

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SAINT BARNABAS BEXHILL-ON-SEA

England & Wales · Charity number 1201059

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2022-11-17

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

Contact

Address St. Barnabas Church
Cantelupe Road
Bexhill-On-Sea
TN40 1JG

Phone 01424210036

Email barnabas1jg@gmail.com

Activities

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

Activities: Promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ , according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

Classification

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

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£214,564	£456,235	-	-
2024-12-31	£88,832	£146,869	-	-
2023-12-31	£91,515	£300,698	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David George Cosgrove		2022-04-03
Helen Rosina Bridger		2022-04-03
Josephine Pajarito		2025-05-04
Kevin William Mitchelson		2022-04-03
Lynda Cosgrove		2025-05-04
Michael Raymond Henri Latham		2025-05-04
Peter Lewis Walker		2026-05-10
Peter Richard Chadwick		2022-04-03
Rev Martin Nigel Harper		2023-03-26
Rev ROBERT COATES		2024-11-30
Sally Ratcliff		2025-05-04
Victoria Harper		2025-05-04

Accounts

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ST. BARNABAS
BEXHILL-ON-SEA**

Registered Charity Number 1201059

**Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended
31st December 2025**

**Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
Chartered Accountants
20 Eversley Road
Bexhill-on-Sea
East Sussex
TN40 1HE**

Aim and Purposes

St. Barnabas Church, Bexhill is situated on the edge of Bexhill-on-Sea, on the corner of Sea Road and Cantelupe Road. It is within the Church of England in the Diocese of Chichester. The correspondence address is St Barnabas Church, Cantelupe Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1JG.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Clergy, in:-

- the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, social, evangelicalistic and ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objects.

The PCC also pays for the maintenance of the Curate's House.

The Priest in Charge and Churchwardens of St Barnabas are also Trustees of the St Barnabas Trust for Distressed Gentlefolk, charity number 211868, for whom separate accounts are prepared.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our clergy and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. For 2025 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church;
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community;
- Teaching, baptising, preparing for confirmation and nurturing new and existing believers;
- Putting faith into practice through prayer, scripture and sacrament;
- Learning about the gospel in small group situations;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish;
- Involving the community through our Easter, All Souls Day and Christmas celebrations;
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a centre and focus of life in Bexhill.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and we are pleased to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

There were 32 people on the church electoral roll at the end of 2025, 20 of whom were not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance was 47.

There are also two regular services during the week, including a monthly healing service.

Provision of the church buildings for people to enjoy

We celebrated 1 funeral in our church during the year. A further 13 funerals were conducted elsewhere.

The church is open during the day and people come to pray, light a candle and to reflect on life. A number of visitors come to look at the church building.

The church is used for a number of events during the year including:

- HUG (Rother and District Homeless Unity Group), an independent charity supporting the most vulnerable in our community by providing food, respite and assistance during the week (2 mornings and 1 afternoon). They use the main kitchen, and lower hall shower room and laundry facilities.
- The Coptic Church, currently without their own building, hold services in the lower Hall, and occasionally use the south aisle for larger gatherings.
- Marine Cadets twice a week.
- A weekly Knit and Natter group.
- A monthly coffee, cake and chat morning.
- A base for Bexhill Heritage Group that seeks to improve Bexhill's built environment and to celebrate its heritage.
- Music concerts.
- Regular Craft Fairs
- Jazz club rehearsals
- Cocaine Anonymous hold occasional meetings in the Horn Room.

The church is also used for a number of other activities from time to time, including the use of the church as a polling station for local elections.

The church is also a resource for the local primary school. Victorian days have been held in the church where pupils have presented information relating to the Victorian age.

The Church is also used for PCC meetings, and Advent and Lent groups.

We provide a postal address for Bexhill Heritage and provide them with a display board in church.

Mention should also be made of the churchyard which has again been successful in gaining recognition in "Bexhill in Bloom".

In May we welcomed back members of the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club for their Ixion Cavalcade, a motorcycle run dedicated to the memory of Canon Basil Davies who penned regular columns for The Motor Cycle from 1903 until his death in 1961 under the pseudonym Ixion. Canon Davies was for some of this time Vicar of St Barnabas. Fr Martin blessed the riders and their motorcycles before flagging them off for their run. They returned later for refreshments and presentations.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The Priest in Charge is also Chaplain to the local Fire Service and Chaplain to Eastbourne Lifeboat crew.

The Associate Vicar is also an on-call Chaplain at the Conquest Hospital in Hastings and is available to visit parishioners and others who request seeing a chaplain.

There have been a number of home communions, with links being renewed at one particular local residential and nursing care home. Pastoral visits have also taken place.

Provision for the poor and needy

We help HUG to maintain their support to vulnerable members of the community.

Donations to the Bexhill Food Bank have continued to be generous.

Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a centre and focus of life in Bexhill.

During 2025 work continued on essential repairs to the stonework, windows and rainwater goods, the work being virtually completed by the end of 2025.

Work also continued on providing new toilets and a kitchen in the north aisle, together with glazing the remainder of the north aisle to provide a new meeting area. Although the majority of this work was completed in 2025, a number of items were outstanding at the end of the year, and the contractor was issued a certificate of non-completion.

Work was also carried out to the flat roof above the rear staircase, and to electrical lighting circuits and fittings.

CCTV was installed to cover the main internal areas of the building.

Other works, identified in the 2020 Quinquennial inspection, still need to be addressed.

Further phases of our Transformation project are planned in the future. We continue to be advised by Ten Spires CIC and received a generous grant of £96,000 from the National Churches Trust. Outline plans are in place to convert the large southern church extension into a large rentable mezzanine office, with meeting spaces beneath. This cannot however be progressed until funding is in place.

Outline plans have also been drawn up to redevelop the church land and diocesan-owned Vicarage land, to enable the parish to realise capital and continued income to contribute to further church repairs and the reordering of the church.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £213,647 and are detailed in the Financial Report.

The planned giving envelopes and banker's orders was £3,786 and it was good to see the use of Gift Aid. Our total unrestricted voluntary income including tax recovered, but excluding legacies, was £107,343, which included the national Churches Trust Grant.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The PCC increased its parish share in 2025 to £10,109 for our churches' Parish Ministry Costs incurred by the diocese. The PMC covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy, and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds.

Trustee payments and expenses

See note 5 on page 12.

Reserves policy

It is the Policy of the PCC to hold sufficient funds to meet its commitments on a month-by-month basis, with the aim of avoiding any cash flow difficulties. Beyond this, however, it is the policy of the PCC not to build up free reserves for which no purpose has been identified, the PCC believing instead that surplus funds are more properly spent on the furtherance of the church's work of mission and growth.

