

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Guestling

St Laurence Church, Guestling

St Laurence Church, Church Lane, Guestling TN35 4HS

HMRC Charities Reference X87710



For the year ended 31st December 2022

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St Laurence Church, Guestling

Trustees Annual Report for 2022

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, the Rev'd Sandi Wickens, in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic, and ecumenical.
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known.
- To support and care for people of all ages and circumstances in the parish.
- Providing financial support via other organisations with similar objectives.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives:

When planning our activities for the year, the Priest in Charge and PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The council has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

As 2022 began discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Enabling as many people as possible to worship at church.
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community through publicising church events widely and reaching out to local organisations.
- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish.
- Considering how services can evolve to attract as many people as possible of all ages, from within and outside the parish.
- Encouraging all to put faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.
- Ensuring that music is at the forefront of all worship activities.
- Welcoming everyone attending services, especially newcomers and those recently bereaved, helping them become part of the community.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village and enabling it to be accessed by the wider public.
- Assisting people from all walks of life to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care both for people living in and connected to the parish.
- Supporting and developing a fruitful relationship with Guestling C of E Primary School situated in the parish.
- Giving donations to missionary organisations and charities, national, local, and international, whose aims we share.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village and enabling it to be accessed by the wider public.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

The church welcomes congregants from within as well as outside the parish boundary who attend by personal choice. It is a great pleasure to welcome people from all walks of life to visit and take part in the life of the church. We contend that voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, is a major demonstration of the public benefit of our activities.

The usual pattern of worship is alternating services of Morning Praise, led by lay leaders, and Holy communion. Thanks are due to the team of volunteers who set up, lead, read, pray, assist with distributing Holy Communion, sing and provide music, arrange floral decorations, and provide and serve refreshments week by week.

In the following summary, the figures for 2021 are shown in brackets for comparison. There were 66 (31) church services of all types throughout the whole year including 2 services of baptism (3) 3 weddings (0) 4 Funerals in church (1) 4 Burial of Ashes (1) and 1 Memorial Service (1). 0 funerals (3) were conducted at Hastings Crematorium for Guestling parishioners.

The average number of people attending Sunday services was 24(22) with 35 (6) attendances by individual children under 16 across the year plus 209 children and 13 adults from Guestling Bradshaw School on Ascension Day. The Carol Service had attendance of 23 (0) and the First Communion of Christmas 35 adults (44) and 8 children (6) attending.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

It was with great delight that we celebrated the baptism of 3 children at 2 services.

Evangelism and outreach

Mainly takes place in two areas.

1. Through weekly visits into Guestling Bradshaw School to lead Collective Worship and visit classes to assist with delivering the Religious Education syllabus. School invited St Laurence congregation to join them in worship at Harvest and Remembrance.
2. Pastoral Offices visiting families in their homes to prepare them for baptism, arrange weddings and talk about the significance of married life and making vows to one another, and walking alongside funeral families arranging services for their loved ones.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

Our church continues to be enjoyed as a space where life events are marked and the churchyard is a much-loved green space, rich in wild-life and with glorious views and benches much used for quiet reflection. The church is open on a limited basis but is appreciated by visitors, people wanting to pray and the dogwalkers who regularly come through the churchyard. Volunteers continued to provide floral decorations and undertake the church cleaning.

Other charitable giving (Appendix A pg16)

The PCC has maintained a balance between local, national, and international charities in its annual programme of donations. At Harvest, Church and Guestling Bradshaw Church of England Primary School continued to support Farm Africa, because of the synergies with their rural setting and interest in local agricultural causes, and more locally The Seaview Project in Hastings.

Electoral Roll Report

On 31st December 2022 the electoral roll membership was 43.

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod met five times to discuss churches working together in mission. Various speakers attended.

Priest in Charge Report

Report from the Priest in Charge for the period of 20th September 2022 to 31st December 2022

Thank you for your very kind and warm welcome to Dave and I at my licensing service at St John's on 20th September 2022 and at the lovely reception in the hall afterwards where I was able to meet so many people from St Laurence's and St John's. This was my second licensing of the day having travelled straight over to Westfield after being licensed at St Andrew's, Fairlight. Enormous thanks to Rev. Joy Collins for her leadership and pastoral care up until 18th September. An interregnum of two days must be one of the shortest on record. I am so very grateful to God for Neil and Sarah who have given so much of themselves serving both the church community here and assisting me in countless ways as I've settled in and 'learned the ropes'.

