



John's Parish Church
New Alresford, Hampshire

**2023 Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council**

**for the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
to be held in St. John's Church
at 8pm
on Tuesday 23rd April 2024**



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Registered Charity Number 1127318

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW ALRESFORD**

The church of St John the Baptist, New Alresford, serves as a witness to the Glory of God in the community by: -

celebrating the life of God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

through worship, prayer, and service

caring about one another in Christ

through welcoming, fellowship and pastoral visiting, healing, and the recognition of personal gifts

cultivating personal growth in Christ

through prayer, bible study, preaching and the Sacraments.

communicating Christ to our community and to the wider world

through example, teaching, support, and co-operation

THE ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday April 23rd, 2024
In the Church, at 8pm**

This report is sent out as early as possible, firstly, to invite you to come to the meeting and secondly, to give you an opportunity to read the articles included before the meeting so that you may have time to consider the questions you may wish to ask, further to the report.

At this meeting, we shall be electing, or re-electing, two Churchwardens to serve for the year to April 2025.

We shall also be electing or re-electing members to the PCC including Deanery Synod representatives. Anyone retiring and wishing to stand again is subject to election on the same terms as anyone else. The PCC meets up to 6 times a year, normally on the second Tuesday of alternate months, and is responsible for wide-ranging decisions on church life at St. John's.

Those who are proposed for election *must* be on the Church Electoral Roll, be regular communicants, and be over the age of 16. It is also desirable that they share the vision of the Church of England as an organisation that shares Christ's concern for the world and ministers to the whole community. If you wish to nominate someone, please be sure you believe they are suitable to serve and that they are willing to do so.

The PCC delegates much of its work to the Standing Committee and to various teams and groups, whose range of recent activity is described in this report. PCC members are encouraged to serve on these teams together with members of the congregation.

Included below are reports from several committees and groups which are broadly connected with the wider work and mission of St John's Church, but whose financial activities are entirely independent of the accounts of the PCC. They are included here for the general information and interest of those on the electoral roll and the wider community.

We hope you will be able to attend the annual meeting.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is statutorily required by the provisions of the Charities Acts 1993 and 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations, to produce an Annual Report. The name of the Parish is St. John the Baptist in the Benefice of The Arle Valley. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The church is situated adjacent to West Street in New Alresford. Correspondence should be addressed to The Churchwardens, c/o The Parish Office, St. John the Baptist Church, West St., Alresford, SO24 9AG.

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No.1127318
PCC members who have served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Rector The Rev'd Heather Brearey

Wardens Jane Parsons; Rosie Waring-Green (both re-elected from 25/4/23)

Elected Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Sue Clarke
Charlotte Ryton
Miranda Pinch
(All immediately above elected April 2023)

Elected members:

Pearl Page (re-elected April 2022)
Rex Corfield (re-elected April 2022)
Maureen Skayman (re-elected April 2022)
Janet Pooley (elected April 2023)
Noelle Nutman (elected April 2021)
Colin Scott-Morton (elected April 2021)
Caroline Wheeler (elected April 2022)
Jackie Connell (elected April 2022)
Lawrence Will (elected April 2023)
Paul Whiffen (elected April 2023)
Susan Roberts (elected April 2023)

Co-opted members: Position Vacant (Secretary),

Jonathan Whale (Treasurer), re-appointed May 2023
Ian Waring-Green (re-appointed May 2023)

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.

St. John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical.

The Council appoints several groups and committees that meet regularly during the year and to which much of the detailed work is delegated. These have special responsibilities

for issues including such activities as Ministry, Worship, World (outreach), Catering, Fabric and Finance. Representatives are also elected to Churches Together in Alresford.

The number on the Electoral Roll as reported by the Electoral Roll Officer at the Annual Meeting on 25th April 2023 was 223 (2022-226).

The average number of usual Sunday service attendees was 64, plus many attendees online.

In 2023 the PCC met formally six times. During the year the Council covered a wide range of topics in addition to attending to the normal business pertaining to the management of the parish. Various events, activities and initiatives taken throughout the year are covered in the individual reports that follow.

The Standing Committee met formally five times in the year and in addition dealt with the many day-to-day tasks necessary in running St. John's.

St. John's service pattern is now fully restored as to pre-Covid closures, and we are now looking to more mission opportunities with the completion of 2 Alpha and Prayer Courses. There are a growing number of Home / Bible Study Groups with a planned get-together of these groups to share fellowship.

The PCC has complied with the duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016; the UK General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018; and the regulations regarding photography and filming in Church. As in previous years, the PCC gave a significant proportion of its voluntary income to world, national and local charities, and raised and donated other one-off amounts. The PCC has been concerned for some time with the need for increased stewardship income, as reflected in the Treasurer's reporting, and we continue to search for a suitable individual, team and means to manage and expand this activity.

St. John's is a fully participating member of Churches Together in Alresford.

The PCC would like to thank the Licensed Lay Ministers for all their work and support during the year.

Many thanks to David Carr for 10 years outstanding service to St John's in his role as PCC Secretary. This position is now vacant, and we would ask you to think if this is something you would be interested in. Please speak to the Rector or Churchwardens for further details.

PCC Team

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 8pm in the Church.

Present: 46 parishioners

Apologies: Received from 6 people

The Rector welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers.

Election of Churchwardens

David Carr (PCC Secretary) reported that Jane Parsons and Rosie Waring-Green had been duly proposed and seconded for election for the year to 2024, and there were no further nominations. They were duly elected, welcomed with applause, and thanked for their work over the year.

Approval of Minutes of the 2022 APCM

The Minutes had been circulated, with the Annual Report, prior to the meeting. The Minutes were duly approved by the meeting and signed by the Rector as a true record.

Matters arising

None.

Election of Deanery Synod representatives

The Secretary reported that we are entitled to 4 representatives based on our electoral roll number. Barbara Griffiths had retired after many years' service, and 3 nominations had been received, from Sue Clarke, Charlotte Ryton, and Miranda Pinch. There were no further nominations, so Sue, Charlotte and Miranda were duly elected for the three years to 2026.

Election of PCC Members

The Secretary reported that Charlotte Ryton, Greville Dawson and Janet Pooley had completed their three-year terms. Charlotte had been elected as a Deanery Synod member, Greville was retiring, and Janet is standing again. Three new nominations had been received from Paul Whiffen, Susan Roberts and Lawrence Will. All four had been duly proposed and seconded, and there were no further nominations. As the number of candidates was less than the places available all were elected unanimously to serve until 2026 and welcomed with applause.

Electoral Roll

Janet Pooley reported that there were 223 parishioners on the Roll, compared with 226 in 2022 (7 new and 10 removed). It was commented that the ratio of female to male parishioners was 2:1.

Annual PCC Report

The Secretary reported that this had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 14 2023. There were no questions or comments. David was thanked for his efforts and the Report was accepted by the meeting.

Financial Report and Annual Accounts y/e December 31 2022

The Secretary reported that these (contained in the Annual Report) had already been accepted and approved by the PCC on March 14 2023. The Treasurer, Jon Whale, gave a short presentation on the accounts, emphasizing that, as previously, even though we were in surplus thanks to legacies (£63k), generous responses to appeals and the recovery of Gift Aid, there was a continuing need for increased regular income. We have again donated large amounts of our discretionary income to our supported charities. Our expenditure (£189k) continued to outstrip our income, with large increases in particular on utilities. A 3-year plan

has been developed to reduce our expenditure, and savings of some £9k have already been identified. Ideas for fund raising and on achieving “Net Zero” were being explored. Jon thanked all those on the Finance team for their work and support over the year, mentioning Margaret, Caroline, Colin, David Griffiths, Nolly, Jane, and Penny. There were no questions or comments, and the financial records were accepted by the meeting, with thanks to Jon for his efforts.

Terrier and Inventory Report

Janet Pooley reported that this had been completed and signed by the Churchwardens and the Rector.

Deanery Synod Report

The Secretary reported that Barbara Griffiths’ report on proceedings was included in the Annual Report. There were no comments or questions.

Rector’s Update

Heather said that she was very happy to celebrate what had been achieved in 2022, together with the efforts of everyone who had been involved in the life of St. John’s. Referring to the Bishop’s Review, she was very pleased to report that of the 33 recommendations contained in it, 13 had been completed. She requested ideas to increase the church’s income and to further reduce expense and commended the 3-year plan to enhance financial control. She thanked Rosie, Jane, Jon, David, and Pippa for their efforts in making the APCM happen and was very pleased to receive a bouquet of flowers from Rosie after her first full year as Rector.

AOB

Janet proposed a vote of thanks to Mick Brearey for his efforts in the care and maintenance of the churchyard, which was applauded.

Prayers

Led by the Rector, the congregation read together the distributed prayer.

Presentation—the Church’s Youth Projects

Rosie presented a video compilation of the work carried out with young people of the parish.

Closing remarks

Heather said that she looked forward to an exciting year in church life, with many different things happening and planned. Greville was presented with a gift in recognition of his work on fabric and maintenance over his 3-year PCC term. Heather said that David Carr, PCC Secretary, would be retiring in September after 10 years, thanked him for his work and asked for a volunteer to replace him.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm and the social gathering commenced.

Rector's Report for APCM 2024

Another busy year for the Arle Valley Benefice.

There have been challenges in 2023 but there has also been much to be thankful for.

Some new beginnings:

We held 2 alpha courses, bringing more people to relationship and deeper relationship with Christ.

A Deanery wide, 'Befriend the End' group, was started by four members of our Deanery, 2 of whom are from our Benefice. The group uses the library each month to welcome people to talk about death and dying, to share, to support and to inform.

A new Benefice event began in September, bringing families together at St John's once a month on a Sunday afternoon for fellowship, a story, craft, song, and prayer.

Some re-starting:

CTIA away day in Ropley was a wonderful event with excellent speakers and time to get to know our sisters and brothers in Christ across the town.

Table talk began with a Lent course and continues.

Some one-off's:

We spent an afternoon encountering God through music.

We had a very lovely walk and afternoon tea for St Mary's.

An open day and another successful carol singing at Itchen Stoke.

A wonderful service for Mother's Union Worldwide president who visited St Mary's and planted a tree.

Bighton celebrated their Focal Minister's 30yr anniversary of being licensed as an LLM.

Many regular events continued and, just a glance, our Benefice Calendar tells a story of all that is happening in our Benefice.

The big occasion of the year was, of course, The Coronation, with each of our parishes holding many varied and lovely events to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

We sadly lost many over the 12 months, including The Reverend Canon Jackie Browning, a beautiful person and priest known to many, who now rests with our Lord.

