

Church of St John the Evangelist

Parish of Kingston Park

Parish Profile



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1 Summary

St John's Kingston Park is a Local Ecumenical Partnership – one church with members of four denominations meeting together. We're keen to engage with our local community and to build each other up in our walk with Christ. Church members are widely involved in worship and church activities. Our average Sunday congregation has been increasing since the pandemic and is currently about 80. We have a growing Junior Church and employ a part-time children's worker.

Sunday worship is varied and vibrant, with an informal and contemporary feel whilst drawing on our different traditions. There is also a midweek Communion service. As an LEP, we are part of all our denominations: Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed; we seek to ensure that they are all represented in the life of the church.

Kingston Park is a suburban parish of more than 7000 people on the outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne. It's a pleasant and expanding residential area, with good facilities including primary schools, shopping areas and transport links.

We are now looking to appoint a 0.5 full-time equivalent Anglican minister, who will work in partnership with our Methodist minister, Deacon Jill Henderson, who also serves another church.



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2 The broader context

2.1 The area

Kingston Park is a suburban area on the outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne, with more than seven thousand people and about 3450 households. The area is expanding, with several recent housing developments; another large development has recently been approved in the parish. Local facilities are good, with a shopping centre and large supermarket, primary school, GP, dentist, and bus and metro links. There is easy access to the city centre and to the surrounding region, including the beautiful countryside and coast of Northumberland.

Newcastle upon Tyne is a vibrant city with excellent facilities including shops, hospitals, arts venues and museums, sports facilities, and a good public transport network. The universities and colleges attract a large number of students.



Kingston Park Shopping Centre from St John's

2.2 Relationship with the wider Church

St John's is a single-congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed. 2023 saw our 45th anniversary.

St. John's is in Central Deanery of the Newcastle upon Tyne Diocese. As a Methodist Church, we are in Newcastle upon Tyne Central and East Circuit of the Newcastle upon Tyne District. We are also a Baptist Church in the Northern Baptist Association, and a United Reformed Church in the Northern Synod.

As a 4-way LEP, we send representatives to Deanery Synod, the Circuit Meeting, the URC Northern Synod, and the Northern Baptist Association. We have accredited lay preachers from two of our denominations at present. Our giving to the denominations is ecumenically agreed. As an LEP, St John's is supported by a Local Advisory Group, with members appointed by the denominations and North-East Churches Acting Together.

There are great advantages in being an Ecumenical Partnership. Although we are not the only church on the estate (a small independent church meets in the Community Centre), we are a visible sign of unity. Most of our members do not see themselves or other members

as Anglican, Baptist, Methodist or United Reformed, we are just members of St. John's. We try to take the best and most appropriate traditions from each of our denominations, and there are opportunities to participate in what's going on in all our denominations.

However our structures are rather complicated and it can be hard to find representatives to all the denominational bodies and to deal with the policies and administrative requirements of four denominations. In some cases, we have chosen one denomination's policy to follow. We have not always been able to participate as fully in the activities of our denominational groupings as we might like.

Recent boundary changes have aligned parish boundaries with the residential areas and natural borders of the communities. In the past we have not had a lot of contact with our neighbouring Parishes but the Deanery plan envisages the Churches and Parishes working more closely together.

With regard to our other denominations, we have a less defined area. We have not had a lot of contact with neighbouring Churches of other denominations either. This also might change with the likelihood of more shared ministry.

3 The minister we need

We are seeking a minister with the following essential characteristics:

1. A deep and mature personal Christian faith.
2. Able to work well as part of a team of clergy and with other leaders and the congregation in general.
3. Approachable, able to relate well to a wide variety of people.
4. Able to work enthusiastically and sensitively in an ecumenical setting and with a congregation which encompasses a broad range of traditions and viewpoints.
5. An empowering, enabling leader, able to motivate others, whose approach is genuinely collaborative whilst remaining true to themselves.
6. Committed to supporting the congregation in developing our discipleship and mission, outreach and community relations.
7. Able to encourage and motivate individuals in discipleship, service and the development and use of their gifts.
8. Good communication skills: able to communicate clearly and with relevance, in an interesting and engaging way.
9. A passionate person, able to provide pastoral care to people within and outside the church.
10. A passionate leader of worship and encourager of other leaders of worship, able to bring their particular gifts and traditions but also able to encourage other traditions.
11. Concern for and supportive of the development of children's and youth ministry.
12. Able to use information technology such as email, PowerPoint and social media.

