

# Church Life 2023

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## Aims and purposes

This report details the activities and accounts in the West Downland Benefice. The Parochial Church Councils (PCC) of the six have the responsibility for, in cooperation with the Incumbent, the whole mission of the Church of England within each parish. This includes our worship, pastoral care, evangelistic activities, and social action. They also have maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the churches and the grounds.

The purpose of this document is to celebrate all that has been good in the benefice over the 12 months to 31st December 2023 and to consider the challenges we face as parishes and wider benefice in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

## West Downland United Benefice (WDUB)

The UB council is a collective group representing all of our 6 parishes and 8 churches. The council leads the WDUB in organising the worship and pastoral care of our Benefice.

The council has had a busy year as the Benefice was in interregnum since the departure of Rev'd Miri Keen in March 2023. Services of worship and celebration continued during the interregnum with the assistance of Rev'd Liz Jackson, Rev'd John Toogood and his team, our lay ministers, churchwardens and the amazing coordination of Sarah Youldon. Special thanks to all who played a part in keeping our churches active and loved during this time.

The council's biggest achievement this year was the recruitment of Rev'd Mike Griffiths, who joined the Benefice on 31st January this year at his ordination service in Brightwalton. The process of recruiting a new Rector is not an easy one and finding the right Rector is even harder. The council worked hard creating an appealing Benefice profile and video, job

description and interview process. We were rewarded by finding Rev'd Mike who has moved into the Benefice seamlessly. It feels like he has been with us for years! Special thanks this year must also go the UB Catering



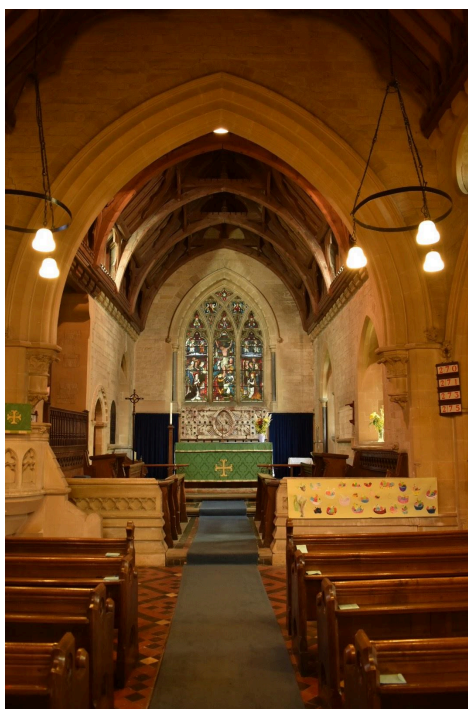
Committee. Legendary sausage rolls, flapjacks, cakes and quiches have helped us celebrate a big year in the Benefice.

Michelle Martin

## Benefice Catering Committee

The Benefice Catering Committee (BCC) is a group of ladies (Evelyn Bracey, Polly Capron, Mary Ann Brown, Sue Ridgeway, Shirley Harniman) from across the Benefice, who have come together to organise and provide the catering for Benefice-wide events. Having supplied the refreshments on the Interview Day in 2023, the BCC took great delight in welcoming Reverend Mike to the Benefice in January, by providing a buffet spread and drinks following his Induction at Brightwalton. The BCC also underpinned the Maundy Thursday Bring and Share lamb supper. The BCC brings a range of skills, a consideration of allergies and diet, careful planning and warm hospitality to all events.

## Brightwalton w/Catmore



### Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC.  
Incumbent: The Reverend Miriam Keen until March  
Churchwarden: Lady Matheson  
Elected Members  
Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Mr Stephen Codrington  
Mr Nicholas Arkell

Mr David Gardiner (Catmore) until March  
Mr James Gardiner (Catmore) from March  
Sir John Montgomery Cuninghame Bt. until November

From time to time the PCC also operated through committees which can meet between full meetings of the PCC.

### Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council. Members: Incumbent and Churchwardens.

### Finance Committee

This oversees the general financial work by monitoring income and expenditure and planning for major expenditure, as for the church renovations. Members: Hon. Treasurer and the Churchwardens.

### **ASPIRE Committee**

This plans and coordinates the re-organisation of the Church. It includes designing and obtaining approval for the new Church layout, raising the funds to complete the works and managing the completion of the works.

### **The Worship Group**

This has been created to deal with worship matters benefice wide, involving members of all six PCCs.

### **Church Attendance**

In December 2023 there were 31 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

The top 3 attended services at Brightwalton Church were the leaving service for Rev Miri Keen (195), the Holy Communion service on Christmas Day (139) and a service of blessing after a marriage in September (137). The service attended by the most people in Catmore Church was the Christmas Eve service (151). The school carol service is likely to have had the highest attendance, but the numbers were not recorded.

### **Events of the Year**

There was one service of blessing for a marriage and two baptisms. There were no funerals.

195 people attended a service to say 'goodbye' to the Rev Miri Keen in March

There was a service of hymns and readings on Good Friday taken by Rev Liz Jackson. 46 people attended.

There were three services at Catmore Church, all taken by James Gardiner. The Whitsun service was attended by 28 people, the Harvest Festival by 39 people and the Christmas Eve service by 151 people.

The school held a service every Monday during Advent. The school carol service was also a leaving service for the headteacher, Mrs Patterson. We do not have numbers for these services as they were not entered in the register.

The Parish Council held a carol service on 6th December which was followed by a concert given by the Peasmore Ukelele Group. The service on Christmas Day was taken by Rev Liz Jackson. 139 people attended.

### **Fabric of the Church**

The roof began leaking again in December and was temporarily repaired by Jason Delahunty in December. He took some drone photographs and reported that part of some tiles had been eaten by squirrels. We are awaiting further repairs from Sutton Roofers.

In November there was an overhaul of the lighting. The distribution board in the vestry was replaced with a new distribution board in the boiler room. Additional circuit wiring was added for 13 amp sockets. New power points were added to the south side of the church for the organ. New LED uplighters were

installed to light the chancel. The light and switch in the vestry were replaced. The light and power in the boiler room were replaced. A power socket from the boiler room can now be used by outside plugs to provide power to the churchyard.

