

ST JAMES CHURCH WEDDINGTON & CALDECOTE 2024



***‘Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?’
Isaiah 43.18-19a***

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023
to be presented at the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
on Monday 22th April 2024 at 7.00pm in St James Church**

Please bring either a printed or digital copy of this report to the meeting

People

Incumbent:	Rev Chris Routledge 61 Ambleside Way, Nuneaton, CV11 6AU	
Associate Minister:	Rev Adrian Guthrie The Rectory, 49B Church Lane, Nuneaton, CV10 0EX	
Parish Administrator:	Marina Betteridge, St James Parish Office St James Church Hall, Church Lane, Nuneaton, CV10 0EX	
Treasurer:	Jim Keeley	
Independent Examiner:	David Craddick	
PCC Secretary:	Barry Grant	
Bank:	The Co-Operative Bank	

Parochial Church Council Serving From APCM 2022 – APCM 2023:

Incumbent:	Rev Chris Routledge	(Ex Officio Member)	
Associate Minister:	Rev Adrian Guthrie	(Ex Officio Member)	
	Rev Martin Butt	(Ex Officio Member)	
Churchwardens:	Brenda Gardiner	(Ex Officio Member) (Ex Officio Member)	Vacant
Assistant Churchwardens:			Vacant
Treasurer:	Jim Keeley	(Ex Officio Member)	
Secretary:	Barry Grant		
Deanery Synod Members:	Janet Payne Cheryll Turner	(Ex Officio Member) (Ex Officio Member)	Serving to 2026 Serving to 2026
PCC:	Janet Flavel Diane Trout Maureen Chattaway Vacant Vacant Vacant Barry Grant Paul Ingram Chris Gardiner		Serving to 2024 Serving to 2024 Serving to 2024 Serving to 2025 Serving to 2025 Serving to 2025 Serving to 2026 Serving to 2026 Serving to 2026
Positions to be voted for this year:	2 Churchwardens 3 PCC members to 2025 3 PCC members to 2026 2 Deanery Synod Representatives to 31.05.26		

Parish Statistics from the Registers –

	2023	2022
Baptism	8	15
Thanksgiving	0	0
Confirmation	0	0
Marriage	2	2
Blessing/Renewal of Vows	1	0
Church Funeral	4	3
Thanksgiving for Life/Memorial Services	0	3
Interment of Ashes	11	8
Burials	1	0

Agenda for Annual Meetings 2024

The Parish of St James, Weddington & Caldecote

Annual Parish Meeting (Vestry Meeting) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 22th April 2024 at 7pm
St James Church

Agenda

Chaired by Rev. Chris Routledge Priest-in-Charge

Opening Prayers and Bible Reading

Annual Parish Meeting

(anyone living in the Parish can attend the Annual Parish Meeting but only those on the Electoral Roll can attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous APCM**
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
4. **Election of PCC Members** *(Note Deanery Synod due 2026)*
5. **Electoral Roll Report**
6. **Reports:**
 - (a) Incumbent's Report
 - (b) Associate Minister's Report
 - (c) Annual Report (prepared by the PCC Secretary)
 - (d) Churchwardens' Report including Report on the Fabric of the Church
 - (e) Report on Safeguarding
 - (f) Deanery Synod Report
7. **Finance Report** (prepared and presented by the PCC Treasurer)
8. **Adoption of the Annual Accounts of the Parish**
9. **Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts**
10. **Reports from Church Groups**
11. **AOB** (Items need to be received by the PCC Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting)
12. **Closing Prayers**

Parish Meeting 2023

The Parish of St James,
Weddington & Caldecote

Annual Parish Meeting (Vestry Meeting) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 24th April 2023 at 7pm
St James Church

Agenda

Chaired by Rev. Chris Routledge Priest-in-Charge

Present: Janet Flavel, Christopher Gardiner, Brenda Gardiner, Juliette Guthrie, Andrew Harris, Jean Harris, Susan Harris, Susan Hextall, Paul Ingram, Pamela Ingram, Philip (Jim) Keeley, John Keiser, Alex Lapsley, David Lawrie, Judith Moore, Janet Payne, Cheryl Turner, Rev Chris Routledge, Rev Adrian Guthrie, Rev Martin Butt, David Bailey (PCC Secretary of St Nicolas, to take minutes)

Opening Prayers and Bible Reading

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting, and opened in prayer. He then read from Luke 24:13-end, commenting that the disciples travelling on the Emmaus road went from despondency and despair to joy and hope, as Jesus drew alongside them, and they invite Jesus to stay with them.

