

# Ouzel Valley Team Ministry

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## Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The format for producing our Annual Report has not changed since last year's Meetings. So you will find included within this document the agenda for our Annual Meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> April, the minutes of last year's Annual Meetings, and all of the reports relating to this year's Meetings. All reports cover the period between January and December 2023. However, this Report is being distributed primarily by e-mail. Only a few copies for those without e-mail will be left at the back of the Church.

It is very important that everyone in our Church family takes an active interest in all of the areas of our life together, so that we can support one another on our Christian journey, and take responsibility for our shared life and mission. We therefore encourage everyone firstly to read their copy of the Annual Report before the meeting, and secondly to attend our Annual Meetings, which this year will be held after our 10 am Parish Eucharist on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> April, starting at around 11:15 am in the Hall.

If you cannot come to the meetings, or if you have any issues, concerns or questions you wish to raise about the business of the Meetings, please do so by contacting either Fr Bernard (01525 372149, email: [linsladevicar@gmail.com](mailto:linsladevicar@gmail.com)) or our PCC Secretary Barbara Appleyard (tel: 01525 376842, email: [markappleyard199@btinternet.com](mailto:markappleyard199@btinternet.com)) before the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. You can also write to us at the above address. We are happy to raise matters for you at the Meetings, given sufficient notice.

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Team Vicar

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Michael Woodhouse  
Churchwarden

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*ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2024***IN THE CHURCH HALL****AGENDA****ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

1 Election of two Churchwardens for the coming year (nominations must be received before the meeting).

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To elect 3 Members to the Parochial Council for 3 years (nominations may be accepted at the meeting, with the permission of the person nominated).
- 3 To consider:
  - a. Minutes of the last APCM
  - b. Matters arising
  - c. Changes to the Electoral Roll
  - d. A report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council
  - e. A report on the financial affairs of the Council
  - f. The accounts of the Parish for 2023
  - g. To appoint an Independent Examiner
  - h. A report by the Churchwardens on the Ornaments, Fabric and Goods of the Churches
  - i. Reports of the Deanery Synod and other church organisations
  - j. Chairman's report

**PARISH OF LINSLADE****DIOCESE OF St ALBAN'S****MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL  
ON 23 APRIL 2023 at 11.45 AM****Election of Churchwardens**

Nick Butler and Michael Woodhouse were duly elected as Church Wardens for the year 2023-2024 there being no other nominations. Fr Bernard thanked them both for all their hard work over the preceding year.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH  
HALL ON 23 APRIL AT 11.50 AM**

**Present:** B Appleyard, A Barrett, B. Benedict, J. Bewick, S. Bradshaw, A & M Brandham, A & C Birch,, N & I Butler, R T Clayden, K Crooks, M & W Crowe, D. Emerson, W Forde, P Miller, J Miller, Rev. Dr. B Minton, A & N Peerman, V Smith, S. Soper, J W Thompson, J W Tigg, M A Titcombe, A Tracey, J & R Watts, M. Woodhouse, I & S Woodward.

Plus one observer.

Fr Bernard reminded everyone that the agenda and all paperwork needed for the meeting was in the booklet.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from P. Morris, C. Hunter, J & S. Deighton, K. Emerson, G. Forde, A.K & V Frazer, A. Frazer, C.J & L.M Hewett, B G Marshall & H W Marshall, T. Ralph, M. Soper, A J Tigg.

**2. To elect 3 Deanery Synod Members for 3 years**

Winston Forde and Simon Soper both stood again and were duly elected. This left one vacancy as there were no other volunteers. Father Bernard said that anyone who might consider volunteering could always contact him later, and be co-opted by the PCC.

**3. To elect 3 members to the Parochial Church Council for 3 years and 1 member for 2 years.**

The following were duly approved by the meeting to serve on the PCC. Barbara Appleyard, David Emerson and Sarah Woodward (3 years each). Carolyn Birch was elected for two years. There being no other nominations they were duly re-elected.

**4. To consider**

**a. Minutes of the last APCM** – These were accepted and approved by the meeting. It was noted that the 2023 agenda was mis-numbered (there were two of item 3, of which this was the second).

**b. Matters arising** – None

**c. Changes to the Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll Officer, Isobel Butler, reported that the since the 2022 APCM when there were 108 names on the Roll, 4 names have been added and 2 removed. The Total on the Electoral Roll, revised for the 2023 APCM is 110.

Isobel Butler also informed the meeting that the Electoral Roll was now open again. The Roll was kept at the back of the Church with application packs for new members.

**d. A report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council.** A booklet containing all the reports of the PCC had been printed and distributed prior to the meeting. The report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary was accepted by all present with no questions or comments.

**e. A report on the financial affairs of the Council.** This report, and the detailed accounts, were in the booklet. The report was approved by the meeting. The Vicar thanked Carolyn for her hard work last year, and thanked Vernon for agreeing to take over the responsibility.

**f. The accounts of the Parish for 2022.** The accounts were approved by the meeting. The Vicar pointed out that for the first time expenditure had exceeded income from giving, but the shortfall had been covered from Church Hall profits. There were no questions about the report.

**g. To appoint an Independent Examiner.** The re-appointment of David Thompson was proposed by Carolyn Birch, the Treasurer. She had previously confirmed with David that he was prepared to fulfil the role again. His appointment was approved by the meeting. The meeting approved giving garden vouchers as a thank you.

**h. A report by the Churchwardens of the Ornaments, Fabric and Goods of the Churches.** The Churchwarden's report is in the booklet. Father Bernard asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none, and it was duly approved. Father Bernard thanked Nick and Michael for their diligent work throughout the year.

**i. Reports of the Deanery Synod and other church organisations.** These reports were all in the booklet as information to the Parish.

**j. Chairman's report.** The Vicar's report was in the booklet and Father Bernard did not propose to read it out. He said this was members' opportunity to comment upon it, but there none except for a vote of thanks from Richard Watts to the Vicar.

Father Bernard felt that 2022 had been pretty good, all things considered, and he was very grateful to the parish for their love and support. He also re-iterated the news published earlier on, that the Team Rector and Vicar of All Saints', Mother Cate, was leaving her post to take up a part-time position in Totteridge, due to changes in her circumstances.

The meeting ended with the Grace. The meeting closed at 12:08 pm.

### **Vicar's Report for APCM 2024, covering the period January – December 2023**

If I had to sum up 2023 I think it would be in some phrase like 'Steady as she goes'! After the wild ride of the previous few years, 2023 felt like the beginning of a 'new normal'. There were no extraordinary disruptions or alarms, and the regular milestones of parish life all came and went according to the old familiar rhythm, even if we had to make some allowances for changed circumstances since the Pandemic, as our numbers have somewhat diminished and aged. Our 'normal' attendance at our 10 am Eucharist is now somewhere between 45 and 55, which is fewer than it was in 2019, but we have been able to see the resumption of many of our activities, as the list of reports in this booklet amply demonstrates.

