that this will no longer be offered.

There are changes within the Chelmsford Diocese. The Bradwell Episcopal area which consists of eight Deaneries, one of which is Thurrock has a new Bishop of Bradwell, Adam Atkinson who started in November 2023.

Alastair Macrae became a new Warden at Bulphan in January 2023 after Ron stepped down the previous year. Ron handed over the paperwork on 23 March 2023 and we will endeavour to keep it in such good order.

It was a busy Christmas period with the Christingle, school service, the 10pm Parish Christmas Eve and 10am Christmas morning services all held at St Marys Church and which were well attended.

The weather was very cold at the beginning of the year and there was snow, which resulted in the quinquennial inspection being delayed and this was carried out on 6th February 2023. Fortunately, except for minor works including some redecoration, clearing gutters, removing moss from the roof, there was not much to do in the near future. It was with some sadness that we met the Architect, David Ferguson who is retiring. Ron and I have worked with David over many years including the refurbishment of the Church and the building of the new Parish Room and more recently the porch refurbishment. A modest man of immense knowledge, we will miss him when he retires.

During this time the porch refurbishment was being completed with a new floor and new doors, thanks to Ron for all his input into this and all those who donated towards the cost. David Ferguson issued the final certificate on 10th July 2023.

I met the Fire Officer from Orsett Fire Station during January 2023 and he mentioned the following items:

Exit signs to be above the door on the frame, torches provided as a means of getting over emergency light problem, check we have a fire safety policy and fire log. We have purchased a rechargeable torch, and we have a new fire log.

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday service on Easter Day, the Church was filled and surrounded by flowers kindly provided by Gavin Knowles. There was a very moving Taize service at Bulphan and a well-attended Bulphan School Easter service.

History was made with the Coronation of King Charles 111 on Saturday, 6th May 2023. At 10.30am the bells were rung for "Ring for the King." After a certain amount of reluctance, the many people who attended were soon ringing the bells and playing "Oranges and Lemons" and "Ode to joy" on the Carillon tubular bells.

Lots of work was carried out within the Church during the year.

Boilers were serviced on 20th April 2023.

With the help from Colin Long and myself the replastering and redecoration to the nave was carried out.

Fire extinguishers were checked on 1st November 2023 in conjunction with Orsett Church by Reliable Fire Protection Services Ltd.

Craig who had been a lodger at Noke Hall Farm/via Janet replaced the four blown double-glazed units in the Parish Room at a cost of £88.00.

Mike Power the Archdeacon agreed to new LED lights to be fitted in the tower and chancel to replace the old halogen lights which had corroded terminals. This job was carried out in house, and it was hard work making the tower to access the lights and again thanks to Les who provided the tower, David Crowley who carried out the electrical works and David Leaman who assisted in hoisting the tower.

The Church is catching up with all the latest policies. Thanks to Lynda for all her hard work in this respect and we have had new notice boards fitted in the porch with the existing ones transferred to the Vestry. Thanks to Julian Macalle family providing and fitting these and to Ron.

We are in contact with the Community Services representative, Michelle Vanstone. We submitted a risk assessment which has been approved and we are waiting to be fitted into their rota. In the meantime, we thank Bulphan in Bloom and all their helpers for all their hard work in maintaining the Churchyard to such a high standard.

My account as Covenant Secretary with Barclays Bank was closed on 18 August 2023 and I prepared a Tax Return to that date. I have stepped down as Gift Aid Secretary. Only one Gift Aid Secretary now required for the three Churches.

We have had so many other events within the Church this year, interments, full earth burials, Forest Church, the list goes on. We did have a wonderful celebration on 19th June 2023 for Max's 70 birthday and his subsequent retirement. We thank Moji for all her hard work during Sue's sabbatical, Moji herself left shortly after.

We are looking at the trees within the Churchyard which are under stress mainly due to climate change, very wet winters, drought in the summer and two appear to be dying.

We thank all those who have taken over providing refreshments after the service now that Traudi has stepped down there are so many people to thank.

I had a heart attack on 14th December 2023 and was in hospital until 9th January 2024. I would thank everyone for their prayers, support, cards, hugs, I now feel much better.

