

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH**

**REPORT  
&  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

# PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Bexleyheath (PCC) is a registered charity (number 1127820).

The parish is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. Christ Church is situated in Bexleyheath town centre; its postal address is Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7BT.

The following persons served as members of the PCC during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 until the date on which this report was approved:

### Incumbent

The Reverend Trevor Wyatt

### Other Clergy

N/A

### Wardens

David Groombridge

Laurie Bennett (until APCM 2024)

Rob Hilless (from APCM 2024)

### Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Vicky Darton-Bigg

Lydia Fuller (until APCM 2024)

Roy Humphrey (until APCM 2024)

Alex Newson (from APCM 2024)

Debbie Newson (from APCM 2024)

### Elected Representatives of the Laity

Alistair Arthur (from APCM 2024)

Mark Bott

Bernard Clewes (until APCM 2024)

Glenda Cooper

Patricia Croft

Carolyn Elery

Chris Gill (until APCM 2024)

Sheila Hancock

Jane Hilless

Rob Hilless (until APCM 2024)

Margaret Jones (from APCM 2024)

Willem Koopman (until APCM 2024)

Dorothy Leigh (until APCM 2024)

Nikita Leigh (until APCM 2024)

Rachel Miles

Victoria Onuniwu

Nike Jolaoso (from APCM 2024)

Richard Percival (from APCM 2024)

Pat Perks

Elisabeth Petchey

David Soile (from APCM 2024)

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The function and purpose of the PCC is outlined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC operates through its Standing, Outreach, Fabric, Publicity, Catering, Stewardship and Halls Management Committees and receives the minutes of the meetings of those committees.

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 to stand for election to the PCC.

## **Objectives and Activities**

Christ Church PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Trevor Wyatt, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The main activities are the provision of church services (including baptisms, weddings and funerals), further teaching of adults (including house groups and courses), youth and children's work, and supporting missionary and charitable organizations and causes in the UK and overseas. The PCC also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and hall buildings on the site in the Broadway, Bexleyheath.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Church Attendance**

At the time of the preparation of this report, there were 211 persons on the Church Electoral Roll (there were 207 in March 2023). The average weekly attendance at all Sunday services in Church in 2024 was 139 adults (120 in 2023, including services held on Facebook) and 26 children (22 in 2023), though these numbers fluctuate considerably through the year. These averages are based on the Statistics for Mission attendance figures for October 2024.

## **Review of the Year**

2024 started with the church facing a significant budget deficit. However, the response from the Christ Church family to this situation was truly amazing, and we turned a large deficit into a surplus by the end of the year. Huge thanks to everyone who made a contribution, however great or small.

Our work amongst children and young people and families is one of the most important ministries in the life of the church. Our youth leader – Lydia Fuller – sadly left us in the summer to take on another youth leader role at a church in Blackheath. However, we are most grateful to Sherry Snowden, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick and Stephen Taylor-Hunt who stepped up and took on the role of looking after our young people. Sunday Club has continued under Kim's leadership and Messy Church has continued to go well under the leadership of Vicky Cox. Our under 5s pre-school group (Sunbeams) that meets on Thursday morning during term time has also continued to flourish and during the year the leadership moved from Maggie Turner to Fay Wyatt. Our thanks to Maggie for getting Sunbeams

back up and running and her work with our children at family services. The 14th West Kent Boys Brigade and Girls Association has continued to go forwards under the leadership of their Captain Andrew Church.

Our Saturday morning café, Josie's Vintage Café – in memory of Josie who left us for glory – has continued to go from strength to strength. There have been many weeks when Josie's Café has been full up and it has been hard to find a spare seat. Our other community outreach initiatives – knitting group, craft group, the ladies meeting and our monthly church services in the care home have continued to thrive. Our thanks to the leaders of these groups.

We had five weddings and two wedding blessings in 2024. We had forty-one Christenings/Baptisms and although this is down slightly on previous years, it is still a very large number for a church that doesn't have an affiliated church school. While most of us don't meet those Baptised at the 12.15pm services, we do see some of these children and families at messy church, sunbeams and at our Christmas services. Once a child is Baptised they can never be unbaptized and we never know of the seeds of faith that we are planting. Funerals were very busy during 2024 and we took over 60 funerals at the Crematorium and in church.

We should also pause for a moment and remember those saints in our church that left us for glory in 2024 – Bernard Clewes, Julie Knight, Roger Knight and Audrey Noy.