The new chairs were painted with a wood preservative substance which is meant to prevent mould. They have yet to grow mould this winter.

No progress has been made with installing a lightning conductor.

The glass of the light above the lychgate is broken.

Graham Tillotson is attempting to source a replacement.

The churchyard has been well-maintained throughout the year.

No progress has been made in raising money for phase 2 of Aspire.

Additions to the church

A new door mat by the main door.

Removals to the church

The old door mat by the main door.

### **Finance**

The interregnum still allowed for some services, and income from parishioners increased by 12%. We still rely on the rental income from Sprayview Cottage to meet all our commitments though there were increased maintenance costs this year.

### **Reserve Policy**

The policy of the PCC regarding reserve funds is that they will be used to pay for expenses as necessary. It is expected that a significant amount of money will be



required to modernise Sprayview Cottage as and when the current tenancy ends. Any funds not used for expenses are to be put aside and used for charitable purposes, especially local community aid, where possible.

### **Thanks**

We are extremely grateful to Mr David Gardiner and Sir John Montgomery Cuninghame for their very many

years' service on the PCC, including as churchwardens of Catmore and Brightwalton churches.

Very many thanks are due to Russell Exley for looking after the fabric of the church and the churchyard.

We also thank Sue Ridgeway for her ongoing work as Principal Sidesman, ensuing both the regular and special Church Services run smoothly.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who clean the church and arrange the flowers, in particular to Sue Ridgeway for organising this.

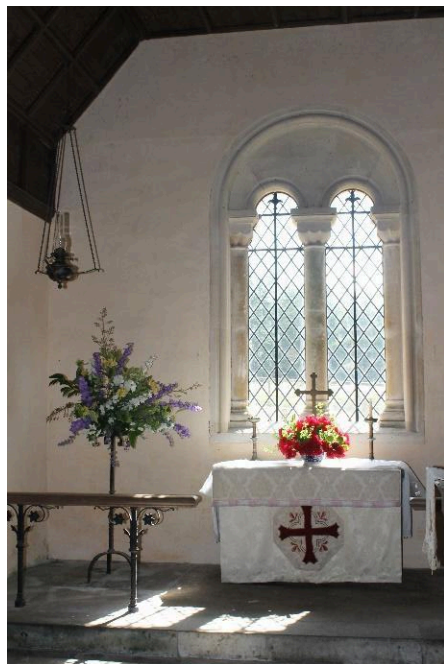
We thank Jonathan Lowe for auditing the accounts.

We thank Judith Orpen for playing the organ and organising the choir.



Lady Matheson  
**Catmore**

St Margaret's, Catmore returned to its pre-pandemic routine of three candle-lit services a year, followed by a glass of wine (mulled according to season) in the churchyard. We have reverted to a traditional evensong (BCP) for our two summer services, Whitsunday and a harvest festival, with sung responses and canticles and well-known seasonal and evening hymns.



Our congregation has supported us wonderfully for all services, in particular the Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols, with many joining us not only from the United Benefice but also Farnborough, West Ilsley, Peasemore and other adjoining parishes. It has

been a pleasure to ensure that worship continues in this charming little church, within which people have worshipped for nearly 850 years and, on the site, much longer. My thanks to Judith Orpen for playing for our two evensong services and George Gardiner for accompanying at the carol service, and to all who have joined us and given such positive feedback.

James Gardiner

## Chaddleworth

During the year the following have served as members of the PCC:-

Incumbent: Rev'd Miri Keen (until March)  
Churchwarden: Jo Graham-Campbell

Elected members: Peter Hambro, Kirsten Lloyd  
Secretary and Treasurer: Sarah Youldon

## Electoral Roll

We have 8 on the electoral roll.

## Services

There were a total of 17 services in the church in 2023. Despite the challenges of being in vacancy we have had some wonderful services. For the Coronation the service was followed by drinks in the churchyard and then a bagpipe-led procession to join the village picnic at the village hall. Our outdoor Harvest Service was well attended and people enjoyed the views from Peter's field while eating their breakfast with bubbles. Donations were collected and delivered to the Newbury Food Bank. Thanks to Evelyn's kind assistance we achieved a lay-led candlelit service at 10pm on Christmas Eve. Candles lit the way to the church and over two hundred illuminated the interior. Fifty five people attended and stayed to chat over mulled wine and mince pies.

With Rev. Mike's arrival we have breathed a sigh of relief! His energy is already transforming church life. Watching the beaming smiles of eighty school children doing actions to the hymns Rev. Mike was playing on his guitar has been one of the highlights so far!

## Thank you

We would like to thank Sue Ridgeway for all her help with services and for auditing the accounts. We are grateful to all the volunteers who clean the church and to Sue for organising this.

## Fabric of the Church & Churchyard

The team of volunteers for the churchyard has done a great job. It has been beautifully mown all through the growing season. Foxes Tree Services have done an aerial inspection of the beech tree and cut away the dead wood. The yews have been pruned. When one of Lady Eliza's cherry trees fell into the churchyard Foxes did the chainsawing but the volunteers had everything tidied up within 24hrs. All ivy has been removed from the tombs and the gutters have been cleared and

repaired. Work continues on the clock which now keeps good time (adjustments needed when the temperature changes). We still need to get the quarter chimes working and the mechanism connected to the clock face.

### **Our Highlights**

The team of volunteers has had an active year of achievements in the churchyard. One of our most joyful services was the lay-led candlelit Christmas Eve service. Fifty five people began their Christmas celebrations together singing carols and enjoying mince pies with mulled wine.

### **Financial Report**

Financial Report to go with Accounts

The PCC closed the year with general reserves of £28,438.76 held in a HSBC current account, plus £101.82 held in the CBF plus £11.97 in the CBF accounts as restricted fabric fund.

General service donations totalled £1,511, with a further £3,350 through regular giving / standing orders. There was £165.62 of Gift Aid recovered, we have continued to keep this up to date with regular reclaims.