Thank you also for being interested in the life and ministry of St Laurence Church, and for your time reading this report. It is likely that you are one of many people who is involved in various ways in the life and ministry of Guestling parish for which may I thank you so much. All your love and commitment as the worshipping Christian church here continues in our generation the worship of God and service to Guestling parish which has taken place here for over many years.

Outside of the church walls in Guestling parish I have been welcomed into Guestling Bradshaw C of E Primary School. I visit school every week in term time to be involved in planning and/or leading Collective Worship. Since my arrival I have worked with year groups 4-6 to enable them to plan and lead Collective worship for the whole school. The children have taken to this with great enthusiasm and enjoy choosing worship content and roles they will take. They are growing in confidence through this new initiative. I am a School Governor and a member of the Ethos Committee whose focus is to ensure Christian Ethos throughout all school activities and to prepare for The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). I assist the headteacher in planning special services and events.

Guestling church congregation have enjoyed celebrating some special days in the Church calendar at the invitation of Guestling School, Harvest Festival on 7th October and Remembrance Day on 11th November. The very wet weather in early December made the field too wet for the Key Stage 1 children to walk over to church for their Toy Service so this was held in school instead with their parents. Term ended with a whole school Carol Service at St Andrew's Fairlight with parents.

The main worship service is weekly at 11am and the usual pattern of services since 1st October when Fairlight was grouped with Westfield and Guestling parishes is:

1 st Sunday	Morning Praise – Ministry Team.
2 nd Sunday	Holy Communion – Sandi Wickens lead/preach/preside.
3 rd Sunday	Morning Praise – Ministry Team.
4 th Sunday	Holy Communion – Sandi Wickens lead/preach/preside.
5 th Sunday	Alternating Sandi Wickens with St Andrew's Fairlight.

The Ministry Team are Ken Holmes Licensed Lay Reader and Juliette Vane. All services include sung worship and St Laurence is blessed to have a choir to give a strong lead on Sundays and at Occasional Offices. The average weekly congregation is 24.

There have been 6 special annual services:

- Harvest 2nd October with food gifts given to the Seaview Project, Hastings and financial gifts to Farm Africa.
- Remembrance Parade Service 13th November
- Nine Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Eve Holy Communion *

*This special Christmas service was led by Rev Jonathan Meyer and I am very thankful to him for stepping in for me at short notice when I tested positive for Covid a few days before Christmas.

I have met with two families to make arrangements to say farewell to their loved ones. There has been one funeral and burial in the churchyard and one service at Hastings Crematorium followed by a memorial service in church. There haven't been any Baptisms or Weddings during this period.

More behind the scenes in I have met with:

PCC

Individuals for pastoral conversations and Home Communion

Deanery Chapter

Funeral Directors and Stonemasons

And have ministered in a similar way to our sister parishes and congregations in Fairlight and Westfield.

Lastly and most importantly, in case you have skipped straight to the last line, I've prayed that you might grow in knowledge and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and know his love for you each and every day.

Financial Review

Incoming Resources

The effect of COVID-19 on church activities in 2022 was less marked than in 2021, but there was a continuing impact on fundraising activities which have not returned to their pre-pandemic levels, partly because some people are nervous about gatherings of people. However, encouragingly, some fundraising events were held, attracting visitors and funds. A steady increase in those attending services and in visitors also occurred. Encouragingly, income increased over the year and the total receipts on general unrestricted funds received in 2022 were £21,391 (including legacies amounting to £5,500) compared to £12,606 at the end of 2021. Analysing this further, the total amounts received from regular giving through tax-efficient and other planned giving as well as from collections at services made a modest increase from £8,365 at the end of 2021 to £8,537 at the end of 2022. Voluntary receipts on restricted funds also made a small increase in 2022 over 2021 but was still less than in pre-pandemic years. Income from statutory fees for funerals, memorials, weddings etc increased from £1,332 in 2021 to £3,039 in 2022 reflecting the 3 marriages, 3 funerals and 5 burials of ashes which took place in 2022 compared to the lower numbers held in each of these activities in 2021. Receipts to restricted funds increased in 2022 to £3,044 – partly due to an insurance claim – from £506 in 2021, but this was balanced by payments amounting to £3,494 on roof repairs from the Restoration Fund in 2022. Overall, there was greater financial activity in 2022 in terms of total receipts and total payments compared to 2021. Thus, total receipts in 2022 were £24,436 (£13,111 in 2021) and total payments were £17,340 in 2022 (£12,799 in 2021). This increase in financial activity demonstrates a growth in confidence.