The life and work of this parish is only possible because of the contribution of many, many people, who are offering their gifts and time for the building of God's kingdom. I am often humbled by the remarkable dedication and generosity shown and would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who contributes in many varied ways to our Benefice.

As you read this report, please pray for the work and ministry of the different groups and teams that are in our Benefice and thank God for those who serve through them.

Finally, is God calling you to play a part in seeing lives changed through God's love through your parish? Many of those who hold roles and responsibilities in our parishes are feeling tired and we really need new people to take on these roles. IS THAT YOU? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Whatever, your calling, your gift, or your passion there is a role for you in helping to grow the Kingdom in this place and time.

With my prayers and love,
Revd Heather Brearey

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

The year got off to a resounding start with a Barn dance with caller Roger Whiffen giving us an enjoyable physical workout! The church proved to be an ideal venue for such occasions, and at the time of writing we are awaiting permission to replace our chairs with some which stack, thus enabling flexibility all round. On the theme of movement, the children's corner was integrated into the front of the church, the votive candle stand positioned in a more welcoming area and a gazebo introduced to provide a more intimate prayer space. We are pleased to note that both the votive candle area and the prayer space are much used.

Two Alpha courses were run during the year which, along with two prayer courses, were well attended and provided opportunities for church members and those who are 'enquirers' to meet and learn together. We also enjoyed 'Encountering God through music' a session which provided room for us all to consider how music in its many forms serves us.

The post-Covid return of the chalice was welcomed, and the priest is once again preceded by the Cross at the beginning and end of each Eucharistic service. Our Celtic Service of the Word on fourth Sundays is a welcome addition to our wide range of opportunities to worship.

Continuing to nurture the faith of our young people has been a delight. Our group of 'teens' meet regularly to Chill, Chat and Chomp, as well as being immensely helpful at some of our church events. They have also watched and thoughtfully discussed the material of the Youth Alpha Course and are partway through the prayer course. In addition, we do have time for fun and games! The Light Party in October was a great success, with parents accompanying the children, and a new monthly service 'Families at 4' has emerged from this, headed up by a team of families themselves.

St John's responded to the excitement of the Coronation by screening the event in church and hosting a bring and share lunch afterwards. An imaginative Coronation Experience was also on offer in the preceding week, explaining elements of the Coronation service in a hands-on way, and was visited by the primary school children of the town. In another initiative, in response to spiralling conflicts in the world, we offered the wider community a chance to light a candle for peace. As a church we continue to warmly welcome people on occasions from the Watercress Café to the 'Gift from St John's' event. The Crib service is returning to its place as a favourite for families who join us to celebrate the Christmas story in a lively and relaxed atmosphere.

So much of what we offer at St John's is enabled by volunteers, who deserve many thanks. There are, however, several vital roles which remain vacant, not least that of PCC Secretary. This year's report is being compiled by those who already do so much, and the same can be said of other aspects of our church life. 'The few' are doing a lot of work which should be shared by many.

More thanks are due to our Ministry Team, who continue to be very busy, and to our Pastoral Care Team.

We look forward to 2024 and more opportunities for the folk of St John's to share their faith with the people of Alresford.

Jane and Rosie

ALRESFORD DEANERY SYNOD

Alresford Deanery consists of representatives from the twenty-six churches which make up the Benefices of the Arle Valley, Bishop's Sutton, Ropley and West Tisted, Farleigh, Candover and Wield, the Itchen Valley and the Upper Itchen.

During the past year we have had three synod meetings, in February, June and October. The subjects covered were Farm Church, Environmental and Net Zero Carbon Action Plan, General Synod debates and votes, and a possible link with a diocese in Rwanda.

Miranda Pinch

CATERING TEAM

We have had another great year as a Catering Team.

As usual the Lent Lunch was a sellout... and delicious homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese was enjoyed by many.

We managed a successful Harvest Supper in September 2023, and it was so lovely to see the church community together, sitting down and enjoying each other's company and tasty chocolates!

As a team we continue to serve the Church and its community and are also very grateful to those who are always willing to roll up their sleeves and help in any way they are able and even with the washing up at the end of the event. We are also enormously grateful for those who generously provide raffle prizes and delicious puddings for us all to enjoy. We would not be able to cater in the same way if this generosity was not forthcoming.

We would always welcome new faces to our Catering Team so please contact me if you would like to join us.

Our yearly commitments include the Frugal lent lunch, The Harvest Supper, and Mulled wine & mince pies at the Carol Service.....and we look forward to 2024 and looking after your catering needs.

I cannot thank everyone in the team enough for their support and commitment to the Catering events, especially Hefin Tudor who steps in to take the lead when my other commitments prevail and the honorary member of the team Peter Tudor who is always ready at the door to take your money and sell you raffle tickets! ... we really are a great team!

Pippa Sherry

CHURCH CLEANING

On behalf of all the congregation, I would like to thank our dedicated team of "Holy Dusters", who diligently, week in / week out, keep our beautiful Church clean. Each person has a section to clean, and they choose their own time of working, fitting in around service and other events being carried out in Church .We could always do with more helpers, so if you are able to offer some time, as little as ½ hour a week / fortnightly / monthly, especially to clean whilst one of our stalwarts has a well-earned break, I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

Hefin Tudor.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD

The two well-attended highlights of CTIA's year were:

- the Awayday at St Peter's Ropley in October led by Revd. Cris Rogers from East London. The theme of the day was "Making Disciples" – challenging each of us to consider how we can develop our personal discipleship by loving God with our heads, hearts, and hands. Google "Making Disciples" for much more information!
- The entertaining Designer Stubble mix of quiz and barbershop singing in June.

Otherwise CTIA's activities reverted very much to the normal pre-pandemic pattern including, a lunch at St Gregory's in the January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Lent study, the Good Friday Walk of Witness, a combined Annual Meeting and Songs of Praise in St John's Churchyard in July (at which the Chair of CTIA passed to Rosemary Chambers of St. Gregory's), coordinating a significant local contribution to the Rotary Wessex Christmas Shoebox appeal for disadvantaged and displaced children in eastern Europe, and singing Christmas carols in and around Alresford, and at the CTIA Community carol service in December.

In the autumn CTIA's fund raising for Winchester Youth Counselling came to an end, and for the next two years the focus of its fund raising will be Firefly International, a charity with which Rosemary Chambers family has a close involvement, working with locally led organisations supporting children affected by war, currently in Turkey, Syria, and Bosnia.

Jackie Connell, Sarah Wilding, and I are the St. John's representatives on the Churches Together "team" and Revd. Heather (also representing the three village churches) attends the four or five meetings we have each year, subject to availability! I will be stepping down from the Committee this summer, principally as I will be taking on other commitments elsewhere but also, after 24 years, it is high time I did so! Others have been on the "team" for longer than I have, reflecting what a happy crowd we are but new blood is needed!

Ecumenical relations are good in Alresford (as our separate traditions try to remember not to do separately what can be done better, or as well, together) but are they continuing to improve and develop? Having reverted to how things were before any of us had heard of Covid, new impetus is required.

How one becomes a "CTIA representative" is (at least for St John's) totally random. If you would like to join a very friendly group and help improve and further develop St John's interaction with the local Catholic and Methodist congregations (as well as the Anglican village churches) please don't wait for "a tap on your shoulder" – please let Heather, Jackie, Sarah or me know.

James Pinniger

COFFEE, CAKE, AND CHAT

We have had another very successful year. Several new folk have joined us, and many new friendships have been made.

We have continued to support The Winchester Hospice and will continue to do so in the coming year. [The correspondence we receive from The Hospice is always encouraging; we feel we are making a difference to a very special place.]

Of course, CC&C would not happen without the help and support of dedicated people. Thanks must go to Margaret Stewart for her wonderful Cheese Scones; Pearl Page for her very popular Coffee Cake; Elizabeth Johnson for the Lemon Drizzle Cake and Erica Cook for her fantastic Gluten Free Victoria Sponge.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the JPH.
Please come and join us, we would love to see you.

Angela Peel

CREATION CARE

Over the year, we have been concentrating on the Eco Church Silver Award. Of the five topics for the Eco Church Award (Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle) we need to focus on Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. We really need to get everyone engaged in doing something to be greener, saving money, time and getting fitter.

It would be great if the church were seen to be working hard to reduce our impact on the environment. Although we cannot be complacent, we already do well in the 'Worship and Teaching' topic regularly, including God's creation in worship and intercessions. The 'Land' topic, with the help of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Amphibian and Reptile Group, we work on the churchyard and the wild area. For the 'Building' topic work is continuing to improve the efficiency of the church and JPH.

We should be thankful for the wonderful world that God has created for us. For the flora and fauna that we can learn about, appreciate, and enjoy.

'The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Gen 2:15)

During 2023 you will have seen several activities and articles. We have continued to work closely with the Bees Knees group.

In May we had a 'Nature on your doorstep' guided walk around the Churchyard by Jon Cranfield.

Seeing and learning about the churchyard flora and fauna including the orchids outside the east door and slow worms.

Over the year there have had some interesting magazine articles such as: -

- Butterflies
- Moths
- Ways to help Hedgehogs.
- How can St John's become Carbon Neutral – Part One and Part Two
- How Green are you and your Family Quiz

I hope you have seen the soft plastic collection bin by the Parish Office. Soon to be joined by a bin for tin foil, so, remember to bring your soft plastic and foil to church. St John's also collect used pens for recycling.

The team is here to help you to understand Climate Change issues and encourage you to make changes to reduce your impact on God's World. Speak to us.

There are some challenging projects to be run for our contribution to the Church of England deadline to be carbon neutral by 2030. Anyone interested in managing a project please let us know. Surely, the wonderful animals and plants we see in the world we live in are worth saving.

Reminder - The role of the Creation Care team is threefold: -

- To help the church to reduce its carbon footprint, reducing the damage that it is doing to God's Creation. This is driven by Eco Church, a project of A Rocha UK – a charity committed to mobilising Christians to care for nature.
- To encourage and educate the congregation to think about the church and our individual impact on God's Creation
- To help the church to ensure that the wider community sees it to be doing something About Climate Change

RC for St John's Creation Care Team

FABRIC AND MAINTENANCE

We do not have anyone who looks after the Fabric of St John's at the moment – please talk to the Rector or the Churchwardens if this is something you would like to get involved with. Fabric-related maintenance activities that have been carried out: Servicing the two lifts / PAT Testing of electrics / Legionella review of water supply / Routine testing of Alarm System / Gutter Cleaning / Testing of the Kitchen Range Cooker / Asbestos Check

In 2023 we completed the decoration of the porch and had the chandeliers in the nave rewired and fitted with LED bulbs.

An energy audit has been carried out with many quick fix suggestions such as the bolster to the base of the North Door to the much more complicated issue of a new form of heating system.