The Parish Share of £7,811.13 was paid in full, we had a rebate of £168.94 from 2022. The contribution to the Benefice of £500 was also paid in full, this is rising to the previous year's level of £1,500 in 2024. General maintenance came to £1,160.93. We had high credit balance at OVO energy for electricity and £250.00 was requested to be returned. This left us with enough credit to get through the year without further costs. From February 2024 a Direct Debit of £30 has been put back in place to cover the monthly cost.

The oil tank was topped up early January 2024, so no oil costs were occurred in 2023.

Insurance costs rose by £100 to £2,106, we have investigated a Benefice wide policy and unfortunately it

isn't feasible whilst we have individual PCC's

### **Reserves Policy**

We continue to hold over 2 and a half years of day-to-day running costs in reserve, as per last year with the lower levels of donations, and only a small number of fee generating services, levels of funds held

are considered appropriate, and enable ongoing maintenance to be covered.

It was agreed at the last meeting that the PCC would look to move some funds over to a savings account, to make the most of interest rates.

Treasurer is currently investigating.

## **Fawley**

The Rector of the Benefice was the Revd Miriam Keen living at The Rectory in Chaddleworth until her

resignation in March after which there was an interregnum. The PCC was grateful for all the clergy and lay preachers who led services for the remainder of the year.

### **Membership**

~ The number on the Electoral Roll of Fawley Parish was 15.

~ The members of the PCC, elected at the Annual Meeting in June, were:

Chairman            Revd Miriam Keen (resigned)  
Churchwardens Mrs Evelyn Bracey (also  
Hon.Treasurer)

Elected Members

Mrs Margaret Cooper  
Mrs Sarah Crane (Hon Sec)  
Mrs Carolyn von Stumm  
Mrs Gillie Collis  
Mrs Roz Boadle  
Mr David Gavins  
Ms Lucy Johnson

### **Services and Special Offices**

There were a total of 21 services in the church during 2023. There was a monthly Sunday services, either for 10am communion or an earlier Book of Common Prayer morning service. There were 5 were special offices - 2 funerals, 1 baptism, 1 wedding, Young Farmers Harvest Festival.

~ Average Sunday attendance was 21 present and no children (excluding special services)

### **Church Fabric**

~ On an ongoing basis we greatly appreciate the time and energy given by all those who keep the church in good order throughout the year, in particular the regular cleaning and grass cutting, occasional hedge trimming and gutter clearing and also the steady provision of flowers and candles. There is regular maintenance to



complete tasks set out in the quinquennial report.

### **Activities**

~ The PCC met 4 times: 10th January, 28th March, 25th April and 7th August. The Churchwarden regularly

attended other meetings of the Benefice Standing Committee and also the Worship Group.

~ There were successful fundraising events - bridge lunch, sponsored ride and a talk about local farming.

Sarah Crane  
Honorary Secretary

## Great Shefford w/Shefford Woodlands

The year began with the departure of Rev. Miri Keen as our Rector and the necessary work to contribute to a Benefice Profile

document to recruit her replacement. Miri's departure left a void that was filled by visiting clergy and the hard work of the Lay Team to

keep services going in the Parish. A big thank you must go to Sue Ridgeway who stepped up on Easter Sunday and Advent Sunday to give us Communion Services by extension when no clergy were available. The Café Church Team has continued to grow and enable the Café Church services to continue throughout the vacancy. Thanks go to Shirley Harniman who is the guiding light in keeping the team on course ably supported by Kingsley also to Denise Herrington, Della Hodkin, Jodie Croysdill and Nadine de Chazal who have all worked hard to deliver new and exciting Café Church services ably assisted by their talented families.

In 2023 Mothering Sunday fell on a Café Church Sunday so the children were invited to come along and make posies for their mothers. The Good Friday Activity morning took place as usual with storytelling, edible Easter garden making, egg rolling and singing. In November Café Church celebrated its 10th Birthday complete with bacon rolls and a birthday cake. As mentioned previously we were able to have a very well attended Easter Day Communion service led by Sue Ridgeway. The Remembrance Sunday service, led by Rev. Liz Jackson, took place at the war memorial in the churchyard. The weather was rather damp so we gathered under the trees for shelter and had a very moving service as a result. Advent Sunday was another well attended Communion service.

We were pleased to welcome the Under 5s for their Christingle service and their end of term Nativity in the church and the School when they held their Christmas service in the Church.



The word had spread this year about the Avenue being lit up for our Carols in the Avenue which we had to move into the church as it was very windy. The church was full and everybody enjoyed the informal readings and Carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Having had very poor attendance at the Midnight service in St. Mary's over the passed few years the decision was made to only have the 9-30a.m. service on Christmas morning. The result was a well-attended service once again led by Rev. Liz Jackson.

Thanks go to the members of the churchyard working party who have gathered on the first Saturday of the month throughout 2023 to ensure that our churchyard is well maintained. Particular thanks should go to Paul Taylor, Ian Saunders and John Phelps who give their time freely to keep the grass cut in most of the churchyard. Vic Bone regularly cuts the remaining areas to keep our churchyard tidy and the graves accessible. The churchyard working party was given a boost in May when it was joined in the morning by villagers volunteering for the King's Coronation bank holiday.

The afternoon of the King's Coronation Bank Holiday was celebrated with a concert by musicians of all ages in the church followed by tea and cakes in the



Armstrong's barn. The donations for the afternoon went towards the church funds. Other fundraising events were a Lent Lunch, the Annual Duck Derby and the Harvest Supper. The Gardener's question time which was planned for August had to be cancelled due to the weather. These events have all been planned by our Fundraising team consisting of Denise Herrington and

Della Hodkin and thanks go to them for their ongoing work.

Finally, thanks must go to the team of volunteers, ably managed by Nadine de Chazal, who have kept the church looking clean and inviting for all the services, to Audrey Kelly and her team of flower arrangers who continue to decorate the church beautifully for the services and the band of Bellringers who, led by Peter Birtwhistle, have continued to call people to church this year.

Phillipa Phelps,  
Churchwarden

### Electoral Roll

There are 27 people on the Electoral Roll with three of those who live outside of the parish.

