

The Parochial Church Council of the
Parish of St Michael's, Cofton Hackett
and St Andrew's, Barnt Green
(Reg Charity Number 1127031)

2025

2024 Annual Report & Accounts

The Parish of Cofton Hackett and Barnt
Green – Charity Number 1127031

Annual Report for 2024

Background

The trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of St. Michael's Cofton Hackett and St. Andrew's Barnt Green are pleased to present their financial report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting standard for Smaller Entities and Church Accounting Regulations. The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many as people as possible to find faith in God, to worship in our churches, and to become part of the Christian family.

When planning our activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We are an Anglican parish seeking in our own context to demonstrate the public benefits which local churches have brought to their communities for the last 2000 years. In particular, we try to nurture and spread the Christian faith among people of all ages through:

- Worship and prayer;
- Teaching the Gospel;
- Developing people's knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Missionary and outreach work;

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the churches and the Parish Centre.

Review of the year 2024

The Bible calls us to be partners in the gospel and 2024 saw the first green shoots of new relationships with our neighbouring parishes. St. Andrew's and St. Michael's are now a fully-fledged part of the Hillside Oversight Area along with our fellow Anglican churches in Lickey and Blackwell, Rednal and Rubery. Together we have started to explore how we can work together and support one another. Practically, we support the St. Stephen's food Pantry with donations of food and drink. St. Chad's have supported us by providing cover for services. These relationships will only grow as we carry on getting to know each other. Two highlights over the year were the two joint morning services we were able to hold.

PCC has continued to meet and provide excellent support in governing and guiding the often unseen but so essential mechanisms of the parish. As ever, safeguarding is quite rightly a high priority particularly given the unfortunate events within the church of England over recent months. Finance is also a vital part of the work of PCC. We are thankful that we are in a fortunate position which has enabled us to meet our Parish Share as well as committing to support mission partners abroad.

We are very grateful for the hard work and dedication of our four churchwardens. Geoff Hall, Jill Newton and Jonathan Lucas were joined by Bill Sedgewick during the year. A lot of their work and commitment is unseen but without it our church would not run so well nor our buildings be maintained to the standard that they are.

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We are very blessed to have four wonderful Lay Readers who each bring their own unique skills and giftings to the life of the church. Their commitment goes beyond Sunday services and enriches the life of our church community in so many ways.

As we look to 2025, we continue to pray for God's guidance. We have a God who is sovereign and who is, even when life looks chaotic, a solid rock on which we can build our lives and the life of the church. And so, it is in him that we trust.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Rev Andy Hobbs

Finance and Accounts

This year's results show a surplus of £11,299 on the Unrestricted fund compared to a surplus of £2,226 in 2023 with income £7,321 (4.8%) higher and expenditure £1,752 (1.2%) lower. Overall, including Restricted and Designated funds, the results show a deficit of £19,565 compared to a deficit of £30,999 in 2023. The deficit in both years were due to a high level of project spend from legacies received in earlier years.

The unrestricted voluntary income was £557(0.5%) higher than 2023, so remaining fairly steady, with some new donors replacing those that we have lost but not keeping up with inflation. Taking inflation into consideration, this means that in real terms, there was a fall in voluntary income. This is concerning as although there was a 6.8% increase last year this followed 3 years of falling voluntary income and levels are still below 2019 (pre-pandemic).

Parish Centre Income plus income from hiring the Church was £5510 (19.5%) higher than 2023 with some new regular hirers and more one-off hires too. This represents most of the overall increase in unrestricted income.

The Diocesan Common Fund is always by far our biggest expenditure. In 2024 the diocese did not increase the amount that they asked parishes to pay in recognition that many Churches are struggling following the pandemic. However, the PCC chose to increase our voluntary element by £4,000 (6%), to make a total payment of £71,000. This recognises that we are a relatively wealthy Parish and should therefore help to support those that are struggling. This increase was more than offset by a reduction in Church and Churchyard maintenance which does tend to vary significantly from year to year.

Our policy to donate 10% of our voluntary income was retained with annual tithe donations totalling £11,504. In addition, 'Coffee Break' donated £520 and we made charitable donations of £5,230 from Special Collections. This year, the Christmas collections were split equally between the Birmingham City Mission Foodbank and The Pantry@ St Stephen's in Rednal. Other collections included support for the Teams4U shoebox initiative, payment of shipping costs for a container that went to Malawi and the Oversight Area service collection, held in St Andrews, went to St Chads, Rubery to support their 'pay as you are able' drop in initiative.

There were no new legacies this year but thanks to previous legacies, we have been able to complete a number of projects. At St Michael's, the organ underwent a full refurbishment, LED lighting was installed, a new path was laid to the new ashes area, created last year, and new benches were also added. At St Andrew's the paving at the front of the Church was replaced and LED lighting was installed. In the Parish Centre additional LED lighting was installed, completing the conversion to LED's that has taken place over the last few years.

