

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WICKFORD AND RUNWELL

England & Wales - Charity number 1128199

Details

Other names WICKFORD AND RUNWELL P.C.C.

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickford and Runwell

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£151,499	£152,166	-	-
2024-12-31	£146,414	£129,780	-	-
2023-12-31	£152,806	£131,856	-	-
2022-12-31	£107,755	£86,372	-	-
2021-12-31	£89,328	£69,104	-	-
2020-12-31	£119,666	£122,685	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Davies		2023-05-21
Angela Elizabeth Wagstaff		2020-10-04
Emma Catherine Doe		2018-04-15
MARJORIE STANFORD		
Michael Frank Tricker		2016-04-10
Oluseye Babmunde Abiodun		2019-04-07
Rev Jonathan Adrian Harvey Evens		2022-05-22
Rev Nik Jonathan Hasler Wright		2025-09-14
Rev Susan Jacqueline Wise		2016-04-10
Richard John Feldwick		2014-04-06
Roger Stephen Tyler		2021-05-23
Stephen Robert Talbot		2019-04-07
Vicki Clare Gill		2025-05-18
YVONNE MARGARET BRANSON		
Yetunde Lolade Abiodun		2025-05-18

Accounts

Parish of Wickford and Runwell
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wickford and Runwell is responsible for co-operating with the Team Rector, the Revd Jonathan Evens, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church buildings of the parish, St Andrew's, London Road, Wickford, St Catherine's, Southend Road, Wickford, and St Mary's, Runwell, and the St Andrew's Centre and the church halls associated with St Catherine's and St Mary's, and offers oversight to the District Councils of each of these churches, as they manage the day-to-day life of the buildings and congregations and other items delegated to them.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling worship in all three churches which resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We are committed, also, to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

We are seeking to be connecting churches: connecting with individuals, with our community, and with God. In this way, we aim to be churches, and a team of churches, that are at the heart of the communities of Wickford and Runwell, while also being with those on the edge. We are using the HeartEdge mission model, the 4C's of compassion, culture, commerce and congregation, together with the idea of Being With, as an incarnational model of mission and ministry:

- **Compassion:** We are involved with our ecumenical partners in the Gateway Project, the local Foodbank hosted by the Salvation Army. We also collect for the local Women's Refuge and fundraise for our Kenya Link. Occasional collections have also been made at our churches to support other organisations and causes. We partner with Kintsugi Hope and ran our third Wellbeing Group during 2025. We also run a Parent and Toddler Group at St Catherine's. Our coffee mornings and Meet and Make group provide warm spaces to local residents.
- **Culture:** We have further developed St Andrew's as a cultural centre for the town through our 'Unveiled' arts and performance evenings, an exhibition programme, and other occasional events/concerts. In 2025, we used UKSPF Feasibility Funding to explore the potential of St Andrew's Church and Centre to operate as a cultural and heritage centre for the town and, as a result, have expanded our cultural and heritage offerings.
- **Commerce:** We hire out our Halls at all three of our churches and have a contract with NCP for rental of our car park at St Andrew's.
- **Congregation:** Our core activities include – Services; Messy Church; Mothers Union; Quiet Days (St Mary's); Pastoral Visitors; Educational opportunities (Bible Study groups, Lent Course, Being With courses); Prayer Circle; and Social/fundraising events.

For us, Being With others includes: Care Homes services; Contemplative Commuters; Meet & Make (Craft group); Nazareth Community (contemplative prayer); Parent and Toddler Group; Rail/Street Pastors (Mike Tricker); Saturday Solace; Schools ministry; and Unveiled events.

We hope that in our three churches visitors and regulars will find: a warm welcome, whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whatever they bring, because all are made in God's image; and people in all their variety who try to live out God's transforming love for this parish and community.

We welcomed Revd Nik Wright to the Parish and Ministry Team as Curate. Nik was licensed to the Parish on 6 July 2025 and was ordained as a Deacon on 14 September 2025. He brings many

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positive qualities to the Parish and has quickly impacted our mission and ministry in a range of constructive ways.

In June 2025, we gave thanks for 10 years of ministry in the Parish from Revd Sue Wise, whose wisdom and commitment in ministry is greatly appreciated.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Patterns of worship have been shaped by the Ministry Team led by the Team Rector, Revd Jonathan Evens, in conjunction with the PCC. Our pattern of services is for Sunday morning services at all three churches together with these being All-age services on the first Sunday in the month at St Andrew's, second at St Catherine's, and third at St Mary's.

Our average weekly attendance across the parish in October was 116, with 113 in our worshipping community and a usual Sunday attendance of 71 (and an additional 10 online). During that time our churches held their Harvest Festivals, we also had several baptisms, held our usual midweek (including home communions and care home services) and evening services, and hosted a School Harvest Service.

We held monthly services at five Care Homes and held Messy Church on a regular basis. At Christmas, our numbers at Christingle and Crib Services, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services exceeded those recorded pre-Covid in 2019. Advent and Easter also saw encouraging numbers in church.

There was a total of 29 baptisms in the year, of which six were adults. Four adults were also confirmed. There were four weddings in the parish and our funeral ministry continued with 19 funerals conducted by our clergy, in either church or crematorium, and 10 interments of ashes.

Occasions for sharing and exploring faith have been created through our education programme. We held our annual Parish Study Day in January, a Lent Course on Journeys in the Bible written by our Ministry Team, and The Living Generously Course, which explored generosity in relation to time, attention, possessions, perceptions, and comfort. We also held five Quiet Days at either St Mary's or St Nicholas Rawreth. Several Bible Study groups have also met regularly during the year, including one new group set up following the Lent Course.

Mothers Union has had a full and interesting year's programme under the leadership of Caroline Wheeler. These included: Services; Branch Review; Lent Course; Talks; Chinese Auction; May Day crafts; Christmas Wreath making; Christmas lunch; and a fish and chip supper.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, as well as our clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. There were four meetings in 2025. This year has seen a continuing focus on mission development. Speakers have included: the new Archdeacon of Southend (The Ven. Sue Lucas); Maxine Paul (Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union); Revd Alan Moss (New Estates Missional Lead) and Tim Hayward. Kat D'Arcy Cumber, our General Synod Link member, gave reports on Synod meetings.

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Our Churches and Halls

Our buildings are maintained diligently by our churchwardens and the DCCs, ensuring work is carried out promptly and appropriately, with all the necessary checks in place. All three churches received their latest quinquennial inspection in 2021, with varying amounts of work to be undertaken, particularly with the older buildings. The church halls and St Andrew's Centre are well maintained and either close to full usage or have increased usage. At St Andrew's window sills were covered to prevent future dilapidation and the community wellbeing garden was made accessible and opened. At St Mary's a shed providing additional storage was purchased and erected alongside the Hall. Following groundwork investigations at St Catherine's as part of a major repair programme being undertaken following ground movement caused by the long dry summer of 2022, a proposal for underpinning the North West corner of the church was received.

Our churchyards are well maintained. All of our churches have now gained the Silver Eco Church Award. We took part in Churches Count on Nature, with support from Wickford Wildlife Association.

We enable our three churches and halls to function as hubs for the community. Between them activities and groups supported include: Coffee Mornings; Councillor Surgery; Art and Heritage Exhibitions; Floral Art; Gamblers Anonymous; Huff and Puff; Lace Makers; Ladies Support Group; Ladygate Scribblers; Martial Arts; Meditation; Meet & Make (Crafts Group); Mothers Union; Parent's 1st Group; Parent and Toddler Group; Phlebotomy Clinic; Rangers; Sing Wickford; Steps; Tai Chi; U3A; Unveiled arts and performance evening; Warfarin Clinic; WI Craft Group; Wickford Chapter; Wickford Lodge; Wickford Women's Institute; and several Yoga Groups. These groups and activities provide a wide range of social, leisure, educational and wellbeing opportunities for the local community, as well as providing warm spaces that enable those attending to save on heating in their homes while attending. On a monthly basis, we estimate the groups meeting in our Halls benefit in excess of 750 local residents.

In addition, local schools regularly visit our buildings for educational opportunities, which include visits to our art exhibitions. Our Unveiled arts and performance evening (Fridays fortnightly) plus our art and heritage exhibition programme deliver new cultural offers in Wickford. These seek to bring high quality art and performance to Wickford while also encouraging local talent by providing new platforms for local performers and artists.

We held a very successful and well attended Christmas Bazaar at St Andrew's for the parish which raised over £1,500. Each church and the Mothers' Union organized stalls. A grand draw was held and two school choirs sang to those who attended. Our thanks to everyone involved in the organization and running of the Bazaar, particularly those on the planning group.

Pastoral care

Much pastoral care within our congregations is informal and mutual. Our team of pastoral visitors and clergy continues to support individuals in need, and have once more been able to offer Home Communion. Visits to local care homes for services are happening monthly. A Prayer Circle operates when specific requests are made for those in need of prayer.

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Mission and evangelism

Much of our mission and outreach, including Messy Church (bi-monthly on Saturdays), the Gateway foodbank (Ecumenical initiative), Open the Book (Schools work), ministry in care homes (monthly services in five homes), and other initiatives, is enabled by teams drawn from across our three churches. We have continued with mission initiatives related to our context including: Contemplative Commuters - a Facebook group for any commuter wanting quiet reflective time and content on their journeys to and from work; Parent and Toddler Group; Saturday Solace - 10-minute reflection and Christian mindfulness sessions between 10.00 am & 12 noon on Saturdays at St Catherine's and St Andrew's; and Unveiled – an arts and performance evening with events including artist talks, concerts, exhibition viewings, heritage talks, lectures, and Open Mic Nights. Additional concerts were also organised and hosted at other times. We began hosting Community Cinema evenings at St Andrew's together with Wickford Business Improvement District (BID).

We ran a third Being With enquirers course with a group of five attending. Two participants were baptized and confirmed. We also ran a third successful Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group.

All of our churches seek to model our commitment to supporting the 5th Mark of Mission, 'to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. During the year we welcomed a speaker from A Rocha, raised money for environmental charities and to support our own eco-projects, two of our churches became Fairtrade Places of Worship, and we encouraged our congregations to consider how our lifestyle can impact our environment.

We continue to support the ecumenical Gateway Project, the local foodbank, with congregation members continuing to give generously in kind.

Clergy and laity support the work of local schools as governors and in taking assemblies. Assemblies have been taken at ten local schools. We also hold school services in our churches for schools including Wickford Church of England School, Wickford Primary School and Beauchamps School. Lessons on Easter and Christmas take place at Beauchamps School. Several schools visited our churches in the course of the year, with some coming to see the art exhibitions at St Andrew's. We also welcomed Hilltop Infants to St Catherine's for sessions to make Christingles. The Open the Book Team, who tell Bible stories in dramatic form, are using technology to video the stories and send them to the schools.

The churches have a strong tradition of hospitality to the local community, especially through coffee mornings and social events. Coffee mornings are held at all three churches and Meet and Make sessions in St Andrew's continue to reach out to those on the fringe of and beyond our congregations.

Our three churches have a commitment to supporting the charity Positive Life Kenya. PLK works to break the cycle of poverty by educating and empowering marginalised families to build healthy environments for their children to thrive and create lasting change. We are currently committed to raising and sending at least US\$ 250 each quarter.

Our Facebook Group has continued to increase in membership and we have created the Contemplative Commuters Facebook group which has 30+ members. Our Facebook Group, Pages and website are kept up to date with news and schedules as well as livestreamed Morning prayer three days a week. St Mary's include their news and views in the regular Runwell newsletter that goes to every house in Runwell. Work began during the year on a new website for the Parish.

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Ecumenical relationships

The churches in Wickford and Runwell are responsible for jointly supporting the Gateway Project Foodbank that is run out of the local Salvation Army premises and staffed by volunteers from across the churches under their supervision. A ministers' group meets every two months to discuss this and other projects and for mutual support. Together we arrange the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday, an information stall and the Church's choir for the Town Christmas event.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted (including designated) funds were £146,591 (last year £131,880) including £13,901 (last year £10,373) tax recovered from Gift Aid. The receipts included a one-off grant of £18,500 to fund a UKSPF Feasibility Report and a related grant application. Restricted donations of £4,707 (last year £14,382) were also received.

Planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme and envelopes fell by 3.9% (last year increased by 0.3%). Total income increased by 3.4% (last year down by 4.2%). Total expenditure increased by 17.2% (last year down 1.6%).

We paid £72,008 towards our Parish Share. However, £2,000 was an additional late payment for the previous year. Therefore, we paid £70,008 towards our Parish Share in 2025. This was 71.5% of our allocated share of £97,928 requested. Last year we paid £62,000 which was 63.7% of our allocated share of £97,276 requested.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of (£3,021), (last year £1,986) on unrestricted (including designated) funds. Restricted funds increased by £2,304 (last year £14,649). Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on all these funds totalled £110,985 (last year £110,882).

The Treasurer would like to thank the many people from all 3 churches who all work together as a team to support him in maintaining the PCC finances.

Reserves policy

We maintain reserves of £25,000, replenishing/adjusting each year as necessary. We need this money to be immediately available to:

- meet contractual and expected commitments including our Parish Share
- cover adverse cash flows including funding paid in arrears
- fund initial investigations into maintenance projects, development projects and fund raising activities
- fund smaller projects to extend our mission - meet unexpected/unbudgeted expenditure including essential repairs.

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Other information

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities they are, in particular our churchwardens, our lay ministers in various roles, those who sit on our committees and help with our outreach teams. In addition to our Trustees, we have 23 volunteers regularly assisting with committees and outreach/pastoral teams. However, all of our congregations provide volunteer support in a variety of different ways.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC consists of the incumbent(s), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregations who are on the electoral role of the churches.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees, which include children and young people, education, environment and policies, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has established DCCs (District Church Councils), the purpose of which is to carry out in relation to a specified district in the parish in which there is at least one church or building licensed for public worship, such functions of the PCC as are delegated to it.

The PCC have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a member of the PCC and speaks regularly to that standing agenda item for each meeting, ensuring that the safeguarding policy is reviewed and agreed annually, that appropriate DBS checks are up to date, and that each PCC member is aware of their responsibilities and required training. All the Ministry Team are trained to Leadership level via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Administrative information

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell is situated in South Essex. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Mary's Vicarage, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, Essex SS11 7JQ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The registered charity number is 1128199 and the registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickford and Runwell'.

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PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio members:

Team Rector: The Reverend Jonathan Evens (Chair)

Team Vicar (House for Duty): The Reverend Sue Wise

Curate: The Reverend Nik Wright from 6 July 2025

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mr Oluseye Abiodun until 18 May 2025

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Ms Alison Davies (also Parish Safeguarding Officer from 18 December 2025)

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Vicki Swan from 18th May 2025

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Richard Feldwick (Vice-chair PCC, also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Stephen Talbot

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Alan Jones (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Mrs Emma Doe, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) and St Catherine's representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Michael Tricker, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Elected members:

Mrs Yvonne Branson, St Mary's representative on Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Marjorie Stanford, St Andrew's representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Marina Bailey, PCC Safeguarding Officer until 18 May 2025

Mrs Lola Abiodun, PCC Safeguarding Officer from 18 May 2025 to 30 November 2025

Mr Roger Tyler, PCC Treasurer

Mrs Pamela Petts, St Catherine's

Mr Seye Abiodun, St Andrew's, from 18 May 2025

Approved by the PCC on 17th May 2026 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Jonathan Evens (PCC Chair).



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parish of Wickford and Runwell
Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 142(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Steven Rowe

1 May 2026

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	83,970.67	4,707.09	-	88,677.76	76,079.40
Income from charitable activities	12,812.50	-	-	12,812.50	16,234.50
Other trading activities	37,189.11	69.00	-	37,258.11	41,144.31
Investments	12,618.34	132.47	-	12,750.81	12,661.29
Other income	-	-	-	-	295.00
Total income	146,590.62	4,908.56	-	151,499.18	146,414.50
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	18,668.00	-	-	18,668.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	125,094.48	8,094.14	-	133,188.62	127,717.42
Other expenditure	309.75	-	-	309.75	2,062.50
Total expenditure	144,072.23	8,094.14	-	152,166.37	129,779.92
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,518.39	(3,185.58)	-	(667.19)	16,634.58
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	88,994.34	5,539.25	-	94,533.59	58,133.85
Gross transfers between funds - out	(94,533.59)	-	-	(94,533.59)	(58,133.85)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(3,020.86)	2,353.67	-	(667.19)	16,634.58
Total funds brought forward	258,526.25	34,311.40	-	292,837.65	276,203.07
Total funds carried forward	255,505.39	36,665.07	-	292,170.46	292,837.65
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	37,125.93	-	-	37,125.93	34,365.45
Designated					
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	-	-	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	-	-	76,000.00	76,000.00
St Andrew's General Fund	12,041.34	-	-	12,041.34	14,855.84
St Catherine's General Fund	1,807.35	-	-	1,807.35	4,627.03
St Catherine's Hall Fund	3,807.58	-	-	3,807.58	2,394.86
St Catherine's Vicarage Decoration Fund	-	-	-	-	-
St Mary's General Fund	14,123.19	-	-	14,123.19	10,818.38
St Mary's Hall Fund	-	-	-	-	5,164.69
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	600.00	-	-	600.00	300.00
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
Arts Festival 2023	-	362.38	-	362.38	362.38
St Andrew's Charity Giving Fund	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund	-	156.86	-	156.86	5,491.00
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	-	3,954.74	-	3,954.74	3,954.74
St Catherine's Charity Giving Fund	-	-	-	-	-
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	-	1,855.11	-	1,855.11	1,855.11
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	-	1,198.18	-	1,198.18	1,067.47
St Catherine's Music Fund	-	135.77	-	135.77	134.01

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St Catherine's Organ Fund	-	436.16	-	436.16	436.16
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	-	423.93	-	423.93	423.93
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	-	10,580.95	-	10,580.95	9,624.81
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	-	750.00	-	750.00	750.00
St Mary's Organ Fund	-	73.83	-	73.83	73.83
St Mary's Restoration Fund	-	16,737.16	-	16,737.16	10,137.96
Total funds		255,505.39	36,665.07	- 292,170.46	292,837.65

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
	186,000.00	186,000.00
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	110,984.75	110,822.09
	110,984.75	110,822.09
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	4,814.29	3,984.44
	4,814.29	3,984.44
Net current assets less current liabilities	106,170.46	106,837.65
Total assets less current liabilities	292,170.46	292,837.65
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	292,170.46	292,837.65
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	37,125.93	34,365.45
Designated		
Designated - Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	110,000.00
Designated - Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	76,000.00
Designated - St Andrew's General Fund	12,041.34	14,855.84
Designated - St Catherine's General Fund	1,807.35	4,627.03
Designated - St Catherine's Hall Fund	3,807.58	2,394.86
Designated - St Mary's General Fund	14,123.19	10,818.38
Designated - St Mary's Hall Fund	-	5,164.69
Designated - St Mary's Vicarage Fund	600.00	300.00
Restricted		
Restricted - Arts Festival 2023	362.38	362.38
Restricted - St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund	156.86	5,491.00
Restricted - St Andrew's Fabric Fund	3,954.74	3,954.74
Restricted - St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	1,855.11
Restricted - St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	1,198.18	1,067.47
Restricted - St Catherine's Music Fund	135.77	134.01
Restricted - St Catherine's Organ Fund	436.16	436.16
Restricted - St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	423.93	423.93
Restricted - St Catherine's Restoration Fund	10,580.95	9,624.81
Restricted - St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	750.00	750.00
Restricted - St Mary's Organ Fund	73.83	73.83
Restricted - St Mary's Restoration Fund	16,737.16	10,137.96
Fund Totals	292,170.46	292,837.65