There were 19 people at our early morning Easter service at St Mary's, two up on last year, and 118 people in total at our various Easter Day services at St Barnabas (12 up on last year). This year's carol service at St Mary's attracted 56 worshippers, pretty much the same number as in 2022, and another 50 attended the Service of Nine Lessons at St Barnabas (up on 2022). All the schools in the parish came for Christmas services or events, which means that over 2,000 children and adults came through our doors in December 2023. However, the total Christmas congregation at St Barnabas numbered 86 communicants and 266 worshippers, rather fewer than in 2022. In particular, the number attending Midnight Mass has fallen since 2020, with an especially noticeable decline in those attending but not receiving communion. The Christmas Eve Crib Service remains our best attended service, though numbers were slightly down on 2022. Perhaps Christmas Eve being a Sunday affected attendance: there were, after all, 60 people at our 10 am Sunday morning service that day! And of course, there are usually somewhere between 5 and 8 watching the live stream of our Sunday service, and up to 100 views thereafter, though many of those may be repeat viewers or merely brief glances.

A group of us, drawn from the parish and wider afield, went on our usual pilgrimage to Walsingham in September. As ever, we greatly enjoyed both the fellowship, and the peace and prayerful atmosphere of the Shrine. Many thanks to Richard and Judith for organising this.

During the course of the year, the Standing Committee and PCC met on several occasions in the latter half of the year with the Rev'd Paul Davies of the Diocesan Flourishing Churches Team, who assisted us in the preparation of a new, and rather delayed, parish Mission Action Plan. This commits us to the following six actions:

1. To live stream our main service on facebook every week.
2. To publish a simple weekly message on our facebook page and by email, emphasising God's love for all, and advertising weekly events.
3. To publish and distribute parish-wide regular cards from the Church with a short simple message of hope, generally before Easter and Christmas, and possibly also at harvest time.
4. To keep St Barnabas open during the day, with an A frame board outside advertising that the church is open, and a display board inside with information about the Church and our activities, and how to donate time and money!
5. To continue to run a weekly term-time Toddlers group on a Tuesday morning.
6. To continue to refresh our monthly All-Age Eucharist.
7. And to support the on-going mission and ministry of the other parishes in the Ouzel Valley Team.

I am enormously grateful to all those volunteers who make these commitments achievable. Louisa, Chris, Ann, Vernon, Rita and the Churchwardens get the live stream up and running every week; Richard publishes the weekly message on our facebook page and organises the production and distribution of the Christmass and Easter cards across the parish, whose delivery is achieved by so many of you taking on rounds; Michael and Pam, with help from Sally, run the Tuesday Toddlers; Tina tirelessly supports the involvement of children in our worship; and David, Kathryn and the choir, and Isabel and the serving team, assist at every Sunday Eucharist, ensuring that our worship is God-focused and full of His joy. All of these are collective undertakings: everything that happens in the parish requires the support and assistance of many of you, and I am grateful for all your support and prayer.

I am particularly thankful for all the hard work and commitment of Michael and Nick as Churchwardens, together with the other members of the PCC, and especially I must thank Vernon for taking on the responsibility of Treasurer, and for Barbara's work as PCC Secretary. May God bless us all through 2024.

**Fr Bernard**

### **Churchwardens Report for 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023**

#### **St Barnabas'**

Quinquennial reports were produced for both churches and we will be working our way through the reports and dealing with the most urgent work.

The west window has been inspected by Chapel Studios and no work is required.

Testing and servicing were carried out on the lightning conductors in July for St Barnabas and St Marys. The gutters were cleared and roof inspections at both churches were carried out in December.

The heating system has been serviced for another year and all the radiators in the Lady Chapel now run on the same system which will help to make the Lady Chapel more comfortable in the winter time.

The Crimson Norway maple in the car park has been inspected and will be looked at again in November 2024 when all trees are due for re inspection.

All risk assessments have been reviewed and updated.

The CCTV system has had its yearly check-up and is working well.

The statue from Russell Stannard has been erected in the link courtyard and we would like to thank the family for their kind donation.

The "flower room" has had a makeover after the Quinquennial report mentioned that the floor was rotten under the toilet and that it was in a general state of dilapidation.

Work on keeping up the appearance of St Barnabas both inside and outside has been carried out by the willing band of volunteers and our cleaner Trude. It is much appreciated and again our thanks to these lovely people. Rechargeable equipment – "trimmer, chainsaw and clippers" – has been purchased to make dealing with the weeds easier. We have also purchased PAT testing equipment so we can do our own PAT testing. Michael knows how to do this and is also willing to train others in the work.

#### **St Mary's**

The tower has been inspected by Keith Rawlings, a structural engineer, who has given the tower a clean bill of health. The damage to the floors seems to have been caused by water ingress of which there is now no sign. He's writing a full report free of charge. We can then decide if we need to make good or continue to restrict access to the floor. He's willing to help on a complimentary basis to some extent. This help will include checking with the council about what can be done given the building's listed status.

The gate between the Churchyard and the cemetery has been repaired.

The Churchwardens would like to thank the Friends of St Mary's for the work they do maintaining the Churchyard.

Opening the church to visitors was restarted but only on the first Sunday of the month.

Neither St Barnabas' nor St Mary's could be adequately maintained without the help of many people who are willing to volunteer their time and labour, and work with contractors to enable the required specialised works to be carried out. We are grateful and indebted to you all.

**Nick Butler and Michael Woodhouse**

### **Secretary's Report on the Business of the Parochial Church Council (2023)**

Linslade PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, within the ecclesiastical parish of Linslade, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic and social. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the churches of St. Barnabas and St. Mary, (Old Linslade) and the Community Hall on the St. Barnabas site.

#### **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. 3 members are elected each year for a 3 year period, there being 9 elected members in total plus 3 Deanery Synod Members. Due to insufficient nominations there is currently 1 vacancy for a Deanery Synod member. Occasionally members are co-opted to fill vacancies not filled at the APCM. At its first meeting following the APCM, PCC appointments are approved to serve until the next APCM.

During the year 2023, the following served as members of the PCC

Ex Officio

Reverend Bernard Minton	Team Vicar
Reverend Wyn Jones	Assistant Priest
Mr Charles Amis	Reader (co-opted)
Mr Ian Woodward	Reader (co-opted)
Mr Nick Butler	Churchwarden
Mr Michael Woodhouse	Churchwarden

Elected members

Mr Winston Forde	Deanery Synod Member elected 2023 for 3 years
Mr Simon Soper	Deanery Synod Member elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Barbara Appleyard	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mr David Emerson	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Sarah Woodward	Elected 2023 for 3 years
Mrs Carolyn Birch	Elected 2023 for 2 years
Mrs Pam Morris	Elected 2022 for 3 years
Mrs Ann Tracey	Elected 2022 for 3 years
Mr John Tigg	Elected 2022 for 2 years
Mrs Janet Miller	Elected 2021 for 3 years
Mr Vernon Smith	Elected 2021 for 3 years
Mrs Jennie Bewick	Co-opted by the PCC to fill a vacancy in 2021 for 3 years.