Outgoing Resources

The largest expenditure of the PCC from the General Fund in 2022 was £7,000 paid to the diocese for our share of Parish Ministry costs. This was unchanged from 2021, was based on estimates made in late 2021, and reflected what

could be afforded in order to remain financially viable and have adequate reserves. For unrestricted funds, the cost of charitable activities in 2022 was £12,499 compared to £11,347 in 2021. For restricted funds, there was an increase in costs in the Restoration Fund from £203 in 2021 to £3,705 in 2022 and this was largely due to roof repairs.

Trustee payments and expenses

The PCC supported the Priest in Charge by paying her expenses for: postage; travel; telephone; course fees; and subscriptions to publications up to her departure on retirement in September. From late September the new incumbent was paid for these items but also for legitimate vicarage living expenses such as Council Tax, Telephone, Water, and Water Disposal Charges, but the invoices for these items were not levied until early in 2023 and so do not appear in these accounts for 2022. The PCC also reimbursed PCC members for the costs they had incurred for materials used to construct banners for display in the church, for items purchased for church use; and for materials used to refurbish the altar candle holders. These expenses amounted to £943.90

Maintenance of the church and other refurbishment and enhancement projects

During the course of 2022, the main focus of maintenance and refurbishment was two sets of roof repairs caused by storm damage which occurred twice in more or less the same area of the north facing Nave roof.

The Restoration Fund

Income to the Restoration Fund was £3,044 in 2022 mostly from insurance claims for the roof, whereas expenditure was £4,057 for the same purpose. The Restoration Fund balance at 31st December 2022 was £29,433 compared to £30,456 at 31st December 2021.

The Choir Fund

The Choir was inactive for part of 2022 but was assembled for services for the remainder of the year. Its Fund stands at £344 at year end.

Performance

Examining the financial performance overall, the General Fund started the year at £28,554, received income of £21,391 and £12,939 was spent from it, leaving it at £37,007 at the end of the year. The Restoration Fund started the year at £30,456 and finished it at £29,443 due to the cost of roof repairs as explained above. The small Choir Fund is adequate for the current level of choir activity. Overall, while it is regrettable that we were unable to increase our contribution to Parish Share in 2022, we will keep it under review in 2023. Prudent management, including limiting expenditure, has ensured that our financial situation has remained stable.

Why we hold some money in reserve.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted funds (excluding property) which equates to approximately two months' worth of unrestricted payments as contingency against unforeseen situations. The closing balance of £37,007 in the General Fund achieved this, and includes £5,000 earmarked for transfer to the Restoration Fund to begin a project to continue addressing the Quinquennial Report Recommendation to carry out internal refurbishment of walls etc.

It is PCC policy to invest temporarily surplus general funds and restricted funds with the CBF Church of England deposit fund, returning proportionately these funds to our current account, as they are needed, to pay day-to-day bills. This year £14,363 remains so invested.

Mindful of its refurbishment and enhancement commitments, in the course of 2022, the PCC decided on the following: General Fund to reserve £20,000 for refurbishment projects; Restoration Fund to reserve £30,000 for refurbishment projects.

Management of risks and their mitigation.

The PCC has an ongoing task of reviewing the major risks which impact on the work of the church in the parish. The usual fire extinguisher checks, oil boiler and organ maintenance have been carried out at the appropriate intervals, and a weekly inspection of the external and internal areas of the building have been carried out. This has had the twin benefits of revealing minor problems early so that remedial action can be taken promptly, and of satisfying an Ecclesiastical Insurance Company requirement during periods of inactivity in and around the building.

