



Parish of All Saints' Weston and St Mark's Shavington

"Sharing the love of Jesus with all"

Annual Report

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Incumbent Rev. Rachael Griffiths

Administrative Information

The Parish of Weston comprises All Saints' Church in Weston and St. Mark's Church in Shavington. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 13 Cemetery Road, Weston, Crewe, CW2 5LQ.

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is excepted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

Ex Officio members

Vicar	Revd. Rachael Griffiths
Readers	Mrs. Gaynor Bracey Mrs Ginny Lewis
Reader Emeritus	Mrs Margaret Hodgkinson
Wardens:	Mrs Suzan Moore (2024) Mr Roger Bracey (until APCM)

Hon Treasurer

Mr Roger Bracey from APCM
(2024)

Hon Secretary

Mrs Gaynor Bracey (2024)

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All Saints'	Dr Keith Every (2024)
St. Mark's	Mrs Margaret Smallwood (2024)

Co-opted Mr William Atteridge
(from Nov 2023)

Elected Members

Representatives until 2024

All Saints'	Mr Robert Galloway
All Saints'	co-opted member*
St. Mark's	Mrs Elizabeth Davies
St. Mark's	Mr D Prew – <i>resigned Oct 23</i>

Representatives until 2025

All Saints'	Mr John Densem
All Saints'	Mrs Juliana Stewart
St. Mark's	VACANCY
St Mark's	VACANCY

Representatives until 2026

All Saints'	Mrs Julia Cox
All Saints'	Andrew Spooner
St. Mark's	Shaan Shepherd
St. Mark's	Jonathan Griffiths

Committees

The PCC operates through All Saints' Committee and St. Mark's Committee. which meet between PCC meetings and deal with issues relating to each particular church.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the two church halls located in Weston and Shavington.

Church Attendance

There were 116 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at end December 2023.

The average attendance at each church based on statistics supplied to the Diocese was 28 adults at All Saints' and 26 adults and 6 children at St. Mark's.

There were 10 baptisms, 3 weddings and 20 funerals in the parish during 2023.

Vicar's Report 2023

In the Acts of the Apostles, we find a description of what life was like among the first followers of Jesus. It reads:

'All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved' (2:44-47).

We often think that our calling as the Church is first and foremost to tell people about Jesus. However, it is interesting to see that in the early Church, the first thing people did was to serve the needs of their community by selling what they had and then using the money to help those in need. As a result, the Church had the goodwill of the people and it is because of this goodwill that they were able to share the Good News of God's saving love and the church grew in number. As we reflect back over the past year, it is therefore helpful to ask ourselves whether serving the people in our parish who don't come to church has been our priority? Do we have the goodwill of our community? And how do we make sure that when there are so many other calls on our time and energy, we continue to help those in need?

With this in mind, I would like to begin by thanking all those of you who have given generously of your time and your resources during the past year. I am always amazed by how many different ways people find to serve God, our churches and our neighbours. Whilst some of these ways are very 'public' like the many signs and wonders that the apostles did in Acts, many people also get on with serving God quietly and often without anyone else noticing. You are the people with the same glad and generous hearts as the earliest followers of Jesus; people who don't just keep the parish going but who breathe life into it. Thank you to all of you who help us to earn the goodwill of our local communities by supporting events and activities that help our churches to make a difference. It is my prayer that in the year ahead, God will continue to help us notice and respond to the needs of local people so that the goodwill of people might increase and the Lord will add to our number.

During this past year, we have had to say goodbye to some much loved members of our parish. The passing of our brothers and sisters has been painful and we continue to miss their presence among us. At St Mark's, we said goodbye to Pam, Josie and Chris. Over many years, they had all given generously of their time and gifts. The loss of Chris has been especially difficult, not least because his death was unexpected but also because he was a very active member of our parish. We miss his musical talents and his gift with numbers, as well as his gentle presence and his sense of humour.

As a result of Chris' death, Roger moved from his role as Churchwarden to Treasurer, and also took on responsibility for Singers at St Mark's. I am grateful to Roger for stepping into these roles and for the extra time he has given to get to grips with our parish finances. I would also like to thank Sue who is now the only Churchwarden in our parish. She has kindly taken on additional work to assist with matters at St Mark's and I am very grateful for her ongoing support.

At All Saints' we said goodbye to Florence and Vera who were, for many years, enthusiastic and dedicated members of the congregation. Florence was passionate about serving Jesus by serving the village she lived in and the church she loved. Having spent many years fundraising for FOALS, Florence would have been delighted to see the completion of structural repairs at All Saints' and with the progress that has been made towards the installation of a new heating system.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the particular contribution that Ginny and Gwyneth have made to our parish. For many years, Ginny has faithfully served us as our Lay Reader. We very much miss her contribution to the worshipping life of our parish but are glad that in retirement, she continues to worship with us. Gwyneth has been our Parish Safeguarding Officer for more than a decade, a role she has undertaken with great diligence, sensitivity and care. I am very grateful for her many years of dedication and service in this role.

Rev Rachael

Safeguarding Report

Gwyneth Prew carried out the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) for the majority of last year, retiring from her position in the Autumn.

During the course of the year, she had responsibility for maintaining clear and detailed records relating to any safeguarding concerns that were raised with her. When necessary, she also liaised with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and kept records of these interactions. She was involved in the safe recruitment of new volunteers, most of whom help in our cafés.

She was also the parish Lead Recruiter for Thirtyone:eight who manage DBS checks in the Diocese. This year, PCC members have also been required to undertake Safeguarding training (basic, foundation and domestic abuse awareness modules) and Gwyneth has kept a log of members who have completed this mandatory training.

I am very grateful to Gwyneth for the many years she has served our parish as our PSO and her wisdom and expertise regarding safeguarding matters will be very much missed. I am pleased to announce that Shaan Shepherd has been appointed to the role of PSO by the PCC. Please do all you can to support Shaan as she undertakes this important new role.

Rev Rachael

All Saints' Church

This year has been a year of progress and celebration.

Our congregation is growing, and enjoying the services and the after service fellowship. Our Festival choir was formed to support the special services. Thanks to Irene and John for their help, guidance, and patience. The choirs' first performance was at the Easter day service. This was followed at the Coronation celebration service, harvest and the carol service. Their numbers and confidence growing, even using percussion instruments at harvest.

February saw the beginning of our community events with the Parish meal. This had a 'musicals theme' and included quizzing and singing, as well as good food. A really great evening.

In May we held a very successful Village fete. This was a great community effort, with stalls, a BBQ run by the scouts and afternoon teas in the hall provided by church. Many thanks to Julia, Juliana and Rachael for the organising and sandwich making, and thanks to everyone who made cakes and scones. The teas were a great success, aided by the beavers and cubs, and helped to raise a huge amount towards the All Saints' repair fund. The fete closed with a service of celebration for the King's coronation.

Sadly in April, one of our much loved parishioners, Florence Densem, died. Florence will be greatly missed. She was involved in many church activities and fund raising events.