Frank Woollard

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT for APCM, 28th APRIL 2024

There have been significant changes within the Chelmsford Diocese and Thurrock Deanery during the past year. The Bradwell Episcopal Area which consists of eight Deaneries, one of which is Thurrock has a new Bishop of Bradwell, Adam Atkinson who started in November 2023. I have since met the new Bishop and found him to be very friendly, efficient and business like, he will no longer reside in Horndon, his wife Heather also a Vicar has four parishes in the Maldon area.

The news for Thurrock Deanery is that Darren Barlow stepped down as Area Dean to take up a post as Rector in Shenfield and David Rollins has been appointed as the new Area Dean with Doctor Kate Carter as his Deputy. Darren left in December 2023 and David was installed by the Archdeacon Mike Power on 26th January 2024 at a meeting of the Synod held at All Saints Church, Chafford Hundred. We also have a new Treasurer, Peter Saunder from Chadwell who is very efficient and Deanery finances are back on track. David Mott from Corringham and Fobbing agreed to come forward as Vice Lay Chair during the time I was ill. Christine Henderson from St Johns, Tilbury remains as Secretary. There is now a good team of people within the Deanery. There is also a team of Clergy and Lay which form the Standing Committee.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, 19th April 2023 at St Johns, Tilbury, the guest speaker was Michaela Southworth, Chief Executive and Diocesan Secretary of the Diocese of Chelmsford. A list of questions had been prepared from members of all the parishes and no punches were pulled. Michaela, who is a Chartered Accountant, used a power point presentation to explain the need for share and the importance of collecting it.

Basically, whilst the Diocese has cut costs, if Deanery Churches are unable to raise sums to meet the Family Purse it would have an effect on the number of Clergy in each Deanery. These measures are proposed to take effect from 2025. It was a fair and frank account. The introduction of the new scheme continues to have a negative impact upon the Deanery, Darren however stated that the Deanery is on track to pay for one more of its Stipendiary Priests than it did in 2022. There will still be a significant shortfall.

A meeting was held on 20th July 2023, St Michaels Church, Fobbing. This was a beginning of the new Triennium, it began with a Deanery Eucharist led by David Rollins with Darren Barlow preaching, this was followed by the election of Deanery Officers and Membership of the standing committees.

The Orsett Show was held on 2nd September 2023 and was seen as a success although more helpers are required, also steps to be taken to finance the event seen as a major mission event for Thurrock Deanery. The old tent was disposed of at the show. Thurrock Deanery now has two new gala tents, tables, chairs and banners. As a matter of interest, it has been agreed that Bishop Adam will be at next year's Orsett Show on 7th September 2024.

A meeting was held on 17th October 2023 at St Catherine Church, East Tilbury. The guest speaker was Belinda Ramsey, Youth and Families Advisor, Bradwell area. Belinda gave a summary of where we stand and acknowledged that many Churches have lost their young Church group since the pandemic. She recommended small steps to rebuild.

Bishop Adam did pay a separate visit to Thurrock Deanery on 23rd November 2023, 7.30pm at St Margarets Church, Stanford Le Hope as an informal way of introducing himself.

A 2023 version of Rules for Deanery Synods has been issued by the Diocese of Chelmsford, one item states that Lay Chairs can only serve two 3-year terms.

Frank Woollard

Children and Young People Action Group: Report for the APCM

The members of this Action Group are Rev. Sue, Christine Mortimer, Karen Collier, Pat Winyard and myself. We met 5 times in 2023. We discuss and plan baptisms, Edward Bear Toddler Club, Messy Church, Sunday School in a Tin and any other relevant matters.

Christine leads with liaison with baptism families, Edward Bear Toddler Club meets on a Friday morning, during term--time: Sue, Karen and Edna assist with this.

Messy Church is held once a term, each of the 3 schools in turn, on a 3-year rota so that each school has a chance to experience the Easter/Pentecost/Advent themes. In 2023, Messy church sessions were as follows: 20th March: Easter theme at Horndon School (which was unfortunately cancelled because no children registered); 17th May: Pentecost theme at Orsett, which went very well; December 6th: Advent theme at Horndon, which also went well, despite the fact that the teachers were working to rule.

