

The English Clergy Association

Report of the Council for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Council of the Association

The members of the Council who served during the year were:

Dr Peter Smith (*Chairman, ex officio*)

The Rev'd Cassa Messervy (*Vice-Chairman from AGM 2023; to AGM 2024*)

The Rev'd Canon Peter Johnson (*Hon. Treasurer, ex officio*)

The Rev'd Richard Hall (*Hon. Almoner, ex officio*)

The Rev'd Mark Binney (*Registrar, to AGM 2024*)

The Rev'd Alec Brown (*to AGM 2024*)

The Rev'd Canon Derek Earis (*to AGM 2024*)

The Rev'd Canon Simon Godfrey (*to AGM 2024*)

Mr Anthony Jennings (*to AGM 2024*)

The Rev'd Dr Melanie Marshall (*to AGM 2024*)

The Rev'd Canon Hayley Matthews (*co-opted 11 October 2022, to AGM 2023*)

Status

The English Clergy Association is an unincorporated association which exists to support in fellowship all Clerks in Holy Orders in their Vocation and Ministry within the Church of England as by law established. It seeks to be a mutual resource for clergy, patrons and churchwardens requiring information or insight, to monitor and make representations, as appropriate, on bureaucracy and legislative and other processes of change in the Church; and to promote in every available way the good of English parish and cathedral life and the welfare of the clergy.

Contact with the Association may be made through the addresses given on the Association's website.

The English Clergy Association Benefit Fund is a registered charity (no. 258559), which gives holiday grants to clergy of the Church of England to enable them to take a rest from duty. In 2023 a total of £30,510 was granted to 49 clergy.

The fund operates under a Charity Commission scheme dated 14 December 1994. The Chairman and Almoner of the Association are *ex officio* Trustees. The other Trustees are appointed by the Council for a term of four years, subject to approval by the Trustees. Separate accounts are prepared for the Benefit Fund as required by law.

Review of the year

The Association has continued to publish its journal *Parson and Parish*.

The Council has made representations on various proposals before the Church of England as they affect the ministry of clergy and parishes, including terms of service, patronage, and the distribution of central financial support.

Future developments

The Council continues to seek to widen the membership of the Association, and to make known to all clergy of the Church of England the grants available through its charitable trust.

The Association seeks to keep its members informed of legal and other developments that may affect the position of clergy as well as making representations where appropriate in the press and more directly, as required.

On behalf of the Council

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year to 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Income		
Subscriptions	2019	1968
Donations	116	67
Advertisement Income		100
Investment Income	521	97
Miscellaneous income		
Total Income for the Year	£2,656	£2,232
Expenditure		
<i>Parson and Parish</i>	1886	0
Office Expenses, incl. AGM mailing	668	971
Advertising and Publicity, incl. website	622	488
Travel & Subsistence Expenses	840	831
Bank Charges	549	436
Examination		
Miscellaneous expenses, incl. room hire	120	135
Total Expenditure for the Year	£4,685	£2,861
Net Incoming /(Outgoing) Resources	(2,029)	(629)
Total Funds Brought Forward	22,498	24,837
Total Funds Carried Forward	£20,469	£24,208

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment at Cost	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation	0	0
Net Book Value	£0	£0
Current Assets		
English Clergy Association Benefit Fund		0
Scottish Widows Deposit Account	5128	5085
Cash at Bank	15881	18315
	£21,009	£23,400
Less: Creditors		
Sundry creditors and provisions	80	80
English Clergy Association Benefit Fund	460	822
	£540	£902
Net Assets	£20,469	£22,498
Funds		
General Fund	£20,469	£22,498

Approved by the Council, and signed on their behalf:
