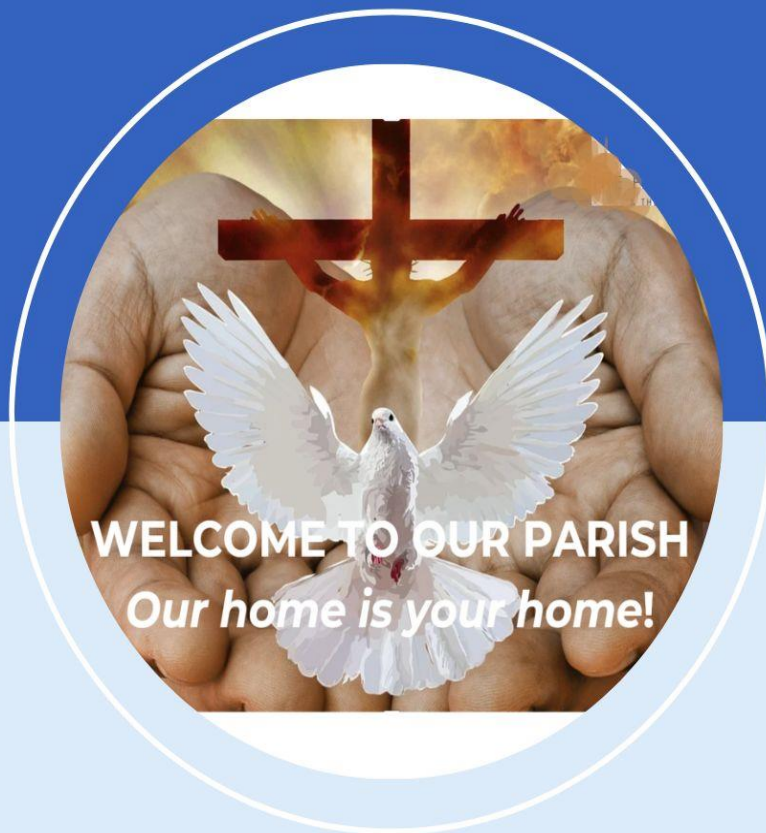




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& THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH
Our home is your home!

**Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ
in HOPE and JOY**



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DEAR PARISHIONERS,

BRINGING PEOPLE CLOSER TO JESUS CHRIST IN HOPE AND JOY

It is good to be able to reflect on another year of parish life and ministry and to share some of this with you in our annual report. There were many blessings during the period from September 2022 through to August 2023. Alongside these, however, there have been quite a few challenges – to us as a parish and to me and the staff, clergy and key leaders personally. These latter include bereavements to fellow staff and friends and family. We are in a position now, I believe, to raise our heads above the water again and to continue moving forward, with deeper trust in the Lord and deeper boldness in living out his call to us to bring people closer to him in hope and joy.

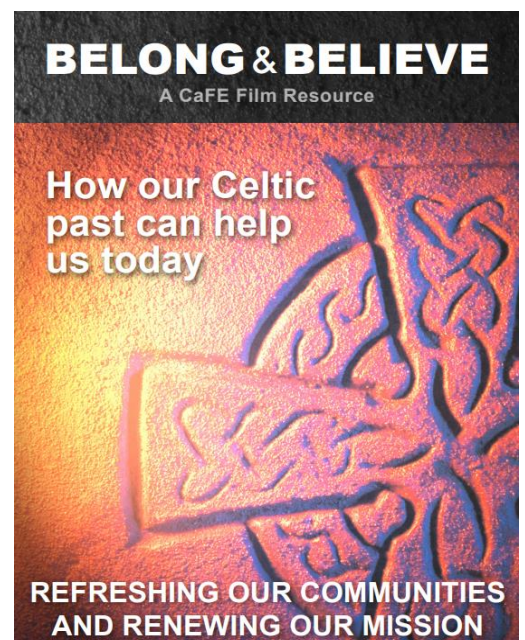
Before I go any further, I'd like to offer my heartfelt thanks to you, our parishioners, without whom this parish wouldn't exist. Each of you has your role to play on this boat as we continue to row out into the deep waters, with the Lord as our captain, guide and defender. In various ways the offering of your time, talents and treasure is helping us to be a parish where every day we are "bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy".

