

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Guestling

St Laurence Church, Guestling

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For the year ended 31st December 2024

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St Laurence Church, Guestling
Trustees Annual Report for 2024

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 2024 began discussed and planned the following objectives and activities to fulfil our aims:

- Teaching, baptising, and nurturing new and existing believers.
- Considering how services can evolve to attract and enable as many people as possible of all ages, from within and outside the parish to worship.
- Welcoming everyone attending services, especially newcomers and those recently bereaved, helping them become part of the community.
- Supporting and deepening a fruitful relationship with Guestling C of E Primary School situated in the parish.
- Growing our relationship with the parishes of Fairlight and Westfield as plans go ahead to gather into a new Benefice.
- Enabling as many people as possible to become part of our parish community through publicising church events widely and reaching out to local organisations.
- Provision of pastoral care both for people living in and connected to the parish.
- Maintaining an overview of worship throughout the parish.

- Encouraging all to put faith into practice, through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.
- 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.
- Giving donations to missionary organisations and charities, national, local, and international, whose aims we share.

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Attendance at worship

St Laurence church welcomes people 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. Voluntary attendance to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, is a 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 2023 are shown in brackets for comparison.

There were 62 (76) church services of all types throughout the whole year including 1 service of baptism (2), 2 weddings (0), 0 Wedding Blessings (1), 2 Funerals in church (4), 1 Burial of Ashes (5), and 0 Memorial Services (0). No (1) funeral services were conducted at Hastings Crematorium for Guestling parishioners.

The average number of people attending Sunday services was 21 (23) with 44 (35) attendances by individual children under 16 across the year plus 206 children and 29 adults from Guestling Bradshaw School on Ascension Day. The Carol Service had attendance of 94 (23) and the First Communion of Christmas 27 (32) adults and 0 (4) children attending. There was a congregation of 37 on Easter Day

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

Weekly teaching is largely based upon the Common Worship lectionary readings. Chichester Diocese focus for 2024 was the year of Faith and we had a sermon series on the book of Romans based on Andrew Ollerton's book and course available from the Bible Society.

It was with great delight that we celebrated the baptism of 1 child.

A small Bible study group which was formed in 2023 closed and remaining members joined a group in Westfield. An Alpha Course was hosted by Westfield Church with 40 people from across the three parishes joining in

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 and came to celebrate Ascension Day in church.
2. Pastoral Offices when visiting families in their homes to prepare them for baptism, arranging weddings, talking 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

St Laurence church continues to be enjoyed as a space where life events are marked. The churchyard is a much-loved green space, rich in wildlife, with glorious views and benches much used for quiet reflection. The church is open most days when the weather is good and this 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.

Charitable giving

The PCC has maintained a balance between local, national, and international charities in its annual programme of donations as per Appendix A. At Harvest, Church and Guestling Bradshaw Church of England Primary School continued to support the Seaview Project in Hastings with gifts of food. The Bible Society, Open Doors received donations of £50.00 each. The £50.00 donation to the College of St Barnabas was held back after financial irregularities had been reported and the PCC will take a decision depending on updates whether to make a late donation for 2024. £400 was given to Guestling Bradshaw Church of England Primary School. The cash collections on Christian Aid Sunday and Remembrance Sunday were advertised as raising funds for these two charities and all given on those days was forwarded. The PCC discussed and agreed the schedule of giving for 2025 to be found at appendix B. St Laurence hosted a concert for Stephen Page and the donations for entrance and refreshments were sent to Christian Aid.

St Laurence PCC Report

Sarah Lewis – PCC Secretary

The Church continues to be supported by our Parochial Church Council (PCC). The PCC met 4 times during the year, and currently consists of the following elected members:

Rev'd Sandi Wickens (Priest in Charge, Chair of the PCC)
David Gillies (Vice Chair (until 31st December) and Treasurer)
Sarah Lewis (Secretary & Verger)
Pat Olley (Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Representative)

Elected PCC members:

Felicity Bullock (Sacristan until October 2024)
Loretta Darby (Sacristan from November 2024)
David Gillies (as above)
Gaye Hardiman (Electoral Roll Officer)
Sarah Lewis (as above)
Sue Moore (Events)
Juliette Vane

Ex-Officio Member:

Rev'd Val Gibbs (Organist & Musical Director)

Co-Opted Members:

None

Churchyard report

Sarah Lewis

This has been a busy year for St. Laurence's churchyard. We conducted 1 burial of ashes during the year. We continue to receive a large number of visitors, either because they are visiting graves, or because they are walking the 1066 Way, the route of which cuts through the churchyard.