The main fabric related items remaining are repointing the tower south wall exterior, the quinquennial survey (mid-2024) and work relating to Net Zero 2030. therefore review what remains to be done from the survey carried out in 2019.

Greville Dawson.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Firstly, many thanks go to Diana Robbins who stood down at the end of 2022, after many years, from very efficiently and superbly organising and running the flowers in our lovely church. Thankfully Diana remains on the Flower Rota.

2023 was a busy year with flowers being sponsored every week throughout the year both in the Nave and the Lady Chapel. Unfortunately, 2024 is not looking as healthy so please select your preferred date if you wish to sponsor a pedestal in remembrance of someone or for a special birthday. The list is at the back of the church and sponsorship is £30.

The cost of flowers during 2023 increased dramatically and has been a challenge for the arrangers who are always scouting around for the best deals and value for money. During the year the Flower Team made up Bunches of daffodils for Mothering Sunday, decorated the church for Easter, the Coronation, Church Festivals, and Harvest along with the porch Christmas tree, Advent ring and the windowsills. A big thank you goes out to all our

Church Flower Arrangers for their time and effort. If anyone would like to join our friendly team, they would be more than welcome.

Maureen Skayman

(Benefice) PARISH MAGAZINE—The Arle Valley Voice

The current magazine team has now been in place for over a year, and we continue to build on the work of previous teams and editors. The team has remained the same: Jackie Connell, Caroline Hawkins, Ruth-Elizabeth Page, Liz Petheram, Charlotte Ryton, and Alison Starr. Most of us meet once a month to pull the magazine together and plan.

Our aim remains to have a balance of articles and information from both community and church. We still need to have more input on the community side so if your area, your club, your group has news, events, or anything that you think might be of interest to send it in.

Not that we wish to ignore the church side so articles from the congregations about their faith, about community life and other experiences that will interest our readers. If a particular book or picture or place or person or.... In fact, anything, has had a great effect on your life do write about it. Also, any memories or interesting pieces about the history of our churches and community. So please if you have a story or experience to relate do send it in.

In 2023 we have had two major colour editions. One for the Coronation of King Charles III and one for Christmas. We hope not to repeat a Coronation issue for a long time, but we will repeat having a special Christmas edition with extra pages, extra copies, and extra colour as it is an important part of our outreach. For some reason people will read Christian material at Christmas which they ignore the rest of the year.

Special issues cost money, so to balance our budgets that means some of the other issues must be shorter and less colourful though we hope still interesting and engaging.

Many thanks to all who have contributed either regularly (bellringing, cooking, gardening etc) and occasionally. Thanks also to all those who organise and distribute the magazine. To show our thanks we have just had 'thank-you' tea party and we intend this to be a yearly event.

Thanks are due to all our loyal advertisers who have continued to support us – do help them by using their services. We accept both one-off and annual adverts and hope to increase the number of advertisers as this helps pay for the magazine. If we got more income from this, we would love to be able to distribute the magazine more widely and to have more colour.

In conclusion this is your magazine and if you want it to move in a particular direction, please tell us and please do consider contributing articles.

Charlotte Ryton

PASTORAL VISITORS

Throughout the year the team of 11 has continued visiting and supporting wherever there is a need. The hospital visitors are once again able to visit those in hospital, who have requested a visit, now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed. It has been a very busy year for the 4 members of the bereavement team because of an increase in the number of funerals within the parish. In addition, all members of the team have had 2 sessions of safeguarding training.

Towards the end of the year we held an 8-session training course for an enthusiastic group of new visitors. I am grateful to Sue Clarke and Ann Gilbertson for leading the course. We look forward to these people being commissioned and joining the team in the very near future, once all their safeguarding checks have been completed. In future members of the team will be known as Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's). The change of name is to re-enforce the fact that we are assisting Heather in her pastoral care of the people in the parish.

We are very aware that there are people living in our community who might appreciate having someone come to visit them. If you know of such a person, please let me know or contact Penny in the parish office. We always respect confidentiality.

Jackie Connell

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER TEAM

We have been very encouraged this year by the many times we have been able to thank God for answered prayer and would encourage you to email or phone and share a request or a thank you.

We regularly check the 'Say One For Me' prayer box in church and it has been a huge honour to be able to share these concerns and anxieties in prayer with the Lord. We also have the Prayer Tree in the porch, and we would encourage everyone to take time to pray through the many very meaningful thoughts and prayers shared on this Tree. It is a real privilege for us all to engage with these prayers.

Some of the Prayer Team joined with others at the end of November at the top of West Street and outside the church to offer the lighting of a candle and to take a prayer as we thought of all the conflicts in the world. This enabled people to encounter prayer in a safe interactive way that they may not have experienced before.

It was also very special to be part of the Gift from St John's event in December, chatting to the public as they enjoyed the craft activities, the Café, and writing their Hopes and Dreams for 2024. All these activities gave us opportunities to become engaged in many deep and important conversations in the church as people stopped to read the messages and prayers.

The introduction of the Prayer Space in the north corner of the church has been much appreciated by many visitors and members of the congregation as a quiet reflective space to pray and take time to be still. The theme in this area is regularly changed to give us a different focal point for our prayers. The Votive Candle area of the church in the south corner of the church is also much valued as a place to be still and to light a candle, either to remember a loved one or as a prayer offering.

There is a definite sense of St John's being a real 'house of prayer' with so many opportunities and variety of approaches to engage everyone who enters.

We also have a Prayer Team 'prayer chain' and are happy for you to phone – 01962 733237 / 07891120662 – or email Rosie Waring Green – rosie@22rwg.co.uk – for any concerns needing immediate prayer which will only be passed round the Prayer Team. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and the Team always pray for you using the utmost confidentiality offering your requests into the healing arms of God.

If you feel called to join this team, please contact Rosie to talk this through.

Rosie Waring Green

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding within the Church of England continues to evolve and develop. DBS checks have been undertaken with anyone working with vulnerable adults or children in any capacity within the benefice and a record of certificates has been maintained.

Alongside DBS checking there is also a set of training packages that need to be undertaken and records of those who have done the training are now being kept. The training packages are accessed online via the diocese website, although this is not always easily accessible. Group training sessions have been run for pastoral visitors earlier this year and this is something that can be set up and delivered again to anyone who has difficulty accessing the online packages.

The online dashboards continue to be developed and updated. This year saw the introduction of role descriptors for anyone in a voluntary role and these are now being rolled out.

Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and any concerns should be reported to myself or Heather in the first instance. These concerns are held in a log.

It is helpful to remember the 4 Rs of safeguarding:

- Recognise – recognise that you have concerns, or someone has made a disclosure to you.
- Respond – reassure the individual. Ask them what they would like to happen and tell them what action you need to take next.
- Refer – report your concern to the Safeguarding Officer or Priest
- Record – record your concerns as soon as possible.

Sarah Wilding, Benefice Safeguarding Officer

SOLOS

Solos as the name implies is an outreach tea for anyone who lives alone, but we do welcome Carers, family members and friends who bring the Solo guest along.

We meet on the third Sunday of every month [except May when the Watercress Festival is on] in the John Pearson Hall from 2.30 to 4.30pm for Tea [coffee] Sandwiches Scones and various Homemade Cakes.

We have a very happy and social afternoon enjoying each other's company.

We were very pleased to be invited to the Sunshine Singers Christmas concert 'The Landlords Cat' in December which was thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

We would be very grateful if anyone reading this report would be able to offer lifts to or from the JPH.

For any further information contact Marilyn 733921 Roger 734045 or Margaret 735185

TABLETALK

We have had some good topical discussion in 2023. Our Lent course was based on the film 'The Greatest Showman' which was enjoyable and challenging.

Our monthly discussions have covered various subjects, including the effects of strikes by junior doctors and the scandal of the prosecution of sub postmasters as well as the continuing issues surrounding global warming and the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.

The basic format, a bring and share lunch followed by discussion around small tables followed by a full group discussion works well. Come and join us on the third Friday of the month, 12-2 in the JPH.

Sue, Miranda, and Jackie

TOWER REPORT

2023 was a real success story. The ringers recruited for Ring for the King have progressed at an amazing pace due to the leadership of Roger Booth and the dedicated support of St John's experienced ringers. All rang for the Coronation and as always St John's bells are rung every Sunday for the 9:30 am service now St Mary's bells ring twice a month for the 11 am service.

Practices are held at St John's on Friday from 7-9 pm and at Old Alresford on a Monday evening.

There were 3 weddings at St John's, 1 at St Mary's. 10 quarter peals were rung – usually for the Sundays at Six service. Visiting ringers commissioned quarter peals raised about £200 for church funds.

In the District Striking competition at Cheriton in June, The Alresford call change band which included new ringers won the trophy.

The tower lunch was held at The Swan enjoyed by 28 ringers, family, and friends.

Elizabeth Johnson, Tower Secretary

WORLD TEAM

These are the overseas projects we support:

Ashray UK: the organisation that supports the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, Ibillin, Israel, sends newsletters from Abuna Elias Chacour keeping us in touch. The latest, Christmas 2022 is full of optimism and hope for the future. The high school was among the top ten schools in Israel and the teachers were awarded a bonus.

Church Mission Society: sadly, our mission partner Lynn Treneary returned to UK last year due to ill health and has retired from her post in South Sudan. We await news from CMS of a new partner.

The Michael Project, Zimbabwe: they continue to give the children in Shalom and the pre-schools their care, love, and support. Four babies joined their "forever families". We had a

very successful coffee morning in the JPH in October which raised £845, and they are very grateful to St John's for the interest and support they receive.

Pannai Family Farm, Tamil Nadu, India: normality has been restored after the disruption of Covid lockdowns. We receive regular updates from Anita the sponsorship secretary. There are 150 children, 10 housemothers and 17 grandmothers and they are very grateful for our continuing sponsorship support.

Shanthigramam, Tamil Nadu: the home for elderly and destitute people continues to care for those damaged by leprosy.

Information on all our links can be found on the Arle Valley Benefice website under Community and Outreach/St John's Outreach and there are regular articles in the Arle Valley Voice magazine.

Sue Greenway

YOUTH WORK

Children's, Youth and Family Work 2023

What a delight to be able to look back over the last 12 months since the last Youth Work report!! There has been much fun and laughter as well different times when we have come together to learn more about faith and the world around us.

Chill, Chat, Chomp – a mid-week weekly group for year 7 upwards - continues to have fun and enjoy some challenging discussions. We have completed a 10-week Youth Alpha course which gave rise to many questions and hopefully some answers for the young people growing up in today's challenging world. The young people have also done some great volunteering in helping to prepare Light Party boxes and sort Christmas gifts for the children of the Sun Hill schools.

We are about to embark on the 24/7 Prayer Course in this group.