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

		Balance	Previous balance
Tangible Assets			
6410: St Catherine's Church Hall			
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	Designated	110,000.00	110,000.00
		<u>110,000.00</u>	<u>110,000.00</u>
6411: St Mary's Church Hall			
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	Designated	76,000.00	76,000.00
		<u>76,000.00</u>	<u>76,000.00</u>
	Tangible Assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
Cash At Bank And In Hand			
6501: St Andrew's Current A/c 9572			
St Andrew's General Fund	Designated	11,292.61	14,107.11
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	Restricted	3,954.74	3,954.74
		<u>15,247.35</u>	<u>18,061.85</u>
6502: St Catherine's Current A/c 4693			
St Catherine's General Fund	Designated	1,807.35	4,627.03
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	Restricted	1,855.11	1,855.11
		<u>3,662.46</u>	<u>6,482.14</u>
6506: St Catherine's Deposit A/c 0455			
St Catherine's Music Fund	Restricted	135.77	134.01
		<u>135.77</u>	<u>134.01</u>
6513: PCC Barclays Current A/c 9154			
St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund	Restricted	156.86	5,491.00
Arts Festival 2023	Restricted	362.38	362.38
General fund	Unrestricted	37,125.93	34,365.45
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	Restricted	10,580.95	9,624.81
Agency collection	Restricted	4,814.29	3,984.44
		<u>53,040.41</u>	<u>53,828.08</u>
6515: St Catherine's Hall Current A/c 4715			
St Catherine's Hall Fund	Designated	1,942.70	1,548.32
		<u>1,942.70</u>	<u>1,548.32</u>
6516: St Catherine's Hall Deposit A/c 4731			
St Catherine's Hall Fund	Designated	1,864.88	846.54
		<u>1,864.88</u>	<u>846.54</u>
6521: St Mary's Current A/c 7351			
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	Restricted	750.00	750.00
St Mary's General Fund	Designated	14,123.19	10,818.38
St Mary's Restoration Fund	Restricted	16,599.20	10,000.00
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	Designated	600.00	300.00
		<u>32,072.39</u>	<u>21,868.38</u>
6522: PCC Merged Funds CBF A/c CB3022391			
St Andrew's General Fund	Designated	748.73	748.73
St Catherine's Organ Fund	Restricted	436.16	436.16
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	Restricted	423.93	423.93
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	Restricted	1,198.18	1,067.47
St Mary's Organ Fund	Restricted	73.83	73.83
St Mary's Restoration Fund	Restricted	137.96	137.96
		<u>3,018.79</u>	<u>2,888.08</u>
6523: St Mary's Hall Current A/c 2051 (Closed 12/25)			
St Mary's Hall Fund	Designated	-	5,164.69
		<u>-</u>	<u>5,164.69</u>
	Cash At Bank And In Hand	110,984.75	110,822.09
Agency Accounts			

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6699: Agency collections

Agency collection

Restricted

	4,814.29	3,984.44
	<u>4,814.29</u>	<u>3,984.44</u>
Agency Accounts	4,814.29	3,984.44
Grand Total	<u>292,170.46</u>	<u>292,837.65</u>

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Fund movement summary

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
StA-Garden								
	Restricted	5,491.00	-	5,334.14	-	-	-	156.86
	Sub-totals	5,491.00	-	5,334.14	-	-	-	156.86
StM-Godolp								
	Restricted	750.00	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
	Sub-totals	750.00	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
ArtsFest								
	Restricted	362.38	-	-	-	-	-	362.38
	Sub-totals	362.38	-	-	-	-	-	362.38
General								
	Unrestricted	34,365.45	38,158.52	96,028.07	60,630.03	-	-	37,125.93
	Sub-totals	34,365.45	38,158.52	96,028.07	60,630.03	-	-	37,125.93
StA-Gen								
	Designated	14,855.84	33,826.39	15,374.64	(21,266.25)	-	-	12,041.34
	Sub-totals	14,855.84	33,826.39	15,374.64	(21,266.25)	-	-	12,041.34
StA-Fab								
	Restricted	3,954.74	-	-	-	-	-	3,954.74
	Sub-totals	3,954.74	-	-	-	-	-	3,954.74
StC-Gen								
	Designated	4,627.03	20,554.32	7,137.06	(16,236.94)	-	-	1,807.35
	Sub-totals	4,627.03	20,554.32	7,137.06	(16,236.94)	-	-	1,807.35
StC-Organ								
	Restricted	436.16	-	-	-	-	-	436.16
	Sub-totals	436.16	-	-	-	-	-	436.16
StC-Hall								
	Designated	2,394.86	8,842.84	4,430.12	(3,000.00)	-	-	3,807.58
	Sub-totals	2,394.86	8,842.84	4,430.12	(3,000.00)	-	-	3,807.58
StC-RecDc								
	Restricted	423.93	-	-	-	-	-	423.93
	Sub-totals	423.93	-	-	-	-	-	423.93
StC-Hearn								
	Restricted	1,067.47	130.71	-	-	-	-	1,198.18
	Sub-totals	1,067.47	130.71	-	-	-	-	1,198.18
StC-Rest								
	Restricted	9,624.81	3,176.89	2,760.00	539.25	-	-	10,580.95
	Sub-totals	9,624.81	3,176.89	2,760.00	539.25	-	-	10,580.95
StC-CYard								
	Restricted	1,855.11	-	-	-	-	-	1,855.11
	Sub-totals	1,855.11	-	-	-	-	-	1,855.11
StC-Music								
	Restricted	134.01	1.76	-	-	-	-	135.77

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Sub-totals	134.01	1.76	-	-	-	-	135.77
StM-Gen							
Designated	10,818.38	25,968.55	10,173.00	(12,490.74)	-	-	14,123.19
Sub-totals	10,818.38	25,968.55	10,173.00	(12,490.74)	-	-	14,123.19
StM-Hall							
Designated	5,164.69	19,240.00	10,929.34	(13,475.35)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	5,164.69	19,240.00	10,929.34	(13,475.35)	-	-	-
StM-Organ							
Restricted	73.83	-	-	-	-	-	73.83
Sub-totals	73.83	-	-	-	-	-	73.83
StM-Rest							
Restricted	10,137.96	1,599.20	-	5,000.00	-	-	16,737.16
Sub-totals	10,137.96	1,599.20	-	5,000.00	-	-	16,737.16
StM-Vic							
Designated	300.00	-	-	300.00	-	-	600.00
Sub-totals	300.00	-	-	300.00	-	-	600.00
HallV-StC							
Designated	110,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	110,000.00
Sub-totals	110,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	110,000.00
HallV-StM							
Designated	76,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	76,000.00
Sub-totals	76,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	76,000.00
Totals	292,837.65	151,499.18	152,166.37	-	-	-	292,170.46

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Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank (inc PGS Donation)	-	29,761.95	-	-	29,761.95 31,912.75
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	1,192.00	-	-	1,192.00 302.00
0201 - Other planned giving eg Payroll giving	120.00	-	-	-	120.00 100.00
0301 - Loose plate collections	-	7,441.19	-	-	7,441.19 6,849.84
0302 - Special Collections	-	-	-	-	- -
0401 - Regular gift days	-	-	-	-	- -
0410 - Non Gift Aid Giving	0.01	1,360.00	-	-	1,360.01 1,560.00
0415 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	- -
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	- 10.00
0510 - Gifts of quoted securities	-	-	-	-	- -
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,020.61	6,068.97	3,151.09	-	12,240.67 10,258.85
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (inc PGS GA)	7,416.96	6,234.31	250.00	-	13,901.27 10,372.96
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	- -
0801 - Recurring grants	-	1,800.00	-	-	1,800.00 3,800.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	18,500.00	281.25	1,275.00	-	20,056.25 10,711.00
0901 - Other fund raising	98.94	674.48	31.00	-	804.42 202.00
Donations and legacies Totals	29,156.52	54,814.15	4,707.09	-	88,677.76 76,079.40
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals (inc Heat	6,369.00	360.00	-	-	6,729.00 9,622.00
1102 - Fees for Banns and Certificates	541.00	112.00	-	-	653.00 589.00
1103 - Fees for Photo-Video	160.00	-	-	-	160.00 80.00
1105 - Fees for courses, groups and events	-	-	-	-	- 21.00
1210 - Charity Collections	-	-	-	-	- 83.00
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	-	5,270.50	-	-	5,270.50 5,839.50
1321 - Parish Share suspense a/c	-	-	-	-	- -
1322 - Expenses suspense a/c	-	-	-	-	- -
Income from charitable activities Totals	7,070.00	5,742.50	-	-	12,812.50 16,234.50
Other trading activities					
0907 - Bazaars/Fayres/Concerts etc	1,932.00	1,253.97	49.00	-	3,234.97 4,457.55
0908 - Plant & Cake Sales	-	-	-	-	- 173.00
0909 - 100 Club	-	-	-	-	- 671.00
0910 - Coffee Mornings	-	3,459.38	-	-	3,459.38 4,189.01
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	-	90.00	20.00	-	110.00 -
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	-	30,453.76	-	-	30,453.76 31,653.75
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	- -
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	- -
Other trading activities Totals	1,932.00	35,257.11	69.00	-	37,258.11 41,144.31
Investments					
1001 - Dividends	-	-	-	-	- -
1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	18.34	132.47	-	150.81 179.24
1030 - Rent from PCC lands/buildings (Car Pk)	-	12,600.00	-	-	12,600.00 12,482.05
Investments Totals	-	12,618.34	132.47	-	12,750.81 12,661.29
Other income					
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	- 73.00
1315 - Gain on sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	- -
1318 - Other incoming resources not covered else	-	-	-	-	- 222.00
1320 - St Catherine's Hall	-	-	-	-	- -
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	- 295.00
Income and endowments Grand totals	38,158.52	108,432.10	4,908.56	-	151,499.18 146,414.50

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EXPENDITURE ON:

Raising funds

1701 - Fees paid to professional fundraisers	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	18,500.00	-	-	-	18,500.00	-
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	168.00	-	-	-	168.00	-
1740 - 100 Club Prizes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	18,668.00	-	-	-	18,668.00	-

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	213.00
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	800.00	75.00	-	-	875.00	606.00
1850 - Other donations-mission outside Parish	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
1870 - Secular charities	-	5.00	-	-	5.00	55.00
1901 - Parish Share	72,008.00	-	-	-	72,008.00	60,000.00
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salaries and wages of parish staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
2051 - National insurance of parish staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
2052 - Pension contributions of parish staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
2101 - Working expenses of clergy	2,076.11	-	-	-	2,076.11	2,463.74
2120 - Council tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	-	-	-	-	-	-
2150 - Clergy telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	-	35.91
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	-	5,071.12	-	-	5,071.12	4,080.99
2310 - Church office - telephone	50.12	-	-	-	50.12	-
2320 - Organ/piano tuning	-	240.00	-	-	240.00	1,573.00
2330 - Church maintenance	-	4,605.33	82.95	-	4,688.28	8,342.60
2331 - Church cleaning	-	2,319.67	-	-	2,319.67	1,401.85
2340 - Upkeep of services (inc Vrgr & Orgnst)	751.01	2,986.57	-	-	3,737.58	4,236.41
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	7,908.25	-	-	7,908.25	7,710.80
2360 - Printing, postage & stationery	1,237.58	150.84	-	-	1,388.42	1,262.48
2363 - Catering costs	157.50	698.25	-	-	855.75	153.68
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	-
2401 - Church running - electric, oil & gas	-	8,401.87	-	-	8,401.87	9,714.55
2420 - Church running - water	-	489.92	-	-	489.92	421.82
2430 - Church running - depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2440 - Other Church Running Expenses	54.45	138.00	5,251.19	-	5,443.64	143.50
2501 - Magazine & books expenses - PCC objects	34.94	-	-	-	34.94	-
2510 - Bookstall cost of goods/running costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2515 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2520 - Hall running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	-
2530 - Hall running - electricity	-	3,089.40	-	-	3,089.40	4,334.01
2540 - Hall running - gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
2550 - Hall running - insurance	-	1,173.30	-	-	1,173.30	1,112.47
2555 - Hall running - bins	-	1,177.85	-	-	1,177.85	821.78
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	-	4,185.40	-	-	4,185.40	14,546.42
2565 - Hall running - cleaning	-	3,137.40	-	-	3,137.40	3,147.41
2570 - Hall running - telephone	-	170.00	-	-	170.00	216.00
2580 - Hall running - water	-	1,029.00	-	-	1,029.00	858.00
2590 - Hall running - depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2595 - Hall running - rent	-	145.00	-	-	145.00	145.00
2601 - Independent examination (or audit costs)	79.60	-	-	-	79.60	71.00
2605 - Costs of trustee training/PCC meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	-	-	2,760.00	-	2,760.00	-

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2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - Hall + major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - Hall + major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
2910 - Purchase of new staff housing	-	-	-	-	-	-
2920 - New building work on church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building work on church hall	-	648.00	-	-	648.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	77,249.31	47,845.17	8,094.14	-	133,188.62	127,717.42
Other expenditure						
1750 - St Andrew's expenses (reclaim)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2102 - Fees paid to Diocese	3.00	-	-	-	3.00	-
2332 - Church Equipment	107.76	198.99	-	-	306.75	2,062.50
2941 - Parish Share Suspense a/c	-	-	-	-	-	-
2942 - Expenses Suspense a/c	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure Totals	110.76	198.99	-	-	309.75	2,062.50
Expenditure Grand totals	96,028.07	48,044.16	8,094.14	-	152,166.37	129,779.92

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction

The General Fund is unrestricted and can only be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted Funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the freehold halls at St Catherine's and St Mary's.
3. The Fund Movement Summary includes the restricted funds. As at 31st December 2025 they were as follows.

St Andrew's Fabric Fund is to be spent on anything affecting the church building and probably the hall as that was the original Mission Church building.

St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund is to be spent on the creation of a Community Garden at St Andrews.

St Catherine's Churchyard Fund is to be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard.

St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Hearne family's grave.

St Catherine's Music Fund is to be spent on providing music at St Catherine's.

St Catherine's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Catherine's Organ.

St Catherine's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Catherine's ongoing restoration work.

St Catherine's Rectory Redecoration Fund is for redecorating the Rectory as necessary.

St Mary's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Mary's Organ.

St Mary's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Mary's ongoing restoration work.

St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Godolphin grave.

Arts Festival Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on Arts Festival events.

END OF REPORT

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2024

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Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wickford and Runwell is responsible for co-operating with the Team Rector, the Revd Jonathan Evens, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church buildings of the parish, St Andrew's, London Road, Wickford, St Catherine's, Southend Road, Wickford, and St Mary's, Runwell, and the St Andrew's Centre and the church halls associated with St Catherine's and St Mary's, and offers oversight to the District Councils of each of these churches, as they manage the day-to-day life of the buildings and congregations.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling worship in all three churches which resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We are committed, also, to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

We are seeking to be churches, and a team of churches, that are at the heart of the communities of Wickford and Runwell, while also being with those on the edge. We are using the HeartEdge mission model, the 4C's of compassion, culture, commerce and congregation, together with the idea of Being With, as an incarnational model of mission and ministry:

- **Compassion:** We are involved with our ecumenical partners in the Gateway Project, the local Foodbank hosted by the Salvation Army. We also collect for the local Women's Refuge and fundraise for our Kenya Link. Occasional collections have also been made at our churches to support other organisations and causes. We partner with Kintsugi Hope and ran our second Wellbeing Group during 2024. We also run a Parent and Toddler Group at St Catherine's. Our coffee mornings and Meet and Make group provide warm spaces to local residents.
- **Culture:** We have further developed St Andrew's as a cultural centre for the town through our 'Unveiled' arts and performance evenings, an exhibition programme, and other occasional events/concerts. In 2024, we gained UKSPF Feasibility Funding to explore the potential of St Andrew's Church and Centre to operate as a cultural and heritage centre for the town.
- **Commerce:** We hire out our Halls at all three of our churches and have a contract with NCP for rental of our car park at St Andrew's.
- **Congregation:** Our core activities include – Services; Messy Church; Mothers Union; Quiet Days (St Mary's); Pastoral Visitors; Educational opportunities (Bible Study groups, Lent Course, Being With courses); Prayer Circle; and Social/fundraising events.

For us, Being With others includes: Care Homes services; Contemplative Commuters; Meet & Make (Craft group); Parent and Toddler Group; Rail/Street Pastors (Mike Tricker); Saturday Solace; Schools ministry; and Unveiled events.

We hope that in our three churches visitors and regulars will find: a warm welcome, whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whatever they bring, because all are made in God's image; and people in all their variety who try to live out God's transforming love for this parish and community.

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We said a fond farewell to Rev Steve Lissenden and his family following his appointment to the neighbouring parishes. They leave with our thanks for all they have contributed here.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Patterns of worship have been shaped by the Ministry Team led by the Team Rector, Revd Jonathan Evens, in conjunction with the PCC. Our pattern of services is for Sunday morning services at all three churches together with these being All-age services on the first Sunday in the month at St Andrew's, second at St Catherine's, and third at St Mary's.

Our average week attendance across the parish in October was 128, with 113 in our worshipping community and a usual Sunday attendance of 65 (and an additional 10 online). During that time our churches held their Harvest Festivals and we had a Messy Church for Harvest, we also had several baptisms, held our usual midweek (including home communions and care home services) and evening services, and hosted a School Harvest Service.

We held monthly services at five Care Homes and held Messy Church on a regular basis. At Christmas we saw positive numbers at Christingle and Crib Services as well as for Midnight Mass and Advent as well as for Christmas as a whole. In Advent and at Easter, numbers were higher than in recent years.

There was a total of 41 baptisms in the year, of which three were adults. Three adults were also confirmed. There were four weddings in the parish and our funeral ministry continued with 26 funerals conducted by our clergy, in either church or crematorium, and 13 interments of ashes.

Occasions for sharing and exploring faith have been created through our education programme. We held our annual Parish Study Day in January, a Lent Course on the Stations of the Cross written by our Ministry Team, a PCC Away Day at St Mary's Great Burstead, and The Difference Course, which helps followers of Jesus find their part to play in God's story of restoration. We also held five Quiet Days at either St Mary's and St Catherine's. Several Bible Study groups have also met regularly during the year.

Mothers Union has had a full and interesting year's programme under the leadership of Caroline Wheeler. These included: a Triennial General Meeting; Services; a Lent Course; Talks; New Year Party; a Garden Party; Christmas lunch; and a fish and chip supper. The Branch was awarded a bronze award for their support and raising awareness of domestic abuse using the Rise Up campaign. Marjorie Stanford and Caroline Wheeler were invited to the head office, Mary Sumner House, in London in recognition of this.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, as well as our clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. There were four meetings in 2024. This year has seen a focus on mission development. Speakers have included: Martin Euden & Revd Alan Moss (via CCX); Beccy Hills (Parish Giving Advisor, Diocese of

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Chelmsford); Sarah Rogers (Mission consultant); Michaela Southworth, (Chief Executive & Secretary, Diocese of Chelmsford). Kat D'Arcy Cumber, our General Synod Link member, gave reports on Synod meetings.

Our Churches and Halls

Our buildings are maintained diligently by our churchwardens and the DCCs, ensuring work is carried out promptly and appropriately, with all the necessary checks in place. All three churches received their latest quinquennial inspection in 2021, with varying amounts of work to be undertaken, particularly with the older buildings. The church halls and St Andrew's Centre are well maintained and either close to full usage or have increased usage. At St Andrew's leaks from the roof were repaired and funds obtained to make the community garden area accessible. At St Mary's new windows were installed in the Hall, the Hall was decorated, repairs were made to the Hall Car Park and a new fence erected. Groundwork investigations were carried out at St Catherine's as part of a major repair programme being undertaken following ground movement caused by the long dry summer of 2022. This resulted in subsidence of the foundations in the North West corner which caused a number of large cracks to appear in the walls and some stonework to fall. We raised £12,050 in grants towards the cost of the groundwork investigations and underpinning design.

