

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 145537

**STOKE POGES CHURCHES TRUST  
(STOKE POGES CURATES FUND)**

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2023

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## Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements of the charity have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which is outside the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102).

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 145537

### Principal address

St Andrew's Church Centre  
Rogers Lane  
Stoke Poges  
Buckinghamshire SL2 4LN

### Trustees

The Revd. Natasha Brady	Incumbent, Ex officio
Mr John Wheatley	Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Representative
Mrs Julie Cawood	Churchwarden (from 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023)
Mr Simon McDowell	PCC Secretary, Churchwarden (until 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023)
Mr Mark Wells	Deanery Synod Representative
Mr Ian Langham	Treasurer (appointed 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023)
Mrs Jennifer Pickering	
Mr Richard Beckingsale	
Mr Nigel Lowe	
Mrs Ann Sibley	
Mr John Marzetti	(Resigned 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023)
Mrs Kate Holliday	
Mr Sydney Quartey	Curate (appointed 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2023)

### Independent Examiner:

Karrie Taylor, ACMA  
40 Hazell Way  
Stoke Poges  
Bucks  
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### Principal Bankers:

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Senator House  
85 Queen Victoria Street  
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## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### Risk management

The trustees have reviewed all the risks the charities could face and have put in place measures aimed at managing those risks.

**STOKE POGES CHURCHES TRUST**  
Year ended 31 December 2023

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

In planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The charity's objectives and aims are primarily to support the work of the church in Stoke Poges. In the past funds have been used to assist the curate in carrying out his role in the community.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The assets of the Charity are largely invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares and during the year they have returned a total of £5,192 (2022: £3,720) in dividends and interest. The market value of the shares has increased (2022: decreased).

During the year, there were no transactions. (2022: £4,996)

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

Rev. Natasha Brady  
Chairman

Date: 22 April 2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

I report on the accounts for the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stoke Poges Churches Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out on pages 6 to 7.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Karrie Taylor, ACMA  
40 Hazell Way  
Stoke Poges  
Bucks  
SL2 4DD

Date: 22 April 2024

**Financial Statements**  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Capital Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Other Donations	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Dividends	2,765	-	2,765	2,750
Interest	2,427	-	2,427	970
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>3,720</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Administration	-	-	-	(4,996)
Accountancy	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,996)</b>
<b>Excess of receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>(1,276)</b>
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
	5,192	-	5,192	(1,276)
Bank balance brought forward	74,452	272	74,724	76,000
<b>Bank balance carried forward</b>	<b>79,644</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>79,916</b>	<b>74,724</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>				
<b>Cash funds</b>				
CBF deposit fund	<b>79,644</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>79,916</b>	<b>74,724</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>				
505.53 CBF Church of England Investment fund shares – at market value on 1 January	10,445		10,445	11,839
3969.30 CBF Church of England Investment fund shares – at market value on 1 January		82,011	82,011	92,953
Unrealised gain/(loss) in the year	983	7,716	8,699	(12,336)
<b>CBF Investments carried forward at market value on 31 December</b>	<b>11,428</b>	<b>89,727</b>	<b>101,155</b>	<b>92,456</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>	<b>91,072</b>	<b>89,999</b>	<b>181,071</b>	<b>167,180</b>

Approved by the trustees of Stoke Poges Churches Trust on 22 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. Natasha Brady. Chairman.

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The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis which is outside the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102).

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The Capital Endowment Fund represents funds received from the sale of the curate's house. The funds must be retained as a capital fund, but the income is for ordinary fund purposes. It is invested in CBF Church of England Investment Fund shares.