

St. Michael and All Angels, Teffont Evias

and

St Edward King of the West Saxons, Teffont Magna

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended:

31st DECEMBER 2023

Administrative Information

Teffont has two Churches; St. Michael and All Angels Church is situated in Teffont Evias and St. Edward, King of the West Saxons is situated in Teffont Magna. They are part of the Diocese of Salisbury within the Church of England.

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

PCC Members

Ex Officio

Rev Elaine Brightwell (Team Vicar) Chairman

Rev Tina Fox (Associate Priest) (Until 30/06/2023) Electoral Roll Officer

The Reverend Dr Graham Southgate, Team Rector

The Reverend Juliette Hulme

The Reverend Joanna Naish

Churchwarden: Vacant

Deanery Synod representative: Vacant

Elected members:

Mr Don Ridley

Mrs Annie Graves

Mr Robin Faulkner

Mr Simon Mabey

Mr Jeremy Ames Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

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

Objectives and Activities

Teffont PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Elaine Brightwell Team Vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church buildings of St Michaels and All Angels and St Edward King of the West Saxons, Teffont.

We have still not been able to appoint anyone to take on the role of Churchwarden, and rather than Deputy Churchwardens there is now a responsible person at each service (Sacristan/Sidesmen(women)).

We are thankful to all who serve in this capacity and enable our worship to continue safely and smoothly.

The role of PCC secretary remained vacant despite advertising and offering payment.

The full PCC met three times during the year.

Thanks to Zillah Faulkner for ensuring the Communion Linen is clean and in good supply, as well as arranging the flower Rota with Fi Holman. Thank you to those who clean both churches, arrange flowers, arrange refreshments before services at Teffont Evias, ring bells and do so many other things that go unnoticed.

A huge thank you is also due to all those who enable Sunday worship to continue through the service of sacristan/sides person and reading lessons ensuring that all is in order.

Thanks to Robin Faulkner for overseeing the fabric of the churches and to Jeremy Ames for overseeing the finances of the PCC.

Every act of service is greatly appreciated.

Pastoral care

Revd. Elaine Brightwell is thankful to those who advise her when members of the parish are unwell or sadly have died. Please continue to do this and also if you know of anyone who would like to receive home communion, please let her know. Thanks to Rev Tina Fox for all the Pastoral work she carried out prior to her retirement.

Electoral Roll

There were 41 people on the electoral roll at the end of 2023.

Deanery Synod

There are currently no representatives of the Deanery Synod from the Teffont PCC. Rev Mark Hayter has continued as Rural Dean with Jill Hockham as the Lay Chair. The Deanery Synod met 3 times.

Team Council

The Nadder Valley team council meet 3 times during the year. Due to the resignation of Revd. Graham Southgate who is due to move to another benefice at the beginning of 2024, the roll of the team council will be important in determining the future of the benefice. Robin Faulkner is the Teffont PCC representative.

Review of the year

Throughout 2023 the worship pattern continued i.e. All Age Communion services at 11:15am on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Teffont Evias and at Teffont Magna on the 4th Sunday of the month. Refreshments have been served before services from 10:45am at Teffont Evias and we thank Annie Graves and all those who have served these throughout the year.

We are thankful to Jane Beaumont and Anna Boddy who have enhanced our worship with their organ playing

On Easter Sunday we welcomed Bishop Andrew Rumsey to preside and preach at the All- Age Communion Service at Teffont Evias.

Following the Coronation on 6th May of King Charles III the occasion was marked on May 7th with an all-age communion service.

Remembrance Sunday was marked on November 12 where former Bishop of London Richard Chartres led the service.

Light up Magna on December 2nd was very well attended and our thanks to the Village Hall committee for serving the refreshments. Thanks also to Tony Deane, Pavel Stankevich and Nick Blackford for putting the lights on the tree. Carols were sung as always with great gusto and was a good start to the season of Advent.

The Carol Service took place on December 17th. This was very well attended and thanks to Desmond Shaw Taylor and the wonderful choir who enhanced the singing and to the readers especially the children who all read so well.

Throughout the year festival services were very well attended with congregations of over 100. There has also been an increase in Sunday attendance exceeding pre-covid numbers.

During 2023 there were 4 weddings, 1 baptism and 3 funerals

Church Fabric and Buildings

General maintenance has been sustained through the year with the employment of Peter Johnson.

The redecoration of St Edwards was completed successfully. It has proved pretty resilient in the face of these extremely damp times however there is one small rough area at the south west corner which the contractors will be invited to assess and to offer a remedy.