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Reserves

Our policy is to place surplus funds with the CBF C of E Deposit Fund. On the 31st December 2024 we held £130,393 with the CBF, £4346 in an HSBC deposit account and £19,134 in 'Cash at Bank and in Hand' giving a total of £153,873. From the total, £9,844 is restricted, £71,873 is from legacies that we have designated for project spending, leaving £72,156 of Unrestricted liquid reserves. It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on Unrestricted funds equal to at least 3 months running costs (approximately £37,000), to cover emergency situations. While the current liquid reserves are well above this, with a sharp increase in the diocesan common fund for 2025 and Voluntary Income falling behind inflation, this gives us some headroom going forwards

Julia Powell

Reference and administrative details

The PCC is a registered charity, Number 1127031, governed by the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Rev. Andy Hobbs in promoting throughout the parish the whole mission of the Church, including worship, evangelism, pastoral care and social and ecumenical responsibility. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St Andrew's Church, St Michael's Church and Churchyard and the Parish Centre. The secretary, Mrs Nicola Denning, can be contacted at the Parish Office, Sandhills Road, Barnt Green, Birmingham B45 8NR on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 8.30am to 1.30pm. Telephone Number 0121 447 7097.

Membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the 31st December 2024 are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Rev. Andy Hobbs	Chair
<i>Readers:</i>	Mrs Lesley Brown Mr Douglas Allenby Mrs Philippa Simkiss Mrs Tracey Lucas	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mr Geoff Hall Mrs Jill Newton Mr Jonathan Lucas Mr William Sedgwick (From 21/5/24)	
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Mr Hugh Edwards Mr David Milford Mr Mike Powell	<i>Date Elected</i> 16/04/23 (Vice Chair from 21/05/24) 16/04/23 16/04/23 (Vice Chair until 21/05/24)
<i>Elected members</i>	Mr Douglas Allenby Mrs Rosemary Aveyard Mrs Sue Hall Mrs Julia Powell Mrs Katie Leaver Mrs Gwen Onyon Mrs Diane Milford Mrs Judith Stephenson	24/04/22 16/04/23 21/04/24 24/04/22 (Treasurer) 24/04/22 16/04/23 24/04/22 16/04/23
<i>Secretary to PCC</i>	Mrs Nicola Denning	

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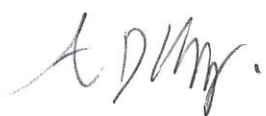
Committees

The PCC operates through a number of sub-committees which meet with varying frequency between full meetings of the PCC. The activities of each sub-committee are detailed in a separate Report.

Church Attendance

Average Sunday Attendance, including children, was 90

Approved by the PCC on 18 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Rev. ANDREW D. HOBBS.

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	115,287	-	5,384	120,671	127,993
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	33,787	-	-	33,787	28,277
Income from investments	2(c)	2,796	3,843	361	7,000	6,607
Church activities	2(d)	4,604	-	-	4,604	5,069
Other Income	2(e)	2,265	1,223	1,696	5,184	3,877
TOTAL		158,739	5,066	7,441	171,246	171,823
EXPENDITURE ON						
Church Activities	3(a)	124,799	18,629	21,402	164,830	183,119
Raising funds	3(b)	22,069	1,452	1,936	25,457	19,390
Other	3(c)	572	-	-	572	492
TOTAL		147,440	20,081	23,338	190,859	203,001
NET INCOME /(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		11,299	(15,015)	(15,897)	(19,613)	(31,178)
NET (LOSS)/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	5(b)	-	-	48	48	179
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		11,299	(15,015)	(15,849)	(19,565)	(30,999)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		11,299	(15,015)	(15,849)	(19,565)	(30,999)
Total funds brought forward		144,237	88,963	28,599	261,799	292,798
Total funds carried forward		155,536	73,948	12,750	242,234	261,799

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	87,000	92,800
Investment Assets	5(b)	2,128	2,080
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	11,545	14,183
Short term Deposits		134,739	149,143
Cash at Bank and in Hand		19,134	18,258
		<u>165,418</u>	<u>181,584</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	<u>12,312</u>	<u>14,665</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		153,106	166,919
NET ASSETS	6	<u><u>242,234</u></u>	<u><u>261,799</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	6	155,536	144,237
Designated	6	73,948	88,963
Restricted	6	12,750	28,599
		<u><u>242,234</u></u>	<u><u>261,799</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1(a) The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair" provisions.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Financial Reporting Standard 102-reduced disclosure exemptions:

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, permitted by FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

-the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

1(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

1(c) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income

Collections and planned giving are recognised only when received

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of the Parish Centre and fees from weddings, funerals etc are recognised when due.