Annual Parish Meeting

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Election of Churchwardens

There was one nomination: Brenda Gardiner, who was duly elected.

Thanks, and a small presentation, were given to Juliette Guthrie for being the churchwarden for the past two years.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Barry Grant, Maureen Grant, Terry Laight, Jackie Laight, Terry Harris, Sandra Harris, Jim Kirkwood, Pat Kirkwood, Diane Trout, Albert Trout, Maureen Chattaway

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous APCM

These were accepted, having been proposed by Adrian Guthrie, and seconded by Alex Lapsley.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes: None

4. Electoral Roll Report: A total of 66, up 2 from last year. 37 resident in the parish, and 29 from outside.

5. Reports: (Previously circulated in written form)

- (a) Incumbent's Report
- (b) Associate Minister's Report
- (c) Annual Report (prepared by the PCC Secretary)
- (d) Churchwardens' Report including Report on the Fabric of the Church
- (e) Report on Safeguarding: Thank you to Alex Lapsley who is standing down after four years. It is noted that the PCC have been paying due diligence to the House of Bishops' guidance via the national dashboard.
- (f) Deanery Synod Report

Paul Ingram proposed that all of these reports be accepted, and Brenda Gardiner seconded. They were accepted by the meeting.

6. Reports from Church Groups: Thanks were expressed to Maureen for looking after the hall, and thanks to Judy for operating Weddington Wives for the last 14 years.

It was agreed to accept these reports, proposed by Sue, seconded by Pam.

7. Finance Report (prepared and presented by the PCC Treasurer)

Jim Keeley (Treasurer) invited questions of which there were several:

- On page 16 of the report is a summary of income and expenditure. Under Church Activities the comments appears to show a discrepancy between the 2021 figure and the 2022 figure, but this is just a quirk of the new accounts system compared with the old in the way it shows the figures.
- Although giving is up, we still have a loss in 2022 of £3350. In view of this, why do we still give to charity, and can we recover the loss? The 'loss' simply means that we spent more than we received, and the difference has come out of reserves. The PCC decided to give to charity because it is the right thing to do, to share God's blessing with others.
- Overall, the report is very positive, and encouraging. We are blessed, and God will honour that as we share with others.

Jim said that we are in a comfortable position, and that £6000 has been given to charities.

Thankyou to everyone for your support. The new system is designed for churches like ours.

8. Adoption of the Annual Accounts of the Parish

The meeting accepted the accounts, having been proposed by Cheryl Turner, and seconded by Janet Flavel.

9. Appointment of the Independent Examiner of Accounts

It was agreed to re-appoint David Craddick as independent examiner of accounts. Proposed by Sue Hextall, seconded by Paul Ingram.

10. Election of PCC Members

Nominations were received for:

Christopher Gardiner, Paul Ingram, Barry Grant

Who were duly elected.

11. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives every three years/when vacancies arise

Janet Payne was nominated before the meeting, and Cheryl Turner was nominated in the meeting by Alex Lapsley, seconded by Christopher Gardiner. There are two vacancies, so both were elected.

12. AOB (Items need to be received by the PCC Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting)

The issue of outside lighting was raised, and it was agreed that this would be discussed by the PCC.

13. Closing Prayers: Adrian closed in prayer. Juliette thanked Chris and his family for coming to us. Chris thanked everyone for coming, and Adrian for all the work he has done.