In June Rachael took some much needed sick leave. During this time I have to thank the Leadership team for all their support. Many thanks to Gaynor, Margaret and Rev. Keith, for covering the services, with the help of just a couple of visiting clergy. All the services went ahead as planned.

This year saw progress with building work. Dominic Barber re built part of the garden wall from the side gate to the main road, as it was in a bad state of repair.

In June the scaffolding was erected and work began to rebuild the bell cote and do some work on the apse. The cross was found to be split, so had to be replaced. (full details in building report)

The work was completed by August in time for a wedding to take place, with all the scaffolding removed.

It's thanks to all the fantastic fundraising that the repairs could take place, so we can now move on to the problem heating system, and its replacement. Re decorating can then go ahead.

With Rachael back at the helm, we held our Harvest service and dedication of the repaired bell cote and bell. We can now ring the bell again, announcing our services.

Weston School made poppies for a display outside church for Remembrance Sunday. Poppy wreaths were laid at the service by several organisations including the school, and the scouts. The scouts also paraded their flags at the service. Thanks to Martin Robinson for playing the Last Post and Reveille.

Our Christmas services began with Christingle and continued with the carol service, crib service and midnight Holy Communion. The Duchy sent a Christmas tree which looked lovely outside the church door decorated with lights. Inside the church looked amazing with flowers, the tree and candles galore. We held the Carol service by candlelight, thanks to Robert and John for all their work with lights and candles. We enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies in the hall after the service and drew the raffle for the 7 Christmas hampers that had been made with donated items.

Our Church always looks so lovely with the flower arrangements and altar specially decorated for harvest, Easter and Christmas.



This is thanks to Irene and the flower team, who work so hard.

I have to thank Robert for all his help with maintenance, keeping the lawns mowed and the boiler lit when the pilot light goes out. In September Robert painted the church external doors and notice boards and John Densem replaced the door knobs. Many thanks to both. Thanks to Alison and Keith for keeping the garden tidy and the leaves under control, at church and the hall.

January maintenance began with the fire equipment check. One water extinguisher in church was out of date and replaced.

The pilot light on the church boiler keeps going out, resulting in us having no heating for several services. Towards the end of January we held our service in the church hall, as the forecast was for below zero temperature with possibility of snow.

In April the gas boilers were serviced, the hall showing no problems. The igniter on the church boiler could not be repaired, which means re lighting by hand. (which is difficult). When relit after the summer, the boiler wouldn't stay lit. Matt, the service engineer was called several times for boiler failure. A new pilot light was fitted.

The boiler is still a cause for concern due to its age. Constant surveillance of the pilot light is needed. We have investigated Air-to-Air heating systems, and this is probably the way forward for us, for more reliable and greener heating. There is a long way to go yet; a grant has been applied for.

The organ is checked and tuned in April and November.

Thanks to Juliana for all her help, especially with the side's person rota, and thank you to all those who have agreed to continue on the rota. Greeting people as they enter church and being welcoming is so important. We open the church every day for private prayer or just a quiet moment. Tea or coffee is available.

Thanks to Julia for getting there to open up before me most days.

Our Community café continues to be a very successful enterprise. (See separate report). The time for the annual report seems to come round quicker each year, but writing this reminds me what a wonderful parish we have. We are happy, sociable, and supportive committed Christians. Welcoming visitors and encouraging everyone in sharing the love of Jesus with all.

I want to thank Geoff and everyone for all their hard work. We have a good team.

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep our parish friendly and welcoming.

Suzan Moore
Church Warden

All Saints' Building repairs and Improvements

Attempts to speed up progress on the structural repairs needed to the Bellcote and the wall above the central East Window have been thwarted by slow responses for specialist information required for our Grant application and by the high inflation rate significantly increasing the quotes for the work that we had received previously.

However our application for a grant from the Historic Churches Trust was duly submitted at the end of August. Unfortunately we learnt in December that we had been unsuccessful – mainly because the Trust had been inundated with many more applications than they could possibly support.

The work is becoming progressively more urgent as each year passes, and we cannot justify the much needed improvements to the heating system and other improvements until the main building is completely sound again.

After much further thought we now believe that we have one quote that should just be affordable if reserves from our "All Saints roof and fabric fund" can be bolstered by a general Fund Raising Appeal which will hopefully raise the remaining funds and allow work to start in 2024.

Robert Galloway

St. Mark's Church

Our pattern of Sunday services during 2023 took the form of a regular monthly programme: Sunday Celebration (1st Sunday of the month), Morning Praise (3rd Sunday) and Holy Communion (other Sundays).

Live streaming of these services to the Parish Facebook page continued – many thanks to the very small team of helpers who undertake "laptop duty" each Sunday.

In the summer we were delighted to have Bryan Humphries join our services playing the organ one Sunday a month.

Additionally, in October Rachael and Gaynor started leading a monthly communion service at Alexandra Mill, the new care home which opened in the parish during the summer months.

Easter, Harvest and Christmas were all celebrated in the usual way, together with an All Souls' service on 5th November.

The church has been used on a regular weekly basis by our two community choirs – SAS (Singers at St Mark's) and the Nightingale's Community Choir until July. Unfortunately the Nightingale Singers had the opportunity to move to a free venue in Crewe and so are no longer rehearsing in Shavington.

SAS continued to rehearse despite the sudden death of their much loved and greatly missed musical director Chris Neufield in March. However the choir sang in the service of Thanksgiving for Chris' life on April 4th when the church and hall were packed to capacity with friends and colleagues including Audley Brass.

The Kings Coronation Celebrations were held in the village over the weekend 6-8th May June with a multi-talent concert held in St Mark's on the Sunday afternoon. Unfortunately the SAS did not feel ready to perform at this time after the loss of their musical director. They did however hold concert on 9th September which was well supported.

St Mark's, hosted the Parish Harvest supper and auction on Saturday 7th October after quite a long break in hosting. It was a fun filled and success evening raising a significant sum for Christian Aid.

The very popular Parish Craft Fayre took place once again on 25th November – see separate report.

St. Mark's Committee met six times during the year on a bimonthly basis to consider matters relating to the building fabric, health and safety, social and community events and the New Build. However new members are needed at the number of committee members is now quite small.

Our church was brightened up for the Christmas season with bells decorated by a number of local community groups – thanks to those who organised this activity.

Finally a big thank you to those people who look after the important tasks keeping our church looking good, such as flower arranging, washing and ironing the altar cloths and maintenance.

**Gaynor Bracey
Reader**

St Mark's Church and Hall Fabric Report

The maintenance has continued with the regular checks taking place.

The gas inspection took place in September, showing no problems at the time.

Regular mowing of the Church field continues. Trees on the field boundary were overhanging onto the pavement. These were cut back by Border Tree Care.

The portable appliance tests took place in October. Thank you to Sheila, Ian and Shaan for their help with this. There were a couple of failures: a hostess trolley, a lead from computer equipment at rear of church, and a large extension reel belonging to the Panto group. These were taken out of service.