The PCC consider that the principal risks and uncertainties are:

- The health and safety within the church building including maintaining it as COVID-19 secure.
- The need to fund unexpected costs associated with the church's listed buildings such as aged glass windows and ongoing necessary roof repairs.
- An unexpected fall in income, particularly given the dependence of the church on a limited number of major regular donors.
- That the income falls short of outgoings. A recent estimate has shown that the increase in costs associated with utilities and energy, together with insurance are likely to outstrip receipts in 2023 unless there is a corresponding increase in giving.
- The requirement to find volunteers with the appropriate skills, time and commitment to support the ministry of the congregation.
- Reliance upon the Diocese to continue to provide financial support whilst we work towards paying our full Parish Share for clergy ministry.
- The ongoing problems of not having a churchwarden, so that churchwarden responsibilities have to be undertaken by other PCC members and the Priest in Charge.

The PCC seeks to manage these risks and uncertainties by regularly reviewing its Mission Action Plan and its plans for the use of the church buildings. We aim to maintain our properties to a high standard and carry out the priority items of a quinquennial review in a timely manner.

Future Uncertainties

Our future as a church and viable entity is dependent, as with many other organisations in the UK, firstly, on how quickly we can gain the confidence increase church activities as well as holding weekly services that attract returning members of the congregation and hopefully new members, and, crucially, the extent to which we can begin to resume outreach activities and fundraising events. Moreover, the period from September 2022 when a reorganisation of Parishes in the Rye Deanery resulted in the joining of Fairlight, Guestling and Westfield represents a challenge to ensure Guestling plays its part in securing an outcome that satisfies all parties; it also represents an opportunity to broaden Guestling's horizons.

Structure, governance, and management of the charity

The PCC is a charity but is excepted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the section 30 of the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Priest in Charge 1.1.22 – 18.9.22:	Revd Joy Collins - Chair
Priest in Charge 20.9.22 – 31.12.22:	Rev'd Sandi Wickens – Chair
Treasurer:	Mr Neil Perry

Elected Members

Mrs Pat Olley	
Mrs Elizabeth Manwaring	
Mrs Monika Betson	
Miss Felicity Bullock	Sunday School Lead
Mrs Gaye Hardiman	Electoral Roll Officer
Ms Sarah Lewis	PCC Secretary and Verger
Mrs Sue Moore	
Mrs Pat Olley	

Deanery Synod

Co-opted Member Rev'd Val Gibbs

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the priest-in-charge, and treasurer,), who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and xx members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by The Rev'd. Sandi Wickens, PCC Chair


Sandi Wickens

Date 27th March 2023

Annual Financial Report

St Laurence's Church, Guestling HMRC Charities Reference 87710

Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022

The financial effect of our activities during the year of 2022 can be summarised as follows:

St Laurence Guestling				FROM:	01-Jan-22	TO:	31-Dec-22	Notes	1
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS				Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds	Total All Funds 2022	Total All Funds 2021	
				to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
RECEIPTS									2, 4
Voluntary Receipts				18,164	250	-	18,414	11,770	
Activities for Generating Funds (trading)				-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable (Church Purposes) Activities				3,039	-	-	3,039	1,332	
Investment Interest, Dividends, Rent				189	-	-	189	8	
Other Income				-	2,794.00	-	2,794	-	
Sub total				21,391	3,044	-	24,436	13,110	
Asset and Investment Sales									
Sale of fixed assets				-	-	-	-	-	
Sale of investments				-	-	-	-	-	
Loan repayments received				-	-	-	-	-	
Loan from external funder				-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total				-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS				21,391	3,044	-	24,436	13,110	
PAYMENTS									3, 4, 6
Costs of Generating Voluntary Receipts				-	-	-	-	-	
Fundraising Costs (trading activity)				-	375	-	375	-	
Investment Management Costs				-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of Charitable Activities *				12,499	3,705	-	16,205	11,551	

