



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**Ironstone  
Villages  
family of  
churches**

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# RECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

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This collection of annual reports for the Ironstone Family of Churches has been produced for our Annual Parochial Church meetings being held during April and May 2024. Our thanks to Marie Hough our Multi-Parish Administrator for producing this booklet, and for those who have contributed to it from across our parishes. I hope it give you a feel for what has been happening during the past year, as well as information about the finances of each church. Annual reports can provide a useful opportunity for us to reflect on how things are going, as we look back over the past year. Our thanks go to those who help with the work of our parish churches in any way, whether 'up front' or 'behind the scenes'. In particular, I'd like to thank the Ironstone Churchwardens for their dedicated work, members of the Ministry Team who lead services in our churches, and all those who serve on our six PCCs.

As you will be aware, our world continues to face many challenges, including those caused by conflict and climate change. The Church also faces challenges, as we seek to sustain a visible Christian presence across our village communities. Sadly it has been recognized that, due to its deteriorating physical condition, Chadwell Church is no longer safe to use as a place of public worship or community gathering (it has been closed since the pandemic), and consultations are now happening about the possible alternative future use of this ancient building. The churchyard, however, still remains open as a place of burial.

While our other Ironstone churches remain open, many are facing expensive work on the buildings, whether to repair crumbling stonework or to improve facilities for community use. And, as well as the challenge of caring for our ancient buildings, we also need to resource ministry to the villages our churches seek to serve.

The new Diocesan Minster Community framework has started to impact us over the past year, and conversations have been happening across Framland Deanery with a view to forming Minster Communities in NE Leicestershire. After a brief pause to reset the process over the Christmas and New Year period, meetings have recently begun again to discern the formation of two or possibly three Minster Communities in this area.

Amidst all the changes and challenges, in this Easter season may we remember that the message at the heart of Easter offers hope for us all. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God "has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade" (1 Peter 1. 3, 4). As we look to the Living Lord, may the power of His Spirit inspire us afresh to be His faithful witnesses in those villages we seek to serve, to the glory of God.

**John Barr,  
Rector**



# CHADWELL ACCOUNTS

## Income & Expenditure April 2023-April 2024

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Donation	120.00	Insurance	2,510.75
		Lightning Conductor	72.00
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	120.00		2,582.75
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## Balance at at April 2024

BALANCE	£
	<u>8,931.983</u>

## Chancel Fund

Held by Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustee as Custodian Trustee:

£3,379.97





# EASTWELL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

## **A really dreary year!**

Low attendance at services; virtually no attendance at some activities; trying to run all events with half an organ strewn over the pews for a whole year; no children's corner because the two organs are taking up all the space; still no new heating or lighting installed; shortage of flower arrangers; shortage of volunteers to clean; three vacancies on the PCC; only two children at the first of three practices for the nativity - we had to treble the number by pulling some in from other villages ... and substituting parents at the last minute for the children we still didn't have.

Attendance has dropped off at services so much that we are no longer included in the 10.30 am Sunday services, as other churches tend to attract larger congregations. We now, therefore, continue with one 9.00 am Sunday service, one Compline at 6.00 pm and one midday Communion per month.

## **However ....**

A new year has dawned, spring has arrived, and with it some small glimmers of light.

- We have the faculty for the new heating and lighting approved. Wow!
- We are one of seven churches in Leicestershire hosting an event on Friday, 28th June, for the Historic Churches Preservation Trust to help them celebrate their 60th anniversary. This group runs the annual Ride & Stride event to raise money for Christian churches in Leicestershire (Eastwell has benefitted more than once).
- The above event will include a flower festival, which will run from Friday evening through to Sunday, with cream teas being served both Saturday and Sunday.
- Also two people from the village have offered to expand the dog show day (to be held on Saturday, 17th August) by organising a Race Evening in the village hall during the evening and a "pre-loved jumble sale" in the churchyard in the morning.
- Bonfire night will also be celebrated again this year in the churchyard.