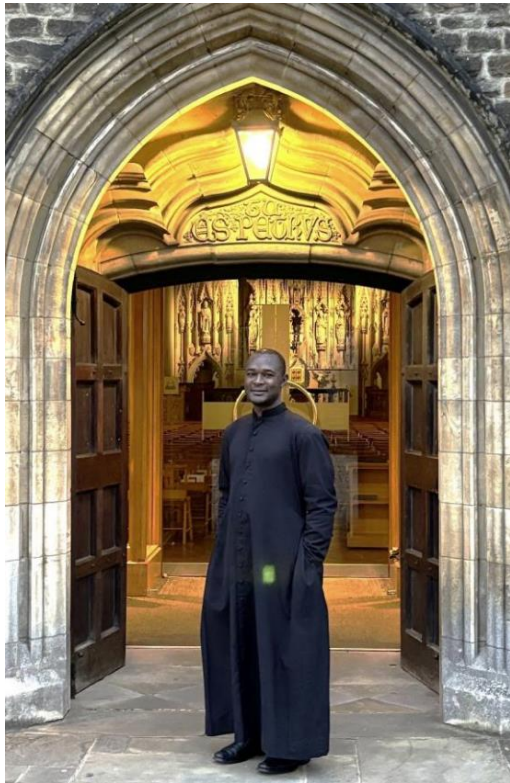
Thank you so much to all of you, clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners and guests for all the sacrifices and contributions you have made and continue to make. I am, as always, indebted to the Parish Finance and Property Advisory Committee, as well as others from the Parish Senior Leadership Team and the Parish Evangelisation Strategy Group who have contributed to the preparation of this report.

THIS REPORT IS ONE WAY IN WHICH WE CAN PAUSE, REFLECT AND THANK GOD FOR SOME OF THE BLESSINGS OF THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, WHICH INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✘ In September 2022, we offered a sad farewell to three of our much-loved clergy members: Fr Anthony Chiatu Njinga and Deacon Gerard Dailly, both of whom were asked by Bishop Philip to serve in the Immaculate Conception Parish, Portswood; and Fr Tom McGrath who has relocated to Maidenhead where he previously served happily for many years as parish priest. We thank God for their pastoral ministry and keep them in our prayers.
- ✘ In September 2022, we also lost Elizabeth II, our beloved Queen. We offered thanks to Tina Backhouse for her role as Chair of Governors of our parish primary school, St. Peter's. We are grateful for the way in which Tina served the school with true dedication and commitment and we thank God for Kevin Mahoney who has picked up the reins as the Chair of Governors.
- ✘ By September 2022, Michaela Waterfield, our Parish Admin Manager, had been diagnosed with cancer. She would battle against this cruel illness until November 2023, when she left this world to make her journey home to heaven. We thank God for the blessings Michaela brought to us, and we continue to pray for the repose of her soul and for her husband, Simon, her two amazing daughters, and for all her family and loved ones.
- ✘ In October 2022, a group of us made our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a beautiful and blessed time, one in which we were able to pray for you and your intentions. It's so sad thinking that this was only a year before the tragic events began to play out last autumn. As we thank God for the blessings of that pilgrimage, the "fifth Gospel", we pray for peace in the Holy Land.

- ✘ In November 2022, I celebrated my half century on this planet. I offer huge thanks to God for all of you who were so generous and gracious to me and my family and friends around that time, making them feel so welcome. It was a very special time for me.
- ✘ We are again very grateful to Winchester Cathedral for allowing us to continue with our quarterly Masses there. These Masses take place usually at 10am on the first Saturdays of March, June, September and December and everyone is welcome to join us in the Lady Chapel.
- ✘ December 2022 saw us praying with our theme of “Lift Up Your Eyes”, as we began our Year of the Holy Spirit. This Year included wonderful Holy Spirit away days as part of our Alpha courses, Life in the Spirit sessions for our children, a “Discovering More about the Holy Spirit” and a “Holy Spirit in the Bible” series of formation sessions, talks from the Abbot of Quarr and from the Dominican Sister Hyacinthe, a diocesan Mission Event which we hosted, led by our own Allegra, our Holy Spirit prayer before Masses; and much more besides. The purpose was to provide opportunities for us to experience Holy Spirit focused prayer times more frequently as well as enable the parish to grow in our knowledge and awareness of the person of the Holy Spirit including the spiritual gifts.
- ✘ In Lent 2023, we had our annual “Lenten Spiritual Campaign”, called “Belong and Believe”. Nearly 200 of us joined small groups for Lent to explore the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Celtic saints and what we might learn from them, as we saw the importance for them of helping others to belong in community to one another and then proclaiming the Good News.





