Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Officers of the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in the attached Statement of Financial Accounts overleaf.

Respective responsibilities of Church Officers and Examiner

The Church Officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church Officers 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:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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
- 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 Church Officers 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, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention 1. which gives

me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

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Total 2021

The Church of St
Thomas the Martyr
Financial Statement
for Year Ending 31
December 2023
Receipts and
Unrestricted

Total 2022

Restricted

Total 2023

Total 2020

Note
Fund
Fund
£
£

Receipts

Voluntary Receipts:

Planned Giving 3,480 3,480 3,720 5,839 9,050 Collections at Services - - 68 1,303 All other giving / voluntary receipts 1,170 1,170 101 639 Gift Aid recovered 443 443 934 2,320 4,583 Legacy

£

Grants 7,500 5,093 - 5,093 4,654 8,328 23,075

Investment income (interest, rent etc) 12 12 2 - 444 Church activites - Fees 0 0 - 32 Other income 3 30,552 30,552 35,319 22,126 8,479 Total receipts 35,657 - 35,657 39,975 30,486 31,998

Payments

Church activities:

Donations 1,300 2,518 Parish Share 13,115 13,115 13,115 18,000 Organist - - 36 Church expenses: Church running expenses 4a 4,189 4,189 11,839 10,668 13,976 Church utility bills 14,691 14,691 13,786 8,876 9,239 Other
expenditure / loan repayment: - 10,487 Total payments 31,995 - 31,995 38,740 38,844 36,256

Excess of receipts over payments 3,662 - 3,662 1,235 (8,358) (4,258)

Cash and deposit balances as at 01/01/23 6,039 4,803 10,842 Cash and deposit balances as at 31/12/23 9,701 4,803 14,504

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023 Cash Funds

Bank Current Account 8,682 4,803 13,485 Deposit Fund 1,019 - 1,019

9,701 4,803 14,504

Liabilities

None 0 Total liabiilties 0

Notes

The financial statements of St Thomas the Martyr have been prepared in accordance with the Church

Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2 The movements in the restricted funds during the year were:

Fund name	Balances b/f	Incoming Resources	Gift Aid due	Outgoing Resources	Balances c/f
Legacy	1500				1500
Exhibitions	177				177
General Fabric	3086				3086
Organ	40				40
Insurance Grant from Trust	0				0
TOTAL	4,803	0		0	4,803

3	Income consisted of sums refunded for St Thomas' running costs from St Thomas SDF funds held by							
	Diocese of Ne	wcastle, income Running Expens		OFGEM RHI. Restricted Fund	Total 2023 £			
4 Furt	her Analysis of							
Payme	ents a) Church	Unrestricted Fu	und	£				
		E	Boiler	659 659 Office 9 9 M	laintenance 3,391 3,391			

Other (Ecclesiastical Trust130 scheme)

130 130 **4,189 0 4,189**