

Parish of Clewer APCM 2024

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2024

At St Andrews Church

No earlier than 11.30

(After the 10.30 Eucharist Service)

At this meeting the Churchwardens,
PCC members
and Deanery Synod Representatives
are elected

Agenda

Vestry Meeting

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2023 Vestry Meeting & APCM
4. Matters Arising
5. Election of two Churchwardens (1 year term)

APCM

6. Reports
 - 6.1 Electoral Roll
 - 6.2 PCC and Parish Annual Report
 - 6.3 Finance Reports for 2023
 - 6.4 Fabric Report
 - 6.5 Deanery Synod Report
 - 6.6 Churches Together in Windsor Report
 - 6.7 Mission and Ministry Report
7. Election of PCC Members (2 re-election, 3 year term)
8. Election of one Deanery Synod Member (3 year term)
9. Any Other Business



Minutes of the APCM Meeting Sunday 14th May 2023 – 12:00

The meeting was attended by approximately 22 Parishioners	
<u>Vestry Meeting</u>	
1.	The meeting was opened with a prayer.
2.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Austin Young
3.	<u>Minutes of 2022 Meeting</u> Decision: The minutes from the on 22nd May 2022 were agreed without opposition. Action: Some spelling errors in names were noted to be updated.
4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> Qu: Progress on using building fund for work in Church (Bob Lester)?
5.	<u>Election of Church Wardens</u> Decision: Bob Lester proposed and Denis Evans seconded that Stuart Cockman continues as Church Warden – agreed unanimously. <i>Notes:</i> • There were no other nominations • Big thanks from all for Stuart's service so far and that he continues to carry out the role

<u>APCM</u>	
6	Reports
6.1	<u>Electoral Roll</u> Action: Reminder from Revd Rosie everyone has a role in helping to approach regular attendees of all worships the church offer (includes Wild Worship) and invite them to join the electoral roll. <i>Notes:</i> • Due to everyone having to reapply we've had a change in numbers this year. • At the time of the meeting it was 49, due to one death.
6.2	<u>PCC and Parish Annual Report</u> Action: Anyone who would like to join the building subcommittee should let Stuart Cockman know. <i>Notes:</i> • PCC have one open vacancy no new nominations at this time. • Norman Iley kindly offered to support – agreed that he will be considered for other activities around the church. • Thank you to all PCC members from Stuart especially Andrew Webb for accounts, Laura Flisher for safeguarding and Emilie-Marie Scott for offering to take on the PCC secretary role. • We currently have no building subcommittee as no volunteers. • Susy Shearer is the St Andrews Christian Aid representative.
6.3	<u>Finance Reports</u> <i>Notes:</i>

	• Comments (Bob Lester) – Thank you Andrew Webb for hard work and commentary on the finances. Bob gave a summary of current accounts and asked (Qu) Is selling St Agnes or part of St Agnes the solution to support the longer-term finances of St Andrews? ○ Revd Rosie responds – PCC are in discussion on this. Revd Rosie to meet the archdeacon to discuss the possibility of selling all or part of St Agnes. Archdeacon is part of the church closure group. We would need to agree to close St Agnes as a PCC and church. If we were to get agreement for the closure, the disposal of the church will take the biggest time. • Qu: What’s wrong with the parish running in debt or don’t pay parish share? (Norman Iley) ○ Revd Rosie responds – At the moment we are able to pay our parish share and should focus on getting people into church and our fundraising efforts.
6.4	<u>Fabric Report</u> Notes: • Lodge requires some repairs (covered in report). • No major work upcoming at St Agnes. • St Andrews church heating currently being investigated to be fixed.
6.5	<u>Deanery Synod Report</u> Notes: • Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery. • Stuart Cockman and Revd Rosie talked to the general topics covered by the deanery synod including parish share including the formula being implemented to create a fairer system and funding options. Revd Rosie remarked we are one of three parishes paying the largest parish share. • Andrew Webb mentioned if we were to stop paying parish share we would not stop getting the services for the church however it puts more pressure on other churches. • Bob Lester comments that we used to overpay the parish share to support others.
6.6	<u>Incumbent’s Report</u> Notes: • Focused ministry on connecting with community including our link to Clewer Green school and local care homes. • Revd Rosie talked to the big change to worship at school over the last year – feedback has been great and it has been described that the changes have ‘<i>significantly raised the Christian identity of the school</i>’. Whilst there are volunteer challenges due to DBS checks etc a big thanks to all those involved. • Laura Flisher commented Revd Rosie has done a great job of bringing the community into church as well, the crib service was a highlight of 2022 with record attendance. • Qu: Could Revd Rosie comment on evening services going forward? (Bob Lester)

	○ Revd Rosie responds – 2022 was online. In January 2023 the evening services moved to in person. Attendance has been low. Have agreed that they will go back online other than 1st Sunday of the month which will be in church. And on the 5th Sunday of the month a joint evening song with Windsor town centre churches will take place.
7.	<u>Election of PCC Members</u> Decision: Jane Cockman proposed and Vivien Hand seconded Maureen Feeley should be re-elected to the PCC – agreed unanimously. Vivien Hand proposed and Jane Cockman seconded Monica Fraser should be re-elected to the PCC – agreed unanimously.
8.	<u>Election of Deanery Synod Members</u> Decision: Vacancy for another member of Deanery Synod committee member – no one volunteered – Revd Rosie and Stuart Cockman to continue
9.	<u>Any Other Business</u> <i>Notes:</i> • Susy Shearer raised that herself and Jane Cockman are members of a local history group that have a project looking at Churches in Windsor so it will include St Andrews. There is an open day in Oct at the Windsor Baptist Church. Revd Rosie asked Susy if in future there can be history days at St Andrews. • Susy Shearer has inputted into a conservation appraisal of Mill Lane, it is not yet available. • Jane Cockman raised an amendment to 2022 report – there were two Lent lunches (one from the bell ringers and one from the families). • Martin Chandler requested roaming mics for the next APCM. • Martin Chandler thanked those who welcome those into church on Sunday and run the coffee corner. • Revd Rosie thanked Maureen for her role as PCC Secretary and Stuart Cockman and Jane for their work at church. She also thanked everyone who helps support the church and asked everyone to please go out and grow the church for the future. • Grant Castleton thanked Revd Rosie for all she does for St Andrews.
The meeting closed with the Grace at approximately 12.30	

6. Reports for 2023 (January - December)

6.1 Electoral Roll

As at 31 December 2023, the number of electors on the Roll was 48.