**Committees**

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. In particular:

**Standing and Finance 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 directions given by the full Council. It also prepares the agenda for subsequent PCC meetings.

**Worship Committee**

This committee exists to work with the clergy to establish and review the forms of worship for use in the parish. It is not presently active.

**Outreach Committee**

This committee attends to matters relating to the ministry of the church to the community and to the world, such as ecumenical links, evangelism and the support of mission and relief agencies. It organises fundraising activities to support its work and reports regularly to the PCC. It is not presently active.

**Friends of St Mary's**

This organisation attends to matters relating to the upkeep of St. Mary's Churchyard, Old Linslade, in support of the Churchwardens and the PCC. It operates a membership scheme and organises fundraising to support the activities.

**Stewardship Committee**

This committee has an ongoing responsibility for identifying tasks and roles that are required for the parish to flourish and to identify (in consultation with the clergy) those laity able to give talents and resources to perform them.

**Other organisations**

Many other organisations function within the church, all of which are accountable to the PCC. These include the Bell Ringers, the Choir, the "Baby Barnacles" and the Tuesday Toddler Group.

**Church Attendance and Electoral Roll**

The Sunday attendance during October 2023, the period when the diocese usually collects attendance figures on behalf of central church offices, varied from 141 to 68 adults, and 0 to 32 under 16 year olds. Total attendance on Easter Day was 118, and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 266. On average, there have been calculated to be 116 views a week of the service streamed live on a Sunday (this figure may include individuals returning several times, and households, of course). An average of 6 people watch live on a Sunday morning. During the year 2023, 14 baptisms, 4 marriages and 19 funerals were held in or by the church.

At the APCM held on 23 April 2023, Isobel Butler, the Electoral Roll officer, reported that the number on the Roll at the time of the meeting was 110.

## **Review of the Year**

The full PCC met on 6 occasions during 2023. From January to December there were 18 members. Average attendance at PCC meetings was 13 members with the lowest attendance 11 and the highest 16. The Standing Committee met in person on 6 occasions. The main issues under discussion have been as follows:

### **Buildings**

Issues raised by the Quinquennial Inspection were addressed throughout the year by the Standing Committee and PCC. For more details of work undertaken, please see the Churchwardens' report.

### **Safeguarding Policy**

The Parish has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults) and copies of the Policy and guidelines for children and vulnerable adults have been posted on the public notice boards. They are continually monitored and updated including safeguarding checks for all PCC members; the GDPR policy, Photograph policy and Live streaming Protocol all consider safeguarding responsibilities.

### **Finance**

The church's financial situation continues to be a regular discussion item and the PCC are continually looking at ways to improve the financial position. (See also Treasurer's report). Our audited reports were sent to the Charity Commission as required. Electronic giving is utilised.

### **Other items**

The PCC received regular reports from the Deanery Synod, Team Council and Churches Together.

**Barbara Appleyard, PCC Secretary**

## **Treasurer's Report 2023**

I present my report for 2023. The detailed Annual Financial Report and Statements are provided separately.

Our funds are categorised into General, Designated, Restricted and Endowment funds. The interest from the endowment funds, £1,400.78, is transferred to restricted funds at the end of the financial year. This year the combined endowment investment values are £51,246 an increase of £4,441 or 9%. Interest Rates have risen and our funds have benefited from this with an extra £3,500 Interest paid into funds.

Our planned giving and weekly collections have reduced due to loss of some congregation members, and our planned giving is down by around £5,000. Our grateful thanks to all those who do so but as always we need to find ways to encourage increases to our giving.

The running costs for the church and hall increased as expected because of more use and increased cost of supplies. The general fund at the end of 2023 was £68,710 compared with £63,978 at the end of 2022 but for the fourth year we have decided not to transfer any funds to the Maintenance and Repair funds, or to the Hall fund due to our higher utility & running costs. We paid the Parish Share of £66,881 in full. Gift Aided Giving and the Small Gift Donations Scheme & VAT have allowed us to reclaim £16,423 from the Inland Revenue and £1,603 was generated from the solar panels. The main expenditure this year, apart from annual inspections of lightning conductors, fire extinguishers, roofs, boiler servicing etc, was for Quinquennial building inspections for both St Barnabas & St Mary's and the refurbishment of the Flower Room, Link door repairs and closers for the Hall & Church, and new electric cooker for the Hall, and repairs to the Hall shed. The continued high cost of utilities has been a great concern to everyone, however we did not receive any grant in respect of these costs as we did in 2022, our utility costs are remaining high into 2024. We shall continue to monitor the cost of our utilities and will stay with our present provider for the foreseeable future. We held Lent, Harvest and Advent lunches, 2 jumble sales, the summer and autumn fairs, all of which were well supported. The PCC has agreed to add to the funds raised by the Outreach Group and £700.00 was sent to each of our three Outreach Charities, as well as support to other charities through special collections & donations.

I would like to thank all of those who have assisted with the financial matters in the parish, especially Carolyn Birch from whom I took over this year, and for Carolyn's support for tracking Hall and Church invoices, and magazine subscriptions, and Janet Miller for managing Hall bookings and invoicing.

**Vernon Smith - Linslade PCC Treasurer**

## **Deanery Synod Report for 2023**

Winston and I are the St Barnabas lay representatives on Deanery Synod. All ordained clergy in the deanery are automatically on Deanery Synod. For a considerable part of 2023, Bernard undertook the role of acting Rural Dean. At the March Synod, the Very Reverend Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of St Albans talked about what is happening at St Alban's cathedral. She reminded us that the 2019-2024 Diocesan Mission Strategy is to promote congregational



growth and attract a younger and more diverse congregation. There will be Diocese-wide consultation on the next Mission Strategy.

In the July Synod, Kate Ford, the recently appointed Diocesan Giving Advisor gave a talk on stewardship. The PCC has and is using some of her advice.

In the December Synod, parishes gave details on actions they had undertaken in the Eco-Church initiative. Throughout 2023 the Synod has kept parishes up-to-date on Safeguarding because requirements, policies and procedures are constantly being modified. Parishes who do not meet the requirements for safeguarding risk invalidating their insurance.

The Synod is also updated on General Synod meetings. In 2023 much of the General Synod's time was taken up with implementing Living in Love and Faith and therefore with the CofE's attitudes to LGBTQI+ issues. **Simon Soper**

### **Safeguarding Report 2023**

Safeguarding at St Barnabas Church is carried out under the direction of the Diocese and in accordance with the policy statements of the House of Bishops. The current Parish Safeguarding Officer and also the DBS checker is Ann Tracey. We have safeguarding policies for Children and for Vulnerable adults which are displayed on the West Door noticeboard and Church Hall noticeboards. We also have a Photography and Video recording policy. These are all updated in May each year. Safeguarding posters giving contact details of appropriate Parish and Diocesan officers are also displayed.

