

The Parish of East and West Tilbury and Linford

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements of the Parish Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Priest in Charge

Revd. Michèle Marshall

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Lloyds Bank plc

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Independent Examiner of Accounts

Mr. P. W. Chandler

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<p>Our Church's <i>PURPOSE</i> is to <i>Worship</i> God, and to <i>grow</i> through developing as disciples, bringing other members of God's family into our Church, and demonstrating God's love and care.</p>
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Parish website: www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk

The Parish of East and West Tilbury and Linford

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2024 at 11.30am in St Catherine's Church, East Tilbury

Agendas

Opening Prayers

Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect Churchwardens

1. Appointment of Clerk
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners 14th May 2023
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Election of Church Wardens
6. Date of next year's meeting: proposed "Sunday 11th May 2025 unless subsequently determined otherwise".

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Appointment of Clerk
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the APCM 14th May 2023
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Parish Reports
 - Electoral Roll Report
 - Annual Proceedings of the PCC Report
 - PCC Financial Statement
 - Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report
 - Proceedings of the Deanery Synod Report
 - Other Non-Statutory Reports (please see Parish Report)
6. Election of Representatives of the Laity
 - Six Parochial Church Council Representatives to serve until the APCM in 2025
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Financial Report
8. Chairman's Remarks
9. Any Other Business
10. Date of next year's meeting: proposed "Sunday 11th May 2025 unless subsequently determined otherwise".

Closing Prayers

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Held on Sunday 14th May 2023 at St Catherine's Church

Annual Meeting of Parishioners – 15 parishioners present.

Revd. Michèle Marshall opened the meeting with prayer.

Chris Ford was appointed clerk for the meeting by those present.

Apologies were received from Norman and Sheila King, David and Sandra Gunn, Colin and Patricia Strong and Kathy Bird.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2022 were approved with no matters arising.

Chris Ford had been duly nominated to serve as churchwarden and had declared there were no reasons why they could not be elected. There being no other nominations Chris Ford was elected unopposed. Revd. Michèle thanked Colin Strong and Kathy Bird who were both retiring for their service and support and explained that they would continue in post until Chris was commissioned on 13th July.

The resolution that the next annual meeting would be held on Sunday 12th May 2024 unless subsequently determined otherwise was passed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 15 parishioners present.

Revd. Michèle Marshall confirmed that all present were on the parish electoral roll.

Chris Ford was appointed clerk for the meeting by those present.

Apologies were received from Norman and Sheila King, David and Sandra Gunn, Colin and Patricia Strong and Kathy Bird.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2022 were approved and there were no matters arising.

The Parish reports had been circulated; Revd. Michèle highlighted the main points of the statutory reports.

- The revised electoral roll stood at 52 members, 34 residents and 18 non- residents. Rev Michèle thanked Janice Fawsitt for her work as the electoral roll officer.
- Revd. Michèle thanked the members of the outgoing PCC for their service and noted that each meeting was reported in PEWTALK and that the minutes were available for

inspection at the back of St. Catherine's. She went on to thank Sheila King for her work as PCC Secretary.

- The examined accounts had been published and were accepted unanimously by the meeting.
- Revd. Michèle thanked Norman for keeping a close eye on the finances.
- Revd. Michèle outlined the main points from Kathy's Churchwardens report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the church, which are regularly maintained and kept in good order. The proposed sale of the remaining part of the West Tilbury churchyard was on-going and in the capable hands of Nathan Whitehead at the Diocesan office.
- The community payback team had not been able to help with churchyard maintenance.
- The Deanery Synod had continued to meet either in person or by "Zoom" and Kim Ford explained the benefit of meeting with members of other churches.
- The non-statutory reports which reflect Parish life had been published.

