

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, COLEHILL  
Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

St Michael and All Angels, Colehill  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers**

Full name of the Charity	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Colehill, known as St Michael and All Angels	
Charity Registration Number	1134712	
Address of the Charity	St Michael's Church Centre, Colehill Lane, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 7AB	
<b>Ex officio Trustees</b>		
Incumbent	Revd Suzanne Pattle	Chair
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs Daphne Jones Mrs Muriel Jacobs Mrs Joanne Clayton	Resigned February 2023 Elected 11 October 2020 Elected 10 April 2022
<b>Elected Trustees</b>		
Mr Graham Kewley	Churchwarden	Elected 23 April 2023
Mrs Hilary Motson	Churchwarden	Elected 23 April 2023
Mr Alan Motson	Treasurer	
Mrs Deborah Stevenson	Parish Safeguarding Representative	Resigned September 2023
Mrs Joanne Clayton	Deputy Safeguarding Representative - until Sept 23 Parish Safeguarding Representative	Appointed by PCC 8 November 2023
Mr Robert Heaton		
Mr John Spatchet		
Mrs Caroline Jones		Elected 23 April 2023
Mr Nigel Davies		
Mr Adrian Ramshaw		

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Mrs Rebecca Bellows		Elected 23 April 2023
Mrs Helen Hunwick	Electoral Roll Officer	
Mr Lindsay Wood		
Mrs Margaret Wood		Elected 23 April 2023
Mrs Ngaire Kewley	PCC Secretary	Co-opted onto PCC 26 April 2023
<b>Reporting to PCC</b>		
Mr Nigel Butler	Assistant Treasurer	Reports to PCC through Treasurer - in occasional attendance at PCC by invitation
Karen Rimmington	Church Centre Bookings Secretary	Employed by PCC for 8 hours a week. Reports to Treasurer and Churchwardens

### Structure, governance and management

The Church of St Michael and All Angels is situated in Colehill, near Wimborne Minster in Dorset. It is part of the Diocese of Salisbury. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. At its APCM on 23 April 2023, the meeting voted to amend the representation of members on the PCC from 12 elected members to 9, to come into effect from the next APCM.

### Objectives and activities

St Michael's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church; spiritual, pastoral, prophetic, evangelistic, ecumenical and social. It oversees adherence to policies on Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Data Protection. It also has the responsibility for the fabric of the church and for the operation of St. Michael's Church Centre.

The PCC met 5 times during the year and the Standing Committee met once. Other committees met at various times and, where appropriate, discussions and decisions at these committees were presented to and discussed by the PCC.

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### Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees and sub groups, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. The principal committees are:

#### **Standing Committee:**

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Membership: Vicar, Hilary Motson, Graham Kewley, Alan Motson, Ngaire Kewley. There is currently no Lay Vice Chair.

#### **Fabric Committee (incorporating previous Reordering Task Group):**

The committee is responsible to the PCC for all matters relating to the fabric of the church, including action on outstanding quinquennial items, health and safety policy, fire safety and risk assessments for both Church and Church Centre. The Fabric Committee is also responsible for all matters related to the upkeep and repair of the Church Centre. Hall Hire policy and bookings policy and pricing remain in the hands of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurer, who address these matters on a regular basis, reporting to the PCC as required.

Membership: Robert Heaton, Alan Motson, John Spatchet, Nigel Davies, Robin Hill, Lindsay Wood, Graham Kewley, Peter Condon

#### **Mission and Outreach Committee:**

The committee was formed by following a Parish Open Forum held in July 2022 to focus upon the Mission and Outreach of the church through everything we do, bearing witness to God's love and grace. During the last six months this has helped to:

- Shape patterns of worship, prioritising our own spiritual growth.
- Support key events in the church and community calendar: Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Lent.
- Support and nurture regular events such as coffee mornings, Cherubs toddler group, craft workshops and the community cafe
- Organise publicity and communication to promote church and community life and special events.
- Liaise with the Parish Council about forthcoming community events.

Membership: Vicar, Hilary Motson (CW), Hilary Gooding, Joanne Clayton, Liz White, Helen Hunwick.

The committee was joined by Karen Rimmington (Church Centre Bookings Secretary) during the course of 2023.