The person appointed will work alongside Deacon Jill Henderson, as well as the wider team. Our vision for team working is that, while each of our ministers will contribute to all aspects of church life, each will be expected to have primary responsibility for some areas. The expectation is that the two ministers, in consultation with the Church Council, will work out where their gifts and talents are best directed in this shared ministry.

However, there are some aspects of the work at St. John's that Jill is already committed to and there are other aspects that the new minister will be expected to take on.

Jill will have primary responsibility for pastoral care and community outreach.

The person appointed will be expected to take primary responsibility for the spiritual growth and discipleship of the congregation. There is also an expectation they will be the 'team leader'.

The 'team leader' role, is as a leader/facilitator; they would not be managing or senior to the other minister. The particular role of the team leader would be to:

1. Encourage vision and direction for the whole church.
2. Lead the ministry team and encourage and enable others.
3. Serve as Chair of the Trustees, providing leadership in good governance and encouraging other office holders, trustees and church council members.

4 About Kingston Park

The parish of Kingston Park occupies about 2.8 square miles on the northern outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne.

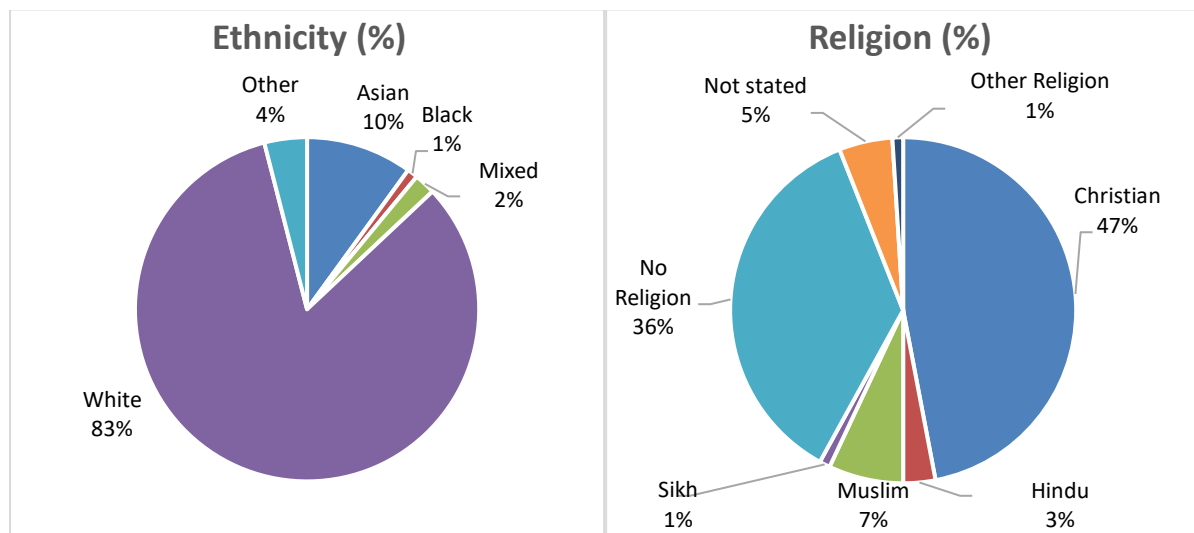
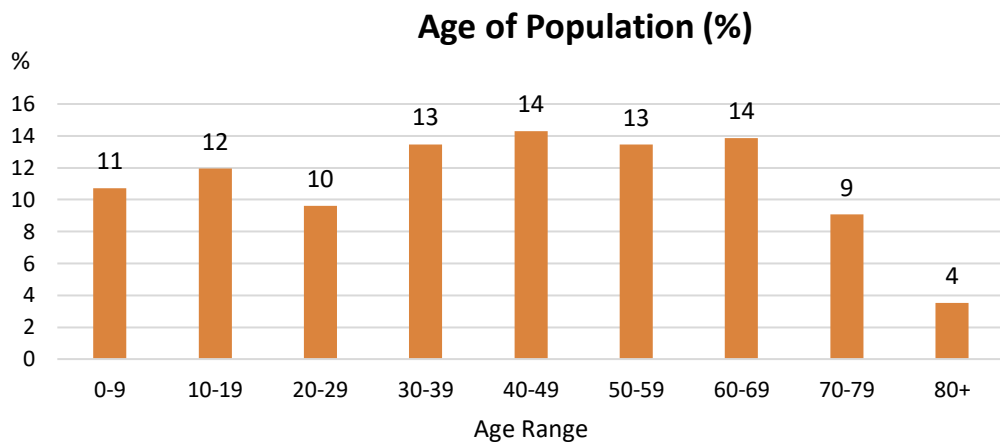
The area is basically suburban; Kingston Park itself is a pleasant and largely residential area, laid out in a series of 'courts' with green spaces and pedestrian routes across the estate. The area consists almost entirely of modern housing, started during the 1970's. The parish once included a large area of agricultural land. This has now been much reduced by housing development. At the 2021 census, the population was 7261; new building has added to this figure and there are currently about 3450 households. A recently approved planning application will add around 900 homes to the parish.