- ✘ Following the departure of Fr Anthony in September 2022, we had been waiting patiently for the arrival of Fr Benedict Ndikum from our twin diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. We are very grateful to the many priests who helped us over those months when I was without an assistant priest, especially Fr Jean-Patrice (now prison chaplain here in Winchester) and Fr John Chadwick. As always, Bishop Peter Doyle was a wonderful support. We were then delighted when Fr Benedict arrived in the parish on Saturday 18th March to a rather cold and grey United Kingdom! We have since come to know and love him much more and thank God for inviting him to leave the comfort of his home continent to minister here among us.
- ✘ We were able to host Adam Trzebinski, a first-year seminarian from Allen Hall, for a couple of weeks in the lead up to Easter. We continue to pray for him and his vocation.
- ✘ Easter is a beautiful time in the Church's year and Easter 2023 felt almost like "back to normal" following the COVID pandemic. Alleluia! We thank and praise God for those adults who were baptised and received into the Church during our Easter Vigil, and we pray for their continued growth in faith.
- ✘ Alpha, our primary evangelisation tool, has continued to grow and develop. We are continuing to see people discovering or deepening faith as they walk alongside others on this course and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives. The awaydays have been moments of growth for many and have had a profound and positive impact on several of our guests and team.
- ✘ Our parish Acorn Groups have also started to take root and grow, and those who are members of a group have found true friendship in faith as they accompany one another amidst the joys and struggles of life through love and prayers. We also held our second 'Acorn Groups Retreat', which was a real blessing for all who were able to attend.

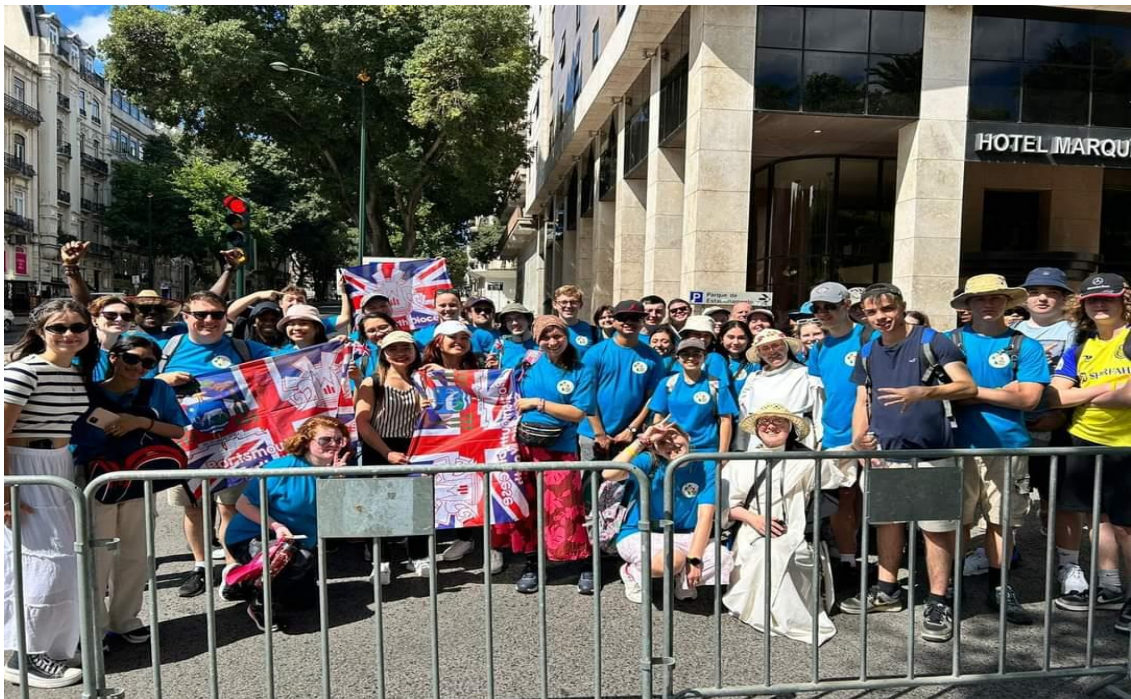
- ✘ In April 2023, we also thanked Moira Redmond for her wonderful service to me and the parish as part of our Leadership Team. Moira continues to bless us in many other ways, and we are also blessed that Lisa Justice, who a year previously wasn't practising her faith, has stepped up into Moira's shoes and is heading up our parish Communications.
- ✘ The Catholic Women's League (CWL) supported 'Warm Hub' in Spring 2023 in conjunction with their Coffee, Cake & Chat plus Wednesday's Welcome Sanctuary Hub. This initiative was driven by Churches Together in Winchester (CTiW) and the need to support those struggling with the 'cost of living' crisis. CWL provided light breakfast, tea, coffee and signposting to other services/ ministries as and when needed.
- ✘ On 21st May, we celebrated the culmination of our 50th Anniversary celebrations at St. Stephen's. The Jubilee occurred in 2019 and we celebrated in style at the time, but we also commenced a project, delayed by the pandemic, to make a community wall hanging for the Church. The project was conceived and designed by Anne Benson about Creation. Anne directed us as the months went by and made all the background pieces and we thanked her with a small presentation.