Income from Investments

Interest and dividends are recognised when received.

Gains and Losses on investments

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December in each year.

1(d) Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC

Church Activities.

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for as an operational (though not a legal) liability, and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

All other expenses are accounted for when they become due.

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1(e) Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated property and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10 (2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property, unless consecrated. They are listed in the churches' inventories which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

There is insufficient cost information available in relation to inalienable property acquired prior to 2001, and therefore such items are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred on consecrated or beneficed buildings and individual items under £500 is written off.

Depreciation is provided over the currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis using the following rates:

Buildings (Parish Centre):	2% on cost
Organ	5% on cost
Audio equipment	20% on cost
Furnishings	20% on cost
Fittings	10% on cost

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December

1(f) Current assets

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank

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2 Income and endowments	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving				
Gifts	90,115	-	-	90,115
Tax Recoverable	20,628	-	-	20,628
Collections and other giving	3,741	-	-	3,741
Special Collections		-	5,334	5,334
Donations	140	-	50	190
Coffee Break contributions	663	-	-	663
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>115,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,384</u>	<u>120,671</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Church Hall lettings	31,767	-	-	31,767
Church lettings	2,020	-	-	2,020
	<u>33,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,787</u>
2(c) Income from investments				
Dividends	-	-	58	58
Interest on short term deposits	2,796	3,843	303	6,942
	<u>2,796</u>	<u>3,843</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>7,000</u>
2(d) Church activities				
Fees	4,604	-	-	4,604
	<u>4,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,604</u>
2(e) Other Income				
Sundry income	814	-	-	814
Monday Fellowship	1,076	-	-	1,076
VAT recoverable	375	1,223	1,685	3,283
Wayleave	-	-	11	11
	<u>2,265</u>	<u>1,223</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>5,184</u>

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2 Income and endowments	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
2(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving				
Gift Aid	87,964	-	-	87,964
Tax Recoverable	21,311	-	-	21,311
Collections and other giving	3,821	-	-	3,821
Special Collections	-	-	3,541	3,541
Donations (including tax recovered)	858	-	1,925	2,783
Coffee Break contributions	776	-	-	776
Legacies	-	5,000	2,297	7,297
Grants	-	-	500	500
	<u>114,730</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>8,263</u>	<u>127,993</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Church Hall lettings	27,239	-	-	27,239
Church lettings	1,038	-	-	1,038
	<u>28,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,277</u>
2(c) Income from investments				
Dividends	-	-	57	57
Interest on short term deposits	1,710	3,776	1,064	6,550
	<u>1,710</u>	<u>3,776</u>	<u>1,121</u>	<u>6,607</u>
2(d) Church activities				
Fees	5,069	-	-	5,069
	<u>5,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,069</u>
2(e) Other Income				
Sundry income	391	-	-	391
Monday Fellowship	814	-	-	814
VAT recoverable	427	-	2,234	2,661
Wayleave	-	-	11	11
	<u>1,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,245</u>	<u>3,877</u>

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3	Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
3(a)	Church Activities				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	Overseas	4,400	-	-	4,400
	Home	7,104	-	-	7,104
	Payments from Special Collections	-	-	5,230	5,230
	Coffee Break donations	520	-	-	520
		<u>12,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,230</u>	<u>17,254</u>
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	71,000	-	-	71,000
	Clergy expenses	1,330	-	-	1,330
	Church running costs	10,363	-	-	10,363
	Church maintenance and repair	5,031	14,731	12,331	32,093
	Support costs	3,545	-	-	3,545
	Upkeep of churchyard	2,284	3,898	3,841	10,023
	Depreciation	5,800	-	-	5,800
	Office administrator	10,085	-	-	10,085
	Other office expenses	2,707	-	-	2,707
	Independent examination fee	630	-	-	630
		<u>124,799</u>	<u>18,629</u>	<u>21,402</u>	<u>164,830</u>
3(b)	Raising funds				
	Parish Centre running costs	21,967	1,452	1,739	25,158
	Sundry expenses	102	-	197	299
		<u>22,069</u>	<u>1,452</u>	<u>1,936</u>	<u>25,457</u>
3(c)	Other				
	Monday Fellowship	504	-	-	504
	Coffee Break	68	-	-	68
		<u>572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>572</u>