We are particularly grateful for the oversight and management by Tim Pegrum, to George Cordle and team for clearing the gutters at Evias and also to Paul Skelton for helping to realign the fence at the Magna graveyard and advice on cutting back the bank trees.

After a problematic grass cutting contract for the last three years, a new and what should be a more effective contract with a different contractor is about to be signed by the Parish Council.

We are hopeful that a replacement Architect will be found in 2024 when the Quinquennial inspections can then take place.

We will welcome advice especially on maintaining the Tower at Teffont Evias but do not currently anticipate any other major issues.

Nevertheless, we will also value the Architect's advice on the Teffont Evias heating system specifically to help us review our previous plans to find the most cost-effective way of providing heat. However, in any event for all the reasons previously highlighted we expect the Architect to endorse the need for the ancient boiler to be taken out which will be a major task in itself. A revised application to the Teffont Trust can then be made.

We remain thankful for the presence of the Teffont Trust and to the many villagers for assisting us in our duties as custodians of Teffont's lovely Churches and working village grave and churchyards.

Finance Report

In 2023, voluntary income continued to be less than previous years with a small decrease in the number of regular donors and lower collections at services. This was partially offset by one off donations. As a result of the lower income, our payment to the Diocese for the Parish Share has been reduced further. This is in line with our prior policy that Parish Share would not be paid out of reserves.

We are thankful to have the support of the Teffont Trust for major expenditure such as major fabric costs. In 2023, the Teffont Trust provided a grant of just over

£11,000 to in relation to the redecoration and renovation of the Magna Church. This was supplemented by a grant under the Listed Places of Worship scheme run by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport which allows for the recovery of value added tax in relation to the works.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the PCC of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Teffont Evias and St. Edward, King of the West Saxons Church, Teffont Magna

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Regulations. It considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. To keep the accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - b. To prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Jeremy Scrimshaw

Date:

16/4/24

TEFFONT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
2023 Accounts

	2023	2022	Increase/ Decrease
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
<u>Voluntary Income</u>			
Gift Aid by standing order or regular payments	8,361	11,130	(2,769)
Gift Aid Envelopes	1,084	1,330	(246)
Collections	1,286	1,485	(199)
Income Tax recovered	2,356	3,094	(738)
Sub total	13,087	17,039	(3,952)
<u>Other Income</u>			
Donations & Fees	5,064	702	4,362
Nadder Valley Team Ministry	-	2,336	(2,336)
Grants (see note)	13,520	-	13,520
Reserve Account Interest Income (CCLA)	1,561	442	1,119
Sundries	165	383	(218)
Rent (Teffont Village Hall)	500	500	-
Sub total	20,810	4,363	16,447
Total Receipts	33,897	21,402	12,495
PAYMENTS			
Diocesan Share	(6,850)	(10,100)	3,250
Outward Giving	(330)	(306)	(24)
Sub total	(7,180)	(10,406)	3,226
<u>Church Running Expenses</u>			
Evias: Oil/Electricity	(1,241)	(595)	(646)
Magna Electricity	(1,261)	(821)	(440)
Insurance: Evias	(3,963)	(3,619)	(344)
Magna	(1,240)	(1,137)	(103)
Organ/Organist	(516)	(1,172)	656
Nadder Valley Team Ministry	(1,381)	(1,381)	-
Fees to Diocese	(592)	-	(592)
Major Renovations (see note)	(13,520)	-	(13,520)
Maintenance	(1,984)	(955)	(1,029)
Sundries	(1,018)	(871)	(147)
Subtotal running expenses	(26,716)	(10,551)	(16,165)
Total Payments	(33,896)	(20,957)	(12,939)
Total Receipts less payments	1	445	(444)

Note:

A major renovation project was undertaken for the interior of the Church of St Edward, Teffont Magna. The project was funded by grants from the Teffont Trust (£11,267) and under the Listed Places of Worship scheme for recovery of VAT from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Reserves Policy

It has always been understood and agreed by the Parochial Church Council that there needs to exist a financial contingency to cover the unforeseen and sometimes immediate demand for building repairs. Over the years when we had financial stability it was never felt necessary to 'ring fence' monies specifically for this purpose. Regrettably, when our finances were at an all-time low, we adopted a reserves policy which requires the Church Council to identify a specific sum for unexpected building repairs. The PCC was of the opinion that a sum of £25,000 would be a manageable figure for this purpose and one that could be maintained despite our reducing annual income. However in the light of inflation, and in particular the large recent increase in building costs, this figure will need to be reviewed.

Signed on behalf of the PCC on 22nd April 2024

Revd. Elaine Brightwell
PCC Chairman