Autumn Fun Light Party went ahead this year with a new outreach: 40 youngsters came along with their parents and 20 helpers all had a wonderful time creating 'jam jar lanterns', lighthouses, and stained-glass windows along with apple catching, doughnuts on a string and many more activities. After food – always essential – there was a word treasure hunt trail in the beautifully illuminated church and ending with a fantastic dance version of the song 'Shine'! There was a great buzz of conversation and enjoyment between all ages.

Services –

The Crib Service was incredibly busy this year with about 300 children and adults attending and all being involved in the 'Advent Countdown' in the Follow the Star story.

Mothering Sunday and Remembrance services also had many uniformed youngsters joining us.

The Second Sunday All Age service has a small, but loyal group of families to help in the inter-generational service.

Families@4 – is a new initiative run by the families themselves and includes an interactive story, craft, a song and of course a drink and a biscuit!! First Sunday of the month.

Chatterbox – the Parents / Carers Toddler Group is thriving and although this is run by a team from the families, there are several of us who go along to help; we really enjoy this connection with the youngest members of our community.

Monday Meet and Eat – in response to the energy and cost of living crises, CTIA volunteers have been very active in providing a place for families with primary school children to come and have time to play somewhere warm, and to share in a hot meal together. We have a group of regular families who join us and who all enjoy the adult conversations while the children are playing!!

Links with Schools – just before Easter, most of the children from Sun Hill Infant and Junior schools came to St John's to a Coronation event. This involved a variety of interactive activities spaced out around the church, manned by some wonderful volunteers who helped to explain the different and important parts of the Coronation service. In the summer this year, Sun Hill Infant School presented a highly successful performance of Peter Pan as well as coming to church in December to share the Christmas story with their parents and visitors. Different year groups from Sun Hill Junior visit the school at Easter, Harvest and for Christmas services for which they devise and present storytelling and songs to the rest of the school and parents.

Perins also hold their annual Christmas concert at St John's for pupils and parents.

We are always happy to have any offers of help and we would really appreciate prayers for the way forward for the children, young people and families of St John's and the local community.

Thank you all for your support.
Rosie Waring Green

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

**Financial Statements of
the
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Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Independent Examiner:	Behegan Lynes Bank Chambers Brook Street Bishops Waltham Hampshire S032 1AX

Registered Charity Number 1127318



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH NEW ALRESFORD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1127318

Set out on pages

1 to 48

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

26/3/24

Name:

STEVEN ROY LYNES

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

MAAT

Address:

BEHEGAN LYNES, BANK CHAMBERS, BROOK STREET, BISHOPS



John's Parish Church New Alresford, Hampshire



Treasurer: Jon Whale, 12 Buttermere Gardens, Alresford, SO24 9NN

Standing Committee Approval Certificate

We hereby confirm that we have made available to Behegan Lynes, all requested books, records, information and explanations relating to the PCC of New Alresford for the year ending 31 December 2023 and that the financial statements have our approval.

JSWhale
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Jonathan Whale, Treasurer

1/2/2024
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Date

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Heather Brearey, Rector

1/2/24
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Date

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Jane Parsons, Church Warden

1.2.24
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Date

NB- PCC Secretary's post is vacant

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ALRESFORD - COVENANTED FOR UNITY

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9AG
website: www.arievalleychurches.org.uk Registered Charity Number 1127318

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

After two difficult years in 2020 and 2021, we saw a return to more normal times in 2022, and this trend of steady recovery has continued in 2023. We have once again felt significant financial pressure due to rising costs, but the generosity of our congregation and local groups such as the Friends, has been outstanding.

In summary, our unrestricted expenditure in 2023 was £178k (this was a reduction of £9k compared to 2022) and our income (excluding legacies) was £162k (an increase of £13k). As a result our expenditure has once again exceeded our regular income this year by approximately £15 k. However, in 2022, this shortfall was £37k, so although we continue to spend more than we bring in through regular giving and fundraising, the gap has narrowed.

At our last APCM, we agreed to seek to balance our income v expenditure over the next 3 years, and we are on target to achieve this.

There are a number reasons for our current position:

- While we continue to face increased utility and other costs, your regular giving has also increased by £7k to £89k, with a further £20 k coming through Gift Aid. This is amazing. We are continuing to make good use of the Parish Giving Scheme, and there is a growing amount being donated via the new card reader
- In another positive sign, we have also received specific donations of £7k, and also increased the amount generated by our social and fundraising activities. We have also received over £7.6 k in interest on our savings deposited with CCLA.
- In terms of reducing our expenditure, Greville helped us research and then sign an improved deal on our gas, while Mick has managed the upkeep of the churchyard so that our costs have fallen from over £6k to nearer £2k pa. Our thanks go out to both of them
- The Diocese has also helped in that our CMF contribution in 2023 was £5k lower than in 2022
- This year we have also received another generous legacy, this time from the estate of David Hasted which has provided £10k towards the upkeep of the churchyard (to be spent over the next 25 years)
- As a PCC we have consciously taken a stricter approach to expenditure, and wherever possible, found cheaper ways of doing things.

So, at 31 December 2023 our funds were £196k (£106k unrestricted, £62k designated, £28k restricted). Of this we have £30K set aside for repairs and hold an additional £32K in general reserves in accordance with our stated accounting policy. We retain £28k in funds restricted for specific purposes and the balance is in our main unrestricted general fund, and small funds set aside to support our ministry with children, young people and families.

The table below shows the trend of our unrestricted funds over the past 5 years:

Date	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21	31/12/22	31/12/23
Unrestricted & Designated Funds (£k)	97	187	155	182	168

So in effect, we remain in a viable financial position, but our operations in 2023 have been underwritten by the continued receipt of generous legacies and donations. It will be our priority over the next 12 months to further reduce this gap between income and expenditure.

Despite the financial challenges of the past 3 years, we continued, as a demonstration of our Christian witness, to donate a significant amount of our discretionary income in support of various local, national and international charities. We contributed £90k to the Diocese's Common Mission Fund. We also donated £5.5k to causes including the Winchester Youth Counselling, the Michael Project, CMS, Ashray, Shanthigramam, the Royal British Legion, and the congregation have continued to give generously to the Pannai Orphanage.

Administering a charity with £196k of assets is above all a team effort and I would like to thank all those who contribute so much to the day to day management of our finances: Penny Forbes who looks after all the PCC fee income and disbursements and administers the JPH bookings; David Griffiths and Nolly Nutman who maintain our Gift Aid records and claims the tax back from HMRC; Margaret Stewart and Caroline Hawkins who handle our banking; Colin Scott-Morton who has kindly taken on the work of reclaiming the VAT on our building works; and a large team of people who count and record our collections each week, and to our Independent Examiner, Steven Lynes of Behegan Lynes and his colleague Heather Ellis, for reviewing these financial statements. Finally, a massive thank you goes to Jane Parsons, who has taken on the role of Assistant Treasurer in addition to her many other duties.

Jonathan Whale
 Hon. Treasurer, PCC of New Alresford

St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford

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Registered Charity Number 1127318

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	116,433.69	21,375.37	-	137,809.06	181,257.07
Other trading activities	8,347.01	-	-	8,347.01	4,603.65
Church Activities	27,001.96	-	-	27,001.96	24,738.83
Other income	10,296.83	-	-	10,296.83	7,025.63
Total income	162,079.49	21,375.37	-	183,454.86	217,625.18
Expenditure on:					
Costs of Generating Funds	1,888.06	-	-	1,888.06	807.11
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations	3,747.06	1,801.76	-	5,548.82	7,868.51
Church Activities	172,674.94	5,576.67	-	178,251.61	182,595.55
Major Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	178,310.06	7,378.43	-	185,688.49	191,271.17
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(16,230.57)	13,996.94	-	(2,233.63)	26,354.01
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,922.00	-	-	2,922.00	1,946.74
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(2,922.00)	-	(2,922.00)	(1,946.74)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(13,308.57)	11,074.94	-	(2,233.63)	26,354.01
Total funds brought forward	182,033.43	16,470.36	-	198,503.79	172,149.78
Total funds carried forward	168,724.86	27,545.30	-	196,270.16	198,503.79

Represented by

Unrestricted

General fund	105,780.73	-	-	105,780.73	118,390.09
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Designated

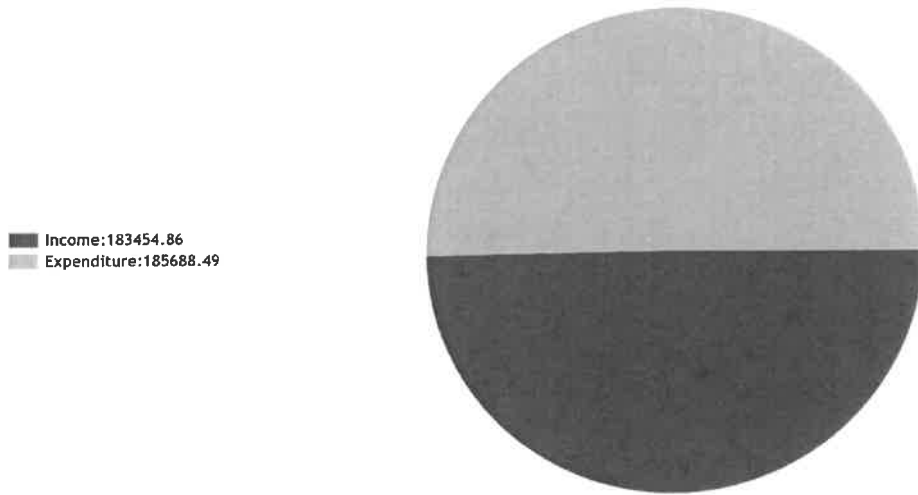
Church Repair Fund	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Growing Younger	150.80	-	-	150.80	850.01
JPH Repair Fund	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Reserve Fund	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Sheridan Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Work	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00