Governance Costs	299	133		432	147	
Sub total	12,799	4,213	-	17,012	11,698	
Asset and Investment Purchases						
Purchase of fixed assets for church purposes	140.01	188.40		328.41	1,081	
Purchase of general investments	-	-	-	-	-	
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-	
Loan repaid to external funder	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	140.01	188.40	-	328.41	1,081	
TOTAL PAYMENTS						
	12,939	4,402	-	17,340	12,779	
Net of receipts/(payments)						
	8,453	- 1,358	-	7,095	331	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-		4, 5
Cash funds at 1Jan 2022	28,554	31,669	-	60,223	59,891	
Cashfunds at 31 Dec 22	37,007	30,312	-	67,319	60,222	

St Laurence Guestling						FROM:	01-Jan-22	
						TO:	31-Dec-22	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD								<i>Notes</i>
ASSETS						Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds
						to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash Funds								
Lloyds Current						27,819	25,137	-
General Deposit						9,188	-	-
Restoration Deposit						-	5,175	-
Cash in Hand						-	-	-
Total cash funds						37,007	30,312	-
						Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds
						to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Gift Aid / GASDS recoverable						1,752	- 84	-
Fees not yet received / money owing								
Total Debtors						1,752	- 84	-

Investment Assets				Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (Optional)	Current Value £ (Optional)
CBF CofE Fixed Interest Securities Fund - Income shares				Kitty Endowment		15
11 shares @ 137.10= £15.08						
Assets Retained for Charity's own use				Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (Optional)	Current Value (Optional)
Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, which require faculty for disposal.				General		
LIABILITIES						
Details of Liability				Fund to which liability relates	Amount Due (Optional)	When Due (Optional)

St Laurence Guestling				FROM:	01-Jan-22
				TO:	31-Dec-22
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT					<i>Notes</i>

1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and current Church Accounting Regulations, using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	Further analysis of income received:	Unrestricted				Total	Total
		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowed	All Funds	All Funds
		Fund to nearest £	Funds to nearest £	Funds to nearest £	Funds to nearest £	2022 to nearest £	2021 to nearest £
Voluntary Receipts							
	Tax efficient Planned Giving	5,030	-	-		5,030	4,730
	Other Planned Giving	1,971	-	-		1,971	2,010
	Collections at services	1,536	-	-		1,536	1,625
	Group Subscriptions Donation	-	-	-		-	-
	Appeals	-	-	-		-	-
	Event Donations	630	-	250		880	857
	Other Donations	490	-	-	-	490	824
	Gift Aid reclaimed	2,152	-	-	-	2,152	1,224
	Legacy	5,500	-	-	-	5,500	-
	Grant	854	-	-		854	500
	Totals	18,164	-	250	-	18,414	11,770

Activities for Generating Funds (trading)							
Major Fundraising Event	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Fundraising activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other trading activity eg MagAdverts, booksales, hall lettings	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable (Church Purposes) Activities							
Statutory Fees: weddings, funerals etc	3,039	-	-	-	3,039	1,332	
Lettings for church purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fees: eg church event/course, group subs with benefit	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Trading for church purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	3,039	-	-	-	3,039	1,332	
Investment Interest, Dividends, Rent	189	-	-	-	189	8	
Other Income	-	-	2,794	-	2,794	-	
Asset and Investment Sales							
Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Loan from external funder	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	

St Laurence Guestling							FROM:	01-Jan-22	
							TO:	31-Dec-22	
3	Further analysis of costs paid:	Unrestricted				Total	Total	Notes	
		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowed	All Funds	All Funds		
		Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021		
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £		
	Costs of Generating Voluntary Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Fundraising Costs (trading activity)	-	-	375	-	375	-		
	Investment Management Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Cost of Charitable Activities								

Mission giving and donations	1,000	-	-		1,000	496	
Parish Share	7,000	-	-		7,000	7,000	
Salaries, wages and honoraria	-	-	-		-	-	
Clergy & staff expenses	666	-	-		666	705	
Mission & Evangelism	33	-	-		33	80	
Maintenance running costs	715	-	-		715	82	
Service Costs	389	-	211		600	464	
Printing, Stationery & sundries	2,190	-	-		2,190	2,082	
Utilities: Gas, Elec, Water	507	-	-		507	642	
Costs of church activities/trading eg Magazine, bookstall	-	-	-		-	-	
Hall running costs	-	-	-		-	-	
Major church repairs & maintenance	-	-	3,494		3,494	-	
Major Hall/other property repair & maintenance	-	-	-		-	-	
New building works	-	-	-		-	-	
Totals	12,499	-	3,705	-	16,205	11,551	
Governance Costs	299	-	133		432	147	
Asset and Investment Purchases							
Purchase of fixed assets for church purposes	140	-	188		328	1,081	
Purchase of general investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Loans made	-	-	-		-	-	
Loan repaid to external funder	-	-	-		-	-	
Totals	140	-	188	-	328	1,081	