Dennis Evans
Electoral Roll Secretary.

Notes

1. The comparable figure for 31 December 2022 was also 48.

2 As at 12 May 2024 the total number of electors is 64.

6.2 Proceedings of the PCC, and Activities of the Parish

Introduction

The report this year is going to follow the format of last year's. All the reports from the various groups within the church that have been received have been combined into one church report. Many thanks to those who have contributed parts to the report and, with apologies, 'reports may be edited for content or style.'

Aims and purposes

The PCC of the Parish of Clewer has the aim, as with the rest of the Church of England "to promote the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." We undertake this role in conjunction with the rector, Revd Rosie Webb. We are also specifically responsible for the maintenance of both St Andrews Church and St Agnes Church.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to Proclaiming Christ in Clewer, providing spiritual and pastoral care and serving the local community. The PCC has continued to take steps during 2023 to move forward with community engagement, supporting the church community and ensuring the future of the Church in Clewer by investing in fundraising activities.

The PCC met five times in 2023. Three of these meetings were on zoom, with two face to face together in the church building. During 2023 the standing committee was suspended with all activities and decisions taking place in the PCC meetings instead.

The PCC had nine members as well as being supported by the treasurer with one vacancy.

As charity trustees, the PCC has “had regard” to the Charity Commission’s Public Benefit guidance when carrying out activities – in particular the guidance relating to charities for the advancement of religion. This “having regard” includes:

- Being aware of the guidance.
- Taking it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant.
- If we have decided to depart from the guidance, we must have good reason for doing so.

Achievements and performance

The work of the PCC falls into three main categories – Ministry, Pastoral and Buildings.

Ministry aims to bring Christ to the people of Clewer and to proclaim Him in our community.

Pastoral relates to supportive activities in the community.

Buildings relates to the upkeep and maintenance of our two churches, and associated buildings.

Underpinning these are several supporting areas.

Ministry (see also 6.7 Mission and Ministry APCM report 2023 below).

The ministry team in 2023 was made up of Revd. Rosie along with Stuart and Jane Cockman. Matters were reported to and decided on, by the PCC.

The service provision is regularly reviewed to ensure that it is best serving the community. In 2023 the previous service pattern was kept so far as possible. Some services continued online using Zoom, including Tuesday and Thursday Evening Prayer services.

On Sundays there were:

51 Morning Eucharist Services, average attendance 35.6
1 Morning Prayer Service, attendance 19
10 Evening Eucharist Services, average attendance 8.1
14 Evening Prayer services, average attendance 5.8
8 Zoom Evening Prayer services, average attendance 4.8

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 64 Evening Prayer Services, average attendance 4.4

There were 8 Wild Worship services, average attendance 14.3

There were 10 Baptisms, 6 Weddings, 4 Funerals and 5 Memorial Services.

Some exceptional service, such as Carols and Remembrance are excluded from the above figures. Attendance at all services this year has been generally higher than during the pandemic. As well as the service register for in-person services, we have continued to keep a record of attendance of numbers at online services.

Pastoral

We used to have specific Pastoral committees, sitting down in the Church together to see what the group could do to help particular people. Then COVID intervened and we graduated to less formal sessions so that the whole congregation was covered and people got to know each other better. This has changed the atmosphere after services when people have got to know each other and led to more outings to garden/coffee centres. Along with an influx of new people becoming regular worshippers, changing St. Andrews to a greater centre to living, loving and learning.

Buildings (See Fabric report below)

Outreach

Social

We had 10 lunches in church (Lent, TKC, St Andrews Day, and Advent) , 3 MyTime coffee morning outings, and 1 coffee morning in church.

Bellringing

We took part in the Ring for the King campaign, gaining one lapsed ringer and bringing several beginners to the point where they could ring with assistance. We all rang to the best of our ability for the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, and received certificates to commemorate the event.

We rang for 5 weddings, rang a Quarter peal for Vic Mitchell (past tower captain) after his funeral in January, and six more over the course of the year. We competed in the Lorna Newton striking competition, but failed to reach the final this year.

Since May we have been ringing for the monthly service at Windsor Parish church. Because we ring for St Andrews until 1025, we ring after the Windsor service at around 11, while the congregation have their coffee. They are very appreciative of hearing their bells on a regular basis. We also hold our weekly practice there instead of Clewer the Friday before, giving us the opportunity to ring on 8 bells.

We organised the Christmas market which raised £2557.42 for church funds.

Christian Aid

St Andrews has always supported Christian Aid. The current leader is Sarah Gardner of St. Edward's Church. Very energetic and always putting on fund raisers. Christian Aid Week information will be in the Pews News, which Stuart circulates each Saturday afternoon.

Windsor Homeless Project (part of Windsor Christian Action)

A lot of seriously hard work has been done for many years, formalizing the work of the Windsor Homeless Project into what we all had in our minds in varying ways. We now meet at a very superior building in Windsor, providing not just food but services. The best way to find out is online, just search 'Alma Beacon' to find out.

Two people from the St. Andrews congregation already provide food for lunches (alternate months) so not too arduous, collected from our houses. Or you may be interested in helping in other ways.

Other Items

The Parish has been operating with only one of two churchwardens. The PCC has had one vacancy since the last APCM.