## Leckhampstead

### Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Rector:	Revd Miriam Keen (5th Mar 23) Chairman
Churchwardens:	Michelle Martin Lay Chairman
Elected members:	
Ian Brown	Deanery Synod Rep
Polly Capron	Health & Safety, and Flower & Reading Rotas
Caroline Dennington	Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer
Andy Hollox	Treasurer (Co-opted)
Alison Hartwell	PR co-ordinator

Fundraising Committee  
The full PCC met 5 times during the year, in person.

### Committees

The PCC has one Committee, which meets as required between the full meetings of the PCC:

#### Standing Committee:

This is the only Committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any general directions given by the Council.

Members: Incumbent and Churchwardens.  
In addition, the PCC has responsibility for the 'Friends of St James Church' which it set up in Sept 2010 to raise funds from people who are not part of the worshipping community but who wish to support the

fabric of St James'. This group reports to the PCC.

The members are:

From PCC:

Polly Capron

Non-PCC Members:

Keith Powell Chairman and Administrator

Philip Seymour Committee Member

### Electoral Roll

The number included in April 2024 was 32 being similar to this time last year.

### Church Attendance

The church was closed from the end of January 2023 to September due to the completion of Phase 3 of the re-ordering Project. Services however continued to be held either in the Village Hall, in the churchyard or inside with limited facilities. Services were held monthly being either Holy Communion or the Book of Common Prayer Communion. Services continued to be made available throughout the Benefice on Zoom. Coffee mornings and prayer groups were also made available to all.

### Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals

During the year we sadly held four funerals of Patricia Lyford, Daphne Rosier, David Solly and John Critchley. Congratulations to Martin and Jayne Ellaway who were married in September and the baptism of Thomas Laurence Hawton in November.

### Review of the Year

The year was a challenging year under interregnum and in conjunction with completing Phase 3 of the building works, from January to September. Rev'd Mary Haywood joins us in celebration of our reopening on 17th of September.

Revd Miriam Keen left us on 5th March 2023, and many were involved in the recruitment of Revd Mike Griffiths who join the Benefice on 31st January 2024. In May 2023 as part of the Kings coronation



celebrations and "The Big Help Out" the church created a Memorial Coronation Garden, for the interment of future ashes in the churchyard. Many thanks to all involved in its creation. The United Benefice Carol Services was held in Leckhampstead this year and was very well attended in the "warm" church. The church Christmas Appeal was donated to Loose Ends, in

Newbury. Many thanks for all contributions. The church hosted "The Moonrakers" concert in October following the completion of the building works. This was well attended and enjoyed by over 60 local people. Other fundraising activities for the year included Bridge Tea and Village 100 Club. We kept



the community updated through our website  
www.stjamespcc.com

### **Fabric and Finance Review**

The Restoration Committee completed Phase 3 of our reordering Project to provide heating, toilet and kitchen facilities in the church. Works commenced in January and fully completed 12 months later. The full project costs were £184,000 and a project report is attached. An annual inspection of the Fire Extinguishers was undertaken.

The accounts for 2023 are attached, showing reserves of £5,000 and fabric funds of £13,559 to be used for the final Phase 3 project payments. The PCC are aware of the need for more fundraising in 2024 to support our running costs next year. The Parish Share was paid in full and on time.

### **Finally**

The health of the church is demonstrated through the lives of its members in the local community. We give thanks to everyone for their support in this way. We also thank people, and trusts, who while not worshipping members, help to sustain St James Church with their talents and their gifts. In looking forward we recognise that we face challenging times as we seek to foster Church growth within our local community and undertake the responsibility of maintaining the fabric of the church.

Michelle Martin  
Churchwarden

## **Welford and Wickham**

### **PCC Membership**

The Rector and the Churchwardens, Mr Charles Puxley and Mr James Lofthouse are ex-officio members. Mr James Puxley, Mrs Dottie Channing-Williams, Mr James Darcy, Mrs Frances Wadsworth, Mr Colin Tett and Mrs Lynn Woodhead make up the other Members of the PCC.

### **Committees**

Although we do not have any committees, we do have independent fundraising groups. The Friends of Welford and The Friends of Wickham Churches. The PCC has authorised the Rector and the Churchwardens to make decisions on their behalf if necessary.

### **Electoral Roll**

There are eighteen names now (April 2024) on the Electoral Roll, no changes from the last year.

### **Sunday Services**

The average Sunday attendance is about fifteen adults although numbers have often been more, and the overall trend is an increase in congregations for which the rector deserves credit. The recent arrival of Mike has shown a marked increase in the congregations, which is very encouraging. The 9am Sunday services

have proved popular. The Christmas (over 100 people) and Easter services were well attended and both major sources of income. The services associated with Wickham School are always popular.

Our services are held usually twice a month, a 9am Holy Communion on the second Sunday in Wickham and a 10.30 Holy Communion Service in Welford on the fourth Sunday.

### **Review of the Year**

Routine inspections of the lightning conductors in both the Churches were carried out in 2018.

There is still the continual problem of heating at Wickham Church, and we need to raise money for this project. Wickham has only electric heaters mounted on the walls and no working boiler. At Welford we recently installed new radiators connected to the boiler and a very marked improvement in heating was noticed. There is a major problem with the boiler at present which various experts are looking at. Problem not resolved. The Welford organ has had substantial work completed recently and the various organists report very favourably.

The PCC usually meets two or three times during the year and there were several zoom meetings during



the pandemic.

The PCC's finances will be presented by the treasurer before the APCM. Latest figures are not yet available at the time of writing. The treasurer has done his customary excellent work throughout the year, for which we are all very grateful. Expenses, including Parish Share, have been paid in full. The amount paid for Parish Share in 2022 was £10,154 a staggering amount for which we won't be thanked. Raising over £10,000 is a remarkable achievement for a small parish with very few generous donors. All future building and renovation work expense will need to depend on Grants or Charitable Bequests. Mr Paul Baird, our professional Fundraising Advisor have been successful in the past at advising and assisting in obtaining large amounts of Grant Aid, however, much more money is needed and so our work goes on.