End of Meeting

Church Business Reports:

Electoral Roll Report

The current Electoral Roll numbers are 69, 39 resident in the parish and 30 non-resident (1 deceased, 3 new members)

Incumbent's Report

2023 has been an important year for me to settle into and explore the needs and opportunities of the two parishes. During Lent 2023 we held two Lent Courses (daytime & evening - one at both churches) called 'Everybody Welcome' Course. This enabled open conversations to begin about what our churches do well regarding welcome and what areas we could develop better. This led into joint PCC meeting with both PCCs from St Nicolas and St James Churches where we agreed to work on a shared priority of 'developing a culture of invitation and welcome' and a shared Mission Action Plan (MAP). In order to better focus the work of the PCC on a more strategic level, the number of 'business meetings' of St James PCC has been reduced to the Annual minimum of 4, with a remaining three meetings to be held jointly with St Nicolas to create time and space to reflect together about where God is leading us in mission, vision and outreach, using the 'leading your church into Growth' (LYCiG) material. Insights from these meetings will be fed into the MAP and monitored through 3 of the 4 annual PCC business meetings.

Another strand that has enabled this to happen has been the creation of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) - made up of clergy, lay leaders/readers, staff and wardens across both churches (accountable to the PCC) who manage day-to-day management of ministry issues that arise, providing support and accountability for this key group of leaders working, often independently on behalf of the churches. Alongside this, the re-establishment of the standing committee has enabled urgent but straightforward decisions to be taken without taking up PCC meeting time. I pray that this may enable both the PCC and congregations to focus more directly on Mission and outreach to our specific communities and opportunities. A huge thank you Barry and Jim for your hard work in supporting these new structures.

Regarding our priority of developing a culture of invitation and welcome I want to particularly commend the ongoing effective work of our service managers, welcomers and hospitality teams who set the wonderful and special tone of welcome at St James Church. Alongside this, the new defibrillator at the church hall, the Hall itself, our newly established Messy Church team particularly reflect the growing culture of welcome which enables congregation members to invite people to. I have also been delighted to see some members of the congregation inviting people to Alpha and other events that help people explore faith or connect with each other better.

A huge thank you to Brenda for her amazing step of faith into the role of Churchwarden and for many who are supporting her so well at St James: Paul for organising the rota, to Juliette for your hard work with the churchyard and Chris for all the behind the scene support you give to Brenda. Thank you too to Adrian and Martin for your support and deeply appreciated ministry to St James and the community of Weddington and Caldecote as well as being an integral part of the SLT team.

There is much more that I could say to review 2023 but I asked the PCC at the start of 2024 to review highlights of 2023 - this is what they said, and they sum up many of my highlights too:

- Growth of the work with first schools and nursery

- Development of carols service and attendance of people from the community
- Flower Rota
- Safeguarding Sunday
- Messy Church
- Building the Messy Church Team
- Both Churches working together but reaching out into the community
- St Nicolas and St James working together
- Coffee Pot
- Parish Office consolidation: more hours available yet saving money
- Brenda becoming Church Warden: Thank you Brenda
- Sept 2023: Defibrillator
- Messy Church

Associate Minister's Report

2024 Annual Report from Revd Adrian Guthrie

Since the APCM in 2023, our outreach efforts have been mainly focused on young families. This includes our baptism families although this year the number of baptisms has reduced most probably due to the natural ebb and flow of demand.

Messy Church has settled into a pattern of 5 events a year – Easter, Summer, Harvest, Christingle, Spring, and the team now comprises 9 people who have completed safer recruitment and a further 3 in process. The numbers have been encouraging with a typical average of 18 children and 27 adults (including team members) attending. The next step is to help build Messy Church into a church community.

Third Sunday is designed for all ages to worship together with at least one item that everyone can relate to easily. We are on a learning journey with this and recently I joined forces with Sally-Ann, Carole and Dawn from St Nic's to develop our Third Sunday further in conjunction with the All-age worship service at St Nic's on the 4th Sunday of the month. It has been good to include others in the delivery of this including Vivienne and her puppets and a sketch from Andrew and Paul. It may be a while before we have young families present every week, but all ages from the congregation have fed back their appreciation for this type of worship.

I have continued to go into our two primary schools at their invitation to lead an assembly based on Christian festivals, but we have also had several very successful visits to the church and I am grateful to Sue Harris and Brenda Gardiner for their support with these. Abacus Nursery are keen to continue arranging visits to the church for Harvest, Christmas and Easter which has been a delight.