#### **Finance, Stewardship and Fundraising Committee**

The Finance, Stewardship and Fundraising Committee scrutinises financial procedures and financial protocols (2023- Legacy Policy for approval by PCC), develops future campaigns on stewardship and drafts fundraising proposals for capital projects related to fabric and reordering. Membership: Vicar, Alan Motson, Muriel Jacobs, Adrian Ramshaw, Jeremy Barnard, Nigel Butler

#### **Colehill Community Café Management Committee:**

The committee is responsible to the PCC for the overall operation of Colehill Community Café, and in particular in ensuring that all health and safety issues and requirements are fully met. The Committee normally meets regularly through the year to review financial information, to plan rotas, to review progress overall and to determine prices and menus. Since January 2023 the Community Café has been

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overseen by Karen Rimmington in a voluntary capacity. The café has recently been awarded 5\* Food Hygiene Certificate. It continues to operate as a warm space.

Lead committee Membership: Karen Rimmington Alan Motson, Eric Jones, Jackie Jones, Jenny Horobin.

### **Eco-Committee**

This committee monitors our compliance with Eco-Church recommendations, including Fairtrade Church status and the ecological management of the church grounds. In 2023 as a result of the work of the committee the Church received its Eco-Church Silver Award and is now working to achieve Gold. The Church also attained Fairtrade Church status and made a declaration of Climate and environmental emergency, resulting in a 7 year plan working towards Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2030. The Church is now affiliated to Planet Wimborne through this committee and the congregation contributes to a monthly collection for recycling by Win on Waste Wimborne.

Membership: John Spatchet, Jenny Spatchet, Graham Kewley, Anne Bowley, Jackie Deung, (resigned in September 2023) Nigel Butler, Hilary Motson. Alan Motson (Treasurer) attends on request.

## **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

### **REGULAR WORSHIP**

2023 could be said to be the year in which things returned to normal following two years of pandemic disruption. What has not changed has been the livestreaming of Sunday worship and a significant proportion of services at Festival times, and a number of people, especially the housebound and others who cannot attend in person, participate in online worship. Our YouTube channel records an average of 30 views weekly, but it is not possible to determine whether people watch the entire act of worship or simply 'drop in'.

During the first quarter of 2023 our practice at communion remained as established in Autumn 2021: communion being administered using simultaneous administration (intinction of communion wafers and placing directly into the hand of the communicant). The PCC felt this prudent approach was merited given the demographic of our regular worshippers. The common cup was reinstated at Easter 2023.

Our pattern of worship is as follows:

#### **Sunday services:**

10 am Holy Communion

On 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 8am HC (BCP), 10am Service of the Word led by the Lay Worship Team

An 8am HC (BCP) is also offered at key festival times, namely Easter, Pentecost, Harvest, Christmas

#### **Midweek Services**

First Wednesday of the month at 10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

#### **Daily Office**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays - 8.30am Morning Prayer (on Zoom)

Thursdays 5pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom)

From October 2023:

Fridays at 12noon, Midday Prayer in Church

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### **Festivals**

#### Holy Week and Easter:

Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Good Friday - Meditation at the Cross

Easter Day:

8am HC (BCP)

10am All Together Communion

#### Christmas:

Nine Lessons and Carols - Third Sunday in December

Christmas Eve:

4pm Crib and Christingle Service

11pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8am HC

10am All Together Communion

This year our Lent study took a more simple approach: instead of following a prescribed course we met every Wednesday following the midweek service and pondered the upcoming Sunday gospel reading, which proved to be enriching for the dozen or so people who attended. The Vicar offered Compline on Zoom during Wednesdays of Lent. Holy Week and Easter services were observed with a variety of opportunities for reflection. . Using a screen for the liturgy has continued to enhance worship through the use of images, other musical items and film clips.

The Vicar was on Extended Ministerial Development Leave (Sabbatical) from May-August 2023. Services were covered each week by different priests, and arrangements were made for the delivery of pastoral care should any emergency arise. Those who came to lead services during this period commented very favourably on the quality of the welcome they received, the creativity of the liturgy and the commitment of those in lay leadership who 'kept the show on the road' They observed that the congregation were united in an effective living out of their faith. A sign of a healthy congregation!

The parish held a special events to mark the King's Coronation in May, which followed the previously established pattern of cream tea and songs of praise event, well attended by members of the community. May saw a service focussed on the work of Christian Aid and in July the LWL team planned and led a special service for Climate Sunday.

