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Good Shepherd*

2024 Annual Report

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Parochial Church Council of the Church of the Good Shepherd,
Crookhorn

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year to
31 December 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CROOKHORN
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Administrative Information

The Church of The Good Shepherd is situated on Crookhorn Lane, Waterloooville. It is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The address for correspondence is:
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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The Charity Registration number is: 1127944. The registered name of the charity is: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of The Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Clergy

The Revd. Janette Smith – Incumbent (SC) Chair
The Revd. Emily Ashworth – Curate (SC)

Churchwardens

Mr Tim FitzGeorge (SC)
Mr Philip White (SC)

Representatives to the Deanery Synod

Mr Tim FitzGeorge (ex officio)
Mrs Mary Attwood
Mr Barrie Jones

Representatives to the Diocesan Synod

Mr Tim FitzGeorge
The Revd Janette Smith

Elected Members

Mrs Julia Barton Safeguarding Officer, Vice Chair
Mr Barrie Jones
Mr Richard Bailey (SC) Secretary
Mr Robert Russell
Mrs Julie Thompson
Mr Jonathan Harrington
Mr Alexander Hall
Mr Steven Furby (SC) Treasurer

Note: (SC) denotes Standing Committee member.

Structure, Governance and Management

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.

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between the full meetings of the PCC (usually eight in a year). The structure of committees was organised during the year as follows:

Committee	Area of Responsibility
Standing Committee	Standing Committee Finance & Budgeting, Progress PCC business, Agenda setting Note: This is the only committee required in law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
Prayer	Prayer, Prayer ministry & Pastoral
Resources and Health & Safety	Fabric, Buildings, Parish Office, Sunday Set-up Team, PA & Sound Team
Welcome & communication	Social, CoGS Hub, Events, Coffee Team, Welcome/Follow-up, Website
Discipleship	To support the discipleship of all church members, encouraging each to take responsibility for their own growth
Outreach/Events	Alpha Courses, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Community Outreach
Finance	Church finance
External Giving	Mission giving
Eco Church	To encourage the church towards eco sustainability

Objectives and Activities

Crookhorn PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the current incumbent to promote within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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 CoGS. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- ◆ Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their 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 essential that we maintain the fabric of the Church Centre complex of The Church of The Good Shepherd.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Review of the year (by Revd Janette Smith)

In many ways the last twelve months have been tough. It has been a time of realigning ourselves with God's mission. We held a couple of Listening to God sessions this year and both led us to be more reflective, to do less and to spend more time with the Lord. Our teaching and courses this year have reflected that.

Over 2024 we have tried to spend more time together. The PCC spent a very fruitful day together in Catherington, both listening to God and planning for the future. We held a Hospitality Sunday where most of the congregation were either guests or hosts to one another. Throughout August we held some Sunday Socials: simple social events run by members of the church. We were pleased to welcome our missionaries in France, Jane & Sena Ounate-Lare, in July. Sena gave a thought-provoking sermon at the service and we joined together for a barbecue afterwards. Instead of camping at New Wine this year we streamed New Wine live in the comfort of the church. There have also been a couple of courses this year: The Bible Course during Lent and Practicing the Way in September (see more in the reports).

We are still recognised as a church for the community by the community. Our café has had some problems with staffing this year and we had to close for a couple of months but with the help of many from the community we have been able to offer a slightly reduced service and we are still seeing new people coming on an almost daily basis.

Perhaps the most exciting events this year have been where members of the congregation have been licenced for ordained or lay ministry (see reports) and of course we welcomed our new curate, Emily Ashworth and her family. Many people have answered the call of God in the past at CoGS so it is really encouraging to see that they still are.

In October we celebrated the start of the Church in Morelands School 50 years ago with a special service and a bring-and-share. It was great to hear stories of the church's beginnings. In three years we shall celebrate 50 years of The Church of the Good Shepherd in this building.



During this year we disbanded the Vision Group and resurrected the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee has always existed and has been used for emergency decisions but we are now meeting to work on Church policies and the governance of the church, including a reorganisation of the PCC sub-groups.

Throughout the year we saw God's faithfulness and experienced his generous provision in so many ways – not least through the wonderful commitment of all of those who gave their time, energy and money so that, together, we could serve God's vision to change lives and transform the community here in Crookhorn and beyond.

As you read through this report, do please use these words as a prompt for your own prayers. Let's pray, giving thanks to God for his goodness to us, but also praying that we as a church might continue to mature and grow in the way we prioritise and relate to God in our daily lives, both as individuals and as a community.

Yours in Jesus
Janette

Financial Review

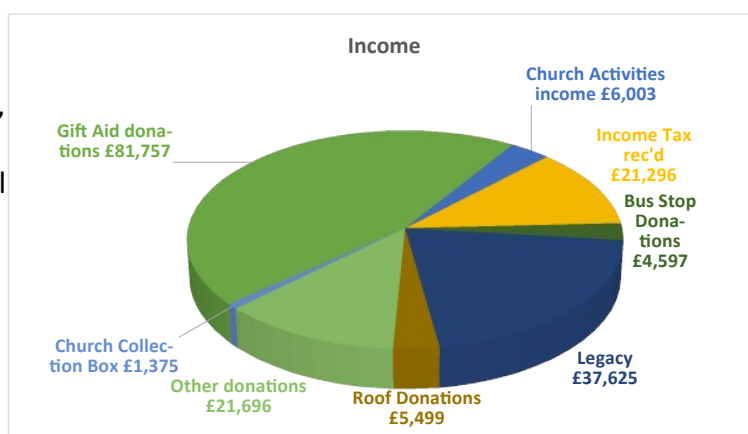
Independent Examiner's Statement (2024)

CoGS' accounts for year ending December 2024 have been independently examined by Shahrukh Talati and he concluded that, "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".

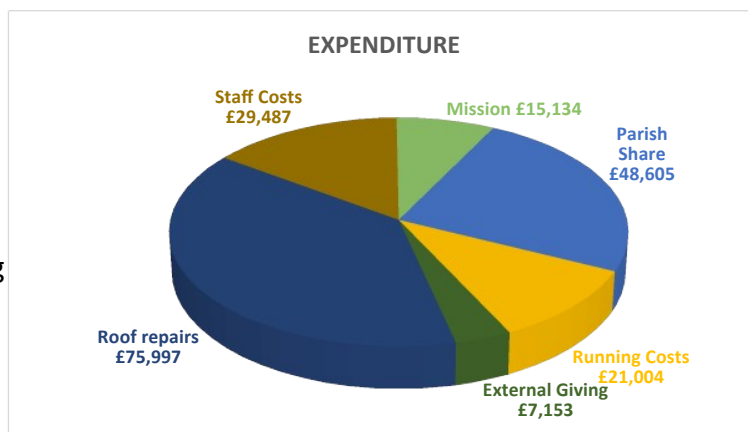
Huge thanks, once again, are due to Sally Walker, our amazing bookkeeper, for her diligence and expertise in maintaining and reporting CoGS accounts, and to Shahrukh Talati.