Restricted

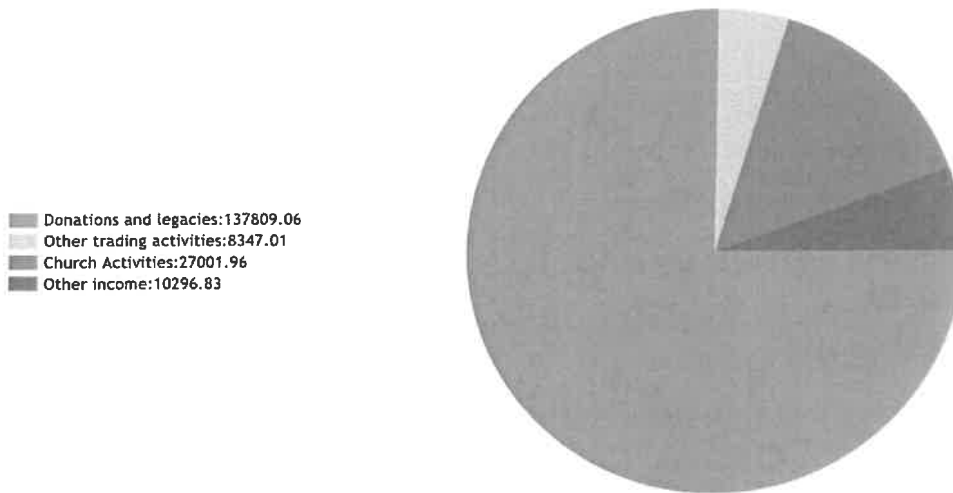
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Bell Fund	-	6,998.10	-	6,998.10	8,057.38
C Brill Fund	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Chalk Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Chatterbox	-	450.00	-	450.00	450.00
Constance Were Trust Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
David Hasted Legacy For Churchyard Upkeep	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Gift From St John's	-	-	-	-	-
Monday Meet And Eat	-	-	-	-	1,159.69
Pannai Orphanage Donations	-	5,491.25	-	5,491.25	3,077.50
Raise the Roof	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations	-	880.16	-	880.16	-

Total funds	168,724.86	27,545.30	-	196,270.16	198,503.79
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Statement of Financial Activities-Total Income vs Expenditure

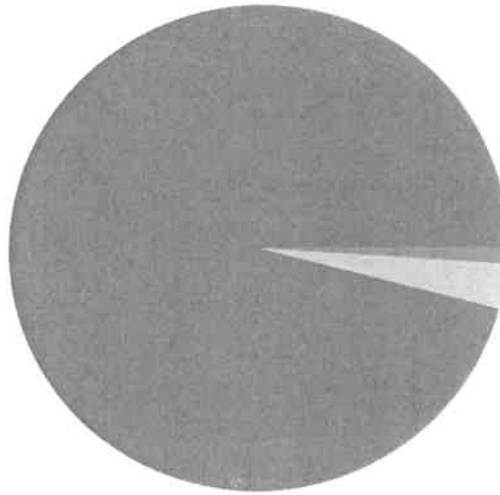


Statement of Financial Activities-Income



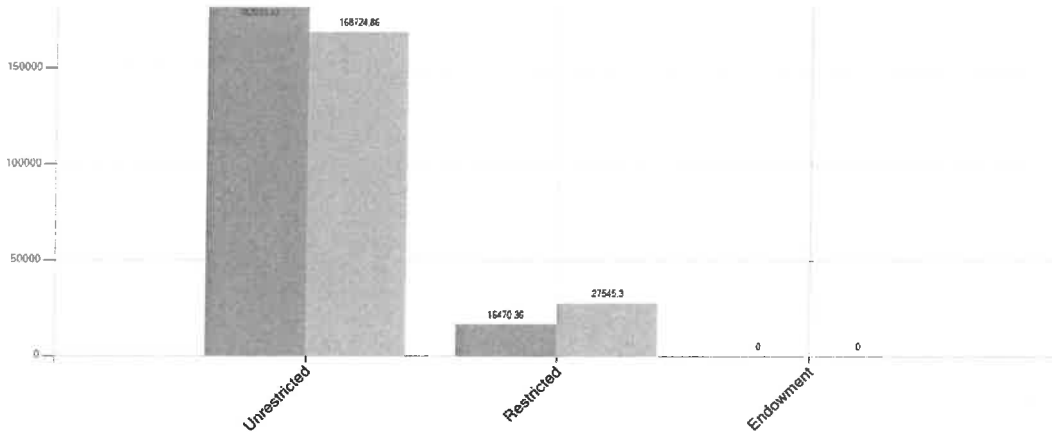
Statement of Financial Activities-Expenditure

Costs of Generating Funds:1888.06
 All Mission Giving & Charitable
 Donations:5548.82
 Church Activities:178251.61



Statement of Financial Activities-Funds Brought Forward vs Funds Carried Forward

Fund Brought Forward
 Funds Carried Forward



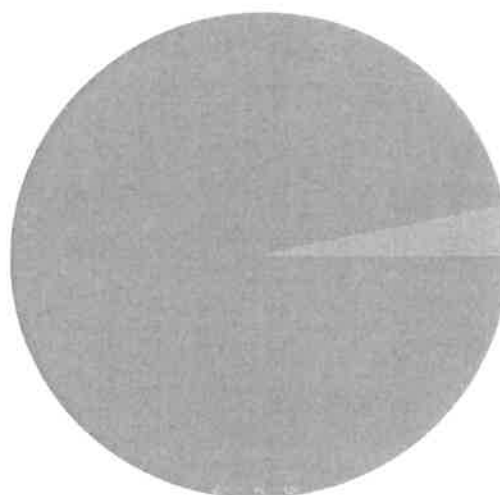
Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	11,108.52	9,924.83
Cash At Bank And In Hand	192,043.05	193,921.08
	203,151.57	203,845.91
Liabilities		

Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	6,881.41	5,342.12
	<u>6,881.41</u>	<u>5,342.12</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>196,270.16</u>	<u>198,503.79</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>196,270.16</u>	<u>198,503.79</u>
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>196,270.16</u>	<u>198,503.79</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	105,780.73	118,390.09
Designated		
Designated - Church Repair Fund	25,000.29	25,000.29
Designated - Growing Younger	150.80	850.01
Designated - JPH Repair Fund	4,999.85	4,999.85
Designated - Reserve Fund	31,793.19	31,793.19
Designated - Youth Work	1,000.00	1,000.00
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Fund	6,998.10	8,057.38
Restricted - C Brill Fund	3,725.79	3,725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox	450.00	450.00
Restricted - David Hasted Legacy For Churchyard Upkeep	10,000.00	-
Restricted - Monday Meet And Eat	-	1,159.69
Restricted - Pannai Orphanage Donations	5,491.25	3,077.50
Restricted - Restricted Donations	880.16	-
Fund Totals	<u>196,270.16</u>	<u>198,503.79</u>

Balance Sheet (Summary)

Current Asset:203151.57
Liability:6881.41



Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
2701: Audio System	(20,508.86)	-	20,508.86	-	-	-
Total	(20,508.86)	-	20,508.86	-	-	-
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
3001: NatWest Current Account	47,714.58	16,573.00	(34,438.86)	-	29,848.72	12,287.53
3002: NatWest Gift Aid Account	(16,446.57)	-	16,449.00	-	2.43	2.43
3003: NatWest Flower Account	305.13	-	-	-	305.13	256.33
3004: Lloyds Fees Account	10.00	-	-	-	10.00	10.00
3005: CCLA (CBF) Account	89,212.70	46,371.13	26,292.94	-	161,876.77	181,364.79
Total	120,795.84	62,944.13	8,303.08	-	192,043.05	193,921.08
Current Asset - Debtors						
3010: Debtors	101.52	-	(101.52)	-	-	-
Z05: Accounts Receivable	10,918.52	-	190.00	-	11,108.52	9,924.83
Total	11,020.04	-	88.48	-	11,108.52	9,924.83
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	32.00	-	32.00	12.00
Total	-	-	32.00	-	32.00	12.00
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	5,526.29	-	1,323.12	-	6,849.41	5,330.12

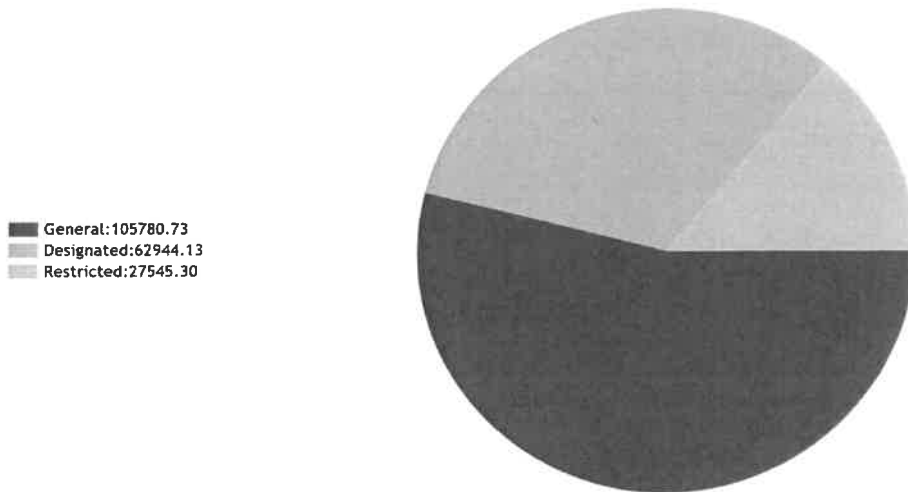
Total	5,526.29	-	1,323.12	-	6,849.41	5,330.12
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Net total assets	105,780.73	62,944.13	27,545.30	-	196,270.16	198,503.79
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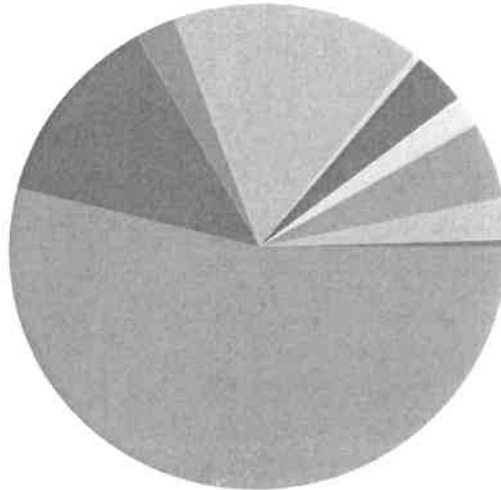
General (Unrestricted)	105,780.73	-	-	-	105,780.73	118,390.09
Designated - ChurchRep	-	25,000.29	-	-	25,000.29	25,000.29
Designated - Growing	-	150.80	-	-	150.80	850.01
Designated - JPHRepair	-	4,999.85	-	-	4,999.85	4,999.85
Designated - Reserve	-	31,793.19	-	-	31,793.19	31,793.19
Designated - Youth	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Restricted - Bells	-	-	6,998.10	-	6,998.10	8,057.38
Restricted - CBrill	-	-	3,725.79	-	3,725.79	3,725.79
Restricted - Chatterbox	-	-	450.00	-	450.00	450.00
Restricted - Hasted Churchyard	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Restricted - Meet and Eat	-	-	-	-	-	1,159.69
Restricted - Pannai	-	-	5,491.25	-	5,491.25	3,077.50
Restricted - ResDons	-	-	880.16	-	880.16	-
Total	105,780.73	62,944.13	27,545.30	-	196,270.16	198,503.79