September saw the observance of Creationtide, with input into our worship from the Ecogroup, and coincided with the award of our Silver Eco-Church Award, which was cause for celebration as the parish moves forward in working towards the Gold award.

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In October we were delighted to welcome Revd Martin Collett, a recently retired priest from the Diocese of Bath and Wells who joined the congregation with his wife earlier in the year, and has now received Permission to Officiate. He is a welcome addition to the ministry team and presides and preaches on a regular basis as agreed with the Vicar.

The Remembrance Ceremonies at the War Memorial were held as normal this year. Pupils from St Michael's CE Middle School attended alongside the Uniformed Organisations. Some of the young people then attended a Peace Service following the Act of Remembrance, an opportunity to reflect on what builds walls of division between people and nations, and how we might overcome suspicions and misunderstanding in order to dismantle them. During November, the Vicar also led a series of three reflections: "Remembering our Loved Ones", "Facing our Frailties" and "Befriending Death?", which were found to be helpful to those who attended.

In early December, as a response to the tragic events unfolding in Gaza, and aided by a church member who has worked as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Israel-Palestine and a long-standing advocate for a just settlement, the parish coordinated a special service of Lament for the Holy Land, which drew people from the parish as well as the wider community, including representatives from other faiths and nationalities deeply affected by the crisis there.

As last year the Crib Service was combined with the lighting of Christingles, and was the best attended of all our Christmas services. Attendances at other services during the season were not as large as we had hoped, which seems to reflect the experience of the year before.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Colehill Community Café has continued to operate throughout 2023. During the course of 2023 the café committee decided to trial a non food charging policy, inviting donations instead in response to the cost of living crisis. This has proved to be beneficial in terms of income received and small claims gift aid applied and the policy has continued. Members of the community and volunteers shared in a Christmas lunch this year which brought people together.

During the school summer holidays the Mission and Outreach Committee ran a very successful family craft event on mini-beasts, which was very well attended, with requests for further events. In response to this need, the committee arranged a Christmas craft event in the first week of the Christmas holidays, and this was a great success. This is now becoming an embedded pattern in the cycle of outreach events run by the parish

The church successfully participated in Architectural Heritage Week during September , opening for 5 sessions and welcoming well over 100 visitors with refreshments and guided

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visits. Most visitors were fascinated by our unique Arts and Crafts building and enjoyed the welcome and atmosphere.

Bi-monthly coffee mornings continue to be held on Saturdays throughout the year, and one of our LWLs, Hilary Gooding, runs a very successful craft group which draws people in from both the congregation and community. They use their creative skills to decorate the church at Christmas and Easter, as well as at other times of the year, which enhances our experience of worship.

Cherubs Toddler Group has gone from strength to strength: it has a core team of parents and church volunteers who work hard to make the group a success. We have introduced more Christian input this year at song time, and the group continues to come into church once per half term for 'Toddler Church'. This is very much an 'opt-in' activity, but the majority of parents and carers come and enjoy this experience. Before Christmas this year we included a Posada (travelling nativity), inviting Cherubs families to 'host' Mary and Joseph figures and share pictures of them on a shared WhatsApp group. This proved to be a great success, and we were able to show the pictures as a preamble to our Crib and Christingle Service. Links between the toddler group and church are becoming stronger and it is pleasing to see.

Parish lunches remain popular, as social events and as fundraisers either for parish funds or for charitable giving to Christian Aid, Routes to Roots or Wimborne Foodbank. The parish actively supports Wimborne Foodbank through donations. The parish continues its commitment to the Children's Society by raising funds at Christmas and through the year, with an annual coffee morning fundraiser. Connections to the wider church include the active involvement of the Vicar in the Church Leaders' Group in Wimborne, as well as the Anglican Clergy Chapter. Members of St Michael's are actively involved in the local Christian Aid Committee, helping with ecumenical Lent lunches and running a Parish Lunch at St Michael's during Christian Aid week, which raises a significant amount for the charity. The Vicar is also a member of the Diocesan Link with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Evreux, France. Our longstanding link with South Sudan (Karika) is maintained through the Mothers Union, and other deanery contacts. Our card-recycling project set up to raise funds for South Sudan continues to raise significant sums of money to support the needs there.

