

**St George the Martyr, Shirley**  
***Following Christ + Serving the community + Welcoming all***

**MINUTES of the Annual Vestry Meeting for 2023**  
**held in the Hall on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Attendance** 27 Parishioners were present with 9 having tendered apologies.

The meeting was opened by Steve Barker who extended a warm welcome to all in attendance and explained that due to the interregnum there was no incumbent so he, along with the two Wardens, would jointly share the Chair..

The minutes of the AVM for 2023 had been circulated and made available electronically, no amendments had been tabled. The Chair asked if anyone present had any additions or amendments to be made. There were none so Alexander Baldwin-Smith proposed and Liz Bebington seconded that the minutes be confirmed. The proposal was adopted unanimously with one abstention due to absence but no objections.

**Appointment of Church Wardens** There were only two nomination for Churchwarden, Mrs Jan Payne and Mrs Heather Barker, there being no other candidates Mrs Payne and Mrs Barker were elected unopposed.

This concluded the business of the 2024 Annual Vestry meeting.

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**Vicar's Report**

In the absence of an Incumbent there was no Vicar's Report but at the Chair's invitation Hilary Fife spoke briefly on behalf of the Staff Team.

**Electoral Roll**

The roll had been revised in anticipation of this year's APCM. The number of people on the Electoral Roll had increased to 115. Names were only removed on request or demise. It was agreed that Owen Whalley, the Electoral Roll Officer, should ask Diocese whether those viewing services by Zoom met

the “attending Church” criterion. A full revision of the Roll was due to be made no later than 28 days before the 2025 APCM.

### **Report on the PCC**

The secretary referred to his written report and pointed out that in compliance with requests made at the APCM in 2023 this year’s report gave more information on what had been considered.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Marion Sheehan, seconded by Alexander Baldwin-Smith and carried unanimously with no objections and one abstention.

## **Finance Report and Appointment of the Independent Examiner**

### **Finance Report**

The accounts had been circulated and made available electronically. The Chair invited Sophie Clayton to give a brief overview of the Churches financial position.

The Chairman thanked Sophie Clayton for her efforts

Oluwatoyin Magbagbeola proposed and Selvin Paulwell seconded that the accounts be adopted. The proposal was carried unanimously with no abstentions or objections.

### **Appointment of an Independent Examiner**

The Treasurer then proposed, Steve Barker seconded that the present Independent Examiner be re-appointed. The proposal was adopted unanimously with no abstentions or objections.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL 2023 - 2024**

At last year’s Parish meeting the Electoral Roll stood at 110. In the two revisions in 2023 this number increased to 112 which is where it stood prior to the revision undertaken as part of the preparation for this year’s meeting. This revision is being undertaken as this report is being written and an oral update will be given at the meeting.

*Owen Whalley  
Electoral Roll Officer*

## **FINANCE REPORT**

A verbal report on the Finances for 2023 will be made at the APCM. The entire report can be accessed by following the link <https://stgeorgeschurch.co.uk/apcm/> but the “Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023” and the “Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 2023” are reproduced below.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST  
GEORGE THE MARTYR, SHIRLEY, CHARITY NUMBER 1134140  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies (note 1)	64,420	11,004	5,315	-	80,739	121,205
Income from charitable activities (note 2)	820	-	-	-	820	4,422
Other trading activities (note 3)	3,724	19,694	-	-	23,418	21,450
Investments (note 4)	14,103	-	117	-	14,220	7,990
Other income (note 5)	-	-	-	-	-	1,484
<b>Total income</b>	<b>83,067</b>	<b>30,698</b>	<b>5,432</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119,197</b>	<b>156,551</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds (note 6)	12,834	156	601	-	13,591	10,979
Expenditure on charitable activities (note 7)	69,822	35,513	5,002	-	110,337	114,932
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>82,656</b>	<b>35,669</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,928</b>	<b>125,911</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>(4,967)</b>	<b>(170)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,731)</b>	<b>30,640</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Transfers between funds	14,946	(14,782)	(164)	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	1,546	243	(627)	1,162	(7,965)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>15,357</b>	<b>(18,207)</b>	<b>(90)</b>	<b>(627)</b>	<b>(3,568)</b>	<b>22,675</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>3,637</b>	<b>477,646</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>26,712</b>	<b>518,139</b>	<b>495,464</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>459,439</b>	<b>10,052</b>	<b>26,085</b>	<b>514,570</b>	<b>518,139</b>