Kingston Park has Tesco and Aldi supermarkets, a neighbourhood shopping centre, other shopping areas and a trading estate. The retail area as a whole attracts shoppers from miles around, and the resulting traffic is considered a serious problem by residents. The Newcastle Falcons' rugby ground is within the parish; match days bring crowds to the area.

Kingston Park Primary School is centrally located and popular. The church has a longstanding good relationship with the school, though it has been a struggle to revitalise this connection after the pandemic.

The area is not noted for any particular social problems, though there have been some issues with vandalism, antisocial behaviour and other crime. There is some concern in the community about the lack of activities for teenagers and a need for activities to reduce social isolation and bring people together.

There was originally a high proportion of young families in the area. Census data now shows a more even spread of ages and an increasing proportion of residents from ethnic minorities, while the number of residents who consider themselves Christian has decreased considerably over the last 10 years, with many more people now identifying with no religion.



The figures in this section are based on 2021 Census data. (Data from Church of England Research and Statistics Unit.)

5 About the church

5.1 The church and its people

5.1.1 The church family

As a Local Ecumenical Partnership, we record our membership on a Common Roll. This consisted (in April 2024) of 86 members; there are also a number of children and other adults who attend regularly, so that our wider worshipping community at the time of writing numbers about 120. Some church members have a denominational affiliation, while those who were confirmed at St John's are 'joint' members belonging to all four denominations. However, not all members of our worshipping community feel any denominational affiliation and some have come to us from denominations that are not included in our LEP.

Anglican	33
Baptist	10
Methodist	25
United Reformed	08
Joint	10
Total	86
<i>Membership by denomination</i>	

Sunday attendance on normal Sundays averages about 80 at present, including typically 10-12 under-16s.

After several years in which the age profile was rising and the number of children falling, the period since the pandemic has seen strong growth in the number of young families. Junior Church has 16 members, but there are at present very few teenagers. Adult members cover a wide spread of ages; we do have a sizeable group of older people, but the number in their twenties and thirties is growing. The congregation is increasingly ethnically diverse.

The number of occasional offices is low: in the last 12 months there were three Baptisms, two people were confirmed and there were no weddings. Our ministers officiated at four funerals. We take an open approach to baptism.

5.1.2 The team

Our Methodist Minister, from 1st September 2024, is Deacon Jill Henderson, who has been appointed to work with us and Trinity Church, Gosforth and will divide her time equally between the two churches. We are in vacancy after the departure of our last (0.5 FTE) Anglican Priest.

Members of the Methodist Diaconal Order are permanent Deacons; they are ministers of equal status with Presbyters. Their ministry is seen as a bridge between the church and those who are not yet part of it.

However, we consider the Ministry team to be far more than just ordained clergy appointed to us. We have two Readers and three Local Preachers (one in training). The Church Wardens, Children's Worker, other lay leaders of worship, retired ministers who worship with us and others who contribute their gifts are also very much part of the ministry team.