As such, we took steps to improve the main path from the lych gate to the Church door. The original mud path was covered in shingle to make it more robust, but the size of the stones caused issues for our less-able visitors. We therefore obtained quotes to replace the stones with either a resin bonded path, or alternatively to remove the stones and install rigid tiles that can be back-filled with pea beach. Both options have been endorsed by the Quinquennial architect, and we are currently assessing our requirements versus the costs of these two solutions.

We are also working with a bereaved family to install another bench in the churchyard, in memory of their loved one. A number of gravestones in the churchyard were cleaned at the request of families by a local family firm with a relative buried at Guestling.

Priest in Charge Report

Rev'd Sandi Wickens

I am very grateful to God for our super Churchwarden Pat and Treasurer/Assistant Lay Minister (Reader) David, Lay Leader Juliette and Administrator Jayne who have given so much time and energy serving both the church community here and assisting me in countless ways.

Thanks to 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 St Laurence for which I thank you so much. Without your love and commitment there wouldn't be a community of Christians continuing in our generation the worship and service to the parish.

Outside of the church walls in the parish I continue to take part in the life of Guestling Bradshaw School. I am a Governor, and serve on the Ethos and Admission Committees, and take part in training to help me fulfil these roles well. I lead and attend Collective Worship weekly working with the Head Teacher to plan this and assisted with the school prayer space by leading groups of children. The Head Teacher and I work together to plan special joint services to which St Laurence congregation is invited at Ascension, Harvest, and Remembrance. At Christmas the whole school travels to St Andrew's, Fairlight for Nine Lessons and Carols on the final day of term.

Inside the walls the pattern of worship which began with my arrival in September 2022 continues. Sunday worship takes place at 11am where Common Worship services are used. On the first and third Sundays of each month Morning Prayer is led by David Gillies and Juliette Vane. On second and fourth Sundays I lead, preach, and preside for Holy Communion. When there is a fifth Sunday Guestling and Fairlight congregations have taken it in turn to host a service. Average Sunday attendance is 21. Mostly we use set Bible readings from the Common Worship Lectionary and an occasional sermon series on a particular book of the Bible or theme so that all congregations receive the same preaching across the parishes of Westfield, Guestling and Fairlight. All services are sung, and St Laurence is blessed to have an organist and choir to give a strong lead for sung worship on Sundays. We are grateful to have been joined in 2024 by a lovely pianist to add to the musicality of our worship. Refreshments follow each Sunday service and there is a strong sense of community fostered by this time to get to know one another. Harvest and Lent lunches, and afternoon teas in the summer have been good opportunities to offer hospitality to the wider community and grow relationships with congregations from Fairlight and Westfield.

In December representatives from Fairlight, Guestling, and Westfield, and Winchelsea, Pett, and Icklesham met with Emma Arbuthnott and Matthew Foy (Assistant

Archdeacon) to discuss rearranging the parishes into the above Benefice groupings. This has been intended since before my appointment and now we are moving closer to the legal work being completed. We await the Diocese moving ahead through the various stages of consultation with the parishes.

There have been various annual and special services including:

- Ash Wednesday
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Ascension Day
- Pet service
- Harvest
- Remembrance Service
- Nine Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Eve Holy Communion

I have had the joy of baptising one child, and the privilege of accompanying three families in their grief by arranging and leading funeral services in Church and at Hastings Crematorium. Another joy was to take my first two wedding services in the parish this year. My thanks to all who assist with pastoral services decorating the church with flowers and invaluable help from Sarah and Neil the Verger team.

Behind the scenes in I have met with:

- Church Warden
- Treasurer
- Safeguarding Officer
- Verger
- Administrator
- Individuals for pastoral conversations
- Funeral Directors and Stonemasons
- Archdeacon Edward
- Colleagues at Chapter and Deanery Synod
- Attended Diocesan training sessions for New Incumbents
- Been invited to serve on the Diocesan Racial Justice Team

I 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 know how high and long and deep and wide God's love is for you, and that you might grow in knowledge and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Church Warden Report

Pat Olley

OPENING STATEMENT

I am not seeking nomination to remain the church warden at the 2025 APCM. However, my commitment to our vicar Sandi and our lovely church and membership will remain, and I hope to continue to support our church and its members in the same ways. I would like to thank you all for your support and help given to me in my tenure as church warden.