Safeguarding

Laura and Jayne and continue to process all PCC members and volunteers with basic DBS. Emilie has also completed enhanced DBS in the last year to reflect her role in children and family work. All PCC members, volunteers, and bellringers are up to date with their safeguarding online training (3 yearly).

In the opinion of the PCC, we have complied with our duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. Our Safeguarding policy is available on our web site, and is reviewed annually.

No safeguarding issues have been reported.

Health and Safety

Risk assessments, have been carried out for both Churches, and are regularly reviewed. No H&S issues have been reported.

6.3.1 Trustees Report

Trustee Details

Charity name	The Ecclesiastical Parish of Clewer, churches of St Andrew and St Agnes
<u>Other</u> name used	Clewer PCC, St Andrews and St Agnes
Registered charity number (if Any)	The charity has 'excepted' status

Names of Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee name	Office held	Dates acted (if not for whole year)	Body entitled to appointed Trustee(s)
Revd Rosie Webb	Rector		Ex officio
Mr Stuart Cockman	Churchwarden		Ex officio
Mr Grant Castleden	PCC member		PCC
Mr Austin Young	PCC member		PCC
Mrs Monica Fraser	PCC member		PCC
Mrs Laura Flisher	PCC member		PCC
Mrs Emilie-Marie Scott	PCC member/secretary		PCC
Mrs Susie Shearer	PCC member		PCC
Mrs Maureen Feeley	PCC member		PCC
Mr Andrew Webb	Hon. Treasurer		Co-opted/PCC

The Trustees of the charity are aware of the Commission requirement regarding public benefit. The details within the annual report provide an indication of the activities undertaken to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have decided that the General reserve should be set at £25,000 (*This figure is 1/3 the average of the total unrestricted spending (after deducting 'one-off' items of urgent expenditure) from 2021 (£73K) and 2022 (£77K).*) Being approx. four months expenditure.

There is currently a sufficient sum in the expendable endowment fund (2 Devereaux Place) which can be set aside. These funds are available to draw on with the minimum of delay. This figure is to be reviewed annually and will be altered if considered appropriate.

Other policies include: Cash handling, Investment, Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Risk Management.

6.3.2 Financial Accounts

Receipts and Payments schedule for the Parish of Clewer

Churches of St Andrew and St Agnes

For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from donors	2a	24056.04	0.00		24056.04	24842.47
other voluntary incoming resources	2b	944.09	2529.92		3474.01	4727.58
Incoming resources from operating						
activities of PCC objectives	2c	31503.55	2550.00		34053.55	21776.92
activities for generating funds	2d	3046.42	0.00		3046.42	1864.29
Income from Investments	2e	2478.40	253.34	0.00	2731.74	2990.25
Other income resources	2f	5085.82	0.00		5085.82	4581.21
SUB TOTAL - GROSS INCOMING RESOURCES (for AR)		67114.32	5333.26	0.00	72447.58	60782.72
Asset and Investment Sales		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans received		2500.00	0.00	0.00	2500.00	0.00
Sale of investments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUB TOTAL		2500.00	0.00	0.00	2500.00	0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		69614.32	5333.26	0.00	74947.58	60782.72
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Outgoing Resources						
Costs of Generating Funds	3a	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Grants	3b	0.00	1648.23		1648.23	1126.72
Activities directly relating to the work						
of the church	3c	68397.02	5914.67		74311.69	58440.76
Church Management and Administration	3d	12859.07	0.00		12859.07	11861.72
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES		81256.09	7562.90	0.00	88818.99	71429.20
Asset and investment purchases		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan repayments		9700.00	0.00	0.00	9700.00	6231.00
Purchase of investments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUB TOTAL		9700.00	0.00	0.00	9700.00	6231.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		90956.09	7562.90	0.00	98518.99	77660.20
Net Incoming/(outgoing) resources		-21341.77	-2229.64	0.00	-23571.41	-16877.48
Transfers between Funds	13	16000.00	0.00	-16000.00	0.00	0.00
Gains/(loses) on investments (unrealised)		0.00	0.00	7574.62	7574.62	-13126.74
prior year adjustment						
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		-5341.77	-2229.64	-8425.38	-15996.79	-30004.22
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		13753.37	12472.70	89881.72	116107.79	146112.11
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2023		8411.60	10243.06	81456.34	100111.00	116107.79

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the Parish of Clewer

Churches of St Andrew and St Agnes

for the year ended 31 December 2023

		Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds
Cash Funds		6			
	St Andrews, Current account (HSBC)	6	3,081.94	0.00	0.00
	St Andrews, Deposit Account (HSBC)	6	1093.30	10243.06	0.00
	St Agnes, Current Account (HSBC)	6	4236.36	0.00	0.00
	Total cash funds		8411.60	10243.06	0.00

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds
Other monetary assets	none			
		0.00	0.00	0.00

			Fund	Historical Cost	current value
Investment Assets	25 Parsonage Lane	5	Permanent Endowment	5632.72	11682.87
	2 Devereaux Road	5	Expendable Endowment	75000.00	44060.67
	62 Parsonage Lane	5	Permanent Endowment	721.22	16366.24
	Henderson Trust	5	Permanent Endowment	335.07	9268.17
	Francis Kirkman -Clewer Ecc. Charity	5	COIF fixed interest fund	n/a	78.39
				81689.01	81456.34

			Fund	Historical Cost	current value
Assets owned for use	St Agnes Church, St Leonards Road	4	Restricted	not known	450000.00
	St Agnes Hall, St Leonards Road		Restricted	not known	275000.00
	334 St Leonards Road, Windsor	4	Restricted	not known	300000.00
	Above properties valued 23.7.2019				
	Leyton-Smith & Moseley				
	to be revalued in 2024				

		Fund	Amount	due
Liabilities	none			

Approved by:-	Signed		Name	Date
Trustee 1				
Trustee 2				

Parish of Clewer, churches of Saint Andrew the Apostle and St Agnes

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2023

Note 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current Church Accounting Regulations, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are freely available for application to the general purposes of the PCC including the day-to-day running of the church. Any funds which have been set aside by the PCC, or a particular purpose, are specified as designated, while still being unrestricted.