5.1.3 The church at worship

We meet for worship at 10 am on Sundays and also have a short lunchtime Communion service on Wednesdays. Sundays include occasional all age services and other special services including Café Church. Refreshments are served after the Sunday service. Before the pandemic, we had a regular evening service, but have not so far returned to this.

Sunday services are usually very informal and quite lively; they vary according to the styles and backgrounds of our team of preachers. On most Sundays, we don't use a great deal of written liturgy, except for Communion. We are keen to be inclusive; members of the congregation support worship by reading, leading intercessions, operating the sound system and PowerPoint, and other necessary tasks.



Music is usually provided by the worship band; we have a wide range of songs from traditional hymns to contemporary worship songs. Our small choir contributes an item from time to time, especially on special occasions.



Communion services are roughly one Sunday a month at present. Since the pandemic, we have been using individual glasses and bread portions, and bringing the elements to worshippers in their seats. Non-alcoholic wine is used. Children are welcome to take Communion with the help of their parents.

Junior Church meets every week, except in August when we usually have all age worship. They leave shortly after the start of the service and return later on, when they are always keen to share what they have been doing, and perhaps lead us in a prayer.

The Wednesday lunchtime Communion service follows 'The Beacon', our drop-in coffee morning; people often come to both. Attendance is generally around 10 people. This is a half-hour spoken service. We make use of a variety of liturgical material including Anglican and Methodist services and material from the Iona Community, Northumbria Community and other sources.

As an LEP, we try to ensure that all our traditions are represented in worship. From time to time, we invite visiting ministers to lead Sunday or Wednesday services, especially from those denominations that are not part of our regular ministry team.

5.1.4 Church life

a) Learning and sharing

A number of small groups meet weekly for Bible study, prayer and fellowship, meeting at Church, in homes and on-line.

We run an annual Lent course, either centrally (on Zoom or at the church) or based through the house groups. We also offer Advent material for individual study or to study within a house group.

There is a small church library where members are encouraged to borrow books and also to donate books if they wish.

In the past we have run a number of courses for enquirers such as Alpha and Christianity Explored and are planning to offer an Alpha Course in early 2025.

There is a bi-monthly prayer meeting. Prayer requests can be sent to the prayer co-ordinator who sends them out by e-mail to the prayer team. It is quite common for members of the congregation to pray with each other after the service. Before the pandemic we had a more formal arrangement for this which we hope to resume in the near future.

b) Administration

The church's secretary provides administrative support to the ministers. Her work includes production of a weekly notice sheet (distributed by email) and minutes and papers for congregational meetings and Church Council meetings. Church members, with input from

the minister, design publicity materials, such as leaflets distributed to the estate, and maintain the website and our Facebook presence. A new website is under development.

The Finance and Property Group takes the lead in matters concerning giving, finance and the church building; it is convened by a churchwarden and includes the treasurer and others with expertise in these areas.

c) Pastoral care

Pastoral care

This is an area where we are looking for significant leadership and support. Our once thriving Pastoral Care system has collapsed due to key people leaving, Covid, and no ministerial involvement. As noted above it is expected Deacon Jill Henderson will be taking primary responsibility for pastoral care and this will be amongst her initial priorities.

We are also concerned about pastoral care in the wider community, including the school and Cranlea Care Home: in case of bereavement or spiritual crisis, they deserve ministers whom they recognise, to call on for support. This is one of the reasons we feel a minister in residence would be helpful.

Flowers

As part of their worship, individuals arrange flowers for each Sunday service and these are distributed to a household with a small card, to say they are in our thoughts and prayers, either in case of bad news, or to ensure a visit happens every few months, or as thanks or to share a celebration.

d) Children and young people

We have a Children's Worker who is paid for five hours a week.

Junior Church

Our Junior Church has grown since September 2021 from two to a register of 16 with 8-10 attending regularly. The children enjoy sharing with the congregation what they have been doing in their group and leading us all in prayer. We have a dedicated staff of four who work in teams of two, month on month off. As our children get older and more families with very young children start to attend, we are looking to develop people's skills to work with our children and young people.

Messy Church

We run two Messy Church sessions during the year – one at Easter and one at Harvest. These are preceded by a community activity on the green, then everyone comes back to the church building for craft activities, food and worship. We have an average of 80 children attending with their grown-ups.