A copy of the Church of England Safeguarding Handbook is available online, or speak to Fr. Bernard or Ann Tracey for link.

Appointments to church roles and offices take account of the Safer Recruitment guidance and as of January this year the PCC have approved a policy on the Recruitment of ex-Offenders. Appropriate DBS checks are carried out and candidates are requested to complete the appropriate Safeguarding courses.

During 2023 there were no Safeguarding issues reported within the Parish.

DBS checks for members of PCC, churchwardens, church organist and choirmaster and children's co-ordinator are all up to date and current; though a couple are due for renewal later in 2024. All Safeguarding courses have been completed where necessary; however, some will need to be renewed later this year.

Information on our status regarding Safeguarding courses and DBS checks is logged on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and the Parish Safeguarding Hub. These let the Diocese know that we are acting in accordance with Diocesan and Church of England measures for Safeguarding. They also give guidance on keeping up to date and will advise us of any future changes required. **Ann Tracey**

### **Linslade Bell Ringers**

The ringers had another busy year in 2023. I am pleased to report that our Sunday service band has increased in size due to the support of several groups of ringers who do not consider Linslade to be their home tower, and we are very grateful for their support. We, in turn, have continued to support the new band that has formed in Husbourne Crawley, with a small group of Linslade ringers regularly attending practice there on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. We are always on the lookout for new recruits, so if you have any interest in learning to ring, please do speak to me. The only qualification you need is that you can get up the tower steps (and are over the age of about 10 so your hands are big enough to hold the rope) – we will support you with the rest!

The band was able to ring to mark the coronation of King Charles III, and welcomed a visiting peal band at the end of December who produced some very fine ringing. There was only one wedding this year that requested bells, and these were provided.

As always, I would like to thank Father Bernard for his continuing support, as well as thanking Janice Robinson for being our ringing master, Simon Head for being our deputy ringing master and Mark Cluett for being our steeple keeper. **Louisa Hewett, Tower Captain**

### **The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph**

The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph is under the pastoral care of Fr. Bernard and includes not only members of the St. Barnabas congregation but also All Saints and other congregations.

The principal event is an annual pilgrimage to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham led by Fr. Bernard which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023. 23 pilgrims took part, which was down on the previous year due to illness mainly. We had a bus to take us and most pilgrims, which is very convenient and left from the Railway Station. We appreciate the leadership of Fr. Bernard, and we all enjoy a spiritual revival during the weekend.

The Cell also pays for a candle in the name of the cell to burn in the Holy House in the Walsingham Shrine.

The pilgrimage this year is between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September and at the time of writing there are still a few places available. A coach will be available for transportation leaving from the railway station on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at noon and returning on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at around 6.30 pm.

On Sundays we visit the Parish Church for their Eucharist before returning to a fabulous Sunday Roast Lunch. The food and accommodation at the Shrine are excellent with other food options being available. For details, please contact me on walsinghamjudith@gmail.com or telephone 07766473730.

**Judith Watts. Secretary. The Cell of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Linslade.**

### **Friends of St. Mary's**

It was another good year at St Mary's. First Saturday of the month we had services on a regular basis. The grounds were maintained which owes a big thank you to John Tigg. We also had one or two new volunteers coming along. We have had two weddings at St Mary's There have been ashes buried, the patronal festival service and the Christmas carols and readings, which had a happy crowd of worshippers. The Easter vigil was also well attended.

New signs about walking dogs in the cemetery have been put up, and several owners have been made aware of the council rules that the dogs should be on a lead in the grounds.

The cheese and wine with quiz evening went well and again we sold all the tickets and many said how much they enjoyed the evening.

We have taken to stacking the chair and covering them when not in use. This keeps them cleaner and it is not so much trouble getting them out when an event does take place.

The church was open on Easter day and on every first Sunday of the month until September. Many people visited and appreciated the time we gave up to be there.

**Ian Woodward**

### **Outreach report 2023**

There is still no formal Outreach group but we have held our usual fundraising events this year. We had a lent lunch with soup, bread and cheese, and an advent lunch when we added mince pies and cakes. As it was successful last year, we had a harvest bring and share lunch which was held after the Sunday morning service.

St Barnabas continues to support our three charities, one international, one national and one local. Our international charity is "Rukungiri Orphan Partnership" who support a primary school in Uganda; our national project is "Kids Out" whose headquarters is in Leighton Buzzard; our local charity is "Leighton Linslade Helpers" who operate a community fridge and food bank for those in need in Leighton Buzzard. The PCC decided to send £700 to each of our charities.

**Carolyn Birch, on behalf of the PCC**

### **Hall Secretary and Treasurer's Report**

Carolyn and I have been running the hall for the last year and bookings are going well. We still have regular bookings Monday to Friday and the increase in fees at the end of 2022 has not affected our bookings. The hall is still booked nearly every Saturday and we have quite a lot of bookings for Sunday afternoons for birthday and baptism parties. I am still having to turn people down because they are not asking soon enough to use the hall. Most bookings are for at least a month ahead if not more and in order to make sure they get the date they require it is necessary to book at least 3 months in advance. I am also getting bookings for next year. I get a lot of feedback about how lovely the hall is and how they have enjoyed using it. I have also had comments about how good the kitchen facilities are.

The Invoicing system is still going well and it is much easier to see who has paid and who still needs to with regard to regular bookings. For casual users the invoice system means that I know who I need to chase up for payment.

We have a group wanting to use the Keith Saunders Rooms once a month and are trying it for a trial period of 3 months to see how it will work for them. I have also had an enquiry for another regular monthly use as well.

Unfortunately we lost a booking which used the hall twice a week due to the fact that they had managed to get their own hall instead of having to use various halls on different days. We also lost the Auction group as they were trying to cut down their overheads and were putting groups together. The hall as you can see is still very well used even with these changes and I still get quite a few enquiries for use of the hall during the week regularly but unfortunately they would like a time that is unavailable.

We now have 2 regular groups on the 3rd Saturday of the month which follow each other and hopefully we will be able to have more regular groups during the week. We also have quite a few casual users using the Keith Saunders and Wyn Jones rooms at various times, often during the day.

**Janet Miller**

### **Servers and Sacristan Report for 2023**

In 2023 we were very pleased that Barbara, Anghy, Jayne and Michael joined the servers team. The list of servers is as follows: Barbara, Charles, Clara, Kate, Michael, Vernon, Anghy, Bruce, James, Louisa, Gill, Jayne and Isobel with Nick, Tim and Simon who are also sacristans. If anybody would like to join the team, please ask any of us.

