

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BOLDRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1200694

## Details

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| Other names | BOLDRE PCC  |
| Status      | Registered  |
| Legal form  | Other   |
| Registered  | 2022-10-17  |
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## Activities

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

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## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Hampshire

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £138,229 | £162,849    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £133,712 | £164,663    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                           | Role | Appointed  |
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| Ann Rosemary Hardy-Gillingham  |      | 2024-04-21 |
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| David Rex Joseph               |      | 2022-04-24 |
| Dr Sally James                 |      | 2022-04-24 |
| Fiona Anne Bruce               |      | 2022-04-24 |
| Malcolm Graham Edmiston        |      | 2009-04-27 |
| Mary Monica Jeans              |      | 2024-04-21 |
| Nigel Frank Price              |      | 2024-04-21 |
| Rev Simon Frank Newham         |      | 2019-06-13 |
| Rev Terence Handley MacMath    |      | 2023-11-06 |
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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

St John the Baptist Church, Boldre

St Nicholas Chapel, Pilley

Boldre Parochial Church Council  
Register Charity number: 1200694

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

This document is prepared by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Boldre.

### **Vicar and Advisers:**

Vicar: Reverend Simon Newham  
Team Vicar, Assistant Priest: Reverend Terence Handley Macmath  
Registered Charity No.: 1200694  
Bankers: Lloyds Bank Plc, 39 High St, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 9ZF  
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Independent Examiner: Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE, 29 Draft Road, Selsey, Chichester, W Sussex, PO20 OPW

The parish church of St John the Baptist Boldre is situated at the north end of Church Lane, Boldre SO41 5PG. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The PCC was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Its registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Boldre', hereafter referred to as 'Boldre PCC'.

The following have served on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the period from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved unless otherwise indicated. Additionally, all PCC members have served as a Trustee of the registered charity:

Chairperson: Reverend Terence Handley MacMath  
Churchwardens: Christopher Knox  
Treasurer: Richard Tolkien  
Secretary: Frank Price  
Members as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025: Christopher Butler  
Graham Edmiston  
Ruth Liley  
Richard Pickance  
Annie Hardy-Gillingham (resigned 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025)  
Mary Jeans (resigned 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025)  
Christopher Knox  
Richard Tolkien

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission.

The day-to-day management of the PCC is vested in the Team Vicar (the PCC Chairperson) with support from the Churchwardens. 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. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At the current size of its Electoral Roll, St John's may have up to twelve elected members of the PCC, with four members being elected annually for a term of three years, and four retiring every year. There is no limit to the number of consecutive three-year terms a PCC member may serve. In addition, there up to three members of the Deanery Synod who are elected for a three-year term and, if not already elected members of the PCC, automatically become so ex-officio. Deanery Synod representatives may serve two consecutive terms of office before being required to stand down for one full term. All clergy licensed to the parish are ex-officio members of the PCC. Members can be co-opted to the PCC for purposes as set out in the Church Representation Rules (none at present). Co-option is for one year only but may be renewed as necessary annually. There are up to two Churchwardens, elected annually for a maximum of six consecutive terms. They must then stand down for two years before being eligible to stand again as Churchwardens.

The Standing Committee, agreed by the PCC, is the Vicar, two Churchwardens, The Secretary, the Treasurer, and Mt Graham Edmiston. It meets between PCC meetings. The Standing Committee considers some of the items that will be brought to the PCC in much more detail and deals with matters that arise between meetings. It makes urgent decisions as needed. It scrutinises the minutes of the PCC and helps to set the agenda. The Standing Committee reports back to each full meeting of the PCC.

## VICAR'S REPORT

What a busy year it has been with the fetes and fayres, play readings and concerts, HMS Hood and William Gilpin commemorations and all the baptisms, funerals, weddings and other services!

All this doesn't happen by accident – there are so many of you that contribute to the life of St John's and St Nicholas' in so many different and wonderful ways, but there are a few I would like to particularly thank.

Your PCC are a joy to work with - and represent you well – thank you!

Your warden - Chris – is hardworking, wise, and generous in his care of us.

Timothy – thank you for the music! You are always a delight to work with.

Mel continues to use her considerable gifts in William Gilpin Primary School, building links with both children and parents and seeking to raise the profile of our faith in their daily life.

Thank you to the team that ran the Christianity Explored course – we look forward to seeing how that impacts more widely on the community beyond the church.

Thank you to the BCT – with whom I've worked more closely this year – and especially for the success of the Organ Appeal.

Our admin teams (Emily has fitted in so well) continue to work more closely together in support of one another and we also continue to do wedding and baptism preparation together – receiving very positive feedback from those who take part.

Thank you especially to Terence and her creative thinking that has helped and challenged us to explore reaching out beyond our church walls to the wider community; for the re-introduction of a healing ministry; and for her care of those who are most vulnerable.

As well as the joy of working together, this last year has also had its moments of sadness – particularly with regards to the death of Tony a faithful and wise friend to many of us. Sally also

stepped down from being Churchwarden and Parish Administrator after several years of faithful and generous service.

It's been another full and busy year – thank you to all of you who have helped make it so – I'm very much looking forward to the coming year....

*Revd Simon Newham*

## **WORSHIP REPORT**

### **St Nicholas's Chapel**

Regular services at St Nicholas's chapel continue, providing BCP Holy Communion on Sundays at 8am and a midweek (Wednesday mornings) Common Worship Holy Communion for the whole benefice. Simon Newham celebrates on each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, and a valued team of retired clergy (Felicity Boot, Richard Elliott, Gordon Wynne and Iain Morrison) celebrate on Wednesdays. Stephen Bennett also celebrates on Sundays, particularly in Terence's absence. The chapel is also now advertised as open to all for silent prayer when Emily is in the office. Excitingly, the chapel has been used for the interdenominational *Christianity Explored* course, and will be used on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, and on Easter Eve, for interdenominational meditation and intercession using the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity resources, and the Easter Ceremonies on Easter Eve.

### **St John's, Boldre**

Worship continues in its accustomed pattern:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: Choral Matins

4th Sundays: Choral Evensong

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Eucharist

The usual 'specials' have taken place last year – the Africa service, Hood service, the Crib Service, the service in which we celebrate our link with St Philip's, Sydney (at which we were blessed by a visit by Di Strathdee), 'Married at Boldre', the blessing of animals in October, Remembrance Sunday – and we were delighted that Fleur (and Jill Bulkley) were able and willing to join us on Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday. All Souls' (Remembrance) and Advent services took place at St Mary's this year.

The unrepeatable highlight of 2024 was the William Gilpin tri-centenary Matins on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, with one of his sermons read by Chris Knox (wearing 18<sup>th</sup> century preaching bands) and accompanied by the Milford West Gallery Quire and the church choir, conducted by Timothy Rice.

More chalice assistants have been recruited, and Sandy Walford has recruited and organized the provision of intercessors, readers, welcomers and now chalice assistants very efficiently.

Chris Knox preaches on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, and we have had a visit from Michael Hampel, the Sub Dean of Durham Cathedral this year to preach about Shakespeare after our reading of *Twelfth Night* in January, as well as the usual naval chaplain's sermon for the HMS Hood Memorial Service last year. We are grateful to the retired clergy who worship with us, and those who lead services from time to time. Simon Newham preaches and presides on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, and leads Evensong on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Bells are rung before services on Sundays and weddings, and are hugely appreciated. Thanks to Carol Edge and her team for providing this very important part of the worship. Our newest recruit is a young home-educated lad who has been apprenticed to Carol.

Extremely important to our worship are the people who provide coffee etc. after the services. Our liturgy and preaching proclaim the love and acceptance of God to all, and the refreshments afterwards incarnate it.

Thanks, too, to the Director of Music, Timothy Rice, and the choir for their invaluable leading of worship. This year, the congregation has (re)learned the *Benedicite*, for which Timothy Rice has composed a new setting, and he has also composed a new hymn tune, while the choir has also sung his Responses and his other works in their repertoire. We're sad to have lost James from the choir,

but we've gained Liz, Marilyn and Axum, and are very glad to have singers from Hordle at Evensong. Terence is grateful to Timothy for his willingness to try to accommodate repertoire she brings from different traditions. People have appreciated hearing more plainchant, for example. We are committed, as a church, to creating a culture of welcome, and using our excellent musical tradition and resources to bring in different musicians, and create events which are both worshipful but will also appeal to our concert audiences.

Concert audiences are important to us: they bring fresh air, finance, and new connections, and form part of our centripetal mission. Timothy has been leading on this, supported by Terence, and very generously supported by the congregation as we have all had to raise money for urgent repairs to the organ this year – and that effort continues. Last year's concert series included a very good mix of sacred and secular music and school and community choirs. For example, we welcomed back the Milford West Gallery Quire to celebrate Epiphany with us, with a mixture of sacred and secular seasonal music.

There have been some surprises: Ascension Day has not been celebrated at St John's, anointing for healing not offered in the past ten years, and it came as news to some that the Church of England has allowed children (and adults) to receive Holy Communion before Confirmation now for three decades. Ascension Day was celebrated with an early morning said service last year, and will be celebrated this year in the evening with a scratch choir singing a rarely-performed mass by Fauré and Messager. After a series of sermons on the sacrament of healing (now available on the website and in hard copy in church) prayers for healing with laying on of hands and anointing were offered at the Eucharist on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, and this sacrament should be offered reasonably regularly in future.

We still have no clear strategy for integrating children in worship, but there is a PCC discussion paper available for those who would be interested to read about different approaches. We are grateful to David Woodgates for starting and nurturing a choir at William Gilpin School, hoping that this will be an important bridge for children and their parents and siblings to Matins services especially, and look forward to receiving them when they have reached a suitable standard. For the time being, Terence has been asked not to involve children again in Eucharistic consecration. The PCC has suggested that St John's might be able to form a team to prepare Family Services, but it is not clear yet who might do this, and for whom, and when these services might take place.

We are pleased to welcome William Gilpin School to services at each end of term.

This year's crib service, with tall puppets made by Liz Roberts (from Swanage) was hugely appreciated by adults and children. Liz has also produced an annotated and illustrated version of Matins for children to follow.

St John's is still a favoured church for weddings, so we benefit from the presence of the young couples, most of whom are required to attend at least six services in order to fulfil the legal requirements for being married here by banns. They vary in their enjoyment, but some of them seem very attracted to our worship, and we are embarrassed by requests by many wedding couples who wish to have their children baptized here, despite the Church discipline that children should be baptized in their home church.

Some of our future hopes for worship are mentioned above, but we also look forward to celebrating St Philip's, Sydney's 2025 Richard Johnson's annual anniversary service on 4<sup>th</sup> May, using their service booklet. We will welcome this year's funeral families to the Parish Requiem (with Fauré's setting) on 1<sup>st</sup> November, and invite people to provide lilies *in memoriam* then, since we have wedding flowers for the two weddings in Holy Week this year.

*Revd Terence Handley MacMath*

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT**

It has been another very busy year at St John's. Our regular services have been well supported, thanks to our local and loyal church members. These services, and much else, would not happen without an army of volunteers, many working behind the scenes and often unsung. A heartfelt thanks to them all.

As in previous years, we held many baptisms, weddings and funerals, including a number of ashes interments. It is somewhat surprising to note the relatively large number of burials; there were far more of these than there were of ashes interments. Burial space in the churchyard is being rapidly used up; we are looking at ways to extend the land available. Statistics are at the bottom of this report.

As usual, we have held a number of special services in 2024; Australia Day, the Blessing of the Animals, the Hood Service and Remembrance Sunday were all very well-attended. A highlight was a Georgian Matins to celebrate the Tercentenary of the birth of William Gilpin. One of his excellent published sermons was read; the content resonated down the centuries. We also mounted an exhibition in the church to complement those at the Memorial Hall and the School.

The Crib Service, held on Christmas Eve, was packed, with all ages represented. We were treated to a fine drama celebrating Christmas, with many children taking part, all dressed in appropriate costumes. Animals, not least Fleur the Donkey, also took part and there were some wonderful visual spectacles to illustrate the Nativity Story.

After Christmas, we launched an appeal to finance essential repairs and refitting of the organ; this was done in tandem with the Boldre Church Trust. The estimate cost is £40,000, including VAT. The response has been magnificent, so huge thanks to all who have donated so generously.

Music, reported on elsewhere, has continued to play a central role at St John's, both during services and at special concerts and recitals. We are blessed with a superb organist and Director of Music and a very fine choir.

Not surprisingly, with an historic church, we have had to spend some money on capital projects. The lighting has been replaced and is now dimmable in all areas. Also, vital repairs to the fabric have been carried out, notably to the West Wall. We are grateful to the Boldre Church Trust for their financial support for these projects.

All in all, we have had another very good year, received many blessings and have much to thank God for.

### **STATISTICS**

Average Attendance at Regular Services: 48

Baptisms: 11

Weddings: 7

Funerals – Burials: 12

Ashes Interments: 7

Thanksgiving Services: 2

While the Electoral Roll is usually revised annually, this year was the year in which we had to prepare a new Electoral Roll, so everyone had to come off and re-apply. St John's received a total of 88 applications for our new Electoral Roll, 50 of which are non-parish members, and 38 of which live within the parish.

Christopher Knox.  
Churchwarden.

### **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING TEAM**

Our principal fundraising event, the summer fete, was a little disappointing, raising about £7,334. This figure was enhanced by an Autumn Fair, which despite lots of competition for people's attention on the day, raised £1,630.

Raising funds for the church is still a necessary occupation. Many people from the wider community were involved in both events, especially the summer fete. Sadly in 2024, the fete clashed with Walhampton School speech day, which reduced numbers slightly. This year we plan to improve our

poster and banner advertising and to produce raffle tickets earlier. We are always very grateful to William Gilpin school for their help and loan of equipment.

We are also pleased that Boldre Produce Fair has had a stall at the fete for two years running, which has helped them with publicity for their fair, usually the week after the fete.

The 2025 summer fete will be on 5th July – clear your diaries!

The gap left by the disbanding of St Nicholas Singers has been filled by Director of Music, Timothy Rice, who has given several popular concerts and organ recitals during the year and which have helped raise funds as well as draw non-churchgoers into St John's.

In other fundraising musical events, Walhampton School brought their chapel choir for a concert in the summer; Eleanor Robinson brought her Queen Bees women's close-harmony for a in December, and they also sang at a fundraising concert with our local Cantaras Ladies' Choir in July.

The Milford West Gallery Quire accompanied our William Gilpin service on 2 June and performed seasonal music at the Epiphany pilgrimage as well as their wind quintet providing two evenings of carols at the Filly Inn, with our own choir accompanied by Cynthia Wilson.

Carole Morris organised a successful harvest supper in September, which raised £380.50 and a benefice quiz was held in November (which raised £392) with tables of eight from St John's and St Mary's with David Woodgates as quizmaster.

Play readings introduced by Terence, have been a popular event since January 2024. Around a dozen people have attended each play reading at the Filly Inn and Walhampton school library and A Midsummer's Night's Dream in the vicarage garden. Plays have included: Twelfth Night, A Winter's Tale, The Zeal of thy House, Lady Windermere's Fan, Arcadia, Dangerous Corner and Murder in the Cathedral.

*Ruth Liley, Graham Edmiston, Terence Handley MacMath*

## **COMMS TEAM REPORT**

Good channels of communication are essential for good relationships and mission. Keeping these flowing are everyone's responsibility, and we're grateful to the PCC secretaries for their work, and to Emily-May in the office. The wardens and Welcomers are very important channels, as are the formal media we have, and all the people who volunteer to distribute *The Bridge* and Christmas and Easter maildrops.

*Thank you to everyone who helps with all these.*

Progress over the past year:

- 1) There was an excellent Communications Survey conducted by Geoffrey Breeze.
- 2) We now offer St Mary's friends the opportunity to receive the weekly pew sheet;
- 3) Emily-May now sends these out by email on Fridays;
- 4) THM compiles the pew sheets, which are now benefice-wide and also include selected information from Brockenhurst and the diocese. These are proof-read by the team involved for the Sunday in question;
- 5) Emily-May is producing the notices for all the notice-boards and keeping the village and chapel boards up to date.
- 6) Posters for the two churches are sent in the white boxes (along with the Sunday sheets) for Welcomers to put up.
- 7) Nick and Pat have refreshed the interior and porch noticeboards at St Mary's, and Nick has organized repairs and maintenance for the exterior notice boards.

- 8) The offer of text messaging for parishioners in an emergency was popular, but this has still not yet been set up.
- 9) A broadband/phone/wifi connection for St Mary's Church has been more difficult to install than anyone could have imagined. It is also a work in progress.
- 10) Don has recently made quite a few improvements to a website already praised by the diocesan comms advisors;
- 11) Jill has created and maintained an excellent Facebook page which is linked in with many local community pages. Terence has revived the St John's Facebook page with these new connections.
- 12) Emily-May has volunteered to set up an Instagram account for the benefice;
- 13) Pat has taken responsibility for PR to local papers on behalf of the benefice;
- 14) Simon found and collected a set of display boards for St John's;
- 15) We are trying to co-ordinate our efforts better. The specific and current Comms Team (David, Emily, Don, Pat, THM, Jill) met in October, and will meet again to review progress in the summer.

A) Concerts, events, fundraising events, etc.

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*Back* to the responsible event organizer who may then design (or ask for help designing) publicity and submit it to any of these: →

The Bridge (David Woodgates)  
 Facebook (Emily-May, THM and Jill Edge)  
 Pew sheet (THM and Emily-May)  
 Weekly email subscribers  
 Website (Don O'Connor)  
 Local papers  
 Noticeboards

*And* Graham Edmiston for help with roadside publicity if wished.

**Copy dates for newspapers, pew sheets and weekly email: 9am Wednesdays**

**Copy dates for The Bridge**

14<sup>th</sup> January for February, **Candlemas, Lent**  
 14<sup>th</sup> February for March, **Lent, Mothering Sunday, Easter**  
 14<sup>th</sup> March for April, **Easter**  
 14<sup>th</sup> April for May, **Ascension, Hood service, St Mary's Fête, Married in Boldre**  
 14<sup>th</sup> May for June, **Married in Boldre, St John's Fête, St Mary's Blessing of Animals**  
 14<sup>th</sup> June for July and August, **St John's Fête and events in early September, Harvest**  
 14<sup>th</sup> August for September, **Harvest, St John's Blessing of Animals, Autumn Fair**  
 14<sup>th</sup> September for October, **Autumn Fair, Harvest, Parish requiem, Remembrance**  
 14<sup>th</sup> October for November, **Remembrance, Advent**  
 14<sup>th</sup> November for December and January, **Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent courses**

**Dedicated mission and outreach fliers and maildrops copy dates for 2024:**

2<sup>nd</sup> January **Seven schools' emails (Terence)**  
 Beginning of summer term **Seven schools' emails (Terence)**  
 May and June **General church publicity fliers for fêtes (Leo & Ruth)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> September **Seven schools emails (Terence)**  
 Early September **General church publicity fliers for Autumn term/services (Terence)**  
 Late November **Advent \* Christmas \* Epiphany fliers (Terence)**  
                   **Parish Christmas maildrop for Pilley (Terence, for Carole Morris)**  
                   **Christmas fliers for St Mary's (Pat)**

## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

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|---|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Report to the members of</b>                             | <b>Boldre Parochial Church Council</b>   |              |                           |
| <b>On accounts for the year ended</b>                       | <b>31 December 2024</b>  | Charity No.  | 1200694                   |
| <b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b> | <p>The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act</li> <li>• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and</li> <li>• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</li> </ul>   |              |                           |
| <b>Independent examiner's statement</b>                     | <p>I have completed my examination. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and</li> <li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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;</li> </ul> <p>have not been met. 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 reached.</p> |              |                           |
| I have completed my examination highlighted.                | I confirm that no matters have come to my attention that needs to be   |              |                           |
| <b>Signed:</b><br>Brenda Peers-Ross                         |  | <b>Date:</b> | 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 |
| <b>Name:</b><br>Brenda Peers-Ross                           | Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE   |              |                           |

### Accounting Policies

#### a) Financial Statements

The Financial Statements have been prepared under:

- a. The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, together with applicable accounting standards

and the Statement of Recommended Practice, accounting and reporting by Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102 Section 1A), and

- b. The historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. They include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.
- c.

#### **b) Funds**

Unrestricted Funds represent those that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and which are available for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted Funds represent those that are subject to restrictions regarding their use and which may only be applied for specific purposes.

#### **c) Income**

Planned Giving/Gift Aid whether under the PGS or by standing order, other than collections at services, is accounted for in the Gift Aid account on behalf of the PCC from which it is transferred to the current account each quarter when it is recorded in that account. Income tax recoverable is also accounted for in the Gift Aid account on behalf of the PCC and transferred to the current account each quarter. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the money into its account. The Bridge magazine is accounted for because of the surplus received less a deduction of 27.5% paid to South Baddesley PCC in regard of their circulation. Income from fetes, etc. is accounted for after deduction of the outgoings. Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. The split of income between the Restricted and Unrestricted Funds is recorded per the wishes of the donors and the requirements of the trusts administered by the Winchester Diocese.

#### **d) Designated Collections**

During the year designated collections on behalf of HMS Hood and The Royal British Legion were possible. No funds were retained by the PCC. The receipts and payments of all designated collections are not reported in the PCC accounts in line with Church Accounting Regulations.

#### **e) Expenditure**

Grants and donations are recognised when paid. The parish share of the Diocesan Quota is accounted for when paid. In 2024 £45,000 in Diocesan Quota was paid, in line with the amount advised to the Diocese of Winchester.

#### **f) Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church fittings are also excluded from the accounts. All expenditure incurred during the year on these fixed assets is charged to expenditure. Investments are stated at market value as at 31 December 2024.

#### **g) Trustees' expenses and related party transactions**

None of the Trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the PCC. During the year, there have been no related third-party transactions that require disclosure (2023: £0)

#### **h) Staff Costs**

Payroll and music expenses paid £ 9,394

The average number of staff throughout the year was 2 (Benefice Secretary and Director of Music). A contribution was made to the costs of the Children & Family worker employed by St Saviour's, Brockenhurst

#### **i) Costs of Independent Examination and other Financial Services**

The independent examination of the 2024 accounts has been provided for at a fee of £750 (2023 £1,000).

## **j) Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance**

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant.

### **Financial Review Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Total income was £138,229 (2023 £133,712) of which £80,794 (2023 £86,210) was from PGS donations, collections, one off and other regular donations and green envelopes, including from Gift Aid recoverable tax. Benefice Fee income was £16,975 (2023 net £10,281). The Annual Summer Fete raised £10,875 (2023 £8,999). Dividend income and interest earned amounted to £6,659 (2023 £6,924). An exceptional grant of £18,764 (2023 £10,000) was received from the Boldre Church Trust, to help meet the costs of repair work to the west wall and roof of St John's.

We would like to encourage parishioners to support St John's wherever possible through the Parish Giving Scheme, leaflets for which are at the entry to the Church and details online on the website. The associated Gift Aid recoverable tax increases the value of donations received by 25%; the administration is provided centrally at no cost to St John's.

Total expenditure was £162,849 compared with £164,663 in 2023.

Therefore, a loss during 2024 of £ 24,620 was incurred, taking account of total expenditure and total income.

There was an unrealised gain on unrestricted investments of £5,055.

### **Investment Reserves**

The value of our net assets reduced to £245,777, of which £15,840, was restricted reserves held in fixed income investments.

Restricted reserves are retained towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church and the graveyard, in accordance with the PCC definition of Fabric and the terms of the under-lying legacy, given that legacies constitute the primary source of these reserves.

### **Financial and Reserves Policy**

It has been agreed that the PCC should follow a policy of seeking at least to break even year by year, to seek to meet as fully as is prudent its requested Diocesan Contribution and to build up reserves to provide longer term financial stability, thus enabling St John's, Boldre to continue active worship long-term. Its annual budget before any exceptional items is set on this basis.

In addition, it is the policy of the PCC to seek to hold readily realisable reserves the equivalent of six months budgeted normal expenditure, including gross salaries and honoraria, and the Diocesan levy as approved by the PCC, which for 2025 is £45,000. This will be reviewed during the year in the light of actual financial performance. It is our policy to hold £1,000 to cover grants received annually the continuation of which cannot be guaranteed, plus £6,000 in a mission reserve to enable us to meet our mission commitments irrespective of amounts identified in any year's budget. It is also our policy to hold an amount for likely non-fabric repair and maintenance expenses including the churchyard.

In 2021 we received the independently prepared Quinquennial Inspection report detailing the condition of the church, which is Grade 2 listed. All the recommended works set out in the report have now been completed.

A new quinquennial inspection is due to take place during 2025.

We are committed to fund a Children and Families' Worker and associated expenses in the amount of up to £9,000 per year for three years from 2023 This is part of a joint project with the Churches at Brockenhurst and South Baddesley. The cost of this post is now taken as a normal item in the budget.

We will be seeking grants including from the Boldre Church Trust to cover exceptional costs incurred in relation to any work required under the 2025 Quinquennial Review.

Free reserves (including restricted items amounting to £15,377)) based on these policies and provisions, the break-even budget adopted for 2025 (with income and expenditure of £117,000) and

the outcome of the forthcoming review are likely to be substantially less than our net assets as at 31 December 2024. This reserve is reviewed annually as part of the budgetary process. The PCC also considers it prudent to seek over time to build up longer term reserves with the aim of securing worship at St John's for the foreseeable future. To this end, in 2019 a Stewardship Campaign was launched to increase planned giving, including legacies. Good progress was made initially, increasing the number of donors under the PGS, though this has now flattened. Parishioners have been affected by the Covid pandemic and more recently the cost-of-living crisis and continuing poor economic conditions. Additional available resources should they be generated will be used to increase long term reserves and provide funds for additional mission work. Our investment policy is to invest short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Securities Fund- Income Shares, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund-Income Shares, which attracts a better long-term return.

## SAFEGUARDING

### ST JOHN'S, BOLDRE

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

In the year, 8 DBS have come up for renewal. Seven have renewed successfully and there is one in hand.

2 new members of the PCC completed their Basic Awareness training

Safeguarding training is in hand for Church Welcomers.

Safeguarding is a Standing Item on every PCC agenda.

No safeguarding issues have been raised this year.

A Dashboard introduced by the diocese in 2022 is working well and is a useful tool in maintaining an up to date overview of safeguarding performance throughout the year against the Diocesan Safeguarding template.

**Those who are kind enough to volunteer for roles within the church are asked to complete some simple safeguarding training. They are also requested to apply for a DBS certificate, which can be done online. The first stage is for the Benefice Administrator to provide the volunteer with the basic information to enable the volunteer to start the application process. The second stage is for the identity documents used by the volunteer to be verified by the PSO, usually by a quick meeting in the Benefice Office.**

Your PSO is constantly reminded of the importance of safeguarding. It is stressed to him that everyone should know what to do if they have a safeguarding concern of any kind. That concern should be shared in the first instance with the PSO on [safeguarding@boldrechurch.com](mailto:safeguarding@boldrechurch.com) who will escalate it to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA). If the concern is an emergency or there is a risk of immediate harm, the police must be alerted as well as Social Services. A report will then need to be written and emailed to the DSA who will manage the response.

*Nicholas Walford*

This report was approved by the Boldre Parochial Church Council and Terence Handley-MacMath and signed on their behalf.

*Terence Handley MacMath*

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Restated<br>Unrestricted<br>2023<br>£ | Restated<br>Restricted<br>2023<br>£ | Restated<br>Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                |       |                           |                         |                    |                                       |                                     |                                |
| Donations and legacies             | 1a    | 99,558                    | -                       | 99,558             | 96,210                                | -                                   | 96,210                         |
| Church activities                  | 1b    | 16,975                    | -                       | 16,975             | 10,821                                | -                                   | 10,821                         |
| Events                             | 1c    | 15,037                    | -                       | 15,037             | 19,757                                | -                                   | 19,757                         |
| Investments                        | 1d    | 6,659                     | -                       | 6,659              | 6,924                                 | -                                   | 6,924                          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                |       | <b>138,229</b>            | <b>-</b>                | <b>138,229</b>     | <b>133,712</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>133,712</b>                 |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |       |                           |                         |                    |                                       |                                     |                                |
| Grants and missionary              | 2a    | 2,500                     | -                       | 2,500              | 2,695                                 | -                                   | 2,695                          |
| Activities - Church Ministry       | 2b    | 69,568                    | -                       | 69,568             | 76,875                                | -                                   | 76,875                         |
| Church maintenance                 | 2c    | 51,306                    | -                       | 51,306             | 51,858                                | -                                   | 51,858                         |
| Organist's salary, music exp.      | 2d    | 5,798                     | -                       | 5,798              | 5,297                                 | -                                   | 5,297                          |
| Church maintenance, admin.         | 2e    | 33,576                    | -                       | 33,576             | 27,938                                | -                                   | 27,938                         |
| Loss on investments sold           |       | -                         | 101                     | 101                | -                                     | -                                   | -                              |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>           |       | <b>162,748</b>            | <b>101</b>              | <b>162,849</b>     | <b>164,663</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>164,663</b>                 |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>    |       | <b>(24,519)</b>           | <b>(101)</b>            | <b>(24,620)</b>    | <b>(30,951)</b>                       | <b>-</b>                            | <b>(30,951)</b>                |
| Transfer between funds             |       | 21,317                    | (21,317)                | -                  | (20)                                  | 20                                  | -                              |
| <b>Net Movement in funds</b>       |       | <b>(3,202)</b>            | <b>(21,418)</b>         | <b>(24,620)</b>    | <b>(30,971)</b>                       | <b>20</b>                           | <b>(30,951)</b>                |
| <b>Unrealised gains/(losses)</b>   |       | <b>4,592</b>              | <b>463</b>              | <b>5,055</b>       | <b>16,978</b>                         | <b>1,926</b>                        | <b>18,904</b>                  |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 228,547                   | 36,795                  | 265,342            | 242,540                               | 34,849                              | 277,389                        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |       | <b>229,937</b>            | <b>15,840</b>           | <b>245,777</b>     | <b>228,547</b>                        | <b>36,795</b>                       | <b>265,342</b>                 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.  
Activities shown above.

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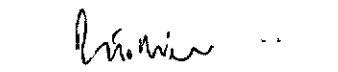
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024**

|                                     | Notes    | Unrestricted        | Restricted        | Total          | Restated            | Restated          | Restated     |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                     |          | 2024                | 2024              | 2024           | Unrestricted        | Restricted        | Total        |
|                                     |          | £                   | £                 | £              | 2023                | 2023              | 2023         |
|                                     |          |                     |                   |                | £                   | £                 | £            |
| <b>Investments</b>                  | <b>3</b> | 205,200             | 15,840            | 221,040        | 200,608             | 36,795            | 237,403      |
| <b>Current Assets</b>               |          |                     |                   |                |                     |                   |              |
| Debtors                             | 4        | 4,375               | -                 | 4,375          | 4,903               | -                 | 4,903        |
| Funds held by CVS                   |          | -                   | -                 | -              | -                   | -                 | -            |
| Cash at bank and in hand            |          | 25,882              | -                 | 25,882         | 28,513              | -                 | 28,513       |
|                                     |          | <b>30,257</b>       | -                 | <b>30,257</b>  | 33,416              | -                 | 33,416       |
| <b>Creditors</b>                    |          |                     |                   |                |                     |                   |              |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 5        | (5,520)             | -                 | (5,520)        | (5,477)             | -                 | (5,477)      |
|                                     |          | <b>(5,520)</b>      | -                 | <b>(5,520)</b> | (5,477)             | -                 | (5,477)      |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>           |          | <b>24,737</b>       | -                 | <b>24,737</b>  | 27,939              | -                 | 27,939       |
| <b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>     |          | <b>229,937</b>      | <b>15,840</b>     | <b>245,777</b> | 228,547             | 36,795            | 265,342      |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                |          |                     |                   |                |                     |                   |              |
|                                     |          | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Unrestricted funds                  | 6        | 229,937             | -                 | 229,937        | 228,547             | -                 | 228,547      |
| Restricted                          | 7        | -                   | 15,840            | 15,840         | -                   | 36,795            | 36,795       |
|                                     |          | <b>229,937</b>      | <b>15,840</b>     | <b>245,777</b> | 228,547             | 36,795            | 265,342      |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 27th April 2025  
Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

  
Revd Terence Handle-MacMath Chair/Trustee

  
Richard Tolkien Treasurer/Trustee

The notes on Pages 15 to Page 17 form part of these financial statements.