I also continue to support the worshipping life of the church both directly in leading and preaching, but also in the production of the Audio-Visual material that we use to project at each service. This has involved looking after the equipment, and training and supporting those who operate the laptop during the service. In conjunction with the PCC, I have taken a lead in identifying our future AV equipment needs to enable us to move from our existing temporary set-up to something more permanent, where the technology is less visible too. This has involved liaising with AV specialists and submitting a faculty application for the project. We are awaiting permission from the Coventry Diocese Chancellor prior to the PCC deciding when to go ahead with this.

We continue to make good use of Facebook, including using it as our main means of promoting events as well as uploading a recording of our service each week.

Finally, it has been good for St James PCC to work together with St Nic's PCC under Chris' guidance on developing the outreach culture of our church, with a particular emphasis on welcome and invitation this last year. The percentage of the parish to whom we delivered Christmas service information at Christmas 2023 increased and the growing numbers attending the Carol Service and two Carols for the Family services has also been very encouraging.

Thank you to Chris for his support and to everyone from St James for your partnership in the gospel.

PCC Secretary's Report

The following served as members from APCM 2022 till APCM 2023:-

Rev Chris Routledge (Priest in Charge from September 2022), Rev Adrian Guthrie (Associate Minister), Brenda Gardiner (Churchwarden Health + Safety), Jim Keeley (Treasurer), Barry Grant (Secretary), Rev Martin Butt, Janet Payne (Deanery Synod), Janet Flavel, Christopher Gardiner, Diane Trout (), Maureen Chattaway (from September 2022), Cheryll Turner (Deanery Synod),

Susan Harris Has left the PCC but has retained responsibility for Safeguarding. Thank you Sue for filling this role.

Diane Trout has relinquished Health and safety and Brenda Gardiner taken it over

This means we ran with:- Three PCC vacancies and One Churchwarden at the end of the year.

There has been a change in the operation of the PCC so now we only have four minuted meeting per year. The other ones are training ones. The Standing Committee has taken a more active role in the day to day issues but the PCC is kept informed and asked to authorise any items that are necessary.

The Standing committee consists of: -

Barry Grant, Jim Keeley, Adrian Guthrie, Chris Routledge, Benda Gardiner, Christopher Gardiner

During 2023 The PCC met six times and the standing committee four times.

The PCC's responsibilities are:

- Co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge Chris Routledge and our Associate Minister Adrian Guthrie.
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.
- Maintaining and repairing the church and church hall, the contents, the churchyard and surrounding walls, hedges and lawns.
- Raising the money needed for these purposes, and for making sure that the work is done properly.

Events and Changes

- This year has been challenging we have had problems with flooding. We are looking into providing a different entry into the church yard.
- The heating in the lounge has failed and due to the Church of England policy we are not allowed to replace the boiler with a similar one.

Finally I know the Churchwarden thanks everyone for their efforts which I wholly support. So I would like to thank Brenda who in her first worked hard to do this onerous job. Without whom the church could not run. Thanks.

Mr. B Grant, PCC Secretary

Churchwardens' Report

On taking on the role of Churchwarden in July 2023 with Gods help I hoped to be able to follow in the tradition of many before me. In particular I want to thank Juliette Guthrie for her help, patience & guidance, which she continues to give Everyone Involved in the work of the church has been very supportive.

Thank you to Rev Chris Routledge Rev Adrian Guthrie & Rev Martin Butt & for all those leading our worship.

A special mention for the outlook of our church in Messy church. The many who help to make it happen at special times of the Church Calendar & for the many parents & children who enjoy it.

It remains a privilege to welcome new people into the church Family & keep in touch with those unable to attend services.

Thank you to those helping with church tasks;
To Paul for Sunday service rota`s

Churchyard /car park /Garrett's rest

Thanks for the Churchyard maintenance group of helpers monthly

Keeping everything neat & tidy

& to Mike Turner from MME garden services cutting the Grass Thanks to the team who clean & maintain the Church building.