Financial Summary (2024)

The total receipts (income) of both unrestricted and restricted funds during 2024 were £179,848, with details included in the financial statements of this annual report.



During 2024, £197,380 was spent on providing the Christian ministry of The Church of The Good Shepherd. This figure includes our contribution to the Parish Share which largely provides the stipends and housing for clergy. The net result this year was therefore a deficit of £17,532.



This deficit was caused in large part by our anticipated roof repairs (costing £75,997), but our 'bottom line' was offset by extra donations from many members of our congregation, and a generous legacy left by the late Roy Wraith. Without the latter, our deficit would have been £55,157.

During the year our loan to Mission Housing Limited ended, and we were repaid in full (£10,761).

For details of our External Giving in 2024 please see the relevant section in this report.

Reserves (2024)

Other than having to cover the deficit mentioned above, our reserves have remained steady over this year. At the end of 2024, the total reserves balance was £105,148.

Within this reserve, £3,500 was designated for new doors and windows, £12,000 for general repairs and £37,625 set aside as a 'legacy reserve' as we discern how best to use Roy's legacy. The remainder (£51,944) is set aside to cover three months of expenditure. This reserve also includes a £79 balance restricted for Frontline.

Conclusion

2024 has been a testing year financially with the long-awaited roof repairs taking a significant level of funds that we had been building over a number of years. Through God's amazing grace and the generosity of CoGS members throughout the year, this impact was minimised, and we were able to maintain all of our planned activities and programmes.

Written by Steve Furby - Treasurer

External Giving

As a church, we feel it is important to donate 10% of the church's income to help support a range of other local and national charities:

Chosen Charity	Donation
Supporting Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare's ministry in France (£400 p/m)	£4,800
YWAM to support Storm Hargreaves (£100 p/m)	£1,200
Pakistan Appeal	£500
Waterlooville Foodbank	£600
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	£53
Care for the Family	*£600
MIND (Havant)	* £600
Chernobyl Children's Lifeline (Ukraine)	* £600
Rosemary Foundation	* £600
YWAM to support Jess Murphy	* £710
Waterlooville Foodbank	* £530
Church Mission Society (Ukraine)	* £1,500

Please note: The donations above marked * were made in early 2025, and so missed the end of year deadline. Since Giving is voluntary by nature, we cannot accrue for giving that we intended for 2024 but did not pay until 2025. Thus the 31 December 2024 accounts show giving of just £7,153, even though we have fulfilled our mandate to share a 'tithe' of our donations.

Steve Furby – Treasurer

Parochial Church Council

The PCC is the body responsible for the financial affairs of the church, in looking after the building and its contents and for co-operating with the vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The full PCC normally meets every other month, with a standing committee that meets in the alternate months. The full list of PCC members can be found in the annual report and on the notice board at the back of the main hall.

After the last APCM, the PCC spent a day together looking at how we run the church and getting to know the new members. We are expecting one of the outcomes of this will lead to a new and simpler structure of PCC subcommittees over the next few months as we look to make our work easier and less time-consuming.

Over the last year we looked at:

- Safeguarding. Thanks to Julia we have improved our safeguarding practises considerably. Safeguarding in the Church of England is in a very different place to where it was even ten years ago.

- Living in Love and Faith – the Church of England’s process looking at same-sex relationships. This keeps coming up in the national news and has required us to talk about it.
- Updating policies. We keep our policies under review. In the last year we have updated our Safeguarding and Health & Safety policies and updated the Terms and Conditions for the use of the hall by non-church groups.
- Many items of routine business. It has been a busy year as the Annual Report testifies; most of what we do is discussed by the PCC in some form.

The minutes of PCC meetings are posted on the notice board at the back of the main hall and we encourage everyone to read them.

Written by Tim FitzGeorge

Fabric Report

Under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 the major requirement for the fabric report is to report on the progress of the work recommended in the last Quinquennial inspection, which took place in 2020. The major item outstanding from the last inspection was the flat roof replacement which has now been completed. Thank you to Iain for overseeing this.



An unexpected occurrence was the failure of the main gas boiler, just when we were about to turn it on for the winter and just after the manufacturer stopped supporting it. After initially being told that it was not repairable, we managed to find someone who was able to source and fit a new fan, so both boilers were working again. Thank you to Robert and Phil for your work on this. It is worth noting that the Church of England has committed to being Net Zero Carbon by 2030, so we are going to have to replace both boilers in the next few years.

As we look forwards to the next Quinquennial inspection which should be in June 2025, we have a building that is in good shape although, as ever, there is a long list of minor items that need to be done (including a lot of painting).

Written by Tim FitzGeorge

Wardens' Report

Churchwardens are a role that most people in the church have probably heard of but are not sure what we do. This includes the churchwardens themselves; there is no simple description of what we are meant to do. Probably the simplest definition of our role is that

we are responsible for everything that the vicar is not – which means everything that is not ‘worship’. We are also the Bishop’s officers, which means that we are an important link between the parish and the Bishop, and we are the prime representatives of the parishioners – that is not just the members of the church but includes everyone who lives in the parish. We are responsible for maintaining decency and order in the church and we also run the church in the absence of the vicar.

We hold regular meetings with Janette, so when things are going on or there are new opportunities we are often among the first to know, whether it is to do with safeguarding, plumbing or people.

In the last year we have been blessed by the arrival of Emily as our assistant curate and so we have had the pleasure of including her in some of our meetings, especially our wardens’ day when we and Janette went through everything the church does to see how we can improve it. Her viewpoint as someone coming in from outside was very valuable.

We would both like to express our thanks to Janette, and now Emily, for making our roles enjoyable (at least most of the time). It is a pleasure working with both of you. Thank you to everyone else in the church who we have worked with (or who has had to put up with us laying down the law about various subjects).

Written by Tim FitzGeorge

Deanery Synod

The deanery synod has met on three occasions over this last year and covered a range of topics mainly dealing with the diocesan vision and regeneration plan but also Prayers of Love and Faith.

Several talks were given:

- Kathryn Percival on prayers of love and faith
- Vanda Leary on Diocesan Vision - revive/revitalise/renew
- Rev Coleen Jackson on Anna Chaplains
- Rev Will Hughes on Eco Church
- David Cain on Net Zero Carbon

We also discussed changes in staffing and how our deanery plan is progressing with:

1. Choir church growing at St Faiths Havant
2. Flourish worker in Horndean to build partnership between church/schools/families and grow a worshipping community in Horndean school.
3. It is also hoped to provide a youth Chaplain based in Park Community school in Leigh Park.

These posts are being funded from SMMI funding (Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment) - a national initiative which the deanery has bid for and achieved funding from for five years.