The parish ran the annual Christmas Fayre and Tree Lighting in December, which was well attended by the community. This raised a significant sum of money for church funds, but, culminating in the annual lighting of the Christmas tree and carol singing. A significant sum but more importantly it was good to see many members of the community present and enjoying time together. A ever a particular highlight was St Michael's Middle School handbell group and choir who came to entertain us all.



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### **PASTORAL CARE**

The LPA team meets regularly with the Vicar to ensure pastoral needs within the congregation are met and contact maintained through cards, phone calls or visits. Home Communion services are offered on the first Wednesday of each month. We were delighted that Richard Ely was commissioned as an LPA in November 2023. Many more informal networks exist within the congregation through the various groups that meet, including the Mothers' Union Prayer and Fellowship Group, the two home groups that continue to run, and the Community Café, which meets pastoral needs of more elderly members of the congregation as well as the wider community.

### **OCCASIONAL OFFICES**

During the course of 2023, St Michael's conducted 2 Weddings, 6 Baptisms, 6 Funeral services (Church or Crematorium/Cemetery).

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

The congregation has continued to actively support St Michael's CE Middle School - sending regular cards to staff at key points throughout 2023. Collective worship has resumed the pre-pandemic pattern, apart from the fact that Year groups no longer habitually come into church for their year group worship. In the absence of the vicar the vice-chair of governors and Lay Worship Leader John Spatchet led the Leavers' service in July, which was very well received.

The Vicar is actively involved in the life of the school and meets regularly with the Headteacher as well as the newly appointed senior lead for Christian Distinctiveness. There is active engagement in working out what church school flourishing should look like and in forging closer links with both church and community. The School Carol Service in Wimborne Minster was a highlight, and the Vicar addressed a church packed with around 700 people as part of that service. Christmas worship also included a more traditional Five Lessons and Carols in St Michael's Church for those who wanted to participate, as last year. As a result of Pupil Voice, the school also had two Christingle services in the school assembly hall this year - feedback from the pupils described this as a spiritual and magical experience. We continue to run Experience Church for year 5 pupils in the autumn as part of their usual enrichment programme; in March they are offered Experience Easter held at Wimborne Minster - a programme which is delivered by four local churches.

The Vicar and other foundation Governors (John Spatchet (Vice-Chair), Graham Kewley and Eileen Roe) continue to attend Academy Committee meetings and to support the school with visits, practical support and pastoral care. One concern going forward is the policy adopted by the Initio Academy Trust imposing a limitation on the tenure of office of academy

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committee members, which means we are in danger of losing two of these extremely valuable members of the academy committee at the end of this academic year.

### **FABRIC**

The Fabric Committee has been diligent throughout the year in ensuring the church and church centre are in good order, overseeing the Annual Clean of the Church Centre, and working through remaining repairs required by the last quinquennial inspection of the church. Thanks to a generous donation by a church member, this year the wooden flooring was renovated. Other works have included further repointing as required in the Quinquennial, levelling of the patio, erection of a storage shed for Cherubs (Toddler Group), extension of the storage sheds behind the Centre, the continued replacement of Church and Centre lighting with LED fittings, the installation of new church signage and the cleaning and repair of the Centre roof.

We have the agreement in principle from the PCC to install a permanent retractable projector screen, but financial pressures mean that this cannot be funded from our regular income and will need to be entirely funded from grants/donations. It is to be hoped that we can achieve this in 2024.

The Churchyard continues to be well maintained as a green space. This year saw the planting of two batches of tree whips supplied by a charitable trust and Colehill Parish Council in the PCC's woodland. As part of regular maintenance, various trees made safe by a tree surgeon

### **SUMMARY OF OVERALL GOVERNANCE**

We continue to carefully monitor our financial position, to ensure good governance and continue the practical business of running the church. The Fabric Committee, Finance, Stewardship and Fundraising Committee, and the Standing Committee have continued to meet over the year, to ensure that the fabric and finances of the church are kept in good order and to progress projects underway relating to reordering and fundraising.

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The overall Statement of Financial Activities, as required by FRSE SORP (SORP 2015) is set out below.