The meeting then went on to elect representatives of the Laity

- Chris and Kim Ford were the only nominations for the Deanery Synod Representatives and were duly elected for 3 years.
- Having been duly proposed and nominated the representatives elected to serve on the PCC for 1 year were Janice Fawsitt, Kim Ford, Norman and Sheila King, Pamela Painter, Valerie Schwar, Margaret Simmonds, Pat Webb and Rose Yearwood.
- Revd. Michèle explained that sides-people are now appointed by the PCC and this would be done at the first PCC meeting.
- It was unanimously agreed by the meeting that Peter Chandler be appointed as Independent Examiner of the Parish Accounts for another year.
- Revd. Michèle in her remarks reflected that 2022 had been her first full year not affected by the COVID pandemic for both worship and Parish life. She said she had been supported by everyone and thanked the Churchwardens, all those who had maintained the Foodbank service to the local community, the PCC, members of the cleaning team and all who had kept her in their prayers.

At the end of her report Chris thanked Revd Michèle for all she had done during the year, this was greeted by rousing applause.

There being no other business the meeting resolved that next year's meeting would be held on Sunday 12th May 2024 unless subsequently determined otherwise.

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2023

Administration Information

The parish consists of two churches: St Catherine's, East Tilbury and St Francis, Linford. It is part of the Deanery of Thurrock in the Diocese of Chelmsford, Essex, within the Church of England. The correspondence address for the Parish is: The Rectory, 24 Somerset Road, Linford, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0QA.

The Parish Website is: www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The PCC members who have served from 14th May 2023 until the date this report was approved:

Priest in Charge:	Revd. Michèle Marshall
Churchwardens:	Mr. Chris Ford
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs. Kim Ford
	Mr. Chris Ford
Elected Members:	Mrs. Janice Fawsitt
	Mr. Norman King
	Mrs. Sheila King
	Mrs. Pamela Painter
	Mrs. Valerie Schwar
	Mrs. Margaret Simmonds
	Mrs. Pat Webb
	Mrs. Rose Yearwood <i>-resigned during the year</i>
	Mr. Les Schwar – <i>appointed during the year</i>

Structure, governance and management.

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

Objectives and activities

The PCC of East and West Tilbury and Linford has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for St Catherine's Church in East Tilbury and St Francis in Linford. In addition it is responsible for the insurance of the churchyard of St James, West Tilbury. The maintenance of the West Tilbury closed churchyard is now the responsibility of the local authority (Thurrock Council).

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). We are committed to Safeguarding Children, Young People, Victims/perpetrators of Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adults. The PCC has adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice on safeguarding. Following these guidelines, the parish has a safeguarding policy and a Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Safeguarding Report

The safeguarding of all and especially children and vulnerable adults, in the Parish is very important and taken seriously by all members of our congregation. The P.C.C. follow the Church of England's safeguarding policy and a link to this and the parish safeguarding information can be found on our website. A Safeguarding report is on the agenda at every PCC meeting.

Where a D.B.S. (Disclosure and Barring Services) enquiry is required, these are processed online and those that are required are up to date. We continue to review our training requirements and use the Diocesan on-line training.

I can confirm that there were no safeguarding issues identified during the year under review.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to Safeguarding of children or adults, please contact me on 07931 341 052 or email kim.pewtal@outlook.com.

Kim Ford – Parish Safeguarding Officer

Statutory Reports

Electoral Roll Report 2023

Our parish electoral roll is revised annually with a completely new roll prepared every 6 years. The current annual revision has been done and a complete revision is due in 2025. The electoral roll is a reflection of those that regularly worship at either St. Catherine's or St. Francis.

We have a total of 50 members, made up of 35 residents of the parish and 15 non-residents. All data is treated as confidential and only names are published.

Janice Fawsitt - Electoral Roll Officer

Proceedings of the P.C.C. 2023

The P.C.C. had 12 members during the year comprising:-

Revd. Michèle Marshall,

Churchwarden, Chris Ford,

Deanery Synod representatives are Chris and Kim Ford

8 members of the PCC were elected at the APCM on 14th May 2023 - Janice Fawsitt, Norman King, Sheila King, Pamela Painter, Valerie Schwar, Margaret Simmonds, Pat Webb, Rosemary Yearwood.

June Schroeder was co-opted onto the PCC to act as minute secretary.