Due to the wet weather, a leak developed in the roof of the link building. A temporary repair was made using a canvass cover which was followed by a permanent repair. Thanks to Shaun Randle for this work.

In November, the hall was redecorated by a team of volunteers from Keltbray. We are grateful for their time which was given free of charge. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped de-clutter the hall before it was painted, especially Margaret and Norman Hodgkinson who did a wonderful job helping to clear a large number of second hand books that we did not have the space to store. Thank you to Sara and Shaun Randle who also worked hard, liaising with Keltbray, purchasing materials and helping to clear up. The hall looks a great deal cleaner and brighter.



NWF Service made their inspection of the fire extinguishers etc at the end of April.

Many thanks to Bill Atteridge for taking on responsibility for setting the heating system and troubleshooting when it goes wrong.

Suzan Moore
Churchwarden

St Mark's Heating Report

The heating system continues to be problematic, notably with the single boiler to heat both areas and provide hot water. At the end of the year the plumbing from the boiler to the radiators and hot water tank necessitated a call-out of the plumbers, Ultragas, on 3 occasions (up to mid Jan 24').

A replacement control valve actuator on the valve to switch heating between the areas was required. The call-out to determine the problem with the hot water only working intermittently discovered that the

programmable controller in the vestry was faulty - the hot water circuitry had failed. The system is now set-up for hot water working whenever the heat is on in either area, or both, but will not work if the heat is not switched on.

Ultragas has been asked to provide information - replacement controller and cost - for a device controllable via a smartphone. Robert Galloway is also looking into what is appropriate, necessary and available. A replacement controller will be required by the end of the heating season. Information is being sought to enable a decision on how to proceed.

Bill Atteridge

St. Mark's New Build Project

The project made further progress during 2023 with the appointment of two firms of Consulting Engineers:

Brian Clancy Higby Partnership (BCHP), responsible for the design of the civil and structural aspects of the new building.

Viridian, responsible for the design of the building services (mechanical and electrical aspects) of the new building.

Martyn Wilshaw of Finlason Partnership continued to act as our architect, co-ordinating the work of the consulting engineers and overseeing refinement of the design of the timber framing.

During the year the consultants have made progress on their specific tasks and several meetings were held with Viridian to discuss various aspects relating to heating schemes and electrical services

It is anticipated that his work will be concluded early in 2024 when tender documentation will be issued to prospective construction firms. Once tenders are returned we will know the building costs and can then focus our efforts on fundraising.

We held a fundraising Race Night (in conjunction with Shavington Club) in April which raised £815 for the New Build Fund.

The Parish website continues to be updated with the latest plans and information on the project as well as containing links to the Community Survey and a Donation portal.

Roger Bracey
Project Manager

All Saints' Church Hall

The year commenced in the usual way, on the 4th January, with the regular clients resuming their activities, following the Christmas and New Year holidays, including Edward Bear, The Beavers' Club, Scouts, the Cafe, and Indoor Bowlers. The Parish Council also resumed their monthly Meetings, along with additional sessions.

The ongoing heating problems in the Church were also causing concern, as the weather was cold with snow and ice. It was decided at the end of January, to transfer Church Services to the much warmer Hall, a move which was well received by the congregation.

The Parish Meal was held on February 17th, and catered for 43 attendees. The main meal was Pork Casserole, and together with a musical-themed evening, resulted in a delightful event.

After several years absence, The Allotment Society returned to hold their Annual General Meeting.

In March, due to problems with the heating in the Hall, several events had to be cancelled, including a Church Communion Service. The problem was traced to a leak in the pipe-work, under the floorboards, and a team comprising Robert, John, and Geoff, were able to effect a repair.

As Spring approached, bookings for Parties began to increase, these being for children and adults. May 4th saw the Hall hired for the Local Elections, which are a consistently good source of income.

The Coronation Weekend, prompted teams of volunteers to organise a "Village Event", the focal point of which was the Church Hall.



It was decided to offer an Afternoon Tea between 2.00 and 3.30 pm. A total of 80 customers were catered for, with volunteers having provided numerous cakes. The Scouts assisted with Table Service and a Donations collection.

On May 10th the Hall was the venue for the reception following the funeral of our lovely Florence Densem. This was very well-attended, and allowed us all to remember our much-loved friend, who was a tireless fund-raising member of our Church.

May 18th saw the first meeting of the new Weston & Crewe Green Parish Council in the Hall, and on 9th June a Fund-Raising Art Exhibition was held, featuring the work of two local artists, which resulted in £300 being raised for All Saints' Roof and Fabric fund.

In July, the Hall's tables and chairs were loaned for use at the Garden Party, which took place at 'Ashleigh'.

It became apparent that there was a problem with the Ladies Toilets, and this resulted in a call-out to a drainage engineering expert, who succeeded in partially solving the problem. This was finally resolved with the assistance of Messrs. Galloway and Densem, who managed to clear a build-up of debris, which had built up over a long period of time. Following this occurrence, a policy prohibiting the disposal of sanitary wear into the drainage system was instituted, with suitable receptacles being provided for these items. The side garden was also cleared of considerable root matter, which had been adding to the problem.

The Summer months saw a quieter period in respect of hirings, although there were several Childrens' Parties.

September saw the resumption of the usual 'hiring season', and in October a weekly Yoga Class commenced. November saw the Annual Quiz take place with teams of 4 occupying 16 tables. An enjoyable and fruitful evening ensued, with £360 being raised for Church Funds.

December brought the usual Carol Service, in the Church, followed by the Mince Pies and Mulled wine in the Hall afterwards, making it a successful prelude to Christmas period. The Christmas Hamper Raffle was drawn, with a total of 7 prizes being won.

Although we have faced several new challenges during the 12 month period, including the energy crisis, the Hall has remained a valuable centre for the community and its activities.

Julia Cox

St. Mark's Church hall

It has been another very busy year in the church hall. The weekly community cafe continues to be a very important part of village life and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody who attends.

Monthly sessions of Bingo are well supported and offer yet another facility for everybody to enjoy.

The Craft and Chatter group use the hall twice a month and undertakes projects enjoyed by the whole community.

The WI and St Luke's hospice support group meet monthly and offer many different speakers and topics which can be enjoyed by all.

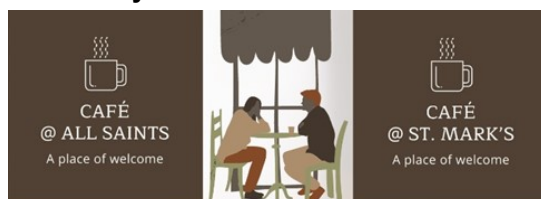
Shavington Festival committee and Shavington Drama group continue to use the room weekly and their professional productions are a testament to the hard work put in at their rehearsals.

Our annual Craft Fair now holds a waiting list for stall holders and enjoyed by the many visitors who attend.