## **... and this year we hope to achieve**

- A more orderly and cleaner church.
- All the heating and lighting installed in plenty of time for the flower festival, etc.
- An irresistible children's corner.
- More interactive content in church displays.
- And, in desperate hope, a fully functional, reliable organ, the installation of which at the moment seems beyond our ability to control.

To everyone who has slogged along with us this past year, helped us fill any holes we've dug for ourselves, responded to our calls for volunteers (thinking especially of all those who are helping to paint the pews) - and generally encouraged us: our grateful thanks.

We look forward to a brighter future!

**Sue Watford,  
Churchwarden**



# EATON CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

## Acting Church Warden – Sue Bradley

At the Annual Meeting of 2023 for St Denys church Eaton, Sue Peters and Hannah Canham retired as Church Wardens, having served with great commitment and enthusiasm for over eight years. Bernard Whiting, a member of the PCC and previously a Church Warden, also retired.

The grateful thanks of the church and community go to them for all their work and contributions over so many years.



At their retirement the PCC comprised Steph Janney as Secretary, Rev Canon John Barr Rector, and Rev Sue Bradley (PTO) who volunteered as acting Church Warden and acting Treasurer, in a co-opted capacity.

Over the following months the needs of the church for Church Wardens and PCC members were further advertised in the village, and happily Gill Short volunteered as Church Warden, with Amanda Dylag, and Alan and Jane Hewson offering as PCC members. By October these new members were voted on to the PCC by the existing members, with huge thanks!

## **Church Members**

Over 2023 the village and church have lost a number of those who were regular members and supporters of the church, and we offer our condolences to those bereaved. Each funeral was both a family and village event, with many coming to pay their respects to those lost, and to offer comfort to their families.

The remaining regular congregation remains low in numbers, but benefits from people joining from across the Benefice, and from village support at special events and occasions.

## **Church Works**

Over 2023 Simon Bird, architect, has supported the PCC and Friends of St Denys in planning how to take forward the works needed to secure the stonework of the building, as identified in the last Quinquennial Report.

The need for a funding campaign was discussed at PCC, with ideas for sharing the issues faced by the church both financially and structurally. These plans were subsequently taken forward in 2024. The PCC are pleased to be working closely with the Friends of St Denys on these issues.

As part of the fundraising the Friends offered their village Christmas lunch which was hugely successful. Many, many thanks to Carol Luckwell for co-ordinating and delivering this, with the support of a band of village helpers.

# EATON CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT CONT.

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## **Minster Communities**

During 2023 the Diocese took forward the discussion and planning for Minster Communities in the Framland Deanery. Sue Bradley attended the earliest of these on behalf of St Denys, joined later by Jane Hewson. The process has been challenging and divided people across the Deanery as to how to enable Minster Communities to work. It is an ongoing process to which Sue is continuing to contribute.

## **Finances**

St Denys has paid for the support of Colin Wood – book-keeper, to support Sue in her role as Acting Treasurer, and during the year the church's accounts have been uploaded onto My Funding Account. We have also found a new external Auditor in Geoff Hulland, See Treasurer's Report for further details.

## **Gill Short - Church Warden**

I took up the post in September/October 2023.

St Denys has held a Harvest Festival, a Remembering Service, Remembrance Sunday, Christingle, Village Carol Singing and a Good Friday Service through the autumn and winter months, along with our monthly communion services.

These services were quite well attended, and refreshments were offered at the Remembering, Christingle and Carol Singing which everyone really enjoyed.

The church has been open at weekends through the year and a key-safe has now been installed to facilitate access by those opening and closing. New door keys have also been obtained, with particular thanks to David Short for manufacturing a new main door key to match the original one.

The church has up-dated monthly flower rotas and cleaning rotas, which means the tasks are divided up to ease the workload. We are grateful to all those who volunteer, and to the new persons added to these lists, for their support.

There are many challenges facing St Denys with regard to finances and church works, but we hope with a new PCC and closer work with The Friends of St Denys these challenges will gradually be surmounted in 2024 and beyond.

