Registered Charity Number: 1133810

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 FOR

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

Thomas & Young Limited Chartered Accountants Solihull

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their report for the purposes of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the charity is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish.

In 2023, the charity sought to benefit:

- 1. Those in need by reason of age (elders), disability, ill health and financial hardship. For example, through the Food Bank and Benefits Advice Service for those in food poverty and/or those in financial difficulty.
- 2. Those suffering hardships through family separation. The Child Contact Centre provided a neutral and safe venue for non-resident parents to have contact with their children.
- 3. The community through recreation and leisure facilities; for example, for children and young people through the uniformed organisations and karate classes, for adults through Hall Green Choral Society, Hall Green Arts Society, Acock's Green Folk Dancing Society and Barn Dance Fitness.

Most of these activities are operated by volunteers and included some organisations which are charities in their own right, while the remainder are operated on a private or commercial basis for the community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Generals funds of the Church showed an excess of income for the year of £23,500. Once again, we were in receipt of generous unrestricted legacies during the year totalling £37,000 so in effect our day to day income showed a deficit of £13,000.

Income from regular planned giving and one off donations totalled £40,500 including £7,000 from Gift Aid claims. A further £17,000 was received from various investments. In total, receipts (including legacies) to unrestricted funds totalled £99,000.

£74,500 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £39,830 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which again was paid in full. At the end of the year General (unrestricted) Funds stood at £118,000.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £56,000. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 22nd February 2024.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (Continued) Organisational structure

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity (1133810). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC had a total of 15 members and met 6 times between June 2022 and April 2023.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (Charity Number 1187634) and the PCC as its trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS Registered Charity Number

1133810

Principal address

93b School Road Hall Green Birmingham B28 8JQ

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Continued)

Trustees

Reverend N Boumenjel

Mrs C Dixon

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Mrs M Hyde

J Meadows

Miss J Payne

Mrs A Tinline

Mrs P Wagg

Mrs S Barnes

Ms M Hob Shoar

C Jones

J Mobasher

Mrs P Price

Mrs J Whitington

Ms G Urwin

K Meadows (appointed 14.05.23)

Independent Examiner

Thomas and Young Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22nd February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

1 Meadows - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARACHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTIAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity'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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARACHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTIAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION HALL GREEN BIRMINGHAM (continued)

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

J Carty FCA FCCA Thomas & Young Limited Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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Carleton House 266 – 268 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 3AD

Dated:

9 May 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

No	otes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Income and Endowments From Donations and legacies		82,293	11,169	93,462	96,499
Charitable activities Charitable activities		893	47	940	903
Other trading activities Investment income	2 3	579 15,311	48,826 1,612	49,405 16,923	46,943 14,869
Total		99,076	61,654	160,730	159,214
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		189	-	189	87
Charitable activities Charitable activities		75,021	106,387	181,408	120,430
Other		299		299	1,421
Total		75,509	106,387	181,896	121,938
Net gains/(losses) on investments		903	4,028	4,931	(36,581)
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds	10	24,470 -	(40,705) -	(16,235)	695 -
Net movement in funds		24,470	(40,705)	(16,235)	695
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		223,479	270,984	494,463	493,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463

BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Fund		2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
r	Notes	£	E	E	_
FIXED ASSETS Investments	6	43,642	194,741	238,383	233,451
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	4,272 202,299		7,117 242,968	8,765 253,937
		206,571	43,514	250,085	262,702
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year NET CURRENT ASSETS	8	(2,264 ———— 204,307		(10,240) ———— 239,845	(1,690)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
NET ASSETS		247,949	230,279	478,228	494,463
FUNDS General fund Restricted funds	10			247,949 230,279	223,479 270,984
TOTAL FUNDS				478,228	494,463

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22^{nd} February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Meadows - Trustee

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income (Continued)

Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals or tangible fixed assets.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

'Cost of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events'

'Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep'

'Other expenditure represents those items not falling to the categories above'.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

		2023	2022
		£	£
	Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	105	196
	Magazine sales	474	685
	Church hall lettings	15,231	11,958
	Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,595	34,104
		49,405	46,943
3.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2023 £	2022 £
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	Rent received	1,875	3,750
	Interest and dividends	15,048	11,119
		16,923	14,869
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustee remuneration	4,750	4,500
Trustee expenses	-	-
	4,750	4,500

5. **COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT FROM Donations and legacies	80,952	15,547	96,499
Charitable activities Charitable activities	799	104	903
Other trading activities Investment income	881 14,576	46,062 293	46,943 14,869
Total	97,208	62,006	159,214
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	87	-	87
Charitable activities Charitable activities	78,871	41,559	120,430
Other	1,421	-	1,421
Total	80,379	41,559	121,938
Net gains on investments	(6,698)	(29,883)	(36,581)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds	10,131 6	(9,436) (6)	695 -
Net movement in funds	10,137	(9,442)	695
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward	213,342	280,426	493,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	223,479	270,984	494,463