To Maureen Chatterway & team for looking after the Church hall

The terrier and log book are continuing to be updated

Regular testing & recording of Fire alarms & emergency lighting monthly

Annual inspections are also up to date

Spring 2023 The Quinquennial report was completed and efforts are being made to work on the recommendations;

Recommended a tree survey completed 2023 .Work will begin on the Churchyard trees when Nuneaton and Bedworth planning office send the results of an application to work on the Trees

Work will be scheduled with Dean More a tree specialist, & a roofing expert

Work is recommended on the Church roof with level 1 observations & Level 2 work within 12 months.

Recommended Fire Risk assessment & Disability access report.

Johnathon Heggarty from SCH safety did the survey. This points out how to implement Fire regulations Extra emergency lighting needed to the whole church Clear instructions & directions to fire exits & assembly point.

.Fire Marshalls to complete online training .Fire drill log to be kept & drills performed at regular intervals

MES systems installed extra smoke detectors to the loft space a warning light to lobby ceiling & 2 visual aids to .toilets

All fire alarms are covered by insurance & 6 monthly checks Recommended a C02 fire extinguisher to the Church porch (situated next the glass doors to porch)

Fire drills to be introduced & records to be kept.

4 PCC people will do an online course on fire safety & Marshalling.

Recommended Youngerman Ladder to the loft be replaced

Work completed 2023

Old Registers were deposited at the Registry Office. Church Logs previous to 2012 to Church Hall office.

At the end of 2023 1 boiler failed .Changes to the heating the Church & lounge are being investigated
A water heater has been installed in the kitchenette cupboard to provide hot water to 2 toilets & the kitchen.
2 pump Pots are now in use for Drinks

We were aided by Michelle Black from CAVA & councillor Rob Tromans in securing a grant from Nuneaton and Bedworth council.

With the Grant & funds raised by Coffee Pot & Sue Hextall we were able to purchase & install a Public available Defibrillator at the church hall suitable for use for Adults & children.

As we look forward to our APCM we pray for new members to the PCC and for churchwardens We thank God for his blessings on St James church. We will continue to Pray and with his help, work to bring the Christian Message of good news to our community

Brenda Gardiner Church Warden

Church Hall Report

The Church Hall still remains a good meeting place, be it for birthdays, or any other get together.

We are grateful to our regular users namely Amy's Dancing Academy, Art Group, Barnardos - Busy Butterflies and KT Fitness & Pilates,
We continue to attract Church activities such as Coffee Mornings, Weddington Wives & SWANS

We still keep safety measures in place, signing in & still asking people to use hand sanitiser before entering the main hall, and to use the cleaning sprays if and when they use tables, we do not want the Virus back again.

Amy's Dance Academy still keeps her one way system in place.

The hall site is still maintained by myself, making sure the hedges and lawns are kept to a good standard, had to have help with these.

My son David does the maintenance in the Church Hall if it cannot be resolved by him then we have to have outside help

All services have been maintained and are up to date

Many thanks go to the people, who make up our small team Emma, David, and Julia for keeping the hall clean on a weekly basis.

Maureen Chattaway
Team Leader
Weddington Church Hall

Safeguarding Report

Everyone who attends the church has the responsibility of safeguarding.

It is our role to implement, comply with and promote the PCC's Safeguarding Policy and ensure that throughout the year the PCC have 'due regard' to House of Bishops safeguarding guidance in all we do.

Over the last twelve months, we have worked extremely hard, to keep our church as a safe place. Some of the congregation have gone through the process of safer

recruitment and have completed safeguarding courses. We have facilitated the basic and foundation courses which were well attended on both 13th June and November 19th. We marked National Safeguarding Sunday on 19th November which we also reflected on 26th Nov too.

I would like to thank everyone who has completed the required courses. You can go on the Coventry Diocese website, click on safeguarding, scroll down to the link: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> If you would like to complete the courses.

Alex Lapsley retired as Safeguarding Officer and I would like to thank him for all his support and hard work.

We shall be facilitating basic and foundation courses in the church hall on the 21st May at 7 o'clock. All welcome.