# Gill Short, Churchwarden and Sue Bradley, Acting Churchwarden



# EATON TREASURER'S REPORT

Over 2023 all of St Denys' financial accounts have been brought together onto the [www.myfundaccounting.online](http://www.myfundaccounting.online) database. Rev Sue Bradley (as acting Treasurer) has worked with Colin Wood (AAT Licenced Bookkeeper) and the Diocese to facilitate this. This can be directly accessed by Rev Bradley and Colin Wood, and viewed by Rev Barr, Sue Peters and Hannah Canham. It is hoped that the use of this database will enable a future volunteer Treasurer to step into the role with ease.

The database provides summary pages of relevant balance sheets etc, which can be used by whoever undertakes the Annual Audit of St Denys accounts.

Summary of St Denys financial situation for 2023:

## Income and Expenditure

Annual income:	£12,329.47
Which included dividends from the School Fund of:	£4,453.92
Annual expenditure was	£8,563.39 (see note)

## Notes:

Due to an oversight following Jim Lowe's death the Parish Contribution for 2023 was not paid until 2024 - £5,500 (paid from School Fund) hence the lower annual expenditure.

Exp of £8,563.39 + PC of £5,500 = gross exp of £14,063.39 for 2023.

Due to this oversight it is hard to show the balance of this year's income v expenditure, but in reality expenditure outweighs income by £1,733.92.

School Fund income as dividends fell by £596.35 from 2022, as the overall worth of the fixed asset (shares) fell from £159,734.52 Dec 2022 to £143,652.63 Dec 2023.

The annual Financial Return has been made to the Diocese for St Denys Church.

Many thanks go to Sue Peters who continues to manage the cheque books and income/expenditure on a day-to-day basis. Sue has had to put great time and effort into working with Barclays to amend signatories on the church bank accounts.

# EATON TREASURER'S REPORT CONT.

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Following the Quinquennial Inspection of 2022, and in light of the imbalance of income versus expenditure, the PCC and Friends of St Denys have launched a support and funding campaign in Eaton, to try and generate increased support from those who live in the village. Thank you letters have been sent to the small group of those who give ongoing financial support. The campaign was launched on Facebook, email and poster in mid March, and leaflets have been delivered to every household.

Going Forward

Rev Bradley and Colin Wood will continue to keep St Denys income and expenditure logged on the MyFundAccounting. It is hoped at some point that a volunteer may be found to take on the Treasurer role.

A new Auditor has been found following the tragic death of Tim Bryan in Autumn 2023. The Annual Audit for 2023 will be kindly undertaken by Geoff Holland.

It is too early for the results of the support and funding campaign to be known.

**Rev Susan F Bradley**

# EATON BALANCE SHEET

## St Denys Eaton Church

### Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
6430: Shares Held @ St Martins	143,652.63	159,734.52
<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>143,652.63</b>	<b>159,734.52</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
6501: Bank Barclays current account 8104	11,343.12	13,344.65
6505: Bank Barclays Fabric account 3700	6,242.04	5,025.30
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	-	560.60
6515: Investment Retained @ St Martins	40,404.77	35,202.94
6590: Cash in hand	50.85	50.85
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>58,040.78</b>	<b>54,184.34</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
6699: Agency collections	184.90	94.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>184.90</b>	<b>94.00</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>201,508.51</b>	<b>213,824.86</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess/(deficit) to date	3,765.54	337.52
Z01: Starting balances	213,824.86	207,852.27
Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(16,081.89)	5,635.07
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>201,508.51</b>	<b>213,824.86</b>

#### Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	195,266.47	208,238.96
Designated	6,242.04	5,585.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>201,508.51</b>	<b>213,824.86</b>

# GOADBY MARWOOD CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

## General

During the year, the running of St Denys returned to its pattern of monthly Evensong and quarterly Morning Communion services.

The principal concern had been funding the roof repairs but there was an unexpected legacy which was sufficient to repay the last portion of the loan, amounting to approximately £10,000.



As the result of this good fortune, the PCC has undertaken to contribute annually £1000 to the Parish Share.