Voluntary income and capital sources

Church income (including Funds received via plate collections taken during church services, planned giving (whether made by bankers order or the envelope giving scheme), Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations, Grants and Legacies made to the PCC, and Fundraising activities are recognised and accounted for when received into the PCC bank account.

Other income

Income received from sources other than voluntary sources is recognised when received into the PCC bank account.

Income from investments

Dividends and Interest entitlements are recognised when received into the PCC bank account.

Gains and/or losses on investments

Unrealised gains and/or losses are recognised upon revaluation of investments as at 31 December. Realised gains and/or losses are accounted for upon realisation of the investment.

Resources expended

Grants, donations and creditor payments are recognised when paid.

Parish of Clewer PCC St Andrew and St Agnes

2. Incoming Resources for period January -December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds General	Capital Endowment	Restricted Funds	Special Collections	2023	2022
a) Incoming resources from donors						
Planned giving						
Stewardship envelopes	1962.80				1962.80	2070.00
Stewardship Bankers orders	12965.20				12965.20	13683.03
Income Tax recovered (Gift Aid)	4705.55				4705.55	4697.24
Collections - services	4422.49				4422.49	4392.20
	24056.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	24056.04	24842.47
b) Other voluntary incoming resources						
Special Collections				1098.20	1098.20	1630.05
Donations/appeals	814.09		1431.72		2245.81	2708.53
St Agnes	130.00		0.00		130.00	389.00
Bequests/Legacies	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
	944.09	0.00	1431.72	1098.20	3474.01	4727.58
c) Incoming resources from operating activities to further PCC Objectives						
coffee	432.92				432.92	321.01
Fees	2980.14		2550.00		5530.14	3450.00
Lodge	3496.50				3496.50	3080.00
other inc. - Wall safe etc.	242.64				242.64	250.75
St Agnes	24351.35				24351.35	14675.06
	31503.55	0.00	2550.00	0.00	34053.55	21776.82
d) Activities for generating funds						
Bazaars and other events	3046.42		0.00		3046.42	1864.29
St Agnes	0.00				0.00	0.00
	3046.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	3046.42	1864.29
e) Income from investments						
Dividends/interest received	2478.40		253.34		2731.74	2990.25
	2478.40	0.00	253.34	0.00	2731.74	2990.25
f) Other ordinary incoming resources						
Misc income/transfers	2646.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	2646.44	2580.23
St Agnes	2439.38				2439.38	2000.98
	5085.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	5085.82	4581.21
Total Incoming Resources	67114.32	0.00	4235.06	1098.20	72447.58	60782.62

Parish of Clewer PCC St Andrew and St Agnes

3.Resources expended for period January -December 2023

	unrestricted	restricted	2023
a) Costs of Generating Funds			
Costs of Stewardship	0.00		
Costs of Fundraising	0.00	0	0.00
b) Grants			
Grant payments - St Agnes	0.00		
Mission Giving	0.00		
R Special Collections		1648.23	1648.23
c) Activities directly relating to work of church			
Diocesan Parish Share	38440.71		
Other Outreach expenses	200.00		
Youth Groups	0.00	0.00	
Church Maintenance	1511.07	2470.79	
Churchyard Upkeep	235.00	0.00	
R Fees payable to ODBF	0.00	3071.00	
Misc exps	578.28	0.00	
Printing	462.80		
Music/bells	964.00	56.00	
Church Supplies/expenses	2753.06	116.88	
Fees payable for services	0.00		
Utilities	6630.65		
St Agnes	13360.74	0.00	
Clergy Expenses	11.00	200.00	
Lodge expenses	3249.71		
			74311.69
d) Church Management & Administration			
Admin/Management exps	1424.02		
Insurance	7669.74		
Governance	0.00		
transfers	0.00	0.00	
St Agnes	3765.31		
			12859.07
At Agnes Centre loan repayments-			9700.00
Total Resources expended	81256.09	7562.90	98518.99

	2022
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	1126.72
	1126.72
	36614.16
	0.00
	38.25
	553.00
	69.00
	1182.00
	575.86
	649.94
	707.56
	1371.75
	95.00
	3565.01
	10541.28
	0.00
	2477.95
	58440.76
	1995.97
	7152.33
	0.00
	0.00
	2713.42
	11861.72
	6231.00
	77660.20

Parish of Clewer PCC St Andrew and St Agnes

Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Note

4 Tangible Fixed Assets

The church has no title in land or buildings except for;
the church of St Andrew the Apostle and the building at the western end of the churchyard, known as the lodge, (which fall within the category of consecrated land and buildings. As such their values are excluded from these financial statements by virtue of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measures and the Charities Act 2011).
the chapel of St Agnes, the Church Hall and the cottage situated on a site in St Leonards Road, Windsor. The market values of which are; St Agnes chapel value £450,000, St Agnes Hall value £275,000 and St Agnes Cottage is £300,000

Fixtures fittings and office equipment

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church warden(s) on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property and no reliable cost information is available.

The actual church equipment is listed in the Parish inventory (this includes antique silverware of which there has been no recent market valuation). Depreciation, where applicable, is calculated on straight line basis over four years. However, individual items with purchase price of £1000 or less are written down in the year of purchase.

5 Investments

	Historic Value	2023 Market Value	2022
	£	£	£
25 Parsonage Lane	5632.72	11682.87	20227.51
2 Devereaux Road	75000.00	44060.67	46152.40
62 Parsonage Lane	721.22	16366.24	14958.85
Henderson Trust	335.07	9268.17	8471.17
CCLA-Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares	n/a	78.39	71.79
	<u>81689.01</u>	<u>81456.34</u>	<u>89881.72</u>

The capital of the undermentioned endowment funds are perpetual and cannot be spent without approval from the Charity Commission.