- ✘ The Mass on Sunday was accompanied by the Jubilee choir, founded in 2019 and led by Emma Sharrock, singing Rutter's 'Look at the World' and we were glad to have Fr Benedict who blessed our handiwork and joined us for refreshments and much cake.



- ✘ Also in May 2023, we joined the nation in praying for King Charles, as we celebrated his coronation.
- ✘ In June 2023, I was able to join Bishop Peter and the community at St. Thomas More, Stockbridge, as I blessed the new crucifix that had been commissioned for that church. It was a joyful evening and I thank God for all he's doing there in that community, not least through the ministry of Bishop Peter and the great leadership of Anne Keenan.
- ✘ Summer 2023 was a time of celebrations. Several of our parishioners were able to join the Traveller Community at Micheldever as Fr John Chadwick offered Mass on their site. Then, as well as our First Holy Communions and Confirmations, we also celebrated the Ordination to the Diaconate of Tony Darlison. We thank God for Deacon Tony's work among us and continue to pray that the Lord will continue to bless him and others through his selfless ministry.
- ✘ In August 2023, I got the opportunity to join some of our young people on pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon (where some of us got very close to Pope Francis as he drove past and waved at us!).



- ✘ We also welcomed Ryan Hawkes, a seminarian from the English College, Rome, who was with us on placement for a few weeks. It was great to have him with us and we continue to pray for him and his vocation.
- ✘ Finally, we welcomed two new members of staff towards the end of this period, with Alastair Ross joining us as our Music Team Leader and Jonathan Stevens joining us as our Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation.



ALL OF THIS ALONGSIDE THE RHYTHM OF DAILY AND WEEKLY MASSES, PRAYERS AND SACRAMENTS, AND COUNTLESS ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY OUR MINISTRY GROUPS.

WE...

- ✘ Continued with live streaming for daily Morning Prayer, Mass and Night Prayer.
- ✘ Continued an Outreach exercise called ‘PeterCares’, supporting elderly and vulnerable parishioners through a regular friendly call;
- ✘ Continued to hold “pulpit presentations” and second collections, bringing greater awareness and raising funds for key charitable initiatives.
- ✘ Continued to support and liaise with the many parishes based and ecumenical groups who serve the needy in our Winchester community. Besides PeterCares, these include SVP, our Refugee Welcome Hub, Churches Together in Winchester, Street Pastors, Basics Bank, Night Shelter and Trinity Centre.
- ✘ Continued with our social outreach initiatives through Soup and Pud lunches, cake on Wednesdays, Pies and Puds and much more.
- ✘ Continued to support our young people and families through Sacramental preparation, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Altar Servers, Youth Group, Young Adults Group and more.
- ✘ Continued to communicate via our website, the parish newsletter, Peterpost, our YouTube channel and our Facebook page and Instagram account; and the termly Parish magazine Crosskeys.
- ✘ Continued to support hospital staff and patients, offer comfort to the bereaved and provide funeral services (with livestreaming providing much comfort for those unable to attend in person);
- ✘ Continued to celebrate weddings and baptisms; and to celebrate funerals and pray for those who’ve gone before us and those whom they’ve left behind.
- ✘ Continued to offer pastoral support to our school staff and students.