There is the further outstanding issue of the Quinquennial Survey which is well overdue. Steps were taken towards this survey by commissioning certification of the electrics. This has resulted in considerable work to bring the wiring and lighting up to the required safety standard. The completion of this exercise will take place in early 2024.

The Church also suffers the common problem of bat infestations which are causing damage to the pews and the organ. No solution has yet been found due to their protected status.

## Mission

The Shaped by God initiative is causing some upset to the Parish until there is greater clarity as to the outcome.

The current feeling at Goadby is that some change is inevitable although the wish is for there to remain a traditional parish structure. The Minster option was considered in 2022 by the Benefice to be the least popular of the proposed changes. However, the proposal seems to be in the course of amendment by the authorities. A number of parishioners have joined the "Save our Parish" initiative.

Meanwhile, St Denys intends to continue offering services as before and to encourage new members to join the congregation. However, it remains difficult to add younger members to the congregation.

The church is well served by John Barr the Area Dean as Vicar with great support from Paul Taylor who frequently conducts Evensong. We are also blessed by having a regular organist, Sue Watford.

# GOADBY MARWOOD CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT CONT.

## **Fabric**

Like any other Grade 1 listed building, maintenance is an ongoing requirement. In general, the church has benefited from a long standing commitment to make necessary repairs. This programme was interrupted by the theft of lead from the roof in the month before COVID which put a heavy burden on finances, although the loan which was set up to help the original cost of £64,000 has now been fully repaid. The village has been very supportive in organising fundraising events.

A major concern is the lack of heating as the electrical survey resulted in the existing heaters being condemned. The PCC will consider how to replace them.

There are some external tasks to be completed including ongoing repairs to the boundary wall by the street and tree maintenance.

## **Services**

Our Services followed the previous pattern with Evensong on the fourth Sunday in every month.

There is also a Morning Communion Service which takes place on the fifth Sunday of the month.

Other popular services include Harvest Festival, a Carol Festival, Tenebrae at Easter and a Remembrance Day Parade organised by the British Legion.

**Harry Westropp,  
Churchwarden**

# GOADBY MARWOOD TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balances as at 31st Dec 2023	£
General	3,011
Restricted (Roof)	17,755

## Key financial movements

- PCC retained fees from one wedding and one funeral
- £20,000 legacy received from Miss C Lunn
- Balance of roof loan repaid

Loan "account"	£
Opening balance	27,274.19

## Less Repayments

2020	(4,000.00)
2021	(9,500.00)
2022	(7,500.00)

Balance at 1st January 2023	6,274.19
Repayment of balance	(6,274.19)
Balance at 31st December 2023	NIL

## Contribution of 100 Club

We note with huge thanks to Nigel Allen the 100 Club which in 2023 contributed over £2,000 net to the church coffers.

## 2023 Commentary

2023 started as another financially challenging year for St Denys Church in Goadby Marwood.

The financial highlight of 2023 was the receipt in August of a £20,000 legacy from a benefactor who at the time was unknown to us, but is now known to have had relations in the village. This legacy is restricted to the maintenance and repair of the church building so cannot be used for running costs, mission or other church outgoings. Repaying the balance of our roof loan is not only consistent with our benefactor's wishes, it establishes our first meaningful (if Restricted) reserves for many years.

We continue to be grateful for the monthly standing order contributions we receive, the majority of which are from those who do not attend church services; these continue to broadly cover our insurance and energy costs but do not allow us to build essential reserves.

## 2023 Parish Contribution

Despite our outstanding roof loan at the time, we were pleased to make our first Parish Contribution for some time. On 25th April 2023, the Treasurer paid this year's Parish Contribution. We committed to review this amount once our roof loan was repaid.