We would be delighted if anyone wishes to pay for the elements for a week, perhaps in memory of a loved one or for an anniversary. Please ask Vernon.

For those who don't know, the sacristans get things ready for the Sunday services. Silverware is polished, candles replenished, altar frontals changed if necessary, cruets filled with wine and wafers and linen put out. We also order or buy altar supplies.

Nick and Isobel also do sterling work washing and ironing linen including altar cloths.

**Simon Soper**

### **Sunday School/All-Age Report.**

This is an account of two contrasts. Sunday School had children twice in the last year. Activity sheets or craft are available if needed. My thanks to Cheryl and Michelle for their support. David and Kathryn have made themselves available to do music with the children during the sermon. Reasons for decline in the Sunday School include: a range of ages; older children; and the decision by families to join the hour-long All-Age service instead. The All-Age service is now growing. Fr Bernard does a children-centred sermon. We have approximately twelve children, plus almost as many adults, on the mat in the children's area and are expanding to do crafts on the steward's table during the service. Children are encouraged to use the Children's Communion Books. Families want to stay together, either at the back of church or in pews nearer the back. Musical instruments are available to play, usually at the end of the service. The Christmas 'All-comers' Nativity is especially well attended and whole families come dressed as a nativity character. Demands on families mean they want to enjoy worshipping together, and we welcome new families.

**Tina Ralph**

### **Fund Raising Committee**

A small committee have organised a number of events this year. The two jumble sales, in March and September, held to raise funds for the expenses involved in running the fairs, were as usual, well supported.

The Summer Fair was held partly in doors with the dog show and some stalls in the park. The majority of the stalls were in the hall and the church with the refreshments served from the kitchen. Altogether, it was a successful and enjoyable day. The Christmas Fair was equally successful with many of our craft groups making a return appearance. All events, as well as being enjoyable, generated much needed funds. We would like to thank all those who come and help – if anyone feels they would like to help organise fundraising events, please come and join us!

**Carolyn Birch** for the Committee.

### **Busy Bees**

Busy Bees have made many items for neonatal and new born departments at the hospitals from home as we have been unable to meet at the hall this year for several reasons. We still have a booking on the first Saturday in the month from 2 to 4 in the afternoon at the hall and hope to start meeting again next year. The Parish magazine has a pattern for anyone to knit of a canula sleeve for new borns. If you are able to knit them please contact Candys Hunter who can distribute the goods.

**Candys Hunter & Pam Morris**

### **Tuesday Toddlers Annual Report.**

The Tuesday Toddlers Group (AKA Church Road Mother and Toddler) meet every Tuesday during Term time in the Church hall. Attendance is mainly steady, but we have had peaks of over forty children. The general format of the meeting is lightly supervised play with a large selection of toys and equipment. Our largest pieces of equipment are the new kitchen stocked with cooking utensils and play food, a Brio railway, car mats with a garage, and a Fisher Price workshop with a large selection of tools. These two large play centres encourage cooperative play in the early years stage. We have a large selection of ride-on toys and early years toys.

The children's ages range from newborns to pre-school. At the end of the session, the toys are tidied away, ready for group singing time. Mums, grandparents, and childminders accompany the children in roughly equal numbers.

Our pricing structure encourages childminders to bring their charges to the group. Being already socialised, these children catalyse the other children to engage in social activity. Our price structure is £1.50 for one child and £2 for two or more (babes in arms are free). Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake are included in the price.

We mark Christmas and Easter with craft activities, which are displayed in the church before being returned to the children. This Christmas was particularly successful, with several parents who have their children childminded visiting the church to get a preview of their child's work.

During the summer holidays, we advertised on our WhatsApp group meetings in the park, which, though not busy, provided a valuable service to those looking for a low-key social meeting.

As with all church activities, we are hugely dependent upon and grateful to our volunteers. A special mention must be made of Sally, who makes the teas and coffees and offers a listening ear to everybody. Michael would particularly like to thank Clare, who stands in for Sally and saves him the trauma, nay terror, of having to sing the end-of-session songs. As always, more volunteers would be very welcome.

**Pam Morris and Michael Woodhouse.**

### **The Parish Magazine**

Again this year we published 12 issues on paper, pdf and on the website. We are also printing the magazine content in large print. For Lent Bruce Benedickter produced a word cloud with the words provided by members of the congregation, Sunday School and Tuesday toddlers. We again entered the Parish Magazine yearly competition and came 25 out of 100.

**Pam Morris**

### **Wives Fellowship**

From February to November last year we met in the hall at 7.30pm. There is no meeting in January and we have an outing in July, rounding off the year with a Christmas Lunch in December. The outing this year was to Amersham and Marlow and included a meal.

Through the year we have had a variety of speakers providing talks and slides on Radio Days, Local History, Birds of Bray, Victorian Britain, Prisons and Punishments, and the Rotary Club. We've held a silent auction with a jacket potato supper, bring and buy evenings and a pot luck supper. All very enjoyable!

At the AGM held in November it was decided to try afternoon meetings as several members were unwilling to come out in the evening. So, from February 2024 the meetings will be held at 2.30pm instead of 7.30pm. We are a friendly group and new members are always welcome.

**Sheila Foster, President**

### **Churches Together**

Churches Together usually meet at St Leonard's Church. The Chairman is Revd Noel McGeeney and Secretary Chris Lowe. The main thrust of Churches Together is toward an involvement in the local community, with the aim to see where our churches can be involved in the daily activity and life of our town. We plan to run a prayer and support stall in the Saturday market and a prayer tent at the annual Canal Festival held at Tiddenfoot Park.

We held the second of our Advent of Poverty Meeting at the Methodist Church on 20th September 2023. Despite it being a very wet and windy night some 30 people attended including Andrew Selous, our MP, and representatives from the Citizens Advice Bureau, St Vincent de Paul, Community Agency Central Beds Council, NHS East England, Ambulance Service and local Police. The Meeting discussed a whole list of problems facing families in the town from 1,000 children in low-income families, 15% of the population suffering long term illness and around 80 people each week face homelessness. Leighton/Linslade Homeless Service, Noah and Abacus provide clothes and bedding. It is estimated that domestic abuse will affect one in three women and one in seven men. This is just a small selection of the problems faced by many people in our community.

There will be the Good Friday Walk of Witness on 29<sup>th</sup> March. The World Day of Prayer will take place in June. A Lent Course is being run by the Methodist Church from 20<sup>th</sup> February until 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm based on the film West Side Story.

**Charles Amis.**

### **St Barnabas Linslade Music Report 2023**

This was another year of excellent music in the church, including the introduction of a number of new hymns and anthems to the choir and congregation's repertoire. One particular new event was the Tenebrae service on the Wednesday of Holy Week, with an invited vocal consort providing some beautiful and unfamiliar music to create a very atmospheric and meaningful service.

The choir were pleased to welcome Kathy Guess as a new member; it's fantastic that our group of musicians is steadily growing.

