

# **ST BOTOLPH'S SWYNCOMBE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

## **Foreword by Reverend Daniel Thompson, March 2024**

While the national Church seems to be embroiled in endless debates around sexuality, and issues around funding, our quiet corner of South Oxfordshire seems to be doing very well. While attendance is always going to be a concern, (and I am always open to suggestions about what we can do), we also need to recognise the sense that we inhabit a vastly different cultural terrain to the one we grew up in, and perhaps that isn't going to change, but as we have seen small changes can make a big difference. We may not return to a time when the Church is full every Sunday, but maintaining a place of prayer and worship is always our main priority and that is something that is evidentially a huge success here.

Easter this year went very well, and along with our Christmas services we saw a small rise in attendance which in the national context is more positive than it may seem! In May I led a day looking at Church growth and strategies. The event was well attended, and we were able to focus on goals that were pertinent to our context and that were achievable. We recognise St Botolph's unique place in the region and look for ways we can develop our identity and promote our uniqueness. In doing this, we have continued to explore marketing and in particular our identity on The Ridgeway as a potential 'Pilgrim Church'.

The expression of our rural identity was especially well illustrated in our Pet Service and Harvest Festival, which attracted many people and was as always lots of fun! The Harvest Festival auction and collection in particular raised an amazing £941. Remembrance on Cookley Green was as powerful as always. These seasonal markers are fundamental to our identity and through giving of so much time and hard work are something we as a Church do very well. This was embodied by the amazing experience of Snowdrop Teas, and after a couple of disappointing years due to the weather, this year saw a spectacular turn out and record-breaking sales on plants, cakes, teas and books. This of course is always much more than a fund-raising event but a mission opportunity and a chance to put St Botolph's on the national map. It sends a powerful message that we are here, we matter and have a future.

The other great success of the year has been the final development of the washroom, due to be completed in February 2024. Work began in October and progressed rapidly. This has been achieved by many years of work and planning, and a huge recognition of Hiliary's tenacity in this and we know it will make a huge contribution to St Botolph's role in the community.

Finally, I wish to thank you all for all you do to support St Botolph's. It really feels like a positive year and there is a wonderful sense of a community working together. Yes, there are challenges ahead, but to find us in this position at this stage is a good reason for hope, none of which would happen without the time, energy and money you all give to this very special place.

## **Introduction and Aims**

Situated on The Ridgeway, surrounded by fields of sheep, the church continues to attract hundreds of walkers and pilgrims annually. Given its tranquil setting, it is a haven of peace in a currently war-torn world for the bereaved and the anxious, many worried about financial and societal pressures. Although COVID definitely affected attendance at St Botolph's Church, our services continue to be fairly well-attended, and the church continues to be popular for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The functions of the **Parochial Church Council** (PCC) include co-operation with the minister in promoting within the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. This mission includes the maintenance of our nearly 1,000 year-old church building and the undertaking of any special projects, currently the building of the Washroom/Store Room and the proposed extension of the New Burial Ground.

## **Achievements and Performance**

Given Climate Change, which has resulted in snowdrops appearing a week earlier than previously, for our 'Snowdrop 2023' event, we decided to move the three 'Snowdrop Teas' weekends forward by one week. The weekends were somewhat cloudy but were well-attended. On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, we hosted a special visit by ten members of Watlington U3A 'History Group', who were especially interested in the church as well as enjoying the tea, cake and the snowdrops. In total we raised £12,993 after expenses – an excellent amount! Huge thanks are due to all those who participated.

For **Mothering Sunday (19 March)**, we handed out charming posies (prepared by Felicity Bazell).

**Easter Services (9 April)** were well-attended. A Dramatised Reading of the Passion was read by the Minister and members of the congregation on Palm Sunday. Many thanks are due to the organist Alan Pope and to Swyncombe Choir who sang for us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as on Easter Sunday. Easter Eggs were distributed to members of the congregation on Easter Sunday.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** was held on Sunday, 30 April, 2023.

**St Botolph's Patronal Service** was held outside church on Sunday, 18 June, with wine, soft drinks and excellent canapés. The Choir sang beautifully and Alan Pope played the organ.

**Pet Service (16 July).** This delightful service was held as usual in the small barn of Swyncombe Estate, with thanks to Sam Fielden, Swyncombe Estate owner. Many locals attended with their dogs.

