

Worshipping God, Making Disciples, Transforming Community

St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton

Serving Nuneaton since 1155

Annual Report

and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

for the year ending 31st December 2024

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Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton 2024

Aim and purposes

St. Nicolas Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Chris Routledge, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre complex of St. Nicolas.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Nicolas as we serve St Nicolas Parish and the town of Nuneaton. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services and activities can involve and reach out to the many groups that live within our parish. Our services, worship and activities put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

To help us with this goal, during 2024 as in the previous year, St Nicolas PCC have met with St James PCC on a number of occasions and have continued to develop and work on the Mission Action Plan and a shared missional priority - namely ***'to develop a culture within the churches of invitation and welcome'***. In addition to this, the two churches share an Incumbent, Leadership Team, Administrator, Treasurer and Safeguarding Team.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC has also regularly considered its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and received regular Safeguarding reports from the Safeguarding Team. The Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Church has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the central organisation, its 42 dioceses and other Church bodies.

The Church of England will:



Promote a safer environment and culture



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Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church



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Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation



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Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons



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Care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons



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Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- **Worshipping God:** Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- **Making Disciples:** Provision of pastoral care, Evangelism and discipleship for people living in the parish and their networks.
- **Transforming Community:** Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Nicolas and the Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

In our review of 2024, PCC members commented on the following as highlights for the year (in no particular order):

- working together with St James
- Increase in people's involvement in socials and concerts
- Growth of connection with the Church school and the church
- The Heritage weekends
- New Curate: Modupe
- Harvest collections for the Food Bank
- Lent Quiet Day
- Collecting for the Salvation Army Toy service
- New Piano
- Derek Paravicini Concert
- Eco Church
- The handbell ringers

Worshipping God: Worship and Prayer

Sunday Worship

Worship is overseen by the Vicar and led by a strong and growing Lay team of Service Leaders (7 members), supported by active participation from church members with Bible Reading, Welcome, Refreshments and hospitality, AV and intercessions. St Nicolas Church is also well supported with music during worship with a growing **Worship Singing Team** (10 regular members) supported by dedicated Organist, Anthony Newborough. We also have a locally Commissioned Lay Leader (Sally-Ann Veasey) with a remit to support our development in becoming more accessible in our worship. Sally Ann has supported the All Age Services specifically with Music and plays an active role on the Leadership Team and leading services.

During 2024, the PCC has continued the worship pattern as follows:

1st & 3rd Sundays - Holy Communion (with Children's groups)

2nd Sunday - Morning Praise (with Children's groups) - during 2025 we have decided not to run children's groups on the 2nd Sunday

4th Sunday - Altogether (All Age Worship)

Children's, Families and adults with additional needs Work

Children's and adults-with-additional-needs inclusion work remains available most weeks through a dedicated team who provide supported activities that help young people explore faith topics at an age and stage appropriate level. A number of this team are also part of the All Age Service Leaders Team which works across both St James and St Nicolas Churches: The leadership of the All Age Team was initially from our associate minister, Adrian Guthrie and was passed on to Sally-Ann Veasey when he retired at the end of September 2024.

Seasonal Worship

Seasonal Worship (i.e. Christmas, Harvest, Easter etc) often has additional/seasonal liturgical elements as appropriate and additional opportunities such as Christmas Community Choir, Handbell Ring and Sing team, Taize Singers etc These are open more broadly as they are occasional (not regular).

Wednesday Worship (Book of Common Prayer)

During 2024 we continued a weekly Service in this more traditional format. We regularly get between 10-15 people at this each week:

1st & 3rd Wednesday is Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd & 4th Wednesday is Bible study and discussion led by our PTO Readers: John Hitchcock and Terry Lenton

Home Communion & Visiting

In addition to this we take Holy Communion to those who can't attend worship regularly any longer due to ill health. Currently there are about 7 people we regularly visit as well as around 10 at Caldwell Lodge and 15 at Caldwell Grange Nursing homes. Visiting is coordinated by Terry & the late Jean Lenton until her death in August 2024. We are grateful for their ministry and for Terry's continued support.

Prayer Circle Team

A small team of dedicated intercessors are available to pray for specific requests as and when they are requested. This is coordinated by Jean and Terry Lenton

Occasional Offices & Special Services and Events

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 7 baptisms (2 of which were Adult baptisms) and 8 confirmations by the Acting Bishop of Coventry Bishop Ruth. There were 5 weddings and have been 7 funerals in 2024: 3 in church, and 4 at the crematorium conducted by ministers from St Nicolas. We also have occasional special services, often in the evening, to mark particular events or seasons such as the Coronation, Taizé Healing service in Lent, Memorial services etc.