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|  | 2024          | 2024       | 2024           | 2023          | 2023       | 2023          |
|--|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted | Total          | Unrestricted  | Restricted | Total         |
|  | Funds         | Funds      |                | Funds         | Funds      |               |
|  | £             | £          | £              | £             | £          | £             |
| <b>1a Charitable Activities</b>                          |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| <b>Voluntary income</b>                                  |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| Donations Parish Giving                                  | 46,781        | -          | 46,781         | 43,057        | -          | 43,057        |
| Donations PGS Gift Aid                                   | 4,620         | -          | 4,620          | 8,589         | -          | 8,589         |
| Donations Planned Giving                                 | -             | -          | -              | 5,524         | -          | 5,524         |
| Green Envelope Giving                                    | 5,859         | -          | 5,859          | 6,352         | -          | 6,352         |
| Collections  | 6,020         | -          | 6,020          | 8,225         | -          | 8,225         |
| Donations on-line  | 5,734         | -          | 5,734          | 4,853         | -          | 4,853         |
| One off Donations  | 8,063         | -          | 8,063          | 5,712         | -          | 5,712         |
| Good Box Giving  | 2,082         | -          | 2,082          | 1,864         | -          | 1,664         |
| Council Energy Grant                                     | -             | -          | -              | 1,000         | -          | 1,000         |
| Boldre Church Trust                                      | 18,764        | -          | 18,764         | 10,000        | -          | 10,000        |
| Rwanda Donations   | 1,635         | -          | 1,635          | 1,234         | -          | 1,234         |
|  | <b>99,558</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>99,558</b>  | <b>96,210</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>96,210</b> |
| <b>1b Church Activities</b>                              |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| Benefice Income (inc. St Mary's)                         | 16,975        | -          | 16,975         | 10,821        | -          | 10,821        |
| Bridge Magazines , other                                 | -             | -          | -              | -             | -          | -             |
|  | <b>16,975</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>16,975</b>  | <b>10,821</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>10,821</b> |
| <b>1c Other Income</b>                                   |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| Summer Fete  | 10,875        | -          | 10,875         | 8,999         | -          | 8,999         |
| Other fund raising                                       | 1,473         | -          | 1,473          | 2,200         | -          | 2,200         |
| Andrew and Diana Neaum leaving present                   | -             | -          | -              | 5,127         | -          | 5,127         |
| Christmas cards, calendars & jam                         | 80            | -          | 80             | 1,112         | -          | 1,112         |
| Quiz   | -             | -          | -              | 220           | -          | 220           |
| Sales  | 2,609         | -          | 2,609          | 2,099         | -          | 2,099         |
|  | <b>15,037</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>15,037</b>  | <b>19,757</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>19,757</b> |
| <b>1d Investments</b>                                    |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| Dividends and interest                                   | 6,659         | -          | 6,659          | 6,924         | -          | 6,924         |
| <b>2a Grants and Missionary</b>                          |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| Rwanda grants and expenses                               | 2,500         | -          | 2,500          | 2,695         | -          | 2,695         |
|  |               |            | <b>186,663</b> |               |            |               |
| <b>2b Activities relating to work of Church Ministry</b> |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| Diocesan contribution , Mission fund                     | 45,000        | -          | 45,000         | 45,000        | -          | 45,000        |
| Benefice secretary                                       | 3,596         | -          | 3,596          | 5,551         | -          | 5,551         |
| Church running expenses including electricity            | 13,786        | -          | 13,786         | 15,117        | -          | 15,117        |
| Leaving gift for the Neaums                              | 164           | -          | 164            | 5,131         | -          | 5,131         |
| Children & family worker                                 | 7,350         | -          | 7,350          | 6,076         | -          | 6,076         |
|  | <b>69,568</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>69,568</b>  | <b>76,875</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>76,875</b> |
| <b>2c Church maintenance and projects</b>                |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| St John's Church inc. new boiler                         | 48,436        | -          | 48,436         | 41,183        | -          | 41,183        |
| St Nicholas's chapel                                     | 1,500         | -          | 1,500          | 3,601         | -          | 3,601         |
| St John's churchyard                                     | 1,370         | -          | 1,370          | 7,074         | -          | 7,074         |
|  | <b>51,306</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>51,306</b>  | <b>51,858</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>51,858</b> |
| <b>2d Organist's salary and expense</b>                  |               |            |                |               |            |               |
|  | <b>5,798</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>5,798</b>   | <b>5,297</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>5,297</b>  |
| <b>2e Church management and administration</b>           |               |            |                |               |            |               |
| Benefice office costs                                    | 17,086        | -          | 17,086         | 16,240        | -          | 16,240        |
| Professional fees  | 12,570        | -          | 12,570         | 7,783         | -          | 7,783         |
| Bank charges   | 513           | -          | 513            | 610           | -          | 610           |
| Insurance  | 3,407         | -          | 3,407          | 3,305         | -          | 3,305         |
|  | <b>33,576</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>33,576</b>  | <b>27,938</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>27,938</b> |

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|   | 2024<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>3 Investments</b>  |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| 10,623 shares CBF fixed interest securities fund                  | -                                  | 15,840                           | 15,840             | -                                  | 15,377                           | 15,377             |
| 14,797 shares Warburton Davis CBF Fixed interest securities' fund | -                                  | -                                | -                  | -                                  | 21,418                           | 21,418             |
| 7,155.43 shares CBF investment fund                               | 205,200                            | -                                | 205,200            | 200,608                            | -                                | 200,608            |
|   | <b>205,200</b>                     | <b>15,840</b>                    | <b>221,040</b>     | <b>200,608</b>                     | <b>36,795</b>                    | <b>237,403</b>     |

**Unrealised gain/(losses) in year**

|              |  |  |              |  |  |               |
|--------------|--|--|--------------|--|--|---------------|
| Unrestricted |  |  | 4,592        |  |  | 16,978        |
| Restricted   |  |  | 463          |  |  | 1,926         |
|              |  |  | <b>5,055</b> |  |  | <b>18,904</b> |

|                         | 2024<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2024<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>4 Debtors</b>        |                           |                         |                    |                           |                         |                    |
| Trade and other debtors | 4,375                     | -                       | 4,375              | 4,747                     | -                       | 4,747              |
| Pre-paid                | -                         | -                       | -                  | 156                       | -                       | 156                |
|                         | <b>4,375</b>              | <b>-</b>                | <b>4,375</b>       | <b>4,903</b>              | <b>-</b>                | <b>4,903</b>       |

|                                     | £              | £        | £              | £              | £        | £              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>5 Creditors</b>                  |                |          |                |                |          |                |
| Amounts falling due within one year | (5,520)        | -        | (5,520)        | (5,347)        | -        | (5,347)        |
| Others                              | -              | -        | -              | (130)          | -        | (130)          |
| HMRC                                | -              | -        | -              | -              | -        | -              |
| Deferred income                     | -              | -        | -              | -              | -        | -              |
|                                     | <b>(5,520)</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>(5,520)</b> | <b>(5,477)</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>(5,477)</b> |

|  | Opening<br>Balance<br>£ | Movement<br>In<br>£ | Movement<br>Out<br>£ | Transfer<br>Between<br>Funds<br>£ | Balance<br>2024<br>£ |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>6 Fixed Assets</b>                      |                         |                     |                      |                                   |                      |
| Unrestricted free reserves                 | -                       | -                   | -                    | -                                 | -                    |
| Designated - towards repairs for St John's | -                       | -                   | -                    | 21,317                            | 21,317               |
| Designated - General Reserve               | 228,547                 | 142,821             | (162,748)            | -                                 | 208,620              |
|  | <b>228,547</b>          | <b>142,821</b>      | <b>(162,748)</b>     | <b>21,317</b>                     | <b>229,937</b>       |

|                              | Opening<br>Balance<br>£ | Movement<br>In<br>£ | Movement<br>Out<br>£ | Transfer<br>Between<br>Funds<br>£ | Balance<br>2023<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted Reserves</b> |                         |                     |                      |                                   |                      |
| Fixed Assets                 | -                       | -                   | -                    | -                                 | -                    |
| Unrestricted free reserves   | -                       | -                   | -                    | -                                 | -                    |
| Designated - General Reserve | 242,540                 | 150,670             | (164,663)            | -                                 | 228,547              |
|                              | <b>242,540</b>          | <b>150,670</b>      | <b>(164,663)</b>     | <b>-</b>                          | <b>228,547</b>       |

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| 7 Restricted Funds | Opening Balance | Movement In | 2024 Movement Out | Transfer Between Funds | Balance 2024  |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
|                    | £               | £           | £                 | £                      | £             |
|                    | 36,795          | 463         | (101)             | (21,317)               | 15,840        |
|                    | <b>36,795</b>   | <b>463</b>  | <b>(101)</b>      | <b>(21,317)</b>        | <b>15,840</b> |

| Restricted Funds | Opening Balance | Movement In  | 2023 Movement Out | Transfer Between Funds | Balance 2023  |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
|                  | £               | £            | £                 | £                      | £             |
|                  | 34,849          | 1,946        | -                 | -                      | 36,795        |
|                  | <b>34,849</b>   | <b>1,946</b> | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>               | <b>36,795</b> |

**Related Parties**

There are no related parties transactions during the year or in 2023.

**Ultimate Controlling Party**

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2023

St John the Baptist Church, Boldre

St Nicholas Chapel, Pilley

Boldre Parochial Church Council

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

This document is prepared by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Boldre.

### **Vicar and Advisers:**

Vicar: Reverend Simon Newham  
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The parish church of St John the Baptist Boldre is situated at the north end of Church Lane, Boldre SO41 5PG. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The PCC was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Its registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Boldre', hereafter referred to as 'Boldre PCC'.

The following have served on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the period from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved unless otherwise indicated. Additionally, all PCC members have served as a Trustee of the registered charity:

Chairpersons: Reverend Simon Newham  
Reverend Terence Handley Macmath (from 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023)  
Vice Chair: Sally James  
Churchwardens: Sally James  
Christopher Knox  
Treasurer: Richard Tolkien  
Secretary: Geoffrey Breeze  
Members: Fiona Bruce  
Christopher Butler  
Graham Edmiston  
David Joseph  
Ruth Liley  
Richard Pickance  
James Puttick (from 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023)

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is registered with the Charity Commission.

The day-to-day management of the PCC is vested in the Team Vicar (the PCC Chairperson) with support from the Churchwardens. 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. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

At the current size of its Electoral Roll, St John's may have up to twelve elected members of the PCC, with four members being elected annually for a term of three years, and four retiring every year. There is no limit to the number of consecutive three-year terms a PCC member may serve. In addition, there up to three members of the Deanery Synod who are elected for a three-year term and, if not already elected members of the PCC, automatically become so ex-officio. Deanery Synod representatives may serve two consecutive terms of office before being required to stand down for one full term. All clergy licensed to the parish are ex-officio members of the PCC. Members can be co-opted to the PCC for purposes as set out in the Church Representation Rules (none at present). Co-option is for one year only but may be renewed as necessary annually. There are up to two Churchwardens, elected annually for a maximum of six consecutive terms. They must then stand down for two years before being eligible to stand again as Churchwardens.

The Standing Committee, agreed by the PCC, is the Vicar, two Churchwardens, The Secretary, the Treasurer, and Mt Graham Edmiston. It meets between PCC meetings. The Standing Committee considers some of the items that will be brought to the PCC in much more detail and deals with matters that arise between meetings. It makes urgent decisions as needed. It scrutinises the minutes of the PCC and helps to set the agenda. The Standing Committee reports back to each full meeting of the PCC.

## **VICAR'S REPORT**

2023 began with saying 'goodbye and thank you' to Andrew and Diana – and what a wonderful day that was – not because they were leaving, but because there was a full church, a poetic sermon, a wonderful lunch, glorious music and more poetry in the evening and Andrew didn't break down in tears as he feared he would – well done Boldre!

Until a replacement was to be found more of the day-to-day responsibilities fell on me and I must say how much I have enjoyed leading more of the services at St John's and getting to know more of you better. Sally, Chris, Timothy and the whole PCC were a wonderful support in this – thank you!

The PCC put together an excellent Parish Profile (thanks go to Ruth and Roger Liley who did much of the hard work) and Terence and Paul came to join us in September – they both come with their unique gifts that they are so generously using in the service of St John's and the wider community.

Mel continues to use her considerable gifts in William Gilpin Primary School building links with both children and parents and seeking to raise the profile of St John's in their daily life. Our admin teams continue to work more closely together in support of one another and we also continue to do wedding and baptism preparation together – receiving very positive feedback from those who take part.