I would like to thank all the groups and individual members who do so much work to keep our hall in constant use for our church and local community.

Shaan Shepherd

Community Cafés



The two Cafés re-opened after the Christmas break, welcoming back our regular customers.

It was decided to make the Lent Charity Nomination Forms available from the end of January, and they were distributed from the Café tables. Half the net profits from the Cafés, during the period of Lent, was donated to the customers' nominated charities.

The popularity of the Cafés continued, with many weeks seeing the necessity to increase the number of tables.

The new Spring/Summer Menu was commenced following the Easter period, with Quiche replacing the Soup and Jacket Potatoes.

In June, Rachel arranged a Cafe training session, for new volunteers, and to refresh the existing staff. An Afternoon Tea was provided and enjoyed by the 32 attending this event.

The Cafés closed in August for two weeks, as several members of staff were unavailable, due to holidays, and re-opened at the end of the month.

The new Autumn Menu commenced with Soup and Jacket Potatoes being back on the menu, alongside the ever-popular toasted sandwiches.

In December, the Menu changed slightly to incorporate a seasonal theme, with items such as Turkey Sandwiches and Mince Pies.

The Cafe teams from both Shavington and Weston were given an award of Volunteers of the Year at the Cheshire East Safeguarding & Community Safety Awards 2023. This was for showing dignity and respect to the customers.



Rachael organised a Cafe Staff Christmas Party which was held on December 15th, in the Hall, with a Fish & Chip Supper being provided. A Quiz and Christmas Hat Competition made it a great fun night, and was greatly appreciated by the volunteers.

The Cafés then closed for Christmas and New Year. Recruitment drives for more volunteers are still done on a regular basis, and an ongoing Social Media update is maintained by Rachael, in order to keep our potential customer base aware of our presence.

Café@All Saints

Neighborhood Plan Leaflets were distributed, and collected for the Parish Council, to assist in reaching as many households, as possible.

The Library Exchange System provided a small but steady source of revenue, with jigsaws also available.

The team, of volunteers, including the bakers and soup makers, continued on a fortnightly rota, although some members of the team volunteer weekly, due to low non-availability. A new permanent weekly volunteer, Kate, commenced at the beginning of February.

Christmas decorations helped to provide a seasonal ambience, with the Table Decorations altered to reflect Yuletide, by Pam and Alex.

A table of seasonal items such as fruits, home-made jams, marmalade, and chutneys, together with hand-made cards, which are produced by Sarah Wrench, continues to be available, which is helpful to those customers who have difficulty getting to shops.

The Café continues to be a very successful facility within the village, and surrounding area, and continues to grow.

Julia Cox

Café@St Mark's

The café has now been open almost 3 years and it continues to be a very popular venue within the community, with each week seeing our regular customers return and new people from the village being welcomed. The café still offers a varied menu which changes with the seasons and our cakes are very much sought after. As well as selling to be eaten in the cafes, there is a good trade in take-aways.

The decision to open the café on Good Friday, although it is a Bank holiday, was very successful and the café was very busy. Although it shut early to accommodate the Good Friday Service in church, some of the congregation came in for coffee/tea and cakes afterwards and some even stayed and helped tidy away.

Some of our volunteers, along with some from All Saint's, provided refreshments for the Craft Fayre in November.

Our teams of volunteers and bakers / soup makers work very hard to give our customers the best food and service possible and we would like to thank them for all their hard work throughout the year. We are always looking for new volunteers in either role.

Sheila McAlpine

Pastoral Care in the Parish

We continue sending cards for birthdays and baptism anniversaries.

We have kept in touch with the parishioners who have been ill or living alone as much as possible by telephone.

Please do continue to let us know of anyone who is sick or struggling so that we can keep in touch with them, or if they are unable to get to church if they might like Home Communion.

This can be short term if someone is incapacitated and will be able to return to church at a later date and does not mean that you have given up on coming to church, but simply that church can come to you albeit in a different way to your normal experience.

We are there to carry on the link with the church family.

The Prayer Chain has continued with the members faithfully praying for everyone for whom we receive we receive requests. If this is something you feel you would like to be a part of, please contact Margaret or Gaynor. As always, we take this opportunity to thank them all,

Remember the Prayer Chain is there for everyone to request prayers at any time and for anything and that prayers can be to give thanks for the good things that happen not just the sad or difficult times.

Margaret Hodgkinson & Gaynor Bracey Readers

Craft and Chatter

It has been another busy year.

Over the course of this year, we have continued making items for the Craft Fair, and completing several unfinished projects that had been donated to the group.

With support from members of the parish we were able to donate knitted hearts to Belong Care Home. These are given in pairs to bereaved relatives, one for them to keep and one to go with the deceased. They are very much appreciated by the recipients. This is an ongoing project so if you are interested, please contact me for information or patterns.

We supported the Craft Fair in November and had a busy day; the proceeds being donated to church funds and offered some of our donated materials at low prices which were eagerly snapped up and once again, the proceeds were donated to church funds.

The run up to Christmas saw us taking part in the 'Bell' project to make knitted/crocheted bells for distribution to the community.

Several new members have been welcomed during the year as confidence returned in meeting with others in public spaces.

Currently we are taking part in the project in Shavington to make an updated village map crafted for display in the Village Hall, celebrating the coronation of King Charles.

If you are free on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month do come along and bring any kind of craft you enjoy doing, or just come along for a cuppa and a chat – there's always plenty of both, and it is a nice warm space.

Margaret Hodgkinson
Reader

Children and Families Work

As usual, it's been a really busy year for our families in the Parish. We've worked on making our old friendships stronger and creating new ones too. Being a Children & Families worker keeps me busy, but it's so fulfilling. I'm truly happy to welcome our families to our church events and reach out to others in the community through everything we do.

I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us with our weekly clubs and community events. Your support means the world to us. I'm especially grateful for Rev Rachael, whose constant support and encouragement of my ideas have been invaluable. Working alongside someone so positive is truly inspiring. I also want to express my gratitude to Sue Moore for her fantastic support at EBC, and to Elizabeth Davies, Allison Emery, Louise Oldershaw, my husband Shaun Randle, and my mum Dina Bostock for their unwavering support at

GLOW. A special thanks also goes to Bill Attridge, Lynsey Bentley, and Lucy Hurry for their assistance with our school sessions. These volunteers play a crucial role in our family, school, and community activities, and we simply couldn't do it without them. Your dedication is most appreciated.

Community Events

The continued focus of my work this year has been very much on building upon the community links already established and keeping up our relationships within the Parish.

Coronation Celebrations



The coronation of King Charles III was a great time to celebrate and the community joined together to make a commemorative garden outside St Mark's Church.

Remembrance Garden



Following the success of our community Remembrance Gardens in past years, we reached out to the nearby primary and secondary schools, nurseries, and the Brownie group, asking for them to contribute a poppy to our garden. We also used poppies that were knitted and crocheted from last year to enhance the display. The gardens looked lovely and served as a fitting tribute to honour those who had fallen, as they always do.