Rosemary Yearwood had to resign in September, this caused a casual vacancy and as we were more than two months from the next APCM this vacancy was filled by Leslie Schwar with the approval of all PCC members.

There were 8 P.C.C. meetings since the last APCM, held at approximately 6 weekly intervals.

The average attendance was 80%

The P.C.C. has regular reports from the churchwarden on the fabric of the two buildings, the churchyard at St Catherine's and the grounds at St Francis, reports were also made by the treasurer, the electoral roll officer and the safeguarding officer.

There is a review of services and church events at each meeting and looking forward to planning future services and events.

Pastoral concerns are discussed but not minuted.

Reports on P.C.C. activity have been included in Pewtalk.

Sheila King – P.C.C. Secretary

PCC Financial Statement Summary

Treasurers Report 2023-2024

We have three Bank Accounts plus a CCLA investment Account. The Account balances are quite healthy.

General Account

The congregation continue to give regularly and generously by BACS or through the envelope scheme. We have lost some of our donors but the Income is recovering slowly and we continue to benefit from the Easy Fund Raising donations.

The Christmas Coffee Morning raised a magnificent £1,150. The PCC hope to develop a fund raising programme for 2024.

Gift Aid is claimed on donations both through the envelope scheme/BACS donations, donations for votive candles/after-service refreshments and cash collections at services.

The major items of Expenditure are Insurance, Gas and Electricity and our Parish Share payment.

We are all aware that Energy Prices have increased significantly. The Church cost for Energy has increased by 35%.

Our Parish Share has increased to £23,935 and the P.C.C agreed to pay in full for 2024-2025. Charitable Donations from the Parish were £ 500 to the DEC Appeal following the Earthquake in Turkey, £378 for Tear Fund from The Big Quiz Evening, £85 to St. Luke's Hospice and £42 for The Samaritan's Christmas Appeal.

Miscellaneous income includes the Energy Grant of £4560 from the Diocese. £2280 was transferred to St Francis Account.

St. Francis Account

It has been our long term aim for St. Francis to be a self-financing centre for Outreach and Community Support in the Parish. To recognise the Church presence in Linford more events and services are being held at St. Francis.

The principal outreach and community events arranged through the Church are the weekly Foodbank Distribution and the Community Drop-In Coffee Morning which is increasingly well supported. We still have regular community functions including Keep Fit, Craft Group for Carers, the Women's Institute (W.I.) and Linford Ladies.

The cost of Energy and Utilities has increased by 70% which has meant an increase in hire charges.

A new central heating boiler has been installed at a cost of £3,074.

St. Francis must be maintained as a safe building in a good state of repair.

Churchyard Maintenance Account Closed in 2024

The Churchyard is maintained in a reasonably good order due to the hard work of volunteers.

Following the Pandemic the regular support from the Community Payback team is resuming.

The equipment for Grass Cutting and Maintenance of the trees and hedges must be safe to use and in a good state of repair. Money raised at the Open Afternoons allocated for Churchyard Maintenance will now be in the General Account.

Special Projects

This Account was opened to finance the purchase of The Millenium Window. Current Income is from the 100 Club approx. £300 per annum. A grant from The London Over the Border Fund is in this account and the P.C.C. will have to discuss the work recommended in the Quinquennial.

Interest rates having improved funds have been invested in a CCLA Account. The CCLA is recommended by The Church of England as an ethical bank whose investment solutions are aligned with the objectives and maintains the values and beliefs of the Church. The invested money is readily available.

Norman King – PCC Treasurer

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments Report (Churchwardens Report)

I am able to report that fabric, goods and ornaments of both St. Catherine's and St. Francis are in good repair. As with any buildings there are a number of ongoing maintenance issues which include the requirements of the regular quinquennial surveys.

At St. Catherine's several small maintenance jobs were carried out and the external electricity supply was upgraded in January with the rest of East Tilbury village. All the utility services are in good order.