Making Disciples: Evangelism, Vocation and Pastoral Care

Courses

During Lent 2024 two lent groups were run across the two Parishes both using material from the York course. This precipitated a home group which continued to meet throughout 2024 and beyond. Alpha continued in January and beyond and a follow up group enabled participants to continue meeting and number of which went on to confirmation in October 2024.

Pastoral Visiting, Prayer and vocational discussions

The Vicar is available to meet with anyone in the church or community who wants to explore faith and God's calling on your life further or if someone is unwell and would benefit from prayer for healing and/or a visit. A number of such visits took place during 2024 and remain available into the future.

Serving & Transforming Community: Mission and Outreach

Community Service:

During 2024, we continued to run **SWANS** weekly, led by Sally-Ann Veasey. This aims to provide activities and support for those suffering with or caring for those with Dementia and also provides a useful support and activity for those who are feeling isolated for other and varied reasons. The St Nicolas Group is one of two such groups run in the Nuneaton Area (the other run at St James Church). We also began Baby Jammers at St James Church hall during 2024.

Two other key groups that we have supported (though do not formally manage) are **Baby Hub** (a stay and play activity-based group) to help new parents find support, activity and socialisation for their preschool children. The other group is the long standing **Child Contact Centre** which provides free (donation based and volunteer-led) supported access for families who, through court orders would not be otherwise able to have direct contact with each other.

Community Events 2024:

Throughout 2024 we have run a variety of events and concerts designed to help members of our existing church family invite their friends and contacts and welcome those who might not ordinarily come into the church building. These have ranged from fundraising events such as Summer Barn Dance & Fish and chips for the Megan Newborough foundation; Spring Concerts at St James; Atherstone Choral Society; Quiz nights, Historic Churches Open days; St Nicolas Festival and Harvest Supper etc

Community Investment: Mission Giving

On hold during 2024 - payments to made and updates during 2025

Community Spaces: St Nicolas Parish Centre

The centre is a very popular venue and used every day by a wide range of community groups in Nuneaton and beyond (church, social services, children, etc.) for functions, meetings, and classes. Feedback is always positive from users who value the social support and opportunity to meet like minded groups of people.

Some of the long-established groups who use the centre include:

- Contact Centre – weekly group sessions for supported contact
- SWANS – Nuneaton based dementia group providing a fun outlet through singing for carers and those they care for.
- U3A – an association for people who have finished working full time or raising their families, who want to pursue other interests or try something new. Bridge Club
- GKR - Karate Classes
- Baby Hubs - play groups, baby massage, mummy meets, baby art sessions, etc.
- Sahil – Asian Community Support Group
- Royal Osteoporosis Society – Quarterly meetings, talks, etc.
- Yoga – Wednesday & Thursday
- Accord – Women's Specialist offenders support group
- Warwickshire Tai chi – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday evenings
- Paul Gannon Karate – Saturday afternoon
- SWFT NHS Child Health Clinic – Weekly Friday mornings
- Narcotics Anonymous Recovery Meetings - Wednesday Evenings
- Bereavement Hub - Alternate Friday Afternoons

There are also rooms used for private parties and celebrations.

The centre is now thriving and in use most days and nights. This is very positive for the future.

Community Partnerships:

St Nicolas School Partnership:

St Nicolas School is a Church of England Academy with strong historic links. These links have been developing well with Dawn Beasley, an active member of our Congregation as Chair of Governors. The vicar is regularly involved in school collective worship and year groups visit the church at least once each year. During 2024, two visits during the year for most year groups happened with summer term visits as well as seasonal visits. The Church gifted a bible to each year 6 leaver as a reminder of their time at St Nicolas School. The school had a very positive SIAMS inspection, and the church is actively involved in supporting the school with this. In 2024, a new headteacher Ian Meickle was welcomed at St Nicolas Church in September 2024

Deanery Synod

Within Coventry diocese, St Nicolas is in the Nuneaton Deanery. This is led by Area Dean Rev Dave Poultney and Assistant Area Dean Rev Alison Shaw alongside lay Chair Dave Spiers. Three members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The Deanery also operates a local Mission Hub to support deanery churches through All Saints Bedworth.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a part of Churches Together network in Nuneaton, and is involved with the Saints project, with the Vicar on the Saints advisory committee. Saints hosted a Christmas Family fund day using St Nicolas Church at Christmas 2024 as well for a student lounge project which we are involved with developing youth and pastoral work in KE6. The Vicar regularly meets church leaders of the Nuneaton Churches and seeks to explore opportunities for collaborative work and ministry.