Our church is a warm, loving and blessed church building. We have an open-door approach and encourage walkers and their dogs to visit. There is a message book for comments. We have a weekly news publication giving dates, times as well as our services and other information.

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUND RAISING

We had an invited speaker historian Ken Brooks who gave a wonderful talk of the history of Rock n Ore and the people who live there.

A special mention on the fundraiser capacity - is Peter Brown who attended our church when tracking down the history of his late mother who was the flower arranger in our church for many years. Peter has donated £2,000 per annum to the flower fund. A big thank you to Peter. We also had a wonderful carol by candlelight service and was enjoyed by all participants who attended.

PARTNERSHIPS

I am a member of the Guestling Bradshaw School Governor's and a member of The Ethos Committee. The school is a credit to our church and our faith and was given a glowing SIAMS report on the inspection of the school with praise for the ethos committee and the tactical side that is carried out by the school staff and children. A big thank you to Guestling Bradshaw School and the staff.

FABRIC INSPECTION

As warden of St Laurence, I walk and observe our church and the grounds to spot and identify anything that needs attention i.e. wall collapse of perimeter attached to the Lych gate. I have made great effort in trying to rid the church of the many mice that seem to be habituated to Guestling church. My collection at the minute is 8 mice less.

DONATIONS FROM ST LAURENCE CHURCH

The PCC agree to donate to an agreed list each year. Also, to local charities. Food and other household items are donated to Family Support Work and collected in a dedicated box throughout the year. Farm Africa and local Seaview Project are a few examples.

CHURCH WARDEN SPECIFICS

I am the day to day contact to answer church queries or questions, including practice management for worship. Keep and providing pastoral and practical support to our local community. Finally, to acknowledge the enormous tasks and ceaseless work carried out by our Priest in Charge Revd. Sandi Wickens. God bless her.

Deanery Synod Report

Pat Olley - Deanery Synod Rep

The Deanery Synod meets several times a year. The meetings take place in different parishes throughout the year. These meetings are for information exchange between the Synod and the Parishes. It discusses and gives opportunity for many items to be considered. Also, invited speakers attend on a variety of subjects of interest. As your Synod representative – it has not been possible for me to attend some of these meetings due to other commitments both local and family.

Fabric Report

David Gillies

The Quinquennial inspection took place in July carried out by Mark Anderson our Architect. The PCC have the report in hand to address the items for action. In the same month Gilbert and Hannington carried out an electrical inspection and the required work which was identified was carried out to upgrade the system to pass. The next inspections are due in the summer of 2029.

The church has been maintained throughout 2024, and the following work has been carried out at the South door removal of rotten Parquet tiles underneath the mat, a new mat fitted into the recess and surrounding area made good. Loose Parquet tiles in nave secured. A cradle built to store altar frontals off the ground to prevent damage from damp. West Nave wall a large bubble of plaster became detached from the wall. Permission is being sought from the Diocesan Advisory Committee with the help of our Architect to make this safe. The nearby pews have been cordoned off for safety. A claim has been made for the refund of VAT on the work carried out in 2024.

Electoral Roll Report

Gaye Hardiman - Electoral Roll Officer

We started the year with 46 members on the Electoral Roll. During the year one member of the congregation died. There were no additions to the Roll, so we ended the year with 45 names registered. Looking to the future, we are hoping and praying for an increase in numbers, particularly from the younger generations. In 2025 the Electoral Roll will be revised.

Safeguarding Report

Cathy Williamson – Parish Safeguarding Officer

There have been no areas of safeguarding concern during 2024.

All members of the PCC have completed the Basic level Church of England safeguarding course, and most have done the Foundation level. All clergy and administrative staff have completed the Church of England safeguarding courses to the level appropriate to their responsibilities.

DBS checks, where appropriate, have been requested; some are still in process. The church safeguarding policy has been reviewed and was accepted by the PCC in July 2024. The policy is on display in the church porch and on the website. The PCC will review it annually. Thank you to everyone who has made the time to ensure that safeguarding is a priority.

Treasurer Report – Financial Review

David Gillies Treasurer

Introduction

The General Fund held at Lloyds Bank stood at £56,731 as at 31st December 2023 and stood at £41,509 as at 28th December 2024. The last figure reflected a gift of £2000 from Mr. Peter Brown and a legacy of £2,000 received from the estate of Joyce Margaret Groves who had worshipped at St. Laurence church and had been a member of the choir. The generous gift from Peter Brown was in memory of his Mother who had also worshipped at St. Laurence church.