Also our very own Paul Franks stepped down as Deanery Synod treasurer this year and a member from Hart Plain church has been appointed, Colin Adams.

If you would like to have more information on any of these topics please speak with Mary Attwood, Barrie Jones or Tim FitzGeorge your Diocesan Synod representatives.

Written by Mary Attwood

Church Attendance

The average attendance at Sunday morning services, counted during October 2024 was 68 adults and 15 children. We held evening services during October when the average attendance was 30 adults. Some people are still choosing to watch from home with an average of 10 views on YouTube. This year we have been pleased to welcome several new members.

Written by Janette Smith

Electoral Roll

All are welcome to attend our regular services. Church members who fulfil the application criteria (baptised, aged 16 or over, and regular attendee) are encouraged to have their names entered on the Electoral Roll. This allows attendance at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and confers the right to vote in any elections at that meeting. Members of the Roll are also encouraged to consider standing for election to the PCC themselves.

This year, we are obliged to compile a completely new Electoral Roll. There are 94 church members on the Electoral Roll of The Good Shepherd, Crookhorn. 62 (66%) outside parish, 32 reside in the parish. 14 new members joined this year.

Written by Antonia Harrison – Electoral Roll Officer

Life Events

As normal at CoGS we have had more baptisms than any other life events. In 2024 we conducted two funerals and one wedding. Another wedding was conducted by Janette but held at St John's, Purbrook. We have had six baptisms this year and a further three people who renewed their baptismal vows and one baby dedication.

Written by Janette Smith

Safeguarding Report for year 2024

The PCC has a legal requirement to report on safeguarding progress and include a statement as to whether or not they have “complied with their duty to have ‘due regard and comply’ with the House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.” The PCC has complied with this duty and signed the 2024 Promoting a Safer Church policy statement for safeguarding and domestic abuse. These are displayed publicly in the church premises.



COGS is committed to changing and improving its culture and procedures for safeguarding and is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and adults at risk
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those who may pose a present risk

Safeguarding Progress January to December 2024

COGS has made progress in the development of our safeguarding culture, policies, and practice and across all areas of ministry in the following ways:

- The PCC approved a refresh of the COGS safeguarding policy at its meeting of 19th September 2024.
- Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting and outstanding actions from the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard are highlighted.
- COGS progressed from Level 2 to Level 3 on the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and is working through entering the required information to fully utilise the Dashboard Hubs section (roles and people). Compliance at level 3 is at 96% at the time of writing.
- The priorities set in the 2023 annual report were achieved.
- COGS marked safeguarding Sunday on 17th November 2024 with a short video and an explanation of the Parish Safeguarding Officer's role.
- 98% compliance with safeguarding training was reached by year end.
- There continues to be an improved reporting of concerns and safeguarding issues by church members and activity leaders, demonstrating raised awareness.
- Safeguarding risks relating to new outreach ministries that COGS has provided have been identified and where possible mitigated.
- Safeguarding has made stronger links with Health and Safety and is now using a combined risk assessment proforma.

Priorities for 2025 include:

- Preparation for the INEQE Safeguarding Standards audit in June 2025.
- Support for new roles being planned by the PCC.
- Achieving timely compliance with risk assessment submission prior to running activities.

Written by Julia Barton, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Vocations



This year we have been blessed by several people answering the call of God and stepping out for him. Robert Russell completed a six-week course on preaching and was commissioned as a

lay preacher in September. Tim FitzGeorge was licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) in June after 3 years of training. Elizabeth Pearn and Kevin Jones were both ordained as deacons at Portsmouth Cathedral in June. Sadly we had to say goodbye to both of them. Elizabeth is serving her curacy in St Mary's, Portchester and Kevin is serving his at St Simon's, Southsea. Both of them will benefit hugely from being posted elsewhere and both of them are blooming where they have been planted. We said goodbye to two valuable members but were also blessed with a new Curate. Emily Ashworth was ordained deacon in June (along with Kevin and Elizabeth) and joined CoGS the following day with her husband Chris and son Lucas. Emily has been a huge asset to the life at CoGS and settled in very quickly. Congratulations to all of you!

With all these licensed people it makes doing the rotas for preaching even more difficult but what a blessing to have so many talented people! If anyone else feels that God may be calling them into some sort of licensed ministry then please let me know.
Written by Janette Smith, Incumbent



Worship

Sundays

We love gathering with our church family on Sundays, when people of all ages come together to worship and discover how we can walk in the way of Jesus.



We began the year by delving into the book of Lamentations and as someone said, "It was a real revelation!" There is hope in the midst of the turmoil. During

Lent we let go of the things holding us back from Jesus. We then explored the first letter of Peter in detail. In the summer during our All Together services we had fun putting on the Armour of God and our Roman soldier was gradually dressed week by week.

In September we began a series based on John Mark Comer's book, *Practicing the Way*. The sermon series ran in conjunction with the course running at the same time (see report).

A huge thank you to everyone who served on the various teams that make our Sundays happen. Whether you helped set up chairs, made drinks, led our children, invested in young people, used your musical talents to lead us in worship, managed sound, lighting, video, streamed online, led the prayers, shared your testimony or prepared and preached God's Word — your contribution has been immense. Thank you!

Midweek Communion

We continue to have a small but committed number coming to our monthly mid-week communion. This is a said communion with a five-minute homily and anyone is welcome. It is timed to coincide with the Vintage Wine meetings so that worshippers can then go on to Vintage Wine. It has been a joy to be able to share this with Emily since July. It happens at 1pm on the first Wednesday of most months.

Belmont Castle Residential Home

We continue to go into Belmont Castle once a month on second Sundays. We are a small team but are always made very welcome by the residents who come to a short informal service. We sing hymns, give a short message and pray. Most of our time is spent chatting to the residents over a cup of tea and praying for those who would like it. I am extremely grateful to David Warren for taking on this service when I have had to miss it for several reasons. David is very gifted with older people (as are the other people who come) and I have felt very confident to leave the reins in his capable hands.

Written by Janette Smith

We had to cancel some services due to other events happening within the home. The Christmas carols service had to be postponed due to sickness in the home, but fortunately we were able to reschedule it for a Thursday afternoon. Every visit has seen a good number of church members who have had interesting chats with the residents. On one visit Lesley and Mike were accompanied by their dog Sasha. The residents loved that! It has been a real blessing to continue our visits throughout 2024.

Written by David Warren

New Wine

New Wine services run by Max Cross and Debs Smart have reduced from monthly to termly. I believe this is due to all the other services happening at other churches around the diocese. Although not so often, these services are still a chance to join in with passionate worship and top quality speakers from around the New Wine Network.

Portsmouth Cluster

We have not had much involvement at Christ Church or St John's this year apart from a couple of 8am communions, a Mother's Union communion and shared Easter services. As Clergy, however, we are meeting regularly to eat together and pray together. Hopefully, as Emily will need to serve some of her time with Andy, we will do more together in the future.