Our churchyards are well maintained. Two of our churches (St Mary's and St Andrew's) have now gained the Silver Eco Church Award, with St Mary's leading in this regard. We took part in Churches Count on Nature, with support from Wickford Wildlife Association.

We enable our three churches and halls to function as hubs for the community. Between them activities and groups supported include: Coffee Mornings; Councillor Surgery; Art and Heritage Exhibitions; Floral Art; Gamblers Anonymous; Huff and Puff; Lace Makers; Ladies Support Group; Ladygate Scribblers; Martial Arts; Meditation; Meet & Make (Crafts Group); Mothers Union; Parent's 1st Group; Parent and Toddler Group; Phlebotomy Clinic; Rangers; Sing Wickford; Steps; Tai Chi; U3A; Unveiled arts and performance evening; Warfarin Clinic; WI Craft Group; Wickford Chapter; Wickford Lodge; Wickford Women's Institute; and several Yoga Groups. These groups and activities provide a wide range of social, leisure, educational and wellbeing opportunities for the local community, as well as providing warm spaces that enable those attending to save on heating in their homes while attending. On a monthly basis, we estimate the groups meeting in our Halls benefit in excess of 750 local residents.

In addition, local schools regularly visit our buildings for educational opportunities, which include visits to our art exhibitions. Our Unveiled arts and performance evening (Fridays fortnightly) plus our art and heritage exhibition programme deliver new cultural offers in Wickford. These seek to bring high quality art and performance to Wickford while also encouraging local talent by providing new platforms for local performers and artists.

We held a very successful and well attended Christmas Bazaar at St Andrew's for the parish which raised over £2,000. Each church and the Mothers' Union organized stalls. A grand draw was held and three school choirs sang to those who attended. Our thanks to everyone involved in the organization and running of the Bazaar, particularly those on the planning group.

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Pastoral care

Much pastoral care within our congregations is informal and mutual. Our team of pastoral visitors and clergy continues to support individuals in need, and have once more been able to offer Home Communion. Visits to local care homes for services are happening monthly. A Prayer Circle operates when specific requests are made for those in need of prayer.

Mission and evangelism

Much of our mission and outreach, including Messy Church (bi-monthly on Saturdays), the Gateway foodbank (Ecumenical initiative), Open the Book (Schools work), ministry in care homes (monthly services in five homes), and other initiatives, is enabled by teams drawn from across our three churches. We have continued with mission initiatives related to our context including: Contemplative Commuters - a Facebook group for any commuter wanting quiet reflective time and content on their journeys to and from work; Parent and Toddler Group; Saturday Solace - 10-minute reflection and Christian mindfulness sessions between 10.00 am & 12 noon on Saturdays at St Catherine's and St Andrew's; and Unveiled – an arts and performance evening with events including artist talks, concerts, dance performances, exhibition viewings, heritage talks, lectures, and an Open Mic Night.

We ran a second Being With enquirers course with a group of eight attending. Two participants were baptized and three confirmed. We also ran a second successful Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group.

All of our churches seek to model our commitment to supporting the 5th Mark of Mission, 'to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. During the year we welcomed a speaker from A Rocha, raised money for environmental charities and to support our own eco-projects, two of our churches became Fairtrade Places of Worship, and we encouraged our congregations to consider how our lifestyle can impact our environment.

We continue to support the ecumenical Gateway Project, the local foodbank, with congregation members continuing to give generously in kind.

Clergy and laity support the work of local schools as governors and in taking assemblies. Assemblies have been taken at ten local schools. We also hold school services in our churches for schools including Wickford Church of England School, Wickford Primary School and Beauchamps School. Lessons on Easter and Christmas take place at Beauchamps School. Several schools visited our churches in the course of the year, with some coming to see the art exhibitions at St Andrew's. This year we also welcome Hilltop Infants to St Catherine's for sessions to make Christingles. The Open the Book Team, who tell Bible stories in dramatic form, are using technology to video the stories and send them to the schools. They were also able to lead their first in-person assembly since the pandemic.

The churches have a strong tradition of hospitality to the local community, especially through coffee mornings and social events. Coffee mornings are held at all three churches and Meet and Make sessions in St Andrew's continue to reach out to those on the fringe of and beyond our congregations.

Our three churches have a commitment to supporting the charity Positive Life Kenya. PLK works to break the cycle of poverty by educating and empowering marginalised families to build healthy environments for their children to thrive and create lasting change. We are currently committed to

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raising and sending at least US\$ 250 each quarter. In 2024 we sent an additional US\$ 500 following flooding and increased collections. Each of our three churches respond to particular appeals, such as The Children's Society and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Our Facebook Group has continued to increase in membership and we have created the Contemplative Commuters Facebook group which has 30+ members. Our Facebook Group, Pages and website are kept up to date with news and schedules as well as livestreamed Morning prayer three days a week. St Mary's include their news and views in the regular Runwell newsletter that goes to every house in Runwell.

Ecumenical relationships

The churches in Wickford and Runwell are responsible for jointly supporting the Gateway Project Foodbank that is run out of the local Salvation Army premises and staffed by volunteers from across the churches under their supervision. A ministers' group meets every two months to discuss this and other projects and for mutual support. Together we arrange the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday, a Prayer Tent at Wickford Carnival, and the Church's choir for the Town Christmas event. This year, we also sang carols at a separate event to turn on the Christmas lights in Wickford.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted (including designated) funds were £131,880 (last year £132,746) including £10,373 (last year £17,794) tax recovered from Gift Aid. Last year's tax recovered from Gift Aid included historical recoveries. Restricted donations of £14,382 (last year £16,719) were also received, mostly from a grant for a Community Garden at St Andrew's and grants/donations to the St Catherine's Restoration Fund.

Planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme remained the same increasing by 0.3% (last year 15.0%). Total income decreased by 4.2% (last year up by 41.8%). Total expenditure decreased by 1.6% (last year up by 52.7%). There were several one off factors last year including one off grants, fund raising and expenses for the first phase of St Catherine's restoration, the recovery of historical tax from Gift Aid referred to previously and a general improvement following the previous impact of Covid.

We paid £62,000 towards our Parish Share. This was 63.7% of our allocated share of £97,276 requested. Last year we paid £50,004 which was 51.2% of our allocated share of £97,644 requested. Our payments included £2,000 paid in January 2025 which is omitted from these accounts.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £1,986 (last year £4,232) on unrestricted (including designated) funds. Restricted funds increased by £14,649 (last year £16,719). Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on all these funds totalled £110,822 (last year £94,221).

The Treasurer would like to thank the many people from all 3 churches who all work together to support him in maintaining the PCC finances.

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Reserves policy

We aim to maintain reserves of £25,000, replenishing/adjusting each year as necessary. We need this money to be immediately available to:

- meet contractual and expected commitments including our Parish Share
- cover adverse cash flows including funding paid in arrears
- fund initial investigations into maintenance projects, development projects and fund raising activities
- fund smaller projects to extend our mission
- meet unexpected/unbudgeted expenditure including essential repairs.

Other information

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities they are, in particular our churchwardens, our lay ministers in various roles, those who sit on our committees and help with our outreach teams. In addition to our Trustees, we have 23 volunteers regularly assisting with committees and outreach/pastoral teams. However, all of our congregations provide volunteer support in a variety of different ways.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC consists of the incumbent(s), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregations who are on the electoral role of the churches.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees, which include children and young people, education, environment and policies, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has established DCCs (District Church Councils), the purpose of which is to carry out in relation to a specified district in the parish in which there is at least one church or building licensed for public worship, such functions of the PCC as are delegated to it.

The PCC have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a member of the PCC and speaks regularly to that standing agenda item for

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each meeting, ensuring that the safeguarding policy is reviewed and agreed annually, that appropriate DBS checks are up to date, and that each PCC member is aware of their responsibilities and required training. All the Ministry Team are trained to Leadership level via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Administrative information

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell is situated in South Essex. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Mary's Vicarage, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, Essex SS11 7JQ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The registered charity number is 1128199 and the registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickford and Runwell'.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio members:

Team Rector: The Reverend Jonathan Evens (Chair)

Team Vicar (House for Duty): The Reverend Sue Wise

Associate Minister: The Reverend Steven Lissenden until 9th December 2024

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mrs Angela Wagstaff (also acting as DCC Treasurer) until 19th May 2024

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mr Oluseye Abiodun

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Ms Alison Davies from 19th May 2024

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Richard Feldwick (Vice-chair PCC, also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Stephen Talbot from 19th May 2024

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Alan Jones (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Mrs Emma Doe, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) and St Catherine's representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Michael Tricker, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Elected members:

Mrs Yvonne Branson, St Mary's representative on Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Marjorie Stanford, St Andrew's representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Marina Bailey, PCC Safeguarding Officer

Mr Roger Tyler, PCC Treasurer

Mrs Pamela Petts, St Catherine's from 19th May 2024

Approved by the PCC on 18th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Jonathan Evens (PCC Chair).



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parish of Wickford and Runwell Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 142(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Steven Rowe 29th March 2025

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 74, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 1NJ

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	61,696.99	14,382.41	—	76,079.40	90,793.17
Income from charitable activities	16,234.50	—	—	16,234.50	11,580.10
Other trading activities	41,144.31	—	—	41,144.31	34,882.18
Investments	12,508.93	152.36	—	12,661.29	12,014.78
Other income	295.00	—	—	295.00	3,536.62
Total income	131,879.73	14,534.77	—	146,414.50	152,806.85
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	—	—	—	—	1,576.65
Expenditure on charitable activities	127,717.42	—	—	127,717.42	128,912.84
Other expenditure	2,062.50	—	—	2,062.50	1,366.64
Total expenditure	129,779.92	—	—	129,779.92	131,856.13
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,099.81	14,534.77	—	16,634.58	20,950.72
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	58,019.85	114.00	—	58,133.85	72,106.81
Gross transfers between funds - out	(58,133.85)	—	—	(58,133.85)	(72,106.81)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	1,985.81	14,648.77	—	16,634.58	20,950.72
Total funds brought forward	256,540.44	19,662.63	—	276,203.07	255,252.35
Total funds carried forward	258,526.25	34,311.40	—	292,837.65	276,203.07
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	34,365.45	—	—	34,365.45	36,509.00
Designated					
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	76,000.00	76,000.00
St Andrew's General Fund	14,855.84	—	—	14,855.84	9,908.18
St Catherine's General Fund	4,627.03	—	—	4,627.03	3,267.41
St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,394.86	—	—	2,394.86	2,892.25
St Mary's General Fund	10,818.38	—	—	10,818.38	8,037.59
St Mary's Hall Fund	5,164.69	—	—	5,164.69	9,626.01
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	300.00	—	—	300.00	300.00
Restricted					
Arts Festival 2023	—	362.38	—	362.38	362.38
St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund	—	5,491.00	—	5,491.00	—
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	—	3,954.74	—	3,954.74	3,555.34
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	—	1,855.11	—	1,855.11	1,855.11
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	—	1,067.47	—	1,067.47	921.91
St Catherine's Music Fund	—	134.01	—	134.01	127.21
St Catherine's Organ Fund	—	436.16	—	436.16	436.16
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	—	423.93	—	423.93	423.93
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	—	9,624.81	—	9,624.81	1,018.80
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	—	750.00	—	750.00	750.00
St Mary's Organ Fund	—	73.83	—	73.83	73.83
St Mary's Restoration Fund	—	10,137.96	—	10,137.96	10,137.96

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Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
	186,000.00	186,000.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	110,822.09	94,221.24
	110,822.09	94,221.24
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	3,984.44	4,018.17
	3,984.44	4,018.17
Net current assets less current liabilities	106,837.65	90,203.07
Total assets less current liabilities	292,837.65	276,203.07
Total net assets less liabilities	292,837.65	276,203.07
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	34,365.45	36,509.00
Designated		
St Andrew's General Fund	14,855.84	9,908.18
St Catherine's General Fund	4,627.03	3,267.41
St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,394.86	2,892.25
St Mary's General Fund	10,818.38	8,037.59
St Mary's Hall Fund	5,164.69	9,626.01
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	300.00	300.00
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	76,000.00
Restricted		
St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund	5,491.00	—
St Catherine's Music Fund	134.01	127.21
St Mary's Organ Fund	73.83	73.83
St Mary's Restoration Fund	10,137.96	10,137.96
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	750.00	750.00
Arts Festival 2023	362.38	362.38
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	3,954.74	3,555.34
St Catherine's Organ Fund	436.16	436.16
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	423.93	423.93
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	1,067.47	921.91
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	9,624.81	1,018.80
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	1,855.11
Funds of the church	292,837.65	276,203.07

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Tangible assets		
St Catherine's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund (Designated) -	110,000.00	110,000.00
	110,000.00	110,000.00
St Mary's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Mary's Fund (Designated) -	76,000.00	76,000.00
	76,000.00	76,000.00
Total for Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
St Andrew's Current A/c 9572		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	14,107.11	9,159.45
St Andrew's Fabric Fund (Restricted) -	3,954.74	3,555.34
Agency collection (Restricted) -	—	145.80
	18,061.85	12,860.59
St Catherine's Current A/c 4693		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	4,627.03	3,267.41
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund (Restricted) -	1,855.11	1,855.11
Agency collection (Restricted) -	—	18.55
	6,482.14	5,141.07
St Catherine's Deposit A/c 0455		
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	—	918.80
St Catherine's Music Fund (Restricted) -	134.01	127.21
	134.01	1,046.01
PCC Barclays Current A/c 9154		
St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund (Restricted) -	5,491.00	—
Arts Festival 2023 (Restricted) -	362.38	362.38
General fund (Unrestricted) -	34,365.45	36,509.00
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	9,624.81	100.00
Agency collection (Restricted) -	3,984.44	3,853.82
	53,828.08	40,825.20
St Catherine's Hall Current A/c 4715		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	1,548.32	1,072.59
	1,548.32	1,072.59
St Catherine's Hall Deposit A/c 4731		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	846.54	1,819.66
	846.54	1,819.66
St Mary's Current A/c 7351		
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund (Restricted) -	750.00	750.00
St Mary's General Fund (Designated) -	10,818.38	8,037.59
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	10,000.00	10,000.00
St Mary's Vicarage Fund (Designated) -	300.00	300.00
	21,868.38	19,087.59
PCC Merged Funds CBF A/c CB3022391		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	748.73	748.73
St Catherine's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	436.16	436.16
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund (Restricted) -	423.93	423.93
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund (Restricted) -	1,067.47	921.91
St Mary's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	73.83	73.83
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	137.96	137.96
	2,888.08	2,742.52

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St Mary's Hall Current A/c 2051

St Mary's Hall Fund (Designated) -

5,164.69 9,626.01

5,164.69 9,626.01

Total for Cash at bank and in hand

110,822.09 94,221.24

Agency accounts

Agency collections

Agency collection (Restricted) -

(3,984.44) (4,018.17)

Total for Agency accounts

(3,984.44) (4,018.17)

Grand total

292,837.65 276,203.07

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Fund movement summary

Fund balances	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries Carried forward	Fund
StA-Garden - St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund	—	5,491.00	—	—	—	—	5,491.00
StM-Godolp - St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	750.00	—	—	—	—	—	750.00
ArtsFest - Arts Festival 2023	362.38	—	—	—	—	—	362.38
General - General fund	36,509.00	17,420.81	68,856.83	49,292.47	—	—	34,365.45
StA-Gen - St Andrew's General Fund	9,908.18	37,490.99	13,282.44	(19,260.89)	—	—	14,855.84
StA-Fab - St Andrew's Fabric Fund	3,555.34	399.40	—	—	—	—	3,954.74
StC-Gen - St Catherine's General Fund	3,267.41	21,870.08	10,492.55	(10,017.91)	—	—	4,627.03
StC-Organ - St Catherine's Organ Fund	436.16	—	—	—	—	—	436.16
StC-Hall - St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,892.25	7,825.38	4,822.77	(3,500.00)	—	—	2,394.86
StC-RecDc - St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	423.93	—	—	—	—	—	423.93
StC-Hearn - St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	921.91	145.56	—	—	—	—	1,067.47
StC-Rest - St Catherine's Restoration Fund	1,018.80	8,492.01	—	114.00	—	—	9,624.81
StC-CYard - St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	—	—	—	—	—	1,855.11
StC-Music - St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	6.80	—	—	—	—	134.01
StM-Gen - St Mary's General Fund	8,037.59	23,046.97	11,738.51	(8,527.67)	—	—	10,818.38
StM-Hall - St Mary's Hall Fund	9,626.01	24,225.50	20,586.82	(8,100.00)	—	—	5,164.69
StM-Organ - St Mary's Organ Fund	73.83	—	—	—	—	—	73.83
StM-Rest - St Mary's Restoration Fund	10,137.96	—	—	—	—	—	10,137.96
StM-Vic - St Mary's Vicarage Fund	300.00	—	—	—	—	—	300.00
HallIV-StC - Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	110,000.00
HallIV-StM - Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	76,000.00
Totals	276,203.07	146,414.50	129,779.92	—	—	—	292,837.65

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Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank (inc PGS Donation)	—	31,912.75	—	—	31,912.75	31,805.89
Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	302.00	—	—	302.00	—
Other planned giving eg Payroll giving	100.00	—	—	—	100.00	185.94
Loose plate collections	445.00	6,404.84	—	—	6,849.84	7,878.53
Non Gift Aid Giving	—	1,560.00	—	—	1,560.00	1,110.00
One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	10.00	—	—	10.00	—
Donations appeals etc	1,749.78	4,837.66	3,671.41	—	10,258.85	12,265.40
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (inc PGS GA)	3,153.98	7,218.98	—	—	10,372.96	17,794.14
Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	2,750.00
Recurring grants	—	3,800.00	—	—	3,800.00	1,800.00
Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	10,711.00	—	10,711.00	11,552.41
Other fund raising	—	202.00	—	—	202.00	3,650.86
Total	5,448.76	56,248.23	14,382.41	—	76,079.40	90,793.17
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals (inc Heat	9,112.00	510.00	—	—	9,622.00	7,757.00
Fees for Banns and Certificates	571.00	18.00	—	—	589.00	636.00
Fees for Photo-Video	80.00	—	—	—	80.00	200.00
Fees for courses, groups and events	21.00	—	—	—	21.00	—
Charity Collections	—	83.00	—	—	83.00	77.60
Church hall lettings - objectives	—	5,839.50	—	—	5,839.50	2,909.50
Total	9,784.00	6,450.50	—	—	16,234.50	11,580.10
Other trading activities						
Bazaars/Fayres/Concerts etc	2,188.05	2,269.50	—	—	4,457.55	3,507.92
Plant & Cake Sales	—	173.00	—	—	173.00	12.00
100 Club	—	671.00	—	—	671.00	388.00
Coffee Mornings	—	4,189.01	—	—	4,189.01	3,397.80
Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	297.44
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	31,653.75	—	—	31,653.75	27,279.02
Total	2,188.05	38,956.26	—	—	41,144.31	34,882.18
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	—	26.88	152.36	—	179.24	112.20
Rent from PCC lands/buildings (Car Pk)	—	12,482.05	—	—	12,482.05	11,902.58
Total	—	12,508.93	152.36	—	12,661.29	12,014.78
Other income						
Insurance claims	—	73.00	—	—	73.00	3,536.62
Other incoming resources not covered elsewhere	—	222.00	—	—	222.00	—
Total	—	295.00	—	—	295.00	3,536.62
INCOME TOTAL	17,420.81	114,458.92	14,534.77	—	146,414.50	152,806.85

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EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	—	—	—	—	—	1,576.65
Total	—	—	—	—	—	1,576.65

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving to missionary societies	130.00	83.00	—	—	213.00	—
Giving - relief and development agencies	500.00	106.00	—	—	606.00	240.00
Other donations-mission outside Parish	50.00	—	—	—	50.00	—
Secular charities	—	55.00	—	—	55.00	23.55
Parish Share	60,000.00	—	—	—	60,000.00	50,004.00
Working expenses of clergy	2,463.74	—	—	—	2,463.74	4,020.11
Education	35.91	—	—	—	35.91	—
Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	220.00
Church running - insurance	—	4,080.99	—	—	4,080.99	4,935.51
Organ/piano tuning	—	1,573.00	—	—	1,573.00	454.00
Church maintenance	1,219.07	7,123.53	—	—	8,342.60	7,229.64
Church cleaning	—	1,401.85	—	—	1,401.85	1,123.72
Upkeep of services (inc Vrgr & Orgnst)	1,407.55	2,828.86	—	—	4,236.41	2,606.51
Upkeep of churchyard	—	7,710.80	—	—	7,710.80	7,181.75
Printing, postage & stationery	1,122.00	140.48	—	—	1,262.48	1,642.96
Catering costs	—	153.68	—	—	153.68	146.10
Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	20.25
Church running - electric, oil & gas	—	9,714.55	—	—	9,714.55	8,959.51
Church running - water	—	421.82	—	—	421.82	262.81
Other Church Running Expenses	100.00	43.50	—	—	143.50	275.42
Magazine & books expenses - PCC objects	—	—	—	—	—	15.95
Hall running - electricity	—	4,334.01	—	—	4,334.01	3,423.07
Hall running - insurance	—	1,112.47	—	—	1,112.47	1,257.76
Hall running - bins	—	821.78	—	—	821.78	605.56
Hall running - maintenance	—	14,546.42	—	—	14,546.42	10,429.34
Hall running - cleaning	—	3,147.41	—	—	3,147.41	3,153.14
Hall running - telephone	—	216.00	—	—	216.00	34.00
Hall running - water	—	858.00	—	—	858.00	460.00
Hall running - rent	—	145.00	—	—	145.00	186.00
Independent examination (or audit costs)	71.00	—	—	—	71.00	73.50
Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	19,928.68
Total	67,099.27	60,618.15	—	—	127,717.42	128,912.84

Other expenditure

Church Equipment	1,757.56	304.94	—	—	2,062.50	1,366.64
Total	1,757.56	304.94	—	—	2,062.50	1,366.64

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	68,856.83	60,923.09	—	—	129,779.92	131,856.13
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GRAND TOTAL	(51,436.02)	53,535.83	14,534.77	—	16,634.58	20,950.72
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction

The General Fund is unrestricted and can only be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted Funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the freehold halls at St Catherine's and St Mary's.
3. The Fund Movement Summary includes the restricted funds. As at 31st December 2024 they were as follows.