This list is far from exhaustive but gives some insight into many of the ways in which we’ve been able together to bring hope and joy into the lives of our own community members and those around us, bringing each other and others closer to Christ in the process.

LET’S CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER, AND ALLOW THE LORD TO EMPOWER ALL OF US, AS WE STRIVE TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO JESUS CHRIST IN HOPE AND JOY SO THAT HE CAN HEAL OUR SOULS AND BODIES AND RESTORE OUR BROKEN LIVES BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

With every blessing,



Fr. Mark Hogan

24th Jun 2024 (Solemnity of John the Baptist)



THE PARISH OF ST PETER & THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

This financial report has been prepared as an information document for the parishioners of The Parish of St. Peter and The Winchester Martyrs. The Parish maintains its own financial accounting records but is not required to publish individual statutory accounts as for legal and reporting purposes it is part of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 st August	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£
ORDINARY PARISH INCOME			
Offertory and donations	256,191	259,171	245,391
Gift Aid tax refunds	52,718	50,343	54,388
Income transfer from other funds	68,943	52,234	58,476
Hall and room hire	38,983	27,126	5,432
Grants	-	95,834	68,748
Other ordinary income	11,826	10,608	4,041
Sub-total	428,661	495,316	436,476
RENTAL PROPERTY INCOME			
Rents received	193,700	200,620	209,326
Professional fees and insurance	-34,681	-24,917	-23,019
Repairs and maintenance	-45,898	-36,299	-39,492
Other operating costs	-5,345	-7,745	-15,438
Sub-total	107,776	131,659	131,377
ORDINARY PARISH EXPENDITURE			
Diocesan levy	-136,569	-113,201	-113,201
Staff costs	-142,628	-132,762	-111,589
Clergy costs	-34,898	-37,213	-24,727
Liturgy and worship costs	-10,596	-9,935	-9,675
Divine Renovation costs	-68,933	-59,825	-58,475
Faith, ministries and outreach	-14,526	-15,326	-4,713
Repairs and maintenance	-74,894	-70,906	-66,865
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	-6,906	-9,599	-13,536
Utility charges	-69,907	-26,661	-30,292
General administration, IT and insurance	-35,057	-32,528	-32,299
Other operating costs	-8,160	-9,522	-14,860
Sub-total	-603,074	-517,478	-480,232
ORDINARY AND RENTAL INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	-66,637	109,497	87,621
OTHER INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Net proceeds from sale of property	412	313,438	-
Major property works costs	-	-106,678	-10,179
Exceptional professional fees	-26,520	-	-
DOPIFS investments valuation movement	-1,925	-983	7,707
Unused prior year provisions and adjustments	-15	-	17,009
Legacies received	21,813	7,500	6,000
Closer to Christ funds received	77,111	-	-
Other funds received	8,898	5,375	2,547
Sub-total	79,774	218,652	23,084
OTHER FUNDS NET TRANSFER (TO)/FROM ORDINARY INCOME	-74,693	-131,334	98,597
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN PARISH FUNDS	-61,556	196,815	209,302
Total funds brought forward	631,058	434,243	224,941
TOTAL PARISH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	569,502	631,058	434,243

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 st August	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
DOPIFS investments	135,422	77,346	63,329
Cash at bank and in hand	484,905	559,923	525,713
Accounts receivable	35,908	29,025	17,691
Total current assets	656,235	666,294	606,733
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	-86,733	-35,236	-47,209
NET CURRENT ASSETS	569,502	631,058	559,524
OTHER LIABILITIES			
Diocesan loan repayable	-	-	-125,281
NET ASSETS	569,502	631,058	434,243
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted			
Income account reserve	147,561	242,799	159,036
Legacy funds	-	36,139	34,639
Deferred income	-	4,000	135,334
Sub-total	147,561	282,938	329,009
Unrestricted - designated			
Building works reserve	262,964	262,964	46,940
Restricted			
Parishioner fundraising	19,754	23,728	23,679
Legacy funds	14,000	14,000	8,000
Living Our Faith grant funds	25,058	25,058	25,058
Closer to Christ Fund	84,396	-	-
Other funds	15,769	22,370	1,557
Sub-total	158,977	85,156	58,294
Total Parish funds	569,502	631,058	434,243