Courses

The Bible Course for Lent

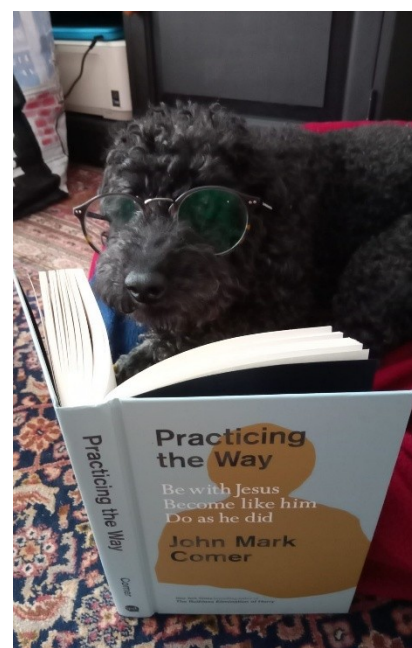
During Lent, the majority of the church completed The Bible Society's Bible Course. This was an eight-week course helping us to understand the big picture of the Bible storyline. There were spaces for discussion and personal reflection and daily readings to prepare for the following week. It was well received.

Practicing the Way

In September we began the Practicing the Way course based on John Mark Comer's book of the same name. We ran on Sunday evenings and on Tuesday mornings and were delighted to see so many people engaging. It was especially exciting to see so many of our youth coming on a Sunday evening. The course led us through three stages: of being with Jesus; becoming like him; and doing what he did. The course was enhanced by our Sunday teaching theme and we shared podcasts via the newsletter. Next year we plan to follow on with the Practices.

The Start Course

Start, a down-to-earth explorers' course, was held at the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings and Tuesday afternoons. This was an 8-week, hour long course from the LYCiG movement (Leading Your Church into Growth) which explored people's journey with Jesus. It is not as comprehensive as Alpha but asks you to think deeply about what you believe. There is a follow up course called Moving On which I intended to run later. This course was also run by Sara Lane for Toddler Carers.



Sunday Summer Socials

During August of 2024 we were blessed with a social event each Sunday run by members of the congregation. I am very grateful to Sally Walker for hosting a picnic in her garden, Eddie & David Warren for providing strawberries & cream in their garden and Emily & Chris Ashworth for running a bring-and-share picnic with games in Gauntlett Park. Thank you all



for such lovely events. It was a little later than the summer but thank you too to Fred Monck and Eddie & David for organising a parent and child Scalextric day in September.

Music

'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!' Revelation 7 v12

Praise and worship brings us directly into the presence of God and allows us to be transformed into His likeness as we surrender ourselves to Him. Any Christian who desires to spend more time with Jesus, become like Jesus and to do the things He did needs to learn how to worship Him in Spirit and Truth. We have a strong tradition of Holy Spirit filled worship here at COGS and my prayer is for all to experience the glory and presence of God as we worship Him together.



We remain a small team of musicians but it has been fantastic recently to have had some of our teenagers join the group allowing us to occasionally have our morning worship led by the 'youth band'. We continue to introduce new songs regularly to give us fresh expressions of worship to enable us to praise God.

'Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints'

In 2025 I encourage you to worship the Lord with all your heart, body and soul. There is no right or wrong way, God is more interested in the attitude of our heart so step out in faith and 'go for it'.

Written by Mike Homer-Ward

Audio-Visual Team

The Audio-Visual team consists of a small number of dedicated people whose job is to assist people leading the service (in the broadest sense) in making themselves heard and seen. Under normal circumstances it is a job that should be unseen, although when we make a mistake everyone turns round to look at us.

We try to juggle the levels of the different sound sources to make sure they are all heard clearly at the right sound level (which means that the number of people complaining about it being too loud and too quiet are about equal). We also try to make sure the right slides are shown on the screens at the right time (which involves trying to read the musicians' minds) and stream the services so that people can join in at home (or anywhere else they happen to be).

Over the last couple of years we have lost some of the members of the team, so thanks to Aimee, David, Matthew and Paul for your dedication – especially as most of you are on other rotas as well.

Written by Tim FitzGeorge

Prayer

Zoom Prayer, Prayer Breakfast, Sunday@9

Prayer is always exciting and we have many times when we pray together, such as our weekly prayers and each morning on Zoom. There are a few faithful prayers, mainly on a Monday, who pray for the leadership and things that are going on in the church in the week ahead. It would be encouraging to see more of us (even if it's only one Monday in the month) join in to corporately pray to our Heavenly Father for our needs and to see His kingdom grow in Crookhorn.

The Prayer breakfast on a Wednesday morning at 7am, is continuing to focus on praying for the café and the events for that day (Toddlers group and Kidszone). Wednesday is a very important day to pray for these ministries, and if you are unable to get up early and join others, please pray on your way to work or as you enjoy your first cup of tea of the day. We need to cry out to God for His hand upon these ministries and to bless the leaders and their teams.

We have been starting our Sunday worship at 9am for a year and when we come together to pray and listen to God for what He wants to encounter in Worshipping Him, it is amazing! When we listen to God in the week and then bring this to our time together, the leader, preacher, worship leader, Prayer Ministry Team can guide our worship, prayers and ministry time in a dynamic way. The more we can do this together the more we see God at work in us and through us.

Prayer walking, 12-hour Prayer & Listening

Friday Prayer Walking on a Friday morning always gives us opportunities to speak to people, mainly the parents and children as they are walking to school. We would welcome more people to join in and perhaps you may be able join us on one of these in the future as the weather brightens up.

We tried a different way forward in our 12-hour Prayer time and spent time listening. This was to focus on listening to God for the way forward for the Bus Stop Café. Some met in the church, others prayed in groups and others prayed at home. The words given to us were then written onto our 'Padlet'. It was accessible on our website for everyone to see and to use the words given so we could pray into them in the days and weeks later. This is such a great 'tool' for us to use and I encourage you all to continue listening and 'pasting' His words for the leadership and others to discern His direction for His church.

Written by Phil White

Pastoral Care and Home Communion

A number of members in our church family regularly support those in need. Pastoral issues cover many areas including physical and mental health concerns, practical support in providing meals for those who are temporarily incapacitated and lifts to the doctor, hospital and support groups. Holy Communion is taken regularly to some elderly folk who are unable to attend communion services at church.

Written by Sally Russell

Children and Youth,

Written by Clare Hargreaves, unless stated

Junior church and Crèche

This group runs due to the amazing team of Fleur, Clare and Emma in leading the group, with Mami, Brenda, and Heather/Xander Hall and more recently Carol. It is a joy to see the babies dancing and the toddlers proudly do the actions they confidently know, all praising God. We then teach Bible stories or Bible concepts through stories, craft, and games and then quiet time with God. We are currently working through Holy Spirit themes.