Particular highlights of the year for me have been leading second Sunday services at St Nicholas' and St John's; the Back to Boldre service for wedding couples, the Good Friday service; the village Fete; the Walhampton drinks do; the Christmas Fayre; and the occasional concert I managed to get to (not forgetting the one in the woods of course)! So, "thank you Boldre" for a good year in which you have made me feel particularly welcomed and valued.

*Revd Simon Newham*

## **TEAM VICAR'S REPORT**

The last four months have been a steep learning curve for the in-coming Assistant Priest. It has been good to have had a time of Covid-convalescence to take stock.

The initial challenge was simply to manage the fall-out of a move from France to a vicarage managed by the Diocesan Housing Office, with no opportunity to measure anything in advance. I would like to thank everyone in the parish who worked hard before we came (so we don't know exactly who those kind souls are) to achieve that for which the diocese did not accept responsibility and, in particular, Geoffrey Breeze, who worked tirelessly at the vicarage for days to ensure that we could put up curtains and lights. We're grateful to Andrew and Diana for not removing the vegetable garden fencing, as ordered by the diocesan housing director, and to Sally for very generous welcome gifts of groceries, maps, local papers etc. and flowers. As I write, water is dripping through a ceiling in the kitchen, and we are still waiting for essential repairs to be finished. Part of the learning curve has been getting to know the diocesan personnel, structures and resources, and the recent history. I attended the clergy conference in January to meet the new bishop and see how things might change.

The first three months' urgent business was to learn how to manage each Sunday's services (all of which are 'specials' during the autumn) while simultaneously learning how to work well together with the administrator, wardens, Reader and Director of Music - getting to know rhythms, routines, preferred communication styles, expectations and what 'we just do the usual thing' means - for of course, there is no 'usual' in the Church of England. With no formal hand-over, everything had to be discovered from scratch but in time for whatever the next Sunday demanded. I am nonetheless very grateful to Andrew and Diana for their continuing advice and support.

No less urgent was the task of getting to know everyone, and to discover what I could use from previous experience, and what is simply unique to St John's, and what is unfolding in the change from having a very gifted assistant priest and his wife dedicated entirely to St John's, to a priest working here (nominally) one and half days a week, with another parish to look after, and a part-time job. There have been difficulties and disappointments because of the cut in hours, I'm well aware, but I am hopeful that because I'm shared, the two parishes will share other things more easily, and we'll find that we can cut costs and work, and double the fun, while also sharing resources with the two Brockenhurst churches.

Routine parish duties of Sunday services and pastoral offices would be impossible for me without the very generous and dedicated support of Chris Knox (who takes care of all the funerals and interments) and the retired clergy (Richard Elliott, Felicity Boot, Iain Morrison) as well as Simon and Stephen Bennett.

An enormous burden is also carried by members of the PCC who work extremely hard to keep the fabric of the church and its finances in good order. We are all indebted to them for keeping St John's open for business. I'm also very grateful to others in the congregation who faithfully serve by cleaning, dealing with rubbish, catering, unlocking, and locking, arranging flowers, singing in the choir - all the things that one takes for granted until they don't happen. These are all part of one ministry that we share together, and none of them are less important than mine.

A very important part of Christian life is pastoral care, and it is good to see how carefully people at St John's look after one another. A challenge for an ageing congregation is how to keep that loving care going when people move out of the parish, into residential homes, or into someone else's parish, or become too frail to come to church. I have set up a Pastoral Care team to try to meet the needs of those who are housebound: Chris Knox, Felicity Boot and Nick Walford. We had a parish Requiem in November, hoping that those who have been bereaved recently would perhaps find solace coming to a special service. It may be that the online presence that St John's developed during the pandemic could be revived and be an important part of our pastoral care. There have been one or two requests for somewhere for people to leave requests for prayer by others, and working out how this can be achieved effectively is on my 'to do' list.

The congregations at St Nicholas's chapel are important. They are mostly self-sustaining and don't overlap much with St John's. A meeting for Evening Prayer during Advent elicited some requests for more use of the chapel, and more gatherings for silent prayer. The PCC has given permission for Sally to unlock the chapel for private use during her office hours, and we will see how that develops.

Developing in prayer, spiritual receptivity, trust and peace is the most important work all of us do. I look forward to getting to know people better, learning from them, and offering what I can. Here, it is not so much about the culture of a congregation as a whole but, exploring the gifts and experience of individuals. I would like to attend the church's Bible study group (which hasn't been possible yet) and I enjoyed the sessions on liturgy and lectionaries because it gave us a chance to reflect on our varied experiences of God in private and public worship. I have offered everyone the opportunity to have a 'Spiritual MOT' in Lent – a chance to talk about what is most important (and admittedly difficult) to talk about, in a quiet space.

I'm also keen to build up a shared picture of all the ways in which people at St John's serve in the local and national community, for we exist first of all to worship God, but secondarily to serve others. Honouring and encouraging each other's service to the community – local, national, international – could inspire each one of us in what we do and what God would like us to do.

*Revd Terence Handley MacMath*

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

It has been a momentous and very busy year at St John's. From January to September, we were without a team vicar, Andrew and Diana having retired to the delights of Wells. During the interregnum, we managed to hold all our regular and special services and continued to be well supported by our loyal and faithful congregation. There was a very happy atmosphere in church each week and we all felt part of a team that was pulling together. We would like to thank everybody who helped in whatever capacity for going the extra mile to ensure that St John's continued to thrive.

Special thanks are due to Felicity Boot, who stepped in to take many extra services, and to our Vicar, Simon Newham, who often graced us with his presence and kept us on the straight and narrow, not least in PCC Meetings. Also, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Sally James, our Benefice Administrator, who shouldered a very heavy extra burden in running the parish and ensuring that everything was in order.

We said farewell to Andrew and Diana at a special service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. They had been at St John's for nine very happy and fruitful years, and we thank God for them. We are very sorry that they have retired and wish them a long and happy time in Wells, under the shadow of the cathedral.

Other special services held during the year were Africa Sunday, the Hood Memorial Service, Remembrance Sunday, the Advent Carol Service, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Crib Service, all of which were very well attended.

Having gone through the required advertising and interview processes, we welcomed the Rev. Terence Handley-MacMath as our Team Vicar. She was licensed on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September by the Bishop of Southampton at a special service at St John's which followed a similar ceremony at St Mary's. We wish her, and her husband Paul, a very happy tenure as she leads St John's into a new chapter in its long history.

On a practical note, we installed under-pew heating in the body of the church early in the year, with radiators in the two vestries and the Tower Room. This system replaced the rather antiquated and inefficient overhead heaters. So efficient is the new system, that we have to turn some of the individual heaters off after a time to ensure that no-one roasts, even in the coldest weather.

All in all, St John's has been blessed with another very good year for which we give grateful thanks to God.

Our 2023 statistics are:

- Average Attendance at Regular Services: 58
- Baptisms: 9
- Weddings: 16

## ▪ Funerals: 34

The number of members on the Electoral Roll published on 7th April 2023 was 113, whereof 40 reside in the parish, and 73 outside the parish.

*Churchwardens Sally James and Christopher Knox.*

## VISION & MISSION

Mission can be centrifugal and centripetal. St John's does centripetal well: people open themselves to God through music and liturgy, beauty, quiet spaces, natural materials and churchyards, and St John's offers those things.

My pastoral responsibilities are also to those in the parishes who don't come to church, getting to know them and serving them as I can. I want to find ways of encouraging children to participate in our church life, as the PCC wishes. To that end, I've cast my bread very liberally upon the waters – trying to get to know local people, visiting all the schools in the parish, the Community Shop, lunch club, WI, the two plant nurseries, and with Geoffrey Breeze's assistance again, making links with the local pubs and hotels, with a view to making the church visible in the community. We have used one venue for a post-pilgrimage lunch, another for a PCC awayday, and have forged a relationship with another as a venue for regular play-readings. I take an assembly at William Gilpin school every two weeks, and support Mel Osborne's work there as far as I am able. I've found her to be a very able and very supportive colleague, and Simon Croutear has been very welcoming. I have accepted his invitation to become an ex-officio governor.

Believing music and liturgy to be the most promising avenue for encouraging children to take part in our church life, I have put a lot of energy into forming a school-church choir, with the support of David and Helen Woodgates, and some promised help from Winchester Cathedral. At the time of writing, however, we are still waiting for the precentor (who has also promised help to set up an organ scholarship for a student) to tell us what resources are available.

Setting music aside, whether or not St John's has the physical space, liturgical tradition and personnel within the congregation to offer the kinds of activities that parents look for is still a question. A church which is run by and for retired people can serve a mature population very well but may effectively exclude others. For example, if the choir practice for half the year is during school and office hours, it effectively precludes anyone under retirement age from joining. As far as I'm aware, my paper with a wide range of suggestions for people to help grow young disciples, from praying with a national group on Zoom to volunteering to help Mel Osborne with projects, produced no response at all. It was difficult to muster enough stewards to enable the crib service to take place. This is not a criticism, but an open question about what this congregation's charism is, and whether welcoming and building up young people is part of its mission at the moment.

One way in which St John's serves younger people very well is by being available for weddings. As providing a vergger for the growing number of weddings is becoming onerous, we are advertising for verggers, who will be paid by the wedding couples. Weddings happily often lead to baptisms, and it's good to welcome local families who have lost touch with the church back for those occasions.

We know that social media platforms are now the way in which younger people learn about the world, communicate, and transact their social lives and relationships, including donating to the Church, and worshipping. I have no experience of this, and no website skills, so I am very grateful for the work of Don O'Connor and Geoffrey Breeze for their work on the church website, as well as for David Woodgates and his team's work to produce The Bridge. I have enlisted the help of Jeremy Moss from St Saviour's to help us create better information flow systems within the church, and Geoffrey Breeze to continue to help us improve the website. I am very pleased that the weekly pew sheet is now shared with St Mary's, and information and news from Brockenhurst's Spotlight can be included where relevant. Still to be tackled are good use of the noticeboards in the church and community, and a

decision about how to develop a presence on social media. We should also ask people to renew their subscription to the weekly email.

A special community project this year will be the tricentennial celebrations of William Gilpin's birth, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This project was initiated by Diana Neaum, and is being co-ordinated by Jo Humphreys, with contributions from Simon Croutear, Alison Bolton and Patrick Kempe (Local Parish History Society), Penelope Chitty and me. William Gilpin's achievements are of interest to teachers, artists, local historians and writers, so we hope that the festival will involve many people in the community and bring visitors from elsewhere. As part of this festival, we will also remember his curate, Richard Johnson, and welcome Di Strathdee (a friend of Don and Ann O'Connor) from St Philip's, Sydney on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Revd Terence Handley MacMath*

## **OVERSEAS MISSION**

St. John's connection with Byumba in Rwanda is alive and well.

We continue to sponsor three children's attendance at King Salomon Academy, and they are making good progress.

Last year we sent £1,195 to the Diocese of Byumba, which paid school fees for the three children, Asher, Bonheur, and Fabrice, as well as for three months supplies of cereals, milk and soap for the Hannah Ministry.

Sally went over in August, with Sally Hoole, specifically to attend Bishop Emmanuel's wedding, but also to check on the school and the Hannah Ministry.