Our lay ministry team have continued to do a wonderful job helping with the preaching and the wider ministry of our church. Our Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) Marilyn Ormes, George Johnson and Yvonne Fowler have continued to preach regularly and lead services. Marilyn has organised a visiting team for those who can't get to church and home communion. Our occasional preachers – Vicky Darton-Bigg, Roy Humphrey, Elizabeth Olu-Garrick, Steve Cave, David Soile, Robert Ramsdale and Sherry Snowden – have continued to give talks for us mainly at services on Wednesday and on Sundays at 8am and 6pm. Victoria Onuniwu completed the Bishops Certificate in 2024. We also have authorized Anna Chaplains who exercise ministries in various ways – Jo Ellard (Care homes), Patricia Croft (Ladies meeting), and Richard Percival (Pastoral team).

Vicky Cox has continued to do a great job as our parish administrator church office, working 'the extra mile' on many occasions to deal with various things that have come up and emergencies. Our Churchwardens – David Groombridge and Rob Hilless – have done excellent work for us. Our thanks also go to Tony Duck for keeping the grounds looking so tidy and to Ros and Francis Tibbles for their work with the flower beds. Our treasurer, Glenda, has continued to do an amazing job as our treasurer (on a voluntary basis) which takes several hours each week dealing with the finances of the church.

The worship pattern of the church is largely unchanged. The book of common prayer is used on Sundays at 8am (Holy Communion) and at 6pm (Evensong) and once a month on Wednesdays at 10.30am (first Wednesday in the month). Common worship (with modern English) is used at our main 10am Holy Communion services each week. Average attendance at our main 10am services is

slightly up on recent years having recovered well from the Covid pandemic. At our 10am main service we are on average between 90 to 110 adults and some 20 to 30 children/young people. Attendance at 8am Holy Communion is between 10 and 15 people most weeks, and Evensong is between 15 and 20. A cause for concern is attendance at Evensong. The Wednesday congregation numbers between 20 and 25 people each week, and for many who attend on a Wednesday, it is like their "Sunday service" and for this reason we don't see them on a Sunday. On the positive side, the church has continued to grow and we have seen new members join us, however in recent years many hugely talented and committed church members have gone to glory, and this has impacted our capacity as a church. There is an urgent need for us to nurture and grow younger talent in the church.

The choral tradition continues to be at the heart of our worshipping life with traditional hymns and the eucharist each Sunday, apart from the family service once a month. Our music director, Luke Green has continued to bring great commitment and energy to this role. Michael King has continued to do a sterling job as our Organist and our Choir continue to enrich our worship. The Music Group continues to support the Family Services. We are blessed to have such a talented musical team.

The life of the church is greatly enhanced by the provision of refreshments and food at many of our services and events. We are very blessed to have Jane Hilless who heads up our very committed catering team who look after many social events including the Parish Lunches that are much loved. Of particular note are the Wednesday lunchtime concerts and pre-concert lunches that are so well organised by Pat Perks. We should also acknowledge our talented team of flower arrangers who make the church look so lovely.

In October 2024 we relaunched the fund-raising initiative for Building our Future (BOF) – for the redevelopment of the Christ Church site. This was kick started with a 'one off' gift day which was very successful raising over £5K and also the proceeds from the autumn fair – over £3.5K. These monies, together with legacies received in 2024 and interest on our investment, brought the total balance for the Building Our Future fund to £365K at the end of the year. It is most appropriate that we pay tribute to past members of our church – now in glory – who have left considerable financial legacies that have gone into this fund. Other legacies are expected in 2025.

The redevelopment project for BOF has stalled somewhat because the Diocese has not had a property director in post to lead this work, however one is to be appointed in 2025. One of the key issues to be addressed is what to do about the Old Vicarage which is a grade 2 listed building. It is a terrible eye sore, pretty much derelict and very dilapidated. English Heritage have turned down a request for the Old Vicarage to be delisted, but we are hopeful that this decision can be overturned if a suitable replacement housing development is put in its place. It is envisaged that work on BOF will ramp up considerably in 2025.

We continue to ensure that we create a safe place and a safe church for all who come to us. We have the necessary Safeguarding information on our church website and this subject is a standard

item on the agenda of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings and also of the Ministry Leadership Team (MiLT). Since the new PCC was elected at the APCM in 2024, Vicky Cox has been our Safeguarding Officer.