Interfaith Relationships

During 2024 St Nicolas was involved with a walk of faith organised by the Bahai community in Nuneaton, featuring a number of the faith communities of Nuneaton.

Civic Relationships

As Nuneaton's longest serving Church of England church, St Nicolas has an important role within the civic life of the local community. During 2024 we have been involved in events with the George Eliot Society, Nuneaton Historical Association, local councillors, MP, Local Schools (Higham Lane, Etone, Milby), Nuneaton District Guides and the town's Civic Remembrance Sunday event.

How many church members do we have?

It is difficult to gauge an accurate number as there are varying ways to understand membership of a church like St Nicolas.

All are welcome to attend our services and events. Some identify with St Nicolas because it is the Parish Church, others because it is the Town Church, others still because it is their spiritual home.

The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 84, but this number increased at festivals and Christmas carol services with recording 181 during our Christmas Services 2024 and 130 during our Easter Services 2024

Our Electoral Roll shows the following membership:

Year	Resident	Non residents	Total on roll
2019	62	31	93
2020	68	39	107
2021	69	39	108
2022	69	39	108
2023	70	39	109
2024	68	38	106

Our Facebook Account has 434 likes and 548 followers

Report on the Fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church

See Dashboard.

A huge number of tasks have been done to ensure that the church is safe, watertight, warm and welcoming. Our Churchwardens run a fabric dashboard to enable the PCC to see the progress and status of the many projects undertaken on their behalf.

St. Nicolas Parish Church

DASHBOARD - FABRIC

KEY

	Urgent Job to be completed
	Project ongoing / still to be complete
	Project completed and paid in full
	Project rejected

Number	Project / Repairs	Reference Area	Aim of Project	Cost	Status
1	Repair to Large TV screen	Internal - Front of Church	To enable the screen to go flat to the wall	£1,300.00	Repair cancelled due costs to high
2	Transfer of fuse box / contents from NBCC to St. Nicolas Church	External - by main entrance to driveway	To give flood lighting to path from the Church to the Car park	£4,783.70	Standing Committee rejected costs. Will be part of a new project in 2024
3	To illuminate to trees outside the Church Centre	External - Outside main glass doors to CC	To give flood lighting effect to large trees especially around the Advent season		Project on hold until funding in place

4	To switch on the 6 current flood lights around the church	External - Existing flood lights to be changed to LED	To flood light the front and north aisle of the Church Building	John now looking at installed lights as replacement	John and Leon have now finished replacing the the outdoor flood lights
5	ECO Project	Outside / Inside Church Building	ECO Group to look at Trial for infra red heating zones in Church. Replacing inside Lighting & upgrade to Coutyard	Grants may be available up to £10.000	Project Group to meet up during 2025
6	Bell Frame in Tower to be painted	Internal - Main Tower	Re-painting of Horizontal RSJ's and the metal vertical supports	Price agreed by SC & PCC of £5122. 00	Project completed by Space Creators
7	Service to Clock	Internal - Main Tower	Main Clock not working and needs to be taken away to be repaired	Report and quote now received for£13,340. Project put on hold until sufficient funds are in place	SLT have put the project on hold
8	New Controls to Heating Controls in Church Centre	Internal - Church Centre	To provide zonel controls to various parts of the Church Centre	Agree between Nick and Daly Enginnering	Heating now working in Church Centre
9	Small Infrared Heater for the Church Building e.g. Leake Chapel	Internal - Church Building	To heat small areas in the church without putting the main heating on	£109.95	Heater purchased from Castle Heaters for trial in the Leake Chapel and the Chancel

10	3 Small Heaters for the Church Building & Church Centre Hall	Internal - Church Building & Hall	To heat small areas in the church without putting the main heating on	£90.00	Heater purchased & now in use around the Church Building
11	Stone Mason Repairs to various parts of the Church Building	External - Church Building	As per Quinquennial report Septemebr 2020	*Est cost by Parkinson, Dodson & Associates £10,550. Nick obtaining quotes for urgent stone repairs	on-going, discussed at SLT to leave all outstanding repairs until after the Quinquennia I next year
12	Repairs to Church Building as per Quinquennia I Report 2020 (various)	External - Church Building	As per Quinquennial report Septemebr 2020	*Est cost by Parkinson, Dodson & Associates £16,700.	on-going, discussed at SLT to leave all outstanding repairs until after the Quinquennia I next year
13	Fire Risk Assessment	Internal - Church Building	To bring the Church building up to Fire Safety Regulations	£475.00	Completed in February 2024
14	Repair to Kitchen Roof	Church Centre	Urgent repairs carried following leak into Kitchen	£3,754.80	Completed 27/06/24
15	Repair to Roof in OGS	Old Grammer School	Urgent repairs carried out following leak into Cupboard in office over electrical switches	Final Invoice now paid	Completed in May 2024