Since Covid, the church in Byumba has been unable to finance food for the vulnerable children at the Hannah Ministry, so we bought enough supplies to last another three months. Sadly, this has now run out and there is nothing with which to feed the children and they are being sent home. This means that they will probably not eat for days at a time. I hope to be able to raise enough money to replenish stocks – the equivalent of £750 will feed 40 children and several vulnerable adults daily for three months.

School fees for two terms are due also at £85 per child per term.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, St John's held its annual Africa Sunday where this year's Lent Appeal was launched. Lyndhurst Deanery Mission Group hopes to raise enough money to bring pastors and teachers here to observe our churches and schools and to share best practice.

*Sally James*

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

This year, the main service was held inside the church, due to inclement weather. Wreaths were laid at the altar and then moved outside to the War Memorial after the service.

The following wreaths were laid:

- Boldre Parish Council; Vince Slattery, Chairman.
- Military; Lieutenant Colonel David Mans, PARA
- Boldre WI; Lynne Ball, Chairman.
- William Gilpin School; Simon Croutear, Headmaster.
- H.M.S. Hood; Captain Mark Hamilton, RN
- Honourable Artillery Company; Roger Bell.
- St John's and St Nicholas' Churches; Christopher Knox.

Unfortunately, our usual trumpeter, Doug Barlow, was not able to be present due to illness. However, we were very blessed to have Ethan Rose in his place, Ethan being a very talented young trumpeter who played 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' superbly, both at the main service and at the Canadian War Graves.

This year, there were no representatives of the Canadian Armed Forces, so a wreath was laid on their behalf at the war graves by David Mans. As usual, the children laid poppies on each individual grave and the short service ended with 'Last Post, Reveille' and the reciting of the Kohima Epitaph.

Very many thanks to all those who took part in the two services, to all the marshals and other helpers and particularly to Val Van der Hoven whose faultless staff work ensured that everything ran like clockwork. Who would have guessed that she had served in the army?

*Christopher Knox*

## **LYNDHURST DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

**Personnel:** Rev Simon Newham continued as area dean co-chairing the meetings with Bill Andrews, the lay representative. St John's representatives were Ruth Liley, who resigned at the end of her term in April 2023, Fiona Bruce, who took over from James Brushwood, and Mo Dawson. St John's is entitled to three representatives.

**Speakers:** During the year, speakers included: Claire Lingard from Envoy – a Church Army Programme to resource and encourage us to share our faith and Greg Eland, Diocese of Winchester Mission and Ministry Trainer – who spoke about lay support and training in Winchester Diocese.

In October, the importance of an online presence was No. 1 on the agenda and tips were given on how to make a good website:

- \* 1 in 5 people go to church online but do not physically go to church.
- \* 1 in 4 watched an online service during lockdown.
- \* 33% first found their church online.
- \* 17 million people visit church websites.
- \* £2.2 billion donated through church donation page.
- \* Most parishes use Facebook.

**The church tent:** Another successful time at the New Forest Show in 2023, organised by Rev David Potterton of Lyndhurst. The tent provided drinks of tea and coffee to at least 2500 people and between 400 and 500 faces were painted.

**Rwanda:** The Deanery visits Rwanda regularly, to encourage new and former relationships.

*Ruth Liley and Fiona Bruce*

## **FABRIC AND CHURCHYARD**

The new under-pew heating system was installed in March at a cost of £34,356 and has proved very satisfactory. The church now heats up very much quicker.

Work on the roof, the stonework, windows, louvres on the tower, bells, and main porch internal door, recommended by the Quinquennial Inspection report issued in January 2021, remains outstanding. Quotations were obtained for the works, and the total cost estimated at £58,246. In view of the overall cost and the need to obtain substantial support for them from the Boldre Church Trust, it was decided to spread these works over five years, and to start with work on the roof. The roof work includes making good the guttering around the building, work on wooden fascia boards, removing plant life and replacing missing, broken, and slipped tiles. A quotation of £17,760 for this work has been accepted and the contractor is due to start in April.

For several years Tim Farquhar and Bob Barlow have themselves undertaken or commissioned maintenance and repair work at St John's and at St Nicholas Chapel but have recently retired from this role. Their valuable practical skills will not be easily replaced by members of the congregation, and we are likely to make greater use of tradesmen in the future.

David Ridout continues to act as overseer in the maintenance of the churchyard and the graves. Internments of ashes are now taking place close to the hedge forming the north-eastern boundary of the churchyard and a number of upright memorial stones have already been placed there.

A total of £7,469 was spent on grass cutting, hedge trimming, renewal of post and rails, repainting of lamp posts and re-erection of an unsafe gravestone during the year.

*Graham Edmiston*

## **ST NICHOLAS CHAPEL**

Holy Communion services take place at the chapel on Sunday mornings at 8.00 am and on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am. The premises are shared with the benefice office, which the benefice administrator, Sally James, attends on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. At those times and after the Holy Communion service on Wednesday mornings, the chapel will be open for private contemplation and prayer.

The chapel is also used for PCC and other church meetings.

£992 was spent on grass cutting and hedge trimming in the chapel grounds during the year.

*Graham Edmiston*

## **SUMMER FETE**

Our principal fundraising event, the summer fete, raised almost £8,999 in 2023.

From the proceeds we were able to donate money to Boldre parish council to help their playground fund-raising effort. Many people from the wider community were involved in both, especially the summer fete. A straw poll conducted on the entrance gate indicated that the biggest draw to the fete was William Gilpin school. This time, Walhampton School ran a stall for the first time. Effective poster advertising and Caldwell signage was also a draw.

Happily, Boldre Produce Fair also had a stall and were able to raise interest for their annual show after the previous year's disappointing cancellation.

*Ruth Liley*

## **OTHER EVENTS**

The Stewardship Committee, led by Simon Derrick, continued its tradition of hosting an evening drinks party for the church community at Walhampton School in January 2023 and again on 28<sup>th</sup> January this year, attended by over 150 on both occasions, at no cost to church funds. Last year we were entertained by verse from Andrew; this year we received warm praise and encouragement from Terence.

St John's hosted a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion by the Nova Foresta Classical Players on 4 March and a choral Easter concert by the Romsey Singers on 1<sup>st</sup> April, both events attracting a full church.

On 16<sup>th</sup> April St John's hosted a performance by the Sway Handbell Ringers, accompanied by Timothy Rice on the organ.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> July St John's hosted a picnic and concert: Serenade to Ukraine, organised by John James, to raise funds for Ukraine, with local Ukrainian residents participating. It was intended to be an outdoor event, but the wet weather confined it to the church and a reduced attendance.

St John's annual harvest supper, organised by Carole Morris and her team of helpers, took place at the Boldre Memorial Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> September, a convivial gathering of 50 local residents.

The benefice annual quiz took place in the Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. It attracted 60 participants from the St John's and St Mary's communities. Our thanks to David and Helen Woodgates for their roles as quizmasters.

Dita Broster, the music teacher at William Gilpin School, led her adult choir, 'One way Ticket' in a concert at St John's on 10<sup>th</sup> December of popular classic songs, which was very well attended.

*Graham Edmiston*

## MUSIC

It has been good to have the resources to maintain a music tradition at St. John's - a loyal and able team of choristers who have turned their voices to an array of music covering several centuries, including the 20th century music of Herbert Howell's Like as the hart, sung at Terence's Licensing service in September 2023 - a challenging piece which the team committed themselves to 101%, and it showed. The occasional services of weddings and funerals have continued to demand choral input which is very much appreciated and the presence of musicians leading the singing at such occasions makes such a valuable difference.

On the organ front, it has been exciting to make use of the three (yes, three!) organs that we have at St. John's throughout the year - the famous "Willis" organ of Hereford Cathedral, a fantastic organ from Slovenia built as recently as 2007, and a more modest English instrument which exists at Moseley in Birmingham. Of course, there is not a single organ pipe to be found in sight, for the three organs we have are mere recordings of the real thing, but the sound produced is so pleasingly realistic.

Looking forward, 2024 holds an exciting agenda of music, beginning with a visit from the Romsey Singers in March; details of future events will be made available shortly.

*Timothy Rice*

## ECO CHURCH

Eco Church was raised this year as a new initiative for our parish and David Joseph has volunteered to be St John's eco champion looking ahead to 2024 and beyond. Eco Church is a nationwide, cross-denomination project of A Rocha UK which is a charity committed to mobilising Christians to care for nature. The concept is for the Church to consider how it is caring for God's earth in different areas of Church life and work, being, worship and teaching, management of church buildings, management of church land, community, and global engagement and finally lifestyle. Ultimately, it provides a structure for how we might contribute as a community to a greener and more sustainable society and environment.

The scheme itself takes the form of an online Eco Survey. The survey covers the five areas of Church life and work listed above and the answers are assessed independently, and an allocation of points given to the Church. The points collected contribute toward the attainment of Eco Church awards (bronze, silver and gold) and once an award is achieved, we may apply for a certificate or purchase a plaque for the Church to mark the achievement. We will be looking to initially complete the survey in Spring 2024.

*David Joseph*

## **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

In the year, 3 DBS have come up for renewal. One has renewed successfully and the other two are the subject of further discussion.

4 members of the PCC completed their Basic Awareness training, 6 completed their Foundations Pathway training and 5 completed their Domestic Abuse Awareness course. Safeguarding training is in hand for Church Welcomers.

Safeguarding is a Standing Item on every PCC agenda. No safeguarding issues have been raised this year.

A Dashboard introduced by the diocese in 2022 is working well and is a useful tool in maintaining an up-to-date overview of safeguarding performance throughout the year against the Diocesan Safeguarding template.

Those who are kind enough to volunteer for roles within the church are asked to complete some simple safeguarding training. They are also requested to apply for a DBS certificate, which can be done online. The first stage is for the Benefice Administrator to provide the volunteer with the basic information to enable the volunteer to start the application process. The second stage is for the identity documents used by the volunteer to be verified by the PSO, usually by a quick meeting in the Benefice Office.

Your PSO is constantly reminded of the importance of safeguarding. It is stressed to him that everyone should know what to do if they have a safeguarding concern of any kind. That concern should be shared in the first instance with the PSO on [safeguarding@boldrechurch.com](mailto:safeguarding@boldrechurch.com) who will escalate it to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA). If the concern is an emergency or there is a risk of immediate harm, the police must be alerted as well as Social Services. A report will then need to be written and emailed to the DSA who will manage the response.

*Nicholas Walford*

### **Financial Review Year Ended 31 December 2023**

Total income was £133,712 (2022 £149,585) of which £85,210 (2022 £88,420) was from PGS donations, collections, one off and other regular donations and green envelopes, including from Gift Aid recoverable tax. Net Benefice Fee income was £12,500 (2022 £7,940) The Annual Summer Fete raised £8,998 (2022 £9,494). Dividend income and interest earned amounted to £6,924 (2022 £6,576). An exceptional grant of £10,000 (2022 £23,250) was received from the Boldre Church Trust, to help meet the costs of the new heating system (2022 church tower repairs).

We would like to encourage parishioners to support St John's wherever possible through the Parish Giving Scheme, leaflets for which are at the entry to the Church and details online on the website. The associated Gift Aid recoverable tax increases the value of donations received by 25%; the administration is provided centrally at no cost to St John's.

Total expenditure was £164,663 compared with £155,917 in 2022 reflecting lower exceptional expenditure.

There was an unrealised gain on unrestricted investments of £17,250.

## **Income**

Planned Giving/Gift Aid whether under the PGS or by standing order, other than collections at services, is accounted for in the Gift Aid account on behalf of the PCC from which it is transferred to the current account each quarter when it is recorded in that account. Income tax recoverable is also accounted for in the Gift Aid account on behalf of the PCC and transferred to the current account each quarter. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC receives the money into its account. The Bridge magazine is accounted for because of the surplus received less a deduction of 27.5% paid to South Baddesley PCC in regard of their circulation. Income from fetes, etc. is accounted for after deduction of the outgoings. Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. The split of income between the Restricted and Unrestricted Funds is recorded per the wishes of the donors and the requirements of the trusts administered by the Winchester Diocese.

## **Designated Collections**

During the year designated collections on behalf of HMS Hood and The Royal British Legion were possible. No funds were retained by the PCC. The receipts and payments of all designated collections are not reported in the PCC accounts in line with Church Accounting Regulations.

## **Expenditure**

Grants and donations are recognised when paid. The parish share of the Diocesan Quota is accounted for when paid. In 2023 £45,000 in Diocesan Quota was paid, in line with the amount agreed with the Diocese of Winchester.

## **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2) (a) of the Charities Act 2011. Movable church fittings are also excluded from the accounts. All expenditure incurred during the year on these fixed assets is charged to expenditure. Investments are stated at market value as at 31 December 2023.

## **Trustees' expenses and related party transactions**

One Trustee, also a Churchwarden was paid for secretarial duties provided during the year. Otherwise, none of the Trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the PCC. One Trustee was provided with funds to cover expenses in carrying out the duties of the PCC in relation to its missionary work overseas. During the year, there have been no related third-party transactions that require disclosure (2021: £0)

### **h) Staff Costs**

Total staff costs and honoraria paid £

15,177

The average number of staff throughout the year was 2 (Benefice Secretary and Music)

## **Costs of Independent Examination and other Financial Services**

The independent examination of the 2023 accounts has been provided for a fee of £ 700 ( 2022 and before provided pro bono).

## **Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance**

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant.

### **Investment Reserves**

The value of our net assets increased to £262,205, of which £36,775 was restricted reserves held in investments.

Restricted reserves are retained towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church and the graveyard, in accordance with the PCC definition of Fabric and the terms of the under-lying legacy, given that legacies constitute the primary source of these reserves.

### **Financial and Reserves Policy**

It has been agreed that the PCC should follow a policy of seeking at least to break even year by year, to seek to meet as fully as is prudent its requested Diocesan Contribution and to build up reserves to provide longer term financial stability, thus enabling St John's, Boldre to continue active worship long-term. Its annual budget before any exceptional items is set on this basis.

In addition, it is the policy of the PCC to seek to hold readily realisable reserves the equivalent of six months budgeted normal expenditure, including gross salaries and honoraria, and the Diocesan levy as approved by the PCC, which for 2024 is £45,000, in line with the amount discussed with the Diocese of Winchester. This will be reviewed during the year in the light of actual financial performance. It is our policy to hold £1,000 to cover grants received annually the continuation of which cannot be guaranteed, plus £6,000 in a mission reserve to enable us to meet our mission commitments irrespective of amounts identified in any year's budget. It is also our policy to hold an amount for likely non-fabric repair and maintenance expenses including the churchyard.

In 2021 we received the independently prepared Quinquennial Inspection report detailing the condition of the church, which is Grade 2 listed. In addition to recommended works on the church tower, which were carried out during 2022 at a cost of £46,500 to which the Boldre Church Trust made a grant of £23,250, the report recommended other works including to windows, the roof and louvres. Advice and quotations for these works have been obtained. Roof work will be carried out during 2024. The costs may be significant. We are therefore making a provision for exceptional work of £100,000 related to the report which it is intended should be drawn down or revised as the specific recommendation need is met or its likely cost revised.

We have also committed to fund a Children and Families' Worker in the amount of £9,000 per year for three years from 2023. This is part of a joint project with the Churches at Brockenhurst and South Baddesley. The cost of this post is now taken as a normal item in the budget.

During the first quarter of 2023 the heating system at St John's was replaced at a cost of £36,000. This is an exceptional item.

We are actively seeking grants including from the Boldre Church Trust to cover exceptional costs incurred in relation to further work required under the Quinquennial Review.

Free reserves, including restricted items amounting to £36,793 (some of which are usable on fabric expenditure), based on these policies and provisions and the budget adopted for 2024, including the costs of roofing work, amount to £ . This reserve amount is reviewed annually as part of the budgetary process.

The PCC also considers it prudent to seek over time to build up longer term reserves with the aim of securing worship at St John's for the foreseeable future. To this end, in 2019 a Stewardship Campaign was launched to increase planned giving, including legacies. Good progress was made increasing the number of donors under the PGS, though this has now flattened. Parishioners have been affected by the Covid pandemic and the cost- of- living crisis. Additional available resources will be used to increase long term reserves and provide funds for additional mission work.

Our investment policy is to invest short-term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Securities Fund- Income Shares, and the remainder in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund-Income Shares, which attracts a better long- term return.

This report was approved by the Boldre Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

Name: Terence Handley MacMath

Position: Team Vicar

Signed ..... *Terence Handley MacMath* .....

18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Attachment: Boldre Parochial Church Council Working Groups during 2023

## MEMBERS OF BOLDRE PCC WORKING GROUPS (2023)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>OVERSEAS MISSION</b><br/> SALLY JAMES<br/> REVD. CANON ANDREW NEAUM<br/> PENELOPE CHITTY<br/> GRAHAM EDMISTON<br/> CHRISTINE NASH</p>  | <p><b>CHURCH &amp; CHAPEL FABRIC</b><br/> TIM FARQUHAR<br/> BOB BARLOW<br/> WITH GRAHAM EDMISTON</p>  |
| <p><b>EVENTS</b><br/> RUTH LILEY<br/> SANDY WALFORD<br/> ANDREW &amp; DIANA NEAUM<br/> JILL MATHEW<br/> RICHARD PICKANCE<br/> HILARY KNOX<br/> MAGGI COBB<br/> ANNA BRUCE<br/> GRAHAM EDMISTON<br/> MARY JEANS</p>   | <p><b>CHURCHYARD</b><br/> DAVID RIDOUT<br/> GRAHAM EDMISTON<br/> CHRIS KING</p>   |
| <p><b>FINANCE</b><br/> RICHARD TOLKIEN<br/> KATHERINE WHARMBY<br/> GRAHAM EDMISTON</p>   | <p><b>DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES</b><br/> RUTH LILEY<br/> FIONA BRUCE<br/> SALLY JAMES</p>   |
| <p><b>STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</b><br/> SIMON DERRICK<br/> SANDY WALFORD<br/> JO HUMPHREYS<br/> GRAHAM EDMISTON<br/> NICHOLAS WALFORD<br/> RICHARD TOLKIEN<br/> CHRISTOPHER KNOX<br/> SIMON NEWHAM</p>  | <p><b>FLOWERS @ ST NICHOLAS CHAPEL</b><br/> JILL MATHEW, CAROLE FENNING, ELAINE FENNING, ANGELA GRAINGER, CAROLE MORRIS, GILL CRUTCHLEY</p> |
| <p><b>FLOWERS @ ST JOHN'S</b><br/> JANNY BERNAYS, CLARIE BROOKE-SMITH, SANDY BRUCE, ANNABEL COLLENETTE, GILL CRUTCHLEY, MEL DACUNHA, JACQUI DAVIES, SUSAN HEAD, ANNE HENLEY, SARAH LATHAM, DIANA NEAUM, NETTY OLDFIELD, JENNY PICKANCE, JEAN POTTER, ANNETTE RIDOUT, DIANA STEWART, JO TURNAGE, GWYNNETH UNDERWOOD, JUDY UREN, ELIZABETH WALKER, CHRISTABEL WATERS, JANE WILFORD</p> |   |

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH  
OF BOLDRE**

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**Registered Charity Number: 1200694**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 18 to 22 of the financial report.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with Section 43(3) of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters which I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To fullest extent permitted by law; I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As described on page 5 the Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 156 of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 of the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view," and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have 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 Section 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting records of the Act have not been met.
2. or in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Brenda Peers-Ross*

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT, ACIE  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>2023<br>£ | Restricted<br>2023<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ | Restated<br>Unrestricted<br>2022<br>£ | Restated<br>Restricted<br>2022<br>£ | Restated<br>Total<br>2022<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                |       |                           |                         |                    |                                       |                                     |                                |
| Donations and legacies             | 1a    | 96,210                    | -                       | 96,210             | 117,390                               | -                                   | 117,390                        |
| Church activities                  | 1b    | 10,821                    | -                       | 10,821             | 9,140                                 | -                                   | 9,140                          |
| Events                             | 1c    | 19,757                    | -                       | 19,757             | 16,189                                | -                                   | 16,189                         |
| Investments                        | 1d    | 6,924                     | -                       | 6,924              | 6,866                                 | -                                   | 6,866                          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                |       | <b>133,712</b>            | <b>-</b>                | <b>133,712</b>     | <b>149,585</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>149,585</b>                 |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |       |                           |                         |                    |                                       |                                     |                                |
| Grants and missionary              | 2a    | 2,695                     | -                       | 2,695              | 7,674                                 | -                                   | 7,674                          |
| Activities - Church Ministry       | 2b    | 76,875                    | -                       | 76,875             | 66,109                                | -                                   | 66,109                         |
| Church maintenance                 | 2c    | 51,858                    | -                       | 51,858             | 52,879                                | -                                   | 52,879                         |
| Organist's salary, music exp.      | 2d    | 5,297                     | -                       | 5,297              | 4,780                                 | -                                   | 4,780                          |
| Church maintenance, admin.         | 2e    | 27,938                    | -                       | 27,938             | 23,680                                | -                                   | 23,680                         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>           |       | <b>164,663</b>            | <b>-</b>                | <b>164,663</b>     | <b>155,122</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>155,122</b>                 |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>    |       | <b>(30,951)</b>           | <b>-</b>                | <b>(30,951)</b>    | <b>(5,537)</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>(5,537)</b>                 |
| Transfer between funds             |       | -                         | -                       | -                  | -                                     | -                                   | -                              |
| <b>Net Movement in funds</b>       |       | <b>(30,951)</b>           | <b>-</b>                | <b>(30,951)</b>    | <b>(5,537)</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>(5,537)</b>                 |
| <b>Unrealised gains/(losses)</b>   |       | <b>16,978</b>             | <b>1,926</b>            | <b>18,904</b>      | <b>(19,936)</b>                       | <b>(10,447)</b>                     | <b>(30,383)</b>                |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 239,403                   | 34,849                  | 274,252            | 264,876                               | 45,296                              | 310,172                        |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |       | <b>225,430</b>            | <b>36,775</b>           | <b>262,205</b>     | <b>239,403</b>                        | <b>34,849</b>                       | <b>274,252</b>                 |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.  
Activities shown above.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BOLDRE**

(Registered Charity Number: 1200694)