Other ways of raising money have been discussed and taken place and we are planning more local events involving the Churches.

Covenants and donations are at an all-time low.

As in many rural parishes, small congregations means that a large amount of the work falls on a few people.

## **St James Church Leckhampstead Restoration Project Report – January 2024**

### **Introduction**

This brief report summarises the St James church restoration project, which started in January 2023 and was completed in January 2024. A background to the project provides some history and puts the work into context of the long-term church mission. The project spending is then detailed, and the outcome is described showing that all objectives were met.

### **1. Background**

This project is the third phase of a 10-year plan to repair and rejuvenate St James church as a religious and community building. Phase 1, the restoration of the porch and boundary wall was completed in 2018 costing £15,000. Phase 2 replaced the church roof, resolved major structural movement in the building, improved lighting and repaired the windows. This was completed in May 2021 costing £260,000.

With the exterior of the building now safe and preserved, the next stage of our plan was to install the essential services of heating and toilet facilities, along with flexible seating and a level floor.

St James had no heating as the old heating system was condemned and removed during phase 2. The existing floor was uneven, with numerous small changes of level and, consequently, trip hazards. Many of the tiles were broken and cracked, and the floor was only part-tiled with mis-matched carpeting also present at the end and sides of the church. The old pews were attached to a wooden floor laid above the earth below and needed urgent repairs.

This project included installing a new heating system including underfloor heating, a new tiled floor and repairing and adding rollers to the pews so that they will be mobile and adaptable to new service formats. In addition, a disabled toilet facility was installed in the rear of the church to provide essential toilet services. The toilet facility has been sympathetically designed with oak panels to complement the interior architecture and to seamlessly fit into potential future developments of the kitchen servery area.

The fourth and final phase of the plan is installing an enclosed kitchen servery area and a gallery above the toilet and kitchen area.

### **2. Project Work**

JG Restoration Ltd, the appointed builders to the Project, commenced works in late January 2023. The

builders were familiar with St James as they had replaced the roof back in 2021.

The Project commenced with the removal of the pews from the floor and transportation by local farmers to a nearby barn for storage.

The floor was dug up and the existing old tiles were preserved and cleaned up. These tiles were reused in the toilet and kitchen area of the new floor.

The total area of the church floor is 150 square metres. This area was dug up, levelled, compacted and a damp proof membrane added together with insulation. 54 tonnes of concrete were then poured into the floor and required 6-8 weeks drying time.

Once dry, the water based underfloor heating system was laid along with a Dramat base to help control the expansion and contraction of the tiles and cracking of the grout when heated.

The floor was then tiled with 6,600 black and terracotta 6-inch tiles. These tiles were exact reproductions of the original Victorian tiles on the old floor. Tiling this huge area took two tilers three full weeks.

The church pews were removed from the floor, repaired and modified to enable them to stand alone and on rollers so that they could be moved around the church with ease. The pews were also sanded back and oiled to preserve them and improve appearance. A disabled toilet, with baby-changing facilities was installed at the rear of the church. This has been well received especially at a Christening held in



September with many young children.

Unfortunately, the installation of the toilet was considerably more expensive than originally anticipated due to the need to dig a 4-metre-deep manhole in the road to meet Thames Water regulations to link to the main sewer.

During the construction phase the church continued to hold church services. In the warmer months services were outside in the churchyard, alternatively in the local village hall or in the church with no pews! We were creative and ensured that the parishioners in Leckhampstead did not miss its place of

worship.

We are also very grateful for the addition of 25 Nicholas folding chairs donated by The Hobson Trust. These have supplemented seating space lost in the removal of the old pews and allowed for greater flexibility for community events. Their addition will be particularly useful at future discussion groups for example the Practical Dementia Education session planned in March.

### 3. Project Funding

The total funds raised for the Project were £184,000. We are incredibly grateful for the generous support from the local community, various builders and tradespeople, and the following charitable Trusts and Foundations who have so kindly funded this work to preserve and renovate the building for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. Without this support and funding this project would not have been possible. Our sincere thanks go to:

- Beatrice Laing Trust
- Benefact Trust
- Berkshire Historic Churches Trust
- Englefield Charitable Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation Trust
- Gerald Palmer Eling Trust
- National Churches Trust
- Payne Galloway Charitable Trust
- The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust
- The Friends of Leckhampstead
- The Gladiator Trust
- The Greenham Common Charitable Trust
- The Hobson Charity
- The National Lottery
- The Oxford Diocese Development Fund

Sincere thanks also must go to the tireless hard work, commitment, energy and support of the PCC, the Fundraising Committee and the community who worked on the project with us. Leckhampstead is only a small village of about 350 residents, and we were lucky to be able to build a team of volunteers to organise local fundraising, research grants, develop grant application writing skills, manage budgets and projects, and develop good working relationships with architects, builders, and specialist craft-people.

### 4. Project Spend

The Project spend of £184,000 was split into the following areas:

Professional Fees:

- Architect Fee £ 2,275
- Building Regs £ 1,740
- Underfloor heating £ 25,611
- New floor £ 69,706
- Pew modifications £ 9,600
- Disabled toilet £ 30,917
- Toilet connection £ 33,876
- Church chairs £ 10,000

Total Costs £183,725

All VAT was recovered from the VAT Worship Scheme.



Before and after photos of the church floor

### 5. Outcome

The addition of these facilities will rejuvenate the church's role in serving the local and wider community. This will broaden styles of worship and improve community spirit and cohesion as the church will be able to host both large and small events. The improvements will allow the church to meet the needs of the community for concerts, youth clubs, meetings and social gatherings. They will improve comfort, accessibility and provide necessary facilities whilst reducing operational and maintenance costs. The improvements to the church will benefit the whole community and ensure that our church remains an integral part of our rural life for generations to come. Over the past 5 years St James Church has been on an incredible journey to repair, restore and rejuvenate the church. The church is now equipped to move forward to support its local community in many creative ways. A concert by the Moonrakers folk band was held on 25th of October and well attended by the village. Other events have been planned for 2024. The church has been in interregnum for the past 12 months and a new Rector starts with us on 31st January 2024. The church is ready for a new chapter.