We continue to engage with the Holy Spirit through “Chat and Catch” from Parenting for Faith, which supports the children to learn to be still, chat to God, and then ‘catch’ what He is saying back to them. It has been amazing to see how God is talking to our younger children, and to watch them grow in faith as they learn to ‘catch’ what He has for them.

Refuel

Over the last year we have seen the Refuel group really grow and the group now stays in the main service for the full worship slot then we go out for Bible study. We also used “The Chosen” for several months watching an episode then discussing the content. This group is clearly growing in maturity and some of them are really hungry for God’s word.

The Zone (11+)

This year the Zone group has really grown, as some of them are now bringing their friends along. For many of them the Zone on a Friday evening is their Church.

This group has been joined by Mike and Rebecca this year which has been an amazing blessing.

The youth are so spiritually hungry and we now have a time of worship for 4-5 songs usually, that they choose, followed by a time of chat and catch then ministry followed by a time of Bible study and unpacking.



They all came along and served as young leaders for Holiday Club this year which was a privilege to watch them step up and serve and grow as leaders. Even some of our newer ones that are friends that have been brought along from non-church families served and stepped up at Holiday Club.

We usually share a meal, have time of worship and Bible study; and ministry and lots of games. It is truly a lovely group and overflowing with God’s blessing, run by an outstanding team of Simon, Sara, Mike, Rebecca, Nathan and myself.

One of the biggest blessings is that this year Leah, Emily, Rose, Eve, Mark and Gad were all baptised. Mia plans to be baptised in Easter 2025 which is the biggest blessing and honour to see.

Kidzone (4-11 yrs)

Kidzone group meet on a Wednesday and is a great space for children to come and unwind after a hard day at school. We have built and continue to build really good relationships with children and their parents and families, chatting to them as they drop off and pick up their children. This has really given us good foundations and the opportunity to support the

families and children in the difficult seasons of life many of them are going through currently.

This time is for them to play games, table tennis, craft and Bible stories, action songs drinks and snacks. We have now been able to include time of prayer for needs and sometimes “Catch and Chat” (see Junior Church) which has been a blessing to see the children asking for God help with their personal issues and listening to God.

God has been amazing at providing a team to help us with it and a number of our young people have served as young leaders over the last year. They are amazing and we could not run the group without them.

Minion Light Trail

This year we had a Minion Light Trail as an alternative to Halloween. Families came to the church to collect a map and party bag that had a Scripture Union Light book, sweets and glow sticks for them to stay safe as it got dark. Thanks to Sara’s artistic talents we were able to place lots of amazing minions around the community for families to find them. Then they returned to the church for Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate.

People from all over the community came and there was a real buzz around our parish. We had various activities inside the church, craft, glow in the dark rice and play dough. The rice was surprisingly successful, and the children (and adults alike) enjoyed playing with this.



Wednesday Toddlers

We have had a good year at Wednesday Toddlers. We have over 30 children every week with mums, grandmothers, a few dads/grandads and childminders. We have great feedback from families saying how much they enjoy and appreciate our group. We have a wonderful team



of helpers, but we could always do with more. Mary and Tim have been setting up the hall for us early Wednesdays, Margaret does the online register and Joy and Lynn prepare craft activities. Emma does a Bible story time, sometimes with puppets which both children and adults love and gives us the opportunity to teach them of God’s love. Fleur leads rhyme time which always includes “Twinkle, twinkle precious star. Jesus loves you as you are.”. Hale (a mum from the group) has continued to be a

great asset to our team particularly with her connections to families. Many thanks to Andrea and Mami for all their service at Toddlers – they both had to step down in the autumn. We

have been lucky to welcome Nicky on to the team with her main role talking to the families helping them feel welcomed. We also very much appreciate the Café for doing our refreshments each week. We will miss Clare's support and pray for new people to come forward to help us bring love and care to our Toddler families. We have a joint Toddler/Tots'n Tunes Zoom prayer time every Friday morning focussing particularly on our Toddler families and group needs.

Written by Fleur Chambers

Tots and Tunes

Tots and Tunes has continued to bring much fun and laughter to children's lives. The toddlers who have been coming are a particularly lovely group who all join in. There are some great child minders who we get to know well because they stay around longer than the Mums. The proportion of child minders to parents has increased this year, I think because more and more pressure is put on parents to go back to work. Our numbers overall were probably down on previous years but that makes it easier to build up genuine friendships with those who are there.

Thank you to Hale – my assistant, and Heather and Letitia for making teas and coffees

Written by Sara Lane

Creation Holiday Club 2024

'Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!'

The Creation Holiday Club was good! It was aptly the most creative one we have ever run! We painted large pictures of planets, the Sun, the moon, trees, plants, fishes, birds and animals and then covered them all in black and attached them to the wall. Then each day while the Bible was read we revealed things that God had made by taking off the black covers. At some point we had plants amazingly growing up the wall of the hall as we pulled on invisible threads. We followed this with a beautiful, expressive dance allowing the children to have a multi-sensory experience.



As normal the holiday club was well supported by our fantastic teenagers and most of our able-bodied members of CoGS! Thank you team. We were also thankful to those who came from outside our Church to help us. It was tremendous fun for the children (I think we had 100 through our doors in the week) and another chance to share God's word with them, helping them to realize that God made the world good, and they are a special part of it.

On the Friday evening we ran a 'Wow Night' showing a variety of natural collections which included rocks, seeds, shells and snakes. This was a very special evening for the few who came to gaze in wonder!

Written by Sara Lane

High Tide

High Tide continues a monthly ecumenical joint youth service for churches in and surrounding Portsmouth. We have a number of different churches from different denominations joining together in the various churches for worship, teaching, prayer ministry, food and fun. High Tide has continued its growth and more churches have joined the family in 2024.

We had our turn of hosting High Tide at CoGS in December 2024. We had a great time of ministry, worship, teaching and Christmas fun.

We were blessed with a summer High Tide residential in August of 2024 which saw a real deepening and growth of spirituality amongst many of our young people. We followed the theme of David and many powerfully encountered the Holy Spirit and grew in spiritual giftings. The young people did some amazing fundraising and managed to cover the full cost of their residential fees for everyone coming.



God is so good and we are really feeling His blessing and Favour on High Tide as the young people exemplify unity across the churches and denominations. You genuinely cannot tell who is from which church at a High Tide meeting. They are such an amazing, inclusive group. We average upwards of 80 young people at each High Tide session now.

Schools

Morelands Primary School

Romans 10:14 'But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them.'

It continues to be a joy to take assemblies at Morelands primary school. The children respond well and are excited to see us. Since the new academic year, we have been going in monthly rather than fortnightly, sadly we were told there are so many other demands on assembly time that our visits have to be cut down. However, it is a privilege to have such a positive relationship with the school and the feedback from teachers, pupils and parents is always good. We have been doing traditional stories from the Bible through different means.