Holiday Club

Historically we have had a very well attended Holiday Club each year but as family circumstances change it became clear that the time had come to rest this activity. This year we held four drop in craft sessions for Church families and the wider community during the summer.

Tiny Tots

We have a group that meets each week serving families in our community with children from birth to two and half years of age. This is run by people from the church, with support from the ministers each week.

Uniformed organisations

Kingston Park has had flourishing uniformed organisations but with various life changes this has slowed down a bit. St. John's hosts a Guide Company, Brownie Pack and Rainbows with whom we are keen to make strong links.

e) Eco-church

The bronze Eco Church award was achieved in 2022. We're delighted that we've been able to install 18 solar panels on the south face of the roof, generating electricity. The Eco group meet every couple of months, and feed into the Finance & Property Group, the Planning Group and the Worship Planning Group to ensure that good stewardship is part of decision-making.

In the grounds, planting includes bee-friendly and butterfly-friendly areas and there is a significant wilding area. A no-mow policy in May-June increased insect activity and self-seeding of grass, and also saw bee orchids bloom.



Displays show the congregation and church users how we're trying to look after God's earth and be good neighbours by increasing biodiversity in our grounds and reducing our carbon footprint. Our intention is to work towards the silver Eco Church award.

There are easily accessible recycling collection bins for toothpaste tubes and brushes, pens, paper/card/cans/plastic, takeaway drinking cups, empty printer ink cartridges and mobile phones and accessories. Accepting increased costs, we have adopted a policy of purchasing less ecologically damaging consumables.

f) Organisational matters

Church governance has broadly followed an Anglican model in that, until September 2018, the full time minister had been Anglican; there are Wardens and a Parochial Church Council. In September 2018 a Methodist minister was appointed (0.5 FTE) but this had little practical change on the governance structures.

In practice, the main Church Council is actually the Ecumenical Church Council (ECC), which usually has the same members as the PCC. To complicate matters further, the governing body of the charity (the LEP) is technically the Trustees' meeting, a smaller group than the ECC. However, the Trustees generally delegate all matters to the ECC/PCC. We have two regular congregational meetings each year, and additional meetings as required. We have sometimes referred solely Baptist or URC matters to a congregational meeting rather than the ECC, as the Church Meeting would normally be the governing body in those churches.

Several groups take responsibility for areas of Church life. The Planning Group, a subgroup of the ECC, prepares items for consideration by the ECC and ensures that matters are progressed. Other important groups include Finance & Property, Safeguarding, Worship Planning, Events, Eco-Church and the Core Prayer Team. These are led by lay people and report to the Church Council.

5.2 The church and the community it serves

In the past St John's has had strong links with Kingston Park Primary School, with a previous minister serving as a school Governor and groups from the school participating in various church events. However, since the pandemic, it has been difficult to maintain these links; we would like to rebuild them.

The Beacon, a free drop-in coffee morning, has been running for several years. It is open to all, offering company and a space to talk and ask questions, with ministerial support each week. More recently we have opened an afternoon drop-in and a craft group.

We have good links with groups who use the church premises mid-week which include an indoor bowls group, Slimming World and uniformed organisations.

We have developed a good relationship with Cranlea, our local care home, and lead a monthly service there.



We offer a varied programme of events throughout the year. Events in the last year have included a Harvest supper, a Christmas coffee morning, an Easter egg hunt and Messy church event and an annual pancake party. Events are available to all and advertised locally.

We have run a number of community activities, such as 'Party in the Park' and sports days on Kingston Park Green. Church members are active as individuals in several local charities. The Church also supports a number of local causes e.g. collecting for a food bank.

We give 10% of our income to other charities each year. This includes support for our denominational missionary associations in rotation, and several other charities chosen each year, mostly Christian or locally-based groups. We also raise money for charities, e.g. by carol singing at Christmas. We take part in the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box appeal (some of our members are active in the regional work).

6 The church building and resources

6.1 Financial position

Financially St John's has weathered the tribulations of the pandemic reasonably well. There are no major debts at present. As a result of generous donations, a Mission Fund is available to support outreach activities. However, we expect to have to replace the heating system in the near future.