Sunday School in a Tin is offered at every communion service, in a dedicated children's area within the church. Numbers vary from zero to numerous! The ideas in the Sunday School in a Tin book are followed, with all materials needed stored handily in a box (not a tin!). There is minimal preparation needed for these sessions, but they seem to be thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Christine takes most of the sessions at Bulphan Church, I take most of the sessions at Horndon Church and Sonia, Karen, Pat, Moji and Lola Oderinlo have all taken sessions in Orsett. Edna Fox has volunteered to take some future sessions.

Forest Church is not planned by the Children and Young People Action Group but does attract some children: it would be good to see more coming along.

A creche was offered during the Alpha Course sessions.

Safeguarding and Health & Safety matters are closely assessed, and best practice adhered to at all children and young people's activities. All activities rely on the enthusiasm and commitment of volunteers: so, thank you all very much

Janet McCheyne (March 2024)

Mission, Evangelism and Nurture Action Group

The Mission, Evangelism and Nurture Action Group has been meeting approximately every 2 months during the year.

Following the success of the last Alpha Course, a new nurture group has been established for those new to church or faith which is being run by Christine Mortimer.

Last year planned another Alpha Course in the Parish, this time in conjunction with the Wellcome Church and the Methodist Church, which is currently running. Most of the attendees are from this Parish.

The holding crosses made by Paul Mansfield, have been a greatly appreciated means of sharing the good news of the Gospel, especially when words are difficult. Thank you to Paul for his commitment to this.

ECO CHURCH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP REPORT TO THE APCM APRIL 2024

The Group have been working on the following:

Eco Church Gold Awards: Eco church is a scheme running throughout England that provides a framework in order to take practical action on caring for God's earth. Last year, each church obtained a silver status, the last being Horndon who received their award in June last year. The Group have now focused on obtaining a Gold status for the Parish as a whole and therefore, each church must be compliant. Throughout the year we have been able to improve scoring. This has been helped by having new boilers installed in both Orsett and Horndon, moving church bank accounts to a bank with an ethical policy and having a sustainable outlook when it comes to churchyard maintenance. We've also looked at moving the parish to a greener energy provider. We will be continuing to work towards applying for the award throughout this

coming year. The Gold Award will involve being examined by A Rocha (who devised the scheme), and who will send representatives to perform the assessment.

Fairtrade: All three churches serve only Fairtrade teas, coffees and sugar. We are now aiming to widen this to include green cleaning products and toilet paper. This has been raised to PCC who were in agreement, we just need to use up our stocks.

Water Aid: Our chosen charity for 2023 – 24 is Water Aid. Water Aid focus on clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene for everyone in the world. We again, offered six Lent lunch events, twice at each village on every Saturday throughout Lent. Homemade organic vegetarian soups together with a piece of bread, fruit and Fairtrade drinks were served and all that attended were asked to donate what they would usually spend on a lunch. We also held a raffle where a Fairtrade and green product hamper was the prize. A total of £1,022 was raised.

The Woodland Trust: After successfully applying last year for 90 hedgerow saplings, Phil again applied this year in order to complete the perimeter of the Orsett graveyard. These have now been planted.

Inclusive Church: Rev Mike Nelson from the Holy Trinity church in Gillingham spoke at the January 14th Horndon Sunday service. His church is a member of the Inclusive church. He talked about his church's journey and why the congregation voted in favour of becoming an Inclusive church member. We continue to discuss Inclusivity at each meeting. Our parish is on its own journey, aspiring to be a safe and welcoming space for all. We have therefore decided not to seek to become part of Inclusive church at this time. The PCC voted in favour of both Revd Sue and Max performing prayers of love and faith for same sex couples.

Christian Aid: This year's Big Breakfast event will be held after the Sunday service at Bulphan on 12th May.

Hobnob Articles: We write an Eco and/or a socially relevant article each month for the Hobnob magazine. These have included ecology in your back garden, the problem with balloons and paper lanterns, pollution in our rivers and the cancellation of Christmas in the Holy land.