Christ Church Bexleyheath continues to be a growing church, and we simply could not manage to do all that we do without the support of so many who volunteer and do so much to help and support the life of the church in its various ministries. A huge thank you to everyone who helps in whatever way – however great or small.

It continues to be huge privilege for me to serve here at Christ Church Bexleyheath as Vicar. I look forward to many blessings as we continue to grow the life of the church and go forward together in faith and love.

In Christ's Service,

Trevor

### **Financial Review**

Our net position in the **General Fund** at the end of the year was a positive movement of **£18,181** (against a forecast deficit of £32,500 as reported to the congregation at the start of 2024).

The main reasons for this extraordinary financial result are as follows:

- A refund of £11,520 from Total Energies for overcharges on our gas usage. This refund covered a period dating back to November 2020 but cannot be backdated in the Church accounts, It has therefore made such a positive impact on the 2024 accounts that the Church utility bills for the whole year have been reduced to £202 instead of the forecast of £18,000. We have changed supplier to British Gas which has reduced the gas and electric bills for both the Church and the Halls.
- An increase in planned giving of £13,000 as a result of the fantastic response from the congregation to the 2024 Gifts and Talents appeal.
- An amount of £11,000 was accrued in the 2024 accounts to cover giving and donations made under gift aid for the period from 01.03.2024 to 31.12.2024. The actual amount claimed for this period was £19,330 resulting in an additional £8,330 in the General Fund this year.
- Hall lettings amounted to over £69,000 for the year, £14,000 more than the forecast figure of £55,000.

In November 2024, the PCC agreed to move £10,000 from the General Fund to the Building Our Future Fund and £10,000 to a new project fund for the refurbishment of the Choir vestry. The resulting end of year balance in the General Fund was £44,410.

The fundraising for the Building Our Future fund was relaunched in October 2024 with great success. The following funds were raised:

- Gift Day - £6,620
- Autumn Fair - £3,500
- Greenwich Concert Band Christmas concert - £2,191

Together with the transfer from the General Fund and the interest and increase made on the capital investment, the Building Our Future fund rose by £77,941 to £365,199.

The resulting 2024 yearend balance for the General Fund and all the Designated, Restricted and Reserve Funds is £513,876 (a net increase of £128,119).

### **Reserves Policy**

Our reserves policy is to have a General Reserve Fund of £25,000 and a Development Fund of £25,000. £6k was transferred from the General Fund to the Reserve Funds to bring them back to the policy figure. This addresses the remaining losses incurred in 2022 on the investment that have yet to be recovered.

At the year end, therefore, the principal reserves comprised the General Reserve Fund at £25,000 the Development Reserve at £25,000, the Diocesan Repair Fund at £23,690 and the restricted Organ Fund at £14,893.

### **Investments**

In 2018, the PCC members voted to invest £200,000 of the Building Our Future fund and £50,000 of the Church reserves in long term investment funds managed by Sarasin & Partners.

During 2020 a further £20,000 was transferred to the Building Our Future investment fund, bringing the total invested amount to £220,000.

As at the end of 2024:

- the portfolio value of the Building Our Future investment stood at £269,249 (an increase of £21,371 since 31.12.23)
- the portfolio value of the reserves' investment stood at £44,004 (an increase of £359 since 31.12.23)

### **Grants**

During 2024, we received two grants on behalf of the Ukrainian Church totalling £6,300. Our friends in the Ukrainian Church donate some of these funds to Christ Church in appreciation of the use of the Church and Halls.