The PCC's policy does allow for it to build up restricted funds, for example in the Repairs Fund, for specific projects identified in advance.

It is the policy of the PCC to place any fund balances, apart from the Barclays current and savings account, with the Flagstone Savings Platform.

Structure, governance and management

The parish is a charity but is exempted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of section 50 of the Charities Act 2011 but it has voluntarily registered – number 1201059. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (powers) Measure 1956.

Membership of the PCC, determined by the Church Representation Rules, consists of certain *ex officio* members (the Priest-in-Charge, Associate Vicar, Churchwardens and members of the Diocesan and Deanery Synods) and up to ten members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to serve for one year. Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Risk Management

There are in place a number of policies in place to deal with risks faced in managing the work of the church in the parish, including safeguarding, fire risks and financial procedures for the handling of cash and expenditure.

The Safeguarding Officer has been addressing the new safeguarding dashboard.

Contact details for the Safeguarding Officer are also on display and included in the weekly notice sheets.

Administrative Information

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

PCC members who have served on the Council are as follows:

Priest in Charge:	The Rev'd Fr Robert Coates	(Chairman)
Associate Vicar	The Rev'd Fr Martin Harper	
Wardens:	Mr Michael Latham	(from May 2025)
Deanery Synod:	Ms Josephine Pajarito-Hopkins	(from May 2025)
	Ms Victoria Clare	(from May 2025)
Elected members:	Mrs Helen Bridger	(Safeguarding Officer)
	Ms Victoria Clare	(from May 2025)
	Mr. David Cosgrave	
	Mrs Lyn Cosgrave	(from May 2025)
	Mr Kevin Mitchelson (Licensed Lay Reader)	(Assistant Treasurer)
	Ms Sally Ratcliff (Electoral Roll Officer)	(from May 2025)

Mr. Peter Chadwick continues to be acting treasurer.

Committees

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directive given by the Council. Its members are the officers of the PCC.

On behalf of the PCC

Fr. Robert Coates
Church Warden

17th March 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

Page 5

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in 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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Ashby FCCA ACA
Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
20 Eversley Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea,
East Sussex,
TN40 1HE.

3rd May 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Page 6

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Funds 2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	107,343	413	107,756	<i>25,820</i>
Charitable activities	2(b)	336	0	336	<i>829</i>
Other trading activities	2(c)	23,969	504	24,473	<i>24,361</i>
Investments	2(d)	8,725	0	8,725	<i>24,153</i>
Other receipts	2(e)	73,274	0	73,274	<i>13,669</i>
TOTAL INCOME		213,647	917	214,564	<i>88,832</i>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	3(a)	316	0	316	<i>1,491</i>
Charitable activities	3(b)	455,089	830	455,919	<i>145,378</i>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		455,405	830	456,235	<i>146,869</i>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(241,758)	87	(241,671)	<i>(58,037)</i>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		496,529	3,326	499,855	<i>557,892</i>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		254,771	3,413	258,184	<i>499,855</i>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing operations.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Page 7

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	7	7,173	2,657
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	112,990	17,362
Investments	9	141,244	423,773
Cash at Bank		11,132	65,651
		265,366	506,786
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year	10	14,355	9,588
NET CURRENT ASSETS		251,011	497,198
TOTAL NET ASSETS		258,184	499,855
PARISH FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted		254,771	496,529
Restricted		3,413	3,326
		258,184	499,855

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Fr. Robert Coates
Priest in Charge

Mr. P. Chadwick
Treasurer

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the PCC, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue, and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial activities once the PCC has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is when probate is granted, the amount known, there are sufficient funds available for distribution or when a distribution is received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Taxation

The PCC is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1st January 2006 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Any individual items acquired since 1st January 2006, with a cost of more than £1,000 has been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives at the following rate:

Freehold property - over 50 years on a straight line basis

Equipment - 25% straight line basis

Cash at Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

Current Assets Investments

Current Assets Investments includes cash held on deposit for investment purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the members of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the PCC. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Funds 2024 £
(a) <i>Donations and legacies</i>				
Planned Giving:				
Gift Aid donations	3,786		3,786	4,165
Income tax recoverable	710		710	1,714
Other planned giving	0		0	524
Collections at services	4,011		4,011	7,147
Income tax recoverable - GASDS	2,375		2,375	1,500
Grant - National Churches Trust	96,000		96,000	9,000
Legacy	250		250	0
Sundry donations	211	413	624	1,770
	107,343	413	107,756	25,820
(b) <i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees	336		336	829
	336	0	336	829
(c) <i>Other trading activities</i>				
Church hall lettings	12,757		12,757	13,555
Rent Receivable - 37 Sea Road	11,100		11,100	10,505
Fundraising activities	112	504	616	301
	23,969	504	24,473	24,361
(d) <i>Investments</i>				
Interest	8,725		8,725	24,153
	8,725	0	8,725	24,153
(e) <i>Other receipts</i>				
Listed Places of Worship VAT reimbursement	71,969		71,969	13,669
Insurance claim	1,305		1,305	0
	73,274	0	73,274	13,669
TOTAL INCOME	213,647	917	214,564	88,832

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Page 11

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Funds 2024 £
(a) <i>Raising funds</i>				
Fundraising events and other church advertising			0	205
Stewardship costs	316		316	214
Investment management fees			0	1,072
	316	0	316	1,491
(b) <i>Charitable activities</i>				
Missionary and Charitable Giving:				
Home missions and other church societies	40	317	357	151
Secular charities		139	139	0
	40	456	496	151
Ministry:				
Diocesan parish share	10,109		10,109	5,004
Church running expenses	24,318		24,318	24,237
Church maintenance	10,940		10,940	4,885
Upkeep of churchyard	1,463		1,463	3,373
Cost relating to the future development of the church:				
Project management			0	294
Architect's fees and planning fees	9,140		9,140	64,384
Church maintenance	391,809		391,809	34,077
Upkeep of services (including Organist)	3,008	374	3,382	1,687
Flowers	64		64	95
Printing, stationery & office supplies	75		75	438
Sundry expenses	251		251	200
Bank charges			0	2
Accountant's charges	1,008		1,008	950
Independent examiner's fees	444		444	430
Other professional fees			0	0
Other property costs				
Repairs and renewals	78		78	3,572
Other	1,598		1,598	1,513
Depreciation	744		744	86
	455,089	830	455,919	145,378
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	455,405	830	456,235	146,869

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Page 12

	2025 £	<i>2024</i> <i>£</i>
4. SUPPORT COSTS		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,008	<i>950</i>
Independent examiner's fees	444	<i>430</i>
	1,452	<i>1,380</i>

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Five PCC members who served in the year were reimbursed expenses totalling £1,690.05, all relating to costs incurred on behalf of St. Barnabas. St. Barnabas expenses are dual signatory so all credit card payments have to be made by PCC members and reimbursed.