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#### Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricte d	Designate d	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources	75,728	2,794	32,368	110,890	136,129
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	1,114	5,241	1,487	7,842	10,084
Other trading activities	6,711	-	680	7,391	6,626
Investments	1,352	-	-	1,352	338
Other income	1,874	26,739	-	28,613	27,862
<b>Total income</b>	<b>86,779</b>	<b>34,774</b>	<b>34,535</b>	<b>156,088</b>	<b>181,039</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Costs of generating funds	741	-	-	741	629
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects	2,602	228	2,245	5,075	4,271
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	73,375	5,001	20,972	99,348	101,528
Support costs	8,663	24,534	5,134	38,331	58,613
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity	4,834	1,700	745	7,279	7,900
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>90,215</b>	<b>31,463</b>	<b>29,096</b>	<b>150,774</b>	<b>172,941</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(3,436)</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>5,439</b>	<b>5,314</b>	<b>8,098</b>
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(3,436)</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>5,439</b>	<b>5,314</b>	<b>8,098</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>37,933</b>	<b>28,745</b>	<b>5,062</b>	<b>71,740</b>	<b>63,642</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>	3,436	(3,436)	-	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>37,933</b>	<b>28,620</b>	<b>10,501</b>	<b>77,054</b>	<b>71,740</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
Unrestricted					
General fund				37,933	37,933
Designated					
Community Café		908		908	2,010
Cherubs		-		-	834
Choir		232		232	231
Church Centre Operations		13,713		13,713	10,992
Flower Fund		314		314	413
General Reserve Fund		5,300		5,300	7,000
Legacies		8,000		8,000	7,000
Reordering Project		-		-	-
Vicar's Discretionary		153		153	265
Restricted					
Giving to Charities				-	20
Organ Fund - Pipe Organ only			2,602	2,602	2,602
Peacehaven			7,816	7,816	2,440
Reordering Project Res			83	83	-
	<b>37,933</b>	<b>28,620</b>	<b>10,501</b>	<b>77,054</b>	<b>71,740</b>

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The Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023 is set out below.

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	11,400	12,200
	<b>11,400</b>	<b>12,200</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	2,727	3,830
Cash at bank and in hand	64,778	59,828
	<b>67,505</b>	<b>63,658</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	1,851	4,118
	<b>1,851</b>	<b>4,118</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>65,654</b>	<b>59,540</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>77,054</b>	<b>71,740</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	<b>77,054</b>	<b>71,740</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
General fund	<b>37,933</b>	<b>37,933</b>
<b>Designated</b>		
Community Café	908	2,010
Cherubs	-	834
Choir Fund	232	231
Church Centre Operations	13,713	10,992
Flower Fund	314	413
General Reserve Fund	5,300	7,000
Legacies	8,000	7,000
Reordering Project Des	-	-
Vicar's Discretionary	153	265
	<b>28,620</b>	<b>28,745</b>
<b>Restricted</b>		
Giving to Charities	-	20
Organ Fund - Pipe Organ only	2,602	2,602
Peace Haven - Homes For Refugees	7,816	2,440
Reordering Project Res	83	-
	<b>10,501</b>	<b>5,062</b>
<b>Funds of the Church</b>	<b>77,054</b>	<b>71,740</b>

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The Statement of assets and liabilities is shown below

### Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Tangible assets</b>					
Viscount Organs - Envoy 35S	11,400	-	-	11,400	12,200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>12,200</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>					
Bank Current Account					
Bank Savings Account					
Bank Savings Account	26,536	27,859	10,383	64,778	59,828
Cash on Deposit CBF					
Petty Cash					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,536</b>	<b>27,859</b>	<b>10,383</b>	<b>64,778</b>	<b>59,828</b>
<b>Current assets Debtors</b>					
Fees received payable	-	1,750	-	1,750	1,302
Tax due from I/Revenue	455	151	118	724	729
VAT reclaimable under LPW Scheme	-	-	-	-	1,487
Sundry Debtors	150	103	-	253	312
<b>Totals</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>3,830</b>
<b>Liabilities Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>					
Grants received	-	271	-	271	1,325
Holiday Lunch fund	-	-	-	-	388
Accounts Payable	608	972	-	1,580	2,405
<b>Totals</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>4,118</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>37,933</b>	<b>28,620</b>	<b>10,501</b>	<b>77,054</b>	<b>71,740</b>

## OVERALL SUMMARY

Total funds at the end of the year were £77,054 (2022: £71,740), of which £7,816 relates to the Peacehaven - Homes for Refugees project

## GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED FUND)

The General Fund made a **deficit** in the year £3,609 (2022: Surplus £6,823). This compared to a budget deficit of £4,264 (after including £4,500 of income from fund raising events).