Income

Voluntary receipts for the year totalled £12,315 excluding the gifts referred to above. Regular donations totalled £5,830, excluding money raised for various charities – see Appendix A – and sales of £1,477. Income from statutory fees totalled £3,050. The digital giving station became live on 1st April 2024 and as at 30th December donations received through this medium totalled £478 and Gift Aid on those donations totalled £97. A Summer Fair held in July raised £524.85 for the General Fund.

Outgoings

The largest single expenditures made by the PCC from the General Fund were (i) £9000 paid to the diocese as our share of the Parish Ministry costs – an increase of £2000 over the previous year -and (ii) £2,296 paid to Ecclesiastical Insurance representing the annual premium for insuring the church and (iii) £3,453 paid to Hannington & Gilbert being the cost of upgrading the electrical systems within the church to enable our Safety Certificate to be renewed. Our share of Parish Ministry costs was less than the true cost but at the time it reflected what could be afforded remembering that the works specified in the Quinquennial Review which took place in 2024 will be expensive. There was a very small increase in the insurance premium of £153.00

The PCC supported the priest in charge by repaying expenses incurred by her in relation to the parish and our share (20%) of her legitimate living expenses such as housing costs (water charges and Council Tax) and her office expenses. The PCC also reimbursed church members for costs they had incurred in the running of the church.

Flower Fund

Peter Brown has indicated that the gift in memory of his Mother will be repeated each year. The first charge on this money is the provision of flowers for decorating the church but money left over may be applied for the general purposes of the church. In 2024 the amount spent on flowers for the church was £431.

The Restoration Fund

This is a Restricted Fund and forms part of the General Fund. Traditionally the church holds a lunch during Lent, and this raised £114 and this money has been dedicated to the Restoration Fund which stands at £30,168.

Reserves

The PCC holds shares in the CBF Church of England and Short Duration Bond Fund. This investment is in addition to the General Fund and

Digital Giving Station

Came into operation in 2024.

Annual Financial Report

St Laurence's Church, Guestling HMRC Charities Reference 87710

Summary of Financial Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2024

ST LAURENCE GUESTLING				FROM:	01-Jan-24	Notes
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS				TO:	31-Dec-24	
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds	Total All Funds 2024	Total All Funds 2023	
RECEIPTS						2, 4
Voluntary Receipts	16,315	114	-	16,429	22,780	
Activities for Generating Funds (trading)	-	-	-	-	667	
Charitable (Church Purposes) Activities	2,461	-	-	2,461	2,898	
Investment Interest, Dividends, Rent	786	-	-	786	461	
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,562	114	-	19,676	26,806	
PAYMENTS						3, 4, 5
Fundraising Costs (trading activity)	-	-	-	-	-	
Cost of Charitable Activities	34,112	-	-	34,112	22,570	
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	34,112	-	-	34,112	22,570	
Asset and Investment Purchases						
Purchase of fixed assets for church purposes	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	34,112	-	-	34,112	22,570	
Net of receipts/(payments)	(14,550)	114	-	(14,436)	4,236	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
Cash funds at 1 Jan 2024	40,970	30,585	-	71,555	67,319	
Cash funds at 31 Dec 2024	26,420	30,699	-	57,119	71,555	

ST LAURENCE GUESTLING		FROM: 01-Jan-24	Notes
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD		TO: 31-Dec-24	
ASSETS			
	Unrestricted Fund	d Funds	Endowed Funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash Funds			
Lloyds Current	16,446	25,063	-
General Deposit	9,974	-	-
Restoration Deposit	-	5,636	-
Cash in Hand	-	-	-
Total cash funds	26,420	30,699	-
	Unrestricted Fund	Restrictive Funds	Endowed Funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Gift Aid / GASDS recoverable	-	-	-
Fees not yet received / money owing	-	-	-
Total Debtors	-	-	-
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current Value
		£	£
Investment Assets			
CBF CoIE Fixed Interest Securities Fund - Income shares	CBF Short Duration Bond	0	16