	2025 £	<i>2024</i> <i>£</i>
6. GRANTS PAID		
All Grants were under £1,000	496	<i>151</i>
	496	<i>151</i>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (all unrestricted)

Freehold Property
Cost

At Cost at 1st January 2025
Additions during the year

At 31st December 2025

Depreciation

At 1st January 2025
Charge for the year

At 31st December 2025

Net Book Value

At 31st December 2025

At 31st December 2024

Freehold Property	Equipment £	Total £
3,173	3,378	6,551
0	5,260	5,260
3,173	8,638	11,811
516	3,378	3,894
86	658	744
602	4,036	4,638
2,571	4,602	7,173
<i>2,657</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,657</i>

The freehold property - 37 Sea Road - was built as a Curate's house, within the grounds of the Church.

No provision has been entered into the financial statements for any liability to maintain the PCC's buildings.

8. DEBTORS

Income Tax Repayments Due
Other debtors
Accrued interest

	2025 £	<i>2024</i> <i>£</i>
	1,936	<i>2,708</i>
	110,838	<i>11,120</i>
	216	<i>3,534</i>
	112,990	<i>17,362</i>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Page 13

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
9. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
Cash on deposit	141,244	<i>423,773</i>

10. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Other creditors	14,355	<i>9,588</i>
	14,355	<i>9,588</i>

11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought forward	Income	Expend-iture	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	4,256	37,362	(54,456)	12,838	0
Designated fund					
Future development of the church fund	492,273	176,285	(400,949)	(12,838)	254,771
	496,529	213,647	(455,405)	0	254,771

Details of the designated funds are as follows:

Future development of the church fund

A legacy was received in 2022 which the PCC have decided to designate for the purpose of the future development of the church.

Restricted funds

Alpha Fund	160	0	0	0	160
Organ Fund	1,075	0	0	0	1,075
St Francis Fund for the Homeless	1,931	0	0	0	1,931
Collections, Donations, etc. for Specific Purposes	160	917	(830)	0	247
	3,326	917	(830)	0	3,413
Total funds	499,855	214,564	(456,235)	0	258,184

Details of the restricted funds are as follows:

Alpha Fund

This fund was set up in 2010 for the purpose of running Alpha courses.

Organ Fund

This fund was set up in 2013 with donations and fund raising for the maintenance of the organ.

St Francis Fund for the Homeless

Donations and grants are made towards food and equipment for the homeless.

Collections and donations for specific purposes

During the year funds are collected, donated, granted or raised for specific purposes. These funds are then expended in the year they are received. In the year ended 31st December 2025 the following items passed through this fund:

Beachy Head Chaplaincy	175
Foodbank	115
Salvation Army	71
St Michaels Hospice	71
Fellowship of St Nicholas	71
Donations for flowers	164
Donations for candles	50
Donation for Altar Cloth	200
	917

The balance of £47 was funds collected for Foodbank which will be paid to the charity in 2026 and £200 was donated to replace the Altar Cloth which will be done in 2026.

12. TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

It was agreed by the PCC during 2024 that a transfer would be made from designated funds to cover any deficit in the general unrestricted fund. A transfer was made £12,838 for this purpose.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	16,545	9,275	25,820
Charitable activities	829	0	829
Other trading activities	24,361	0	24,361
Investments	24,153	0	24,153
Other receipts	13,669	0	13,669
TOTAL INCOME	79,557	9,275	88,832
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	1,491	0	1,491
Charitable activities	136,263	9,115	145,378
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	137,754	9,115	146,869
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(58,197)	160	(58,037)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward at 1st January 2024	554,726	3,166	557,892
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024	496,529	3,326	499,855

Accounts

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ST. BARNABAS
BEXHILL-ON-SEA**

Registered Charity Number 1201059

**Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended
31st December 2024**

**Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
Chartered Accountants
20 Eversley Road
Bexhill-on-Sea
East Sussex
TN40 1HE**

Aim and Purposes

St. Barnabas Church, Bexhill is situated on the edge of Bexhill-on-Sea, on the corner of Sea Road and Cantelupe Road. It is within the Church of England in the Diocese of Chichester. The correspondence address is St Barnabas Church, Cantelupe Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1JG.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, the Clergy, in:-

- the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, social, evangelicalistic and ecumenical;
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- Providing financial support to those in need and to other organisations with similar objects.

The PCC also pays for the maintenance of the Curate's House.

The Priest in Charge and Churchwardens of St Barnabas are also Trustees of the St Barnabas Trust for Distressed Gentlefolk, charity number 211868, for whom separate accounts are prepared.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our clergy and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'. For 2024 we discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church;
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community;
- Teaching, baptising, preparing for confirmation and nurturing new and existing believers;
- Putting faith into practice through prayer, scripture and sacrament;
- Learning about the gospel in small group situations;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Providing assistance to the poor and needy of the parish;
- Involving the community through our Easter, All Souls Day and Christmas celebrations;
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a centre and focus of life in Bexhill.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and we are pleased to welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

There were 39 people on the church electoral roll at the end of 2024, 25 of whom were not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance was 34 but this number increased to 52 at Easter and 53 at Christmas.

There are also two regular services during the week, including a monthly healing service.

Provision of the church buildings for people to enjoy

We celebrated 1 wedding and 2 funerals in our church during the year. A further 9 funerals were conducted elsewhere.

When the church is open during the day people come to pray, light a candle and to reflect on life. A number of visitors come to look at the church building.

The church is used for a number of events during the year including:

- HUG (Rother and District Homeless Unity Group), an independent charity supporting the most vulnerable in our community by providing food, respite and assistance during the week (2 mornings and 1 afternoon). They use the main kitchen, and lower hall shower room and laundry facilities.
- The Linen cupboard local volunteer group using the laundry facilities to provide fresh bed clothes for people leaving hospital.
- A weekly Knit and Natter group.
- A weekly bereavement group.
- A monthly coffee, cake and chat morning.
- A base for Bexhill Heritage Group that seeks to improve Bexhill's built environment and to celebrate its heritage.
- Music concerts.
- Monthly Craft Fairs
- Jazz club rehearsals

The church is also used for a number of other activities from time to time, including the use of the church as a polling station for local elections.