St Andrew's Fabric Fund is to be spent on anything affecting the church building and probably the hall as that was the original Mission Church building.

St Andrew's Community Garden 2024 Fund is to be spent on the creation of a Community Garden at St Andrews.

St Catherine's Churchyard Fund is to be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard.

St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Hearne family's grave.

St Catherine's Music Fund is to be spent on providing music at St Catherine's.

St Catherine's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Catherine's Organ.

St Catherine's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Catherine's ongoing restoration work.

St Catherine's Rectory Redecoration Fund is for redecorating the Rectory as necessary.

St Mary's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Mary's Organ.

St Mary's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Mary's ongoing restoration work.

St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Godolphin grave.

Arts Festival Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on Arts Festival events.

END OF REPORT

Accounts

Parish of Wickford and Runwell
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Parish of Wickford and Runwell

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Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wickford and Runwell is responsible for co-operating with the Team Rector, the Revd Jonathan Evens, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church buildings of the parish, St Andrew's, London Road, Wickford, St Catherine's, Southend Road, Wickford, and St Mary's, Runwell, and the St Andrew's Centre and the church halls associated with St Catherine's and St Mary's, and offers oversight to the District Councils of each of these churches, as they manage the day-to-day life of the buildings and congregations.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling worship in all three churches which resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We are committed, also, to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

We are seeking to be churches, and a team of churches, that are at the heart of the communities of Wickford and Runwell, while also being with those on the edge. We have joined HeartEdge and are utilising their mission model, the 4C's of compassion, culture, commerce and congregation, together with the idea of Being With, as an incarnational model of mission and ministry:

- Compassion: We are involved with our ecumenical partners in the Gateway Project, the local Foodbank hosted by the Salvation Army. We also collect for the local Women's Refuge and fundraise for our Kenya Link. We partnered with Kintsugi Hope in 2022 and set up a first Wellbeing Group in 2023. We also set up a Parent and Toddler Group at St Catherine's. Our coffee mornings and Meet and Make group provide warm spaces to local residents.
- Culture: We have further developed St Andrew's as a cultural centre for the town through our 'Unveiled' arts and performance evenings, an exhibition programme, and the arts festival that we led from 12-26 May 2023.
- Commerce: We hire out our Halls at all three of our churches and entered into a contract with NCP for rental of our car park at St Andrew's.
- Congregation: Our core activities include – Services; Messy Church; Mothers Union; Quiet Days (St Mary's); Pastoral Visitors; Educational opportunities (Bible Study groups, Lent Course, Being With courses); Prayer Circle; and Social/fundraising events.

For us, Being With others includes: Contemplative Commuters; Meet & Make (Craft group); Parent and Toddler Group; Rail/Street Pastors (Mike Tricker); Saturday Solace; Schools ministry; and Unveiled events.

We hope that in our three churches visitors and regulars will find:

- a warm welcome, whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whatever they bring, because all are made in God's image; and
- people in all their variety who try to live out God's transforming love for this parish and community.

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Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Patterns of worship have been shaped by the Ministry Team led by the Team Rector, Revd Jonathan Evens, in conjunction with the PCC. Our pattern of services is for Sunday morning services at all three churches together with these being All-age services on the first Sunday in the month at St Andrew's, second at St Catherine's, and third at St Mary's.

Our average week attendance across the parish in October was 171, with 125 in our worshipping community and a usual Sunday attendance of 68 (and an additional 19 online). During that time our churches held their Harvest Festivals and we had a Messy Church for Harvest, we also had several baptisms, held our usual midweek (including home communions and care home services) and evening services, and hosted a School Harvest Service.

We held monthly services at five Care Homes (returning to The Laurels in the course of 2023) and held Messy Church on a bi-monthly basis. At Christmas we saw encouraging numbers at Christingle and Crib Services as well as for Midnight Mass and Advent as well as for Christmas as a whole. Numbers attending were close to pre-pandemic numbers.

There was a total of 48 baptisms in the year, of which nine were adults. Two adults were also confirmed. There were six weddings in the parish and our funeral ministry continued with 35 funerals conducted by our clergy, in either church or crematorium, and eight interments of ashes.

Occasions for sharing and exploring faith have been created through our education programme. We held our annual Parish Study Day in January, a Lent Course on Prayer written by our Ministry Team, a Parish Quiet Day at the Pleshey Retreat House, and a course on the Five Marks of Mission. We also held five Quiet Days at St Mary's. Several Bible Study groups have also met regularly during the year.

Mothers Union has had a full and interesting year's programme under the leadership of Caroline Wheeler. These included: a Beetle Drive; Services; a Lent Course; Talks; New Year Party; Quiz; a collage entitled "Way to the Coronation" displayed in St. Catherine's during the Coronation; a Coronation lunch; Christmas lunch; and a fish and chip supper.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, as well as our clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. There were four meetings in 2023. Speakers throughout the year have included: Revd Tim Brampton (St Martin's Basildon); Bishop Guli, Bishop of Chelmsford; Revd Canon Andy Griffiths, Lead Adviser for Formation and Wellbeing (Diocese of Chelmsford); and Rachael Phillips of Christians Against Poverty. Kat D'Arcy Cumber, our General Synod Link member, gave reports on Synod meetings.

Our Churches and Halls

Our buildings are maintained diligently by our churchwardens and the DCCs, ensuring work is carried out promptly and appropriately, with all the necessary checks in place. All three churches received their latest quinquennial inspection in 2021, with varying amounts of work to be undertaken, particularly with the older buildings. The church halls and St Andrew's Centre are well

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maintained and either close to full usage or have increased usage. At St Andrew's the porch and soffits of the St Andrew's Centre were re-decorated. sensor lights were fitted to light the car park at night. At St Mary's CCTV cameras were fitted to the Hall. Urgent work to make St Catherine's safe and secure was undertaken following ground movement caused by the long dry summer of 2022. This resulted in subsidence of the foundations in the North West corner which caused a number of large cracks to appear in the walls and some stonework to fall. This urgent safety and weather protection work included: removing or temporarily fixing loose stonework; undertaking temporary roof repairs and loose filling of walls for weather protection; removal of loose internal plasterwork; temporary covering of affected windows; and the reinstatement of the lightning conductor. We raised £15,789.67 towards the £19,928.68 required for this work with the remaining £4,139.01 coming from our General Fund.

Our churchyards are well maintained. All three of our churches have gained the Bronze Eco Church Award, with St Mary's leading in this regard. Additionally, all our toilets have been twinned, again with St Mary's taking the lead on this initiative.

We enable our three churches and halls to function as hubs for the community. Between them activities and groups supported include: Coffee Mornings; Councillor Surgery; Art and Heritage Exhibitions; Floral Art; Gamblers Anonymous; Huff and Puff; Lace Makers; Ladies Support Group; Ladygate Scribblers; Martial Arts; Meditation; Meet & Make (Crafts Group); Mothers Union; Parent's 1st Group; Parent and Toddler Group; Phlebotomy Clinic; Rangers; Steps; U3A; Unveiled arts and performance evening; Warfarin Clinic; WI Craft Group; Wickford Chapter; Wickford Lodge; Wickford Women's Institute; and several Yoga Groups. These groups and activities provide a wide range of social, leisure, educational and wellbeing opportunities for the local community, as well as providing warm spaces that enable those attending to save on heating in their homes while attending. On a monthly basis, we estimate the groups meeting in our Halls benefit in excess of 750 local residents.

In addition, local schools regularly visit our buildings for educational opportunities, which this year have also included visits to our art exhibitions. Our Unveiled arts and performance evening (Fridays fortnightly) plus our new art and heritage exhibition programme deliver new cultural offers in Wickford. These seek to bring high quality art and performance to Wickford while also encouraging local talent by providing new platforms for local performers and artists. #

We also led on the One Beautiful World arts festival which was supported by many of the churches in Wickford and Runwell. This Arts Festival explored aspects of our one beautiful world from the creativity of human beings to the beauty of the natural world, while remembering the challenges that human activity poses to the planet. The Festival was a mix of art, dance, music, photography, poetry and spoken word. Churches provided venues for the Festival events and the Festival received funding from Essex County Council's Locality Fund.

We held a very successful and well attended Christmas Bazaar at St Andrew's for the parish which raised over £2,000. Each church and the Mothers' Union organized stalls. A grand draw was held and three school choirs sang to those who attended. Our thanks to everyone involved in the organization and running of the Bazaar, particularly those on the planning group.

Pastoral care

Much pastoral care within our congregations is informal and mutual. Our team of pastoral visitors and clergy continues to support individuals in need, and have once more been able to offer Home

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Communion. Visits to local care homes for services are happening monthly, including to The Laurels. A Prayer Circle operates when specific requests are made for those in need of prayer.

Mission and evangelism

Much of our mission and outreach, including Messy Church (bi-monthly on Saturdays), the Gateway foodbank (Ecumenical initiative), Open the Book (Schools work), ministry in care homes (monthly services in five homes), and other initiatives, is enabled by teams drawn from across our three churches. We have continued with mission initiatives related to our context including: Contemplative Commuters - a Facebook group for any commuter wanting quiet reflective time and content on their journeys to and from work; Saturday Solace - 10-minute reflection and Christian mindfulness sessions between 10.00 am & 12 noon on Saturdays at St Catherine's; and Unveiled – an arts and performance evening with events including artist talks, concerts, dance performances, exhibition viewings, heritage talks, lectures, and an Open Mic Night. We have also set up a successful Parent and Toddler Group with initial grants funding from

We ran the Being With enquirers course for the first time with a group of five attending. Two participants were baptized and one confirmed. We also ran a successful Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group, which resulted in two group members joining our churches.

We continue to support the ecumenical Gateway Project, the local foodbank, with congregation members continuing to give generously in kind.

Clergy and laity support the work of local schools as governors and in taking assemblies. Assemblies have been taken at ten local schools, with our clergy going back into Grange and Hilltop Schools. We also hold school services in our churches for schools including Wickford Church of England School, Wickford Primary School and Beauchamps School. Lessons on Easter and Christmas take place at Beauchamps School and there is also input to Interfaith Week lessons and an Interfaith panel for the Sixth Form. Several schools visited our churches in the course of the year, with some coming to see the art exhibitions at St Andrew's. The Open the Book Team, who tell Bible stories in dramatic form, are using technology to video the stories and send them to the schools, thus enabling a new school to be added.

The churches have a strong tradition of hospitality to the local community, especially through coffee mornings and social events. Coffee mornings are held at all three churches and Meet and Make sessions in St Andrew's continue to reach out to those on the fringe of and beyond our congregations.

Our three churches have a commitment to supporting the charity Positive Life Kenya. PLK works to break the cycle of poverty by educating and empowering marginalised families to build healthy environments for their children to thrive and create lasting change. We are currently committed to raising and sending at least US\$ 250 each quarter. Each of our three churches respond to particular appeals, such as The Children's Society and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Our Facebook Group has continued to increase in membership and we have created the Contemplative Commuters Facebook group which has 30+ members. Our Facebook Group, Pages and website are kept up to date with news and schedules as well as livestreamed Morning prayer three days a week. St Mary's include their news and views in the regular Runwell newsletter that goes to every house in Runwell.

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Ecumenical relationships

The churches in Wickford and Runwell are responsible for jointly supporting the Gateway Project Foodbank that is run out of the local Salvation Army premises and staffed by volunteers from across the churches under their supervision. A ministers' group meets every two months to discuss this and other projects and for mutual support. Together we arrange the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday and the Church's choir for the Town Christmas event. Funding was gained from the Locality Fund to run the One Beautiful World Arts Festival in May 2023 using the churches as venues.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted (including designated) funds were £132,746 including £17,794 tax recovered from Gift Aid. Restricted donations of £16,719 were also received, mostly donated to the St Catherine's Restoration Fund.

Planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme increased by 15.0%. Total income, including tax recovered and the donations to St Catherine's Restoration Fund, went up by 41.8% compared to last year. Income from the use of the Car Park at St Andrew's doubled after its management was contracted to NCP.

We paid £50,004 towards our Parish Share. This was 51.2% of our allocated share of £97,644 requested. Last year we paid £42,968 which was 60% of our allocated share of £71,464.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £4,232 on unrestricted (including designated) funds. Restricted funds increased by £16,719. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on all these funds totalled £94,221.

During the year our reserves were used to meet the £19,929 cost of essential work to investigate probable subsidence at St Catherine's and complete work to keep the building watertight. At the end of the year the reserves were largely replenished from the successful fund raising programme by transferring £14,502 from the St Catherine's Restoration Fund (restricted) to the PCC General Fund (unrestricted). The next phase is currently being investigated.

The Treasurer would like to thank the many people who all work together to support him in maintaining the PCC finances.

Reserves policy

We aim to maintain reserves of £25,000, replenishing/adjusting each year as necessary. We need this money to be immediately available to:

- meet contractual and expected commitments including our Parish Share
- cover adverse cash flows including funding paid in arrears
- fund initial investigations into maintenance projects, development projects and fund raising activities
- fund smaller projects to extend our mission
- meet unexpected/unbudgeted expenditure including essential repairs.

Other information

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Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities they are, in particular our churchwardens, our lay ministers in various roles, those who sit on our committees and help with our outreach teams. In addition to our Trustees, we have 23 volunteers regularly assisting with committees and outreach/pastoral teams. However, all of our congregations provide volunteer support in a variety of different ways.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC consists of the incumbent(s), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregations who are on the electoral role of the churches.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has established DCCs (District Church Councils), the purpose of which is to carry out in relation to a specified district in the parish in which there is at least one church or building licensed for public worship, such functions of the PCC as are delegated to it.

The PCC have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a member of the PCC and speaks regularly to that standing agenda item for each meeting, ensuring that the safeguarding policy is reviewed and agreed annually, that appropriate DBS checks are up to date, and that each PCC member is aware of their responsibilities and required training. All the Ministry Team are trained to Leadership level via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Administrative information

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell is situated in South Essex. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Mary's Vicarage, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, Essex SS11 7JQ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The registered charity number is 1128199 and the registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickford and Runwell'.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

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Ex officio members:

Team Rector: The Reverend Jonathan Evens (Chair)

Team Vicar (House for Duty) : The Reverend Sue Wise

Associate Minister: The Reverend Steven Lissenden

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mrs Angela Wagstaff (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mr Oluseye Abiodun

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Richard Feldwick (Vice-chair PCC, also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Andrew Morl until 21st May 2023

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Alan Jones (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Stephen Hunter until 21st May 2023

Mrs Emma Doe, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) and St Catherine's representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Michael Tricker, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Elected members:

Mrs Yvonne Branson, St Mary's representative on Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Marjorie Stanford, St Andrew's representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Marina Bailey, PCC Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Coral Upham, PCC Secretary until 21st May 2023

Mr Roger Tyler, PCC Treasurer

Mr Stephen Talbot, Trustee (St Catherine's)

Ms Alison Davies, Trustee (St Andrew's) from 21st May 2023

Approved by the PCC on 8th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Jonathan Evens (PCC Chair).



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parish of Wickford and Runwell Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 142(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, with the one exception of an unusual transfer of £14,502 from the restricted St Catherines Restoration Fund to the general unrestricted fund. This arose due to the expenditure associated with the restricted fund being allocated to the unrestricted fund rather than to the restricted. I am however satisfied that the closing balances on the respective funds are correct.