## Rev Mike's Report

It has been a joy and delight to put this report together and read about the activities and events that have taken place. Whilst the events that this report covers pre-date my tenure (and I will write much more in the report next year) I cannot fail to comment on the abundance of creativity, commitment, passion, care and dedication that is evident across all our churches and it is wonderful to see such flourishing across the benefice in so many areas. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to support the life and liveliness of this Benefice. Going forward together, we have an incredible opportunity to lean on all of this good work as we build the Kingdom in collaboration and with love.

With every blessing,

Mike x

# Financial Accounts

## Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St James Church, Leckhampstead for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1-3, is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### Basis of this Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council. That examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking any explanation 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the 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.

Sue Ridgeway

Sue Ridgeway

Address: The Quirk, Main Street, Chaddleshworth, Newbury,  
Berkshire RG20 7EH.

Date: 12.2.2024



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES CHURCH LECKHAMPSTEAD**  
**Financial Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023**

**BALANCE OF FUNDS**

at 31st December	2023	2022	Notes
	£	£	
General Fund	5,000	2,241	
Fabric Fund (Restricted)	13,560	38,607	
Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	0	0	
<b>Total Funds held</b>	<b><u>18,560</u></b>	<b><u>40,849</u></b>	

**BALANCE OF BANK ACCOUNTS**

at 31st December	2023	2022
Barclays Bank PLC	596	80
HSBC Bank PLC	17,934	40,739
CCLA Investment Management Ltd		
The CBF Church of England Deposits	30	30
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>	<b><u>18,560</u></b>	<b><u>40,849</u></b>

Notes

- 1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2 The following assets are recognised but not valued in the accounts: moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
- 3 The buildings and contents are insured for £3,922,213 and £113,000 respect.
- 4 At the end of the year the PCC had a final commitment to a building contract to the sum of £13,359 for reordering works.

**THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH LECKHAMPSTEAD**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	897	448
Gift Aid	224	112
	<u>1,121</u>	<u>560</u>
<b>Payments</b>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Surplus</b>	<u>- 3,879</u>	<u>560</u>
Balance brought forward at 1st January	5,757	5,197
Balance carried forward at 31st December	<u>1,878</u>	<u>5,757</u>
<b>Balance of Barclays Bank Account at 31st December</b>	<b><u>1,878</u></b>	<b><u>5,757</u></b>

The Friends of St James Church Leckhampstead was formed in September 2010 to support the fabric of St James Church and enhancements to the building.

The bank account is in the name of the PCC, with payments for fabric purposes authorised by a Churchwarden or Treasurer and one of the two other members of the Friends Group upon application.

## THE WEST DOWNLAND BENEFICE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	4,130	14,817
	<u>4130</u>	<u>14817</u>
Payments	<u>8,829</u>	<u>10,717</u>
Surplus	<u>- 4,699</u>	<u>4,100</u>
Balance brought forward at 1st Janaury	9,109	5,009
Balance carried forward at 31st December	<u>4,410</u>	<u>4,100</u>
Balance of Barclays Bank Account at 31st December	<u>4,410</u>	<u>9,109</u>

The West Dowland Benefice was formed in June 2010. The Benefice operate a bank account used to manage the expenses of clergy. The accounts from 2019 are reported with the Leckhampstead PCC accounts.

Signed

Treasurer Andy Hollox  
Badgers, Leckhampstead RG20 8QQ

Churchward Michelle Martin  
Elm Tree Cottage, Leckhampstead RG20 8QY

Rector Revd Mike Griffiths  
West Downland Rectory, Main Street, Chaddleworth, RG20 7EW

**Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Brightwalton with Catmore  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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

  
Jonathan Lowe

Date: 29/2/24

Cotswold Farm  
Brightwalton  
Newbury  
RG20 7DB



**PCC of Brightwalton with Catmore**  
**Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	31/12/2023	31/12/2022	Comments
	£	£	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>Income from Parishioners</b>			
Planned Giving standing orders	3,960	3,660	
Envelopes	1,997	1,283	
Collections Open Plate	605	891	
Rope money from visiting bellringers	0	71	
Special Services	0	0	
Special Service fees	0	1,541	
Gift aid recovered	1,524	2,846	
<b>Total Income from Parishioners</b>	<b>8,086</b>	<b>10,292</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>			
Bank Interest - all accounts	1,091	231	
Sundry	45	250	
Refund from SEC	0	65	
Rector / Vicar Retirement donations	0	0	
Fundraising	0	0	
Fundraising - Aspire	10,727	7,525	
Other Donations	1,228	404	
Fundraising - Community worker	0	2,800	
Headstones - Memorials	0	0	
Rebate for Parish Share from Deanery Synod	179	0	
Rebate for United Benefice	0	0	
Spray Cottage Income	11,160	13,870	2022 includes 2,750 insurance claim
Churchyard mowing subsidy from PC	0	250	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>24,429</b>	<b>25,396</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32,515</b>	<b>35,688</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Parish Share	7,679	8,845	
United Benefice, Deanery	500	1,500	
Oil, Electricity, and Water	626	1,189	
Repairs inc Organ Tuning	0	0	
Insurance	2,340	2,240	
Fabric costs	364	1,880	
Rector / Vicar Retirement gift to Charity	0	0	
Bank Charges	73	104	
Sundry Expenses	0	0	
Visiting Clergy Fees	0	0	
Organist fees	0	0	
Churchyard costs	3,028	2,813	
Fundraising Expenses	0	0	
Aspire Church reorganisation	0	14,398	
Aspire fund raising expenses	3,720	0	
Community worker expenses	0	13,435	
Community worker fund raising expenses	0	108	
Spray Cottage Expenditure	11,956	2,149	
Charitable donations inc parishioners	50	2,414	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>30,336</b>	<b>51,074</b>	
<b>Net Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>(15,386)</b>	
<b>Net Income less Expenditure by Fund</b>			
General Fund	(4,828)	2,230	
Restoration	7,007	(6,873)	
Community Worker	0	(10,743)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>(15,386)</b>	
<b>Total Funds breakdown to show Spray Cottage</b>			
Income before Spray Cottage receipts	21,355	21,818	
Expenditure before Spray Cottage payments	18,380	48,925	
<b>Surplus before Spray Cottage</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>(27,107)</b>	
Spray Cottage Income	11,160	13,870	
Spray Cottage Expenditure	11,956	2,149	
<b>Spray Cottage Surplus</b>	<b>-796</b>	<b>11,721</b>	