Capital is invested in CBF investment funds under the custody of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. Income arising from these funds is allocated as follows:-

25 Parsonage Lane - sale proceeds to be used for any ecclesiastical purpose in the parish.

62 Parsonage Lane - sale proceeds to be used for a residence for a curate in the parish, provided that, if the PCC consider this unnecessary, then to be used for any ecclesiastical purpose within the meaning of the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 affecting the parish or any part.

Henderson Trust - income to be applied for the general expenses of the church including the salary of an organist so long as the monument erected over the grave in the churchyard as a memorial to Henrietta Emily Cecil Henderson is maintained.

The capital of the undermentioned endowment fund is expendable and can be spent upon approval of the PCC.

Capital is invested in CBF investment funds under the custody of the PCC. Income arising from these funds is allocated as follows:-

2 Devereaux Road - to be used as an addition to church funds and not directly for the use of the Rector or Priest.

	CCLA Investment management Ltd	2023	2022
	no. Shares held	3.95	3.95
	value	78.39	71.79
CCLA-Fixed interest Securities Fund income shares			

6 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Petty Cash	0	0
HSBC Bank plc - St Agnes current account	4236.36	1495.88
HSBC Bank plc - St Andrews current account	3081.94	1453.25
HSBC Bank plc - St Andrews deposit account	11336.36	23276.94
	<u>18654.66</u>	<u>26226.07</u>

7 Liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Long Term Liabilities (more than one year)		
St Agnes financial loan 2	0.00	447.38
Short Terms Liabilities (less than one year)		
St Agnes financial loan 2	0.00	7200.00
Total Liabilities as at 31.12.2017	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7647.38</u>

The long term liability related to financing provided under loan 2

£39,000.00 taken out in December 2015, currently repayable with nil% interest charged

£12,000 taken out in December 2016 with repayment deferred for at least three years and interest free.

Fully repaid and liability cancelled 31.12.23

Fund details

8 Restricted

These are funds that have been donated to the church for a specific use and can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Special Collections	0.00	550.03
Fees	308.00	829.00
E/F income - Henderson Trust	942.06	688.72
income received from Henderson Trust Endowment Fund		
Churchyard - Fund No.1	566.68	566.68
to be used for any work carried out in and/or to the Churchyard of St Andrews Clewer		
Building fund (previously Roof/Spire restoration fund) - Fund No. 3	4212.63	6683.42
for the restoration, redecoration, renovation and improvement of the fabric of the church and lodge		
St Agnes Fund - Fund No. 4	0.00	0.00
for any use for the Church of St Agnes and/or the Hall		
St Andrews Festival Fund - Fund No. 5	0.00	0.00
for any purpose in connection with the Festival Weekend at St Andrews		
St Andrews Organ Fund - Fund No.6	2000.00	2000.00
for the repair/improvement to St Andrews organ		
Shingle (tower) Fund - Fund No.7	989.00	989.00
for the purchase of new shingles for recladding the tower		
Rectors Discretionary Fund - Fund No. 8	0.00	0.00
for giving of grants to deserving members of the parish/wider community		
Altar Frontal Fund - Fund No. 9	50.00	50.00
for the purchase of new altar frontals for St Andrews church		
Sound System - Fund No. 10	1031.72	0.00
For purchase of new sound system to replace old system no longer fit for purpose		
Christmas at Clewer - Fund No. 11	83.12	0.00
For the purchase/hire of resources for the lights etc. in the churchyard		
Piano Fund - Fund No. 12	0.00	56.00
for costs relating to obtaining/upkeep of the grand piano donated to the church		
Church Outside - Fund No. 13	9.85	9.85
for the purchase of resources and/or equipment relating to the operation of church worship/events held in the open		
Music Fund - Fund No. 14	50.00	50.00
for the purchase of resources connected with any music/music event held at church		
	<u>10243.06</u>	<u>12472.70</u>

9 Unrestricted

These are the church's general funds which have been donated without restrictions and are used for the day-to-day expenses of the church.

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Funds		
St Andrews	4175.24	12257.49
St Agnes	4236.36	1495.88
	<u>8411.60</u>	<u>13753.37</u>

10 Designated

These are funds which were originally unrestricted when donated but which the PCC has decided to ringfence for a particular purpose. They can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time.

There were no designated funds as at 31.12.2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

11 Transactions with members of the PCC and related parties

1) one member of the PCC received reimbursement amounting to £983.79 in respect of reimbursement for expenses incurred in respect of parish activities (Mr S Cockman).

12 Employees

The parish had no employees during the year

13 Transfers between funds and prior year adjustments

There were two transfers between funds during the year, these being:-
£10,000 - from 25 Parsonage Lane endowment fund
£6,000.00 from 2 Devereaux Road endowment fund

There were no prior year adjustments made during the year.

6.3.3 Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Parish finances had a turbulent year in 2023, with several large items of expenditure coupled with continuing turmoil on the stock market (which impacted on the value of the parish endowment funds). However, the situation saw a great improvement during the last quarter and has resulted in the parish achieving a much better position than the previous year.

Income

Overall parish income increased during 2023 by some £14,000 on 2022s total to £74947.

Income through planned giving (regular giving, service collections and gift aid) remained much the same as 2022. Money raised through donations and special collections fell (£1256 approximately 26%) The amount raised by holding special collections fell due to the Christmas collections (traditionally donated to selected charities) being retained 'in house' this year. Income from operating activities saw a large increase in the year (increasing some £12276.63 on 2022 income) this being largely due to an increased in rental income from St Agnes – Hall letting income increasing by some £3,000 and Cottage rents increasing by some £6000 (however this is due to the new tenant paying some months rental in advance). Income from occasional services (weddings, funerals etc.) also increased in the year. Fundraising income also saw a large increase (in the region of £1200) on 2022 figure, largely due to the Christmas Market and Christmas Eve boxes. Interest received fell slightly due to withdrawals from endowment funds leading to a reduction in interest earned.