**Nigel Bell,**  
**Treasurer**

# GOADBY MARWOOD ACCOUNTS



## Return of Parish Finance January to December 2023

Parish Name: **St Denys, Goadby Marwood in Ironstone Benefice**

If the form is NOT completed for the entire parish, please list below the churches included:

Parish Code (6 digits): **FR0901**  
Deanery: **Framland**  
Diocese: **Leicester**

30 Are your accounts Receipts and Payments [ ✓ ] OR Accruals [ ] ? (indicate)		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
<b>RECEIPTS/INCOME</b>						
<b>Voluntary giving</b>						
1	Regular giving	£ 2,180		17		
3	Collections at services	£ 1,197	£ 30	<b>Church activities</b>		
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 1,690	£ 230	Mission giving and donations		
6	Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)	£ 1,816		19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 1,000
7	Legacies received (capital value)		£ 20,000	20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)			21	Clergy and staff expenses	
	Total voluntary giving	£ 6,883	£ 20,260	<b>Church expenses</b>		
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
9	Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	£ 1,359		22	Mission and evangelism costs	£ 787
<b>Income from investments</b>						
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.			23	Church running expenses (including governance)	£ 2,432
<b>Church activities</b>						
				24	Church utility bills	£ 1,214
				25	Costs of trading	
				<b>Major capital expenditure</b>		
				27	Major repairs to the church building	
11	Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	£ 888	£ 993	28	Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration	
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising			29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.	
<b>Other incoming resources</b>						
13	Other receipts/income not already listed			<b>Other expenditure</b>		
<b>PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E</b>						
<b>Totals (from Financial Statements)</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Totals (from Financial Statements)</b>		<b>Restricted</b>
A	RECEIPTS/INCOME	£ 9,130	£ 21,253	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE		£ 5,911
B	COMBINED TOTAL	£ 30,383		COMBINED TOTAL		£ 12,248
<b>PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES</b>						
14	Number of regular givers	10		CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES		<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>
16	Number of new legacies received in year	1		Cash and deposit balances (Receipts and Payments)		<b>RESTRICTED</b>
				OR Net Current Assets (Accruals) as at 31/12/23		£ 3,011
				Investment assets as at 31/12/23		£ -
Please refer to the accompanying notes to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in <i>PCC Accountability</i> , 5th edn.				Name: <b>Nigel C Bell</b>		Date: <b>11/03/24</b>
				Position: <b>Treasurer</b>		
				Email or telephone: <b>nigel.c.bell@gmail.com</b>		

**Looking back across 2023, was there any exceptional financial activity affecting movement on cash and investment balances? Please provide details in this box**

E Focus of financial management/fundraising was on reducing outstanding balance of loan for roof replacement. At 31.12.2022, outstanding loan balance was £6,274.19 (erroneously reported in 2022 return as £8,774.19). A wholly unexpected legacy of £20,000 allowed us to clear this balance.

# SCALFORD AND CHADWELL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

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This year saw consolidation of some community activities and the yearly cycle of church services in Scalford with thanks to the Scalford Triangle Group and the Primary School for working with us. But in more general terms the year was taken up with diocesan matters, namely Minster Communities. As the Diocese tries to balance the books the parishes of the Leicester Diocese have been invited to take part in numerous meetings and consultations, and much reflection and prayer, to work together on how to take the work of the church forward. Other national issues have also been on the agenda – woke, single sex partnerships services and slavery to name a few. All in all a difficult time.

However, looking closer to home much of village life has gone on. The PCC were delighted after 4 years to be granted a Faculty which moves the community room nearer. The Room For All project is now at the stage of inviting tenders, finalising detail and looking for grants. The future looks good when we can all enjoy the benefits of this space.

We enjoy 2 services a month, lunch club and fish and chips, both monthly and have successfully ran an Easter Egg Hunt with the Triangle, together with a World War II cooking evening, brass band Christmas concert and an evening of song with 2 Stamford based choirs.

One of the highlights of the year must be the new group started – The Bell Ringers Group, improving weekly and much appreciated as part of rural, village life.

Another new venture was the re-instated Village Produce and Craft Show which was a great success in September after many years without.

The Leicester Cathedral Youth Choir paid us a visit whilst the cathedral was closed as it had work done, when the service and singing was lovely and much cake was consumed.