**Harvest Festival (Sunday, 8 October).** As last year, this Festival was held entirely at church rather than at the Village Hall, Russell's Water, given the unavailability of cooks for a hot lunch. Refreshments were offered outside, followed by an auction of donated goods inside the church. Daniel, our Rector, proved once more to be an excellent Auctioneer. We raised £941. Proceeds from the auction were sent to the Food Bank in Wallingford.

On Sunday, 29 October, we held our All Souls Service, when a large number of tea-lights were lit in memory of loved ones who have died.

**Remembrance Sunday (12 November)** went smoothly and with a very good attendance. This year, we started the service at 9.45am to avoid a long delay before the start of the Civic Service at the Memorial Cross at Cookley Green at 10.50am. Wreaths were laid at the Cross by the Chair of Swyncombe Parish Council and the Churchwarden of St Botolph's Church.

**Christmas Services.** The Candlelit Carol Service was held on Sunday 17 December at 6.00pm, with warm thanks to Glynne Stackhouse, our organist on this occasion. The Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services all went smoothly and were well-attended. Many thanks to Swyncombe Choir and to Alan Pope, our organist for Midnight Mass and Christmas Day.

**Clergy.** On Sunday, 28 May, 2023 we bade a sad farewell to our Curate, **Rev David Benskin**, who had worked so hard for the Benefice for more than two years. He will be sadly missed for his calm approach, his IT knowledge and his all-round common sense; we wish him well in his new parish. We were, however, delighted to welcome Deacon **Rev Val Kearney** as our Benefice Curate following her Ordination as Priest by Bishop Stephen (Bishop of Oxford) at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday, 25 June, 2023. Thus a new Curate was born!

Our services in 2023 were much enriched by the preaching of visiting clergy, especially by our occasional and popular preacher, **Rev Toddy Hoare**. Sadly on 20 August, we had to say goodbye to him as he moved house to Yorkshire.

**Monthly Coffees after the 10.30am Service.** Our thanks to Meg and Peter Ashby for kindly offering excellent coffee and biscuits at the beginning of every month – giving us all a chance to chat and put the world to rights.

**Hymnal.** Our thanks to Arthur Weir for preparing and operating the Hymnal for almost every Sunday's Sung Eucharist service. He has now decided to pass this task over to others. The use of the Hymnal is invaluable for our worship, given we are currently without a regular organist.

**Projects.** Arrangements are continuing for the building of the Washroom/small Store Room as well as for the extension to the New Burial Ground. We thank the generosity of Sam Fielden, Swyncombe Estate owner, who is kindly donating agricultural land to the church for extra burial space in the New Burial Ground free of charge.

**Website.** Over the course of 2023, the website for St Botolph's Church was gradually closed down and replaced by the new **Benefice of Icknield website**, with access to St Botolph's Church information available from its main hub. There have inevitably been some teething troubles, but the website is now working fairly well.

All in all, 2023 was a good year for the church, a year for us all making every effort to recover our pre-COVID congregation numbers.

The **Deanery Synod** met four times that our two elected deanery Synod members (John Sennett and Felicity Bazell) can attend. Further details can be found in Diocese of Oxford annual review published on [www.oxford.anglican.org](http://www.oxford.anglican.org). A Confirmation programme has been started in schools. There is always discussion about the unaffordability of the Parish Share but little movement seems to have occurred. The Deanery Synod

has rarely received reports from both the Diocesan and General Synods but this happened in 2023. The condoning of same sex marriages in church was one of those discussed.

**Swyncombe Choir** are a small band of between 12 and 16 singers who sing in four voice parts for the special services of the Church Year. We meet on most Tuesdays to rehearse thanks to the hospitality of generous hosts with a piano, Peter and Meg Ashby and Nigel Grundy.

In 2023 we sang at the Evensong for Snowdrops, the three Easter Services, the Patronal Festival, the Autumn Harvest Festival and The Christmas Services. We also raised over £1,800 on our carol tour round the houses in the parish and outside it and the money was divided equally between Parkinsons UK (Henley Branch) and the Trussell Trust in memory of Susannah Boddie.

We have been singing together for about thirty years and if you would like to join us, can read music and have some experience of singing in a choir please get in touch. We don't have a choir master or leader and are extremely grateful to Glynne Stackhouse and Alan Pope who play the organ for us on high days and holidays.

We remain committed to ensuring the **Safeguarding** of children and vulnerable adults – those coming into our church and those we encounter in our pastoral work. We continue to maintain strict policies and procedures which are up to date.