FUNDS MOVEMENT ANALYSIS

financial year ended 31st August 2023

	Parish funds b/f 1 Sept 22	Ordinary income - less exp.	Other income / (exp.)	Transfers included in ord. income	Transfers between funds	Parish funds c/f 31 Aug 23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income account reserve	242,799	-66,637	-28,601	-	-	147,561
Deferred income	4,000	-	-	-4,000	-	-
Parishioner fundraising	23,728	-	175	-4,149	-	19,754
Building works reserve	262,964	-	-	-	-	262,964
Legacy funds - unrestricted	36,139	-	21,813	-	-57,952	-
Legacy funds - restricted	14,000	-	-	-	-	14,000
Living Our Faith grant funds	25,058	-	-	-	-	25,058
Closer to Christ Fund	-	-	77,111	-66,544	73,829	84,396
Other funds	22,370	-	9,276	-	-15,877	15,769
Sub-total	631,058	-66,637	79,774	-74,693	-	569,502

OVERVIEW

During the financial year ending 31st August 2023 (2022/23) the Parish had to contend with the adverse impact of several significant factors on its finances compared to the previous financial year.

Ordinary and rental income less ordinary expenditure showed a net deficit of £66,637 for the year compared to a net surplus of £109,497 in 2021/22, an adverse movement of £176,134 year-on-year. This movement is accounted for as explained below.

Ordinary and rental income amounted to £536,437 (2021/22: £626,975) – a net reduction of £90,538, reflecting:

- Grant income - no further grant funds were received whereas the previous year's income included £95,834, mainly the balance of the National Lottery Covid Recovery Fund grant award originally received in 2020/21.
- Rental property income – net income from the Parish rental property portfolio (after expenses) fell by £23,883 compared to the previous year mainly as a result of legal fees and rent voids related to tenancy issues combined with increased repairs and maintenance costs.

offset by

- Income transfer from other funds – an increase of £16,709, partly to cover the corresponding cost of increased Divine Renovation resources.
- Hall and room hire income – this showed further recovery from the Covid period downturn increasing by £11,857 (44%) to reach £38,983 (2021/22: £27,126).

Ordinary parish expenditure at £603,074 was £85,596 higher than the previous year (2021/22: £517,478), reflecting:

- Diocesan levy – the Diocese implemented a new levy calculation formula across its parishes, resulting in a year-on-year increase of £23,368 for St. Peter and The Winchester Martyrs.
- Utility costs – the surge in energy prices (electricity and gas) resulted in an increase of £43,246 despite the implementation of counter measures to reduce consumption.
- Staff and Divine Renovation resource costs – an increase of £18,974.

Other income/(expenditure) amounted to net income of £79,774 including legacy receipts of £21,813 and Closer to Christ campaign receipts of £77,111, less exceptional professional fees of £26,520 (St Peter's campus/White House options study and quinquennial buildings survey) . This compares to net income of £218,652 in the previous year which was mainly related to proceeds from the sale of a parish property less major building works costs.

The net transfer of £74,693 from other funds to ordinary income included £66,544 from the Closer to Christ Fund, mainly to cover Divine Renovation resource costs.

Total Parish funds decreased by £61,556 in the year to a closing balance of £569,502 at 31st August 2023 (31st August 2022: £631,058).

SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTIONS AND CHARITABLE APPEALS

Proceeds from special/second collections and charitable appeals at our churches throughout the year are not included in the offertory and donations figures in the Parish Statement of Financial Activities as these monies are paid over direct to the beneficiaries. In total for the year our parishioners generously donated £65,667 to these collections and appeals, as detailed below:

Collections year ending 31 st August	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£
Diocesan second (retiring) collections	10,887	10,564	5,636
CAFOD Ukraine appeal	-	10,572	-
CAFOD other	5,981	1,564	1,207
Covenant With the Poor (CWP) appeals	18,644	18,967	15,022
SVP appeals	4,017	3,659	3,678
Other charity appeals	3,995	6,523	3,182
Christmas and Easter offerings to priests	18,806	21,510	17,949
Mass intention offerings	3,337	6,638	3,457
Total	<u>65,667</u>	<u>79,997</u>	<u>50,131</u>

BALANCE SHEET AND FUNDS MOVEMENT ANALYSIS

The closing Parish funds balance of £569,502 at 31st August 2023 comprises:

	£
Unrestricted income reserves	147,561
Designated reserve for major building works	262,964
Restricted funds	<u>158,977</u>
Total Parish funds	<u>569,502</u>

The reserve designated for major building works is largely derived from the residual proceeds of the property disposal in 2021/22. This reserve is required as the Parish is responsible for the upkeep of a diverse estate of buildings - churches, Pastoral Centre, rental properties, and historic properties.