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

2 Further analysis of income received:

	Unrestricted General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowed Funds	Total All Funds 2024	Total All Funds 2023
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Voluntary Receipts						
Tax efficient Planned Giving	5,830	-	-	-	5,830	7,169
Other Planned Giving	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collections at services	3,037	-	-	-	3,037	3,468
Group Subscriptions Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Event Donations	-	-	-	-	-	150
Other Donations	5,448	-	114	-	5,562	6,787
Gift Aid reclaimed	-	-	-	-	-	3,196
Legacy	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Totals	16,315	-	114	-	16,429	22,788
Activities for Generating Funds (trading)						
Major Fundraising Event	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Fundraising activity	-	-	-	-	-	667
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	667
Charitable (Church Purposes) Activities						
Statutory Fees: weddings, funerals etc	2,461	-	-	-	2,461	2,898
Totals	2,461	-	-	-	2,461	2,898
Investment Interest, Dividends, Rent						
Other Income	786	-	-	-	786	481
Totals	786	-	-	-	786	481
Total	19,562	-	114	-	19,676	26,806

ST LAURENCE QUESTLING					FROM:	01-Jan-24
					TO:	31-Dec-24
3 Further analysis of costs paid:					Total	Total
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowed	All Funds	All Funds
	Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Costs of Generating Voluntary Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Costs (trading activity)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	2,296	-	-	-	2,296	2,450
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	896
Mission giving and donations	1,602	-	-	-	1,602	-
Parish Share	9,000	-	-	-	9,000	7,134
Salaries, wages and honoraria	4,261	-	-	-	4,261	3,869
Clergy & staff expenses	4,590	-	-	-	4,590	2,561
Mission & Evangelism	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance running costs	5,024	-	-	-	5,024	2,038
Service Costs	1,040	-	-	-	1,040	701
Printing, Stationery & sundries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities: Gas, Elec, Water	1,456	-	-	-	1,456	1,866
Costs of church activities/trading eg Magazine, bookstall	-	-	-	-	-	67
Major church repairs & maintenance	3,454	-	-	-	3,454	-
Church grounds	1,389	-	-	-	1,389	650
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	34,112	-	-	-	34,112	22,232

ST LAURENCE GUESTLING
FROM: 01-Jan-24
TO: 31-Dec-24

Balances
B/F

Balances C/F
Notes

4 Statement of Funds

	01-Jan-24 to nearest £	Income to nearest £	Expenditure to nearest £	Transfers to nearest £	31-Dec-24 to nearest £
General	40,970	19,562	34,112	-	26,420
Designated General	-	-	-	-	-
Total of all Unrestricted Funds	40,970	19,562	34,112	-	26,420
Restricted General	525	-	-	-	525
Restoration	30,054	114	-	-	30,168
Choir	6	-	-	-	6
Total of all Restricted Funds	30,585	114	-	-	30,699

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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:
6	Incidentals, stationery, postage, mission, cleaning materials	£2,783.54

The financial report to the year 2024 was approved by the PCC and signed on it's behalf by:-

S. Wickens
Signature

S.WICKENS
Print Name

15.4.25
Date of approval

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

Signature

Date

APPENDIX A

CHARITIES AGREED BY PCC FOR DONATIONS DURING YEAR 2024

Charities to Receive Specific Donations of £100 each:

The Bible Society

Open Doors

The College of St Barnabas (Home for retired Clergy) donation not sent following PCC discussion as a query over financial reports.

List of Charities to receive a £500 donation:

Guestling Bradshaw Church of England Primary School

Farm Africa

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

Farm Africa – cash donations collected on Harvest Sunday to be added to PCC's donation of £500

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – collection at Remembrance Sunday Service via Maggie Boulter Fairlight Lodge Branch Treasurer.

Christian Aid related to Christian Aid Week donations on Christian Aid Sunday and fundraising events.

APPENDIX B

CHARITIES AGREED BY PCC FOR DONATIONS DURING YEAR 2025

Charities to Receive Specific Donations of £100 each:

The Bible Society

Open Doors

The College of St Barnabas (Home for retired Clergy) PCC to consider if they are satisfied by sound financial reports for 2024.

List of Charities to receive a £250 donation:

Farm Africa

List of Charities to receive a £500 donation:

Guestling Bradshaw Church of England Primary School

Charities to receive donations based on money raised through specific events:

Farm Africa – cash donations collected on Harvest Sunday to be added to PCC's donation of £250

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – collection at Remembrance Sunday Service via Maggie Boulter Fairlight Lodge Branch Treasurer.

Christian Aid related to Christian Aid Week donations on Christian Aid Sunday and fundraising events.

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the PCC of St Laurence's Guestling
for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**