Glenda Cooper  
Treasurer

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

	Notes	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	2								
Voluntary income	2(a)	156,113	140,614	2,132	5,709	101,707	24,212	259,952	170,535
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	12,170	11,901	0	1,415	5,691	0	17,861	13,316
Investment income	2(c)	3,325	3,071	745	555	7,747	7,057	11,817	10,683
Income from church activities	2(d)	88,288	78,218	0	0	0	0	88,288	78,218
Grants	2(e)	0	0	0	0	6,300	12,700	6,300	12,700
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>259,896</b>	<b>233,804</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>7,679</b>	<b>121,445</b>	<b>43,969</b>	<b>384,218</b>	<b>285,452</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	3								
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	176	97	0	0	0	0	176	97
Cost of generating funds	3(b)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of church activities	3(c)	200,243	237,608	1,677	2,543	63,610	18,920	265,530	259,071
Outreach	3(d)	0	0	12,123	10,135	0	0	12,123	10,135
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>200,419</b>	<b>237,705</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>12,678</b>	<b>63,610</b>	<b>18,920</b>	<b>277,829</b>	<b>269,303</b>
NET INCOMING/ OUTGOING RESOURCES		59,477	-3,901	-10,923	-4,999	57,835	25,049	106,389	16,149
Gains / (losses) on investments				359	626	21,371	13,332	21,730	13,958
Transfers between funds	9								
	9(a)	-2,800	422	2,800	-422			0	0
	9(b)		9,000				--9,000	0	0
	9(c)	-12,500	-10,050	12,500	10,050			0	0
	9(d)		5,187		-5,187			0	0
	9(e)	-10,000				10,000		0	0
	9(f)	-10,000		10,000				0	0
	9(g)	-5,996		5,996				0	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>18,181</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>20,732</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>89,206</b>	<b>29,381</b>	<b>128,119</b>	<b>30,107</b>
BALANCES brought forward		26,229	25,571	64,512	64,444	295,016	265,635	385,757	355,650
<b>BALANCES carried forward</b>		<b>44,410</b>	<b>26,229</b>	<b>85,244</b>	<b>64,512</b>	<b>384,222</b>	<b>295,016</b>	<b>513,876</b>	<b>385,757</b>



**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets	4					
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	5					
Stock						
Debtors & prepayments		24,966	1,273	14,572	40,811	18,287
Investments			44,004	269,249	313,253	291,523
Cash at bank		33,274	39,967	100,785	174,026	90,162
		<u>58,240</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,606</u>	<u>528,090</u>	<u>399,972</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Creditors	6	-13,830		-384	-14,214	-14,215
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>44,410</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>513,876</u>	<u>385,757</u>
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>						
Loans	7					
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>44,410</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>513,876</u>	<u>385,757</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8					
General		44,410			44,410	26,229
General Reserve			25,000		25,000	21,822
Development			25,000		25,000	21,823
Choir			91		91	119
Outreach			472		472	95
Catering			847		847	363
Social			144		144	144
Repair			23,690		23,690	20,146
Choir Vestry Project			10,000		10,000	0
Redevelopment Fund				365,199	365,199	287,258
Organ				14,893	14,893	7,103
In Memoria donations				980	980	655
Grant for Ukrainian Church				3,150	3,150	0
Funds for Youth Worker				0	0	0
		<u>44,410</u>	<u>85,244</u>	<u>384,222</u>	<u>513,876</u>	<u>385,757</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on 30th March 2025 on its behalf by:

David Groombridge  
Churchwarden

Glenda Cooper  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

# **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH BEXLEYHEATH**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

#### **1. Accounting Policies**

##### ***Basis of financial statements***

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

##### ***Fund accounting***

*Endowment funds* are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

*Restricted funds* comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

*Unrestricted funds* are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

*Designated funds* are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC General funds are unrestricted funds that can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and any surplus can be moved to other general funds.

##### ***Incoming resources***

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

##### ***Resources expended***

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

##### ***Fixed assets***

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are inalienable property listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2. INCOMING RESOURCES</b>								
2(a) Voluntary income								
Planned giving								
- under gift aid	88,692	75,851					88,692	75,851
- other	10,036	10,383					10,036	10,383
- income tax	31,481	32,863			14,400	2,850	45,881	35,713
Collections	6,187	4,836					6,187	4,836
Donations	19,717	16,681	2,132	5,709	61,736	12,362	83,585	34,752
Legacies					25,571	9,000	25,571	9,000
	<u>156,113</u>	<u>140,614</u>	<u>2,132</u>	<u>5,709</u>	<u>101,707</u>	<u>24,212</u>	<u>259,952</u>	<u>170,535</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds								
Josie's Vintage Café	7,450	2,704					7,450	2,704
Coffee mornings		458		1,415				1,873
Summer fair	3,083						3,083	
Christmas fair		3,533			3,500		3,500	3,533
Concerts	1,637	5,206			2,191		3,828	5,206
	<u>12,170</u>	<u>11,901</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>5,691</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,861</u>	<u>13,316</u>
2(c) Income from investments								
Dividends	1,129	1,061					1,129	1,061
Interest	2,196	2,010	745	555	7,747	7,057	10,688	9,622
	<u>3,325</u>	<u>3,071</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>7,747</u>	<u>7,057</u>	<u>11,817</u>	<u>10,683</u>
2(d) Income from church activities								
Church hall lettings	69,369	58,380					69,369	58,380
Church hire	1,550	1,059					1,550	1,059
Fees	17,369	18,779					17,369	18,779
	<u>88,288</u>	<u>78,218</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,288</u>	<u>78,218</u>
2(e) Grants								
For Ukrainian Church					6,300	4,200	6,300	4,200
Youth leader / youth work						8,500		8,500
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>12,700</u>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<u>259,896</u>	<u>233,804</u>	<u>2,877</u>	<u>7,679</u>	<u>121,445</u>	<u>43,969</u>	<u>384,218</u>	<u>285,452</u>