<b>BALANCE SHEET BY FUND</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>	<b>31/12/2022</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Balance brought forward	59,614	57,384
Movement in the year across all funds	2,179	(15,366)
Transfer from/(to) restoration appeal fund (ASPIRE)	(7,007)	6,873
Transfer to Community worker fund	0	10,743
Transfer from organ restoration fund	0	0
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>	<b>54,787</b>	<b>59,614</b>

	<b>31/12/2023</b>	<b>31/12/2022</b>
<b>RESTORATION APPEAL FUND (Restricted)</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Grants	10,727	7,525
Donations	0	0
Fundraising	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,727</b>	<b>7,525</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Reorganisation expenses	0	14,398
Fundraising Expenses	3,720	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,720</b>	<b>14,398</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>7,007</b>	<b>(6,873)</b>
Balance brought forward	15,566	22,440
Transfer to General Fund	7,007	(6,873)
<b>Balance at 31st December</b>	<b>22,573</b>	<b>15,566</b>

<b>Community worker fund (Restricted)</b>		
Income		2,800
Expenditure		13,435
Fundraising expenses		108
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>		<b>-10,743</b>
Balance brought forward		10,743
Transfer to General Fund		-10,743
<b>Balance at 31st December</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS</b>		
Income	32,515	35,688
Expenditure	30,336	51,074
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>(15,386)</b>
Balance brought forward	75,181	90,567
<b>Balance at 31st December</b>	<b>77,360</b>	<b>75,181</b>

<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<b>FUNDS</b>		
General Fund	54,787	59,614
Restoration Appeal Fund (Restricted)	22,573	15,566
Community worker fund (Restricted)	0	0
<b>Total Funds held</b>	<b>77,360</b>	<b>75,181</b>
<b>BANK AND CASH BALANCES</b>		
CAF bank account	19,805	19,534
CAF Gold bank account	56,692	55,647
Cash	863	0
<b>Total Bank balances</b>	<b>77,360</b>	<b>75,181</b>

Note to show profit movement  
Profit/(loss) for the year  
Add back Spray  
Add back Fundraising income and costs  
Add back other donations  
Running (loss)

- (1) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- (2) The PCC is also the key beneficiary of the rental income on Spray Cottage, valued in 2000 at £87,500 by Allchurches Mortgage Company. The mortgage was fully paid as at 31 December 2020
- (3) Moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are recognised but not valued in the accounts.
- (4) The Church and contents are insured for £7,513,035 as at 24th June 2023.
- (5) Cash paid into bank on 16 Jan 2024

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Audit completed by Sue Ridgeway.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S CHURCH FAWLEY at:  
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**GENERAL FUND**

**Receipts**

Regular Giving			
Standing Orders, Cheques	£3,357.94	PGS	£ 2,077.59
Collections - Envelope	£ 429.00		£ 650.00
Collections - Open Plate	£ 230.00		£ 1,807.00
Collections Other Services	£ 482.31		£ -
Income Tax recovered	£ 296.29		£ -
Fees: Wedd, Fun & Mon	£ 2,145.00	FEEES	£ 1,908.00
Donations	£ 200.00	DONATIONS	£ 650.00
Fundraising receipts	£ 4,135.18	FUNDRAISING	£ 3,352.71
Interest	£ 1.82	INTEREST	£ 6.90
		GRANTS	£ 2,300.00
Sundry	£ 592.00		£ 261.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 11,869.54</b>		<b>£ 13,013.21</b>

**Payments**

Parish Share	£ 7,207.00		£ 6,387.02
United Benefice and Deanery	£ 1,500.00		£ 500.00
Elec, Water, Oil Insur	£ 2,408.77		£ 2,991.04
Maintenance	£ 342.00		£ 3,279.60
Fundraising payments	£ 175.00		£ -
Other	£ 131.00		£ 110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 11,763.77</b>		<b>£ 13,267.66</b>

<b>Receipts</b>	£ 11,869.54		£ 13,013.21
<b>Payments</b>	£ 11,763.77		£ 13,267.66
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>£ 105.77</b>		<b>-£ 254.45</b>
Brought Forward	£ 2,644.79		£ 2,750.56
<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>£ 2,750.56</b>		<b>£ 2,496.11</b>

FABRIC ACCOUNT	£ 32.27		£ 32.38
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INTEREST payment in	£ 0.11		£ 0.69
CLSING BALANCE	£ 32.38	transfer	£ 110.00
		closing balance	£ 110.00
			£ 33.07

**BANK BALANCES**

CAF NO 1 ACC.	£ 2,750.00		£ 2,496.11
CAF	£ 32.38		£ 33.07
<b>TOTAL BALANCES HELD</b>	<b>£ 2,782.94</b>		<b>£ 2,529.18</b>

*Susan Ridgway*

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the regulations using the receipts and payments basis. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the accounts. Moveable church furnishings and the churchwardens are on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

The buildings and contents are insured for £13,300,00. *CS*

signed

## Welford with Wickham Church Accounts FY 2023

Find attached:

1. Profit and Loss statement
2. Balance Sheet statement
3. Trial Balance sheet

Closing balances Dec 31	2022	2023
Welford Churches Account	£638.86	£3,569.75
St. Gregory's Account (A/C opened 17 March 2016)	£4.80	£4.80

Notes to the Accounts.