The churchyard at St. Catherine's has continued to be maintained by our team of volunteers who do their best to keep the churchyard tidy and the grass under control. We managed to reconnect with the Community Payback Team who made one visit late in the season but we hope will resume regular visits from Spring 2024. After making contact with the Thurrock Tree Officer the P.C.C. appointed a contractor for the outstanding tree work and this will be done in early in January. Although the P.C.C. intend to replace the church noticeboard in the future the existing one had its door replaced in July as it had been vandalised some years

ago. During part of the year the churchyard was frequently invaded by goats from an adjacent field. After a parishioner spoke with the landowner they were removed.

At St. Francis, general maintenance also continued and in March the central heating boiler failed and was beyond economic repair. This being the case it was replaced in early April. The P.C.C. decided that it would be a good plan to plant several fruit trees in the grass on the Lower Crescent side of the site. These were planted with the aid of the Cub Scouts and appear to have prospered.

During the year discussions continued with the Diocese regarding the sale of part of the churchyard at St. James in West Tilbury to the owner of the church building there. A consultation was conducted by the Diocese and the legal process is proceeding. Details of the scheme were published in the April 2023 edition of Pewtalk.

Chris Ford – Churchwarden

Proceedings of the Deanery Synod Report – Thurrock Deanery 2023

The Thurrock Deanery Synod meets four times a year and is the forum where matters relevant to the parishes in our deanery are communicated and discussed. Revd. Michèle is automatically a member and our Parish representatives for the year were Kim and Chris Ford. Chris was also elected to the synod standing committee. As this was the first year of this synod which last for three years, no representatives will need to be elected at our annual meeting.

The first meeting of the synod in the year under review was held on 26th January at All Saints Chafford Hundred and the speaker was the Ven. Mike Power, the Archdeacon of Southend who gave an overview of being called to ministry and the problems on beginning his role three weeks before Lockdown! With churches shut and isolated. A time when we needed to find that God was/is still with us. Before his ordination he had a variety of jobs including with The Old Vic and Chichester Festival Theatre. He spoke about the document “Living in Love and Faith” and suggested that travelling well together was better than dwelling on our differences.

The April meeting of the synod was held at St. John’s, Tilbury and the speaker was Michaela Southworth, Chief Executive and Diocesan Secretary of the Diocese of Chelmsford. She spoke at length about the finances of the Diocese and the consequences of not being able to meet the Deanery’s parish share (our allocation of the costs of running the Diocese). As there had been a major change to the way in which the share was calculated in 2022 there were many questions and Michaela was at great pains to explain the rationale behind the changes and agreed that it had been a difficult time.

The synod meeting held on the 10th July at St. Michael’s church in Fobbing was the first one for the newly elected representatives and started with worship and a celebration of Holy Communion presided over by Fr. David Rollins with the Area Dean, Revd. Cannon Darren Barlow preaching. The business meeting that followed largely involved the election of the synod officers and standing committee and it was noted that a new Bishop of Bradwell had been appointed and expected to be in post by the end of December.

The final meeting of the year was held at St. Catherine’s, East Tilbury on 17th October and the speaker was Belinda Ramsay, Children, Youth and Families Advisor Bradwell Area, the Diocese of Chelmsford. Belinda advised Synod that the members of her team were there as

a resource and willing to work with parishes in helping them with children and youth work especially when new things are being set up. In the business meeting the details of the Parish Share for 2024 were noted and it was announced that the new Bishop of Bradwell, the Ven. Adam Atkinson would be visiting the Thurrock Deanery on 23rd November.

In November the Revd. Canon Darren Barlow let it be known that he would be moving from Grays to take up the post of Rector of St. Mary's Shenfield and so he would no longer be Area Dean of Thurrock. It was later announced that Fr. David Rollins of Corringham and Fobbing would take over this role with Revd. Kate Carter as the Assistant Area Dean (replacing Fr. David).

Chris & Kim Ford & Revd. Michèle Marshall – Deanery Synod members

Parish and Church Life Reports

Priest in Charge

Every year as I sit to prepare this report I am amazed, surprised and delighted at just how busy we have been and the wide variety of services and events that we have undertaken and enjoyed together.