The church is also a resource for the local primary school. Victorian days have been held in the church where pupils have presented information relating to the Victorian age.

The Church is also used for PCC meetings, and Advent and Lent groups. The Church has also been used by the Deanery for a Deanery Synod meeting.

We provide a postal address for Bexhill Heritage and provide them with a display board in church.

Mention should also be made of the churchyard which has been successful in gaining recognition in the "Bexhill in Bloom".

In May we welcomed back members of the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club for their Ixion Cavalcade, a motorcycle run dedicated to the memory of Canon Basil Davies who penned regular columns for The Motor Cycle from 1903 until his death in 1961 under the pseudonym Ixion. Canon Davies was for some of this time Vicar of St Barnabas. Fr Martin blessed the riders and their motorcycles before flagging them off for their run. They returned later for refreshments and presentations.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

The Priest in Charge is also Chaplain to the local Fire Service and Chaplain to Eastbourne Lifeboat crew.

The Associate Vicar is also an on-call Chaplain at the Conquest Hospital in Hastings and is available to visit parishioners and others who request seeing a chaplain.

There have been a number of home communions, with links being renewed at one particular local residential and nursing care home. Pastoral visits have also taken place.

Provision for the poor and needy

We help HUG to maintain their support to vulnerable members of the community.

Donations to the Bexhill Food Bank have continued to be generous.

Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a centre and focus of life in Bexhill.

During 2024 work commenced on essential repairs to the stonework, windows and rainwater goods. This work is on-going. There are two major contracts valued at £152K and £210K. A grant has been awarded by the National Churches Trust of £96K in respect of the expenditure.

Work also commenced on providing new toilets and a kitchen in the north aisle, together with glazing the remainder of the north aisle to provide a new meeting area.

The curate's house also underwent repairs to the roof.

Other works, identified in the 2020 Quinquennial inspection, still need to be addressed.

Further phases of our Transformation project are planned in the future. We continue to be advised by Ten Spires CIC and are receiving support from the National Churches Trust. Outline plans are in place to convert the large southern church extension into a large rentable mezzanine office, with meeting spaces beneath. This cannot however be progressed until funding is in place.

Outline plans have also been drawn up to redevelop the church land and diocesan-owned Vicarage land, to enable the parish to realise capital and continued income to contribute to further church repairs and the reordering of the church.

Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

The total receipts on general unrestricted funds received were £79,557 and are detailed in the Financial Report.

The planned giving envelopes and banker's orders was £6,403 and it was good to see the use of Gift Aid through the Parish Giving Scheme. Our total unrestricted voluntary income including tax recovered, but excluding legacies, was £16,545.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

The PCC reduced its parish share in 2024 to £5,000 for our churches' Parish Ministry Costs incurred by the diocese. The PMC covers the housing, stipend and pension costs of the clergy, and also a standard sum for diocesan central costs, clergy training and a contribution to national church funds. The PCC were cognisant of the fact that until the end of November the parish was in interregnum and the diocese was also receiving an income from letting the Vicarage. The reduction in parish share is seen as temporary and largely due to the high expenditure currently being incurred by the PCC on building works.

Trustee payments and expenses

See note 5 on page 12.

Reserves policy

It is the Policy of the PCC to hold sufficient funds to meet its commitments on a month-by-month basis, with the aim of avoiding any cash flow difficulties. Beyond this, however, it is the policy of the PCC not to build up free reserves for which no purpose has been identified, the PCC believing instead that surplus funds are more properly spent on the furtherance of the church's work of mission and growth.

The PCC's policy does allow for it to build up restricted funds, for example in the Repairs Fund, for specific projects identified in advance.

It is the policy of the PCC to place any fund balances, apart from the Barclays current and savings account, with the Flagstone Savings Platform.

Structure, governance and management

The parish is a charity but is exempted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of section 50 of the Charities Act 2011 but it has voluntarily registered – number 1201059. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (powers) Measure 1956.

Membership of the PCC, determined by the Church Representation Rules, consists of certain *ex officio* members (the Priest-in-Charge, Associate Vicar, Churchwardens and members of the Diocesan and Deanery Synods) and up to ten members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to serve for one year. Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Risk Management

There are in place a number of policies in place to deal with risks faced in managing the work of the church in the parish, including safeguarding, fire risks and financial procedures for the handling of cash and expenditure.

A 'Simple Quality Protects' file is available for inspection at the back of church, containing policies relating to Safer Activities, Safer Practice, Safer Structures and Safer People.

Contact details for the Safeguarding Officer are also on display and included in the weekly notice sheets.

Administrative Information

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The full PCC met many times during the year, with an average attendance of 85%

PCC members who have served on the Council are as follows:

Priest in Charge:	The Rev'd Fr Robert Coates	(Chairman) (From November 2024)
Associate Vicar	The Rev'd Fr Martin Harper	(Chairman until November 2024)
Wardens:	Mr. Russell Meredith	(until June 2024)
	Mrs Judith Meredith	(until June 2024)
Deanery Synod:	Mr. Russell Meredith	
	Mrs Judith Meredith	
Elected members:	Mrs Helen Bridger	(Safeguarding Officer)
	Mr. Peter Chadwick	(until July 2024) (Treasurer)
	Mrs Kate Chadwick	(until April 2024)
	Mr. David Cosgrave	(from August 2024)
	Mr Kevin Mitchelson	(Licensed Lay Reader) (Assistant Treasurer)
	Miss Angela Wylie	

It should be noted that since June the parish has been without churchwardens. New churchwardens and further PCC members are being actively sought.

Committees

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directive given by the Council. Its members are the officers of the PCC.

On behalf of the PCC

Fr. Robert Coates
Priest in Charge

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Page 5

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in 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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Ashby FCCA ACA
Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
20 Eversley Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea,
East Sussex,
TN40 1HE.