Advent Window Trail



This is now something that we do every year in Shavington. This year, the response was really good, with over 75 windows taking part in the trail. It was nice to see how many people wanted to join in, and our churches set a great example by celebrating the happiness of Christmas.

Nativity Crib Scene



The nativity scene outside St. Mark's was a big hit in the village. Lots of families came to see it, which was great. It gave families something to talk about and a reason to visit the church during Christmas. Thanks a lot to my husband Shaun for rebuilding the Crib. He always does a fantastic job.

Posada 2023



The return of the Posada was a great activity for our community young and old. Families enjoyed taking it in turns to offer Mary and Joseph a room for the night. It was enjoyable to see what they got up to. Thank you to Allison for giving the characters a bit of a makeover and Rev Rachael for coordinating their journey.

Schools

Christmas was really busy for us. We invited the Nursery to join Christmas workshops at St. Mark's where they heard the Christmas story and made crafts. We also went to Shavington Primary and told the story using a book called 'A Very Noisy Christmas' to all of Key Stage 2. We did the same workshop at Weston Primary. There were a lot of kids, but we planned carefully and had a great time.

We were happy to share the Christmas story with so many. The children were really interested and enjoyed making Christmas crafts. We were glad that Shavington High School accepted our invitation to take part in the #Queenbee and Remembrance Garden. We are happy to keep building our partnership with the school.

GLOW



GLOW has been going strong, with kids coming regularly. During the sessions, we start with a snack, then do some singing or dancing, followed by a story and prayer in church. After that, we do a craft related to the story or theme, play games, and end with another prayer. The GLOW family group is really supportive, and it's great to see kids of all ages working together. The children from GLOW were thrilled to play important roles in the Harvest celebration service. They were proud to show their work and enjoyed reading prayers and stories to everyone. A big thank you to our regular helpers Elizabeth, Allison, Louise, Dina, and Shaun.

Edward Bear



At Edward Bear, our regular group has stayed quite large and we are happy that those who come often tell their friends about us. We've stuck to the same routine: singing or dancing, a story, making crafts, and saying a prayer. Big thanks to Sue, our amazing volunteer who works really hard. We couldn't do it without her!

St Marks' Toddlers



Amy left in the summer of 2023 because her daughter started school. Kim stepped in and has been doing a wonderful job leading the group with Rachael. Tuesday Toddlers now have a more structured format, which families have liked. We start with free play, then have a story, do a craft, have a snack, and end with a nursery rhyme or singing. I still plan the sessions, stories, and crafts and step in when Rachael is not available.

Summer Celebrations



During the summer, we had several sessions. The GLOW families went on our first trip to Bearstone Fruit Farm, and then we had sessions in the Church Hall and Field where we combined our GLOW and Toddler group families. Each week, we had different themes, and it was wonderful to see all our groups coming together for these sessions.

Sara Randle
Children's and Families Worker

Thursday morning Home Group (Meet in Weston)

We meet once a month in Weston, and welcome members from both sides of the parish - this cross-parish membership is something we value greatly. Usually we meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10am, the meetings are hosted by Keith & Juliana Stewart in Wychwood Village. Our purpose is study and conversation based on scripture.

Our work is taken from the "Bible Project" website; this source provides a variety of material that is both entertaining and brings a practical perspective on what has been called one of the greatest works of literature we

have. Last year we examined in detail the literary structure of this 'great work of literature' and moved on to explore some of the great themes that run through the bible, all of which lead to Jesus.

This year we have started to look in greater detail at "The Sermon on the Mount". Throughout this, we are encouraged to ask questions and share our doubts and think about some of the unfathomable things encountered in scripture.

New members are always welcome, hospitality is generous, welcoming and comfortable. There is coffee, biscuits - and sometimes cake - to sustain us and very interesting videos to talk about and lively friendly, and sometimes, not too serious conversation.

Keith Evemy

Wednesday evening Home Group (Meet in Shavington)

This home group meets once per month in Shavington at the home of Dave & Jan Sayer.

The intention is to meet every third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm, but sometimes it's necessary to work around the commitments of group members, so the days of meeting may vary to accommodate particular needs. It's best to check the Weekly Link for the date of upcoming meetings, or contact Dave or Jan. People from across the parish are free to participate in the group, and we are always happy to welcome new members.

Meetings always begin with friendly conversation over tea/coffee and biscuits before moving into a more focused time of study and discussion. Biblical topics are often introduced by a short video, preceded by introductory prayer and Christian music.

The umbrella topic for most of 2023 was "Change – Do we want it? Do we need it?" Biblical themes were introduced, and the ensuing conversations were fluid and friendly. In one session, we considered the Fruit of the Spirit, and personal characteristics we aspire to.

In another, we looked at the life of King Solomon to see how personal development can take a turn for the worse, as well as for the better.

In yet another session, we watched a video of the interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, and followed that by discussion about the different attitudes that are addressed in the story. We considered what shapes us into the people we are, and are seeking to become.

We looked at a few Biblical characters (Moses, Gideon, David, Paul, the Prodigal Son) to consider what brought about the changes observed in their character or behaviour.

To round off the year, we enjoyed a social evening with a spiced fruit punch, mince pies and a Christmas Quiz.

Dave Sayer

The Craft Fayre



Saturday 25th November saw our 7th Craft Fayre (sadly we were unable to safely hold it in 2020 because of COVID) and we welcoming both new and old stall holders back to this annual event. In all we had 17 attendees who between them rented 19 pitches in within the hall and church space.

Due to the cost of energy, especially for heating there was a need to increase the fees for the stalls from £10 to £12:50 but this was the first increase since the event started in 2016.

As in previous years, the church café ran alongside the event offering light snacks, cakes, teas and coffees. Many thanks to all, the volunteers from Shavington and Weston, who helped run the café for the event.

**Gaynor Bracey
Reader**

St. Mark's Church Prize Bingo

Our Bingo at St Mark's Church is held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month commencing at 2.00pm although the doors are open from 1.30pm. We have twelve games of bingo stopping for tea/coffee and biscuits after six games and there is a prize for the first line and house for each game. We also hold a raffle which there are usually six prizes to choose from. There are between 20 and 27 ladies who regularly attend each month.

Two of the reasons for running St Mark's Bingo is to help with the maintenance of the Church Hall and support Young Church, ie GLOW (God loves our World) .

During 2023 our Bingo had an income of £1923.20 and expenditure of £962.80 making a profit of £960.40 for the year. We could not make this profit without the continuous donations of prizes that are handed to me and if they are not suitable for bingo prizes then I pass them for other church fundraising events.

My thanks to Mike Curzon who has been calling the bingo for years and the ladies who sell the bingo books, raffle tickets and makes the tea and coffee with me.