In February we welcomed in Lent with pancakes and lent lunches.

In March East Tilbury Cubs came to have their weekly session at St Francis and helped to plant the fruit trees and think about creation.

In April we had a wonderful Agape Meal at St Francis on Maundy Thursday, observed the Last Hour of Lord on Good Friday, celebrated with a Service of Light on Easter Eve and welcomed back the 'Alleluias' on Easter Sunday.

In May we were very busy rejoicing with the whole nation at the Coronation of King Charles III. We had our own church family 'Big Lunch' at St Catherine's and then a 'Big Help Out' welcoming volunteers to help us in the churchyard. Also in May we had a wonderful service of Choral Evensong with visiting choir 'The Writtle Singers' and an open air service for Rogation with the Grays Town Brass Band.

In July I was invited to be a guest speaker at the Linford W.I meeting and shared something of my life story and journey to ordination. We also welcomed the Valentine Singers who used St Catherine's as a base for their 'day away' and in return gave a free concert raising funds for our beautiful church.

In October we had a very successful 'Bring and Share Harvest Lunch' and held a Tearfund Big Quiz Night.

In November I was pleased to join East Tilbury Primary School for their Remembrance Day Memorial Service. And a few days later the whole Parish came together for our annual Act of Remembrance around the Bata Memorial.

In December I was invited to join three Year 4 classes at East Tilbury Primary School to think about Baptism. At church we had our Christmas Coffee Morning, a Christingle Family Workshop, A Carol Service for the East Tilbury Arun Beaver Group, a Carol Service with the Grays Town Brass Band and on the last day of 2023 a Church Family New Year's Eve Party at St Francis.

Life events (formally known as the occasional offices) and welcoming people to the church in their happiest and saddest times is a vital part of our ongoing mission and ministry. In 2023 we had 13 Baptisms, 1 Renewal of Vows Service and 1 Wedding, 12 funerals and 6 committals of ashes.

It has been a year when we have welcomed new people to our church family and sadly needed to say farewell to others. I think of course of our dear friend Patricia Strong who passed away in September. Her funeral service was full of happy memories and tributes that bore witness to Patricia's life serving her family and the Lord.

As Priest in Charge of this parish I am extremely proud of all the hard work and commitment freely given by so many of you. There is a real sense of team work here and I am so thankful to God for calling me here to serve and work alongside you. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Churchwarden Chris Ford, the members of the PCC and everybody who serves the Lord and His church in ways large and small, seen and unseen. Thank you once again.

Revd. Michèle Marshall

Sunday School and Children's Ministry

With the cessation of COVID regulations we have been able to cater for children at both our Sunday and Wednesday services with help from Julie Guest. Every family visiting St Catherine's receives a warm welcome. There is a dedicated space within the church for children to use and where they can access some craft activities if they wish to use them. Craft activities are mostly based on the Bible readings of the day. Links with East Tilbury Beaver & Cub packs has been maintained. At our Christingle Workshop and Christmas Eve Crib Service many contact families came along and helped to set the stable scene ready for Christmas.

Kim Ford & Revd Michèle

Bible Study and Fellowship Group

The Bible Study and Fellowship Group meet on a fortnightly basis on a Monday morning at St Francis. We spend time reflecting on the lectionary readings set for the Sunday service and look at each passage in its broader context and how the three readings connect with each other. For our Lent Course our sessions were built around the book 'Speeches that changed the World'. Our discussions are always interesting and it is good to have a space where we can ask questions about what we have read and heard and to think about how that impacts on our lives today.

Revd Michèle

The Children's Society.

The Children's Society is a national charity working with the Church of England to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. They support them through their most serious life challenges and campaign for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most.

I have been box coordinator for East & West Tilbury and Linford since 1985 when I took over from Jane Gowers. It involves collecting the boxes from the box holders and counting the money therein before sending it off to the Children's Society.

Last year there were eleven box holders and we made a total of £125.