Carol Harmsworth 17th May 2024

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 17 Foxhatch, Wickford, Essex, SS12 9RP

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	71,298.10	19,495.07	—	90,793.17	52,530.74
Income from charitable activities	11,580.10	—	—	11,580.10	18,058.53
Other trading activities	34,402.46	479.72	—	34,882.18	31,478.26
Investments	11,928.99	85.79	—	12,014.78	5,687.01
Other income	3,536.62	—	—	3,536.62	—
Total income	132,746.27	20,060.58	—	152,806.85	107,754.54
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	226.65	1,350.00	—	1,576.65	357.90
Expenditure on charitable activities	127,512.84	1,400.00	—	128,912.84	85,412.27
Other expenditure	775.04	591.60	—	1,366.64	602.13
Total expenditure	128,514.53	3,341.60	—	131,856.13	86,372.30
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,231.74	16,718.98	—	20,950.72	21,382.24
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	69,956.07	2,150.74	—	72,106.81	38,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(57,332.31)	(14,774.50)	—	(72,106.81)	(38,000.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	16,855.50	4,095.22	—	20,950.72	21,382.24
Total funds brought forward	239,684.94	15,567.41	—	255,252.35	233,870.11
Total funds carried forward	256,540.44	19,662.63	—	276,203.07	255,252.35
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	36,509.00	—	—	36,509.00	25,346.55
Designated					
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	76,000.00	76,000.00
St Andrew's General Fund	9,908.18	—	—	9,908.18	3,893.72
St Catherine's General Fund	3,267.41	—	—	3,267.41	4,270.34
St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,892.25	—	—	2,892.25	4,702.89
St Mary's General Fund	8,037.59	—	—	8,037.59	5,243.33
St Mary's Hall Fund	9,626.01	—	—	9,626.01	10,128.11
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	300.00	—	—	300.00	100.00
Restricted					
Arts Festival 2023	—	362.38	—	362.38	—
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	—	3,555.34	—	3,555.34	4,639.03
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	—	1,855.11	—	1,855.11	1,855.11
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	—	921.91	—	921.91	853.91
St Catherine's Music Fund	—	127.21	—	127.21	127.21
St Catherine's Organ Fund	—	436.16	—	436.16	432.03
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	—	423.93	—	423.93	419.91
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	—	1,018.80	—	1,018.80	908.35
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	—	750.00	—	750.00	—
St Mary's Organ Fund	—	73.83	—	73.83	73.13
St Mary's Restoration Fund	—	10,137.96	—	10,137.96	6,258.73

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Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
	186,000.00	186,000.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	94,221.24	73,308.74
	94,221.24	73,308.74
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,018.17	4,056.39
	4,018.17	4,056.39
Net current assets less current liabilities	90,203.07	69,252.35
Total assets less current liabilities	276,203.07	255,252.35
Total net assets less liabilities	276,203.07	255,252.35
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	36,509.00	25,346.55
Designated		
St Andrew's General Fund	9,908.18	3,893.72
St Catherine's General Fund	3,267.41	4,270.34
St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,892.25	4,702.89
St Mary's General Fund	8,037.59	5,243.33
St Mary's Hall Fund	9,626.01	10,128.11
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	300.00	100.00
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	76,000.00
Restricted		
St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	750.00	—
St Mary's Organ Fund	73.83	73.13
St Mary's Restoration Fund	10,137.96	6,258.73
Arts Festival 2023	362.38	—
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	3,555.34	4,639.03
St Catherine's Organ Fund	436.16	432.03
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	423.93	419.91
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	921.91	853.91
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	1,018.80	908.35
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	1,855.11
St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	127.21
Funds of the church	276,203.07	255,252.35

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Tangible assets		
St Catherine's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund (Designated) -	110,000.00	110,000.00
	110,000.00	110,000.00
St Mary's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Mary's Fund (Designated) -	76,000.00	76,000.00
	76,000.00	76,000.00
Total for Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
St Andrew's Current A/c 9572		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	9,159.45	3,152.08
St Andrew's Fabric Fund (Restricted) -	3,555.34	4,639.03
Agency collection (Restricted) -	145.80	—
	12,860.59	7,791.11
St Catherine's Current A/c 4693		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	3,267.41	4,269.76
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund (Restricted) -	1,855.11	1,855.11
Agency collection (Restricted) -	18.55	18.55
	5,141.07	6,143.42
St Catherine's Deposit A/c 0455		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	—	0.58
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	918.80	908.35
St Catherine's Music Fund (Restricted) -	127.21	127.21
	1,046.01	1,036.14
St Catherine's HearneG CBF A/c 3009D		
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund (Restricted) -	—	853.91
	—	853.91
St Catherine's Organ CBF A/c 3007D		
St Catherine's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	—	432.03
	—	432.03
St Catherine's Rectory CBF A/c 3008D		
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund (Restricted) -	—	419.91
	—	419.91
St Andrew's CBF A/c 5001D		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	—	741.64
	—	741.64
PCC Barclays Current A/c 9154		
Arts Festival 2023 (Restricted) -	362.38	—
General fund (Unrestricted) -	36,509.00	25,346.55
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	100.00	—
Agency collection (Restricted) -	3,853.82	4,037.84
	40,825.20	29,384.39
St Catherine's Hall Current A/c 4715		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	1,072.59	2,900.39
	1,072.59	2,900.39
St Catherine's Hall Deposit A/c 4731		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	1,819.66	1,802.50
	1,819.66	1,802.50

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St Mary's Current A/c 7351

St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund (Restricted) -	750.00	—
St Mary's General Fund (Designated) -	8,037.59	5,243.33
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	10,000.00	6,122.00
St Mary's Vicarage Fund (Designated) -	300.00	100.00
	19,087.59	11,465.33

PCC Merged Funds CBF A/c CB3022391

St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	748.73	—
St Catherine's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	436.16	—
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund (Restricted) -	423.93	—
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund (Restricted) -	921.91	—
St Mary's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	73.83	—
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	137.96	136.73
	2,742.52	136.73

St Mary's Hall Current A/c 2051

St Mary's Hall Fund (Designated) -	9,626.01	10,128.11
	9,626.01	10,128.11

St Mary's Organ CBF A/c 90003D

St Mary's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	—	73.13
	—	73.13

Total for Cash at bank and in hand	94,221.24	73,308.74
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Agency accounts

Agency collections

Agency collection (Restricted) -	(4,018.17)	(4,056.39)
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Total for Agency accounts	(4,018.17)	(4,056.39)
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Grand total	276,203.07	255,252.35
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Fund movement summary

Fund balances	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries Carried forward	Fund
StM-Godolp - St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund	—	750.00	—	—	—	—	750.00
ArtsFest - Arts Festival 2023	—	2,303.98	1,941.60	—	—	—	362.38
General - General fund	25,346.55	29,484.63	77,721.33	59,399.15	—	—	36,509.00
StA-Gen - St Andrew's General Fund	3,893.72	33,805.89	12,354.33	(15,437.10)	—	—	9,908.18
StA-Fab - St Andrew's Fabric Fund	4,639.03	316.31	1,400.00	—	—	—	3,555.34
StC-Gen - St Catherine's General Fund	4,270.34	19,320.32	10,530.96	(9,792.29)	—	—	3,267.41
StC-Organ - St Catherine's Organ Fund	432.03	4.13	—	—	—	—	436.16
StC-Hall - St Catherine's Hall Fund	4,702.89	5,275.18	4,085.82	(3,000.00)	—	—	2,892.25
StC-RecDc - St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	419.91	4.02	—	—	—	—	423.93
StC-Hearn - St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	853.91	68.00	—	—	—	—	921.91
StC-Rest - St Catherine's Restoration Fund	908.35	14,612.21	—	(14,501.76)	—	—	1,018.80
StC-CYard - St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	—	—	—	—	—	1,855.11
StC-Music - St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	—	—	—	—	—	127.21
StM-Gen - St Mary's General Fund	5,243.33	24,568.75	9,696.49	(12,078.00)	—	—	8,037.59
StM-Hall - St Mary's Hall Fund	10,128.11	20,291.50	14,125.60	(6,668.00)	—	—	9,626.01
StM-Organ - St Mary's Organ Fund	73.13	0.70	—	—	—	—	73.83
StM-Rest - St Mary's Restoration Fund	6,258.73	2,001.23	—	1,878.00	—	—	10,137.96
StM-Vic - St Mary's Vicarage Fund	100.00	—	—	200.00	—	—	300.00
HallV-StC - Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	110,000.00
HallV-StM - Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	76,000.00
Totals	255,252.35	152,806.85	131,856.13	—	—	—	276,203.07

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Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank (inc PGS Donation)	—	31,805.89	—	—	31,805.89	27,657.70
Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
Other planned giving eg Payroll giving	185.94	—	—	—	185.94	810.00
Loose plate collections	—	7,878.53	—	—	7,878.53	7,938.78
Special Collections	—	—	—	—	—	175.00
Non Gift Aid Giving	—	1,110.00	—	—	1,110.00	760.00
One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	1,000.00
Donations appeals etc	3,626.12	2,257.63	6,381.65	—	12,265.40	5,750.64
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (inc PGS GA)	10,611.18	7,182.96	—	—	17,794.14	6,334.62
Legacies	—	—	2,750.00	—	2,750.00	—
Recurring grants	—	1,800.00	—	—	1,800.00	1,800.00
Non-recurring one-off grants	4,143.99	—	7,408.42	—	11,552.41	—
Other fund raising	214.40	481.46	2,955.00	—	3,650.86	299.00
Total	18,781.63	52,516.47	19,495.07	—	90,793.17	52,530.74
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals (inc Heat)	7,637.00	120.00	—	—	7,757.00	12,903.53
Fees for Banns and Certificates	591.00	45.00	—	—	636.00	797.00
Fees for Photo-Video	200.00	—	—	—	200.00	280.00
Charity Collections	—	77.60	—	—	77.60	—
Church hall lettings - objectives	—	2,909.50	—	—	2,909.50	4,078.00
Total	8,428.00	3,152.10	—	—	11,580.10	18,058.53
Other trading activities						
Bazaars/Fayres/Concerts etc	2,275.00	765.20	467.72	—	3,507.92	2,336.33
Plant & Cake Sales	—	—	12.00	—	12.00	—
100 Club	—	388.00	—	—	388.00	506.00
Coffee Mornings	—	3,397.80	—	—	3,397.80	3,088.71
Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	297.44	—	—	297.44	457.72
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	27,279.02	—	—	27,279.02	25,089.50
Total	2,275.00	32,127.46	479.72	—	34,882.18	31,478.26
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	—	26.41	85.79	—	112.20	37.01
Rent from PCC lands/buildings (Car Pk)	—	11,902.58	—	—	11,902.58	5,650.00
Total	—	11,928.99	85.79	—	12,014.78	5,687.01
Other income						
Insurance claims	—	3,536.62	—	—	3,536.62	—
Total	—	3,536.62	—	—	3,536.62	—
INCOME TOTAL	29,484.63	103,261.64	20,060.58	—	152,806.85	107,754.54

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EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	226.65	—	1,350.00	—	1,576.65	357.90
Total	226.65	—	1,350.00	—	1,576.65	357.90

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving - relief and development agencies	—	120.00	120.00	—	240.00	—
Secular charities	18.55	5.00	—	—	23.55	5.00
Parish Share	50,004.00	—	—	—	50,004.00	37,000.00
Working expenses of clergy	4,020.11	—	—	—	4,020.11	2,040.26
Parsonage house expenses	—	—	—	—	—	500.00
Parish training and mission	—	220.00	—	—	220.00	712.77
Church running - insurance	—	4,935.51	—	—	4,935.51	4,710.31
Organ/piano tuning	—	454.00	—	—	454.00	595.00
Church maintenance	—	7,229.64	—	—	7,229.64	4,637.54
Church cleaning	—	1,123.72	—	—	1,123.72	1,352.24
Upkeep of services (inc Vrgr & Orgnst)	1,043.86	1,562.65	—	—	2,606.51	2,791.05
Upkeep of churchyard	—	7,181.75	—	—	7,181.75	6,268.35
Printing, postage & stationery	1,600.99	41.97	—	—	1,642.96	1,619.52
Catering costs	25.00	121.10	—	—	146.10	89.19
Visiting speakers / locums	20.25	—	—	—	20.25	—
Church running - electric, oil & gas	—	8,959.51	—	—	8,959.51	5,838.59
Church running - water	—	262.81	—	—	262.81	250.81
Other Church Running Expenses	—	275.42	—	—	275.42	1,880.41
Magazine & books expenses - PCC objects	—	15.95	—	—	15.95	25.69
Hall running - electricity	—	3,423.07	—	—	3,423.07	3,276.28
Hall running - insurance	—	1,257.76	—	—	1,257.76	1,172.21
Hall running - bins	—	605.56	—	—	605.56	694.80
Hall running - maintenance	—	9,149.34	1,280.00	—	10,429.34	3,652.51
Hall running - cleaning	—	3,153.14	—	—	3,153.14	3,063.74
Hall running - telephone	—	34.00	—	—	34.00	—
Hall running - water	—	460.00	—	—	460.00	543.00
Hall running - rent	—	186.00	—	—	186.00	145.00
Independent examination (or audit costs)	73.50	—	—	—	73.50	55.00
Church major repairs - structure	19,928.68	—	—	—	19,928.68	—
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	—	—	—	—	2,493.00
Total	76,734.94	50,777.90	1,400.00	—	128,912.84	85,412.27

Other expenditure

Church Equipment	759.74	15.30	591.60	—	1,366.64	602.13
Total	759.74	15.30	591.60	—	1,366.64	602.13
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	77,721.33	50,793.20	3,341.60	—	131,856.13	86,372.30

GRAND TOTAL	(48,236.70)	52,468.44	16,718.98	—	20,950.72	21,382.24
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction

The General Fund is unrestricted and can only be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted Funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the freehold halls at St Catherine's and St Mary's.
3. The Fund Movement Summary includes the restricted funds. As at 31st December 2023 they were as follows.

St Andrew's Fabric Fund is to be spent on anything affecting the church building and probably the hall as that was the original Mission Church building.

St Catherine's Churchyard Fund is to be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard.

St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Hearne family's grave.

St Catherine's Music Fund is to be spent on providing music at St Catherine's.

St Catherine's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Catherine's Organ.

St Catherine's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Catherine's ongoing restoration work.

St Catherine's Rectory Redecoration Fund is for redecorating the Rectory as necessary.

St Mary's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Mary's Organ.

St Mary's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Mary's ongoing restoration work.

St Mary's Godolphin Grave Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Godolphin grave.

Arts Festival Fund (created in 2023) is to be spent on Arts Festival events.

4. During the year the 6 CCLA A/cs were merged together into the St Mary's Restoration CBF A/c 900001D and renamed as PCC Merged Funds. Due to administration changes made by CCLA, this A/c was later given the new A/c Number of CB3022391. The existing Funds and their values were retained.

END OF REPORT

Accounts

Parish of Wickford and Runwell
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2022

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Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wickford and Runwell is responsible for co-operating with the Team Rector, the Revd Jonathan Evens, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church buildings of the parish, St Andrew's, London Road, Wickford, St Catherine's, Southend Road, Wickford, and St Mary's, Runwell, and the church halls associated with St Catherine's and St Mary's, and offers oversight to the District Councils of each of these churches, as they manage the day-to-day life of the buildings and congregations.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling worship in all three churches which resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We are committed, also, to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

We are seeking to be churches, and a team of churches, that are at the heart of the communities of Wickford and Runwell, while also being with those on the edge. We have joined HeartEdge and are utilising their mission model, the 4C's of compassion, culture, commerce and congregation, together with the idea of Being With, as an incarnational model of mission and ministry:

- Compassion: We are involved with our ecumenical partners in the Gateway Project, the local Foodbank hosted by the Salvation Army. We also collect for the local Women's Refuge and fundraise for our Kenya Link. We partnered with Kintsugi Hope in 2022, with the aim of setting up a Wellbeing Group in 2023, and began work on plans to set up a Parent and Toddler Group at St Catherine's in 2023. Our coffee mornings and Meet and Make group provide warm spaces to local residents.
- Culture: We are developing St Andrew's as a cultural centre for the town through our 'Unveiled' arts and performance evenings, an exhibition programme, and an arts festival (12-26 May 2023).
- Commerce: We hire out our Halls at all three of our churches and receive donations for use of our car park at St Andrew's.
- Congregation: Our core activities include – Services; Messy Church; Mothers Union; Quiet Days (St Mary's); Pastoral Visitors; Educational opportunities (Bible Study groups, Lent Course, Being With courses); Prayer Circle; and Social/fundraising events.

For us, Being With others includes: Contemplative Commuters; Meet & Make (Craft group); Saturday Solace; Schools ministry; Rail/Street Pastors (Mike Tricker); and Unveiled events.

We hope that in our three churches visitors and regulars will find:

- a warm welcome, whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whatever they bring, because all are made in God's image; and
- people in all their variety who try to live out God's transforming love for this parish and community.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Patterns of worship have been shaped by the Ministry Team, led, initially by Team Vicar (House for Duty), Revd Sue Wise, and, from May, by the Team Rector, Revd Jonathan Evens, in conjunction with the PCC. For much of the year we had two Sunday services, one at 10.00 am in either St Mary's or St Andrew's (alternating bimonthly) and an 11.00 am at St Catherine's. However, from October, we reintroduced Sunday morning services at all three churches together with these being All-age services on the first Sunday in the month at St Andrew's, second at St Catherine's, and third at St Mary's.

Our average Sunday attendance for October across the parish was 37 (with an additional average of 8 online), during which time our churches held their Harvest Festivals and we had a Messy Church for Harvest, we held our usual midweek and evening services, and hosted a School Harvest Service. We recommenced our monthly services at four Care Homes and, in the autumn, were able to begin holding Messy Church on a bi-monthly basis. At Christmas we were able to hold our Christingle and Crib Services for the first time in two years and saw encouraging numbers returning to those services, as well as for Midnight Mass, and Advent and Christmas as a whole.

There was a total of 41 baptisms in the year, of which one was an adult. There were 6 weddings in the parish and our funeral ministry continued with 43 funerals conducted by our clergy, in either church or crematorium, and 15 interments of ashes.

Occasions for sharing and exploring faith have been created through our education programme. We held our annual Parish Study Day in January, a Lent Course, a Parish Quiet Day at the Othona Community in Bradwell, and a Living in Love & Faith course. We also held a first Quiet Day at St Mary's and aim to organize more in 2023. Several Bible Study groups have also met regularly during the year.

Mothers Union has had a full and interesting year's programme under the leadership of Caroline Wheeler. This included an excellent Garden Party celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Following the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, books of condolence were opened at all three churches and Commemoration Services held.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, as well as our clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. There were four meetings in 2022, including a meeting with Parish Treasurers and Churchwardens to discuss the new Parish Share formula. Speakers throughout the year have included the Area Dean and Archdeacon of Southend on Parish Share, plus Fr Michael Hall on Spiritual Direction and Nikki Schuster (CEO of Renew) on counselling. Kat D'Arcy Cumber, our General Synod Link member, gave a report on the February 2022 Synod meeting.

Our Churches and Halls

Our buildings are maintained diligently by our churchwardens and the DCCs, ensuring work is carried out promptly and appropriately, with all the necessary checks in place. All three churches received their latest quinquennial inspection in 2021, with varying amounts of work to be

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undertaken, particularly with the older buildings. The church halls and St Andrew's Centre are well maintained and have returned to much fuller usage now that pandemic restrictions have been fully lifted. At St Andrew's sensor lights were fitted to light the car park at night. At St Mary's there are a number of items that have to be taken care of in the next few years, as would be expected of a Grade 1 listed building. Urgent work has been required to the tower of St Catherine's as a result of ground movement caused by the long dry summer. This resulted in subsidence of the foundations in the North West corner which caused a number of large cracks to appear in the walls and some stonework to fall. As a result, urgent safety and weather protection work has been undertaken - : removing or temporarily fixing loose stonework; undertaking temporary roof repairs and loose filling of walls for weather protection; removal of loose internal plasterwork; temporary covering of affected windows; and the reinstatement of the lightning conductor - which will be followed by the investigations needed to design a long-term solution to the problem. We launched a fundraising campaign at Christmas to begin raising the funds for this initial work and the much longer project to effectively underpin the church in order to prevent the regular recurrence of the issue.

Our churchyards are well maintained. A bug hotel and wildlife area have been introduced at St Mary's. All three churches are considering their environmental impact and St Mary's began work on an application for a Bronze Eco Church Award.

We enable our three churches and halls to function as hubs for the community. Between them activities and groups supported include: Coffee Mornings; Councillor Surgery; Art and Heritage Exhibitions; Floral Art; Gamblers Anonymous; Huff and Puff; Lace Makers; Ladies Support Group; Ladygate Scribblers; Martial Arts; Meditation; Meet & Make (Crafts Group); Mothers Union; Parent's 1st Group; Phlebotomy Clinic; Rangers; Steps; U3A; Unveiled arts and performance evening; Warfarin Clinic; WI Craft Group; Wickford Chapter; Wickford Lodge; Wickford Women's Institute; and several Yoga Groups. These groups and activities provide a wide range of social, leisure, educational and wellbeing opportunities for the local community, as well as providing warm spaces that enable those attending to save on heating in their homes while attending. On a monthly basis, we estimate the groups meeting in our Halls benefit in excess of 750 local residents.

In addition, local schools regularly visit our buildings for educational opportunities, which this year have also begun to include visits to our art exhibitions. Our new Unveiled arts and performance evening (Fridays fortnightly) plus our new art and heritage exhibition programme deliver new cultural offers in Wickford. These seek to bring high quality art and performance to Wickford while also encouraging local talent by providing new platforms for local performers and artists.

We held a very successful and well attended Christmas Bazaar at St Andrew's for the parish which raised £2,000. Each church and the Mothers Union organized stalls. A grand draw was held, there was a grotto for children to visit Santa and choirs from Wickford Church of England School and Wickford Primary School sang to those who attended. Our thanks to everyone involved in the organization and running of the Bazaar, particularly those on the planning group.