Let there be light? and there was! As our partnership with the Parish Council developed with a weekly use of the office space by the parish Clerk and provision of storage for their paperwork, the PC installed new lights along the churchyard footpath. Further the interior lights of the church were replaced by the PCC to lift the gloom and stop the electric tripping out. Both instalments have made it both safer and pleasanter. The alarm system has also been updated.



# SCALFORD AND CHADWELL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT CONT.

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Working relations with the village school continue to flourish providing a mixed and interesting selection of events. The pupils are frequent visitors for services – important church festivals and regular school assemblies plus Messy Fiesta three times a year when Christian values are explored. The foundation governor went into school to provide an after-school club, an hour weekly for one term, looking at people in the bible. The school are also helping raise money for the Room For All project. The vicar visits School regularly.

The future of St Marys Chadwell still hangs in the balance, with the Diocese working through the many necessary steps towards determining the future of the building. Insurance is paid and the site is regularly checked. The churchyard remains open for burials and visitors and is maintained.

A sincere thank you to all who have helped in whatever capacity here in Scalford and to John, our vicar, in very challenging times.

**Penny Clemons,  
Churchwarden**



# SCALFORD APPEAL ACCOUNT

## PCC OF ST EGELWIN SCALFORD - APPEALS ACCOUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31.12.23

Balance as at 31st December 2022	£40,749.33		
Donations M Bailey	£50.00	Parish expenditure, fees	-£8,467.00
Income over expenditure	-£8,417.00		
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2023</b>		<b>£32,332.33</b>	

# SCALFORD BALANCE SHEET

PCC ST EGELWIN SCALFORD	PCC ST EGELWIN SCALFORD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023
CURRENT ASSETS - SCALFORD CHURCH	CURRENT ASSETS - SCALFORD CHURCH
T.S.B. Treasurers A/c £4,922.71	T.S.B. Treasurers A/c £2,330.46
T.S.B. Appeal A/c £40,749.33	T.S.B. Appeal A/c £32,332.33
£45,672.04	£34,662.79
REPRESENTED BY ACCUMULATED FUNDS	REPRESENTED BY ACCUMULATED FUNDS
Balances as at 1st January 2022 £56,688.92	Balances as at 1st January 2023 £45,672.04
Add: Excess Income over Expenditure	Add: Excess Income over Expenditure
Scalford Treasurers -£10,853.97	Scalford Treasurers -£2,592.25
Scalford Appeals -£162.91	Scalford Appeals -£8,417.00
-£11,016.88	-£11,009.25
£45,672.04	£34,662.79

# SCALFORD TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

PCC OF ST EGELWIN SCALFORD - TREASURER'S ACCOUNT				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 31.12.23				
EXPENDITURE			INCOME	
				£
Parish expenditure - other	-£13,315.62	Sundry income		£2,673.85
Parish expenditure - water, electricity, BT.	-£2,972.30	Grants and other donations		£9,227.00
Parish expenditure - Insurance	-£3,186.21	Wedding / funeral fees		£2,400.03
Parish expenditure - organist, verger etc	-£530.00	Planned giving		£600.00
Parish expenditure - Ironstone churches	-£1,200.00	Collections		£1,073.26
Payments to diocese	-£7,196.00	Interest and dividends		£0.00
Extraordinary expenditure; architect's fee	£0.00	Rent		£7,295.00
Payments to charities	£0.00	Parish Giving Scheme		2,538.74
Visiting Ministers	£0.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-£28,400.13</b>			<b>£25,807.88</b>
Income over expenditure	-2,592.25			
Balance as at 31st December 2022			£4,922.71	
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2023</b>			<b>£2,330.46</b>	

# STONESBY CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

2023, as far as St Peters went seemed a relatively quiet year.

As far as services went we continued in holding our 10.30am Holy communion every second Sunday in the month, and the following Sunday we held our 9am service of Matins, (morning prayer), sadly, numbers have declined in respect of people who come to worship together, and despite quite a few houses changing hands in the village, the occupants don't seem to want to engage.