16	Fire Doors	Church Centre	Following Fire Risk Assessment new fire door required in the Kitchen and all Fire doors in Church Centre to be taken off and rehung with a 3mm gap between door and frame. The underneath stairs in the OGS to be boxed in to bring up to date to Fire Regulations and cables in the cupboard in the office to be boxed in to fire standards	All invoices now paid	All work now completed 16/12/24
17	Organ Repairs	Internal - main Church	Repairs & tuning carried out to Organ	£408.00	Completed by Peter Spencer - Dec 2024
18	Boiler Repairs	Church Centre	Urgent repairs carried out to Boiler in Church Centre	Final Invoice paid	Completed by Daly Engineering
19	Extension to Fire Alarm	Internal - Main Church & Church Centre	Following FRA recommendation upgrade to Current Fire Alarm System	Invoices paid for stages 1 & 2 = £753.00	1st Stage completed 18/07/24. 2nd stage completed 19/09/24. Awaiting dates for final date which will be the Office and lounge area

20	Bell Number 5	Internal - Bell Tower	Repair to 5th Bell and all other bells to be accessed for wear & tear	Deposit and final invoice paid £6806.00 Awaiting outcome of grants submitted to Coventry Guild & Sharp Trust	Project Completed 4th September 2024
21	External Wooden Window Frames	External - Front of Church Centre	Sand down and re varnish all frames	Cost of Varnish	Dean to lead project
22	New Access Path	External - Rear of Church Building	Clear and lay new hard core path to the rear of the building to enable access in the event of a Fire	Gravel has been donated, only other cost will be hiring of equipment	Dean leading the Project
23	Aluminium Doors exit & entrance door	Internal - Porch	The closure mechanism on one door has failed resulting in it slamming shut	Standing Committee have approved to have both doors replace at a cost of £2,200	Completed 28th February 2025
24	Fire Escape Door	Internal - Door in corridor leading to outside sheds	The push down bar has failed resulting in the door unable to be opened	Karl beebie given authority to go ahead and order what is necessary. Left hand door has been taken down and plained so it now opens and shuts properly	A new door mechanism has been ordered by Karl Beebie and will be fitted as soon as it arrives

25	Glass Rooms	Internal - Church	To hang blinds in order privacy so as to encourage new groups to rent out the rooms		Awaiting quotes from suppliers
26	Small Infrared Heater for the Church Building e.g. Glass Rooms	Internal - Church Building	To heat small areas in the church without putting the main heating on	£62.00	Heater purchased from Castle Heaters for the Glass Rooms
27	Parish Office	Internal - Church Centre	New Carpet or Carpet Tiles	£672.99	Completed 3rd Apeil 2025
28	Glass Rooms	Internal - Church	New Cabinets to be fitted so all items currently in the room can be stores away and locked, room can then be used as a meeting room		Awaiting quotes from suppliers

*** Est costs from Parkinson Dodson and Associates the company that carried out the Inspection**

Financial Review

St Nicolas P.C.C Treasurer's Annual Report for 2024

The results from 2024 show a surplus of £16,756. Please see the Operational Income and Expenditure Report for more detail.

Giving has remained consistent with slightly reduced regular giving and increased giving on the collection plate. Thank you to everyone who has given to the church.

We also received a generous legacy of £20,000 which was very welcome and has significantly contributed to our results in 2024.

The hall continues to make an excellent contribution to our income as well as to our community. The income increased and we have increased the number of organisations who use the hall.

Expenditure has increased overall, generally with annual price increases on regular items such as cleaning and insurance. We also incurred additional expenditure on essential items, a new fire door and roof repairs to the office and the hall.

A highlight of 2024 was the new piano (£4000) which was entirely funded by a combination of individual donations, subscriptions from our Swans sessions, concerts at St Nicolas and St James Churches, and a very successful concert by the pianist Derek Pavacini.

We spent a reduced amount on Mission Giving to other charities in 2024 and we plan to catch up in 2025 with a programme of donations to selected charities that serve the community.