Clergy and church officers have all undertaken training with the Diocesan team. This must be renewed every three years and is currently being offered on Zoom. A number of people are now due to renew their training in the near future.

Our Parish Safeguarding Policy is displayed on the noticeboard in the porch and on our website. We also display the poster "Promoting a Safer Church" which includes contact details; this might be useful for anyone who has concerns about any issues involving safeguarding or abuse.

Contact Jenny Lockwood or the Rector, Rev Daniel Thompson, if you have any queries about this, or any other aspect of safeguarding.

**Church Attendance and Worship** revived slightly in 2023 from 2022, but is still less than 2021. Throughout the year, 77 services were held (LY 84), of which three were Funeral services (LY 4), with 1 wedding (LY 0). During the year, there were three children baptised at normal Sunday services (LY 2), and none at a specific baptism service (LY 2).

Our largest congregations were at the Christmas Day service: 45 including 3 under 16 years of age (LY 62 including 13 under 16 years); there were 88 of which 6 were under 16 at the Carol Service (LY 81 with 8 under 16); at the Easter Day services were 65 with 3 under 16s (LY 43 with 3 under 16). There were 49 with no under 16s at the Remembrance Sunday service (LY 27 with none under 16).

We are required to report to the Diocese the number of people (including children) attending all services during the month of October, at Easter and Christmas:

Reported Church Attendance		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
October Total	Services	7	6	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	5
	Attendees	123	77	109	179	99	142	190	187	107	153
	Communicants	117	51	84	66	87	113	161	152	96	129
Easter Total	Services	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	2
	Attendees	65	43	45	0	82	78	86	86	88	90
	Communicants	65	35	38	0	56	67	68	64	60	73
Christmas Total	Services	4	4	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	3
	Attendees	133	127	71	62	170	152	206	183	166	224
	Communicants	91	68	47	45	108	80	149	137	114	151

In 2023, the PCC gave £3,891 of **Charitable Donations** to local or linked charities (compared to £3,623 in 2022). Of this, £1,445 (£1,090) was specifically collected or raised; £295 (£240 as retiring collections) for The Porch Centre for the homeless (Steppin' Stone). The Harvest Festival lunch was not held, but an auction of produce at the Harvest Festival service raised £721, which with the collection of £177 (rounded up by the PCC to £220) was donated to the Wallingford Emergency Food Bank. The collection of Remembrance Sunday of £252 was topped up to a £320 donation including the wreath for the Royal British Legion.

The charities supported by the PCC in the year (Wyfold Riding for the Disabled, Chiltern Centre, Alzheimer's Society, Thames Valley air ambulance) were given £450 each. A subscription of £35 was also paid to the

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Association. In addition, the PCC also donated £500 to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal for the Turkish Earthquake.

A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church Fabric was undertaken by Christian Randall of 'Conservation Architects LLP' on 11th November, 2019; the Churchwarden and Len Ashby were in attendance. The inspection revealed no major concerns, given the age of the building; minor repairs will be undertaken during the year. The next Quinquennial Inspection will be due in November 2024

**The PCC** met five times in 2023: 23rd February, 17th May, 5th July, 21st September and 15th November.

As at 31st December 2023, the number on the **Electoral Roll** was 52. In 2022, the Electoral Roll number was also 52.

**Thank You:** We wish to record our warmest thanks to the Ministry Team of Rev'd Daniel Thompson (Rector), Rev'd Angie Paterson, to our Curate, Rev'd David Benskin as well as our new Priest Val Kearney for the warmth and care they bring to the celebration of our services and the preparation they give to their sermons. We look forward to working with the Rector and other members of his Team for many years to come.

The PCC would also like to express grateful thanks to all those who keep the church services working so smoothly, namely the Sacristans: Felicity Bazell, Len Ashby and Peter Ashby. Thanks are also due to the various teams of people who bake cakes/make canapés for special events, organise coffees, who make sure the Church is clean, well-maintained and decorated with beautiful flowers – an essential task for a well-visited building that is so popular for walkers and visitors. Special thanks are, therefore, due to Jean Orpwood (Flower Rota Organiser / Flower Arranger) and to Cheryl Barnes (Cleaning Rota Organiser / Cleaner). The PCC would also like to record their thanks to both Shelagh Stevens and Mark Alliston for their work in keeping the web-site up-to-date – an unending, thankless task. Now, with the creation of the new Benefice of Icknield Website, this task has mainly shifted onto Rev Angie and Rev Daniel, with still some input from Shelagh.