St Laurence Guestling							FROM:	01-Jan-22	
							TO:	31-Dec-22	
4	Statement of Funds		Balances B/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balances C/f	Notes	
			01-Jan-22				31-Dec-22		
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £		
	General		28,554	21,391	12,939	-	37,007		
	Designated General		-	-	-	-	-		
	Total of all Unrestricted Funds	28,554		21,391	12,939	-	37,007		
	Restricted General		525	-	-	-	525		

Restoration		30,456	3,044	4,057	-	29,443	
Choir		688	-	344	-	344	
		-	-	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	-	
		-	-	-	-	-	
Total of all Restricted Funds	31,669		3,044	4,402	-	30,312	
Kitty Endowment		-	-	-	-	-	
Total of all Endowment Funds	-		-	-	-	-	
Endowment Fund Details:							
Kitty Endowment	Interest to be used for general purposes						

St Laurence Guestling						FROM:	01-Jan-22	
						TO:	31-Dec-22	
5	Details of Transfer between Fund						PCC Approval Date	<i>Notes</i>

6	Disclosure of related parties and transactions with them		
	Relationship	Nature of Transaction	£ in year
	Total No of PCC Members in the year who were reimbursed for expenses:	Type of expenses which were reimbursed:	Total reimbursed:
	7	Travel;postage;publications;stationery;bulbs;altar goods;pest control;A Frame;Chalice;foodstuffs;tree and decorations	£943.90
	Name and nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	£ in year

7	Disclosure of staff costs and employee benefits	£					
	Wages and Salaries						
	Social security costs						
	Employer's contribution to Pension Scheme						
	Other employee benefits						

This financial report for year to 31st December 2022 was Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by:

Signature	<i>S Wickens</i>	Print Name	<i>S WICKENS</i>	Date of approval	<i>27.3.23</i>
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APPENDIX A

LIST OF CHARITIES AGREED BY PCC FOR DONATIONS DURING YEAR 2023

List of Charities to Receive Specific Donations of Not More than £50 each:

BIBLE SOCIETY

OPEN DOORS

THE COLLEGE OF ST BARNABUS - HOME FOR RETIRED CLERGY

HASTINGS STREET PASTORS

List of Charities to receive a £400 donation:

GUESTLING BRADSHAW CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

List of Charities to receive Donations Based on money raised through specific events:

Farm Africa – related to Harvest Festival Sale of Produce Collected at Guestling Bradshaw School.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – related to poppy donations and a contribution from collection at Remembrance Sunday Service via Maggie Boulter Fairlight Lodge Branch Treasurer.

Association of Family Support Work, Chichester Diocese, Hastings Branch – related to a contribution from the collection at the annual Service of Readings and Carols Cheques to CDAFSW Family Support Work Garton House 22, Stanford Avenue Brighton E. Sussex BN1 6AA

Christian Aid related to Christian Aid Week donations and fundraising events in designated week.

Additionally to be considered for 2023: Seaview Project Amy Stringer Finance and Admin Seaview Project, Southwater Centre Hatherley Road St Leonards on Sea TN37 6LF Related to Christmas Event.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Laurence's Guestling for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

This is my report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish (PCC) of St Laurence's, Guestling, on the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022 set out on pages 2 to 15

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the annual reports. The PCC members 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.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees 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

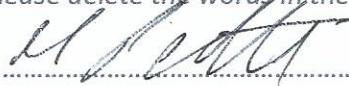
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below in Section B below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.

** Please delete the words in the (brackets) if they do not apply*

Examiner's signature



Examiner's name CAPITALS

Mr Daniel Petit

12/04/2023

Date

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body if any

FCCA

Examiner's address

33, Bowman's Close, Steyning, West Sussex

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

[Empty box for disclosure details]