Bev Macrae

Communications Action Group report to the APCM April 2024

During 2023 met once and discussed and actioned the following:

- Hobnob magazine
 - We discussed if the subscription and advert fee should be increased and decided no as costs are being covered.
- Website
 - Dave will update the online news feed with any photos of events if photos are sent to him.
 - About us tab, we added a link to the Zion Church in Bulphan, a new tab was added detailing the charities that the Parish supports.
- Cards
 - Following a request from the Pastoral group Ron designed a card they can deliver to bereaved family giving their contact details
 - Ron also created a card using Jane Roast's Celtic knot and this is now being sold in the three churches.
- Printing
 - We continue to use the Diocesan Print unit to print the Hobnob magazine, posters and cards and it continues to be a competitive price.

Lynda Robertson

FUNDRAISING GROUP REPORT TO THE APCM APRIL 2024

The Fundraising Group has held eight meetings throughout 2023 – 24. In January Sandra Billinger stood down as Chair. Many thanks to Sandra for guiding us through our initial meetings to get to where we are now. We are happy to announce that David Mortimer has agreed to be our new Chairperson going forwards.

The Fundraising team have raised £4,700 for Church funds over the last year.

In May, an Afternoon tea was held at the Orsett Churches Centre. This was hot on the heels of a Quiz Night, at the same venue with both raising just under £1,000.

The annual Feast and Fayre was again held on the last weekend of June in Horndon. The total raised over the weekend from refreshments, various stalls in the churchyard and the plate at the door, together with the raffle was over £2,100. All are very welcome to have stalls within the churchyard with all monies raised going to church funds for this year's event.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather the Orsett Summer Fete was cancelled. However, there were several other events that did take place. Books and Bacon at Horndon, Bat watching over at Orsett and a Cream Tea in Bulphan, all of which netted another £1,000.

We rounded 2023 off with a Christmas Bazaar at Bulphan Village Hall. Although Santa wasn't present entertainment was provided by a ukulele band and there was plenty of Christmas cheer and many craft stalls. Orsett church hosted Commedia who performed A Christmas Carol to the school in the afternoon and to all in the evening. Horndon held a Christmas party at the Tuesday Open Church full of song, laughter and many a mince pie. All three raised around £600.

Moving to 2024, the Eco and Social Justice Group also helped with Fundraising for Water Aid whilst holding their Lent lunches and Raffle, details within their Report.

We already have three firm events in the diary. An Afternoon Tea is taking place on 11th May at the Orsett Churches Centre, The Feast and Fayre on the weekend of 29th and 30th June. Moving to autumn there is an Autumn Fete in Bulphan on 21st September and a Pudding Evening in Orsett on 12th October.

We've also quite a few ideas that we are looking at for the coming year. These include a Summer Cream tea in Horndon, a Christmas event in Orsett, A sponsored walk between Orsett and Bulphan and maybe a barn dance.

Thank you to everyone who have given their time, helped, donated, supported our group. We meet every other month and would welcome new members.

Bev Macrae

The Monthly Prayer Group

We meet in The Woolmarket in Horndon on the hill, every 3rd Tuesday of the month usually downstairs 8pm – 9pm

This is open to the whole Parish and we do welcome other church members if they would like to attend and we will always welcome new people who have a desire to Pray in a group.

It is not always easy to pray out loud knowing people will hear you, but it has been wonderful to now hear everyone. There are normally 7 of us.

What was special about 2023 was we met in January to open in prayer and plan the year ahead and everyone offered to lead a month as it was their first time some met up to pray in pairs and prepared the week before hand.

Topics were all discussed in the January meeting and quite quickly the year was planned.

This meant we could forward the plan to Lynda who kindly printed a poster for the 3 churches on their notice boards and website.

This way of praying is refreshing as every individual brings their own unique style and way of talking & listening to God. People have been really creative throughout the year and we have had visual aids from verses in the bible printed and cut up into to pick out to help us pray as we go round to music to help us focus.

These are the subjects and who lead them in brackets for 2023.