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH, BEXLEYHEATH**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>3. Resources Expended</b>								
3(a) Costs of generating voluntary income								
Planned giving & stewardship	176	97	0	0	0	0	176	97
3(b) Costs of activities for generating funds								
Fairs / Concerts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redevelopment costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3(c) Cost of church activities								
Ministry								
- Parish share ( <i>offer</i> )	72,655	70,200					72,655	70,200
- DBF fees	8,669	11,146					8,669	11,146
- Clergy expenses	1,481	1,340					1,481	1,340
- Clergy housing	3,288	3,398					3,288	3,398
Youth work	251	2,476					251	2,476
Children's workers	962	1,000					962	1,000
Youth worker	9,063	13,236				935	9,063	14,171
Worship	6,999	4,680	264	1,150			7,263	5,830
Director of Music	14,924	14,539					14,924	14,539
Education & training	1,523	1,078					1,523	1,078
Publicity	0	0					0	0
Catering			1,413	1,393			1,413	1,393
Ukranian Church					3,150	4,200	3,150	4,200
Governance costs	615	700					615	700
Church running costs								
- insurance	8,655	7,789					8,655	7,789
- utilities	202	22,199					202	22,199
- printing & stationery	3,561	2,132					3,561	2,132
- cleaning	1,646	3,402					1,646	3,402
- bank interest & charges	674	572					674	572
- parish office costs	2,121	2,936					2,121	2,936
- parish administration	22,153	19,999					22,153	19,999
- fabric & maintenance	10,703	21,613					10,703	21,613
- organ maintenance	936	208			60,460	13,785	61,396	13,993
Church halls running costs								
- insurance	3,401	3,159					3,401	3,159
- utilities	13,587	16,655					13,587	16,655
- cleaning	5,943	5,600					5,943	5,600
- supplies	2,455	2,462					2,455	2,462
- fabric & maintenance	3,776	5,089					3,776	5,089
	200,243	237,608	1,677	2,543	63,610	18,920	265,530	259,071

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	General Fund		Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(d) Outreach								
Missionary & charitable giving								
Bible Society			1,500	1,800			1,500	1,800
Craft Aid International			1,450	2,400			1,450	2,400
CMS Latin America			1,000	1,000			1,000	1,000
Leprosy Mission			1,400	1,400			1,400	1,400
Josie's Vintage Café			2,000	1,300			2,000	1,300
Support for Kidoku Parish			800	800			800	800
Support for Kidoku Church roof			2,500	0			2,500	0
Support for Rev Chizenga			1,025	300			1,025	300
Travel expenses (Sue Chalkley)			48	0			48	0
Spark in the Park			300	400			300	400
CRIBS			0	150			0	150
Poverty & Hope			0	200			0	200
Bexley Deaf Centre			0	200			0	200
Vicar's Discretionary Fund			100	0			100	0
Visiting preachers' expenses			0	60			0	60
Churches Together in B'heath			0	25			0	25
Mosaic Anglicans			0	100			0	100
	0	0	12,123	10,135	0	0	12,123	10,135
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	200,419	237,705	13,800	12,678	63,610	18,920	277,653	269,303

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**4. Fixed Assets**

None

**5. Current Assets**

Debtors and prepayments include an accrual of fees receivable in respect of hall lettings together with other items. Cash at bank comprises money held in current and deposit accounts with Lloyds TSB and other banks, monies held on deposit with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, monies in the Diocesan repair funds for the church and monies held in investment accounts with Sarasin.