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	in	Unlisted vestments £
	MARKET VALUE At 1 January 2023 Revaluations		233,452 4,931
	At 31 December 2023		238,383
	There were no investment assets outside the UK.		
7.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022 £
	Gift aid receivable Prepayments	£ 2,282 4,835	2,847 5,918
	·	7,117	8,765
8.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEA	AR 2023 £	2022 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 9) Trade creditors	10,240	1,690
		10,240	1,690

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 Jan 2023 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2023 £
House - Assisted Clergy	190,563	-	-	-	4,028	194,591
Charity Giving	•	-	1,417	(1,417)	-	-
Chellingworth Memorial fund	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
Choir Fund	324	-	-	-	-	32 4
Coffee Shop	250	(965)	1,119	(154)	-	250
Diocese Fees	-	` -	47	-	-	4 7
Fabric Repair Fund	58,987	-	3,572	(23,708)	-	38,851
Flower Fund	, <u>-</u>	-	557	(382)	-	176
Food Bank	1,654	_	3,733	(2,948)	-	2,439
Halls Fund	12,143	965	51,261	(77,779)	-	(13,410)
Monday Club Funds	2,063		(52)			2,011
	270,984	-	61,654	(106,387)	4,028	230,279

11. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance 1 Jan 2023 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Profits £	Balance 31 Dec 2023 £
93,812	_	99,076	(75,509)	903	118,282
,	-	•	-	-	70,800
,	-	-	-	-	8,867
50,000	-	-		-	50,000
223,479		99,076	(75,509)	903	247,949
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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aided – envelopes	1,043	1,925
Gift aided – BGC	19,136	20,999
NTE envelopes	90	616
NTE BGC	5,775	5,422
Cash collections	5,039	5,378
Contactless donations	2,140	1,938
Donations – in memoriam	300	6,030
Sundry donations	387	518 990
Christmas gift to the church	1,317 215	990 80
Flowers fund donations	1,099	1,219
Coffee shop Monday club	(52)	99
Other donations	425	3,921
Monthly charity – gift aided	628	835
Monthly charity – girt aided Monthly charity – not gift aided	600	550
Gift aid recovered	7,918	9,053
Legacies	37,234	28,000
Recurring grants	5,726	4,707
One off grants	2,935	1,968
Food bank	1,507	2,251
	93,462	96,499
Other trading activities		
Bible reading fellowship/bookstall	105	196
Magazine sales	474	685
Church hall lettings	15,231	11,958
Chatterton hall and house lettings	33,595	34,104
	49,405	46,943
Investment income		
Rent received	1,875	3,750
Interest and dividends	15,048	11,119
	16,923	14,869
Charitable activities		
Fees for weddings and funerals	853	799
Diocesan fees	47	14
Flowers	-	90
Vergers Fees	40	-
	940	903
Total income resources	160,730	159,214

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
EXPENDITURE	2	_
Raising donations and legacies		
Publicity	-	-
Giving envelopes	-	17
Fundraising costs	-	70
Publicity	189	-
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	189	87
Charitable activities		464
Church mission society	115	164
Mission to seafarers	335	406
Malawi fund	180	190 201
Bible society	106	201 247
Children's society	296 114	225
Birmingham City Mission	301	976
Other charities	301	970
JMC subsidy refunds	39,830	39,852
Diocesan parish share	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	4,540
Support staff costs	4,750 10,290	9,381
Parish administrator salary and pension	10,290	156
Parish administration	434	495
Incumbent expenses	1,864	827
Vicarage upkeep	3,500	3,500
Pastoral staff and youth worker	29	262
Mission and outreach	2,947	1,985
Food bank cost	154	94
Coffee shop costs Church insurance	3,263	3,088
Church maintenance	568	6,970
	1,712	1,587
Cost of worship services	1,939	1,497
Church off expenses	382	640
Church flowers	300	366
Bank charges	6,495	6,178
Upkeep of churchyard	0, 1 95	34
Visiting speakers and locums	5,969	2,275
Church utilities – gas	1,029	1,314
Church utilities – electric	1,029	1,314
Church utilities – water	932	931
Magazine printing	50	47
Editorial expenses	242	236
Bookstall and bible reading fellowship	169	224
Magazine postage	13,770	5,512
Hall utilities – gas	13,770	3,312

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Hall utilities – electricity	4,035	2,905
Hall utilities – water	634	517
Hall cleaning	3,964	3,005
Hall repairs and maintenance	4,081	2,267
Hall insurance	2,755	1,498
Chatterton hall maintenance	5,045	3,080
Chatterton hall and house cleaning	8,842	8,043
Chatterton hall and house	380	1,502 720
Independent examination fee	1,756	720
Major repairs to church hall	23,984 23,275	2364
Major repairs to church yard	432	2504
Major works to church		
	181,408	120,430
Support Costs		
Other	299	1,421
Sundries Professional fees	29 9 -	1,721
Fioressional rees		
	299	1,421
Total resources expended	181,896	121,938
Net income before gains and losses	(21,166)	37,726
•		
Realised recognised gains and losses Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	4,931	(36,581)
Net income	(16,235)	695