January– planning the year ahead - Those attending our village schools, Hob Nob (Lisa Anderson)

February – Fairtrade Focus – Rev Sue Mann

March -World Day of Prayer, Taiwan, persecuted church, Orsett Churches Centre & Zion Church (Jane Barry & Christine Mortimer)

April - Our Parish Horndon, Bulphan and Orsett, Deanery, those in homes receiving communion/housebound (Moji & Lisa A)

May – Nation/Leaders/Coronation, Councillors & MPs, celebration and Transition (Ian Brown)

June – Feast & Fayre, organisation, businesses involved (Lisa A)

July – Pilgrimage – Rev Sue Mann

August – Rest, Refreshment, Wellbeing (Max Blake)

September – Schools (C. Mortimer)

October – World Peace (Phil Anderson)

November – Advent & People finding Christ (Jean Kemp)

December – Supper at Oxley House – Mince pies, mulled wine cheese & biscuits. (Phil & Lisa Anderson hosts)

Lisa Anderson

Pastoral Care Team for 2024 APCM

The Pastoral Care Team currently consists of Rev'd Sue, Lisa Anderson and Jo Player. We meet regularly to review the Parish needs for visiting and to discuss any concerns we may have. During the year the Team said goodbye to Moji Jaiyesimi; we were very grateful for her input.

We continued with our visits to parishioners in their homes, some on a regular basis and some just for a short period. We also visit care homes and hospitals when necessary. Christmas and Easter cards were sent from the church to those we visit and to those on the prayer list. Cards are also now sent to anyone recently bereaved to offer ongoing support. Rev'd Sue takes Communion to those unable to get to church.

Outside team meetings, we keep in touch regarding ongoing pastoral needs and to offer support and help to one another. We pray that this assists us with being in the privileged position of visiting parishioners who may be going through difficult times.

The team is clear that the pastoral care support needs within the Parish are growing and hope that others will feel able to join us in future.

Jo Player

Orsett Bell Ringers

The current team consists of five bell ringers with one additional supporter who regularly practice and rings with us. Practice remains on a Thursday evening from 8-9pm when possible. Throughout the past year we have not managed to ring very often as it is proving more difficult to get a team together. We hope to improve this in the coming year. In May 2023 we joined with towers throughout the country to ring for the Coronation. All the ringers continue to be members of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. I would like to thank the team for all their hard work and dedication throughout the past year.

**Judith Church
Tower Captain**

Annual Report for 2023
Part 2 – Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

St Peter and St Paul, Orsett Road, Horndon-on-the-Hill, Essex SS17 8NS

St Giles and All Saints, High Road, Orsett, Essex RM16 3ER

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CCLA Investment Management, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ

Independent Examiner

Mr Melvyn Porter CPFA

1 Lampits Lane, Corringham, Essex SS17 9AD

Administrative Information

“The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Members are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representative Rules”.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector: Revd. Sue Mann

PCC Members: Lynn Bennett, Sandra Billinger, Brian Flavell, Christine Mortimer, David Mortimer, Ron Porter, William Raynor, Felicity Tarbard and Sonia Ward

Representatives of the Deanery Synod: Karen Collier, Janet Wilkins, Alastair Macrae and Frank Woollard

Co-opted: Lynda Robertson

Independent examiner's report to the PCC for Horndon; Orsett; & Bulphan.

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023 (this opinion is given in the context of the impact of the amalgamation of the three independent parishes during the course of the year. Direct year on year comparisons have not been possible, but random test checks on transactions have been carried out and all bank balance transfers have been verified between the old and new arrangements.).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

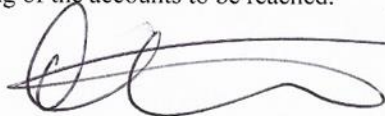
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

(Signed)



(Date)

4/3/24.

Mr Melvyn Porter CPFA
1 Lampits Lane
Corringham
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Notes to be considered when reading the accounts for the year ending 2023. This was the year the United Benefice of Orsett, Horndon and Bulphan amalgamated to become The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan. Over the course of the year, funds from Horndon and Bulphan's were transferred across and final balances transferred at the point of account closure. **Therefore, it is important to note that any comparisons made against 2022 figures are unreliable as they only represent St Giles and All Saints, Orsett.**

It should also be noted for the purposes of these accounts, total income figures for 2023 are predominantly for St Giles & All Saints, Orsett and partial income and expenditure for Horndon and Bulphan.