June Schroeder

Thurrock Foodbank at the St Francis Centre

The parish continued to support the Thurrock foodbank which exists to help people in Thurrock who find themselves in a crisis situation, by:-

- Individuals regularly donating food – a list of urgent requirements is included in our weekly newsletter.
- Individuals making financial donations.
- Operating the food distribution centre at St. Francis in Linford.
- Our Harvest thanksgiving collection of food.

The Linford distribution centre is open every Thursday morning between 11am and 1pm with the help of volunteers from the church and elsewhere. We are most grateful for their commitment. We also work closely with Rachel Farmer, the Council's Local Area Coordinator for East Tilbury and Linford. The cost of living crisis with the increased pressure on household budgets has led to a sharp increase in the demand for support from the foodbank. We are very grateful for the support of our volunteers and donors.

Chris Ford

The Wednesday "Community Support Drop-in"

After our Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion at the St. Francis centre, the hall is swiftly transformed into a coffee shop. While some of the worshippers remain, they are joined by several other local residents. All are welcome to come to this warm space for refreshments and conversation. The drop-in is much appreciated by those living on their own (especially if in a House of Multiple Occupation) and the lonely.

The centre is equipped with high-speed broadband and 'wi-fi' which enables technical advice regarding computers, mobile 'phones etc. to be shared and provides the internet connection for our webserver. There is also a very well used book exchange.

Rachel Farmer, our Local Area Coordinator, sometimes uses this time to meet with clients and on the 3rd Wednesday of the month the "drop in" welcomes the Thurrock Community Led Support Team who are then available to provide information and advice to anyone in need of her help. *Chris Ford*

Pewtalk and Parish Communications

'Pewtalk', our monthly parish magazine continued to be published during the year. 95 copies are printed monthly, with some 65 copies being delivered to subscribers in the parish by our band of dedicated distributors. The remainder are available at St. Catherine's and St. Francis, both inside the building and on the gates, for visitors to pick up. Copies of the magazine, for the most recent twelve months, are also posted on our website and we know from feedback that it is accessed from there.

The magazine consists of contributions from the editor, parishioners, and articles from many other sources including the Chelmsford Diocese and 'Parish Pump' (a resource for parish magazines to which we subscribe). It includes our monthly calendar of events. The contributors and distributors make the magazine possible and we thank them for their support. In addition to the monthly magazine, we produce a weekly newsletter which is available at both churches, maintain a website (www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk) and have a presence on the Church of England's website – 'A Church Near You' - which can be accessed by people wanting to contact the parish and church and on Facebook.

Chris Ford (Pewtalk editor)

Carer's Craft Group

The craft group has had a good year and we now have 10 members both current and ex-carers. We meet at the St. Francis Centre on Tuesday afternoons. We operate a 'kitty' which we all contribute to and that covers our rent, refreshments and any items we need for our craft work. At the Christmas coffee morning we had a stall with Christmas cards, bookmarks, decorated notebooks and spectacle cases. Christmas decorations and a beautiful display of handmade jewellery and key fobs. I like to keep enough money from the 'kitty' during the year for a Christmas treat. This year we had lunch at the Bull in Corringham and then went to see the pantomime at Basildon. In the coming year we hope to have a regular craft table at the St. Catherine's open afternoons.

Pat Webb

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Account Balances at 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>St. Catherine</u>		
General Fund	17,374.89	50,671.80
SP Fund	9,143.52	17,723.42
Churchyard Maintenance	3,634.33	3,106.06
<u>St. Francis</u>	5,316.36	5,755.91
<u>CCLA</u> (St. Francis community a/c)	45,679.95	19.02