30th April 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Page 6

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	16,545	9,275	25,820	15,022
Charitable activities	2(b)	829	0	829	643
Other trading activities	2(c)	24,361	0	24,361	25,289
Investments	2(d)	24,153	0	24,153	25,883
Other receipts	2(e)	13,669	0	13,669	24,678
TOTAL INCOME		79,557	9,275	88,832	91,515
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	3(a)	1,491	0	1,491	3,251
Charitable activities	3(b)	136,263	9,115	145,378	297,447
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		137,754	9,115	146,869	300,698
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(58,197)	160	(58,037)	(209,183)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		554,726	3,166	557,892	767,075
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		496,529	3,326	499,855	557,892

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing operations.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	7	2,657	2,743
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	17,362	27,923
Investments	9	423,773	508,109
Cash at Bank		65,651	35,966
		<u>506,786</u>	<u>571,998</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year	10	9,588	16,849
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>497,198</u>	<u>555,149</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>499,855</u>	<u>557,892</u>
PARISH FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted		496,529	554,726
Restricted		3,326	3,166
		<u>499,855</u>	<u>557,892</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Fr. Robert Coates
Priest in Charge

Mr. P. Chadwick
Treasurer

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the PCC, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue, and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial activities once the PCC has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is when probate is granted, the amount known, there are sufficient funds available for distribution or when a distribution is received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Taxation

The PCC is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1st January 2006 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Any individual items acquired since 1st January 2006, with a cost of more than £1,000 has been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives at the following rate:

Freehold property - over 50 years on a straight line basis

Equipment - 25% straight line basis

Cash at Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

Current Assets Investments

Current Assets Investments includes cash held on deposit for investment purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the members of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the PCC. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
(a) <i>Donations and legacies</i>				
Planned Giving:				
Gift Aid donations	4,165		4,165	3,535
Income tax recoverable	1,714		1,714	1,619
Other planned giving	524		524	580
Collections at services	7,147		7,147	6,833
Income tax recoverable - GASDS	1,500		1,500	2,000
Grant - National Churches Trust		9,000	9,000	0
Sundry donations	1,495	275	1,770	455
	16,545	9,275	25,820	15,022
(b) <i>Charitable activities</i>				
Fees	829		829	643
	829	0	829	643
(c) <i>Other trading activities</i>				
Church hall lettings	13,555		13,555	13,293
Rent Receivable - 37 Sea Road	10,505		10,505	10,080
Fundraising activities	301		301	1,916
	24,361	0	24,361	25,289
(d) <i>Investments</i>				
Interest	24,153		24,153	25,883
	24,153	0	24,153	25,883
(e) <i>Other receipts</i>				
Listed Places of Worship VAT reimbursement	13,669		13,669	22,554
Insurance claim			0	2,124
	13,669	0	13,669	24,678
TOTAL INCOME	79,557	9,275	88,832	91,515

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Page 11

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
(a) <i>Raising funds</i>				
Fundraising events and other church advertising	205		205	1,383
Stewardship costs	214		214	276
Investment management fees	1,072		1,072	1,592
	1,491	0	1,491	3,251
(b) <i>Charitable activities</i>				
Missionary and Charitable Giving:				
Church overseas missionary societies			0	182
Home missions and other church societies	140	11	151	0
Secular charities			0	80
	140	11	151	262
Ministry:				
Diocesan parish share	5,004		5,004	30,000
Clergy advertising			0	500
Church running expenses	24,237		24,237	21,246
Church maintenance	4,885		4,885	16,091
Upkeep of churchyard	3,373		3,373	2,155
Cost relating to the future development of the church:				
Project management	294		294	42,997
Architect's fees and planning fees	55,384	9,000	64,384	125,362
Community Mission			0	3,257
Church maintenance	33,973	104	34,077	23,930
Upkeep of services (including Organist)	1,687		1,687	1,618
Flowers	95		95	146
Printing, stationery & office supplies	438		438	3,994
Sundry expenses	200		200	189
Bank charges	2		2	0
Accountant's charges	950		950	950
Independent examiner's fees	430		430	430
Other professional fees			0	360
Other property costs				
Repairs and renewals	3,572		3,572	22,290
Other	1,513		1,513	1,584
Depreciation	86		86	86
	136,263	9,115	145,378	297,447
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	137,754	9,115	146,869	300,698

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Page 12

	2024 £	<i>2023</i> <i>£</i>
4. SUPPORT COSTS		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	950	<i>950</i>
Independent examiner's fees	430	<i>430</i>
	1,380	<i>1,380</i>

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Four PCC members who served in the year were reimbursed expenses totalling £4,555, all relating to costs incurred on behalf of St. Barnabas. St. Barnabas expenses are dual signatory so all credit card payments have to be made by PCC members and reimbursed.

	2024 £	<i>2023</i> <i>£</i>
6. GRANTS PAID		
All Grants were under £1,000	151	<i>262</i>
	151	<i>262</i>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (all unrestricted)

Freehold Property
Cost

At Cost at 1st January 2024
Additions during the year

At 31st December 2024

Depreciation

At 1st January 2024
Charge for the year

At 31st December 2024

Net Book Value

At 31st December 2024

At 31st December 2023

Freehold Property	Equipment £	Total £
3,173	3,378	6,551
0	0	0
3,173	3,378	6,551
430	3,378	3,808
86	0	86
516	3,378	3,894
2,657	0	2,657
<i>2,743</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,743</i>

The freehold property - 37 Sea Road - was built as a Curate's house, within the grounds of the Church.

No provision has been entered into the financial statements for any liability to maintain the PCC's buildings.

8. DEBTORS

Income Tax Repayments Due
Other debtors
Accrued interest

	2024 £	<i>2023</i> <i>£</i>
	2,708	<i>2,808</i>
	11,120	<i>16,777</i>
	3,534	<i>8,338</i>
	17,362	<i>27,923</i>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Page 13

	2024 £	2023 £
9. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
Cash on deposit	423,773	508,109

10. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Other creditors	9,588	16,849
	9,588	16,849

11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	(35,871)	42,287	(38,031)	35,871	4,256
Designated fund					
Future development of the church fund	590,597	37,270	(99,723)	(35,871)	492,273
	554,726	79,557	(137,754)	0	496,529

Details of the designated funds are as follows:

Future development of the church fund

A legacy was received in 2022 which the PCC have decided to designate for the purpose of the future development of the church.

Restricted funds

Alpha Fund	160	0	0	0	160
Renovation fund	0	104	(104)	0	0
Organ Fund	1,075	0	0	0	1,075
St Francis Fund for the Homeless	1,931	0	0	0	1,931
Future development of the church fund	0	9,000	(9,000)	0	0
Collections, Donations, etc. for Specific Purposes	0	171	(11)	0	160
	3,166	9,275	(9,115)	0	3,326
Total funds	557,892	88,832	(146,869)	0	499,855

Details of the restricted funds are as follows:

Alpha Fund

This fund was set up in 2010 for the purpose of running Alpha courses.

Renovation fund

Monies donated towards the renovation of the church are held in this fund until expended.

Organ Fund

This fund was set up in 2013 with donations and fund raising for the maintenance of the organ.

St Francis Fund for the Homeless

Donations and grants are made towards food and equipment for the homeless.