Kathryn and I would of course like to thank all the choir members for their hard work throughout the year, and the organists that have played when we have been away – Richard Watts, Dennis Pim and Arthur Togneri.

**David Emerson.**



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*(Part of the Ouzel Valley Team Ministry – Diocese of St Albans)*

# **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

## **AND STATEMENTS**

OF THE

LINSLADE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2023

### **TEAM VICAR**

*The Reverend Dr Bernard Minton*

The Vicarage  
Vicarage Road  
LINSLADE  
Beds. LU7 2LP

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

David Thompson

### **PCC TREASURER**

Vernon Smith

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT** **TO THE PCC OF ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH LINSLADE**

## **Introduction**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 – 12, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (“the Regulations”) and Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

## **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements 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 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes 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 explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 130 of the Act;  
and  
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and 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.

**DAVID THOMPSON**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
30 High Street  
Leighton Buzzard  
Beds. LU7 1EA

Signed:

  
21/2/24

Date:

**Linslade PCC – St Barnabas’**  
**Registered Charity - 1130239**

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)**

**01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2023	2022
<b><i>Income and endowments from:</i></b>						
Donations and legacies	61,599.29	4,767.50	0.00	0.00	66,366.79	74,320.20
Income from charitable activities	4,237.00	0.00	942.29	0.00	5,179.29	7,641.98
Other trading activities	36,986.20	0.00	119.00	0.00	37,105.20	34,726.58
Investments	521.91	3,899.53	4,179.97	1,400.78	10,002.19	3,826.17
Other income	16,376.15	1,451.75	612.20	0.00	18,440.10	19,846.46
<b>Total income</b>	<b>119,720.55</b>	<b>10,118.78</b>	<b>5,853.46</b>	<b>1,400.78</b>	<b>137,093.57</b>	<b>140,361.39</b>
<b><i>Expenditure on:</i></b>						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income	7,291.66	3,323.21	528.98	0.00	11,143.85	11,392.36
Expenditure on charitable activities	101,055.13	8,730.91	2,759.37	0.00	112,545.41	101,785.19
Other expenditure	7,665.86	0.00	91.00	0.00	7,756.86	8,000.31
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>116,012.65</b>	<b>12,054.12</b>	<b>3,379.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>131,446.12</b>	<b>121,177.86</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,441.96	4,441.96	(6,213.40)
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>3,707.90</b>	<b>(1,935.34)</b>	<b>2,474.11</b>	<b>5,842.74</b>	<b>10,089.41</b>	<b>12,970.13</b>
<b><i>Transfers</i></b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,024.08	0.00	1,400.78	0.00	2,424.86	2,384.60
Gross transfers between funds - out	0.00	0.00	(1,024.08)	(1,400.78)	(2,424.86)	(2,384.60)
<b><i>Other recognized gains / losses</i></b>						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>4,731.98</b>	<b>(1,935.34)</b>	<b>2,850.81</b>	<b>4,441.96</b>	<b>10,089.41</b>	<b>12,970.13</b>
<b><i>Reconciliation of funds</i></b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>63,978.82</b>	<b>99,575.29</b>	<b>93,245.64</b>	<b>46,804.25</b>	<b>303,604.00</b>	<b>290,633.87</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>68,710.80</b>	<b>97,639.95</b>	<b>96,096.45</b>	<b>51,246.21</b>	<b>313,693.41</b>	<b>303,604.00</b>

**Linslade PCC – St Barnabas’**  
Registered Charity 130239

**Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
D001: Investments <span style="float: right;"><i>[Note A]</i></span>	51,246.21	46,804.25
D002: Equipment Owned	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>51,246.21</b>	<b>46,804.25</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Z05: Accounts Receivable <span style="float: right;"><i>[Note B]</i></span>	3,298.86	3,820.68
ZZZ011: Linslade Community Hall a/c	96.94	96.02
ZZZ11: Barclays current a/c	64,652.13	68,992.32
ZZZ12: CBFIF (CCLA) deposit fund	196,016.41	187,415.92
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>264,064.34</b>	<b>260,324.94</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Z04: Accounts Payable <span style="float: right;"><i>[Note C]</i></span>	1,617.14	3,525.19
ZZZ200: Current liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,617.14</b>	<b>3,525.19</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>313,693.41</b>	<b>303,604.00</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	68,710.80	63,978.82
Designated	97,639.95	99,575.29
Restricted	96,096.45	93,245.64
Endowment	51,246.21	46,804.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>313,693.41</b>	<b>303,604.00</b>



# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, and follow the accounting and reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable (Charities SORP) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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 main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (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 each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Designated funds* are part of general funds which are designated for specific purposes, although this can be changed for PCC ordinary purposes.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

### **Incoming resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized only when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

## Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred for gross.

## Fixed assets

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

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

No equipment assets are currently held by the PCC which require depreciation.

*Investments* are valued at market value as at 31 December 2023.

## 2. INVESTMENTS

### Endowment funds

Held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.

	£
<b>Lawford bequest</b> (upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel)	<b>6,261.67</b>
<b>Hadley bequest</b> (care and upkeep of St. Barnabas' clock)	<b>700.76</b>
<b>Biley bequest</b> (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard)	<b>10,421.04</b>
<b>Gamble bequest</b> (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	<b>5,040.98</b>
<b>Merry bequest</b> (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	<b>7,369.33</b>
<b>Oakley bequest</b> (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave)	<b>7,979.67</b>
<b>Roberts bequest</b> (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	<b>1,175.48</b>
<b>Vickers bequest</b> (upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves)	<b>12,297.28</b>
<b>Endowment Investment values at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>51,264.21</b>

### 3. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2023	2022
Fixed Assets (Investments)				51,246.21	51,246.21	46,804.25
Current Assets	70,327.94	97,639.95	96,096.45		264,064.34	260,324.94
Liabilities & Acc Payable	(1,617.14)				(1,617.14)	(3,525.19)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>68,710.80</b>	<b>97,639.95</b>	<b>96,096.45</b>	<b>51,246.21</b>	<b>313,693.41</b>	<b>303,604.00</b>

### 4. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
Creditors	(1,617.14)	(3,529.19)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(1,617.14)</b>	<b>(3,529.19)</b>

### 5. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

#### General fund:

**General Fund** – For Ordinary purposes for PCC Income and expenditure, covers St Barnabas, St Mary’s and Linslade Community Hall day to day Income and costs.