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Notable factors are:

1. Planned giving through membership of the Parish Giving Scheme or through standing orders were £3,000 down on budget, due mainly to people moving away from the parish and only partly replaced by those joining the congregation.
2. We paid our Parish Share commitment of nearly £67,000.
3. The deficit was made good by transfers from the Community Café Fund and the Centre Operations Fund.

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Funds include the Church Centre Operations Fund, Colehill Community Café Fund, General Reserve Fund, Flower Fund, Cherubs Toddler Group Fund and Choir Fund. Such funds may be used for any purpose at the discretion of the PCC.

#### Church Centre Operations Fund

This Fund deals with all income and expenditure relating to St Michael's Church Centre. Income in the year was £21,246 (2022: £19,092). This generated a surplus for the year of £4,572 (2022: Deficit ££1,859)

Thanks go to Karen, our booking administrator for her hard work in promoting the Centre.

#### General Reserve Fund

The General Reserve fund is money set aside to cover work required by the Quinquennial Report or for significant and unforeseen maintenance. In 2023 we spent £1,700 on necessary repointing work identified in the last Report, and the balance on the fund at the end of the year was £5,300.

#### Colehill Community Café

The Church Centre is registered as a "Warm Space". The Community Café supports both church and community individuals and provides a place of friendship, conversation and light lunches!

At the beginning of the year the decision was made to operate on a "donations" basis rather than a fixed price menu. This has enabled us to claim gift aid on the donations made.

The Café made a surplus in the year of £2,397 (2022: Surplus £697).

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### **Legacies Fund**

In cases where the donor has not specified any specific purpose for which the legacy is to be used:

The policy for legacies, as agreed by the PCC, is that legacies of less than £1,000 shall be treated as income to the General Fund in the year in which the legacy is received. Legacies of £1,000 and over shall be placed in the Legacies Fund (Designated) and if possible used for funding individual projects benefitting the Church over more than one year.

In cases where the donor has specified a specific purpose for which the legacy is to be used: Following Charity Commission rules, such legacies of whatever value are to be placed in a new or existing Restricted Fund and only used for the purpose specified by the donor.

At present we have a balance at the end of the year of £8,000 of which it has been proposed that a single legacy of £5,000 should be allocated to the provision of a dropdown projector screen, subject to faculty approval being given to this project.

### **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted funds are determined by the intention of donors, either individually or collectively. Such funds can only be spent on the purpose for which the money was originally given.

### **Charities Fund**

St Michael's is committed to supporting a wide range of charities, covering local, national and international appeals. In 2023 we donated a total of £5,463 - including donations to Syrian Earthquake Appeal, Children's Society, St Michael's Middle School, Christian aid and the Wimborne Foodbank.

### **Peacehaven Fund**

This is an ecumenical fund, run through St Michael's, and initiated by a member of our congregation, but which involved members of other churches and the wider community. There were 100 people who contributed to the fund, of which 20 came from St Michael's.

The balance on the fund at the end of the year was £7,816. No more donations are allowed (the fund was always intended to run to the end of 2023), but we have sufficient funds to support the one remaining family we hope until the end of April.

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1. The charity's trustees (PCC) 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.

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### 2. Fund structure

1. General Fund used for PCC ordinary purposes.
  2. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.
  3. Restricted funds represent income from trusts, endowments and donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.
  4. The PCC cannot create a restricted fund itself.
  5. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund.
3. The accounts are prepared on an accrual basis for years ending on 31 December.
4. Full provision is made for all anticipated expenditure for which a liability has arisen but not yet spent.
5. Income is included based on the period to which it relates rather than when actually received. Full provision is made for any income that may not be received.
6. The Viscount organ is depreciated at 5% per annum straight line.
7. It is the policy of the PCC to retain reserves sufficient to meet:
1. General Reserve Fund - provision for any significant but unforeseen maintenance expenditure and to cover essential costs relating to the latest quinquennial inspection.
  2. Church Centre Operations - anticipated replacement of boilers, ovens, etc, and major redecoration costs for the internal and external aspects of the building.
  3. During the course of 2024, it is the intention of the PCC to formalise a reserves policy.
  4. The accounts have been reviewed by and approved by an independent examiner as required by the Charities Act. The Independent Examiners Report is included with the accounts submitted to the Charities Commission.