I think the highlight this year was taking the puppets in (thank you Emma) for the story of Adam and Eve and the fall, there was a tangible sense of sadness and shock as Adam and Eve were banished from the garden! Thankfully we were also able to share the Easter story -the resolution-when the children visited CoGS.

Assemblies team: Clare, Janette, Simon, Sara, and recently Emily, (and guest appearances from a few others)

Written by Sara Lane

Riverside Special School

Riverside School have been in for a visit to find out what happens in church. They had fun looking for things around the church and playing some games as well as listening to a Bible story and singing some action songs.

Written by Janette Smith

Vintage Wine

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month, just after the mid-week Holy Communion service, at around 1.45pm.

This year has been another good year for the Vintage Winers.

A great welcome to those who have joined us for the first time, including Emily! (Just to demonstrate to others that it is not restricted to the 'wrinkly' and 'arthritic').

We have enjoyed some great visiting speakers this year covering many topics, including our very own Emily, who led us in an enjoyable craft activity creating prayer beads.

We enjoy lively and stimulating conversations, and this year we have introduced a more prayerful focus for those in our group, as well as the wider community.

All in all it is a precious time of harmony, togetherness, and friendship, old and new, and of course we always enjoy tea or coffee and HOME-MADE CAKE!

Written by Mike and Lesley Quinton

Eco Church

Little progress was made to take CoGS from the Bronze award to Silver due to my sickness absence. We continued as a registered Warm Welcome Space.

The Eco Church section of the newsletter and the noticeboard opposite the office keeps our community informed of what we, as individuals and the church, can do.
Written by Antonia Harrison

CoGS is committed to reaching the Net Zero Carbon target in 2030 and applies sustainable goals in all purchasing and building decisions. The church is a member of Eco Church and currently holds a Bronze Award in recognition of our efforts to care for God's earth.

Eco Church Team, 26 September 2023

Men's Ministry

The men's breakfast continues to be a great time for us to share what God is doing in the local churches. Other churches are hoping to also provide a space to welcome us and the numbers continue to grow. It would be great to see more 'friends' invited by us, so we can share God's love to others. The men who step up in each of the churches to cook is always fantastic and sharing the cooking relieves the pressure on just one church always having to do all the work – so thank you all.

Our annual trip to The Gathering near Swindon, is always a highlight and gives the blokes a massive encouragement to work for the Lord when we return.
Written by Phil White

Women's Breakfast



The Women's Breakfast resumed in September after a short break and has been well-received, primarily by CoGS ladies, with a few visitors from the surrounding community joining us.

In September, our curate, Emily, along with Emma and Eleanor, took on the leadership of the Women's Breakfast, continuing the legacy of Eileen, Marian, and the dedicated team that faithfully organized this gathering for many years. Emily shared her personal testimony and journey to ordination, offering a glimpse into her faith walk.

During the gathering, we engaged in a fruitful discussion about the future of the Women's Breakfast, enjoying a continental breakfast while fostering both fellowship and discipleship. It was decided that the Women's Breakfast would be held bi-monthly, with a new theme to explore at each meeting: the women of the Bible. Each session will feature a speaker who delves into the life of a different biblical woman, offering fresh inspiration and insight for our faith journeys.

In November, we were honoured to have Coleen Jackson, Curate at St. John's and Christ Church, as our guest speaker. Coleen spoke about Anna Chaplaincy, a ministry inspired by Anna the Prophetess, dedicated to providing spiritual care for older people.

We are excited to continue growing together in Christ and look forward to deepening our fellowship in the coming months.

Written by Emily Ashworth

Welcome Team

We have piloted involving the entire congregation in welcoming on a Sunday. It has been well received and enjoyed by most people that took part. Many said they had not realised all that it entailed so it was a good way to raise awareness of the importance of a good welcome. Not just shaking hands at the door but following through each week with new people who come in until they are settled and have an understanding of all that goes on in CoGS. One person said it had really helped them to get to know more members of the church too.

We had four people join/rejoin the team through it and several others who cannot commit regularly but are happy to be called on for an odd session.

There were a few people who did not turn up usually because they had forgotten and a few who asked not to do it.

So all in all it has been a good success. We also had very helpful feedback that we have tried to take on board to enhance our practice.

Outcome - It took quite a lot of thought and organising to ensure it happened well so we do not propose to do it on a rolling basis but perhaps it will be worth doing again in a couple of years time.

Written by Mary Attwood

Community

Bus Stop Café

After a short break the café reopened for 3 days a week on the 1st May 2024. Up to the end of 2024 we served cooked breakfast from 7:30 on a Wednesday and Toasties from 9:00 Thursday and Friday.

A regular community has been established with many examples of customers helping and looking out for one another and new people making a frequent appearance.





The aims of the Café remain the same:

- To have the church open to build relationships with and express God's love in a practical way to our community.
- To provide a Community where ALL are welcomed and find friendship.
- To provide a warm space and hot food regardless of ability to pay.

Written by Paul Smith

Bus Stop Break

This ran on a Tuesday afternoon throughout 2024. We have a table outside of the church with benches for those passing by and those waiting for a bus to have hot chocolate/coffee and cake. This is an amazing time when we can connect particularly with students from the college and see how their day is going. We are able to bless people and connect with those in our parish. The aim is to bless and love people. This has exceeded all my expectations and we have made some amazing relationships with people through this and invite them along to the other things going on at CoGS. It has a real buzz about it and we are serving many, many people each session. It is so much fun when people ask "Why do you do this?" and we can share because we just want to love and bless you! They are blown away by it. It is our prayer that people will encounter Jesus as we share a simple hot drink and biscuit with them, by feeling loved and seen.

Written by Clare Hargreaves



Front Line Debt Advice

STATS for 2024:

- 1 client started a repayment plan for their debts.
- 7 clients have been helped in other ways, mainly to claim reduced rates for Council Tax and Water bills.

- 3 clients have failed to fully engage but this is to be expected.
- 1 client is in the process of making offers to settle their debts.
- 2 clients have successfully had a Debt Relief Order accepted and "Person At Risk of Violence" order issued at Portsmouth courts.
- I helped 1 client with a successful application for a benefit called Limited Capability for Work Related Activity.

"You can't imagine how relieved I feel. I'm not going to feel sick to my stomach every time post drops through the letterbox and every time the phone rings. I'm going to be moving into my new flat debt free. I can't possibly ask for anything else."

Feedback from a client

To summarise: I signed up 9 new clients in 2024 and was still helping 3 from 2023. I am still helping 5 of those.

20 people are faithfully praying each month. 90% of the full monthly cost of partnering with Frontline is being met by regular giving.

I continue to nurture those good links with Citizens Advice Havant and The Acorn Centre. I have established new links with the Social Prescribers based at the Crookhorn GP surgery and Vine Medical Centre.