I would like to thank everyone at St Nicolas for your friendship and support, also thank you to Neil Screation of Screation Ltd who has kindly reviewed our accounts for 2024.

Operational Income and Expenditure 2024

Income	2024	2023	2024 - 2023	% Diff	Comments
200 - Planned Giving	45,823	46,215	-392	-1	
201 - Collections	4,912	4,274	638	15	Generally higher collections
202 - Donations	24,808	7,578	17,230	227	Includes £20,000 legacy
204 - Income Tax Credits	11,852	12,112	-260	-2	
210 - Church Hall Lettings	37,327	35,611	1,716	5	More customers for lettings
215 - PCC Fees - Retained	2,438	3,209	-771	-24	Fewer weddings and funerals
230 - Interest Received	1,068	871	197	23	Higher rate of interest
Totals	128,228	109,870	18,358	17	
Expenditure			0		
500 - Donations inc Mission Giving	1,352	3,552	-2,200	-62	Lower than planned, catch up in 2025
505 - Heat and Light	11,955	12,031	-76	-1	
506 - Rates and Water	94	81	13	16	
507 - Insurance	6,778	6,059	719	12	
508 - Repairs and Maintenance	12,031	8,360	3,671	44	Includes roof repair and fire door
510 - Cleaning	9,066	8,035	1,031	13	
521 - Weekly Service Costs	3,580	4,436	-856	-19	
525 - Clergy Expenses	2,170	1,300	870	67	Timing of claims

527 - Salary Secretary	11,725	8,372	3,353	40	Increased hours and rate
528 - Printing, Postage Admin etc.	1,975	1,880	95	5	
530 - Telephone	2,014	1,513	501	33	Includes an incorrect charge from Tesco mobile
535 - Parish Share	44,412	42,297	2,115	5	
550 - Mission/Outreach/Fundraising	4,020	913	3,107	340	Increase in Mission/Outreach activity and includes Derek Paravicini Concert
565 - Independent Examination Fee	300	1,308	-1,008	-77	Change of Examiner
Totals	111,472	100,137	11,335	11	
Income - Expenditure	16,756	9,733	7,023		

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that the liquid unrestricted reserves required by the Church should ideally be equivalent to a minimum of 3 months operating costs to cover the costs of winding up that would be incurred in the case of the Church ceasing to operate.

Thank you

Jim Keeley Treasurer

Please ask me about the various ways that you can give to the church.

Email jimkeeleyhome@hotmail.com mobile 07906 220330 or ask me in church.

Additional Information

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens Garry Clark and Nick Shaw who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and Jim Keeley who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances.

Structure, governance and management

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are either *ex-officio* (Clergy, Readers & Deanery/diocesan synod members), co-opted to fulfil a certain role (currently up to 2 members), or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) [Currently up to 12 members] in accordance with the Church Representation Rules as revised in 2022. Elected, co-opted and *ex-officio* members are the trustees of the Church, registered with the Charity Commission.

The PCC members are responsible for making strategic decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

PCC Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law, it has the power, delegated by the PCC, to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to directions given by the Council.

Members: Chris Routledge (Vicar), Nick Shaw (Warden), Garry Clarke (Warden), David Bailey (PCC Secretary), Jim Keeley (Treasurer), Carole Harris (Lay Chair of PCC).

Leadership Team (LT):

This involves key leaders (Clergy, Lay and staff) involved in the day to day church ministry. The SLT is responsible to the PCC but handles day to day management-level decisions, providing support and accountability for each other and the various church ministries across both Churches.

Members:

Chris Routledge (vicar: St Nicolas/Priest-in-charge: St James),
 Adrian Guthrie (Associate Minister: St James), *Until September 2024*
 Modupe Adeoye (Curate, SSM)
 Martin Butt (Retired Clergy PTO),
 Nick Shaw (Warden: St Nics),
 Garry Clarke (Warden: St Nicolas),
 Brenda Gardiner (Warden: St James),
 Sally-Ann Veasey (Local Lay Leader),
 Terry Lenton (Reader PTO),
 John Hitchcock (Reader PTO),
 Marina Betteridge (Parish Administrator)

Joint Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team usually meets monthly to monitor and set Actions related to the Parish Safeguarding dashboards and safer recruitment requirements supporting the ministry opportunities across both churches and ensure that the PCC has due regard to the house of Bishops safeguarding guidance and regularly presents reports to the PCC.