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)-Net total assets



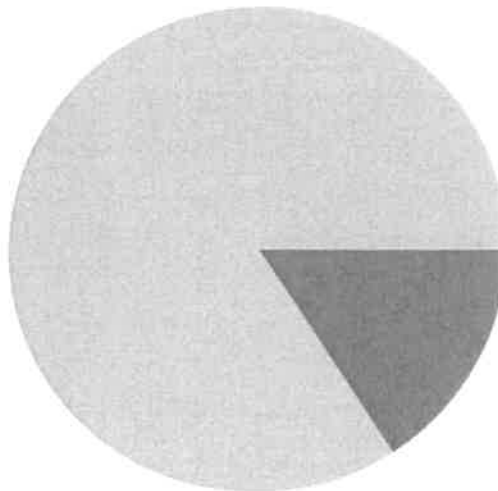
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)- Represente By

- General (Unrestricted):105780.73
- Designated - ChurchRep:25000.29
- Designated - Growing:150.80
- Designated - JPHRepair:4999.85
- Designated - Reserve:31793.19
- Designated - Youth:1000.00
- Restricted - Bells:6998.10
- Restricted - CBrill:3725.79
- Restricted - Chatterbox:450.00
- Restricted - Hasted Churchyard:10000.00
- Restricted - Pannai:5491.25
- Restricted - ResDons:880.16



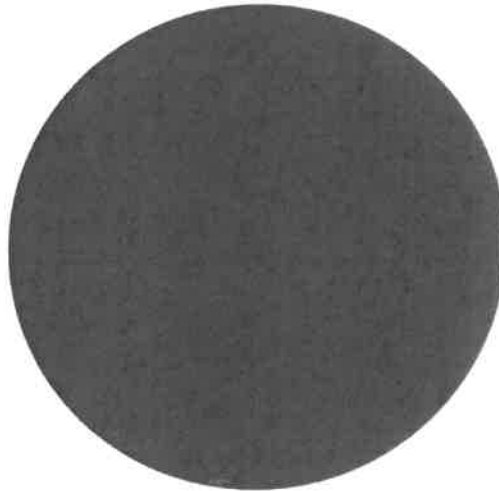
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)-Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand

- 3001: NatWest Current Account:29848.72
- 3002: NatWest Gift Aid Account:2.43
- 3003: NatWest Flower Account:305.13
- 3004: Lloyds Fees Account:10.00
- 3005: CCLA (CBF) Account:161876.77



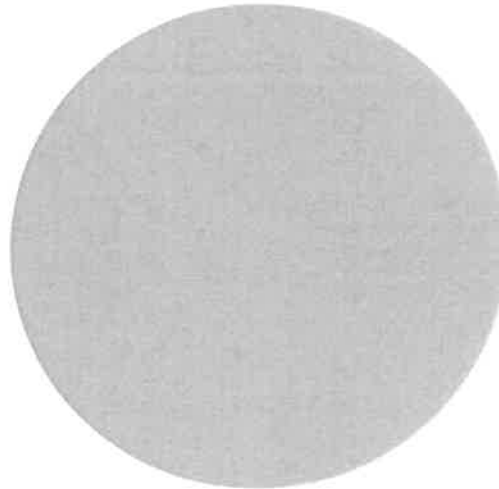
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)-Current Asset - Debtors

■ Z05: Accounts Receivable:11108.52



Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)-Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year

■ Z04: Accounts Payable:6849.41



Fund movement summary

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bells								
Restricted		8,057.38	219.62	1,278.90	-	-	-	6,998.10
Sub-totals		8,057.38	219.62	1,278.90	-	-	-	6,998.10
CBrill								
Restricted		3,725.79	-	-	-	-	-	3,725.79
Sub-totals		3,725.79	-	-	-	-	-	3,725.79

Chatterbox							
Restricted	450.00	-	-	-	-	-	450.00
Sub-totals	450.00	-	-	-	-	-	450.00
ChurchRep							
Designated	25,000.29	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.29
Sub-totals	25,000.29	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.29
Gift from St J							
Restricted	-	575.00	575.00	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	575.00	575.00	-	-	-	-
Growing							
Designated	850.01	-	699.21	-	-	-	150.80
Sub-totals	850.01	-	699.21	-	-	-	150.80
Hasted Churchyard							
Restricted	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	10,000.00
Sub-totals	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	10,000.00
JPHRepair							
Designated	4,999.85	-	-	-	-	-	4,999.85
Sub-totals	4,999.85	-	-	-	-	-	4,999.85
Meet and Eat							
Restricted	1,159.69	-	1,159.69	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	1,159.69	-	1,159.69	-	-	-	-
Pannai							
Restricted	3,077.50	2,413.75	-	-	-	-	5,491.25
Sub-totals	3,077.50	2,413.75	-	-	-	-	5,491.25
ResDons							
Restricted	-	8,167.00	4,364.84	(2,922.00)	-	-	880.16
Sub-totals	-	8,167.00	4,364.84	(2,922.00)	-	-	880.16

Reserve

Designated	31,793.19	-	-	-	-	-	31,793.19
Sub-totals	31,793.19	-	-	-	-	-	31,793.19

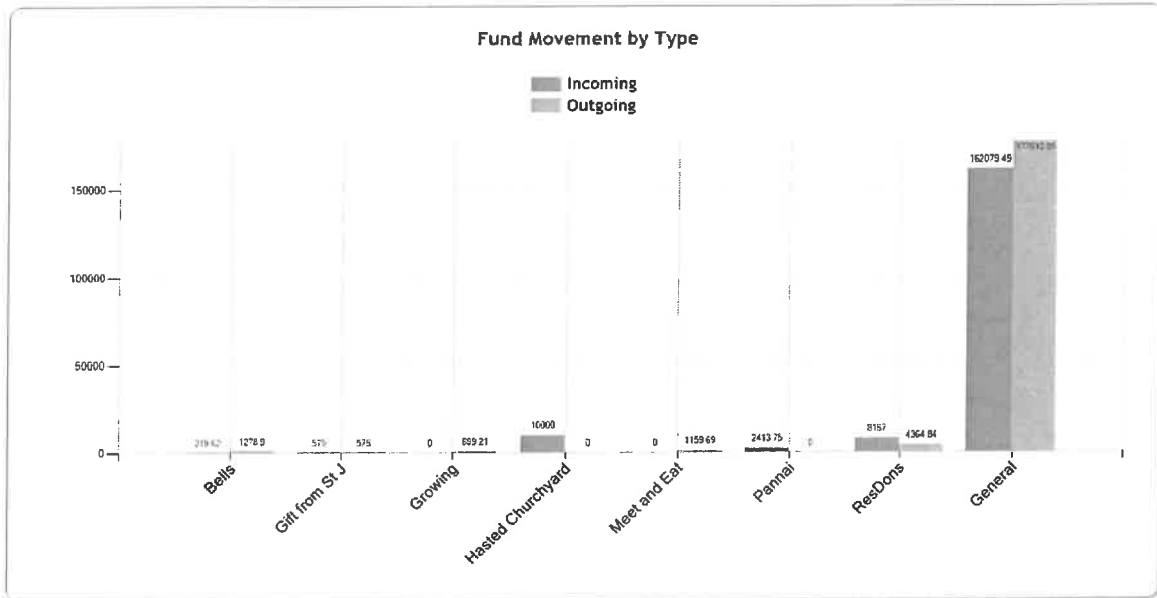
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Designated	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Sub-totals	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00

General

Unrestricted	118,390.09	162,079.49	177,610.85	2,922.00	-	-	105,780.73
Sub-totals	118,390.09	162,079.49	177,610.85	2,922.00	-	-	105,780.73

Totals	198,503.79	183,454.86	185,688.49	-	-	-	196,270.16
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Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated
	Restricted	Endowment
	This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:

Donations and legacies

0101 - Regular Giving SO GA	4,340.00	-	-	-	4,340.00	4,500.00
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0102 - Regular Giving by envelope GA	510.00	-	-	-	510.00	755.00
0103 - Regular Giving by cheque GA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0104 - CAF Vouchers	1,311.99	-	-	-	1,311.99	1,300.00
0105 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct GA	67,850.53	-	-	-	67,850.53	62,650.20
0201 - Regular Giving Standing Order NGA	1,260.00	-	-	-	1,260.00	1,260.00
0202 - Regular Giving by envelope NGA	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	-
0203 - Regular Giving by cheque NGA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0204 - Regular Giving by PGS Direct NGA	3,016.00	-	-	-	3,016.00	2,921.00
0301A - Sunday Collections GASDS	3,039.12	-	-	-	3,039.12	3,374.31
0301B - Sunday Collections non GASDS	55.00	-	-	-	55.00	-
0302 - Wedding Collections	-	-	-	-	-	35.80
0303 - Funeral Collections	155.00	-	-	-	155.00	146.51
0304 - Baptism Collections	295.90	-	-	-	295.90	411.13
0305 - Sunday School Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0306 - One off Gift Aid envelopes	2,476.76	-	-	-	2,476.76	1,759.10
0307 - Donations by card reader NGA	1,386.79	-	-	-	1,386.79	193.33
0307A - Donations by card reader GA	1,370.27	-	-	-	1,370.27	917.35
0308 - Midweek Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0402 - Church Donations Box	1,606.57	-	-	-	1,606.57	1,692.30
0404 - Flower Donations NGA	910.00	-	-	-	910.00	1,338.00
0500 - Other specific donations	-	-	7,367.00	-	7,367.00	1,144.89
0501 - One off donations outside services	2,783.63	-	-	-	2,783.63	3,934.17
0502 - Donations by Ringers and Others	-	-	219.62	-	219.62	165.00
0503 - Lango Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0504 - Pannai Donations	-	-	2,290.00	-	2,290.00	3,077.50
0505 - Haiti Earthquake Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
0506 - Lent Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
0507 - Shanthigramam	-	-	-	-	-	-