Receipts and payments

Note	From To	01 January 2023 30 December 2023	01 January 2022 30 December 2022
General - General Fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Bank		£1945.00	£295.00
Gift Aid - Envelopes		£54.00	£24.00
Other planned giving		£17725.38	£9596.47
Loose plate collections		£5866.58	£2978.34
Giving through church boxes		£9.77	-
One-off Gift Aid gifts		£352.94	-
Donations appeals etc		£12735.64	£1384.15
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		£3298.02	£2849.20
Other funds generated		£20425.90	£8186.36
Total Donations and legacies		£62413.23	£25313.52
Income from charitable activities			
Oasis Cafe		£1523.96	£1262.59
Fees for weddings and funerals		£10639.50	£4766.00
Church hall lettings - objectives		£25.00	-
Total Income from charitable activities		£12188.46	£6028.59
Other trading activities			
Church hall lettings - fund raising		£205.00	-
Magazine income - advertising		£93.30	£200.00
Parish magazine sales		£153.00	-
Total Other trading activities		£451.30	£200.00
Investments			
Bank and building society interest		£356.22	£410.45
Total Investments		£356.22	£410.45
Total Income and endowments from:		£75409.21	£31952.56

Expenditure on:

Raising funds		
Costs of fetes & other events	£7581.47	£618.45
Total Raising funds	£7581.47	£618.45
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Home mission	£127.11	-
Ministry parish share etc	£33000.00	£12000.00
Assistant staff costs	£165.30	-
Working expenses of incumbent	£673.10	£400.26
Vicar's telephone	£50.00	£177.50
Parish training and mission	£818.37	-
Church running - insurance	£7101.62	£4254.32
Church office - telephone	£47.60	-
Organ / piano tuning	£267.60	£330.00
Church maintenance	£1267.95	£3527.44
Upkeep of services	£1906.45	£200.94
Upkeep of churchyard	£906.88	£171.44
Administration	£2309.97	£358.02
Church running - electric	£3356.07	£1458.48
Church running - gas	£2497.08	£2259.86
Church running - water	£426.16	£213.81
Magazine expenses	£663.47	-
Church major repairs - structure	£16025.31	-
Church major repairs - installation	-	£7000.00
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£71610.04	£32352.07
Total Expenditure on:	£79191.51	£32970.52
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£3782.30)	(£1017.96)
Brought forward balance	£6653.36	£7361.59
Transfers to/(from)	£9807.39	-
Total carried forward balance	£12678.45	£7361.59

BCK - Bulphan Clock (Restricted) Fund**Income and endowments from:**

Donations and legacies		
Other funds generated	£1184.00	-
Total Donations and legacies	£1184.00	-

Total Income and endowments from:	£1184.00	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£1184.00	-
Brought forward balance	-	-
Total carried forward balance	£1184.00	-
Bulphan Specific - Bulphan Specific Fund (Restricted) Fund		
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies		
Other funds generated	£5455.99	-
Total Donations and legacies	£5455.99	-
Total Income and endowments from:	£5455.99	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£5455.99	-
Brought forward balance	-	-
Transfers to/(from)	£3653.89	-
Total carried forward balance	£9109.88	-
Horndon Specific - Horndon Specific Fund (Restricted) Fund		
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies		
Other funds generated	£23343.73	-
Total Donations and legacies	£23343.73	-
Total Income and endowments from:	£23343.73	-
Expenditure on:		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Church interior and exterior decorating	£4375.00	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£4375.00	-
Total Expenditure on:	£4375.00	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£18968.73	-
Brought forward balance	-	-
Total carried forward balance	£18968.73	-

Orsett Church Reordering - Orsett Church Reordering (Designated) Fund

Note to accounts: This is a Restricted fund and all income/expenditure should be within the restricted fund. Will be adjusted for 2024.

Income and endowments from:

Investments		
Bank and building society interest	-	£25.21
Total Investments	-	£25.21
Total Income and endowments from:	-	£25.21
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	-	£25.21
Brought forward balance	£127349.49	-
Transfers to/(from)	£20893.64	£119489.01
Total carried forward balance	£148243.13	-

Orsett Church Reordering - Orsett Church Reordering (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies		
Non-recurring one-off grants	£3000.00	-
Total Donations and legacies	£3000.00	-
Total Income and endowments from:	£3000.00	-

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Administration	£8040.00	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£8040.00	-
Total Expenditure on:	£8040.00	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£5040.00)	-
Brought forward balance	-	-
Total carried forward balance	(£5040.00)	-
Total carried forward balance	£143203.13	-