Contributions to all our denominations have been paid in full according to a formula that was agreed some years ago.

Most regular giving is by standing order and we make extensive use of Gift Aid. We have an annual Giving Sunday when church members are encouraged to consider their giving to the church. There are currently 67 regular givers. The building is used extensively by a range of groups, the rent from which provides a substantial portion of our income.

All ministerial expenses are paid in full on a quarterly basis subject to all claims being supported by receipts.

Our most recent annual accounts can be found in Appendix 1.

6.2 The church building

The church was built in the late 1980s and was first used as a place of worship in 1991. The ground floor comprises a worship area, meeting room, office, toilets and kitchen. There is also a large room upstairs with a kitchenette and adjacent toilet. All rooms apart from the office and kitchen were designed to be used for a range of purposes.





The building is conveniently placed, opposite Kingston Park Shopping Centre and close to the Metro. It is used intensively for a range of church-based and commercial/charitable/community-based activities. This is a welcome source of income and an opportunity to forge links with the community.

6.3 The vicarage

The vicarage, in Shannon Court, is a few minutes' walk from the church, school and shopping centre, and backs onto Kingston Park Green. Built in the 1970s, it has four bedrooms, three reception rooms, a utility room and an attached garage. The central heating system and the intruder alarm system are regularly maintained.

The vicarage also has an extensive garden to the rear side and front, most of which is currently laid to lawn for ease of maintenance. It also contains a number of heavy-cropping fruit trees and is screened by a range of mature trees and shrubs.



Appendix 1: 2023 Accounts.

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
GENERAL ACCOUNT	106,704.19	93,958.31
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	13,170.27	7,713.40
RESERVE ACCOUNT	364.40	527.70
MISSION FUND	61.99	25.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>120,300.85</u>	<u>102,225.34</u>

PAYMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT	98,744.55	93,434.81
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	15,413.32	17,160.98
RESERVE ACCOUNT	15,169.10	1,900.00
MISSION FUND	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>129,326.97</u>	<u>112,495.79</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	<u>- 9,026.12</u>	<u>- 10,270.45</u>

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS		
	2023	2022
	£	£
General Account	24,685.83	16,726.19
Reserves	40,007.57	54,812.27
Restricted Account	8,440.99	10,685.04
Mission Fund	11,018.80	10,956.81
TOTAL	<u>84,153.19</u>	<u>93,180.31</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Planned Giving		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	51,292.00	45,242.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	6,367.00	8,977.00
Donations		
Donations with Gift Aid	460.00	312.00
Donations without Gift Aid	2,585.00	3,413.15
	<u>60,704.00</u>	<u>57,944.15</u>
Collections at Services	2,944.05	1,694.57
Rental Income	28,250.00	20,170.25
Grants	-	1,137.00
Miscellaneous Income		
Photocopying	123.50	8.70
Gift Aid Claim	12,291.59	11,315.84
Fees	284.00	302.00
Literature Income	37.35	1,328.30
Social Events	18.00	-
Sundry items	2,051.70	57.50
	<u>14,806.14</u>	<u>13,012.34</u>
	<u>106,704.19</u>	<u>93,958.31</u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	5,204.05

RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Legacy to Holding Fund	-	1,000.00
Grants for Restricted Purposes	10,522.80	5,840.00
Fundraising toward Defibrillator	1,263.47	
Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing	1,384.00	873.40
	<u>13,170.27</u>	<u>7,713.40</u>
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>13,170.27</u>	<u>7,713.40</u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	1,660.65

RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2023

Interest	364.40	527.70
	<u>364.40</u>	<u>527.70</u>
RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>364.40</u>	<u>527.70</u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	11,166.03	-