Elizabeth Davies-Allman

Charity Support

The PCC has continued to support a wide range of local, national and international charities in 2023:

- from Parish funds £400 was donated to: Stoke Air Ambulance; RNLI and Water Aid (£1 200)
- 14th SWC (Weston) Scouts donation for helping serve and clear up at the Parish Meal (£125)
- During Lent our community cafes have supported: DEC for Turkey – Syria Earthquake; RNIB; Street Link; The Donkey Sanctuary; RSPCA; Alzheimer's Society; MAF- Flying for life; RNLI; Practical Action; Railway Children; Smile train and Dementia UK Each charity received £50 which amounted to 50% of the café net profits during the Lent period. (£600)
- The McMillan Big Coffee Morning –the last week of September profits was donated from both cafés (£112.92 + £17.22 from the Cafe@StMark's donation bucket)

- Monies raised from the Harvest Supper and Harvest Auction were donated to Christian Aid (£619.85)
- Harvest gifts of food were donated to St Pauls Pantry
- Both churches continue to have food donation boxes for St Paul's Pantry all year round.

Gaynor Bracey
Reader

Shoe Boxes

We were quite late organising the boxes this year but everyone rallied round and we were able to send 25 boxes full to the brim and also pay for the postage.

The boxes were delivered directly to the charity located in Wrexham and Margaret Smallwood and I were able to meet the CEO and founder of TEAMS4U who kindly showed us around and explained that more than 10 thousand boxes will be distributed this year mostly to Eastern Europe.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this wonderful scheme.

Next year we hope to start preparations much earlier and already there are people knitting hats in readiness.

Please think about us when you buy new shoes. Ask for the box (the ones with removable lids) and let me have them as soon as possible so I can start to cover them. Also any odd rolls of Christmas paper will be gratefully received.

Again a huge THANK YOU.

Shaan Shepherd

St Mark's Children's Society Boxes

It has been quite some time since the boxes were emptied as I am aware that loose change is becoming quite scarce!

A request will be made early next year for the boxes to be returned in the hope that box holders have been able to fill them! Just please remember, every little helps!

Thank you.

Shaan Shepherd

St. Paul's Pantry

St. Paul's Pantry is one of the largest food banks in the area, based at the St. Paul's Centre, in Crewe.

It provides crisis food parcels for families and individuals in need and sadly this year the number of people needing help has increased greatly.

The donations we receive at church make a real difference and the extra special treats at Christmas and Easter are really welcomed. Thank you for all your regular donations and all the extras at our harvest services.

Your generosity is amazing.

The donations boxes can be found at the back of All Saints' church when the church is open (and in the porch when locked) and at the back of St Mark's church.

Toiletry items are also welcomed.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Suzan Moore
Church Warden

Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023

GENERAL FUND

The general fund shows a surplus of £ 264 for the year (demonstrating that our income just exceeded our expenditure).

GENERAL FUND INCOME

In overall terms, General Fund income increased by 3.7% compared with the previous year, 2022. Details of income sources and changes therein (compared with 2022) are given in the following paragraphs:

1. Planned giving represents monies received via standing order and the envelope scheme. This has increased by 18.9%.
2. Collections and other giving represents monies received in the loose plate collections, and also one-off Gift Aid donations (not specifically for any restricted or designated fund). These have increased by 6.2%.
3. Other voluntary receipts includes donations, appeals, legacies and grants. These reduced by 90% (over £ 6000) and cannot be relied on as a source of income.
4. Gift Aid is recovered on eligible donations (from the previous year). This fell by 15%.
5. Activities for generating funds includes fundraising events such as the Parish Meal, Harvest Supper, Raffles and the Parish Craft Fayre. This increased by 38%.
6. Investment income is the interest received on deposit accounts, most of which are held by CCLA. There was a significant increase in interest rates in 2023, hence our investment income has also seen an increase.
7. Receipts from church activities represents the proportion of wedding and funeral fees that we are allowed to keep after paying the statutory fees to the diocese, together with receipts from church hall lettings (this includes a significant contribution from the two church Community Cafés). This income stream increased by 23%.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE

In overall terms, General Fund expenditure increased by 20% compared with the previous year, 2022. Details of expenditure streams and changes therein (compared with 2022) are given in the following paragraphs:

1. Costs of generating funds are expenses incurred in respect of fundraising events (recorded in "Activities for generating funds"). The increase in this cost was more than covered by the increase in funds generated.
2. Missionary and Charitable Giving includes annual charitable donations agreed by the PCC as well as the Harvest donation to Christian Aid and a donation to 14th SWC Scout group for helping at the Parish meal. This increased by £ 762 (63%).
3. Parish Share – this is set by Chester Diocese and is a contribution by parishes in the Diocese towards the cost of the provision and support of Parish mission and ministry. It increased by 3.0%.
4. Clergy and staffing costs includes honoraria for readers and organists, expenses of the incumbent and vicarage expenses (council tax, water and telephone). They increased by 1.4%.
5. Church running expenses includes building insurance, small maintenance items, items for the upkeep of services (e.g. candles and communion wine), energy costs and administrative costs (including printing). They increased by 47%. Much of this increase is due to the significant increase in energy tariffs.
6. Hall running expenses includes building insurance, small maintenance items, energy costs and water. They increased by 76%. Much of this increase is again due to the significant increase in energy tariffs.

RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

Please see below details of movement in the Restricted and Designated funds:

Communal - Wages Support Fund

Overall reduction during year - £ 4866

Income

Planned Giving - £ 1200

Expenses

Children and Families Worker - £ 6066

This fund will have a zero balance early in 2024 and expenses will then have to be met from the General Fund.

Communal – Community Café grant Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 3909.73

Income

Café receipts - £ 26009.86

Expenses

Hall hire fees - £ 11160.00

Café running costs - £ 9426.11

Charitable donations - £ 712.92

Hall cleaning - £ 627.45

Other costs - £ 173.65

St Mark's Building Fund

Overall Increase during year - £153.48

Interest received - £ 119.64

Transfer in - £ 33.84

St Mark's Hall and Young Church Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 778.34

Income

Bingo receipts - £ 1786.28

GLOW subs - £ 194.09

Expenses

Bingo prizes - £ 961.80

GLOW expenses - £ 200.23

Storage boxes - £ 40.00

St Mark's Legacy Fund

Overall increase during year - £108.67

(Interest received only)

St Mark's New Church Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 379.96

Income

Interest received - £ 3828.03

Donations - £ 1265.67

Race Night income - £ 1149.60

Josie Vicary legacy - £ 500.00

Collection box & jar - £ 400.66

Nightingales Concerts - £ 340.00

Village Festival stall - £ 189.00

Planned Giving - £ 120.00

Clarendon Court SAS concert - £ 60.00

Expenses

New Build Expenses - £ 7110.00

(Consultants and survey fee)

Race Night costs - £ 334.00

Village Festival stall fee - £ 29.00

St Mark's Organ and Music Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 2091.62

Income

SAS Subscriptions - £ 2410.46

Chris Neufeld service collection - £ 366.50

(net of contribution to Audley Brass)