PRAISE GOD FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE!

Written by Eddie Warren

Recovery Course

We have run two successful recovery course programmes with people being helped to become free from addiction. During the course we had candidates baptized and coming to faith. I personally am in contact with some helping to encourage them on their journey to freedom and a new life in Christ Jesus.

Unfortunately, we had to stop the second course halfway through due to a safeguarding issue that has been resolved successfully. There are plans to continue this valuable ministry in the near future.

With every blessing
Written by Jim Webb

Crookhorn Fun Run, Crookhorn All Together

The Crookhorn Fun Run has been held for eight years now and continues to be a great opportunity to meet local



residents as we meet, walk or run the usual 5k route around the three parishes. We used peoples' kind donations to support the Rowans Hospice this year, and it was great to take them a cheque and to hear all about their amazing work and care for local people. We are again grateful to Marbs Tanning Salon and the Bus Stop Café for their support, as well as all of you who run, walk and chat making it such a great event.

The second year of the Crookhorn Music Festival, was held at the Centurion Pub. This year it was over both days of the August Bank Holiday weekend. There were some music groups from the previous year and groups who have played locally during the year. Some of our church fellowship are hoping to be included in the 2025 line up, so if you are musically minded and would like to consider a short performance to the community, let us know.

Written by Phil White

Christmas and Easter

Easter Services

I was pleased to see more people attending our Maundy Thursday service this year. It was a lovely gentle service of serving one another by feet or hand washing followed by communion. On Good Friday we put on an immersive and interactive audio-visual experience with prayer stations depicting Jesus' journey to the cross from Creation to death. Those who came were very moved by it.

Easter Fun Day March 31st

We were able to run an Easter fun day this Easter. Many thanks to all the volunteers for making this possible. We had an Easter egg hunt and many crafts inside the church, with an area for toddlers to play and be safe. People had hot cross buns and hot chocolate.

There was face painting and a real community sense of fun as people came together to celebrate Easter day coming. We had a lot of people attend and it was a fun community event.



Christmas Services

We pared back a little for our Christmas services this year. For our Carol Service, as well as the 9 lessons and carols, a 50 word sermon was preached after each lesson. This resulted in some really pithy messages of hope to a full congregation. We will do it again! Our DIY nativity and Christingle was lovely, especially the Darch family leading dad, Gareth, round

the room on his hands and knees as the donkey! There was no Night in Bethlehem this year because I felt people needed a rest.

Christmas Wrapped



Christmas Wrapped was a special event designed to bless our community by offering a free gift-wrapping service while guests enjoyed hot chocolate, mince pies, and crafts. While the turnout from the community was not as large as we had hoped, the day was filled with meaningful fellowship and connection.

Although we did not manage to wrap a single present, the greatest success of the day was the opportunity we had to offer small, donated gifts—such as bath salts and

similar items—that children could choose and wrap for their parents. This thoughtful gesture was well-received and added a personal touch to the event.

The craft tables were a big hit, with congregation members enjoying a relaxed and creative morning of making crafts and sharing conversations. The children who attended were warmly welcomed, and they had a wonderful time running off some energy around the building, as well as engaging with the crafts and the box of free Christmas decorations.

Additionally, we were blessed to be able to minister to a few individuals from the community who came seeking prayer. Others found encouragement through the inclusive, welcoming atmosphere and the sense of community we offered throughout the day.

Reflecting on the event, It is clear that a similar gathering in the future, focused on providing children with small gifts to wrap for their families and opening the church for a day of crafts and drinks, would likely be very popular and meaningful for the community.

Written by Emily Ashworth

Toddler Carers' Christmas Meal

It was a joy to be able to have the annual Toddlers Christmas Meal again this year. It is a lovely evening when Mums/Carers/Childminders are able to take a night off responsibilities and come to church to be served a meal by the men of our church. It was a really enjoyable evening for the mums to enjoy time out, enjoy a delicious meal thanks to Pip and team and be able to have good conversations and build relationships without interruptions from children. After the meal a mum and new Christian from St Mary's Portchester shared her testimony which was very powerful and really blessed the other mums. It was a really enjoyable evening for those who came. Thanks to Sara Lane for organising this.

Written by Sara Lane

Christmas Day

We had another successful Christmas dinner feeding around forty people including many from Elsie Fudge and Wakefield court, with a three-course turkey dinner followed by coffee and mince pies. Goody bags were given to all guests. Entertainment included a Christmas sing along and a stand-up comedian. Many thanks to all who helped, including the Jones family and June who made our delicious pudding.

Written by Paul Smith



Charity Number 1127944

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd,
Crookhorn

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year to
31 December 2024

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
31 December 2024
Professional Advisors

Incumbent	The Revd. Janette Smith The Vicarage 87 Perseus Place Crookhorn Waterlooville PO7 8AW
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Accountant	Sally Walker FCA Chartered Accountant 3 Ladybridge Road Waterlooville PO7 5RP
Independent Examiner	Shahrukh Talati FCA 17 St Georges Road Southsea PO4 9PL
Diocese	A member of the Church of England in the Diocese of Portsmouth in the Parish of Crookhorn

Charity no 1127944

Independent examiner's report to the trustees (The PCC) on the accounts of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Set out on pages 3 to 10

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the charity") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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

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: 

Date: 27 March 2025

Shahrukh Talati FCA

17 St Georges Road, Southsea PO4 9PL

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Charity No. 1127944

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Incoming resources						
Donations	2	128,835	6,852	-	135,687	133,635
Activities for generating funds	2	160	-	-	160	50
Legacy	2	37,625	-	-	37,625	-
Investment income	2	373	-	-	373	608
Church activities	2	3,434	2,569	-	6,003	4,894
Total Incoming resources		170,427	9,421	-	179,848	139,187
Resources Expended						
Church activities	3	166,497	9,776	-	176,273	109,850
External Giving	4	7,153	-	-	7,153	19,714
Support costs	5	13,954	-	-	13,954	14,580
Total Resources Expended		187,604	9,776	-	197,380	144,144
Net Movement in Funds		(17,177)	(355)	-	(17,532)	(4,957)
Total Funds Brought Forward		122,246	434	-	122,680	127,637
Total Funds carried forward		105,069	79	-	105,148	122,680

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Equipment	7	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	8	6,715	17,472
Stock		130	150
Bank balances and cash in hand		101,632	110,363
		<u>108,477</u>	<u>127,985</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	9	3,329	5,305
Other liabilities		-	-
		<u>3,329</u>	<u>5,305</u>
Net current assets		105,148	122,680
Net assets		<u>105,148</u>	<u>122,680</u>
Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds	11	105,069	122,246
Restricted funds	11	79	434
Reserves carried forward		<u>105,148</u>	<u>122,680</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Philip White (Church Warden)



Timothy Fitz-George (Church Warden)

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CROOKHORN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st December 2024
NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparation - The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2019.