Expenditure

Overall parish expenditure was some £21,000 more in 2023 than the previous year, reaching £98519.

Once again the major expense to the parish was the payment of the Diocesan Parish Share which amounted to £38441 (up from £36614 in 2022), almost 50% of parish expenditure. This is due to increase further in 2024.

Operating costs saw a large increase on 2022s figure (almost £16,000) this being due to several factors – the church utility bills virtually doubled in the year to some £13600 (up from £6965 in 2022). There was also considerable expense incurred on heating maintenance and also some expensive electrical works necessary at St Agnes. Management and administration costs were slightly higher than 2022 largely due to increased insurance costs.

Loan repayments increased by some £3500.00 but the loan was fully repaid by the end of the year.

Investment Funds

The total of the parish investment funds were hit by considerable stock market turmoil in the first half of the year. The funds also had to be drawn on during the year to the extent of some £16,000.00 being required to help the parish meet its financial obligations. A lower unit price resulted in more units having to be sold to achieve the required drawdowns. At one point during the year the value of funds had fallen to around £73,000. However, during the latter quarter of the year the funds increased in value to the extent that the overall value of funds held amounted to £81,456 at the end of 2023 only £8,452 lower than 2023 opening values.

Although the overall position for the parish is again one of deficit (Some £15997), this is considerably less than the £30,000 deficit seen in 2022. This picture is, however, positive with income rising, Utility bills will hopefully fall in the coming year as better tariffs are taken on and (hopefully) fewer high cost 'one-off' expenses incurred, although the Parish Share will continue to be a cost pressure as it will increase to some £42,000 in 2024. As mentioned in previous years it will be important to again look to obtaining grants for future high- cost projects rather than relying on parish reserves or diverting general income away from the day-to-day parish requirements.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and gratitude to all who have given to the Parish during the year, be it financially or in other ways of support.

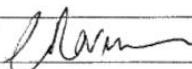
6.3.4 Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	PCC of the Parish of Clewer - St Andrew the Apostle, Clewer and St Agnes Centre		
On accounts for the period ended	31 December 2023	Charity no (if any)	

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: - examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, - to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
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Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.
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Independent examiner's statement	In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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 Charities Act; and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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. <i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i>
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Signed:		Date:	19.4.24
Name:	CHARLES NORMAN		

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACMA
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Address:	17 SHERBOURNE DRIVE
	WINDSOR
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6.4 Fabric Report

At St Andrews, there has been no significant change to the fabric and fittings, which remain in generally good condition. Plans for re-ordering are on hold. Plans to upgrade the sound systems are progressing. The lighting has been replaced by LED lamps. The Terrier (inventory) has been updated again.

Mice continue to be a problem. All food must be protected. Squirrels (in the roof) are a nuisance, causing noise, but nothing worse so far.

At St Agnes, the Terrier (inventory) has been updated again. The fabric and fittings remain in good condition.

At both Churches, routine maintenance to the boilers and radiators, and electrics has been carried out. The fire extinguishers and emergency lighting were inspected. Smoke alarms are regularly tested, and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors are installed at both Churches. A Fire Risk Assessment has been undertaken at St Andrews.

We had a church inspection by the Deanery, in 2023.

St Andrews had its Quinquennial (five yearly) inspection by our Architects in 2021. St Agnes had its last Quinquennial inspection in 2018, so was due for the next in 2023, but this has not happened. Both inspections contained improvement recommendations, but none is considered urgent. The reports are available if needed via the Parish Office.

6.5 Churches Together in Windsor

Notes from the Annual Assembly held at the Methodist Church, Alma Road on Thursday 16th November 2023: 7.45pm social time for 8pm start of business meeting.

Vicci Davidson welcomed everyone and the meeting started with a prayer.

1. Apologies: Kathy and Keith Arundale, Mark Powell, Tim Hiorns, David Hopgood, Susy Shearer
2. Minutes of the meeting held 17th November 2022: accepted as a true record
3. Matters arising from the minutes: none apart from the date for 2024 AGM to be noted in a later item
4. Report from the Chair: Rosie:

We have met 4 times this year; Karl Perkins has joined to help with Facebook, social media and website; the member churches were thanked for their continued involvement in CTW and the Core Group were thanked for their contributions.

Constitution: aims and functions remain the same.

We do the same events each year – but there may be scope to extend these.

Communication: hopefully everyone feels they get the information – whenever any church sends information it is sent out to all churches.

Walk of Witness started at the Methodist Church this year and went around several churches – the route may be extended next time.

Pentecost stations in some churches, then these were brought to the Methodist church and we had a shared Taize style service which everyone enjoyed.

Carols on the Hill – Susy was thanked for dogged determination in organising this – she works tirelessly with Town Centre management and Paul Roach, the event takes a lot of planning, organising the band, coach, security etc. The event does earn money for the nominated charities; people enjoy participating in singing carols.

New member churches: the Canons of St George's have joined and will support Carols on the Hill and the Walk of Witness; they will host the Christian Aid service and possibly other services in the future.

Key words for this year: Contemplative, compassionate, courageous – with everything we do, can we move things on using these themes?

Need to ensure prayer is embedded in everything we do – we need to pray more for the town and our relationship and work together – the member churches are unique but we are all here to share the Gospel message in our town – it is important.

WCA: how do we care for our neighbours – the churches need to keep the Christian ethos of WCA; continuing to ask the questions about how we are caring for people in our town.

Courageous – what can we add? How do we embrace change? Can we join each other in our respective church events?

Thanks to Peter for work on the finances; Vicci for music; Karl for publicity etc.

5. Treasurer's report: Peter gave out the financial statement and explained it.

The Prince Philip Trust and Windsor and Eton Rotary donate for the costs of the Carols on the Hill: this is used for band transport and hire and first aid cover.