The PCC is most grateful to Sam Fielden of Swyncombe Estate for the use of his barn for the Blessing of Pets' Service, as well as the use of his field on Church Hill for car parking during the 'Snowdrop' afternoons (always depending on weather conditions). Our thanks also go to Graham Ryves-Webb, for regularly facilitating the use of the field by removing the sheep to a neighbouring field and for opening and locking the field on every 'Snowdrop' day.

Members of the PCC feel lucky to have in Sarah Jane Rees a most conscientious Hon. Secretary who prepares our Agendas and Minutes so meticulously and keeps us all on our toes.

The PCC and the Treasurer in particular would like to thank the other member of the Treasury Team: Peter Willis-Fleming, for his work running the gift-aid scheme, and our Examiner Rebecca Hill for checking our Report and Accounts. A huge debt of thanks is especially due to Jonathan Longley, who is a most efficient, conscientious Hon Treasurer, keeping the Church finances firmly on track; we are most fortunate to have him!

### **Financial Review**

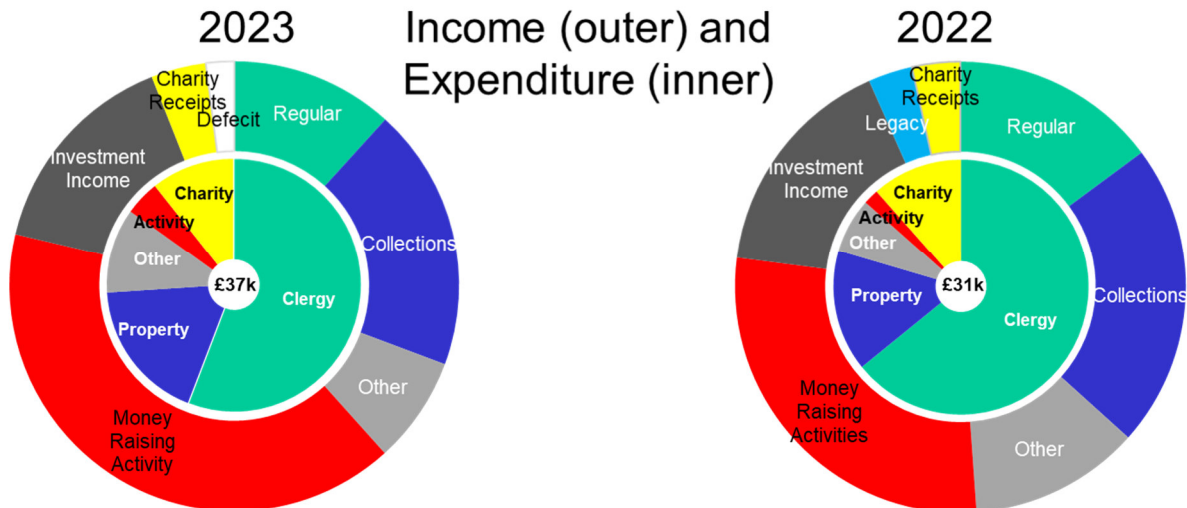
The Accounts for 2023 and the Report of our Independent Examiner are attached. They are prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 on a Receipts and Payments basis.

**General Fund:** Overall the General Fund recorded a deficit of expenditure over income of £742 in 2023, compared to a surplus of £8 in 2022. Despite a bumper year for Snowdrop Teas event, earning (net of costs) £4.8k more in 2023 than 2022, churchyard costs were £3.0k higher with a more expensive (and effective) supplier, miscellaneous costs were £2.2k higher with £1.3k net cost for internet connectivity and unattended contactless giving, £0.5k tree consultancy for the New Burial Ground (NBG) and £0.3k for the new alter kneelers.

The annulus charts below give a pictorial analysis of our General Fund receipts against payments and are useful for obtaining a high-level view of how the various income streams cover different types of expenses. Starting at "noon", the most dependable income on the outer ring is shown against the highest priority expenditure on the inner ring, decreasing clockwise; the most consistent source of income is regular pledged giving, which at £4,287 was down £0.4k, and collections at services for retention at £6,934 were up £0.1k, both totalling £11,221 (up £0.3k), which were only able to partially cover clergy costs of £20,415 (up £0.2k).