Members: Chris Routledge, Phil Healey (St Nics PSO), Sue Harris (St James PSO), Lynn Keeley (Assistant PSO) Catherine Robbins (Assistant PSO)

Non-attending Team: Marina Betteridge (DBS Admin), Dawn Beasley (Assistant PSO), Garry Clarke (Warden: St Nics), Brenda Gardiner (Warden: ST James).

The Parish Office:

The Parish Office is the initial contact point for all enquiries: in person; by telephone and email. It is managed by our part-time Administrator, Marina Betteridge. It is where many church functions are arranged and organised (weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.). It is also the administration hub for events, the centre, invoicing, bookings, resolving issues and generally responsible for all day-to-day activities.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

		Serving Until	
Chair	Rev Chris Routledge	Vicar (<i>ex officio</i>)	(from September 2022)
	Rev Modupe Adeoye	2024 - 2029	(From July 2024)
Church Wardens	Nicholas Shaw	APCM 2024	
	Garry Clarke	APCM 2024	
Deanery Synod Members	John Hitchcock	APCM 2026	
	Peter Rogers	APCM 2026	
	Adam Fielder	APCM 2026	
Elected Members	Jim Keeley	APCM 2027	PCC Treasurer
	David Bailey	APCM 2026	

	Dawn Beasley	APCM 2027	
	Lynn Keeley	APCM 2025	Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer
	Sally-Anne Veasey	APCM 2027	
	Carole Harris	APCM 2026	Lay Chair of PCC
	Jean Bailey	APCM 2026	
	Marina Betteridge	APCM 2026	
	Vikki Townsend	APCM 2027	
	Helen Fielder	APCM 2026	
	Julie Bannister	APCM 2027	
	Lynn Werrett	APCM 2026	

PCC Officers:

PCC Secretary (Acting) - Marina Betteridge

PCC Treasurer - Jim Keeley

Electoral Roll Officer - Ian Miskin (Left Dec 2024)

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) - Phil Healey

Administrative information

How you can get in touch with us:

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Registered Charity Number 1126349*

ST. NICOLAS CHURCH NUNEATON
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Screatons Ltd.
Chartered Accountants
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13th March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report To the PCC of St. Nicolas Church Nuneaton

This report on the accounts of the PCC of St. Nicolas Church Nuneaton for the year ended 31st December 2024 is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF.

That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, 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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 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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ST. NICOLAS CHURCH NUNEATON

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024
	£
<u>Income</u>	
Planned Giving	45,823
Collections	4,912
Donations	34,760
Restricted Donations	-
Income Tax Credits (Gift Aid)	12,169
Income Tax Credits (Gift Aid) (Restricted)	-
Church Hall Lettings	37,328
PCC Fees - Retained	2,518
Interest Received	2,224
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	139,734
 <u>Expenditure</u>	
10% Giving	1,352
Donations & Grants	-
Heat & Light	11,953
Rates & Water	95
Insurance	6,778
Repairs & Maintenance	23,961
Cleaning	9,066
Church Hall & Office Refreshments	154
Weekly Service Costs	3,731
Clergy Expenses	2,170
Salary Secretary	11,725
Printing, Postage & Admin.	1,821
Telephone	2,014
Parish Share	44,412
Mission/Outreach	8,282
Fundraising	1,500
Independent Examination Fee	300
Clergy Discretionary	530
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	129,844
 Excess of Income Over Expenditure	<hr/>
/(Shortfall of Receipts Over Payments)	9,890

ST. NICOLAS CHURCH NUNEATON
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	786,719	786,719
	<u>786,719</u>	<u>786,719</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	73,980	63,984
	<u>73,980</u>	<u>63,984</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,128	2,022
	<u>2,128</u>	<u>2,022</u>
Net Current Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>858,571</u>	<u>61,962</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>858,571</u>	<u>848,681</u>
Total Net Assets less Liabilities	<u>858,571</u>	<u>848,681</u>
Represented By:		
Unrestricted		
General Fund	822,388	814,734
Designated		
Ann Parkes Donations for Children's Activities	180	180
In Memory of Richard Lenton	0	387
Swans St. Nicolas	1,781	754
Ten Percent Giving Fund	8,614	2,948
Restricted		
PCC Bells Fund	0	6,054
Agency Collection	149	0
Restoration	24,758	22,935
Open Book	107	107
Choir Fund	412	412
Flowers Fund	0	41
Heritage Fund	182	129
FUNDS OF THE CHURCH	<u><u>858,571</u></u>	<u><u>848,681</u></u>