Collections and donations for specific purposes

During the year funds are collected, donated, granted or raised for specific purposes. These funds are then expended in the year they are received. In the year ended 31st December 2024 the following items passed through this fund:

Donation for new Liturgy book	160
Donations for National Churches Trust	11
	171

At the end of the year the donation towards the new Liturgy book was still being held, this was spent in February 2025.

Future development of the church fund

The PCC received a grant for the purpose of the future development of the church. This grant was fully expended during the year.

12. TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

It was agreed by the PCC during 2024 that a transfer would be made from designated funds to cover any deficit in the general unrestricted fund. A transfer of £35,871 was therefore made during 2024 for this purpose.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	14,362	660	15,022
Charitable activities	643	0	643
Other trading activities	24,417	872	25,289
Investments	25,883	0	25,883
Other receipts	24,678	0	24,678
TOTAL INCOME	89,983	1,532	91,515
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	3,251	0	3,251
Charitable activities	295,827	1,620	297,447
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	299,078	1,620	300,698
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(209,095)	(88)	(209,183)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward at 1st January 2023	763,821	3,254	767,075
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023	554,726	3,166	557,892

Accounts

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF ST. BARNABAS
BEXHILL-ON-SEA**

Registered Charity Number 1201059

**Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended
31st December 2023**

**Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
Chartered Accountants
20 Eversley Road
Bexhill-on-Sea
East Sussex
TN40 1HE**

Aim, and Purposes

St. Barnabas Church, Bexhill is situated on the edge of Bexhill-on-Sea, on the corner of Sea Road and Cantelupe Road. It is within the Church of England in the Diocese of Chichester. The correspondence address is St Barnabas Church, Cantelupe Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1JG.

The primary aim and purpose of St Barnabas Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

St Barnabas aims to be a welcoming, friendly church, grounded in its Low Church foundation and social outreach, the evolved Anglo-Catholic history and tradition and more recent evangelical expression and a gentle charismatic emphasis. The church and congregation are a diverse group of mostly older people seeking to create and maintain an authentic community of faith and life together.

The PCC has the responsibility with the clergy in partaking in and promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole Mission of the Church, pastoral, social and ecumenical activities.

Objectives and activities

The parish is currently in an interregnum with services being conducted by local retired clergy, one of whom has been appointed as a sequestrator (additional to the Rural Dean and churchwardens) to provide continuity for the parish. The prime objective of the trustees has been to give stability for worship and parish life and to be a base for mission and growth.

The trustees continue to connect with the surrounding community, most significantly by reaching out to the homeless and lonely in the Bexhill area in association with specialist local agencies.

HUG (Rother and District Homelessness Unity Group) is an independent charity supporting the most vulnerable in our community by providing food, respite and assistance during the week (2 mornings and 1 afternoon). They use the main kitchen, and the lower hall shower room and laundry facilities. The Linen Cupboard is a local volunteer group that use the laundry facilities to provide fresh bed clothes for people leaving hospital. These are of direct public benefit.

The lower hall is still available as an emergency night shelter if required by the district council.

The parish hosts non-religious meetings for the community: a weekly Knit and Natter group, a weekly bereavement group, and a monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat morning.

As a public benefit, the trustees encourage the local community to use the building at times when there are no church services, and hire it out for public meetings, concerts catering for all tastes in music, craft fairs, art exhibitions and the like. The lower hall is also let out to various smaller groups, which include addiction support groups, music rehearsals and similar. These activities also generate much needed rental income.

Following a major legacy in 2022, the PCC has embarked on a transformation project, advised by Ten Spires CIC, using the legacy as seed-money towards receiving substantial grants. The National Churches Trust provided matched funding for an initial feasibility study on enhancing the church for wider use, and to make the building self-financing. Detailed plans have then been prepared to build three toilets, a servery and enclosed seating area within the little-used north aisle. These plans have been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, for approval.

Outline plans were drawn up, and submitted to public consultation, to convert the large southern extension into a large rentable mezzanine office, with three meeting spaces beneath. Solid proposals will be submitted when funding permits.

Outline plans have been drawn up to redevelop the church land, and the diocesan-owned rectory land, to enable the parish to realise capital and continued income to contribute to the church repairs and reordering. These plans are being discussed with Rother District Council as part of a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA).

Achievements and performance

Congregation numbers have not yet returned to their pre-Covid levels, and average 30 attendance at the Sunday Eucharist, and an active congregation of 41. There are two weekday Eucharists, with numbers varying up to a dozen. There are 38 members on the Electoral Roll. The PCC held 15 meetings in the year.

At Easter, there were 77 attending worship, including an outreach Easter Songs of Praise following local leafleting. Christmas attendances were 89. In the year there was one adult baptism and confirmation, no weddings and three funerals. Monthly healing services have been re-established.

A Bring and Share Harvest Lunch attracted 33 people.

We are very grateful for the assistance of retired members of Clergy who live in the local area and with their help we have been able to maintain our usual services. In particular we thank Fr Edward Bryant for his exceptional support for us last year and the first quarter of 2023. We are now indebted to Fr Martin Harper for his continuous support for all services and parish visits, also as a chaplain to the PCC and an advisor on building plans.

Home Communion, pastoral visits, house groups and prayer groups have been intermittent.

During the year the parish had the services of a lady organist, until she left the area. Otherwise, there is no musician for services, and recorded music is used.

Following the recent bequest, the parish paid a full parish share assessment for the year of £30,000.

We have managed to help the Homelessness Unity Group to maintain their support to the vulnerable members of the community. Donations of food for the Food Bank have continued to be generous.

St Barnabas continues to host meetings of Bexhill Heritage, and provide them with a postal address and display board space.

The church was hired as a polling station for a Sackville Ward town council by-election in December.

There were five Saturday Craft Fairs in the year, run by the crafting community.

The Victorian Heyday festival in June provided our principal entertainment events in the church, and featured a well-attended harp concert, Sussex Day celebrations, Music in the Parlour piano recital, and an evening of West End songs. Attendance varied from 70 to 110 people for these events. A highly-appreciated Living Museum of Victorian characters and personalities was undertaken by two year 4 classes from St Peter and Paul primary school. We are pleased to have renewed contacts with the school, who subsequently brought children and parents of the next school year to use the church space to present these children's work.

On a Sunday morning in May, St Barnabas welcomed the return of the members of the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club, for their Ixion Cavalcade, a motorcycle run dedicated to the memory of Canon Basil Davies BA, who penned regular columns for The Motor Cycle from 1903 until his death in 1961 under the pseudonym Ixion, and was for some of this time vicar at St Barnabas. The motorcyclists were particularly pleased that our acting vicar blessed the assembly and flagged the motorcyclists off.