If you witness or suspect anything, please report it to the Safeguarding Officer or the Priest in Charge. If this is not possible speak to the diocese safeguarding team as soon as possible.

You can find all this information on the notice board in the rear porch

Susan Harris Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Deanery Synod Report

The Nuneaton Deanery Synod Meetings take place three times a year and are hosted by different churches. Meetings start with an act of worship before items on the agenda are discussed. Ideas are often shared in smaller groups before feedback to the wider meeting.

The first of the three meetings was held at St James' Church, Bulkington. The main topic for discussion was, 'Being a generous church/community.' The Reverend Alison Evans led a reflective session based on the topic which was then discussed in small groups. Ideas were shared during feedback.

The second of the meetings was hosted by St Mary's Church, Atherstone. This meeting was of a more formal nature in that it included a presentation by Reverend Gail Phillip on how Deanery Synods operate. Elections to Standing Committee, Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee took place. There was a welcome given to Esther Peers Dean of Women's Ministry. Esther gave an engaging presentation on the work of 'Dean of Women's Ministry.'

The third meeting was held at St Paul's Church, Stockingford. An interesting and exciting talk was given by the Reverend Ugochukwu Okeke (Ugo) and David Jones about their roles in the Deanery Mission Hub which has been set up in Bedworth Parish Church.

Another talk was given by Colin Angus, Net Zero Carbon Officer of the Diocese of Coventry. Colin spoke about how he can help to make individual Parishes work towards Net Zero.

If you would like to know more information about the Nuneaton Deanery Synod meetings then please speak to one of your Deanery Synod members.

Janet Payne.

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST. JAMES CHURCH WEDDINGTON AND CALDECOTE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St. James Church Weddington and Caldecote ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act)
- (ii) to follow the procedure laid down under the General Directions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of The Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's 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 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 145 of The Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date 14th March 2024

David Craddick
157 Windermere Avenue
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St James Finance Report 2023

In summary, our finances continue to run at a deficit.

Voluntary Giving has again increased, thank you to everyone who has given money to St James over the year.

Income from the Church Hall has also increased taking bookings from a few more organisations.

Expenditure increased significantly for Church and Hall repairs, energy costs remain high, and the Parish Share increased by £2,000.

The net loss was £4,219. This has been covered by moving money for expenses over previous years from the Associate Minister Fund.

There was no giving to other charities from Church Funds in 2023, we will resume our mission giving in 2024. We did collect money at Services and make donations, also the Coffee Pot made a number of donations.

We installed a defibrillator outside the Hall and this was paid for by a grant kindly given by Warwickshire County Council with additional money donated from the Coffee Pot Fund.

Please refer to these reports for more detail.

Income and Expenditure 2023 compared with 2022

Donations to Charity in 2023

Balance Sheet for 2023

I would like to say thank you to everyone at St James, I always feel welcome and I appreciate your support. Finally I would like to thank David Craddick who has kindly reviewed our accounts for 2023.

Jim Keeley Treasurer St James Weddington and Caldecote

Income and Expenditure 2023 and 2022

Description	2022	2023	Difference	Comment
Income				
0101 - Planned Giving (Bank, Parish Giving, Envelopes)	16,128	18,037	1,910	General increase in giving
0301 - Collections	5,663	6,651	987	
0550 - Donations	964	4,299	3,334	Includes Coffee Pot, Cards, Diocese Energy contribution, individual donations
0601 - Income Tax Credits	5,516	5,244	-272	2022 included previous year
1020 - Bank and building society interest	82	513	432	Higher rate of interest
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	3,033	3,229	196	
1230 - Church hall lettings	12,545	14,307	1,762	More bookings
Totals	43,932	52,280	8,348	
Expenditure				
1801 - Donations and Giving to other charities	6,280	0	-6,280	No donations from General Funds in 2023, to be resumed in 2024
1850 - Mission/Outreach	300	429	129	
1910 - Parish Share	24,000	26,000	2,000	
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	3,046	3,349	302	Higher rate and more hours
2101 - Clergy expenses	357	527	169	Now using Associate Minister Fund