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3	Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
3(a)	Church Activities				
	Missionary and charitable giving				
	Overseas	4,300	-	-	4,300
	Home	7,100	-	-	7,100
	Payments from Special Collections	-	-	4,010	4,010
	Coffe Break donations	516	-	-	516
		<u>11,916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>15,926</u>
	Ministry:				
	Diocesan parish share	67,004	-	-	67,004
	Clergy expenses	1,311	-	-	1,311
	CFM Salary and expenses	-	-	-	-
	Church running costs	10,658	-	300	10,958
	Church maintenance and repair	12,626	20,146	29,164	61,936
	Support costs	4,118	-	-	4,118
	Upkeep of churchyard	3,441	-	189	3,630
	Depreciation	5,800	-	-	5,800
	Office administrator	9,523	-	-	9,523
	Other office expenses	2,283	-	-	2,283
	Independent examination fee	630	-	-	630
		<u>129,310</u>	<u>20,146</u>	<u>33,663</u>	<u>183,119</u>
3(b)	Raising funds				
	Parish Centre running costs	19,300	-	-	19,300
	Sundry expenses	90	-	-	90
		<u>19,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,390</u>
3(c)	Other				
	Monday Fellowship	423	-	-	423
	Coffee Break	69	-	-	69
		<u>492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>492</u>

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4 Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	17,812	17,100
Social Security	107	53
Pension	109	44
	<u>18,028</u>	<u>17,197</u>
 Average number of employees	 3	 3

During the year the PCC employed an administrator and two cleaners. All work part-time .
None received £60,000 or more. £107 of NI and £109 of pension were paid on behalf of the
Administrator.

5a Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Buildings £	Church Equipment and Furnishings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	294,190	22,164	316,354
At 31 December 2024	<u>294,190</u>	<u>22,164</u>	<u>316,354</u>
 Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	201,390	22,164	223,554
Charge for year	5,800	-	5,800
At 31 December 2024	<u>207,190</u>	<u>22,164</u>	<u>229,354</u>
 Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>87,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>92,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,800</u>

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5b Investment Fixed Assets

	£
Movement in year	
Market Value at 1 January 2024	2,080
Unrealised gain	48
Market Value at 31 December 2024	<u>2,128</u>

Investments comprise 92 shares in CBF Church of England Investment Fund (for Churchyard)

6 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets for Church use	87,000	-	-	87,000
Investment fixed assets	-	-	2,128	2,128
Current assets	78,960	73,948	12,510	165,418
Current liabilities	(10,424)	-	(1,888)	(12,312)
Fund balance	<u>155,536</u>	<u>73,948</u>	<u>12,750</u>	<u>242,234</u>

7 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	2,537	4,449
Prepayments	149	2,353
Other debtors	8,859	7,381
	<u>11,545</u>	<u>14,183</u>

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8 Liabilities falling Due within 1 year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals for utilities and other costs	962	1,331
Creditors for goods and services	1,070	454
Other creditors	10,280	12,880
	<u>12,312</u>	<u>14,665</u>

9 Restricted Funds

Fund	Fund as at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Gain on Investment (Unrealised) £	Fund as at 31 December 2024 £
St Michaels Churchyard (endowment)	2,080	-	-	48	2,128
St Michaels Churchyard (income)	1	120	-	-	121
Building and Fabric Fund	1,927	-	(1,927)	-	-
MA Palmer (St Michaels Building and Fabric)	14,002	1,986	(10,404)	-	5,584
JD Tucker (St Michaels Building and Churchyard)	3,799	1	(3,800)	-	-
Mike Durnan Fund	3,200	-	-	-	3,200
Grant - St Andrews Windows	180	-	-	-	180
Grant - U18's work	751	-	-	-	751
Special collections	2,659	5,334	(7,207)	-	786
	<u>28,599</u>	<u>7,441</u>	<u>(23,338)</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>12,750</u>
Special collections					
Shoe Boxes	523	832	(1,050)	-	305
Orchard	248	-	(40)	-	208
Other restricted	1,888	3,416	(5,157)	-	147
Malawi container	-	1,086	(960)	-	126
	<u>2,659</u>	<u>5,334</u>	<u>(7,207)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>786</u>

9 Designated Funds

Fund	Fund as at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Gain on Investment (Unrealised) £	Fund as at 31 December 2024 £
B Lucas - Legacy	83,936	4,803	(20,081)	-	68,658
D Cresswell - Legacy	5,027	263	-	-	5,290
	<u>88,963</u>	<u>5066</u>	<u>(20,081)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,948</u>

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10 Related Parties

Donations made to the church and other funds by members of the PCC were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
General funds	43,522	39,706
Malawi	456	-
Teams 4 U	-	750
Foodbanks (Christmas Collections)	125	125
Dishwasher	-	1,875
	<u>44,103</u>	<u>42,456</u>

A small, immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as Chairman of the PCC. No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or to related parties, except as follows:

K Leaver, a member of the PCC received £250 (2023: £225) as recognition for co-ordinating the music and playing the piano in Church.

11 Leasing Commitments

At 31 December the PCC had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	2024	2023
	£	£
Leases terminating within 1 year	-	-
Leases terminating within 2 to 5 years	932	1,465
	<u>932</u>	<u>1,465</u>

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St Michael and All Angels, Cofton Hackett and St Andrew Barnt Green**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 5 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.



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20 March 2025