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023**

|                                     | Notes | Unrestricted        | Restricted        | Total          | Restated            | Restated          | Restated       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                     |       | 2023                | 2023              | 2023           | Unrestricted        | Restricted        | Total          |
|                                     |       | £                   | £                 | £              | 2022                | 2022              | 2022           |
|                                     |       |                     |                   |                | £                   | £                 | £              |
| <b>Investments</b>                  | 3     | 200,608             | 36,795            | 237,403        | 183,358             | 34,849            | 218,207        |
| <b>Current Assets</b>               |       |                     |                   |                |                     |                   |                |
| Debtors                             | 4     | 4,903               | -                 | 4,903          | 596                 | -                 | 596            |
| Funds held by CVS                   |       | -                   | -                 | -              | -                   | -                 | -              |
| Cash at bank and in hand            |       | 25,376              | -                 | 25,376         | 55,449              | -                 | 55,449         |
|                                     |       | <b>30,279</b>       | <b>-</b>          | <b>30,279</b>  | <b>56,045</b>       | <b>-</b>          | <b>56,045</b>  |
| <b>Creditors</b>                    | 5     |                     |                   |                |                     |                   |                |
| Amounts falling due within one year |       | (5,477)             | -                 | (5,477)        | -                   | -                 | -              |
|                                     |       | <b>(5,477)</b>      | <b>-</b>          | <b>(5,477)</b> | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>       |
| <b>Net Current Assets</b>           |       | <b>24,802</b>       | <b>-</b>          | <b>24,802</b>  | <b>56,045</b>       | <b>-</b>          | <b>56,045</b>  |
| <b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>     |       | <b>225,410</b>      | <b>36,795</b>     | <b>262,205</b> | <b>239,403</b>      | <b>34,849</b>     | <b>274,252</b> |
| <b>Charity Funds</b>                |       | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
| Unrestricted funds                  | 6     | 225,430             | -                 | 225,430        | 239,403             | -                 | 239,403        |
| Restricted                          | 7     | -                   | 36,775            | 36,775         | -                   | 34,849            | 34,849         |
|                                     |       | <b>225,430</b>      | <b>36,775</b>     | <b>262,205</b> | <b>239,403</b>      | <b>34,849</b>     | <b>274,252</b> |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 10th September 2024  
Signed on behalf of the board of trustees.

*Terence Handley MacMath*

Revd Terence Handley MacMath Chair/Trustee

*Richard Tolkien*

Richard Tolkien Treasurer/Trustee

The notes on Pages 18 to Page 20 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

|  | 2023          | 2023       | 2023          | 2022           | 2022       | 2022           |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
|  | Unrestricted  | Restricted | Total         | Unrestricted   | Restricted | Total          |
|  | Funds         | Funds      |               | Funds          | Funds      |                |
|  | £             | £          | £             | £              | £          | £              |
| <b>1a Charitable Activities</b>                          |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| <b>Voluntary income</b>                                  |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| Donations Parish Giving                                  | 43,057        | -          | 43,057        | 43,357         | -          | 43,357         |
| Donations PGS Gift Aid                                   | 8,589         | -          | 8,589         | 8,841          | -          | 8,841          |
| Donations Planned Giving                                 | 5,524         | -          | 5,524         | 7,986          | -          | 7,986          |
| Green Envelope Giving                                    | 6,352         | -          | 6,352         | 8,137          | -          | 8,137          |
| Collections  | 8,225         | -          | 8,225         | 9,170          | -          | 9,170          |
| Donations on-line  | 4,853         | -          | 4,853         | 6,379          | -          | 6,379          |
| One off Donations  | 5,712         | -          | 5,712         | 4,039          | -          | 4,039          |
| Good Box Giving  | 1,664         | -          | 1,664         | 2,261          | -          | 2,261          |
| Council Energy Grant                                     | 1,000         | -          | 1,000         | 2,000          | -          | 2,000          |
| Boldre Church Trust                                      | 10,000        | -          | 10,000        | 23,250         | -          | 23,250         |
| Rwanda Donations   | 1,234         | -          | 1,234         | 1,970          | -          | 1,970          |
|  | <b>96,210</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>96,210</b> | <b>117,390</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>117,390</b> |
| <b>1b Church Activities</b>                              |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| Benefice Income (inc. St Mary's)                         | 10,821        | -          | 10,821        | 7,940          | -          | 7,940          |
| Bridge Magazines , other                                 | -             | -          | -             | 1,200          | -          | 1,200          |
|  | <b>10,821</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>10,821</b> | <b>9,140</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>9,140</b>   |
| <b>1c Other Income</b>                                   |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| Summer Fete  | 8,999         | -          | 8,999         | 9,494          | -          | 9,494          |
| Other fund raising                                       | 2,200         | -          | 2,200         | 2,995          | -          | 2,995          |
| Andrew and Diana Neaum leaving presen                    | 5,127         | -          | 5,127         | -              | -          | -              |
| Christmas cards, calendars & jam                         | 1,112         | -          | 1,112         | 1,928          | -          | 1,928          |
| Quiz   | 220           | -          | 220           | 1,772          | -          | 1,772          |
| Sales  | 2,099         | -          | 2,099         | -              | -          | -              |
|  | <b>19,757</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>19,757</b> | <b>16,189</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>16,189</b>  |
| <b>1d Investments</b>                                    |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| Dividends and interest                                   | 6,924         | -          | 6,924         | 6,866          | -          | 6,866          |
| <b>2a Grants and Missionary</b>                          |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| Rwanda grants and expenses                               | 2,695         | -          | 2,695         | 7,674          | -          | 7,674          |
|  |               |            | 195,537       |                |            |                |
| <b>2b Activities relating to work of Church Ministry</b> |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| Diocesan contribution , Mission fund                     | 45,000        | -          | 45,000        | 45,130         | -          | 45,130         |
| Clergy honoraria and Benefice secretary                  | 5,551         | -          | 5,551         | 7,632          | -          | 7,632          |
| Church running expenses electricity                      | 15,117        | -          | 15,117        | 13,347         | -          | 13,347         |
| Leaving gift for the Neaums                              | 5,131         | -          | 5,131         | -              | -          | -              |
| Children & family worker                                 | 6,076         | -          | 6,076         | -              | -          | -              |
|  | <b>76,875</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>76,875</b> | <b>66,109</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>66,109</b>  |
| <b>2c Church maintenance and projects</b>                |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| St John's Church inc. new boiler                         | 41,183        | -          | 41,183        | 50,734         | -          | 50,734         |
| St Nicholas's chapel                                     | 3,601         | -          | 3,601         | 2,145          | -          | 2,145          |
| St John's churchyard                                     | 7,074         | -          | 7,074         | -              | -          | -              |
|  | <b>51,858</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>51,858</b> | <b>52,879</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>52,879</b>  |
| <b>2d Organist's salary and expense</b>                  |               |            |               |                |            |                |
|  | 5,297         | -          | 5,297         | 4,780          | -          | 4,780          |
| <b>2e Church management and administration</b>           |               |            |               |                |            |                |
| Benefice office costs                                    | 16,240        | -          | 16,240        | 13,928         | -          | 13,928         |
| Professional fees  | 7,783         | -          | 7,783         | 6,084          | -          | 6,084          |
| Bank charges   | 610           | -          | 610           | 582            | -          | 582            |
| Insurance  | 3,305         | -          | 3,305         | 3,086          | -          | 3,086          |
|  | <b>27,938</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>27,938</b> | <b>23,680</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>23,680</b>  |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

|   | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>3 Investments</b>  |                                    |                                  |                    |                                    |                                  |                    |
| 10,623 shares CBF fixed interest securities fund                  | -                                  | 15,377                           | 15,377             | -                                  | 14,563                           | 14,563             |
| 14,797 shares Warburton Davis CBF Fixed interest securities' fund | -                                  | 21,418                           | 21,418             | -                                  | 20,286                           | 20,286             |
| 7,155.43 shares CBF investment fund                               | 200,608                            | -                                | 200,608            | 183,358                            | -                                | 183,358            |
|   | <b>200,608</b>                     | <b>36,795</b>                    | <b>237,403</b>     | <b>183,358</b>                     | <b>34,849</b>                    | <b>218,207</b>     |

Unrealised gain/(losses) in year

|              |  |  |               |  |  |                 |
|--------------|--|--|---------------|--|--|-----------------|
| Unrestricted |  |  | 16,978        |  |  | (19,936)        |
| Restricted   |  |  | 1,926         |  |  | (10,447)        |
|              |  |  | <b>18,904</b> |  |  | <b>(30,383)</b> |

|                         | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ | 2022<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>4 Debtors</b>        |                           |                         |                    |                           |                         |                    |
| Trade and other debtors | 4,747                     | -                       | 4,747              | 596                       | -                       | 596                |
| Pre-paid                | 156                       | -                       | 156                | -                         | -                       | -                  |
|                         | <b>4,903</b>              | <b>-</b>                | <b>4,903</b>       | <b>596</b>                | <b>-</b>                | <b>596</b>         |

|                                     | £              | £        | £              | £        | £        | £        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>5 Creditors</b>                  |                |          |                |          |          |          |
| Amounts falling due within one year |                |          |                |          |          |          |
| Others                              | (5,347)        | -        | (5,347)        | -        | -        | -        |
| HMRC                                | (130)          | -        | (130)          | -        | -        | -        |
| Deferred Income                     | -              | -        | -              | -        | -        | -        |
|                                     | <b>(5,477)</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>(5,477)</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> |

|                              |                |                |                  |          |                |   |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------|----------------|---|
| <b>6 Fixed Assets</b>        | -              | -              | -                | -        | -              | - |
| Unrestricted free reserves   | -              | -              | -                | -        | -              | - |
| Designated - General Reserve | 239,403        | 150,690        | (164,663)        | -        | 225,430        |   |
|                              | <b>239,403</b> | <b>150,690</b> | <b>(164,663)</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>225,430</b> |   |

|                              | Opening<br>Balance<br>£ | Movement<br>In<br>£ | 2022<br>Movement<br>Out<br>£ | Transfer<br>Between<br>Funds<br>£ | Balance<br>2022<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted Reserves</b> |                         |                     |                              |                                   |                      |
| Fixed Assets                 | -                       | -                   | -                            | -                                 | -                    |
| Unrestricted free reserves   | -                       | -                   | -                            | -                                 | -                    |
| Designated - General Reserve | 264,876                 | 149,585             | (175,058)                    | -                                 | 239,403              |
|                              | <b>264,876</b>          | <b>149,585</b>      | <b>(175,058)</b>             | <b>-</b>                          | <b>239,403</b>       |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

|                           | Opening Balance | Movement In  | 2023 Movement Out | Transfer Between Funds | Balance 2023  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>7 Restricted Funds</b> | £               | £            | £                 | £                      | £             |
|                           | 34,849          | 1,926        | -                 | -                      | 36,775        |
|                           | <b>34,849</b>   | <b>1,926</b> | -                 | -                      | <b>36,775</b> |

|                         | Opening Balance | Movement In | 2022 Movement Out | Transfer Between Funds | Balance 2021  |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Restricted Funds</b> | £               | £           | £                 | £                      | £             |
|                         | 45,296          | -           | (10,447)          | -                      | 34,849        |
|                         | <b>45,296</b>   | -           | <b>(10,447)</b>   | -                      | <b>34,849</b> |

**Related Parties**

There are no related parties transactions during the year or in 2022.

**Ultimate Controlling Party**

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

**Accounting Policies**

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Financial statements have been prepared under:

- (a) The Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006, governing the individual accounts of the PCC's, together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, accounting and reporting for Charities (SORP) 2015 (FRS 102) effective from 1st October 2019.
- (b) The Historical cost convention except for investment which are shown at market value. They include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

**Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent those that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and which are available for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds represent those that are subject to restrictions regarding their use which may only be applied for specific purposes.