A breakdown of the restricted funds balance into sub-funds is provided in the Balance Sheet. Specific conditions apply as to the use of these funds. The Living Our Faith grant funds are for repairs at St James Cemetery. The Parish share of monies received from the Closer to Christ campaign pledges is accounted for through a separate fund in the Parish accounts, to be applied for ongoing enhancement of our churches and continued implementation of the principles of Divine Renovation. At the year end, the Closer to Christ Fund balance was supplemented by the aggregate transfer of £73,829 from unrestricted legacy and other funds, including accumulated fees waived by supply priests.

A further breakdown of movements in each fund by financial activity statement category is provide in the Fund Movements Analysis.

The Parish funds balance of £569,502 at 31st August 2023 is represented by net assets as detailed in the Balance Sheet.

The main asset continues to be cash and bank balances (£484,905 at the year-end). During the year a further £60,000 was transferred from cash and bank balances and invested in DOPIFS units (the Diocesan managed investment portfolio). The Parish DOPIFS holding valuation fell by £1,925 in the year resulting in a closing balance at 31st August 2023 of £135,422 (31st August 2022: £77,346). Accounts receivable of £35,908 are mainly Gift Aid tax refund claims awaiting payment. The current liabilities deduction of £86,733 comprises accrual for unbilled energy costs, supplier invoices outstanding at the year-end, and special collections and other third-party funds awaiting payment over to the beneficiaries.

While the Parish financial statements to 31st August 2023 show a strong financial position, and we are fortunate in having reliable, regular ordinary income streams, we must be mindful that the recent quinquennial buildings survey has highlighted the need for significant building repair works over the next six to seven years, over and above the normal (ordinary) level of repairs and maintenance expenditure.

The base objective of the Parish budget for the current financial year (2023/24) is for ordinary and net rental income to cover ordinary expenditure, i.e. a break-even position. In support of this objective, several actions have already been taken or are in hand:

- The Stewardship Weekend appeal in November 2023 has had a good response, from existing and new donors, resulting in an overall 10% increase in annual planned giving.
- Continued growth in Parish Hall and room hire-out and rental properties lettings income.
- Energy prices remain very high, and we continue to monitor and manage energy consumption to contain costs as far as possible.
- Operational management initiatives covering organisation, resources, income and expenditure.

Looking beyond 2023/24, there is a continuing challenge to generate sufficient ordinary income to cover, if not exceed, ordinary expenditure each financial year while developing and delivering the Parish mission and meeting the requirement to increase our annual financial contribution each year in support of the Diocese (levy).

As noted above, we also face major challenges in evaluating, planning, funding, and carrying out a major programme of exceptional building repair works over the next six to seven years. The estimated cost of the works involved, amounts to around £550,000. The buildings concerned are:

- Rental properties: 8 & 9 St Peter Street (8 flats), 10 St Peter Street (1 house), The Old Presbytery, Jewry Street (7 flats and an office suite) and the former presbytery at St Gregory's, Alresford.
- Parish facilities: St Peter's Church, St Stephen's Church, St Gregory's Church and Hall, St Thomas More Church, Pastoral Centre, Milner Hall.

Most of these buildings are old, some are listed, and all require significant upkeep. As noted earlier in this report, we currently have almost £263,000 of reserves designated for this purpose but this leaves a funding gap of approximately £300,000 to be covered over the projected timeline.

As a separate project, initial planning is in hand for enhancements to our churches, in particular St Peter's, to commemorate its centenary in 2026. The budget figure for these church enhancement works is currently around £200,000 which it is intended will be financed from the Closer to Christ fundraising campaign proceeds.

The future of the White House (former convent) on the St Peter's campus remains under review with various options that emerged from the campus consultancy review in 2023 still under consideration. The quinquennial building works programme referred to above includes approximately £40,000 for essential remedial works to this historical, listed property which is in a poor condition. Beyond these essential works, it is clear that substantial works and expenditure would be required to renovate the building. This is being treated as a ring-fenced project outside the core Parish financial projections and is subject to a viable financing plan.

Prepared and issued by the Parish Finance and Property Advisory Committee: 24th June 2024