In August, the church hosted four weekly Open Church and Craft Activities mornings for children and parents. The church was open in September on the main Heritage Open Day, when a booklet was launched, commissioned by the PCC, outlining the social and architectural history of the church.

Maintenance

Only essential maintenance has been performed in the calendar year 2023, so the majority of items from the 2020 Quinquennial inspection remain unresolved.

Work undertaken on the church building consisted of repair to the stonework on most of the windows on the south side of the church, inspection and repair of rainwater goods, repair to glass and window frames in the lower hall, and a leaded plain glass panel in the kitchen.

The downstairs toilet required a new waste pipe.

The aged church boiler continues to give concern, but the diocese wishes any replacement to use green energy. This will be addressed in the transformation project.

Maintenance (continued)

The PCC resolved that the pipe organ is beyond repair, and to leave the pipes permanently in situ.

The southern roof of the curate's house started leaking, and had to be repaired and re-tiled to make it safe and keep the building inhabitable for our tenants. Sink holes in the car park await decisions on the site.

The "People's Garden" and flower beds continue to thrive. The PCC has resumed maintenance of the church garden in Brassey Road from the district council.

Financial Review

The attached financial statements show the current state of affairs of finance. There are 4 members of the Free Will Offering scheme, all of whom are able to Gift Aid their contributions.

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds to allow them to continue to run the church on a day to day basis and have a contingency against unforeseen situations. It is the PCC's policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds with the CBF Church of England Deposit Funds. At 31st December 2023 the reserves held in the general unrestricted fund were as reflected in the annual accounts. See note 12 below regarding the deficit.

As well as holding the above general reserves, from time to time the PCC receives restricted income for expenditure for particular purposes, defined by the donor. It is aimed to expend such money as soon as possible, depending on the specific nature of the particular purpose. At 31st December 2023 the balance of restricted funds were as reflected in the annual accounts and will be retained for the purposes stated.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council of Saint Barnabas Bexhill-on-Sea is a registered charity, charity number 1201059.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members, churchwardens, members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Members are encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we seek to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

A separate charity: The St. Barnabas Trust for Distressed Gentlefolk (charity number 211868) is managed by the PCC.

Risk Management

There are in place a number of controls to deal with risks faced in managing the work of the church in the parish, including safeguarding, fire risks and financial procedures for the handling of cash and expenditure.

Administrative Information

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The full PCC met many times during the year, with an average attendance of 85%

PCC members who have served on the Council are as follows:

<i>Priest in Charge</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>	
<i>Additional sequestrator</i>	<i>Fr Martin Harper</i>	<i>(from March 2023)</i>
<i>Churchwardens</i>	<i>Mrs Judith Marshall</i>	<i>(until July 2023)</i>
	<i>Miss Angela Wylie</i>	<i>(until July 2023)</i>
	<i>Mrs Judith Meredith</i>	<i>(from July 2023, and PCC Secretary from January 2023)</i>
	<i>Mr Russell Meredith</i>	<i>(from July 2023)</i>
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	<i>Mr Peter Chadwick</i>	<i>(until June 2023)</i>
	<i>Mrs Judith Meredith</i>	<i>(from July 2023)</i>
	<i>Mr Russell Meredith</i>	<i>(from July 2023)</i>
<i>Elected members</i>	<i>Mr Peter Chadwick</i>	<i>(Treasurer)</i>
	<i>Mrs Sally Ratcliff</i>	<i>(Secretary, resigned January 2023)</i>
	<i>Mr David Ball</i>	<i>(until March 2023)</i>
	<i>Mrs Helen Bridger</i>	<i>(Safeguarding officer)</i>
	<i>Mrs Kate Chadwick</i>	<i>(seconded in April 2023)</i>
	<i>Mr David Cosgrove</i>	
	<i>Mrs Teresa Hills</i>	<i>(resigned February 2023)</i>
	<i>Mrs Judith Meredith</i>	<i>(to March 2023)</i>
	<i>Mr Russell Meredith</i>	<i>(to March 2023)</i>
	<i>Mr Kevin Mitchelson</i>	
	<i>Miss Angela Wylie</i>	<i>(from March 2023)</i>

Committees

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directive given by the Council. Its members are the officers of the PCC.

On behalf of the PCC

Mr H.R. Meredith
Church Warden

22nd March 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

Page 5

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations and section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under the Church Accounting Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in 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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Samantha Whiting FCA
Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
20 Eversley Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea,
East Sussex,
TN40 1HE.

28th March 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Page 6

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	14,362	660	15,022	69,141
Charitable activities	2(b)	643	0	643	96
Other trading activities	2(c)	24,417	872	25,289	20,923
Investments	2(d)	25,883	0	25,883	6,661
Other receipts	2(e)	24,678	0	24,678	2,156
TOTAL INCOME		89,983	1,532	91,515	98,977
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	3(a)	3,251	0	3,251	1,019
Charitable activities	3(b)	295,827	1,620	297,447	118,164
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		299,078	1,620	300,698	119,183
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(209,095)	(88)	(209,183)	(20,206)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		763,821	3,254	767,075	787,281
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		554,726	3,166	557,892	767,075

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing operations.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Page 7

	Notes	£ 2023	£ 2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	7	2,743	2,829
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	27,923	12,305
Investments	9	508,109	755,750
Cash at Bank		35,966	29,113
		<u>571,998</u>	<u>797,168</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year	10	16,849	32,922
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>555,149</u>	<u>764,246</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>557,892</u></u>	<u><u>767,075</u></u>
PARISH FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted		554,726	763,821
Restricted		3,166	3,254
		<u><u>557,892</u></u>	<u><u>767,075</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22nd March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Mrs J.D. Meredith
Churchwarden

Mr. P. Chadwick
Treasurer

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the PCC, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

There are no material uncertainties about the PCC's ability to continue, and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial activities once the PCC has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is when probate is granted, the amount known, there are sufficient funds available for distribution or when a distribution is received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when due. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Taxation

The PCC is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 1st January 2006 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Any individual items acquired since 1st January 2006, with a cost of more than £1,000 has been capitalised in the accounts and depreciated over their useful economic life.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives at the following rate:

Freehold property - over 50 years on a straight line basis

Equipment - 25% straight line basis

Cash at Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

Current Assets Investments

Current Assets Investments includes cash held on deposit for investment purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the members of the PCC.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the PCC. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Funds 2022 £
<i>(a) Donations and legacies</i>				
Planned Giving:				
Gift Aid donations	3,535		3,535	5,715
Income tax recoverable	1,619		1,619	1,884
Other planned giving	580		580	1,440
Collections at services	6,568	265	6,833	8,511
Income tax recoverable - GASDS	2,000		2,000	2,000
Legacy			0	49,253
Sundry donations	60	395	455	338
	14,362	660	15,022	69,141
<i>(b) Charitable activities</i>				
Fees	643		643	96
	643	0	643	96
<i>(c) Other trading activities</i>				
Church hall lettings	13,293		13,293	10,111
Rent Receivable - 37 Sea Road	10,080		10,080	10,080
Fundraising activities	1,044	872	1,916	732
	24,417	872	25,289	20,923
<i>(d) Investments</i>				
Interest	25,883		25,883	6,661
	25,883	0	25,883	6,661
<i>(e) Other receipts</i>				
Listed Places of Worship VAT reimbursement	22,554		22,554	2,005
Insurance claim	2,124		2,124	151
	24,678	0	24,678	2,156
TOTAL INCOME	89,983	1,532	91,515	98,977

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Page 11

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Funds 2022 £
(a) <i>Raising funds</i>				
Fundraising events and other church advertising	1,383		1,383	0
Stewardship costs	276		276	0
Investment management fees	1,592		1,592	1,019
	3,251	0	3,251	1,019
(b) <i>Charitable activities</i>				
Missionary and Charitable Giving:				
Church overseas missionary societies		182	182	0
Home missions and other church societies			0	220
Secular charities	80		80	237
	80	182	262	457
Ministry:				
Diocesan parish share	30,000		30,000	30,000
Clergy advertising	500		500	0
Church running expenses	21,246		21,246	17,547
Church maintenance	16,014	77	16,091	2,034
Upkeep of churchyard	2,155		2,155	769
Cost relating to the future development of the church:				
Project management	42,997		42,997	36,289
Architect's fees and planning fees	125,362		125,362	22,743
Community Mission	3,257		3,257	1,457
Repairs and renewals	22,842	1,088	23,930	0
Upkeep of services (including Organist)	1,599	19	1,618	1,275
Flowers		146	146	0
Printing, stationery & office supplies	3,994		3,994	688
Sundry expenses	81	108	189	130
Accountant's charges	950		950	558
Independent examiner's fees	430		430	390
Other professional fees	360		360	0
Other property costs				
Repairs and renewals	22,290		22,290	312
Other	1,584		1,584	3,429
Depreciation	86		86	86
	295,827	1,620	297,447	118,164
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	299,078	1,620	300,698	119,183

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Page 12

	2023 £	<i>2022</i> <i>£</i>
4. SUPPORT COSTS		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	950	558
Independent examiner's fees	430	390
	1,380	948

5. PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Five PCC members who served in the year were reimbursed expenses totalling £4,501 all relating to costs incurred on behalf of St. Barnabas. St. Barnabas expenses are dual signatory so all credit card payments have to be made by PCC members and reimbursed.

	2023 £	<i>2022</i> <i>£</i>
6. GRANTS PAID		
All Grants were under £1,000	262	457
	262	457

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (all unrestricted)

Freehold Property
Cost

At Cost at 1st January 2023
Additions during the year

At 31st December 2023

Depreciation

At 1st January 2023
Charge for the year

At 31st December 2023

Net Book Value

At 31st December 2023

At 31st December 2022

Freehold Property	Equipment £	Total £
3,173	3,378	6,551
0	0	0
3,173	3,378	6,551
344	3,378	3,722
86	0	86
430	3,378	3,808
2,743	0	2,743
<i>2,829</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,829</i>

The freehold property - 37 Sea Road - was built as a Curate's house, within the grounds of the Church.

No provision has been entered into the financial statements for any liability to maintain the PCC's buildings.

8. DEBTORS

Income Tax Repayments Due
Other debtors
Accrued interest

2023 £	<i>2022</i> <i>£</i>
2,808	2,705
16,777	4,779
8,338	4,821
27,923	12,305

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. BARNABAS, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Page 13

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
9. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
Cash on deposit	508,109	<i>755,750</i>

10. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Other creditors	16,849	<i>32,922</i>
	16,849	<i>32,922</i>

11. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	19,487	43,156	(98,514)	0	(35,871)
Designated fund					
Future development of the church fund	744,334	46,827	(200,564)	0	590,597
	763,821	89,983	(299,078)	0	554,726

Details of the designated funds are as follows:

Future development of the church fund

A legacy was received in 2022 which the PCC have decided to designate for the purpose of the future development of the church.

Restricted funds

Alpha Fund	160	0	0	0	160
Flower Fund	88	58	(146)	0	0
Organ Fund	1,075	0	0	0	1,075
St Francis Fund for the Homeless	1,931	0	0	0	1,931
Future development of the church fund	0	1,088	(1,088)	0	0
Collections, Donations, etc. for Specific Purposes	0	386	(386)	0	0
	3,254	1,532	(1,620)	0	3,166
Total funds	767,075	91,515	(300,698)	0	557,892

Details of the restricted funds are as follows:

Alpha Fund

This fund was set up in 2010 for the purpose of running Alpha courses

Flower fund

Funds are raised for the purpose of providing flowers for the church.

Organ Fund

This fund was set up in 2013 with donations and fund raising for the maintenance of the organ

St Francis Fund for the Homeless

Donations and grants are made towards food and equipment for the homeless.

Collections and donations for specific purposes

During the year funds are collected, donated, granted or raised for specific purposes. These funds are then expended in the year they are received. In the year ended 31st December 2023 the following items passed through this fund:

Collections for Christian Aid Disaster Fund	182
Donations for candles	19
Donations for the renovation of the wall box	77
Donations and collections for retirement and leaving gifts	108
	386

Future development of the church fund

The PCC received donations and had fund raising events for the purpose of the future development of the church. All funds were expended during the year.

12. FUNDS IN DEFICIT

A motion will be put to the PCC to reallocate funds from the designated fund to the general funds to clear the year end deficit. In future the general funds will always be kept in credit and only surplus funds will be allocated to the designated fund.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	68,616	525	69,141
Charitable activities	96	0	96
Other trading activities	20,826	97	20,923
Investments	6,661	0	6,661
Other receipts	2,156	0	2,156
TOTAL INCOME	98,355	622	98,977
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	1,019	0	1,019
Charitable activities	117,369	795	118,164
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	118,388	795	119,183
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(20,033)	(173)	(20,206)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward at 1st January 2022	783,854	3,427	787,281
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022	763,821	3,254	767,075