Description	2022	2023	Difference	Comment
2150 - Clergy telephone and Internet	326	61	-264	Now using Associate Minister Fund
2301 - Church running - insurance	182	1,881	1,698	Insurance now charged monthly
2310 - Church office - telephone	711	808	97	Telephone now shared with St Nicolas
2330 - Church repairs and maintenance	1,215	3,054	1,838	Includes Quinquennial, loft ladder, electrical inspection, fire risk assessment, boiler work
2340 - Weekly Service Costs	1,157	824	-333	Fewer items
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	820	1,180	360	More mowing visits in 2023
2360 - Admin/Print/Copy/Post/Stationery	1,478	756	-722	Copier removed, new copier shared with St Nicolas
2365 - Bank Charges	186	257	71	More banking transactions
2401 - Church running - electric	594	777	182	Energy costs remain high
2410 - Church running - gas	1,202	1,756	554	
2420 - Church running - water	121	140	19	
2530 - Hall running - electricity	408	3,969	3,561	2023 includes catch up on previous underpayment
2540 - Hall running - gas	1,778	4,342	2,564	
2550 - Hall running - insurance	61	1,037	977	Insurance now charged monthly
2560 - Hall running - repairs and maintenance	1,269	2,315	1,046	Includes plumbing/heating, notice board glazing, window blinds repair
2580 - Hall running - water	121	140	19	
2585 - Hall running - open/close/caretaker	720	1,547	827	Increased rate, more frequent opening and closing
2590 - Hall running - Cleaning	980	1,350	370	Increased rate, more hours in 2023
Totals	47,312	56,499	9,187	
Income - Expenditure	-3,380	-4,219	-839	
Transferred from Associate Minister Fund		4,805		To cover expenses from previous years

Donations to Charity in 2023

Charity	Amount
St James	
Childrens Society	£218
Water Aid	£246
Nuneaton Foodbank	£307
St James Total	£771

Charity	Amount
Coffee Pot	
Doorway	£530
Cancer Research	£150
Alzheimers Research	£150
Turkey Syria Earthquake	£500
Mary Ann Hospice	£300
Myton Hospice	£300
Water Aid	£54
Mercy Ships	£150
Defibrillator	£579
St James Church	£700
Coffee Pot Total	£3,413

Balance Sheet

St James Weddington and Caldecote

Balance sheet (Church of England)

As at: 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	840,880	840,880
	840,880	840,880
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	109,495	109,989
	109,495	109,989
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,657	1,894
Net current assets less current liabilities	106,838	108,094
Total assets less current liabilities	947,718	948,974
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Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	10,849	9,544
Designated		
Designated - Associate Minister Fund	5,327	5,013
Designated - Hall Fund	60,774	60,774
Designated - Hall Maintenance Fund	2,000	2,000
Designated - Winter Night Shelter Fund	602	602
Designated - Parent and Toddler Group	—	—
Designated - St James AV Project	(619)	—
Designated - Swans St James	889	—
Designated - Banner Group	425	425
Designated - Church Fabric Fund	17,426	19,375
Designated - Churchyard Fund	1,653	1,133
Designated - Clergy Discretionary Fund	—	—
Designated - Coffee Pot Group	2,101	3,098
Designated - Defibrillator	—	—
Designated - Flowers Fund	80	—
Designated - Church Hall Buildings Land Contents & Garretts	840,880	840,880
Restricted		
Restricted - Caldecote Churchyard Fund	5,327	5,127
Restricted - George Abbot Fund	—	—
Funds of the church	947,718	948,974

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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Reports from Church Groups

Pastoral Group Report

The Pastoral Group has continued to meet around once every six weeks throughout the year.

A particular joy this year has been to welcome and get to know a number of new worshippers.

However, illness, frailty, bereavement and the pressures of caring for a dependent one have also continued to occupy our thoughts and prayers.

We are encouraged by the amount of informal pastoral care that takes place through phone calls, emails, texts and home visits, and are very conscious that there is always more that could be done.

We hope that no one will feel shy about asking for home communion, as it can be a special and healing experience.