#### Designated funds:

**Church** – designated money for future ongoing upkeep Maintenance and Repairs to St Barnabas & St Mary’s Churches

**Hall** - designated money for future ongoing upkeep Maintenance and Repairs of Linslade Community Hall

**Teach** – designated money for Youth Worker and Christian teaching within the Church

**Outreach** – mission giving both at home and overseas, money raised from Outreach fundraising and matched by PCC funds

**Choir** – for the provision of music, robes and other requirements

### **Restricted funds:**

**Bells** – maintenance of the Bells and Belfry

**Biley St. Mary's** – maintenance of the fabric of St. Mary's church.

**Chapel-** upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel, Interest from Lawford Endowment.

**Clock fund** - upkeep and maintenance of St. Barnabas' tower clock, Interest from Hadley Endowment.

**Dorothy Hall** bequest – for the use of St. Mary's church, and formerly St Barnabas, (*Note £30000 of remaining fund has now been allocated by Dorothy Halls Executor for St Barnabas, as would be in keeping with her wishes, as per letter received by PCC*).

**Friends of St. Mary's** – upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's church and churchyard.

**Special projects** – other worthy causes identified as of need, smaller bequests/donations for one off items.

**St Mary's Churchyard** - upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's churchyard, Endowment Interest from the St Mary's Endowments.

### **Endowment funds**

**Lawford** bequest - upkeep of Lawford Memorial Chapel.

**Hadley** bequest - care and upkeep of St. Barnabas' Clock.

**Biley** bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard.

**Gamble** bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves.

**Merry** bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific graves.

**Oakley** bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

**Roberts** bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

**Vickers** bequest - upkeep of St. Mary's churchyard and specific grave.

Note, The Interest from the Endowment funds was transferred to respective Restricted funds (Chapel, Clock and St Mary's Churchyard) at year end.

### **Endowment Interest for 2023 by Fund, allocated to respective restricted funds, amounts transferred at year end:**

	£
<b>Lawford</b> – Chapel Fund	<b>171.17</b>
<b>Hadley</b> – Clock Fund	<b>19.16</b>
<b>Biley</b> – St Mary's Churchyard	<b>284.85</b>
<b>Gamble</b> – St Mary's Churchyard	<b>137.78</b>
<b>Merry</b> – St Mary's Churchyard	<b>201.43</b>
<b>Oakley</b> – St Mary's Churchyard	<b>218.12</b>
<b>Roberts</b> – St Mary's Churchyard	<b>32.14</b>
<b>Vickers</b> – St Mary's Churchyard	<b>336.13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1400.78</b>

# Linslade PCC- St Barnabas'

Registered Charity 1130239

## Analysis of Income and Expenditure 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					2023	2022
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
ZZZ103 - Planned giving <i>[Note D]</i>	54,503.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	54,503.52	59,828.90
ZZZ104 - Collections St. B	2,901.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,901.68	2,689.71
ZZZ105 – Donations <i>[Note E]</i>	2,825.59	4,120.00	0.00	0.00	6,945.59	10,436.24
ZZZ106 - Gift aided giving	610.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	610.50	648.00
ZZZ112 - Charitable donations	377.00	647.50	0.00	0.00	1,024.50	495.00
ZZZ116 - Don. - Church costs	214.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.00	193.85
ZZZ126 - Collections St. Mary	167.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	167.00	28.50
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>61,599.29</b>	<b>4,767.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>66,366.79</b>	<b>74,320.20</b>
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
ZZZ118 - Fees St. Barnabas	2,040.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,040.00	2,811.00
ZZZ119 - Fees St. Mary's	1,775.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,775.00	2,882.00
ZZZ122 - Messy Church & Toddler Gps	422.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	422.00	612.00
ZZZ127 - Friends - St. Mary's	0.00	0.00	942.29	0.00	942.29	1,336.98
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>4,237.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>942.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,179.29</b>	<b>7,641.98</b>
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
ZZZ117 - Fund raising	1,023.81	0.00	119.00	0.00	1,142.81	4,680.26
ZZZ120 - Fetes & bazaars	6,889.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,889.55	5,870.53
ZZZ121 - Hall income	23,851.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,851.74	20,134.79
ZZZ131 - Magazine income	746.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	746.60	858.50
ZZZ136 - St Barnabas (Use of Church)	4,199.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,199.50	3,182.50
ZZZ137 - St Mary's (Use of Church)	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	0.00
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>36,986.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>119.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>37,105.20</b>	<b>34,726.58</b>
<i>Investments</i>						
ZZZ108 - Interest on deposits	521.91	3,899.53	4,179.97	0.00	8,601.41	2,433.09
ZZZ109 - Endowment interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.78	1,400.78	1,393.08
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>521.91</b>	<b>3,899.53</b>	<b>4,179.97</b>	<b>1,400.78</b>	<b>10,002.19</b>	<b>3,826.17</b>
<i>Other income</i>						
ZZZ110 - Tax recoverable <i>[Note F]</i>	14,612.42	1,396.75	414.20	0.00	16,423.37	17,289.81
ZZZ123 - Choir income	0.00	55.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	0.00
ZZZ124 - PCC Bells	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	802.33
ZZZ135 - Bells Restricted Account	0.00	0.00	198.00	0.00	198.00	260.00
ZZZ138 - Renewable Energy (Solar)	1,603.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,603.73	1,494.32
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>16,376.15</b>	<b>1,451.75</b>	<b>612.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,440.10</b>	<b>19,846.46</b>
<b>Income and endowments Grand totals</b>	<b>119,720.55</b>	<b>10,118.78</b>	<b>5,853.46</b>	<b>1,400.78</b>	<b>137,093.57</b>	<b>140,361.39</b>

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2023	Total 2022
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>						
ZZZ204 - Fetes & bazaars	692.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	692.18	121.50
ZZZ205 - St. Mary's expenses	0.00	408.00	381.44	0.00	789.44	2,122.89
ZZZ206 - Hall expenses	5,420.99	2,009.90	0.00	0.00	7,430.89	6,387.03
ZZZ227 - Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,915.38
ZZZ235 - St B Expenses	1,178.49	905.31	147.54	0.00	2,231.34	845.56
<b>Costs of generating funds Totals</b>	<b>7,291.66</b>	<b>3,323.21</b>	<b>528.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,143.85</b>	<b>11,392.36</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
ZZZ201 - Altar Requisites	1,055.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,055.24	1,164.31
ZZZ208 - Magazine expenses	1,458.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,458.00	1,210.00
ZZZ210 - Organist' s fees <b>[Note G]</b>	5,004.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,004.00	5,274.00
ZZZ212 - Parish share <b>[Note H]</b>	66,881.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,881.00	65,979.00
ZZZ213 - Parish activities	195.90	0.00	254.40	0.00	450.30	0.00
ZZZ214 - St. B. repairs <b>[Note J]</b>	19.48	2,469.18	2,167.20	0.00	4,655.86	5,551.42
ZZZ215 - St. M. repairs <b>[Note J]</b>	0.00	2,110.74	0.00	0.00	2,110.74	905.00
ZZZ217 - Charitable giving <b>[Note K]</b>	2,477.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	3,177.00	2,500.00
ZZZ220 - PCC Bells	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	936.40
ZZZ222 - Verger's fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.00
ZZZ224 - Friends of St. M exp	0.00	0.00	337.77	0.00	337.77	394.81
ZZZ225 - Choir own exp.	0.00	127.00	0.00	0.00	127.00	110.00
ZZZ233 - Ouzel Valley Team <b>[Note L]</b>	4,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
ZZZ234 - Hall repairs	0.00	3,323.99	0.00	0.00	3,323.99	579.60
ZZZ236 - Utilities Office Cottage	1,845.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,845.03	1,394.93
ZZZ237 - Utilities St B <b>[Note M]</b>	11,121.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,121.31	7,539.99
ZZZ238 - Utilities Hall <b>[Note M]</b>	6,064.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,064.63	3,563.62
ZZZ239 - Utilities St M	573.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.54	446.11
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>101,055.13</b>	<b>8,730.91</b>	<b>2,759.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>112,545.41</b>	<b>101,785.19</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
ZZZ209 - Office / Admin expenses	891.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	891.49	1,508.79
ZZZ230 - Insurance St B	4,056.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,056.30	4,032.37
ZZZ231 - Insurance St Marys	1,293.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,293.48	1,024.08
ZZZ232 - Insurance Hall	1,424.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,424.59	1,344.07
ZZZ240 - Bells Expenses	0.00	0.00	91.00	0.00	91.00	91.00
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>7,665.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>91.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,756.86</b>	<b>8,000.31</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>116,012.65</b>	<b>12,054.12</b>	<b>3,379.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>131,446.12</b>	<b>121,177.86</b>