CYP - Children And Young People (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

Donations appeals etc	-	£11.00
Other funds generated	£1160.89	-
Total Donations and legacies	£1160.89	£11.00
Total Income and endowments from:	£1160.89	£11.00
Expenditure on:		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Home mission	£59.13	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£59.13	-
Total Expenditure on:	£59.13	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£1101.76	£11.00
Brought forward balance	£462.94	£451.94
Total carried forward balance	£1564.70	£451.94

Gill Blake - Gill Blake (Designated) Fund

Note to accounts: This is a Restricted fund and all income/expenditure should be within the restricted fund. Will be adjusted for 2024.

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies		
Other funds generated	£4827.22	-
Total Donations and legacies	£4827.22	-
Total Income and endowments from:	£4827.22	-

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Home mission	£55.86	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£55.86	-
Total Expenditure on:	£55.86	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£4771.36	-
Brought forward balance	£975.16	£975.16
Total carried forward balance	£5746.52	£975.16

Gill Blake - Gill Blake (Restricted) Fund

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Administration	£217.10	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£217.10	-
Total Expenditure on:	£217.10	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£217.10)	-
Brought forward balance	-	-
Total carried forward balance	(£217.10)	-
Total carried forward balance	£5529.42	

Rector - Rector's Discretionary (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies		
Donations appeals etc	£260.19	£252.87
Total Donations and legacies	£260.19	£252.87
Total Income and endowments from:	£260.19	£252.87

Expenditure on:

Raising funds		
Costs of fetes & other events	£70.00	-
Total Raising funds	£70.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Working expenses of incumbent	£100.00	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	£100.00	-
Total Expenditure on:	£170.00	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£90.19	£252.87
Brought forward balance	£1589.57	£1336.70
Total carried forward balance	£1679.76	£1336.70

Rectory - Rectory Decorating Fund (Designated) Fund

	-	-
Brought forward balance	£757.26	£757.26
Total carried forward balance	£757.26	£757.26

Baker - Baker Memorials (Designated) Fund

	-	-
Brought forward balance	£747.85	£747.85
Transfers to/(from)	(£747.85)	-
Total carried forward balance	-	£747.85

Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund

	-	-
Brought forward balance	£185.81	£185.81
Transfers to/(from)	(£185.81)	-
Total carried forward balance	-	£185.81

Churchwarden - Rector And Churchwardens (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

Donations appeals etc £1094.93 £1064.15

Total Donations and legacies £1094.93 £1064.15

Total Income and endowments from: **£1094.93** **£1064.15**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure £1094.93 £1064.15

Brought forward balance £20893.64 £19829.49

Transfers to/(from) (£21988.57) -

Total carried forward balance - **£19829.49**

Bequest - Joyce Matthews/Vera Cottis (Designated) Fund

Expenditure on:

Expenditure on charitable activities

Organ / piano tuning - £4817.00

Upkeep of services - £709.00

Church major repairs - installation - £15162.78

Total Expenditure on charitable activities - **£20688.78**

Total Expenditure on: - **£20688.78**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure - (£20688.78)

Brought forward balance - £28524.05

Total carried forward balance - **£28524.05**

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets			
6501	Bank Current Account	£41248.99	-
6501A	Bank Current Account Orsett	-	£135597.88
6505	Bank Deposit Account	£148243.13	-
6505A	Barclays Business Account Orsett	-	£18885.54
6510A	CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account 5001D	£6085.71	£5896.73
6510B	CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account Rowley 1596D	-	-
6510C	CCLA (CBF) Deposit Account Rowley 1602D	-	-
	Total Current assets	£195577.83	£160380.15
Liabilities			
6601	Loans received	-	-
6699	Agency collections	£902.50	£765.07
	Total Liabilities	£902.50	£765.07
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	£194675.33	£159615.08
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	£35060.25	(£20043.78)
Z01	Starting balances	£159615.08	£179658.86
	Total Reserves	£194675.33	£159615.08
Represented by Funds			
	General (Unrestricted)	£12678.45	£6653.36
	Designated	£154135.37	£132068.08
	Restricted	£27861.51	£20893.64
	Total	£194675.33	£159615.08