Banner Group Report



Banner Report



It is sad to say after 34 years we have reached an impasse in our banner making capacity. Due to our diminishing numbers and commissions we can no longer carry on. Our main project now is to maintain and clean all banners and altar frontals. We would be grateful for any help with this work.

Maureen Grant

Janet Payne

Elizabeth Coulson

Jan Lee

Mary Newman

Coffee Pot Report

Our weekly coffee mornings in the church hall continue to be a time when people enjoy the company of others and I am pleased to report that our numbers continue to grow. We now have a very lively men's table!

Our three fundraisers have also gone from strength to strength and are very well attended. On 4th April 2023 a total of £811 was raised at our Easter fundraiser. Proceeds were donated to The Mary Ann Evans Hospice, Myton Hospice and Doorway (to support homeless young people). A further donation of £500 was made from our funds to provide aid to people affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. On 26th September 2023 £1046 was raised at the Macmillan fundraiser. On 28th November 2023 a magnificent total of £1,151.20 was raised at our Christmas fundraiser. Proceeds were donated to St James' Church, Weddington and Mercy Ships. I would like to thank everyone who helps at these events, those who support and contribute items for the stalls and for everyone's generosity.

In July 2023 two starter packs were put together for Doorway. These are given to young people when they move into accommodation to help them settle in and feel homely. Most items were donated and Coffee Pot funds were used to buy certain things.

In October 2023 with the aid of a grant from the British Heart Foundation a defibrillator was purchased for use by the community (Coffee Pot funds were used to pay the difference between the cost of the defibrillator and the grant received). Coffee Pot funds were also used to attach the defibrillator to the outside wall of the church hall. A number of us undertook CPR training and guidance on how to use the defibrillator.

During the year I collected items for the village in Malawi we support (Mtunthama) which we took over to Glynis Gayton in May for shipment in June. Many ladies knitted squares which were joined together to make blankets for both adults and children; 39 in total. As well as the blankets we also sent dresses for little girls (adapted from men's shirts), clothes for adults, babies and children, toiletries, ladies sandals, bed linen and towels. Items were packed in suitcases which the villagers keep and use for storage.

We recently received a plea from George Eliot Hospital for knitted hats for premature babies and of course our ladies who knit answered the call! 39 hats and 1 blanket have been donated to the Special Care Baby Unit so far.

£200 has also been taken out of Coffee Pot funds to add to St James' Church Lent Appeal 2024; £100 for Nuneaton Food Bank and £100 for WaterAid.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Coffee Pot sessions and look forward to welcoming you on a Tuesday morning in Weddington Church Hall for a drink and a biscuit but most of all for a chat!! New people always welcome!

Sue Hextall

Weddington Wives Report

I took over the role as Chairperson in February 2023, I feel privileged to serve in this role. The committee and members are a great support, and this is why Weddington Wives will be celebrating 60 years this year.

Once again, we have been blessed with some excellent speakers this year, also we have had new members joining us. Our numbers are increasing each year, which is really positive.

Our speakers have been varied; in March we had a couple with their police puppies and they explained how they train the puppies for different police situations. In May we had an evening of games, celebrating the coronation of King Charles.

June was our 'mystery trip' to Birmingham Botanical Garden.

July was our summer supper; we were entertained by the ukulele Jam Band. At this event we raised £94.00 for the Jam Band charity which is Mary-Ann Hospice.

September, this was a very special evening. Our speakers came with 3 alpacas. This was a lovely hands-on experience, everyone enjoyed it. The alpacas all behaved themselves!

December was the Christmas Party; we were again entertained by the Jam Band.

We also had our Carol Service and Rev Chris Routledge did the reflection. During the service we had a collection for the Children's Society we collected £78.70. After the service we had mulled wine and mince pies.

During the year we have supported the following charities: Zoe's Place, Doorway, Mary-Ann Evan's, Myton Hospice and Young Carers. These charities were nominated by the members.

Judy Moore and Sue Bennett have decided to retire from the committee this year. Both Judy and Sue have been involved for many years. We would like to thank them both very much for their hard work and support.

We meet at the church hall, first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

You are very welcome to come along and join us.

Susan Harris

Chairperson

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