Extraordinary or large items from the accounts are listed below:

Income

1. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals generated £2,820 (Versus £3,845 in 2022)
2. Donations received amounted to £10,691 (Versus £9,805 for 2022) of which £6,702 was via the Parish Giving Scheme (versus £6,905 in 2022)
3. Collections amounted to £2,647 (Versus £3,064 in 2022)

Expenditure

4. Oxford Diocese Parish Share charges amounted to £7,979 (Versus £10,154 in 2022)
5. West Downland Benefice fees amounted to £625 (versus £1,500 for 2022)
6. Professional fees relate to Architect fees: £450
7. Ground Maintenance was: £3,080 (Versus £3,190 for 2022)
8. Insurance came to £2,486 (Versus £1,986 for 2022)
9. Utilities came to £122 (compared to £2,157 in 2022). The lower levels mainly due to overpayment in 2022, no oil purchases during 2023 and lower use of churches.
10. Repairs and Maintenance came to £2,411 (compared to £109 in 2022)

As can be seen from the P&L, we managed a surplus of £3,231, primarily because we only paid 78% of our Parish Share budget. In addition, £2,500 was given in grants for a specific project on St Swithun's church and is unavailable for general running of the churches going forward.

Approved by the PCC on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P. C. P. P. P.

(PCC Chairman)

J. J. C. D'Arcy

Mr JJC D'Arcy

(PCC Treasurer)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Welford with Wickham  
Churches for the Calendar Year 2023**

I herewith report on the accounts of the Welford with Wickham Churches for the calendar year 2023.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Treasurer (James D'Arcy) concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the accounts represent anything other than a true and fair record of all financial transactions during 2023.

Date: 13th April 2024

Signed: C.J. Cazalet

Mr Julian Cazalet FCA

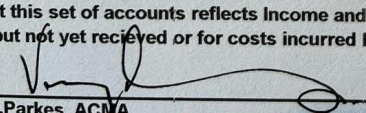
Wickham & Welford PCC  
 Profit And Loss Account  
 For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	£
Income	Baptisms / Weddings / Funerals	2,820.00	
	Collections	2,648.85	
	Donations	10,691.24	
	Grants	3,250.00	
	Investment Income	224.30	
	Newbury Deanery	150.00	
	Other	145.00	
	Tax Rebate for donations	432.83	
		<u>20,360.22</u>	
Expenses	Benefice	(625.00)	
	Deanery	(150.00)	
	Diocese	(7,978.76)	
	Grounds Maintenance	(3,080.00)	
	Insurance	(2,486.37)	
	Other professional fees	(450.00)	
	Repair and Maintenance	(2,411.38)	
	Sundry	(70.00)	
	Utilities	122.24	
		<u>(17,129.27)</u>	
	<u>3,230.95</u>		
Net profit		<u>3,230.95</u>	

**ST MARY'S GREAT SHEFFORD PCC**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023				2022			
	PCC	Nave Project & St. Stephens	Belfry Inspection Fund	TOTAL FUNDS	PCC	Nave Project & St. Stephens	Belfry Inspection Fund	TOTAL FUNDS
	UNRESTRICTED £'s	RESTRICTED £'s	RESTRICTED £'s	£'s	UNRESTRICTED £'s	RESTRICTED £'s	RESTRICTED £'s	£'s
Cash Book Balance	4,886	7,539	2,001	14,426	8,208	7,539	2,001	17,748
Cash held				0				0
Less unrepresented cheque				0				0
<b>Total bank and cash in hand</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>14,426</b>	<b>8,208</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>17,748</b>
<b>NET RESERVES</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>14,426</b>	<b>8,208</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>17,748</b>
Being:								
Reserves brought forward	8,208	7,539	2,001	21,459	11,919	7,539	2,001	21,459
<b>Movements in funds:</b>								
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments at bank	(3,322)	0	0	(3,322)	(3,711)	0	0	(3,711)
Surplus/(deficit) of receipts over payments as cash				0				0
<b>Net Cash Reserves carried forward at end of year</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>18,137</b>	<b>8,208</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>17,748</b>

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the accounts provided.  
 Note that this set of accounts reflects income and expenditure on a cash basis only. No adjustments have been made for income earned but not yet received or for costs incurred but not paid as yet.

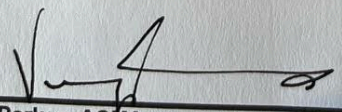
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 Mrs V.K. Parkes ACMA

Date: 19/4/24

**ST MARY'S GREAT SHEFFORD PCC**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**YEAR TO DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £	Change £
			<b>2022 to 2023</b>
Monthly Gift Aided donations by SO & PGS	5,762	5,080	682
Sum up. collections and boxes.	1,913	2,030	(117)
Fund raising (Ducks, Lent lunch, Jubilee, harvest sup	1,131	1,882	(751)
Historic Churches Grant	0	500	(500)
HMRC Gift Aid tax refund	1,346	1,538	(192)
Brightwalton Donation	0	2,000	(2,000)
Other Personal donations	1,818	1,520	298
Church Fees (Weddings, baptisms, memorials etc)	1,730	2,373	(643)
West Downland Transfer	409	0	409
GSPC Donation	0	750	(750)
Bellringing - Visiting Bands	40	10	30
2023 - Unallocated income / Fuel Grant - 2022	1,784	612	1,172
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>15,934</u></b>	<b><u>18,295</u></b>	<b><u>(2,361)</u></b>
Parish Share	11,694	14,220	(2,526)
Benefice and clergy	500	2,250	(1,750)
Insurance	3,565	3,241	324
Electricity	2,791	454	2,337
General repairs, maint & admin.	0	1,262	(1,262)
Stone Technical services	198	0	198
Fire Extinguishers	83	0	83
Bells Maintenance	0	338	(338)
Organ maintenance and Fees	289	241	48
The Good Exchange	137	0	137
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Nave Project	0	0	0
St Stephens Project	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>19,256</u></b>	<b><u>22,006</u></b>	<b><u>(2,750)</u></b>
<b>Surplus of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b><u>(3,322)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,711)</u></b>	<b><u>388</u></b>

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the accounts provided,  
 Note that this set of accounts reflects Income and Expenditure on a cash basis only .

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