Pastoral care

Much pastoral care within our congregations is informal and mutual. Our team of pastoral visitors and clergy continues to support individuals in need, and have once more been able to offer Home Communion. Visits to local care homes for services are once again happening monthly, including to the new Eve Belle Care Home, and the team visiting has been expanded with several new volunteers. A Prayer Circle operates when specific requests are made for those in need of prayer.

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Mission and evangelism

Much of our mission and outreach, including Messy Church (bi-monthly on Saturdays), the Gateway foodbank (Ecumenical initiative), Open the Book (Schools work), ministry in care homes (monthly services in four homes), and other initiatives, is enabled by teams drawn from across our three churches. We are increasingly developing mission initiatives related to our context including: Contemplative Commuters - a Facebook group for any commuter wanting quiet reflective time and content on their journeys to and from work; Saturday Solace - 10-minute reflection and Christian mindfulness sessions between 10.00 am & 12 noon on Saturdays at St Andrew's; and Unveiled – an arts and performance evening which attracted an average of 25 people per event, with events including artist talks, concerts, dance performances, exhibition viewings, heritage talks, lectures, and an Open Mic Night.

We continue to support the ecumenical Gateway Project, the local foodbank, with congregation members continuing to give generously in kind.

Clergy and laity support the work of local schools as governors and in taking assemblies. Assemblies are taken at seven local schools, with assemblies beginning at St Luke's Park for the first time this year. We also hold school services in our churches for several schools, with a Carol Service for Beauchamps School being introduced this year for the first time. Lessons on Easter and Christmas take place at Beauchamps School and there is also input to Interfaith Week lessons and an Interfaith panel for the Sixth Form. Several schools visit our churches in the course of the year, with schools coming to see the art exhibitions at St Andrew's for the first time this year. The Open the Book Team, who tell Bible stories in dramatic form, are using technology to video the stories and send them to the schools, thus enabling a new school to be added.

The churches have a strong tradition of hospitality to the local community, especially through coffee mornings and social events. Coffee mornings are held at all three churches and Meet and Make sessions in St Andrew's continue to reach out to those on the fringe of and beyond our congregations.

Our three churches have a commitment to supporting the charity Positive Life Kenya. PLK works to break the cycle of poverty by educating and empowering marginalised families to build healthy environments for their children to thrive and create lasting change. We are currently committed to raising and sending at least US\$ 250 each quarter. Each of our three churches respond to particular appeals, such as The Children's Society and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Our Facebook Group has continued to increase in membership and we have created the Contemplative Commuters Facebook group which has gained 30+ members. Our Facebook Group, Pages and website are kept up to date with news and schedules as well as livestreamed Morning prayer three days a week. St Mary's include their news and views in the regular Runwell newsletter that goes to every house in Runwell.

Ecumenical relationships

The churches in Wickford and Runwell are responsible for jointly supporting the Gateway Project Foodbank that is run out of the local Salvation Army premises and staffed by volunteers from across the churches under their supervision. A ministers' group meets every two months to discuss this and other projects and for mutual support. Together we arrange the annual Walk of Witness on

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Good Friday and the Church's choir for the Town Christmas event. Funding was gained from the Locality Fund to run an Arts Festival in May 2023 using the churches as venues.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted (including designated) funds were £106,526 of which £42,902 was unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £6,334 was tax recovered from Gift Aid. Restricted donations of £1,195 were also received.

Planned giving through the Parish Giving Scheme increased by 3.4%. Total income, including tax recovered went up by 20.6% compared to last year. This was mainly due to substantial increases from Hall lettings and Coffee mornings as the closures due to Covid-19 eased. Collections increased by 57.6% as attendances increased.

We paid £37,000 towards our Parish Share. The addition of our vacancy money took this to £42,968. This was 60% of our allocated share of £71,464.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £20,154 on unrestricted (including designated) funds. Restricted funds increased by £1,227. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on these funds totalled £73,308.

Towards the end of the year the PCC agreed to carry forward the surplus to increase reserves and prepare for increasing costs the following year. However, the year closed with the unexpected urgent need to investigate probable subsidence at St Catherine's. The imminent cost of this investigation and essential work to keep the building watertight was expected to be met initially from these reserves with their replenishment to follow from a major fund raising programme.

The Treasurer would like to thank the many people who all work together to support him in maintaining the PCC finances. This was the first full year with all PCC A/cs processed using our computer system. Accurate and timely information is available to the PCC and DCCs to support their financial management.

Reserves policy

We aim to maintain reserves of £25,000, replenishing/adjusting each year as necessary. We need this money to be immediately available to:

- meet contractual and expected commitments including our Parish Share
- cover adverse cash flows including funding paid in arrears
- fund initial investigations into maintenance projects, development projects and fund raising activities
- fund smaller projects to extend our mission
- meet unexpected/unbudgeted expenditure including essential repairs.

Although we ended the year with our reserves mostly in place, they will be under severe pressure shortly due to the essential work at St Catherine's mentioned previously.

Other information

Volunteers

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We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities they are, in particular our churchwardens, our lay ministers in various roles, those who sit on our committees and help with our outreach teams. In addition to our Trustees, we have 23 volunteers regularly assisting with committees and outreach/pastoral teams. However, all of our congregations provide volunteer support in a variety of different ways.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC consists of the incumbent(s), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregations who are on the electoral role of the churches.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has established DCCs (District Church Councils), the purpose of which is to carry out in relation to a specified district in the parish in which there is at least one church or building licensed for public worship, such functions of the PCC as are delegated to it.

The PCC have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a member of the PCC and speaks regularly to that standing agenda item for each meeting, ensuring that the safeguarding policy is reviewed and agreed annually, that appropriate DBS checks are up to date, and that each PCC member is aware of their responsibilities and required training. All the Ministry Team are trained to Leadership level via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Administrative information

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell is situated in South Essex. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Mary's Vicarage, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, Essex SS11 7JQ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The registered charity number is 1128199 and the registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickford and Runwell'.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

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Ex officio members:

Team Rector: The Reverend Jonathan Evens (Chair)

Team Vicar (House for Duty) : The Reverend Sue Wise

Associate Minister: The Reverend Steven Lissenden

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mrs Angela Wagstaff (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Church warden (St Andrew's): Mr Oluseye Abiodun

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Richard Feldwick (Vice-chair PCC, also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Church warden (St Catherine's): Mr Andrew Morl

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Alan Jones (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Stephen Hunter

Mrs Emma Doe, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) and St Catherine's representative on Deanery Synod

Mr Michael Tricker, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Elected members:

Mrs Yvonne Branson, St Mary's representative on Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Marjorie Stanford, St Andrew's representative on Deanery Synod

Mr John Skinner, Treasurer (St Mary's) until 23rd May 2022

Mrs Marina Bailey, PCC Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Coral Upham, PCC Secretary

Mr Roger Tyler, PCC Treasurer

Mr Stephen Talbot, Trustee

Approved by the PCC 21st May 2023 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Jonathan Evens (PCC Chair).



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parish of Wickford and Runwell Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 142(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Carol Harmsworth

10th May 2023

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 17 Foxhatch, Wickford, Essex, SS12 9RP

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	51,335.74	1,195.00	—	52,530.74	48,333.19
Income from charitable activities	18,058.53	—	—	18,058.53	16,166.70
Other trading activities	31,478.26	—	—	31,478.26	19,941.54
Investments	5,661.72	25.29	—	5,687.01	4,886.63
Total income	106,534.25	1,220.29	—	107,754.54	89,328.06
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	357.90	—	—	357.90	111.60
Expenditure on charitable activities	85,412.27	—	—	85,412.27	68,741.54
Other expenditure	602.13	—	—	602.13	250.58
Total expenditure	86,372.30	—	—	86,372.30	69,103.72
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	20,161.95	1,220.29	—	21,382.24	20,224.34
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	36,000.00	2,000.00	—	38,000.00	47,140.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(38,000.00)	—	—	(38,000.00)	(47,140.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	204,136.17
Net movement in funds	18,161.95	3,220.29	—	21,382.24	224,360.51
Total funds brought forward	221,522.99	12,347.12	—	233,870.11	9,509.60
Total funds carried forward	239,684.94	15,567.41	—	255,252.35	233,870.11
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	25,346.55	—	—	25,346.55	16,969.45
Designated					
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	76,000.00	76,000.00
St Andrew's General Fund	3,893.72	—	—	3,893.72	4,594.06
St Catherine's General Fund	4,270.34	—	—	4,270.34	3,224.93
St Catherine's Hall Fund	4,702.89	—	—	4,702.89	1,747.14
St Mary's General Fund	5,243.33	—	—	5,243.33	3,667.33
St Mary's Hall Fund	10,128.11	—	—	10,128.11	5,220.08
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	100.00	—	—	100.00	100.00
Restricted					
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	—	4,639.03	—	4,639.03	4,639.03
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	—	1,855.11	—	1,855.11	855.11
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	—	853.91	—	853.91	842.83
St Catherine's Music Fund	—	127.21	—	127.21	127.21
St Catherine's Organ Fund	—	432.03	—	432.03	426.43
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	—	419.91	—	419.91	414.45
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	—	908.35	—	908.35	907.92
St Mary's Organ Fund	—	73.13	—	73.13	72.19
St Mary's Restoration Fund	—	6,258.73	—	6,258.73	4,061.95

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Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
	186,000.00	186,000.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	73,308.74	48,119.11
	73,308.74	48,119.11
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	4,056.39	249.00
	4,056.39	249.00
Net current assets less current liabilities	69,252.35	47,870.11
Total assets less current liabilities	255,252.35	233,870.11
Total net assets less liabilities	255,252.35	233,870.11
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	25,346.55	16,969.45
Designated		
St Andrew's General Fund	3,893.72	4,594.06
St Catherine's General Fund	4,270.34	3,224.93
St Catherine's Hall Fund	4,702.89	1,747.14
St Mary's General Fund	5,243.33	3,667.33
St Mary's Hall Fund	10,128.11	5,220.08
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	100.00	100.00
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	76,000.00
Restricted		
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	4,639.03	4,639.03
St Catherine's Organ Fund	432.03	426.43
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	419.91	414.45
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	853.91	842.83
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	908.35	907.92
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	1,855.11	855.11
St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	127.21
St Mary's Organ Fund	73.13	72.19
St Mary's Restoration Fund	6,258.73	4,061.95
Funds of the church	255,252.35	233,870.11

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Tangible assets		
St Catherine's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund (Designated) -	110,000.00	110,000.00
	110,000.00	110,000.00
St Mary's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Mary's Fund (Designated) -	76,000.00	76,000.00
	76,000.00	76,000.00
Total for Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
St Andrew's Current A/c 9572		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	3,152.08	3,862.05
St Andrew's Fabric Fund (Restricted) -	4,639.03	4,639.03
	7,791.11	8,501.08
St Catherine's Current A/c 4693		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	4,269.76	3,224.93
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund (Restricted) -	1,855.11	855.11
Agency collection (Restricted) -	18.55	—
	6,143.42	4,080.04
St Catherine's Deposit A/c 0455		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	0.58	—
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	908.35	907.92
St Catherine's Music Fund (Restricted) -	127.21	127.21
	1,036.14	1,035.13
St Catherine's HearneG CBF A/c 3009D		
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund (Restricted) -	853.91	842.83
	853.91	842.83
St Catherine's Organ CBF A/c 3007D		
St Catherine's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	432.03	426.43
	432.03	426.43
St Catherine's Rectory CBF A/c 3008D		
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund (Restricted) -	419.91	414.45
	419.91	414.45
St Andrew's CBF A/c 5001D		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	741.64	732.01
	741.64	732.01
PCC Barclays Current A/c 9154		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	25,346.55	16,969.45
Agency collection (Restricted) -	4,037.84	249.00
	29,384.39	17,218.45
St Catherine's Hall Current A/c 4715		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	2,900.39	846.14
	2,900.39	846.14
St Catherine's Hall Deposit A/c 4731		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	1,802.50	901.00
	1,802.50	901.00
St Mary's Current A/c 7351		
St Mary's General Fund (Designated) -	5,243.33	3,667.33
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	6,122.00	3,927.00
St Mary's Vicarage Fund (Designated) -	100.00	100.00

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	11,465.33	7,694.33
St Mary's Restoration CBF A/c 90001D		
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	136.73	134.95
	136.73	134.95
St Mary's Hall Current A/c 2051		
St Mary's Hall Fund (Designated) -	10,128.11	4,720.00
	10,128.11	4,720.00
St Mary's Hall Deposit A/c 2078		
St Mary's Hall Fund (Designated) -	—	500.08
	—	500.08
St Mary's Organ CBF A/c 90003D		
St Mary's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	73.13	72.19
	73.13	72.19
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	73,308.74	48,119.11
Agency accounts		
Agency collections		
Agency collection (Restricted) -	(4,056.39)	(249.00)
Total for Agency accounts	(4,056.39)	(249.00)
Grand total	255,252.35	233,870.11

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Fund movement summary

Fund balances	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries Carried forward	Fund
General - General fund	16,969.45	18,800.28	44,423.18	34,000.00	—	—	25,346.55
StA-Gen - St Andrew's General Fund	4,594.06	22,448.42	11,148.76	(12,000.00)	—	—	3,893.72
StA-Fab - St Andrew's Fabric Fund	4,639.03	—	—	—	—	—	4,639.03
StC-Gen - St Catherine's General Fund	3,224.93	15,489.13	6,443.72	(8,000.00)	—	—	4,270.34
StC-Organ - St Catherine's Organ Fund	426.43	5.60	—	—	—	—	432.03
StC-Hall - St Catherine's Hall Fund	1,747.14	9,913.50	4,957.75	(2,000.00)	—	—	4,702.89
StC-RecDc - St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	414.45	5.46	—	—	—	—	419.91
StC-Hearn - St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	842.83	11.08	—	—	—	—	853.91
StC-Rest - St Catherine's Restoration Fund	907.92	0.43	—	—	—	—	908.35
StC-CYard - St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	855.11	1,000.00	—	—	—	—	1,855.11
StC-Music - St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	—	—	—	—	—	127.21
StM-Gen - St Mary's General Fund	3,667.33	22,837.41	9,261.41	(12,000.00)	—	—	5,243.33
StM-Hall - St Mary's Hall Fund	5,220.08	17,045.51	10,137.48	(2,000.00)	—	—	10,128.11
StM-Organ - St Mary's Organ Fund	72.19	0.94	—	—	—	—	73.13
StM-Rest - St Mary's Restoration Fund	4,061.95	196.78	—	2,000.00	—	—	6,258.73
StM-Vic - St Mary's Vicarage Fund	100.00	—	—	—	—	—	100.00
HallV-StC - Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	110,000.00
HallV-StM - Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	76,000.00
Totals	233,870.11	107,754.54	86,372.30	—	—	—	255,252.35

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Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aid - Bank (inc PGS Donation)	—	27,657.70	—	—	27,657.70	26,736.79
Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	5.00	—	—	5.00	356.00
Other planned giving eg Payroll giving	360.00	450.00	—	—	810.00	907.50
Loose plate collections	—	7,938.78	—	—	7,938.78	5,037.90
Special Collections	175.00	—	—	—	175.00	—
Non Gift Aid Giving	—	760.00	—	—	760.00	460.00
Giving through church boxes	—	—	—	—	—	3.50
One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,000.00	—	—	—	1,000.00	—
Donations appeals etc	1,243.03	3,312.61	1,195.00	—	5,750.64	5,797.19
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (inc PGS GA)	—	6,334.62	—	—	6,334.62	6,284.31
Recurring grants	—	1,800.00	—	—	1,800.00	2,750.00
Other fund raising	39.00	260.00	—	—	299.00	—
Total	2,817.03	48,518.71	1,195.00	—	52,530.74	48,333.19
Income from charitable activities						
Fees for weddings and funerals	12,903.53	—	—	—	12,903.53	15,203.50
Fees for Banns and Certificates	752.00	45.00	—	—	797.00	—
Fees for Photo-Video	280.00	—	—	—	280.00	—
Charity Collections	—	—	—	—	—	70.20
Church hall lettings - objectives	—	4,078.00	—	—	4,078.00	893.00
Total	13,935.53	4,123.00	—	—	18,058.53	16,166.70
Other trading activities						
Bazaars/Fayres/Concerts etc	2,000.00	336.33	—	—	2,336.33	1,618.60
100 Club	—	506.00	—	—	506.00	455.00
Coffee Mornings	—	3,088.71	—	—	3,088.71	525.42
Bookstall sales - fund raising	47.72	410.00	—	—	457.72	54.00
Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	25,089.50	—	—	25,089.50	17,288.52
Total	2,047.72	29,430.54	—	—	31,478.26	19,941.54
Investments						
Bank and building society interest	—	11.72	25.29	—	37.01	1.63
Rent from PCC lands/buildings (Car Pk)	—	5,650.00	—	—	5,650.00	4,885.00
Total	—	5,661.72	25.29	—	5,687.01	4,886.63
INCOME TOTAL	18,800.28	87,733.97	1,220.29	—	107,754.54	89,328.06

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EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Costs of fetes & other events	357.90	—	—	—	357.90	111.60
Total	357.90	—	—	—	357.90	111.60

Expenditure on charitable activities

Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	342.36
Other donations-mission outside Parish	—	—	—	—	—	75.00
Secular charities	—	5.00	—	—	5.00	191.20
Parish Share	37,000.00	—	—	—	37,000.00	24,000.00
Working expenses of clergy	2,040.26	—	—	—	2,040.26	6,571.17
Parsonage house expenses	—	500.00	—	—	500.00	—
Parish training and mission	712.77	—	—	—	712.77	—
Church running - insurance	—	4,710.31	—	—	4,710.31	4,507.10
Organ/piano tuning	—	595.00	—	—	595.00	517.00
Church maintenance	—	4,637.54	—	—	4,637.54	5,652.78
Church cleaning	—	1,352.24	—	—	1,352.24	1,083.72
Upkeep of services (inc Vrgr & Orgnst)	1,184.11	1,606.94	—	—	2,791.05	2,951.21
Upkeep of churchyard	—	6,268.35	—	—	6,268.35	6,681.90
Printing, postage & stationery	1,546.67	72.85	—	—	1,619.52	655.54
Catering costs	65.00	24.19	—	—	89.19	130.00
Visiting speakers / locums	—	—	—	—	—	140.67
Church running - electric, oil & gas	—	5,838.59	—	—	5,838.59	4,228.51
Church running - water	—	250.81	—	—	250.81	—
Other Church Running Expenses	933.06	947.35	—	—	1,880.41	349.65
Magazine & books expenses - PCC objects	25.69	—	—	—	25.69	—
Hall running - electricity	—	3,276.28	—	—	3,276.28	1,656.39
Hall running - insurance	—	1,172.21	—	—	1,172.21	1,158.16
Hall running - bins	—	694.80	—	—	694.80	707.16
Hall running - maintenance	—	3,652.51	—	—	3,652.51	3,637.02
Hall running - cleaning	—	3,063.74	—	—	3,063.74	2,760.00
Hall running - water	—	543.00	—	—	543.00	600.00
Hall running - rent	—	145.00	—	—	145.00	145.00
Independent examination (or audit costs)	55.00	—	—	—	55.00	—
Hall + interior and exterior decorating	—	2,493.00	—	—	2,493.00	—
Total	43,562.56	41,849.71	—	—	85,412.27	68,741.54

Other expenditure

Church Equipment	502.72	99.41	—	—	602.13	250.58
Total	502.72	99.41	—	—	602.13	250.58
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	44,423.18	41,949.12	—	—	86,372.30	69,103.72

GRAND TOTAL	(25,622.90)	45,784.85	1,220.29	—	21,382.24	20,224.34
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction

The General Fund is unrestricted and can only be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted Funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use are the freehold halls at St Catherine's and St Mary's.
3. The Fund Movement Summary includes the restricted funds. As at 31st December 2022 they were as follows.