We remain joining together with the members of the Methodist Chapel for special services during the year. This year it was St Peters' turn to host our village Harvest festival- we donated our the collection from this to the Melton storehouse project. On Remembrance Sunday we held a joint special service which was well attended, and the proceeds were sent to the Royal British Legion. Finally, to end the year, we held our service of 9 Lessons and Carols by candlelight, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, which seemed very welcome on a cold evening.

On Christmas morning our 10am Holy communion completed the joint services, the collections from the two Christmas services were donated to the Rainbows Hospice for children and young people, a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to these services.

There were no weddings or Baptisms during 2023, but sadly, we did host three Funerals.

Stonesby's eldest and longest reigning resident, Mr Jeff Davis passed away at the end of December '22, followed later in the year by Mrs Peggy Hewlett from Bescaby, and finally after her long battle with Cancer, we said goodbye to Sheila Baker, all these people have been much missed by their families and friends in the village.

We continue to open St Peters every day from 10am until 4pm, to enable our community and visitors access at all times.

In early Summer we held our Village Supper at Hall Farm, by kind permission of Mr Joey and Emma Newton, this was to once again promote our Generous giving scheme, and to thank all those who continue to give financial help in the running of St Peters.

A very good evening was enjoyed by all who attended, and thanks go to Joey and Emma, for their contribution towards the food and wine, plus all the ladies in the village who provided some lovely puddings for us all to enjoy.

We hope to hold another supper as and when appropriate.

The Fabric of our Church is in relatively good order, our Lead covered roof started to show signs of wear, manifesting in a number of leaks springing forth!! These are being closely monitored with a view to closer inspection and repair.

# STONESBY CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT CONT.

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At the end of the year several members of the PCC, together with Revd John, met with Revd Rupert Allen from the Diocese DAC office, together with three of his colleague, and also Richard Brook our Architect, to discuss the possibility in a re-ordering of St Peters, to enable us to install a Water closet, together with a servery, and small community space, plus, having mains water and drainage laid on.

This process is now in discussion and will hopefully gain momentum in 2024.



The issue that has dominated both Parish and Benefice discussions during 2023, was the still “ongoing” process of the proposed Minster community changes within our Diocese. This has caused a lot of unrest within the Ironstone and wider Benefice’s, numerous meetings and e-mails have become hard to keep track of, without much progress being made as far as I can see, it is all very worrying for the small Rural Churches with ageing congregations.

Although we struggle to get help from the wider community to keep St Peters running, I would like to thank all those who continue to give their time and dedication to our lovely Church, all those who continue to sit on our PCC committee, Debbie Whitton in her role as Secretary, and Harry Pepper as Treasurer, also to those who help with the cleaning. and the Ladies of the village who continue to do the Flowers on our monthly Rota.

Finally, our sincere thanks go to Revd John for his continued support and Ministry to us all, it is so appreciated, and in these uncertain times never to be taken for granted.

**Jill Stannage,  
Churchwarden**

# WALTHAM CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

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We knew 2023 was going to be a big year for remedial works after the Quinquennial inspection in the Autumn of 2022, a number of items came up, one of the main ones being the consumer units did not comply with the latest electrical safety regulations BS 7671 (the IET Wiring Regulations) and that remedial work would be needed to replace all the consumer units and any cables that did not comply with the regulations, the safety of the public comes first, it had to be done, the work involved the Church being closed for 2 weeks in July, the cost being almost a whopping £10,000.

We had Wi-Fi installed during the year, a Wi-Fi enabled card reading machine, which is proving to be an asset, when people come to Church with no cash, during community café or other events in Church, Wi-Fi is free for visitors to use, our normal services have seen a slight increase from the previous year, there is still some way to go to pre-covid levels.

Our services in Church include a Communion service towards the end of the month, using intinction for Communion, Café Church usually 1st or 2nd week of the month, Morning Worship usually 2nd or 3rd week of the month, (it varies).

There was a well attended Carols by Candlelight Service with a Drama and 2 weddings during the year.

The School is also using the Church, for end of term services, Messy fiesta and they had their own Christmas Service.