SAS Concert - £ 535.00

Donation - £ 200.00

Interest received - £ 177.50

Expenses

Conductor/accompanist fees - £ 830.00

SAS Music - £ 725.59

Concert expenses - £ 42.25

St Mark's - Toddlers Fund

Overall increase during year – NIL

(no income or expenditure)

All Saints' Choir Fund

Overall decrease during year - £ 15.99

Income

Interest received - £ 4.63

Expenses

Transfer out - £ 20.62

All Saints' Flower Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 1.31

(Interest received only)

All Saints' Hall Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 82.40

Book sales - £ 63.59

Interest received - £ 18.81

All Saints' Heating Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 141.62

(all donations)

All Saints' Roof and Fabric Fund

Overall decrease during year - £ 8320.43

Income

Donations - £ 27125.42

VAT reclaim - £ 7720.00

Coronation Fete - £ 1701.99

Interest received - £ 709.31

Harold Rimmer legacy - £ 500.00

Art Workshop - £ 300.00

Expenses

Repair works expenses - £46320.00

(building work and architect fees)

Coronation Tea expenses - £ 57.15

All Saints' Youth Group Fund

Overall increase during year - £ 435.76

Income

Edward Bear subs - £ 597.78

Interest received - £ 21.64

Expenses

Edward Bear expenses - £ 183.66

PCC of Weston and Shavington
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Planned giving	35,404.25	1,200.00	120.00	-	36,724.25	30,798.00
Collections and other giving	4,944.73	21.62	55.00	-	5,021.35	4,670.31
Other voluntary receipts	687.22	1,838.23	30,118.63	-	32,644.08	8,406.65
Gift Aid recovered	6,502.75	-	-	-	6,502.75	7,638.77
Other receipts	766.00	-	7,720.00	-	8,486.00	985.77
Activities for generating funds	3,299.17	2,663.01	5,405.07	-	11,367.25	8,484.90
Investment Income	1,347.63	313.75	4,675.79	-	6,337.17	1,885.26
Receipts from church activities	21,653.60	-	14,847.46	-	36,501.06	34,126.72
Total income	74,605.35	6,036.61	62,941.95	-	143,583.91	96,996.38
Payments						
Cost of generating funds	695.11	1,664.03	10,808.06	-	13,167.20	13,420.93
Missionary and Charitable Giving	1,962.07	271.50	712.92	-	2,946.49	2,115.81
Parish Share	39,466.08	-	-	-	39,466.08	38,316.60
Clergy and Staffing costs	5,509.19	6,065.78	-	-	11,574.97	13,380.73
Church Running Expenses	14,836.26	117.47	224.62	-	15,178.35	10,691.53
Hall Running Costs	11,701.26	-	816.71	-	12,517.97	8,428.37
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	53,430.00	-	53,430.00	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	170.97	-	-	-	170.97	-
Total expenditure	74,340.94	8,118.78	65,992.31	-	148,452.03	86,353.97
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	264.41	(2,082.17)	(3,050.36)	-	(4,868.12)	10,642.41
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	15,700.00	(20.62)	15,733.84	-	31,413.22	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(15,713.22)	-	(15,700.00)	-	(31,413.22)	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	251.19	(2,102.79)	(3,016.52)	-	(4,868.12)	10,642.41
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	20,050.10	19,838.04	125,585.20	-	165,473.34	154,830.93
Total funds carried forward	20,301.29	17,735.25	122,568.68	-	160,605.22	165,473.34

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PCC of Weston and Shavington
Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Receipts						
Planned giving						
0101 - S - Gift Aid - Bank	13,799.00	-	120.00	-	13,919.00	14,984.00
0102 - W - Gift Aid - Bank	20,176.00	1,200.00	-	-	21,376.00	15,284.00
0111 - S - Gift Aid - Envelopes	15.00	-	-	-	15.00	-
0112 - W - Gift Aid - Envelopes	656.25	-	-	-	656.25	427.00
0201 - S - Other planned giving	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	103.00
0202 - W - Other planned giving	648.00	-	-	-	648.00	-
0203 - S - Other Planned Giving - Non GASDS	55.00	-	-	-	55.00	-
0204 - W - Other Planned Giving - Non GASDS	5.00	-	-	-	5.00	-
Planned giving Totals	35,404.25	1,200.00	120.00	-	36,724.25	30,798.00
Collections and other giving						
0301 - S - Loose plate collections	729.01	-	-	-	729.01	719.21
0302 - W - Loose plate collections	1,383.72	-	-	-	1,383.72	2,167.89
0303 - S - Loose Plate Collections - Non GASDS	47.00	-	-	-	47.00	108.00
0304 - W - Loose Plate Collections - Non GASDS	-	-	-	-	-	125.00
0500 - C - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,435.00	-	-	-	1,435.00	-
0501 - S - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,300.00	-	-	-	1,300.00	1,335.51
0502 - W - One-off Gift Aid gifts	50.00	21.62	55.00	-	126.62	214.70
Collections and other giving Totals	4,944.73	21.62	55.00	-	5,021.35	4,670.31
Other voluntary receipts						
0550 - C - Donations appeals etc	28.00	-	-	-	28.00	2,502.00
0551 - S - Donations appeals etc	365.22	1,120.45	2,608.44	-	4,094.11	1,673.95
0552 - W - Donations appeals etc	294.00	717.78	27,010.19	-	28,021.97	2,139.00
0702 - W - Legacies	-	-	500.00	-	500.00	1,841.70
08C0 - W - Non-recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	250.00
Other voluntary receipts Totals	687.22	1,838.23	30,118.63	-	32,644.08	8,406.65
Gift Aid recovered						
0600 - C - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,502.75	-	-	-	6,502.75	7,638.77
Gift Aid recovered Totals	6,502.75	-	-	-	6,502.75	7,638.77
Other receipts						
0900 - Other funds generated	462.00	-	7,720.00	-	8,182.00	985.77
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	304.00	-	-	-	304.00	-
Other receipts Totals	766.00	-	7,720.00	-	8,486.00	985.77
Activities for generating funds						
0910 - C - Fundraising	1,569.10	-	-	-	1,569.10	717.94
0911 - S - Fundraising	631.07	2,663.01	3,279.26	-	6,573.34	5,087.82
0912 - W - Fundraising	1,099.00	-	2,125.81	-	3,224.81	1,249.16
1241 - S - Church hall - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	1,405.98