St Andrew's Fabric Fund is to be spent on anything affecting the church building and probably the hall as that was the original Mission Church building.

St Catherine's Churchyard Fund is to be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard.

St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Hearne family's grave.

St Catherine's Music Fund is to be spent on providing music at St Catherine's.

St Catherine's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Catherine's Organ.

St Catherine's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Catherine's ongoing restoration work.

St Catherine's Rectory Redecoration Fund is for redecorating the Rectory as necessary.

St Mary's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Mary's Organ.

St Mary's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Mary's ongoing restoration work.

4. The St Mary's Hall Deposit A/c 2078 was closed during the year and the balance transferred to St Mary's Hall Current A/c 2051.

END OF REPORT

Accounts

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2021

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Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wickford and Runwell is responsible for co-operating with the Team Vicar (House for Duty), the Revd Sue Wise, while the Team Rector's post is vacant, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church buildings of the parish, St Andrew's, London Road, Wickford, St Catherine's, Southend Road, Wickford, and St Mary's, Runwell, and the church halls associated with St Catherine's and St Mary's, and offers oversight to the District Councils of each of these churches, as they manage the day-to-day life of the buildings and congregations.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling worship in all three churches which resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We are committed, also, to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

Patterns of worship have been shaped by the Ministry Team, led by the Team Vicar (HfD), Revd Sue Wise, in conjunction with the PCC in accordance with the changing government guidelines for worship during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued to live-stream our services via Facebook, and (while able) posted recordings to our YouTube channel. From Easter we were able to return to worship in the churches, while we continued to livestream one Sunday service and the midweek Eucharist that restarted face to face in May. From June we were able to have two Sunday services, one at 10am in either St Mary's or St Andrew's (alternating bimonthly) and an 11am at St Catherine's. St Catherine's remained open for Private Prayer on Wednesday mornings, and there are a number of loyal attendees.

Our average Sunday attendance for October across the parish was 31, (with an additional average of 20 online) during which time we had one joint service, hosted the Deanery Confirmation, and held evening services in all churches, including two Commemoration of the Departed services, which were well attended. We were unable to hold our planned Christingle and Crib Services at Christmas, because of the high rate of infection in schools. The numbers for Midnight Mass, and Christmas as a whole, were significantly lower than our usual attendance, as people celebrated with their families.

As many families had postponed their children's baptisms during the lockdowns of 2020, we were pleased to be able to go ahead with many of these, with some restrictions remaining in place depending on when they were held. There was a total of 33 baptisms, of which two were adults, and three of our number were confirmed by Bishop John in October. There were 11 weddings in the parish, with a number still on hold till the couples can gather all their families. Our funeral ministry continued with 33 funerals conducted by our clergy in either church or crematorium and 4 memorial services where funerals had been limited by restrictions the previous year.

We were able to recommence Messy Church, first via ZOOM and later face to face in the vicarage garden and then in church, inviting families who had brought children to baptism in previous years, and church families.

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We have been blessed with new people who have brought their musical skills and now have two organists who will play at St Mary's and St Andrew's as well as our regular organist at St Catherine's, which considerably lifts our worship as we begin to sing again in church.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, as well as our clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. There were four meetings in 2021, the first being via ZOOM, and in October we hosted a Synod meeting in St Andrew's church. Speakers throughout the year have included Revd James Gilder, the Diocesan Environmental Officer, Jamie Sawmill from Bar'N'Bus and the Acting Archdeacon of Southend, Revd Canon Mike Power.

Our Churches and Halls

Our buildings are maintained diligently by our churchwardens and the DCCs, ensuring work is carried out promptly and appropriately, with all the necessary checks in place. All three churches have received their latest quinquennial inspection in 2021, with varying amounts of work to be undertaken, particularly with the older buildings. The church halls and St Andrew's Centre are well maintained and are beginning to be used more as restrictions have lifted. At St Andrew's the painted windows are undergoing refurbishment and the car park and grounds have been tended frequently to improve the appearance. At St Catherine's the cracks in the wall where the buttresses were repaired are being closely monitored. At St Mary's there are a number of items that have to be taken care of in the next few years, as would be expected of a Grade 1 listed building. Our churchyards are well maintained, although there has been tree damage during the storms and with a Copper Beech at St Mary's shedding a branch unexpectedly. We are encouraging flora and fauna by keeping some areas 'wild'. All three churches are considering their environmental impact and looking to the future towards the goal of net zero-carbon set by the Church of England.

Pastoral care

Much pastoral care within our congregations is informal and mutual. Our team of pastoral visitors and clergy continues to support individuals in need, and have once more been able to offer Home Communion. Visits to local care homes for services has been able to restart with appropriate precautions in place. During the periods of lockdown the pastoral visitors and clergy were in frequent phone and email contact with as many parishioners as was possible, with networks of support built up within congregations and via our Mothers' Union. A Prayer Circle operates when specific requests are made for those in need of prayer.

Mission and evangelism

A team from across the parish has restarted volunteering at the ecumenical Gateway Project, the local foodbank. Congregation members continued to give generously in kind. Clergy and laity support the work of local schools as governors and in taking assemblies. The Open the Book Team, who tell Bible stories in dramatic form, have not been able to return to the schools so are using technology to video the stories and send them to the schools, thus enabling a new school to be added. Regular visits have recommenced in one of our four local care homes, while others have been approached, and visits to specific residents are made when requested. The churches have a strong tradition of hospitality to the local community, especially through coffee mornings, lunches and social events, and these were much missed during the lockdown periods. The coffee morning in Runwell Church Hall restarted on a weekly basis, and Meet and Make sessions in St Andrew's continued to reach out to those on the fringe of and beyond our congregations, once able to recommence after lifting of restrictions. Occasions for sharing and exploring faith have been created through our education programme. We held our annual Parish Study Day in January and our Lent Course on ZOOM as the lockdown continued. We later explored The Parables in two new Study Groups that are still

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running. The parish, under the leadership of a small group of laity, raises funds for the Tumaini Education Project of Positive Life Kenya and this giving continued. In 2021 we donated £742.82. We are currently committed to raising about £210 each quarter (US\$ 275). Our regular donations go a long way in Kenya. Each of our three churches continues giving to chosen charities, and to respond to particular appeals, such as The Church Homeless Trust and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Throughout the pandemic our Facebook Group has continued to increase in membership, and new people have attended church in person, resulting in two new members being confirmed. Our Facebook Group, Pages and website are kept up to date with news and schedules as well as daily prayer offering. St Mary's includes their news and views in the regular Runwell newsletter that goes to every house in Runwell.

Ecumenical relationships

Churches Together in Wickford and Runwell are responsible for jointly supporting the Gateway Project Foodbank that is run out of the local Salvation Army premises and staffed by volunteers from across the churches under their supervision. A minsters' group meets every two months to discuss this and other projects and for mutual support. Together we arrange the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday and the Church's choir for the Town Christmas event. During the pandemic our Team Vicar(HfD) and the Administrator of the Wickford Christian Centre have circulated video stories to the local schools.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted and designated funds were £85,910 (last year £88,500). These included £44,916 (last year £60,727) voluntary income of which £6,284 (last year £12,464) was tax recovered from Gift Aid. Restricted fund donations of £3,416 (last year £1,253) were also received. Last year (2020) a grant of £29,912 was also received for urgent maintenance work at St Catherine's church.

Total expenditure on unrestricted and designated funds was £67,567 (last year £86,419). This apparent improvement is masked by the Parish Share of £24,000 (last year £49,000).

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £20,224 from all funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December 2021 were £47,870. This includes £12,347 in restricted funds.

The Treasurer would like to thank all those in the treasury team, in particular Mike Gibson who encouraged and supported him in the conversions to the single computer system. One of the benefits of this system should be the future provision of accurate and timely information to the PCC to enable better management of income and expenditure.

The PCC will need to work to improve our income and reduce our expenditure. This will enable better future planning to meet our aims and pay a larger proportion of our requested contribution to the Parish Share.

Reserves policy

The PCC does not currently have a reserves policy. Advice recommends maintaining a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £17,000. The cash balance of £35,523 held on unrestricted (including designated) funds at the year end exceeds this amount.

Other information

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities they are, in particular our churchwardens, our lay ministers in various roles, those who sit on our committees and help with our outreach teams.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC consists of the incumbent(s), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregations who are on the electoral role of the churches.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The PCC has established DCCs (District Church Councils), the purpose of which is to carry out in relation to a specified district in the parish in which there is at least one church or building licensed for public worship, such functions of the PCC as are delegated to it.

The PCC have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance in relation to safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is a member of the PCC and speaks regularly to that standing agenda item for each meeting, ensuring that the safeguarding policy is reviewed and agreed annually, that appropriate DBS checks are up to date, and that each PCC member is aware of their responsibilities and required training. All the Ministry Team are trained to Leadership level via the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Administrative information

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell is situated in South Essex. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Mary's Vicarage, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford, Essex SS11 7JQ. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a registered charity. The registered charity number is 1128199 and the registered name is 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wickford and Runwell'.

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PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio members:

Team Rector: Vacancy

Team Vicar (House for Duty) : The Reverend Sue Wise (chair)

Assistant Curate: The Reverend Steven Lissenden

Churchwarden (St Andrew's): Mrs Angela Wagstaff (also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Church warden (St Andrew's): Mr Oluseye Abiodun

Churchwarden (St Catherine's): Mr Richard Feldwick (Vice-chair PCC, also acting as DCC Treasurer)

Church warden (St Catherine's): Mr Andrew Morl

Churchwarden (St Mary's): Mr Alan Jones

Church warden (St Mary's): Mrs Lisa Griffiths (till 23rd May 2021)

Mrs Emma Doe, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Mr Michael Tricker, LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Elected members:

Mrs Yvonne Branson, St Mary's representative on Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer (from June 2021)

Mrs Marjorie Stanford, St Andrew's representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Margaret Maguire, St Andrew's representative on Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer (till 23rd May 2021)

Mrs Pam Petts, Vice-chair (till 23rd May 2021)

Mr John Skinner, Treasurer (St Mary's)

Mrs Marina Bailey, PCC Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Coral Upham, PCC Secretary (from 13th January 2021) *co-opted*

Mr Roger Tyler, PCC Treasurer (from 23rd May 2021)

Mr Stephen Talbot, Trustee

Approved by the PCC 4th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Sue Wise (PCC Chair).

S J Wise

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parish of Wickford and Runwell Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 24.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner.

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 142(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Carol Harmsworth

9th April 2022

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 17 Foxhatch, Wickford, Essex, SS12 9RP

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**Receipts and Payments Accounts
Statement of Financial Activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	44,917.19	3,416.00	—	48,333.19	86,257.37
Income from charitable activities	16,166.70	—	—	16,166.70	3,229.00
Other trading activities	19,941.54	—	—	19,941.54	27,393.25
Investments	4,885.54	1.09	—	4,886.63	14.66
Other income	—	—	—	—	2,771.80
Total income	85,910.97	3,417.09	—	89,328.06	119,666.08
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	111.60	—	—	111.60	79.92
Expenditure on charitable activities	67,205.54	1,536.00	—	68,741.54	122,605.08
Other expenditure	250.58	—	—	250.58	—
Total expenditure	67,567.72	1,536.00	—	69,103.72	122,685.00
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	18,343.25	1,881.09	—	20,224.34	(3,018.92)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	39,324.86	540.00	—	39,864.86	49,050.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(39,550.00)	(314.86)	—	(39,864.86)	(49,050.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	—	-	—
Net movement in funds	18,118.11	2,106.23	—	20,224.34	(3,018.92)
Total funds brought forward	203,404.88	10,240.89	—	213,645.77	216,664.69
Total funds carried forward	221,522.99	12,347.12	—	233,870.11	213,645.77

Represented by

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Unrestricted

General fund	16,969.45	—	—	16,969.45	10,806.14
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Designated

Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	76,000.00	76,000.00
St Andrew's General Fund	4,594.06	—	—	4,594.06	1,451.82
St Catherine's General Fund	3,224.93	—	—	3,224.93	975.78
St Catherine's Hall Fund	1,747.14	—	—	1,747.14	2,889.03
St Catherine's Vicarage Decoration Fund	—	—	—	—	100.00
St Mary's General Fund	3,167.33	—	—	3,667.33	190.37
St Mary's Hall Fund	5,720.08	—	—	5,220.08	991.74
St Mary's Vicarage Fund	100.00	—	—	100.00	—

Restricted

St Andrew's Fabric Fund	—	4,639.03	—	4,639.03	4,073.03
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	—	855.11	—	855.11	55.11
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	—	842.83	—	842.83	842.40
St Catherine's Music Fund	—	127.21	—	127.21	127.21
St Catherine's Organ Fund	—	426.43	—	426.43	426.21
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	—	414.45	—	414.45	414.24
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	—	907.92	—	907.92	1,043.80
St Mary's Organ Fund	—	72.19	—	72.19	72.15
St Mary's Restoration Fund	—	4,061.95	—	4,061.95	2,871.88
PCC Kenya Fund					314.86

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Balance sheet summary

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
	186,000.00	186,000.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	48,119.11	27,645.77
	48,119.11	27,645.77
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	249.00	—
	249.00	—
Net current assets less current liabilities	47,870.11	27,645.77
Total assets less current liabilities	233,870.11	213,645.77
Total net assets less liabilities	233,870.11	213,645.77
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	16,969.45	10,806.14
Designated		
St Andrew's General Fund	4,594.06	1,451.82
St Catherine's General Fund	3,224.93	975.78
St Catherine's Hall Fund	1,747.14	2,889.03
St Catherine's Vicarage Decoration Fund	—	100.00
St Mary's General Fund	3,167.33	190.37
St Mary's Hall Fund	5,720.08	991.74

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St Mary's Vicarage Fund	100.00	—
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	110,000.00
Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	76,000.00
Restricted		
St Andrew's Fabric Fund	4,639.03	4,073.03
St Mary's Organ Fund	72.19	72.15
St Mary's Restoration Fund	4,061.95	2,871.88
St Andrew's Charity Giving Fund	—	—
St Catherine's Organ Fund	426.43	426.21
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	414.45	414.24
St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	842.83	842.40
St Catherine's Restoration Fund	907.92	1,043.80
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	855.11	55.11
St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	127.21
PCC Kenya Fund	—	314.86
Funds of the church	233,870.11	213,645.77

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Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Tangible assets		
St Catherine's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Catherine's Fund (Designated) -	110,000.00	110,000.00
	110,000.00	110,000.00
St Mary's Church Hall		
Hall Value St Mary's Fund (Designated) -	76,000.00	76,000.00
	76,000.00	76,000.00
Total for Tangible assets	186,000.00	186,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
St Andrew's Current A/c 9572		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	3,862.05	720.19
St Andrew's Fabric Fund (Restricted) -	4,639.03	4,073.03
	8,501.08	4,793.22
St Catherine's Current A/c 4693		
St Catherine's General Fund (Designated) -	3,224.93	975.78
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund (Restricted) -	855.11	—
	4,080.04	975.78
St Catherine's Deposit A/c 0455		
St Catherine's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	907.92	1,043.80
St Catherine's Churchyard Fund (Restricted) -	—	55.11
St Catherine's Music Fund (Restricted) -	127.21	127.21
St Catherine's Vicarage Decoration Fund (Designated) -	—	100.00
	1,035.13	1,326.12
St Catherine's HearneG CBF A/c 3009D		

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St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund (Restricted) -	842.83	842.40
	842.83	842.40
St Catherine's Organ CBF A/c 3007D		
St Catherine's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	426.43	426.21
	426.43	426.21
St Catherine's Rectory CBF A/c 3008D		
St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund (Restricted) -	414.45	414.24
	414.45	414.24
St Andrew's CBF A/c 5001D		
St Andrew's General Fund (Designated) -	732.01	731.63
	732.01	731.63
PCC Barclays Current A/c 9154		
General fund (Unrestricted) –	16,969.45	10,806.14
PCC Kenya Fund (Restricted)	-	314.86
Agency collection (Restricted) -	249.00	—
	17,218.45	11,121.00
St Catherine's Hall Current A/c 4715		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	846.14	1,949.11
	846.14	1,949.11
St Catherine's Hall Deposit A/c 4731		
St Catherine's Hall Fund (Designated) -	901.00	939.92
	901.00	939.92
St Mary's Current A/c 7351		
St Mary's General Fund (Designated) -	3,667.33	190.37
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	3,927.00	2,737.00

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St Mary's Vicarage Fund (Designated) -	100.00	—
	7,694.33	2,927.37
St Mary's Restoration CBF A/c 90001D		
St Mary's Restoration Fund (Restricted) -	134.95	134.88
	134.95	134.88
St Mary's Hall Current A/c 2051		
St Mary's Hall Fund (Designated) -	4,720.00	491.74
	4,720.00	491.74
St Mary's Hall Deposit A/c 2078		
St Mary's General Fund (Designated) -	(500.00)	—
St Mary's Hall Fund (Designated) -	1,000.08	500.00
	500.08	500.00
St Mary's Organ CBF A/c 90003D		
St Mary's Organ Fund (Restricted) -	72.19	72.15
	72.19	72.15
Total for Cash at bank and in hand		
	48,119.11	27,645.77
Agency accounts		
Agency collections		
Agency collection (Restricted) -	(249.00)	—
Total for Agency accounts		
	(249.00)	—
Grand total		
	233,870.11	213,645.77

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Fund Movement Summary

Fund balances	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries Carried forward	Fund
General - General fund	10,806.14	3,684.94	32,146.49	34,624.86	—	—	16,969.45
StA-Gen - St Andrew's General Fund	1,451.82	18,185.64	7,643.40	(7,400.00)	—	—	4,594.06
StA-Fab - St Andrew's Fabric Fund	4,073.03	566.00	—	—	—	—	4,639.03
StA-Char - St Andrew's Charity Giving Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
StC-Gen - St Catherine's General Fund	975.78	16,413.29	5,064.14	(9,100.00)	—	—	3,224.93
StC-Organ - St Catherine's Organ Fund	426.21	0.22	—	—	—	—	426.43
StC-Hall - St Catherine's Hall Fund	2,889.03	1,481.08	2,622.97	—	—	-	1,747.14
StC-RecDc - St Catherine's Rectory Redec Fund	414.24	0.21	—	—	—	—	414.45
StC-Hearn - St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund	842.40	0.43	—	—	—	—	842.83
StC-Rest - St Catherine's Restoration Fund	1,043.80	200.12	336.00	—	—	—	907.92
StC-CYard - St Catherine's Churchyard Fund	55.11	2,000.00	1,200.00	—	—	—	855.11
StC-Music - St Catherine's Music Fund	127.21	—	—	—	—	—	127.21
StC-VicDc - St Catherine's Vicarage Decoration Fund	100.00	—	—	(100.00)	—	—	—
StC-Char - St Catherine's Charity Giving Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
StM-Gen - St Mary's General Fund	190.37	29,482.42	11,655.46	(14,850.00)	—	-	3,667.33
StM-Hall - St Mary's Hall Fund	991.74	16,663.60	8,435.26	(3,500.00)	—	-	5,220.08
StM-Organ - St Mary's Organ Fund	72.15	0.04	—	—	—	-	72.19
StM-Rest - St Mary's Restoration Fund	2,871.88	650.07	—	540.00	—	-	4,061.95
StM-Vic - St Mary's Vicarage Fund	—	—	—	100.00	—	—	100.00
HallV-StC - Hall Value St Catherine's Fund	110,000.00	—	—	—	-	—	110,000.00
HallV-StM - Hall Value St Mary's Fund	76,000.00	—	—	—	-	—	76,000.00
PCC Kenya Fund	314.86	-	-	(314.86)	-	-	-
Totals	213,645.77	89,328.06	69,103.72	—	-	·	
233,870.11							