**6. Current Liabilities**

The liabilities on the General Account include payments made in 2025 for services and expenses incurred in 2024.

**7. Long-Term Liabilities**

None

**8. Fund Details**

The designated funds comprise the following:

- (a) • General Reserve Fund - balance £25,000 (2023 - £21,822)  
This is the fund set aside to meet the PCC's reserves policy.
- (b) • Development Fund – balance £25,000 (2023 - £21,823)  
This is money set aside for future development projects as approved by the Parochial Church Council.
- (c) • Choir Fund - balance £91 (2023 - £119)  
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the choir.
- (d) • Outreach Fund - balance £472 (2023 - £95)  
An annual transfer of money from General Fund provides money for missionary and charitable donations.
- (e) • Catering Fund - balance £847 (2023 - £363)  
This Fund comprises monies received by and under the control of the Catering Committee.
- (f) • Social Fund - balance £144 (2023 - £144)  
This Fund comprises monies allocated to and under the control of the Social Committee.
- (g) • Church Repair Fund - balance £23,690 (2023 - £20,146)  
The Diocese operates a repair fund scheme to which regular contributions are made from General Fund. The money is available for maintenance work on the church and clergy house. Membership of the repair funds also carries the right to interest-free loans from the Diocese when further monies are required.

The restricted funds comprise the following:

- (h) • Redevelopment Fund - balance £365,199 (2023 - £287,258)  
This fund holds monies raised for the 'Building Our Future' redevelopment fund
- (i) • Organ Fund - balance £14,893 (2023 - £7,103)  
This fund consists of monies given specifically to meet the cost of any significant repair to the organ that may be required.
- (j) • In Memoria donations – balance £980 (2023 - £655)  
Monies donated in memory of loved ones are held in this fund
- (k) • Grant for Ukrainian Church  
Grant monies awarded to the Ukrainian Church are held in this fund on their behalf. Olesya Demyan requests payments for services offered by the Ukrainian Church as required.

**9. Transfer Details**

- (a) Payments into Repair Fund totalling £2,800
- (b) 2023 only - transfer of £9,000 for Youth Worker from restricted fund to general fund
- (c) Transfer of £12,500 to Outreach account
- (d) 2023 only - transfer of £5,187 from Energy fund to general fund to pay energy bills
- (e) Transfer of £10,000 from General Fund to Building Our Future Fund
- (f) Transfer of £10,000 from General Fund to a new fund set up for the refurbishment of the Choir Vestry
- (g) Transfer of £5,996 from General Fund to the Reserve Funds

**10. Going Concern**

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

**11. Related party transactions**

There have been no transactions with persons or entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees (2023 - none).

None of the Trustees were paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity in the year (2023 - none).

No trustees' expenses were incurred in the year (2023 - none).

**12. Movement in funds**

Fund	B/F	Income	Expenses	Gains (losses)	Transfer	C/F
<b>General</b>	<b>26,229</b>	<b>259,896</b>	<b>-200,419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-41,296</b>	<b>44,410</b>
<b>Designated funds</b>						
General reserve	21,822			180	2,998	25,000
Development	21,823			179	2,998	25,000
Choir	119	236	-264			91
Outreach	95		-12,123		12,500	472
Catering	363	1,897	-1,413			847
Social	144					144
Repair	20,145	745			2,800	23,690
Choir Vestry Project	0				10,000	10,000
	<b>64,511</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>-13,800</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>31,296</b>	<b>85,244</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Redevelopment	287,258	46,570		21,371	10,000	365,199
Organ	7,103	68,250	-60,460			14,893
In memoria donations	655	325				980
Grant for Ukrainian Church	0	6,300	-3,150			3,150
	<b>295,016</b>	<b>121,445</b>	<b>-63,610</b>	<b>21,371</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>384,222</b>
	<b>385,756</b>	<b>384,219</b>	<b>-277,829</b>	<b>21,730</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>513,876</b>

**13. Analysis of staff costs**

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	52,463	50,773
Social security costs	0	1,515
Pension costs	1,375	1,655
	<b>53,838</b>	<b>53,943</b>

The average number of staff employed was 7 (2023 - 7)

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Bexleyheath**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

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

As the charity's trustees, 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 charity'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**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 Charities 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 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.

Signed: *Zachary Ramsden*

Name: Zachary Ramsden FCA

Chartered Accountant

63 Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JT

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025