Recognition of Income – Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
the PCC becomes entitled to the income.
the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
it is probable that the PCC will receive the income.

Offsetting - There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure unless required or permitted by SORP (FRS 102).

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless otherwise specified by the donor or the terms of the appeal.

Donated services and facilities - Gifts in kind are included at valuation and recognized as income if feasible. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Liability recognition - Liabilities are recognized where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive liability and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Support costs - Support costs include central office functions.

Creditors - Creditors are measured at settlement amount less any trade discounts.

Debtors - Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount or amount advanced by the PCC. Subsequently they are measured at cash value or other consideration expected to be received.

Consecrated and benefice property - In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalized in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings - These are capitalized at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life except where insufficient cost information is available. All items are included in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

Tangible fixed assets - These are capitalized if they can be used for more than one year and cost more than £2,000. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over four years.

Restricted funds - These are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and the details of the funds held and restrictions placed thereon are shown in the notes to the accounts.

Unrestricted funds - These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for special purposes.

Parochial Church Council of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Income and expenditure account analysis

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2 Income					
Donations					
Planned Giving:					
Gift Aid donations	81,757	-	-	81,757	71,633
Income tax recoverable	21,296	-	-	21,296	19,909
Other planned giving	13,252	-	-	13,252	17,903
Other unplanned giving	6,558	-	-	6,558	-
Bus Stop Donations	4,597	-	-	4,597	12,838
Pakistan Appeal	-	-	-	-	6,845
Frontline Debt Counselling	-	1,353	-	1,353	825
Roof appeal	-	5,499	-	5,499	-
Church Collection Box	1,375	-	-	1,375	2,182
Grant received for energy costs	-	-	-	-	1,500
	<u>128,835</u>	<u>6,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,687</u>	<u>133,635</u>
Activities for generating funds					
Centre hiring	160	-	-	160	50
	<u>160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>50</u>
Legacies					
Legacy received	37,625	-	-	37,625	-
Income from Investments					
Interest received	373	-	-	373	608
	<u>373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>608</u>
Income from church activities					
Children's work 0-11	2,262	-	-	2,262	2,381
Youth work 11 plus	465	2,569	-	3,034	1,909
Outreach - adults	108	-	-	108	286
PCC fees income	599	-	-	599	318
	<u>3,434</u>	<u>2,569</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,003</u>	<u>4,894</u>
3 Expenditure on Church activities					
Diocesan parish share (Quota)	48,605	-	-	48,605	46,290
Incumbent's expenses & vicarage costs	1,922	-	-	1,922	1,514
Youth leader salary	17,219	-	-	17,219	16,058
Youth leader support costs	260	-	-	260	191
Church utility costs	5,760	-	-	5,760	7,943
Other church running expenses	5,478	-	-	5,478	5,690
Church maintenance - minor	1,954	-	-	1,954	2,300
Church maintenance - major	70,498	5,499	-	75,997	4,376
Upkeep of services	3,944	-	-	3,944	3,200
Bus Stop Café costs	4,543	-	-	4,543	10,282
Education & training - adult	726	-	-	726	1,484
Education & training 0-11	546	-	-	546	343
Education & training 11 plus	147	-	-	147	280
Frontline Debt Counselling	-	1,708	-	1,708	391
Community work 0-11	2,613	-	-	2,613	3,315
Community work 11 plus	1,412	2,569	-	3,981	3,088
Community work - adult	541	-	-	541	1,796
Church events & conferences	329	-	-	329	1,309
	<u>166,497</u>	<u>9,776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,273</u>	<u>109,850</u>

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4 External Giving

Missionary and charitable giving				
Overseas Mission Societies	6,000	-	-	6,000
Pakistan Appeal	-	-	-	-
Relief and development agencies	500	-	-	500
Diocesan Mission Fund	-	-	-	-
Home mission & other church societies	653	-	-	653
Secular charities	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,153</u>
				<u>19,714</u>

5 Support costs

Salaries	14,201	-	-	14,201	12,729
Admin recharged	(4,115)	-	-	(4,115)	(4,138)
Copier leasing & running costs	982	-	-	982	1,644
Telephone & other admin costs	1,277	-	-	1,277	900
Postage, printing & stationery	723	-	-	723	800
Website	52	-	-	52	51
Subscriptions	635	-	-	635	428
Bank charges	199	-	-	199	121
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	2,045
	<u>13,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,954</u>	<u>14,580</u>

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6 Staff costs	2024	2023
Salaries	26,753	24,228
Pension costs	552	421
	<u>27,305</u>	<u>24,649</u>
Number of staff employed:		
During the year the PCC employed 2 people, the Administrator and the Youth and Family Team Leader	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Payments to PCC members and related parties

In order to avoid possible conflicts of interest, related PCC members do not take part in discussions or votes in matters connected with themselves
A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the Incumbent may have related to their service as Chairman of the PCC.

7 Equipment	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2024	47,027	47,027
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>47,027</u>	<u>47,027</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	47,027	47,027
Charge for the year	-	-
On disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>47,027</u>	<u>47,027</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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8 Debtors

	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	5,490	4,296
Other debtors	1,225	2,415
5 Year Equity Loan to Mission Housing Ltd	0	10,761
	<u>6,715</u>	<u>17,472</u>

9 Creditors falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income	0	0
Other creditors	3,329	5,305
	<u>3,329</u>	<u>5,305</u>

10 CAPITAL COMMITMENT

There were no capital commitments at 31st December 2024.

11 Fund Details

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
Current assets	108,398	79	0	108,477	127,985
Current liabilities	-3,329	0	0	-3,329	-5,305
Long term liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Fund balance	<u>105,069</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>105,148</u>	<u>122,680</u>

The Restricted Fund brought forward for Community Purposes is now exhausted
The restricted fund carried forward is for Frontline debt counselling

The PCC has designated the following from unrestricted funds:

	£
New doors provision	3,500
Provision for repairs and replacement of equipment	12,000
Legacy reserve for capital project	37,625
	<u>53,125</u>

There remains a surplus of £51,944 in unrestricted reserves (which would cover approximately three months overheads).

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources				
Donations	125,965	7,670	-	133,635
Activities for generating funds	50	-	-	50
Investment income	608	-	-	608
Church activities	4,894	-	-	4,894
Legacy	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming resources	131,517	7,670	-	139,187
Resources Expended				
Church activities	106,240	3,610	-	109,850
Donations made	12,869	6,845	-	19,714
Support costs	14,580	-	-	14,580
Total Resources Expended	133,689	10,455	-	144,144
Net Movement in Funds	-2,172	2,785	-	-4,957
Total Funds Brought Forward	124,418	3,219	-	127,637
Total Funds carried forward	122,246	434	-	122,680