CTW pays for the insurance and subscribe to WCA and Churches Together in Berkshire; website expenses are kindly covered by the person looking after the website but it is important to recognise this expense; we pay bank charges but do get a little interest.

All the collection from Carols on the Hill is disbursed directly to the charities.

We will carry forward a small surplus this year.

To note that the invoice for the band at Carols on the Hill 2022 had not been received by September 30, but that provision had been made in the accounts and the invoice has now been received and paid.

The accounts were formally approved.

The recommendation of the Core Group was to keep the subscription at £70 per subscribing congregation: this was formally approved.

6. Election of Core Group members

7. Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)

Items 6 & 7 were taken together: the current Core group and Officers were re-elected without change.

Core Group member (role) (church)
Rev. Rosie Webb (Chair) (St Andrew's Clewer Church of England)
Rev. Vicci Davidson (Vice Chair) (Methodist Church)
Canon Peter Johnson (Treasurer) (Church of England)
Rev. Matthew Scott (Dedworth Green Baptist Church)
Susy Shearer (Methodist Church)
Karl Perkins (St Edward's Catholic Church)
Jacoby Patterson (Secretary) (St Edward's Catholic Church)

8. To note minor updates to the Constitution:

Explanatory footnotes have been added to clarify some points – the updated constitution was formally approved.

There was a query about Point 4 – how can we strengthen the relationship between CTW and WCA? The hope is that when the Alma Beacon opens, CTW will become more involved – WCA could let us know (CTW as a whole or any church individually) what they need (cooks, fundraising, sleepout etc) – CTW should all support the project as part of our Christian service. Clergy are all meeting at Alma Beacon on 29th to see the new premises – WCA might be asked to come to talk to different churches at services or put updates in newsletters – clergy/WCA together can make a plan of which church could be visited which month in the next year.

9. AOB: none

10. Date of next meeting: 27th October 6pm Methodists Church.

This is a Sunday at 6pm – the plan is to have a half hour for the AGM, immediately followed by songs of praise – each church will be asked to suggest a hymn and speak to it.

11. Talk about Emerge Advocacy Charity – one of the charities being supported at Carols on the Hill. Vicci volunteers for this charity at Wexham Park Hospital. The work is at 4 wards – paediatric, paediatric assessment, A&E and the short-term medical intervention unit – they are looking for people aged 10-25 with suicidal ideation, attempted suicide, eating disorder, or critical mental health issue apart from psychosis. They are not clinically involved (the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – CAMHS – do this) – they are also not attending in a role to be a church minister but to sit alongside the young people and ask what is going on with them. Self-harm gets worse (like other addictions) – it is often not intended as suicidal although this may be the outcome. Vicci offers to play cards with the young person, and gradually people open up – maybe they are not doing well in school, have money problems, pressure of work and expectations; some people can't tell you why they have overdosed. There is a "backstop" person who is praying for the volunteer's work and for the people in need of prayers. The charity now operates in 8 hospitals. Volunteers undertake Emerge training and DBS checks etc. The commitment is 1 session per fortnight minimum. Volunteers will also do follow up, for up to 12 sessions, meeting e.g. at a school, in a coffee shop. They have access to YouthScape project resources. They use a

“Thermometer” – on a scale of 1-10 how are you feeling? This is used at the beginning and end of sessions, and an improvement can be seen. They are youth workers alongside people for a little help in tough times. The charity needs finances for paid staff (although most are volunteers) – need volunteers to go into hospital and do the follow ups, plus backstops for prayers. In Vicci’s team, there are 3 people going into hospital and 3 doing follow ups. The backstops can support up to 3 hospitals per night – the shift is from 8pm to 10.30pm. The backstop also helps with the lone worker issue – plus at the end of the shift the backstop will de-brief and pray with the volunteer. The hospital can refer people to the charity on the nights when there isn’t a presence in the hospital. Emerge covers South East England currently, it may expand but this costs money and expanding too fast can dilute the offer. Initiatives like this take a while to get off the ground. Volunteers have to be careful not to give advice that the volunteer is not qualified to give – it is just an opportunity for the young person to speak and be heard.

There may be safeguarding issues if a parent will not leave the young person – but it may be an opportunity for the parent to take a break and get a coffee while the volunteer sits with the young person. Parents may find it hard to cope if the person is self-harming repeatedly. School may be a trigger for young people rather than home (Mondays and Tuesday nights tend to be busier than Fridays). Social media may be contributing to more extreme self-harming behaviour.

12. The meeting finished with prayer.

6.6 Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery Synod Report 2023

The Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery comprises 14 parishes and benefices. The Deanery Synod comprises all the clergy in the deanery and Lay Representatives elected by their respective parishes for a period of three years. July 2023 marked the start of a new triennium after Synod elections for lay representatives at parish annual meetings earlier in the year. At the end of 2023 the Synod had 68 members. Attendance varied from 31 to 38 over the year.

There were three meetings of the Synod during 2023:

Wednesday 8th February 2023 at All Saints Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead:

- Representatives of four Deanery churches shared experiences of studying the [Bible](#)
- All Saints Dedworth shared about their Life Groups and their use of the Bible Course by the Bible Society
- St Andrew's Clewer shared about a group which read the whole Bible together over five years, meeting up regularly to discuss what they had read.
- St Mary's Maidenhead shared a personal experience of studying Philippians, and how it had helped in spiritual growth, joy, and dependence on God.
- All Saints Boyne Hill (including an Iranian refugee) shared about their use of a book "Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes", interpreting Scripture through first-century eyes, including how Jesus offered new life and gave value to women.

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at St Michael's Church, Bray:

- General Synod member Gracy Crane gave a detailed report on what had happened at the February 2023 General Synod sessions, in particular the motion and proposed amendments relating to Living in Love and Faith.
- Synod members discussed and gave feedback on their past and present use of online church, with a diverse discussion and many examples of blessings as well as some challenges.