0508 - Pat Palestine	-	-	-	-	-	-
0509 - Bell Fund NGA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0510 - ZIMPRO	-	-	-	-	-	-
0511 - Philippines Typhoon/DEC Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
0512 - CMS - Pheneas Zimulinda	-	-	-	-	-	-
0513 - Bell Fund GA	-	-	-	-	-	-
0514 - Music Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0515 - Raise the Roof	-	-	-	-	-	-
0516 - JPH Refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-	-
0517 - Churchyard Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
0518 - Monday Meet and Eat donations	-	-	-	-	-	1,250.00
0519 - Gift from St John's donations	-	-	575.00	-	575.00	-
0601 - Gift Aid on unrestricted income	20,501.89	-	-	-	20,501.89	19,175.74
0602 - Gift Aid on restricted income	-	-	123.75	-	123.75	-
0603 - Gift Aid on Deignated Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
0700 - Legacies received	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	63,183.84
0801 - Grants Recurring - Unrestricted	35.00	-	-	-	35.00	35.00
0802 - Grants Non Recurring - Unrestricted	2,384.64	-	800.00	-	3,184.64	5,477.45
0803 - VAT Recovered	1,114.60	-	-	-	1,114.60	559.45
0804 - Grants Non Recurring - Restricted Raise	-	-	-	-	-	-
0805 - Government Grant - COVID-19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	116,433.69	-	21,375.37	-	137,809.06	181,257.07
Other trading activities						
0901 - Watercross Festival Fund Raising	3,122.98	-	-	-	3,122.98	2,250.65
0902 - Other Fund raising activities	1,544.84	-	-	-	1,544.84	199.60
0903 - Social Events	3,311.19	-	-	-	3,311.19	1,453.40
0903A - Youth Group Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	251.00
0904 - Magazine Christmas Card	368.00	-	-	-	368.00	449.00
0905 - Concerts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0906 - Generic Event 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities Totals	8,347.01	-	-	-	8,347.01	4,603.65

Church Activities

0405 - Messy Church old	-	-	-	-	-	-
1100 - Fees retained by the PCC	12,667.00	-	-	-	12,667.00	11,092.00
1201 - Sale of Books, Christmas Cards etc.	-	-	-	-	-	10.50
1202 - Income from use of Church	2,562.00	-	-	-	2,562.00	3,069.00
1203 - Income from use of JPH	2,440.11	-	-	-	2,440.11	2,887.00
1204 - Magazine Sales - Casual	37.80	-	-	-	37.80	19.20
1205 - Magazine Sales - Subscriptions	4,812.05	-	-	-	4,812.05	3,011.13
1206 - Magazine Advertising	4,443.00	-	-	-	4,443.00	4,615.00
1207 - Printing	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	35.00
1208 - Messy church	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities Totals	27,001.96	-	-	-	27,001.96	24,738.83

Other income

1001 - Interest received	5,563.76	-	-	-	5,563.76	2,300.38
1302 - Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1303 - Ovington Payments	1,123.84	-	-	-	1,123.84	1,170.05
1304 - Old Alresford Payments	1,789.24	-	-	-	1,789.24	1,740.47
1305 - Bighton Payments	1,819.99	-	-	-	1,819.99	1,814.73
1306 - Printing 2010	-	-	-	-	-	-
1309 - WDBF Expenses Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
1310 - Administrator - Deanery Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
1311 - Itchen Valley Admin Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
1312 - Upper Itchen Valley Admin Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	10,296.83	-	-	-	10,296.83	7,025.63

Income and endowments Grand totals

162,079.49	- 21,375.37	- 183,454.86	217,625.18
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EXPENDITURE ON:**Costs of Generating Funds**

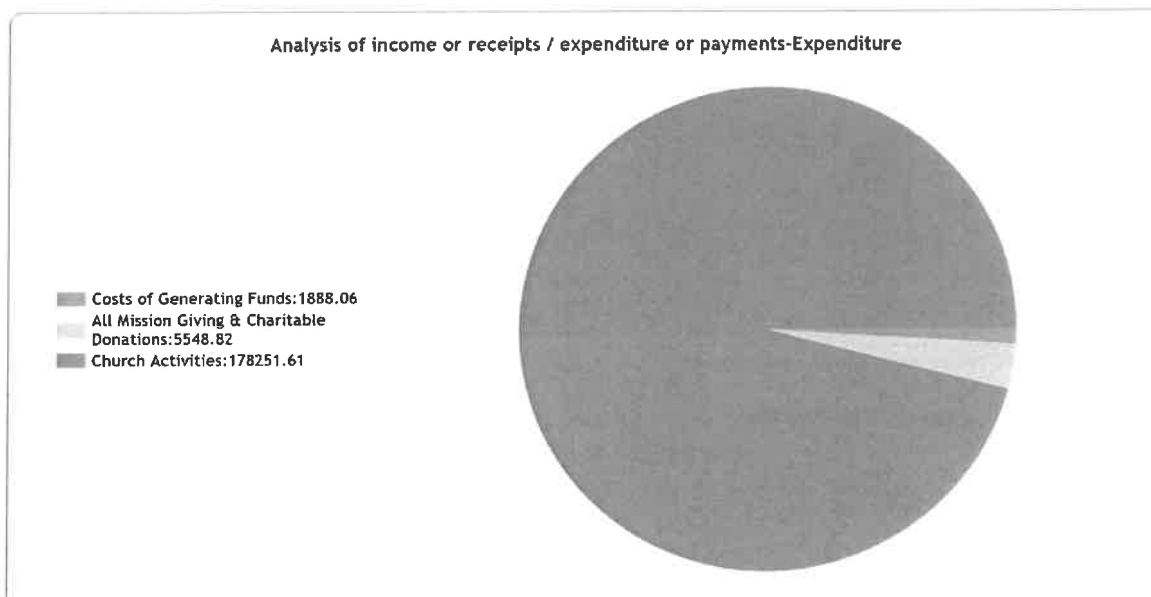
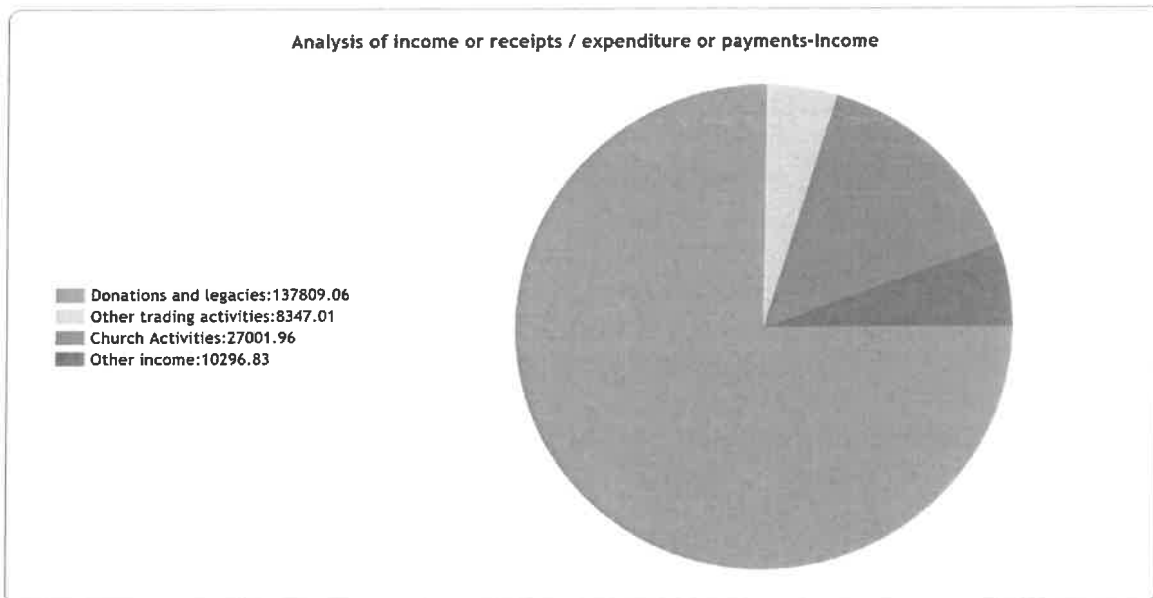
1701 - Cost of Watercress Festival	20.49	-	-	-	20.49	-
1702 - Cost of fundraising, inc LL, HS, CR etc	308.10	-	-	-	308.10	-
1703 - Cost of Social Events	1,490.57	-	-	-	1,490.57	364.71

1704 - Cost of Stewardship Campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
1705 - Cost of supporting regular giving	-	-	-	-	-	419.08
1706 - Concerts	-	-	-	-	-	-
1708 - Cost of Generic Event 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2320 - Credit and debit card charges	68.90	-	-	-	68.90	23.32
Costs of Generating Funds Totals	1,888.06	-	-	-	1,888.06	807.11
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations						
1709 - Monday Meet and Eat expenditure	34.84	-	1,159.69	-	1,194.53	90.31
1710 - Gift from St John's expenditure	125.68	-	642.07	-	767.75	-
1801 - Annual Charitable Giving	2,750.00	-	-	-	2,750.00	6,641.93
1802 - Other Charitable Giving	836.54	-	-	-	836.54	1,136.27
All Mission Giving & Charitable Donations Totals	3,747.06	-	1,801.76	-	5,548.82	7,868.51
Church Activities						
1707 - Cost of Messy Church old	-	-	-	-	-	-
1900 - Parish Share	90,185.26	-	-	-	90,185.26	95,000.04
2001 - Assist staff salary/pension/honoraria (B)	17,029.32	-	-	-	17,029.32	14,842.01
2002 - Organist/choir/salaries/honoraria	3,365.00	-	-	-	3,365.00	2,000.00
2101 - Working expenses of Incumbent (B)	146.79	-	-	-	146.79	203.65
2102 - Working Expenses of Assistant Clergy (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2103 - Working expenses of assistant staff (B)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2104 - Rectory/ Staff housing (B)	1,154.77	-	-	-	1,154.77	836.52
2105 - Benefice Administration expenses	372.21	-	-	-	372.21	352.32
2200 - Mission & Evangelism costs	2,626.34	73.61	145.53	-	2,845.48	3,437.41
2301 - Church Insurance	3,348.16	-	-	-	3,348.16	3,215.19
2302 - Church Cleaning	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	15.46
2303 - Church minor repairs	2,600.92	-	918.90	-	3,519.82	4,117.40
2303A - Church Clock Repairs 2021/22	720.00	-	-	-	720.00	7,685.18

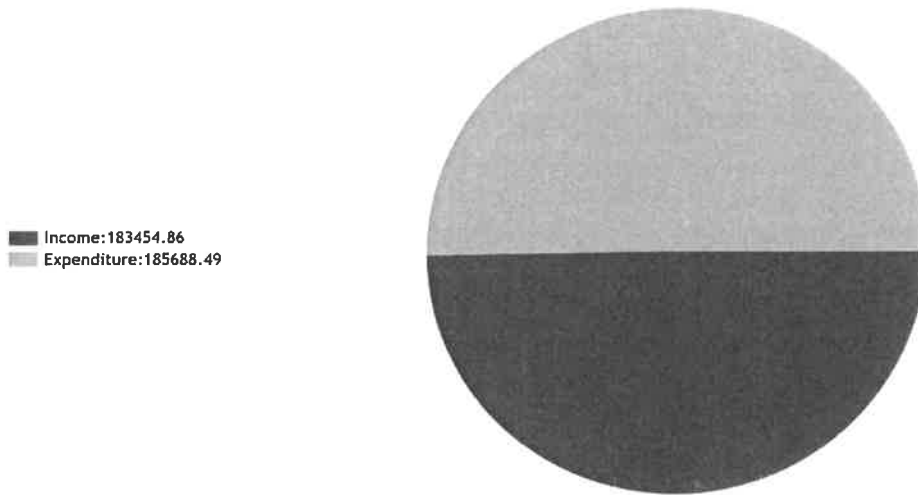
2304 - Church Routine Maintenance	3,274.31	-	2,185.00	-	5,459.31	6,583.69
2305 - Telephone	1,168.25	-	-	-	1,168.25	873.51
2306 - Organ / piano tuning	673.92	-	-	-	673.92	669.60
2307 - Provision of Services	1,270.67	-	-	-	1,270.67	1,952.55
2308 - Music/choir/robes	-	-	-	-	-	-
2309 - Church Grounds	3,230.22	-	1,327.24	-	4,557.46	8,633.50
2310 - Flowers	861.20	-	-	-	861.20	1,260.61
2311 - Sunday School, 2nd Sunday & Youth Group	106.75	625.60	-	-	732.35	480.87
2312 - Training/Course Fees BRILL	-	-	-	-	-	-
2313 - Subscriptions	325.00	-	-	-	325.00	493.88
2314 - Other support costs	2,854.60	-	-	-	2,854.60	3,737.02
2315 - Administration	2,567.23	-	-	-	2,567.23	1,707.56
2316 - Bank Charges	67.50	-	-	-	67.50	95.00
2317 - Office Administrator Benefice Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
2318 - Office Administrator Deanery Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
2319 - Messy Church Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2401 - Church Gas - TGP 47209	7,690.88	-	-	-	7,690.88	4,726.30
2402 - Church Electricity TGP 56609	1,179.63	-	-	-	1,179.63	747.27
2403 - Church Running - Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2501 - Bookstall	-	-	-	-	-	-
2502 - Magazine Printing	11,747.05	-	1,000.00	-	12,747.05	6,367.92
2503 - Magazine Other Costs	86.95	-	-	-	86.95	167.03
2504 - JPH - Insurance	1,115.99	-	-	-	1,115.99	1,071.68
2505 - JPH - Electricity	2,359.26	-	-	-	2,359.26	1,494.53
2506 - JPH - Gas - TGP 38695	1,795.83	-	-	-	1,795.83	871.56
2507 - JPH - Water	172.92	-	-	-	172.92	169.69
2508 - JPH - Maintenance	4,466.56	-	-	-	4,466.56	5,294.79
2509 - JPH - Cleaning	2,139.64	-	-	-	2,139.64	2,165.09
2510 - JPH - Consumables	614.60	-	-	-	614.60	786.72
2601 - Audit Fees	558.00	-	-	-	558.00	540.00
2602 - Production of Annual Report	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities Totals	171,975.73	699.21	5,576.67	-	178,251.61	182,595.55

Major Capital Expenditure

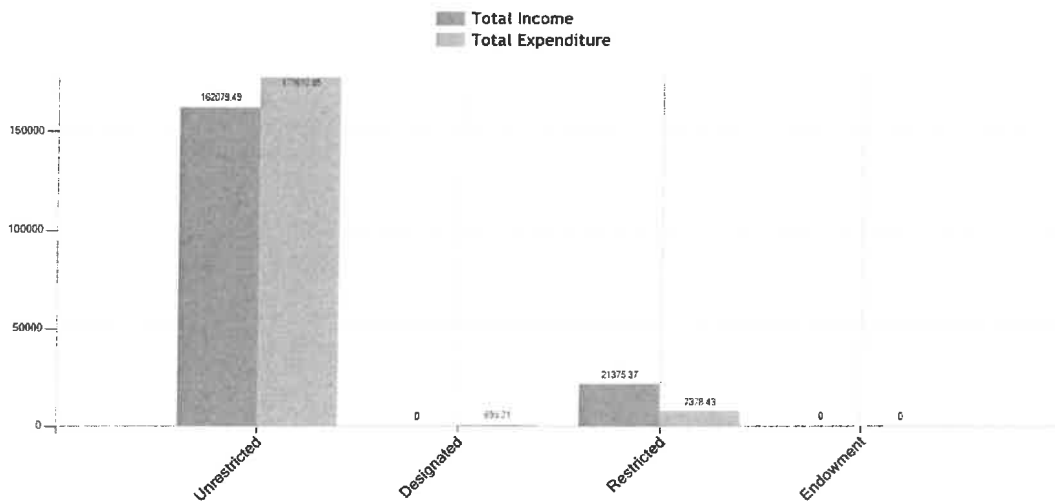
2700 - Major repairs/redecoration to church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2800 - Major repairs to JPH	-	-	-	-	-	-
2900 - New building work	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Capital Expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Grand totals	177,610.85	699.21	7,378.43	-	185,688.49	191,271.17



Analysis of income or receipts / expenditure or payments-Total Income vs Expenditure



Analysis of income or receipts / expenditure or payments-Total Income vs Total Expenditure



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and the revaluation of fixed assets. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal

gatherings of church members.

b) Funds accounting

Funds which may be held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted funds – general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes

Designated funds - monies set aside by the PCC out of restricted or unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects. Also monies required to settle contracts that have been let but not yet completed or invoiced.

Restricted funds – a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest; b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds – funds the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used, either as restricted or unrestricted funds, depending on the purpose set out in the terms of the original endowment.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

d) Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received.

Planned giving receivable is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised in the period it relates to.

VAT reclaim grants are recognised when received.

Other Grants and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest entitlements are accounted for when received.

All other income

All other income is recognised when it is received.

e) Resources used

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and are accounted for gross.

Grants

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

Church activities

The diocesan Common Mission Fund is accounted for when paid.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishing held by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

All expenditure on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items costing under £5,000 are written off in the year incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets, excluding freehold properties, over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and other equipment	10 - 33% straight line

The sound system installed in 2017 has been capitalised and is being depreciated over 5 years at 20% per annum straight line.

Net book value 1.1.21	£4,102
Less depreciation in 2021	<u>£4,102</u>
Net book value 31.12.21	£NIL

No depreciation is provided on freehold property as it is the PCC's policy to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair. The useful economic life of these assets is so long and residual values so high that any depreciation would not be material. These assets will be subject to annual impairment reviews. Provision will be made if there has been any permanent diminution in value.

Investments

Investments would be stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

g) Current Assets

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

h) Cash and Deposits

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

2. Disclosures

Employees: The average number of employees during the year 2023 was 1.

Pension Provision. The PCC participates in the Pension Builder 2014 Scheme section of the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) for lay staff, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board. This is a Defined Benefits Scheme that provides a cash balance lump sum at retirement, with assets held separately from participating employers. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member to which discretionary bonuses may be added by the Board before retirement, dependent on investment experience and other factors. The accrued account balance is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers and therefore the scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. It is not possible to attribute assets and liabilities to specific employers and this means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged in the year are the employer's contributions payable

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent was carried out as at 31 December 2019. For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £2.5m (notification on 1 March that this figure should be £5.5m) on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time. The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the PCC could become responsible for paying a share of that employer's pension liabilities.

Independent Examiner's Fee: The amount due to Behegan Lynes for their independent examination of these accounts is £465 +VAT.

3. PCC Funds

The PCC's policy is to hold in designated reserves the equivalent of two months of general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. In addition the PCC seeks to hold around £30,000 in designated funds for the future repair of the Church and John Pearson Hall.

4. Financial Policies and Protocols

In April 2021 the Standing Committee (SC) reviewed internal financial practices and approved:

a) Payments

Cheques issued are signed by two signatories from a panel consisting of the Churchwardens, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Cheques are seldom used now.

Online BACS payments are made by the Treasurer and monitored by the Assistant Treasurer. Payments are scheduled and countersigned by a Churchwarden and the Treasurer at regular intervals. Direct debit payments are approved when the supply or service starts.

An **Expenditure Approval Register** is maintained in which all non-pay or charitable giving payments over £1000 are recorded and presented to the SC annually for approval. The register gives details of the supplier, amount, purpose and what prior approval has been given.

Expense reimbursement claims should be submitted to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with written receipts, and confirming that any appropriate authorisation has been obtained. Clergy should complete and submit an expense claim form along with receipts and mileage details.

b) Delegated Authority for Spending

Generally - up to £250. Church Officers can spend on routine items within their area of responsibility up to £250, without the need to seek prior approval. The Treasurer will monitor these payments and spending patterns for reasonableness, raising concerns if necessary. If possible more than one quotation should be sought for non-routine expenditure.

From £250 to £500. Items expected to exceed £250, up to £500, should be approved in advance by the Clergy (Mission) or Churchwardens (other matters), with the Treasurer advised when approval given. Unusual items should be approved in consultation with the Treasurer.

Over £500. Items exceeding £500 should always be approved in advance by the SC. In an emergency, SC members should be consulted, if possible, before action taken and expenditure incurred.

Substantial expenditure of an unusual nature, such as extensive repairs or improvements, should be approved in advance by the PCC on recommendation from the SC with estimated costs.

c) Specific Approvals

The **Fees Bank Account** is managed by the Benefice Administrator and monitored by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. The monthly return of statutory fees to the diocese and the corresponding payment is approved before submission by the Treasurer and a Churchwarden.

Flower Fund Bank Account for Church flowers is managed by the Treasurer.

Fabric Maintenance Work is overseen by the Fabric Manager, who is authorised to obtain quotations for projects up to £500 for approval by the SC. Projects over £500 need a report outlining the proposed work for prior approval.

d) Management of Income

Cash received should always be counted by two people together as a matter of best practice in order to protect them from challenge. The Independent Examiner regularly stresses the importance of this in his report on the Annual Accounts. This should apply to Church collections, donations box, fund-raising, social events and all other activities where the money accrues to the Church.

Income received must be accounted for gross (without deduction of any expenses incurred raising the income) and expenses claimed for subsequent reimbursement by the Treasurer.

Investment of Surplus Funds. The SC and PCC should adopt a policy for the investment of funds judged surplus to current requirements. This should have regard

to the length of time the money is unlikely to be required and the risk of loss on the chosen investments.

e) Annual Charitable Giving

The amount and allocation of annual charitable giving is considered and approved by the PCC each year, usually in November, following the receipt of appropriate information and recommendations from the Treasurer.

In addition to this, decisions may be made by the clergy and churchwardens throughout the year, consulting with SC where it is considered appropriate, to allocate collections for particular services to specific charities or other appropriate causes.

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Signed..........

Dated.....28/3/24.....