Property costs were £6,630 (up £1.8k), and therefore with other costs (of services) of £3,988 (up £1.8k), the amount required from fund raising and other income sources to meet the operating costs of St Botolph's was £19,812 (up £4.1k). Net fund raising and other income (fees and donations) generated £15,907 (up £3.8k), investment income generated £5,610 (up £0.5k), resulting in a surplus before charitable giving of £1,705 (down £0.8k). The PCC considered its surplus of income over expenditure and balance sheet strength sufficient to

continue with Charitable Giving (net of receipts) of £2,447 (unchanged), leaving General Fund income £742 less than expenses (£8 surplus in 2022).



**Washroom Project:** Ian Cameron very generously left St Botolph’s £25k in his will in 2006. His widow instructed that the money should be used to “do something”, but because this was not a specified project at the time, the money was put into the General Fund. The PCC have decided that the washroom is a suitable “something” for Ian’s legacy to be used for and have transferred £25k from the General Fund to the Project Fund to reflect that. The PCC is also fund raising for the washroom, and has decided to fund the balance of construction costs 2/3 from the Reserve Fund and 1/3 from the Fabric Fund.

**Other Funds and Reserves Policy:** The General Fund is used for normal income and running costs, and the Reserve Fund (designated) is for the preservation of worship at St Botolph’s, intended as a growing fund for the long term, funded out of wall box receipts and earning investment income; net income of the Reserve Fund in 2023 was £4,367, up £0.1k from 2022.

At the end of 2023 the General Fund balance was £92,134, and the Reserve Fund balance was £57,223. The PCC has debated its policy on reserves in 2023. The PCC currently faces two generalised threats that are unquantifiable, with overlapping priorities and potential purposes with the Fabric Fund (balance of £39,398 at 31 December 2023):

- Fabric. St Botolph’s is a very old church with a fair degree of likelihood of an unforeseen problem with a high cost impact. A scenario of substantial costs is not that remote, and the PCC wish to continue accumulating the fabric fund to meet the costs when they occur.
- Facilities. At the end of 2023 there were no facilities nearby that St Botolph’s can draw upon for toilets, kitchen, meetings, or a Sunday school. This has been identified by the PCC as a threat to the continued worship at St Botolph’s in the medium term. A washroom facility is being built, and the PCC aim to keep sufficient reserves to pay for this and any other opportunities that might deliver these facilities.

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain overall reserves at current levels insofar as possible for the purpose of covering these threats without formally designating them. That said, attendance was averaging 27 for an ordinary Sunday service between 2012 and 2016, but in 2022 this has fallen by nearly 41% to 16. The PCC intends to spend some of its reserves on initiatives to rebuild the worshipping community.

The PCC aim to maintain sufficient free cash reserves equivalent to 2 months’ routine expenditure (£6k) to cover unforeseen failure of money raising activities exacerbated by unforeseen running costs, and general cash flow requirements. As at the year-end, the PCC had cash balances on funds not formally restricted of c£29k; the excess cash balances will be assessed when the washroom has been completed.

There are four restricted funds; The Fabric Fund, The Wine Fund, the Kath Christie-Miller Music Fund and the Project Fund, the balances on which are stated in the attached Receipts and Payments accounts under Other Funds. In 2023, the Fabric fund received donations of £600, and paid £148 for planning fee for the washroom and £621 for some electrical work, and the Project Fund spent £180 on a revised archaeology report, £582 on structural engineering, £96 fee for plans and £47,477 on construction of the washroom. Neither the Wine Fund or the Music Fund have spent anything yet this year, although the Wine Fund has received a £25 donation and £6 gift aid refund. The Fabric and Music Funds have also received a proportion of dividends and interest. Surplus funds across the Fabric Fund, KCM Music Fund, Reserve Fund and General Fund are aggregated together and invested, receiving an allocation of interest earned based on average fund balances in the previous year. The effective split of cash accounts and investments at the year-end is shown below;

Allocation of Funds to cash accounts and investments	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted				Total	Total	
	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Fabric Fund	Wine Fund	Music Fund	Project Fund	Total Restricted	Current Year End	Last Year End
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 31 December 2023									
Current Account	48	1,019	2,286	165	761	195	3,407	4,474	43,603
CAF Gold account	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deposit Fund	11,955	7,296	4,818	0	398	0	5,216	24,467	27,467
Investment Fund	52,770	32,207	21,267	0	1,756	0	23,023	108,000	108,000
Property Fund	27,362	16,700	11,027	0	911	0	11,938	56,000	56,000
<b>Total cash &amp; Investments</b>	<b>92,134</b>	<b>57,223</b>	<b>39,398</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>43,585</b>	<b>192,941</b>	<b>235,070</b>