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**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Tangible Assets (note 10)	-	67,338	-	-	67,338	72,902
Investments (note 11)	22,225	16,173	4,344	26,085	68,827	67,665
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>22,225</b>	<b>83,511</b>	<b>4,344</b>	<b>26,085</b>	<b>136,165</b>	<b>140,567</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Cash at bank and in hand (note 12)	(7,033)	377,066	6,103	-	376,136	362,843
Debtors (note13)	5,359	-	-	-	5,359	16,593
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>(1,674)</b>	<b>377,066</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381,495</b>	<b>379,436</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Creditors (note 14)	(1,557)	(1,138)	(395)	-	(3,090)	(1,864)
<b>Net current (liabilities) assets</b>	<b>(3,231)</b>	<b>375,928</b>	<b>5,708</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>378,405</b>	<b>377,572</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>459,439</b>	<b>10,052</b>	<b>26,085</b>	<b>514,570</b>	<b>518,139</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
Funds (note 15)						
General Unrestricted	18,994	-	-	-	18,994	3,639
Designated funds	-	459,439	-	-	459,439	477,644
Restricted funds	-	-	10,052	-	10,052	10,144
Endowment funds	-	-	-	26,085	26,085	26,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>459,439</b>	<b>10,052</b>	<b>26,085</b>	<b>514,570</b>	<b>518,139</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Stephen Barker, Chairman

## **CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH MARCH 2023 - MARCH 2024**

As you might expect, our focuses last year differed slightly from the norm as they included Barry's departure and the first half of the interregnum as well as maintenance issues surrounding roof leaks (the lantern and a vestry roof). We have also continued to address some of the issues raised in our last Quinquennial Inspection and we know that the main target this year for our Maintenance Team is some urgent repointing which just needs the weather to improve for work to begin.

We are now also anticipating our five yearly electrical inspection as well as the installation of lightning protection for our building, both of which are legal requirements and included in the QI.

All the statutory maintenance checks have been carried out (including the boilers, fire-fighting equipment and portable appliance testing) and the tower ladder is now fully compliant with the most recent health and safety legislation. The drains and gutters are regularly checked and cleared. The Church Log Book has once again been updated.

As ever, we are grateful to you all for your continued support, especially to Tony Aufenast for his continuing leadership and coordination of his 'Sound System' team; to the 'Premises/Maintenance' team ably led by Evan, Selvin and Kwame who respond to our requests for additional or specific help; and to Brian McGinnis for his continuing work in maintaining the garden so that it remains a place of peace, solace and beauty. We also need to thank our Assistant Wardens, Alexander and Evan, who, apart from generally supporting us, have also enabled us to have an occasional Sunday off.

This year we also have to say a huge thank you to Steve Barker, ably assisted by Susan Wheeler and supported by the rest of the PSG, for the time and effort he has put in to furthering the Annexe project. A task which is certainly not yet anywhere near completion and which he continues to lead.

As we are sure you are now aware, during an interregnum the responsibilities vested in the Church Wardens increase tremendously – we are literally where the buck stops! We hope you feel that we have listened to you and responded appropriately, certainly that will become particularly evident over the next few weeks as we look to interview and (hopefully appoint) a new priest-in-charge for our parish.

Finally, we need to thank Hilary for her guidance and leadership during the interregnum, and the staff team who so ably support her. The next year promises to be interesting (and hopefully exciting) as we look forward to the construction of the Annexe and begin to prepare for a new church hall. We are hopeful that, with all your continued love and support, we can together further strengthen our church's position at the heart of our community as we also prepare to welcome a new incumbent.

*Jan Payne and Heather Barker     April 2024*

### **Election of Laity to the PCC**

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the procedure whereby normally the members serve on the PCC or are elected to the Diocesan Synod for three years. There were currently vacancies on both of these bodies. Nominations, duly seconded had been submitted for Fay Westray and Ray Wheeler to serve on the Diocesan Synod and Liz Bebington and Steve Westray on the PCC.

The Chairman asked if there were any other names other than that Marjorie Russell, Susan Wheeler were proposed to be on the PCC. None were forthcoming and so the Chairman declared that Marjorie Russell, Susan Wheeler were duly elected to the PCC.

### **Other Reports (Appended)**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the other reports had been made available electronically, no comments or questions were forthcoming. Adoption of the reports en bloc was proposed by Susan Wheeler, seconded by Evan Russell and carried unanimously with no abstentions or objections.

### **Project Support Group (Annexe)**

The Chair gave a brief update on the current position with regard to the North Wall Annexe in support of the written report provided.

### **Any Other Business**

No matters of other business were raised and the Chairman drew the meeting to a close extending thanks to all those who had worked hard thus far during the Interregnum on behalf of St George's and also those present for attending and closed the meeting at 1.05pm.

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