One of the highlights during the year, was the Coronation of King Charles III, the Church was festooned in colourful ribbons and flags, and the Coronation was shown live on the big screen in Church, thanks to all those who were involved in putting this on.

A well-attended Remembrance service was held in the village, organised by the Parish Council & Church, including the closure of the main road, it started with a procession down the High Street, then to the Village Green where the Remembrance service was held, followed by a Church Service in Church.



# WALTHAM CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT CONT.

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The Beavers use the Church on Monday early evenings, the Scouts on Tuesday evenings. There have been a number of craft led workshops held in Church, including Wreath Making.

There was also a big clean up in Churchyard 2 & 3, cutting back of over growth and clearing ivy off headstones, in Churchyard 1, around the Church, we also mustered volunteers to help clear brash that had covered headstones rendering them visible for the first time in many years.

Finally, we have to give thanks to all the volunteers that have helped keep the Church clean, the flower arrangers, those working in hospitality, those that help in the background to keep services and events running smoothly and 2023 has seen a number of meetings about the ongoing gradual introduction into Minster Communities, we have yet to see how this will pan out?

**Richard Miller,  
Churchwarden**



# WALTHAM ACCOUNTS

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			2022	2023	2022	2023
2022	Expenses Account Opening Balance 1 January 2023		1805.32			
	<b>INCOME</b>				<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
9818	Tax Efficient Planned Giving		9301.21		Mission/Charitable Giving	1305.33
1868	Collection at Services		1622.74		Diocesan Parish Contribution	12130.00
293	All other Giving	Card Reader	1471.34		Verger, Organist, Church Bells	610.00
1384		Donations	930.00		Benefice Parish Contribution	1200.00
2696	Gift Aid Recovered		2777.63		Church Running Costs	7837.61
5354	Grants		1846.43		Church Utility Bills	7198.37
1758	Fund Raising		1449.83		Major Repairs	11585.96
3962	Fees for Weddings, Funerals etc.		3105.00		Other Repairs	600.00
270	Miscellaneous		75.55		Miscellaneous	909.41
3731	Transfer from Cash Deposits		21182.06		Transfer to Cash Deposits	1561.43
					<b>Expenses Account Closing Balance 31 December 2023</b>	<b>629.00</b>
	Cash Deposits Opening Balance 1 January 2023		37296			
	Cash Deposits Closing Balance 31 December 2023		18951			
	Investments Opening Balance 1 January 2023		58113			
	Investments Closing Balance 31 December 2023		65179			

# BENEFICE SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Since we made the move last year to move to one, combined, Safeguarding Dashboard for the whole of the Ironstone Benefice, instead of each PCC having their own, we have made great progress. The idea was that if controlled centrally, we would have a better idea of what needs doing across all of the churches and that training could be prompted when certificates were due to expire.

Penny Clemons and Mike Alexander continue to be the Safeguarding Co-ordinators across the Benefice and Marie Hough administers the combined dashboard.

It is still the responsibility of each PCC to ensure that their safeguarding responsibilities and training are undertaken.

Marie now attends the Benefice Council meetings to update the members on the combined Safeguarding action plan. The meeting notes are then written and forwarded to the Benefice Council members and the PCC Secretaries for distribution and comment/action. Actions from each PCC are then reported back at the next Benefice Council meeting, hopefully following a PCC meeting in between, so that the combined dashboard can be updated by Marie.

We have progressed to Level 3 (of 3) on the dashboard and just have a few more items to complete- training of PCC members and churchwardens is the main outstanding issue as there are still some who have either not done any training or it has expired. The training required for each PCC member (members with additional roles may require further training) is: Basic, Foundations and Awareness of Domestic Abuse.

Marie now has a spreadsheet of all PCC members and what training they have/have not completed. This is used to encourage members to undertake the training and to prompt members when their training is due to expire.

We are grateful to all of those who have completed the training and to those who appreciate the importance of understanding safeguarding issues and how to recognise/report them. We would encourage those who have not yet completed the required training to do so so that they can be aware of “red flags” and how to deal with them.



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