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	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
1242 - W - Church hall - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	24.00
Activities for generating funds Totals	3,299.17	2,663.01	5,405.07	-	11,367.25	8,484.90
Investment Income						
1020 - C - Bank and building society interest	1,347.63	-	-	-	1,347.63	324.66
1021 - S - Bank and building society interest	-	286.17	3,947.67	-	4,233.84	1,197.73
1022 - W - Bank and building society interest	-	27.58	728.12	-	755.70	362.87
Investment Income Totals	1,347.63	313.75	4,675.79	-	6,337.17	1,885.26
Receipts from church activities						
1100 - C - Fees for weddings and funerals	312.00	-	-	-	312.00	1,455.00
1101 - S - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,025.00	-	-	-	1,025.00	242.00
1102 - W - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,402.00	-	-	-	1,402.00	954.00
1221 - S - Church Hall - other receipts	5.50	-	5,262.44	-	5,267.94	7,906.30
1222 - W - Church Hall - other receipts	8.50	-	9,585.02	-	9,593.52	8,837.17
1231 - S - Church hall lettings	9,837.60	-	-	-	9,837.60	6,783.00
1232 - W - Church hall lettings	9,063.00	-	-	-	9,063.00	7,949.25
Receipts from church activities Totals	21,653.60	-	14,847.46	-	36,501.06	34,126.72
Receipts Grand totals	74,605.35	6,036.61	62,941.95	-	143,583.91	96,996.38
Payments						
Cost of generating funds						
1730 - C - Costs of fetes & other events	679.24	90.00	8,508.36	-	9,277.60	8,720.61
1731 - S - Costs of fetes & other events	9.72	1,507.84	1,563.35	-	3,080.91	3,653.24
1732 - W - Costs of fetes & other events	6.15	66.19	736.35	-	808.69	1,047.08
Cost of generating funds Totals	695.11	1,664.03	10,808.06	-	13,167.20	13,420.93
Missionary and Charitable Giving						
1830 - C - Giving - Relief & Development Agency	1,019.85	-	50.00	-	1,069.85	400.00
1850 - C - Giving - Home mission	-	-	-	-	-	800.00
1870 - C - Giving - Secular charities	925.00	271.50	662.92	-	1,859.42	915.81
1871 - S - Giving - Secular charities	17.22	-	-	-	17.22	-
Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals	1,962.07	271.50	712.92	-	2,946.49	2,115.81
Parish Share						
1910 - C - Ministry Parish Share etc	39,466.08	-	-	-	39,466.08	38,316.60
Parish Share Totals	39,466.08	-	-	-	39,466.08	38,316.60
Clergy and Staffing costs						
2000 - C - Assistant staff costs	-	6,065.78	-	-	6,065.78	7,231.02
2050 - C - Salaries, wages & honoraria	700.00	-	-	-	700.00	1,050.00
2051 - S - Salaries, wages & honoraria	350.00	-	-	-	350.00	350.00
2052 - W - Salaries, wages & honoraria	350.00	-	-	-	350.00	350.00
2100 - C - Working expenses of incumbent	406.50	-	-	-	406.50	583.22
2130 - C - Parsonage house expenses	3,702.69	-	-	-	3,702.69	3,816.49

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	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Clergy and Staffing costs Totals	5,509.19	6,065.78	-	-	11,574.97	13,380.73
Church Running Expenses						
2301 - S - Church running - insurance	764.43	-	-	-	764.43	698.30
2302 - W - Church running - insurance	1,612.70	-	-	-	1,612.70	1,492.56
2330 - C - Church maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	336.14
2331 - S - Church Maintenance	584.76	-	-	-	584.76	621.13
2332 - W - Church maintenance	1,296.62	-	-	-	1,296.62	501.50
2340 - C - Upkeep of services	634.20	-	-	-	634.20	958.46
2341 - S - Upkeep of services	818.34	-	200.23	-	1,018.57	710.81
2342 - W - Upkeep of services	453.92	117.47	-	-	571.39	403.77
2351 - S - Upkeep of churchyard	972.00	-	-	-	972.00	-
2360 - C - Administration	1,911.06	-	24.39	-	1,935.45	2,417.29
2441 - S - Church running - heating & lighting	3,074.91	-	-	-	3,074.91	1,421.78
2442 - W - Church running - heating & lighting	2,713.32	-	-	-	2,713.32	1,129.79
Church Running Expenses Totals	14,836.26	117.47	224.62	-	15,178.35	10,691.53
Hall Running Costs						
2551 - S - Hall running - insurance	764.54	-	-	-	764.54	698.31
2552 - W - Hall running - insurance	1,612.69	-	-	-	1,612.69	1,492.56
2561 - S - Hall running - maintenance	1,303.01	-	-	-	1,303.01	499.69
2562 - W - Hall running - maintenance	193.00	-	627.45	-	820.45	1,803.95
2571 - S - Hall running - other	388.03	-	189.26	-	577.29	363.11
2572 - W - Hall running - other	480.04	-	-	-	480.04	261.69
2581 - S - Hall running - water	362.97	-	-	-	362.97	270.74
2582 - W - Hall running - water	181.66	-	-	-	181.66	124.57
2591 - S - Hall running - heating & lighting	3,074.99	-	-	-	3,074.99	1,481.32
2592 - W - Hall running - heating & lighting	3,340.33	-	-	-	3,340.33	1,432.43
Hall Running Costs Totals	11,701.26	-	816.71	-	12,517.97	8,428.37
Church Repairs & Maintenance						
2711 - S - Church Major repairs - installation	-	-	7,110.00	-	7,110.00	-
2712 - W - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	46,320.00	-	46,320.00	-
Church Repairs & Maintenance Totals	-	-	53,430.00	-	53,430.00	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance						
2831 - S - Hall - decorating	170.97	-	-	-	170.97	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance Totals	170.97	-	-	-	170.97	-
Payments Grand totals	74,340.94	8,118.78	65,992.31	-	148,452.03	86,353.97

PCC of Weston and Shavington

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets		
6501: Bank current account (HSBC)	-	22,228.93
6502: Bank Current Account (NatWest)	31,952.00	326.22
6505: Bank deposit account	3.17	3.17
6520: CBF - General Fund	26,155.88	25,008.25
6521: CBF - S - Organ / Music	4,045.70	3,868.20
6522: CBF - S - New Church	87,245.90	83,417.87
6523: CBF - W - Flower	29.83	28.52
6524: CBF - W - Youth	493.34	471.70
6525: CBF - S - Legacies	2,476.87	2,368.20
6526: CBF - S - Building	2,726.90	2,607.26
6527: CBF - W - Hall	428.86	410.05
6528: CBF - W - Roof & Fabric	4,648.02	26,938.71
6529: CBF - W - Choir	105.61	100.98
6533: CBF - W - Cyber	-	-
6591: Petty Cash - St Mark's	93.69	95.47
6592: Petty Cash - All Saints	56.38	56.38
6593: LFO - Shavington	191.88	187.22
6594: LFO - Weston	805.17	215.00
Total Current assets	161,459.20	168,332.13
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	853.98	2,858.79
Total Liabilities	853.98	2,858.79
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	160,605.22	165,473.34
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(4,868.12)	10,642.41
Z01: Starting balances	165,473.34	154,830.93
Z02: Gains and losses on investments	-	-
Total Reserves	160,605.22	165,473.34

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	20,301.29	20,050.10
Designated	17,735.25	19,838.04
Restricted	122,568.68	125,585.20
Total	160,605.22	165,473.34