Parish of East and West Tilbury and Linford

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2023		2022	
Planned Giving	15,050.70		12,130.30	
Loose Collections	1,528.24		1,092.21	
Donations	522.50		377.00	
Tax Recovered	4,171.59		3,532.10	
Parochial Fees	3,274.00		4,493.00	
Parish Magazine	714.31		509.24	
Church Hall rents	932.86		0.00	
Fund Raising	1,596.93		1,316.58	
Charity Collections	0.00		165.00	
Mission Boxes	337.76		415.52	
Other Income	4,587.48		950.50	
Total Receipts	32,716.37		24,981.45	
Payments	2023		2022	
Church Expenses:				
Church Office	102.71		170.86	
Churchyard	1,500.00		0.00	
Utilities	4,047.36		5,002.91	
Minor repairs/maintenance	278.46		1,152.51	
Upkeep of services	845.09		839.69	
Insurance	2,228.10			
Church Hall costs	0.00		0.00	
Parish Magazine	225.74		299.83	
	<u>9,227.46</u>		<u>7,465.80</u>	
Ministry Expenses:				
Vicars expenses	0.00		9.00	
	<u>0.00</u>		<u>9.00</u>	
Training, Mission, Outreach:				
	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Out of Parish Expenses:				
Family Purse	18,009.00		15,760.80	
Assigned Fees	778.00		826.34	
Deanery Synod	0.00		0.00	
	<u>18,787.00</u>		<u>16,587.14</u>	
Giving:				
Charities	1,065.50		705.00	
	<u>1,065.50</u>		<u>705.00</u>	
Misc Expenses				
Miscellaneous	2,531.66		592.38	
	<u>2,531.66</u>		<u>592.38</u>	
Total Payments	31,611.62		25,359.32	
Excess of Receipts over payments	1,104.75		(377.87)	

Parish of East and West Tilburv and Linford

St. Catherine's

Current Account Bank Reconciliation 2023

Balance at 31.12.2022	50,671.80
Excess of receipts over payments	2,071.09
Sub Total	<u>52,742.89</u>
Transfer to CCLA	45,100.00
Bank Transfer	268.00
Balance at 31.12.2023	<u>17,374.89</u>

Special Purposes Fund 2023

Balance at 31.12.22	17,723.42	
	<u>2023 £s</u>	<u>2022 £s</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
100 club	630.00	580.22
Memorial Donation	1000.00	0.00
Total	1,630.00	580.22

Payments

100 club prize money	200.00	200.00
Excess of receipts over payments	1,430.00	380.22
Transfer to current account	10,000.00	
Balance at 31.12.2023	<u>9,153.42</u>	

Churchyard Maintenance 2023

Balance at 31.12.22	3,106.06	
<u>Receipts</u>		
Open afternoons	548.27	443.14
<u>Payments</u>		
Petrol	20.00	36.09
Excess of receipts over payments	528.27	407.05
Balance at 31.12.2023	<u>3,634.33</u>	

PCC of East and West Tilbury and Linford

St Francis Centre 2023

Bank Balance at 31/12/22	5,746.30
Cash in Hand at 31/12/22	9.61
Total	5,755.91

2023 £s

2022 £s

Receipts

Hall Hire	3,019.00	2,431.00
Donations (Drop in)	748.96	645.93
Transfer from St Catherines Acct.	268.00	
Fruit Tree Donations	130.00	
Utilities Grant	2,280.00	

Total	<u>6,445.96</u>	<u>3,076.93</u>
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Payments

Drop in Expenses	234.72	230.70
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Utility bills

Broadband	359.07	367.22
Electricity	770.00	533.06
Gas	1,856.94	938.73
Water	89.48	64.54

<u>Total</u>	3,075.49	1,903.55
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Maintenance/ New Boiler	3,074.40	296.89
Fruit trees	252.00	0.00
Other Expenditure	248.90	216.86

Total	<u>6,885.51</u>	<u>2,648.00</u>
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Excess of receipts over payments	(439.55)	428.93
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Balance at 31/12/2023	5,316.36
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Balance at Bank 31/12/2023	5,312.51
Cash in hand (C Ford)	3.85

Balance	5,316.36
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CCLA Linford Community Account

Balance at 31.12.2022	19.02
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Bank Interest	560.93
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Transfer from current account	45,100.00
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Balance at 31.12.23	45,679.95
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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of East and West Tilbury and Linford

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

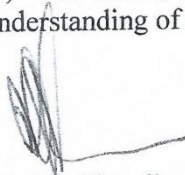
Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

My examination was carried out remotely this year and in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records 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.



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5th March 2024