**Assets and Investments:** The PCC aims to conservatively manage its capital and to provide an income, using the Church Of England Central Board of Finance range of funds managed by CCLA as the primary investment vehicle. The PCC has held its investments in the Investment Fund and the Property Fund throughout the year. During the year, the Investment Fund value has risen by £21.0k, and the value of the Property Fund has fallen by £3.6k; the value of the Investment Fund still exceeds the cost of original investment, but the Property Fund is worth £0.7k less than it cost. The yield projected from the Investment Fund at the end of the year is 2.7% (3.0% at the end of 2022), whilst that on the Property Fund is 5.2% (4.9%).

**Related Party Transactions:** During the year, the only related party transactions were payments made to PCC members for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.

### Administrative Information

St. Botolph's Church is situated in Rectory Hill, Swyncombe, Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 6EA. It is part of the Benefice of Icknield in Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Honorary Secretary, Sarah Jane Rees, The Old Farm House, Russell's Water, Henley on Thames, Oxon, RG9 6ER.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

*Incumbent:* The Revd Daniel Thompson

*Wardens:* Miss Hilary Cox Vice Chairman

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod (ex officio member of the PCC):*

Mrs Felicity Bazell

Mr John Sennett

*Elected members:* Mrs Elly Crossman

Dr Heather Elgood

Mr Jonathan Longley

Mrs Sarah Jane Rees

Treasurer

Secretary

### Structure, governance and management

The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

**Approved by the PCC on 29 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Daniel Thompson.**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, SWYNCOMBE**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 7-8.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Ms Rebecca Hill  
3 Coates Lane, Swyncombe, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 6EE  
29 March 2024

**ST BOTOLPH'S SWYNCOMBE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**Unrestricted Funds; General Fund**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving				
Pledged Receipts	3,750		4,045	
Gift Aid Refund on Pledges	537		631	
	<u>4,287</u>		<u>4,676</u>	
Collections at Services				
Specified for Charities	668		528	
For retention	5,570		5,554	
Income Tax Refund re Porch	55		22	
Gift Aid Refund on Collections	1,364		1,309	
	<u>7,658</u>		<u>7,413</u>	
Other Voluntary Receipts				
Donations	606		1,278	
Legacies	0		1,000	
Gift Aid Refund on Donations	107		204	
	<u>713</u>		<u>2,482</u>	
		12,658		14,571
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Fund-raising (Snowdrop Teas)	14,630		8,873	
Fund-raising Tax Refund	121		0	
Harvest Festival Auction for Wallingford Food Bank	721		539	
	<u>15,472</u>		<u>9,412</u>	
<i>Church activities</i>				
Fees for Weddings and Funerals		2,080		2,367
<i>Investment Income</i>				
Interest & dividends	5,610		5,132	
Interest on income tax refund	0		10	
	<u>5,610</u>	5,610	<u>5,142</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b><u>35,820</u></b>		<b><u>31,491</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
<i>Church Activities</i>				
Parish Share		17,502		17,159
Working Expenses of Clergy		2,913		3,048
Church Running costs				
Lighting & Heating	1,354		2,797	
Upkeep of Churchyard	3,377		360	
Insurance	1,738		1,680	
Fire equipment maintenance	161		0	
	<u>6,630</u>		<u>4,837</u>	
Cost of fund raising:				
Parish Magazine costs	0		0	
Fund-Raising costs	1,637		613	
	<u>1,637</u>	1,637	<u>613</u>	
Cost of Services:				
Printing & Stationery	180		0	
Elements & Candles	399		683	
Organist & Choir	277		539	
General expenses	3,132		982	
	<u>3,988</u>		<u>2,204</u>	
Charity Donations		3,891		3,623
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b><u>36,562</u></b>		<b><u>31,483</u></b>
<b>Excess of General Fund Receipts over Payments</b>		<b><u>(742)</u></b>		<b><u>8</u></b>
Balance in cash & investments at 1 January		117,876		117,867
Transfer of Ian Cameron's legacy to Project Fund		(25,000)		
<b>Balance in cash &amp; investments at 31 December</b>		<b><u>92,134</u></b>		<b><u>117,876</u></b>