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell

Analysis of income and expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Total Last year</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank (inc PGS Donation)	—	26,736.79	—	—	26,736.79	—
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	—	356.00	—	—	356.00	—
0201 - Other planned giving eg Payroll giving	307.50	600.00	—	—	907.50	—
0301 - Loose plate collections	—	5,037.90	—	—	5,037.90	—
0410 - Non Gift Aid Giving	—	460.00	—	—	460.00	—
0415 - Giving through church boxes	—	3.50	—	—	3.50	—
0550 - Donations appeals etc	414.44	2,966.75	2,416.00	—	5,797.19	—
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (inc PGS GA)	—	6,284.31	—	—	6,284.31	—
0801 - Recurring grants	—	1,750.00	1,000.00	—	2,750.00	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	721.94	44,195.25	3,416.00	—	48,333.19	—
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,367.00	13,836.50	—	—	15,203.50	—
1210 - Charity Collections	50.00	20.20	—	—	70.20	—
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	—	893.00	—	—	893.00	—
Total	1,417.00	14,749.70	—	—	16,166.70	—
Other trading activities						
0907 - Bazaars/Fayres/Concerts etc	1,546.00	72.60	—	—	1,618.60	—
0909 - 100 Club	—	455.00	—	—	455.00	—
0910 - Coffee Mornings	—	525.42	—	—	525.42	—
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	54.00	—	—	54.00	—
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	—	17,288.52	—	—	17,288.52	—

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell

Total	1,546.00	18,395.54	—	—	19,941.54	—
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Investments

1020 - Bank and building society interest	—	0.54	1.09	—	1.63	—
1030 - Rent from PCC lands/buildings (Car Pk)	—	4,885.00	—	—	4,885.00	—
Total	—	4,885.54	1.09	—	4,886.63	—

Other income

1310 - Insurance claims	—	—	—	—	—	—
1320 - St Catherine's Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
INCOME TOTAL	3,684.94	82,226.03	3,417.09	—	89,328.06	—

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	—	111.60	—	—	111.60	—
Total	—	111.60	—	—	111.60	—

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell

Expenditure on charitable activities

1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	314.86	27.50	—	—	342.36	—
1850 - Other donations-mission outside Parish	50.00	25.00	—	—	75.00	—
1870 - Secular charities	—	191.20	—	—	191.20	—
1901 - Parish Share	24,000.00	—	—	—	24,000.00	—
2101 - Working expenses of clergy	6,571.17	—	—	—	6,571.17	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	—	4,507.10	—	—	4,507.10	—
2320 - Organ/piano tuning	—	517.00	—	—	517.00	—
2330 - Church maintenance	—	5,316.78	336.00	—	5,652.78	—
2331 - Church cleaning	—	1,083.72	—	—	1,083.72	—
2340 - Upkeep of services (inc Vrgr & Orgnst)	304.34	2,646.87	—	—	2,951.21	—
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	—	5,481.90	1,200.00	—	6,681.90	—
2360 - Printing, postage & stationery	655.54	—	—	—	655.54	—
2363 - Catering costs	—	130.00	—	—	130.00	—
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	—	140.67	—	—	140.67	—
2401 - Church running - electric, oil & gas	—	4,228.51	—	—	4,228.51	—
2440 - Other Church Running Expenses	—	349.65	—	—	349.65	—
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	1,656.39	—	—	1,656.39	—
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	1,158.16	—	—	1,158.16	—
2555 - Hall running - bins	—	707.16	—	—	707.16	—
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	3,637.02	—	—	3,637.02	—
2565 - Hall running - cleaning	—	2,760.00	—	—	2,760.00	—
2580 - Hall running - water	—	600.00	—	—	600.00	—
2595 - Hall running - rent	—	145.00	—	—	145.00	—
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	31,895.91	35,309.63	1,536.00	—	68,741.54	—

Other expenditure

2332 - Church Equipment	250.58	—	—	—	250.58	—
Total	250.58	—	—	—	250.58	—
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	32,146.49	35,421.23	1,536.00	—	69,103.72	—

The Parish of Wickford and Runwell

GRAND TOTAL	(28,461.55)	46,804.80	1,881.09	—	20,224.34	—
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. During the year all accounts were converted to use the Finance Coordinator computer software. Data was entered back to 1st January 2021. Previously only St Andrew's accounts and St Catherine's accounts (Church accounts only) were using this system. 'Last year' figures in the Detailed Analysis of Income and Expenditure are therefore omitted.
3. Fixed assets retained for church use are the freehold halls at St Catherine's and St Mary's.
4. The Fund Movement Summary includes the restricted funds. As at 31st December 2021 there were 11 restricted funds as follows.

St Andrew's Charity Fund is redundant, as any money collected for charities is usually managed outside the PCC accounts as an agency. This fund has a balance of £0.

St Andrew's Fabric Fund is to be spent on anything affecting the church building and probably the hall as that was the original Mission Church building.

St Catherine's Charity Fund is redundant, as any money collected for charities is usually managed outside the PCC accounts as an agency. This fund has a balance of £0.

St Catherine's Churchyard Fund is to be spent on the maintenance of the churchyard.

St Catherine's Hearne Grave Fund is to be spent on any future maintenance of the Hearne family's grave.

St Catherine's Music Fund is to be spent on providing music at St Catherine's.

St Catherine's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Catherine's Organ.

St Catherine's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Catherine's ongoing restoration work.

St Catherine's Rectory Redecoration Fund is for redecorating the Rectory as necessary.

St Mary's Organ Fund is to be spent on the maintenance and repair of St Mary's Organ.

St Mary's Restoration Fund is to be spent on St Mary's ongoing restoration work.

END OF REPORT

Accounts

Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of Wickford and Runwell for 2020, presented May 2021

Aims and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wickford and Runwell is responsible for co-operating with the Team Vicar, the Revd Sue Wise, while the Team Rector's post is vacant, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is specifically responsible for the church buildings of the parish, St Andrew's, London Road, Wickford, St Catherine's, Southend Road, Wickford, and St Mary's, Runwell, and the church halls associated with St Catherine's and St Mary's, and offers oversight to the District Councils of each of these churches, as they manage the day to day life of the buildings and congregations.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling worship in all three churches which resources those who share in it to live lives of faithfulness and service, is welcoming and attractive to newcomers, and helps to make God known to those on the fringes of faith. We are committed, also, to living out our faith, both corporately and individually, in ways which serve the local community practically and pastorally.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer

Patterns of worship are largely shaped by the DCCs in conjunction with the Team Vicar, Revd Sue Wise. Our weekly pattern of services, which had remained stable, was impacted throughout the year by the lockdown restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We were able to quickly establish an online presence via Facebook livestream and later added a YouTube channel for recorded services for those who are not Facebook users. During the first lockdown the Sunday Eucharist was live-streamed from Revd Sue Wise's spare room, as clergy were not allowed into the churches. Daily Evening Prayer was added to our online services, one midweek Eucharist was maintained as was the pattern of Sunday evening services, these being in a more meditative style as found in reflective evening prayer and the Healing Eucharist, as well as a Book of Common Prayer Evening Prayer. Leading worship and preaching has been shared by both clergy and licensed lay ministers (the latter in training up to October 2020). When able to re-enter our churches St Andrew's, as the largest and most flexible space, was used for worship after the appropriate risk assessments and guidance had been adhered to, with bookings taken to attend and live-streaming continuing. Individual prayer time was put in place in St Catherine's once a week. A further lockdown curtailed the use of two churches on a Sunday, though by the end of September Revd Steven Lissenden had been priested and could therefore preside at the Eucharist, allowing further flexibility.

Average Sunday attendance across the parish in October was 27 in church and 53 on Facebook, though this latter is difficult to qualify given the way statistics appear to be recorded. The annual Service of Commemoration for the departed was held on Facebook and gratefully received by many in the community. Christmas services were also online, and numbers watching were encouraging. There was a total of 6 baptisms during the early months of the year, with many being rescheduled for 2021. Many of these families are not regular members of our congregations and we are delighted to be able to respond to their desire to bring new family members into the church. The number of weddings was 2, again with several others rescheduling for 2021. Both of these weddings were late bookings so had missed the meeting where we invite couples preparing for marriage to meet the clergy team and took place under COVID restrictions. The clergy continue to have an active ministry in taking funerals in our churches and in local crematoria.

Our monthly Messy Church, drawing on a team from across the three congregations, which offers an opportunity for worship for parents, carers and children had to be put on hold after March, as did our Open the Book Team which takes the stories of both Old and New Testaments into local primary schools. Clergy and laity lead a weekly act of worship on Wickford CE Infant School, which was able to continue once the school was reopened, using recordings made by Revd Sue Wise, who also provided assemblies via ZOOM and recordings to some of the other schools in the parish at festival times (Harvest and Christmas).

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC now sit on deanery synod, as do the clergy. During the COVID-19 pandemic there were two meetings only, with new parish representatives being elected at the APCM during the year.

Our Buildings

During 2020 the north-west buttresses at St Catherine's were repaired, though later there was further movement, probably due once more to the dry weather, and re-opened cracks are being monitored. As part of the last quinquennial report's advice, there was a portion of the floor of St Mary's repaired, where tiles were replaced with second-hand ones which matched those existing. The organ was also fully repaired. In November an attempted break-in at St Andrew's resulted in repairs being made to a kitchen roof light window. The refurbishment of the painted glass windows is ongoing.

Mission and Evangelism

A team from across the parish continued to staff the ecumenical Gateway Project, the local foodbank, until this had to be kept to a minimum as appropriate social distancing processes were put into place. Congregation members continued to give generously in kind. Clergy and laity support the work of local schools as governors, volunteers, and in taking assemblies, and also regularly visit four of the local care homes, which also had to be curtailed during lockdowns, though contact was maintained as much as possible. The three churches continue a strong tradition of hospitality to the local community, especially through coffee mornings, lunches and social events. The twice-monthly coffee morning in Runwell, and Meet and Make sessions continued to reach out to those on the fringe of and beyond our congregations, until such time as they had to be cancelled due to the restrictions. Occasions for sharing and exploring faith have been created through our education programme. We held our annual Parish Study Day in January and our Lent Course moved to ZOOM as the lockdown commenced. The parish, under the leadership of a small group of laity, raises funds for the Tumaini Education Project of Positive Life Kenya and this giving continued during the pandemic. Each of our three churches continue giving to chosen charities, and to respond to particular appeals.

Throughout the pandemic our Facebook Group has increased significantly in membership, with several new people who have attended church in person when able. This and our website are kept up to date with news and schedules as well as daily prayer offering.

Pastoral Care

Much pastoral care within our congregations is informal and mutual. Our team of pastoral visitors continue to support individuals in need, and have been increasingly involved in offering home communion, and, with others, in visits and services in local care homes. During the periods of lockdown the pastoral visitors and clergy were in frequent phone and email contact with as many parishioners as was possible, with networks of support built up within congregations and via our Mothers' Union. At appropriate points letters and news were sent to the whole electoral roll.

Financial Review

The total income for the parish for this year was £119,666 of which £31,166 was restricted funds from donations and grants. Total unrestricted income of £88,500 was sufficient to meet the general expenditure of the parish, which excluding restricted expenditure and the contribution to parish share, was £37,419. Both income and expenditure were affected by a large degree by the extraordinary circumstances of Covid-19. The parish paid £49,000 towards the parish share of £96,113. Restricted funds of £31,166 have been used on restoration and building maintenance particularly the repair to the buttress at St Catherine's Church. Restricted funds totalling £10,241 are available for future specific projects across the parish. The parish treasurer would like to record her gratitude to the treasury team as a whole for all their support in the last year especially under the difficult circumstances everyone was working under

Structure, Governance and Management

PCC and DCC members are elected and appointed according to the Church Representation Rules. All members of our congregations are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to participate in the annual elections. PCC members are responsible for all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including decisions about its finances. The full PCC met four times in 2020, some of which were on ZOOM. There were a number of meetings with the wardens and ministry teams to determine the strategies for opening the churches during the restrictions.

The District Church Councils for St Andrew's, St Catherine's, and St Mary's and other committees were overseen by and reported back to the PCC.

Administrative Information

The parish of Wickford and Runwell is part of the diocese of Chelmsford, within the Church of England. With the release of 8 Friern Walk, the correspondence address is to be changed to St Mary's Vicarage, Church End Lane, Runwell, Wickford SS11 7JQ.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and Church Representation Rules 2006): the charity number is 1128199.

Members of the PCC who have served at any time from 1 January 2020 until the date of this report are

Ex Officio members

The Revd Susan Wise Associate Priest (till November 2020) Team Vicar (from November 2020)

The Revd Steven Lissenden Assistant Curate (from September 2019)

Elected and Co-opted Members

Seye Abiodun, churchwarden

Valerie Bryan, churchwarden (till October 2020)

Angela Wagstaff (from October 2020)

Richard Feldwick, churchwarden

Andrew Morl, churchwarden

Alan Jones, churchwarden

Lisa Griffiths, churchwarden

Yvonne Branson, deanery synod representative and PCC Treasurer

Margaret Maguire, deanery synod representative and Electoral Roll Officer (from February 2019)

Marjorie Stanford, deanery synod representative

Diana Taylor, deanery synod representative (till October 2020)

Emma Doe, deanery synod representative (till October 2020), LLM from October 2020

Pat Watson, deanery synod representative (till October 2020)

Steven Lissenden (till September 2019)

Michael Gibson

Pam Petts, vice-chair of PCC

John Skinner

Michael Tricker, LLM from October 2020

Robert Peall, PCC Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer (till January 2020)

Marina Bailey Safeguarding Officer, Acting PCC Secretary (from Jan 2020)

Wickford & Runwell Team Ministry

**Annual Report
and
Consolidated Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council**

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Incumbent:

**Rev'd Jane Richards
Area Dean
St Andrew & Holy Cross
The Fremnells
Basildon**

Parish Office:

**St Andrew's Church
London Road
Wickford
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Wickford
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Registered Charity number 1128199

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WICKFORD & RUNWELL TEAM MINISTRY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2019 £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	34,708.31		34,708.31	36,281.99
Collections & other giving	3,121.76		3,121.76	9,199.03
Income Tax Recovered	12,464.94	545.00	13,009.94	9,053.86
Other Voluntary Income				
General Donations	8,682.36	52.00	8,734.36	16,770.30
Grants	1,750.00	29,912.00	31,662.00	7,852.00
Activities for Generating Funds				
Fetes, Bazaars & other fund raising	519.50		519.50	7,255.71
100 Club	323.00		323.00	864.00
Parish Magazine / Other			0.00	172.70
Income from church activities				
Parochial fees	11,617.00		11,617.00	16,825.00
Church hall rents	14,933.75		14,933.75	19,919.93
Other rents			0.00	0.00
Income from Investments				
Bank Interest - General	4.71		4.71	8.91
Bank Interest - Restricted		9.95	9.95	19.21
Other incoming resources				
Charitable collections		647.00	647.00	517.00
Miscellaneous	374.80		374.80	1,038.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	88,500.13	31,165.95	119,666.08	125,777.64
Resources Used				
Other fund raising costs	79.92		79.92	136.03
Church Activities				
Organ, Choir etc	777.22		777.22	3,057.33
Building maintenance & Restoration	3,679.34	34,913.72	38,593.06	6,080.77
Heat, light & power	7,045.24		7,045.24	7,952.48
Insurance	4,476.45		4,476.45	5,642.48
Upkeep of Services	1,751.15		1,751.15	3,322.89
Parish Magazine			0.00	538.60
Church Hall running costs	4,365.07		4,365.07	7,785.04
Churchyard	5,255.00	800.00	6,055.00	6,210.00
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal	1,344.07		1,344.07	3,371.82
Water & Sewage Charges			0.00	389.68
Other Ordinary Parish Expenditure	634.15		634.15	1,800.62
PCC Quota Payments to Diocese				
Stationery&Photocopying	696.11		696.11	1,143.51
Parish Share	49,000.00		49,000.00	57,100.00
Team Expenses	7,115.60		7,115.60	9,438.51
Fees			0.00	207.00
Donations to Charities/Mission	200.00	551.96	751.96	3,658.72
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	86,419.32	36,265.68	122,685.00	117,835.48
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2,080.81	(5,099.73)	(3,018.92)	7,942.16
Funds brought forward 1 January 2020	201,724.07	14,940.62	216,664.69	208,722.53
Transfers	(400.00)	400.00	0.00	0.00
Prior Year Adjustment			0.00	0.00
Funds carried forward 31 December 2020	203,404.88	10,240.89	213,645.77	216,664.69

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WICKFORD & RUNWELL TEAM MINISTRY

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets					
St Catherines Hall			110,000.00		110,000.00
St Mary's Hall			76,000.00		76,000.00
Investments					
Total fixed assets			<u>186,000.00</u>		<u>186,000.00</u>
Current assets					
Stock					
Debtors					
Short term deposits		5,287.55		7,326.99	
Cash in hand					
Cash at bank		22,358.22		23,337.70	
Total Cash & Bank		<u>27,645.77</u>		<u>30,664.69</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Net current assets			<u>27,645.77</u>		<u>30,664.69</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>213,645.77</u>		<u>216,664.69</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u><u>213,645.77</u></u>		<u><u>216,664.69</u></u>
Funds					
Restricted funds			10,240.89		14,940.62
Unrestricted funds			203,404.88		201,724.07
	1		<u><u>213,645.77</u></u>		<u><u>216,664.69</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its behalf

Chairman

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WICKFORD & RUNWELL TEAM MINISTRY

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

NOTE 1

	Bal b/fwd 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers, other gains and losses	Bal c/fwd 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund					
PCC General fund	8,100.52	14,467.33	(56,811.71)	45,050.00	10,806.14
St Andrews DCC	312.29	21,061.97	(6,754.07)	(13,900.00)	720.19
St Andrews DCC CBF	728.53	3.10			731.63
St Catherines DCC	359.96	14,732.87	(4,667.05)	(9,350.00)	1,075.78
St Catherines Hall	2,429.00	4,925.72	(3,465.69)	(1,000.00)	2,889.03
St Catherines Hall Value	110,000.00				110,000.00
St Mary's DCC	1,735.31	23,489.50	(7,234.44)	(17,800.00)	190.37
St Mary's Hall	1,658.46	9,819.64	(7,486.36)	(3,000.00)	991.74
St Mary's Hall Value	76,000.00				76,000.00
St Mary's Vicarage	400.00			(400.00)	0.00
	201,724.07	88,500.13	(86,419.32)	(400.00)	203,404.88
Restricted Fund					
PCC Kenya Fund	219.82	196.00	(100.96)		314.86
St Andrews Fabric	4,041.03	32.00			4,073.03
St Andrews Charity Fund	0.00	71.00	(71.00)		0.00
St Catherine Charity Fund	0.00	380.00	(380.00)		0.00
St Catherine Organ	424.41	1.80			426.21
St Catherine Hearne	838.83	3.57			842.40
St Catherines Rectory	412.49	1.75			414.24
St Catherine Restoration	1,713.56	29,933.96	(30,603.72)		1,043.80
St Catherine Churchyard	855.11		(800.00)		55.11
St Catherine Church Music Fund	127.21				127.21
St Mary Organ	71.85	0.30			72.15
St Mary Restoration	134.31	0.57			134.88
St Mary Restoration in Current Acc	6,102.00	545.00	(4,310.00)	400.00	2,737.00
	14,940.62	31,165.95	(36,265.68)	400.00	10,240.89
Endowment Fund					
Fund 1	0				0.00
Fund 2	0				0.00
Fund 3	0.00			0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total funds	216,664.69	119,666.08	(122,685.00)	0.00	213,645.77

Independent Examiner's
Report to the trustees/
members of

Parochial Church Council of Wickford and Runwell Team Ministry Accounts

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1128199

Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations *from the trustees concerning any such matters*. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

C. P. Harmsworth

Date:

22-05-21

Name:

Carol Harmsworth

Relevant professional
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any):

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