Tuesday 17th October 2023 at the Soltau Centre, Stubbings:

- Bishop Olivia, Bishop of Reading, addressed the Synod under the title of "Our church: where are we and where do we go from here?", sharing her thoughts on history; post-pandemic trends and statistics; tired volunteers and clergy; a recent clergy survey; Living in Love and Faith; the challenge of making Jesus known to unchurched people; and the vision of a "simpler, bolder, humbler" church.
- Synod members shared questions and comments with Bishop Olivia.
- General Synod member Daniel Matovu reported on the range of topics discussed at the July 2023 General Synod sessions.

Thanks to parishes' hard work and generosity, the Deanery paid £ 931,978 of parish share in 2023, against an allocation of £ 1,000,714, which was 93.1% of the requested amount from the diocese. The diocesan average was 94.5%. This was a reduction from the £ 1,019,381 paid in 2022. Rod Broad took over the position of Deanery Treasurer in October 2023 and the Deanery would like to thank Jim Tucker for managing the responsibility whilst the position was vacant.

6.7 Mission and Ministry APCM report 2023

(Summarised from the Mission Action Plan review of 2023)

Community

Maintaining links with our community is an important aspect of mission and ministry. We held a harvest market in churchyard, members from across Clewer community attended, including Clewer Fuel allotments and Clewer Park allotments, 'Local4Local, Food4Food' to raise money for WCA FoodShare project. Over £600 was raised.

Annual Harvest Service held at the Allotments and the Allotment holders decorated a tree in our Christmas church yard trail and provided a reader for the nine lessons and carols. The Allotment Trust funds raised enables grants to be made to support local residents, e.g. school uniform, Aldi vouchers, coal and wood for a houseboat owner. Applications and referrals for grants are made through the rector. The Swan community had a Christmas tree in our church yard trail, they also hosted the Posada on its Advent journey around Clewer and hosted Carol singing in the courtyard.

The Swan courtyard is also a Stop for Palm Sunday walk.

Clewer and Dedworth Together events- stall opportunities- we attended the Easter Fair, promoting the church and faith in the community, we had an Easter egg tombola, including eggs from the Real Chocolate Company, Easter story booklets given out with eggs.

We joined in the Carol singing at the Christmas Fair.

The Uniformed organisations visits to church for badges increased this year, which included decorating trees for the Christmas trail and a leader read a lesson at the carol service.

Churches Together Windsor (CTW) events and services planned and attended, a return of the Good Friday Walk of Witness, TKC season with joint Pentecost service, Carols on the Hill, helping to increase Christian community cohesion in Windsor (see CTW report)

Children and Families

We continue to hold the first Sunday of the month as All Age Eucharist and the 3rd Sunday of the month Wild Worship. Numbers of families attending these are gradually increasing.

A new Bible Explorers club (Lent) held at Clewer Green, 15 children attended and this led to a number of children choosing to be baptised, 7 in 2023. We held the baptism service at school which meant the whole school were able to join in the service and celebration. The baptised children and their families then attended Easter day service for their welcome into the church family. This has seen an increase in families attending Sunday services on a regular basis, once a month. 5 new families have joined this year.

School visits to church every term, Experience Easter, Experience Pentecost, Harvest Thanksgiving, Carol Service. Clewer Green also has termly visits to Queen's Court Care Home with Windsor Girls school. Weekly Collective worship with Foundation Year group and Wild Worship continues to become imbedded in school life and run by our children and family's team. The Pilgrimage established for Year 4 as part of 'moving on' programme continued in the summer. New Worship Leaders appointed in September, they run assemblies and help plan and deliver school worship at church. The annual leavers service was held in church for the Year 4's and their families. School and church communication is firmly established with the RE lead enabling planning together and the rector continues to be a school governor, Jane Cockman is also a school governor.

2023 links with Green Room team increased with the rector informally attending Epic Thursdays and the Swan Elder programme, eg professionals giving talks to students. Dr Harrison and the rector visited to give students opportunity to ask questions, physical, mental and spiritual. The students are made to feel welcome as they visit churchyard as a place to learn history and quiet space. The Staff and students decorated a tree in the Christmas churchyard Trail and read lesson at 9 lessons and carols service.

Worship across the ages

Ministry at Care Homes and elderly church community- the monthly care home services in all 4 Care homes continues. Good relationships established with care home staff and are able to call for visits to sick and dying. Continual review to ensure the worship style is appropriate for the elderly community. Pastoral visiting continues informally and home communion for those unable to attend church is offered.

Fellowship

Lunch and More was established during Lent and Advent, a simple soup and bread lunch with conversation and faith based discussion. Started to help with issue of loneliness following covid. The group also planned monthly outings, My Time, to places of interest and garden centres. God In Nature, the young family's version of My Time, continued with summer focused walks and swim, for fellowship with

young parents in the church community. This group also meets regularly for coffee on Friday mornings and plans the family activities.

Due to the increased number of newcomers to the church we held a Newcomers Supper and reflection (Advent focus), 'getting to know you' event, 8 newcomers attended in 2023.

Growing disciples

Lent- Preaching series, weekly zoom bible study, weekly Lunch and More study understanding Sunday's sermon and text. Holy Week preaching series and Stations of the Cross events in the churchyard.

Advent- WhatsApp Advent calendar daily 'thought for the day' and prayer, 40 recipients. Sermon series on Prayer, daily bible reading notes and daily prayer apps were recommended; evening study on the Christian response to the environment crisis, lunch and more weekly group followed the Come and See daily prayer and discussion. Commentated Eucharist delivered in September, this will now be an annual teaching event. Weekly Wild Worship rotating through the individual classes at school reflects the biblical text for the term, going deeper into the story and dwelling in the word. Monthly Wild Worship at church reflects the liturgical year and seasonal calendar, connecting faith and environment, care for creation and biblical teaching.

Revd Rosie