MISSION FUND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2023

Interest	61.99	25.93
MISSION FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>61.99</u>	<u>25.93</u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Payments to the denominations		
Anglican Share	17,100.00	29,118.03
Methodist Assessment	34,980.00	26,642.97
URC Mission & Ministry	4,596.00	1,995.99
Baptist Church	7,816.60	3,136.01
	64,492.60	60,893.00
Management & Administration		
Minister Expenses	-	14.40
Council Tax - Vicarage	209.00	2,079.87
Water Rates - Vicarage	-	196.32
Gas	1,895.04	1,081.69
Electricity	1,367.74	1,339.12
Telephone	430.42	392.77
Water Rates - Church	421.65	333.78
Insurance	1,617.21	1,383.55
Maintenance	3,134.07	3,222.91
Maintenance - Grounds	730.00	500.00
Equipment	752.14	1,224.95
Secretary	1,452.96	1,320.00
Stationery	124.84	159.52
Photocopier	429.03	432.30
Bookings Secretary	120.00	90.00
Flowers	240.00	243.98
Cleaner	2,006.04	1,822.04
Window Cleaner	115.20	115.20
Cleaning Materials	681.82	233.67
Fees & Licences	1,534.64	2,291.96
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	73.66	92.09
Worship Requisites	106.46	169.09
Literature & Promotion Costs	551.07	1,394.50
	17,992.99	20,133.71
Other Expenditure/Projects		
Children's Worker	2,835.00	-
Children's Worker Expenses	-	-
Choir	412.62	580.26
Sundry Costs	889.33	608.20
	4,136.95	1,188.46
Church Groups		
Outreach	1,698.72	570.81
Junior Church	132.32	87.92
Holiday Club	-	267.45
Social Events	823.97	293.46
	2,655.01	1,219.64
Donations		
Charitable Giving	9,430.00	10,000.00
Charitable Donations	37.00	-
	9,467.00	10,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	98,744.55	93,434.81
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	160.65

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
AV & WiFi Upgrade		7,303.14
Outreach Events Equipment & Costs	2,610.00	5,120.65
Charitable Donations from Fundraising Activities	1,599.00	698.40
Eco Initiatives funded from Donations & Legacies		4,038.79
Solar Panels	9,561.56	
Set-up of Warm Zone	15.63	
Payment from Hardship Fund	300.00	
Defibrillator	1,211.00	
Donation to Asylum Seeker Gifts	116.13	
TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	15,413.32	17,160.98
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	1.00	204.05

RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2023

Repairs to Retaining Wall	15,169.10	1,900.00
		-
TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	15,169.10	1,900.00
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	11,166.03	5,000.00

MISSION FUND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2023

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TOTAL MISSION FUND PAYMENTS	-	-
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	1,500.00

STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Current Account	Restricted Account	Reserve Account	Mission Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	16,726.19	10,685.04	54,812.27	10,956.81	93,180.31
Prior Year Adjustments					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	16,726.19	10,685.04	54,812.27	10,956.81	93,180.31
Plus					
Receipts	106,704.19	13,170.27	364.40	61.99	120,300.85
Credit Transfers	0.00	0.00	11,166.03	0.00	11,166.03
Less					
Payments	98,744.55	15,413.32	15,169.10	0.00	129,326.97
Debit Transfers	0.00	1.00	11,166.03	0.00	11,167.03
Notional Carried Forward Balance	<u>24,685.83</u>	<u>8,440.99</u>	<u>40,007.57</u>	<u>11,018.80</u>	<u>84,153.19</u>
Uncleared Effects:					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	<u>24,685.83</u>	<u>8,440.99</u>	<u>40,007.57</u>	<u>11,018.80</u>	<u>84,153.19</u>

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
	£	£
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Co-operative Bank	16,726.19	24,685.83
RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT		
Individual Funds		
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	215.00	0.00
Hardship	541.02	241.02
Donations Held for Planned Projects	9,929.02	8,148.50
Outreach Event	0.00	0.00
Defibrillator	0.00	52.47
	<u>10,685.04</u>	<u>8,441.99</u>
RESERVES ACCOUNT		
Virgin Money Instant Access	11,989.21	12,057.03
Cambridge & Counties	16,487.93	16,652.81
United Trust Bank	0.00	11,297.73
Cooperative Bank	26,335.13	0.00
	<u>54,812.27</u>	<u>40,007.57</u>
MISSION FUND		
Virgin Money Instant Access*	10,956.81	11,018.80
*Same account as Reserves		
TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END	<u>93,180.31</u>	<u>84,154.19</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Mr G Clark FCPFA
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Date:

3/2/2024