**Linslade PCC – St Barnabas’  
Registered Charity - 1130239**

**Fund Movement Summary**

**01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

Fund	Fund balances Brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses On Investments	Fund balances Carried forward
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General - General fund	63,978.82	119,720.55	116,012.65	1,024.08	0.00	68,710.80
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>63,978.82</b>	<b>119,720.55</b>	<b>116,012.65</b>	<b>1,024.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68,710.80</b>
<b>Designated</b>						
Church – Maint & Repair fund StB & StM	68,051.91	8,206.54	6,790.61	0.00	0.00	69,467.84
Teach - Youth, Mission & Teaching	7,715.54	354.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,069.60
Hall - Linslade Community Hall fund	19,141.63	529.66	4,436.51	0.00	0.00	15,234.78
Choir - Choir Fund	3,895.37	228.96	127.00	0.00	0.00	3,997.33
Outreach - Charitable donations	770.84	799.56	700.00	0.00	0.00	870.40
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>99,575.29</b>	<b>10,118.78</b>	<b>12,054.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>97,639.95</b>
<b>Restricted</b>						
Friends - Friends of St. Mary's	9,981.18	1,482.67	371.10	(1,024.08)	0.00	10,068.67
Bells - Bells Fund	3,313.49	384.48	91.00	0.00	0.00	3,606.97
S.proj - Special projects	3,016.32	250.08	401.94	0.00	0.00	2,864.46
Dhall - Dorothy Hall bequest	56,119.06	2,782.66	2,167.20	0.00	0.00	56,734.52
Biley-M - Biley St. Mary's fund	14,279.94	655.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,935.25
Stmchyd - StM Churchyard(End Int)	5,851.65	266.02	348.11	1,210.45	0.00	6,980.01
Chapel - Lady Chapel(Lawford End)	592.97	27.97	0.00	171.17	0.00	792.11
Clock - Clock Fund (Hadley End)	91.03	4.27	0.00	19.16	0.00	114.46
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>93,245.64</b>	<b>5,853.46</b>	<b>3,379.35</b>	<b>376.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>96,096.45</b>
<b>Endowment</b>						
Biley - St. Mary's church	9,517.76	284.85	0.00	(284.85)	903.28	10,421.04
Hadley - Clock fund - Hadley	640.02	19.16	0.00	(19.16)	60.74	700.76
Lawford - Chapel fund - Lawford	5,718.91	171.17	0.00	(171.17)	542.76	6,261.67
Roberts - St. Mary's fund - Roberts	1,073.59	32.14	0.00	(32.14)	101.89	1,175.48
Merry - St. Mary's fund - Merry	6,730.56	201.43	0.00	(201.43)	638.77	7,369.33
Gamble - St. Mary's fund - Gamble	4,604.04	137.78	0.00	(137.78)	436.94	5,040.98
Oakley - St. Mary's fund - Oakley	7,288.00	218.12	0.00	(218.12)	691.67	7,979.67
Vickers - St. Mary's fund - Vickers	11,231.37	336.13	0.00	(336.13)	1,065.91	12,297.28
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>46,804.25</b>	<b>1,400.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(1,400.78)</b>	<b>4,441.96</b>	<b>51,246.21</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>303,604.00</b>	<b>137,093.57</b>	<b>131,446.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,441.96</b>	<b>313,693.41</b>

## 6. SUMMARY OF FUND TRANSFERS

A Transfer of £1,024.28 from Friends of St Mary's to General Funds for Payment of the St Mary's Insurance for 2022/2023 Year

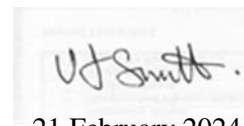
**(For Endowment Interest transfers see Page 8)**

## 7. EXPLANATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR 2023

- [Note A] Endowment Investments - Endowment Fixed Asset values increased by 9% during 2023.
- [Note B] Accounts Receivable – This is represented by Gift Aid Tax reclaim to the end of December 2023 of £3,298.86. *(Which has now been received)*
- [Note C] Accounts Payable – All utility bills for December remain outstanding to be paid, £1,617.14 has been calculated from the end of month bills. *(Which have now been paid)*
- [Note D] Planned Giving has reduced during the year due to loss of congregation members, and is around £5,000 lower than last year.
- [Note E] Donations received for during year, from individuals & groups and the use of the car park.
- [Note F] Tax recoverable through the year; Gift Aid claims including FWO and Small Donations & VAT total £16,423.37.
- [Note G] Organist and Choirmaster fees and remuneration as agreed by the PCC Trustees.
- [Note H] Parish Share paid in full £66,881 from the General Funds.
- [Note J] Quinquennial Inspections for both St Barnabas & St Mary's Main works included repairs to Link Doors, new Door Closers, New Hall Cooker, Shed Roof repairs, refurbishment of Flower Room.
- [Note K] Charitable donations £2477 from General Funds and £700 from Outreach Funds for our Charities, as part of matching Outreach donations.
- [Note L] Clergy, Weddings and Funeral expenses managed by the Ouzel Valley Team Council. A fixed monthly charge of £350 to the OVTC covers these expenses. Fees due to Linslade PCC are paid - Organist and Verger fees are paid out direct by the OVTC, and are not included within these accounts.
- [Note M] Utility costs (Gas & Electric) are still significantly higher than 2022 as shown in accounts.

**Vernon Smith**

Signed:



**Linslade PCC Treasurer**

Date:

21 February 2024