

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

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Foreword from the Rectory

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Another year has gone by in something of a blur and, as ever, with many ups and downs. Perhaps the most significant events have been in the national church with the publication of the Makin report and the subsequent resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Given that we are led to believe that many others had knowledge of events and did little or nothing, it is likely that he will not be the last. It is worth noting that, both locally, in the parish and in the Diocese, we have a good and committed team, working together to protect the vulnerable, remembering that, sometimes, we ourselves are the vulnerable!

On a more cheerful note, the most important event in our parish was the appointment and arrival of Rev. Kara as a half-time, interim team vicar. Her energy and enthusiasm are both infectious and a joy to see. We look forward to her ministry bearing fruit in due time. We must never forget that the clergy can't do it all (even those of us who serve 'full-time'), it takes a community of faith to build and strengthen the church and we must all take our part. Remember St. Paul's words about the body (of Christ) having, needing, many members with differing gifts.

You may recall that the P.C.C. committed to paying the common fund in full in 2024, and, though it has not been easy, we did indeed pay the common fund in full for the first time since 'covid times'. Thank you all for your generosity!

Looking to the future, however uncertain and unstable the world may be, let us commit and re-commit each day, to holding fast to God in Christ, to live lives dedicated to our Love of God and of our neighbour as ourselves, and be bold and brave in proclaiming Christ, not only in our words: I once saw a poster in a colleagues study which read "lord make my words tender and sweet for tomorrow I may have to eat them", but also in deeds, which don't have to be huge or extravagant, just caring, loving, what the other person needs, remembering that a simple cup of water to the thirsty is noticed by Our Lord, and most decidedly by the parched. Don't forget that it is possible to be dry of soul too, and we can help and support one another in this, and all else too.

We may not think that we are many in number, nor particularly skilled or gifted, or have vast resources, but Jesus started with 12 friends, a mixed bag of very ordinary people, and look what was achieved by them. Never lose hope or faith.

With love, prayers and every blessing.

Fr. Robert Sellers

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Public Benefit Statement

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our Parish community of Withycombe Raleigh with Exmouth. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the Parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our Parish.

When planning our activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Our Lord Jesus Christ
- Provision of Pastoral for people living in the Parish
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the three Churches, St John the Evangelist, All Saints' and St John in the Wilderness, and the two church halls.

Worship and Prayer

The Parochial Church Council of Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, is anxious to offer a range of regular church services across our three churches, not only on Sundays, but also during the week, that our wider community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For those who prefer a more traditional service we maintain both an 8 am Sunday morning Eucharist and Evensong, and one weekday Eucharist at each of the churches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. St. John in the Wilderness Church has a welcoming and approachable 'all age Eucharist' each Sunday, and the other two churches have a 'family friendly' Eucharist (Mass at All Saints) on the first Sunday of each month. We continue to hold special services at major festivals throughout the year. Schools and other organization hold carol services each Christmas as well as other special services and events during the year.

At present there are 263 parishioners on the Electoral Roll (St John the Evangelist 88, St John in the Wilderness 122 and All Saints 53), compared with a total of 269 in the previous year. Several names were added or removed during the year either because of death or moving away or into the area. The average Sunday attendance across the three churches on Sunday's was St John the Evangelist 55, St John in the Wilderness 58 and All Saints 36. As would be expected, this number increases somewhat at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Across the parish there have been, St John the Evangelist – 3 baptisms, 15 funerals plus 3 burials of ashes and 3 weddings. All Saints – 0 baptisms, 0 weddings and 5 funerals and St John in the Wilderness 3 baptisms 4 weddings and 29 funerals.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. Communion is taken to those who wish to receive it in their own homes, and others are visited or contacted by friends from the congregation.

As well as engagement with the local community in inviting those around us to services in church they are also invited and welcomed to social events, concerts and other events that take place in the churches.

Churchwardens' Annual Report for 2024

The Churchwardens are pleased to report the following.

Aim and Purpose

Withycombe Raleigh Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rector, Fr Robert Sellers, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As well as the three churches in the Parish: St John the Evangelist Parish Church, All Saints Church and St John in the Wilderness Church themselves. The PCC is also responsible for maintaining the two Church halls at St John the Evangelist and All Saints, Exmouth.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Team Ministry of the Parish and Mission Community was formed within the historic Parish boundaries and over time has proved to be its strength as it continues to develop further pastoral care and outreach within the Parish and wider community. Each church manages its day to day affairs through its own General Purposes Committee, reporting regularly to the Parochial Church Council which has overall responsibility for the management of the whole Parish. To ensure that information is disseminated to each of the three GPC's plus the PCC the PCC Secretary ensures copies of all minutes are circulated to each group.

Withycombe Raleigh PCC has responsibility for the three churches in the Parish and are situated as follows:

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Withycombe Village Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 3AE.

All Saints', Exeter Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 1RZ

St John in the Wilderness, St Johns Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 5EG

The 3 churches are in the Aylesbeare Deanery in the Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Parish Church Hall, Withycombe Village Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 3AE. Website: www.withycombe.org. Telephone 01395 272239.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022 statement) (Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission, if appropriate).

Membership

PCC members who have served from the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 21st April 2024 until the date this report was approved were:

Rector:	Fr Robert Sellers (ex-officio)	Chair
Incumbent:	Rev. Kara Maylor (ex-officio) (from August 2024)	Interim Team Vicar
Churchwardens:	Mrs. Penny Stranack, Mr Paul Walker and Mr Alan Whipps.	
Parish Treasurer:	Mrs Diana Gale-Hasleham	
Safeguarding Representative:	Mrs Penny Stranack.	
Deanery Synod:	Mr Patrick Brooks, Dr Roger Kain, Mr Alan Whipps (from June 2024) and Mrs Joy Whipps.	
Elected Members:	Mrs Margaret Carter, Mrs Vivien Duval-Steer, Mrs Lynne Foster, Mrs Margaret Ide, Mrs Maureen Jackman, Mrs Mary Latham, Mrs Wendy McGuire, Mrs Karen Minty, Mrs Lynne Pearcey, Mrs Nikki Sweatman, Mr Keith Wadlan.	
Co-opted:	Ms Jane Harvey (Churchyard Administrator)	
St John the Evangelist	Mrs Mary Latham (Deputy Churchwarden), Mr Alan Whipps (Deputy Churchwarden) Mrs Lynne Foster, Mrs Nikki Sweatman and Mrs Joy Whipps (Deanery Synod).	

St John in the Wilderness

Mrs Wendy McGuire (Deputy Churchwarden), Mr Paul Walker, (Deputy Churchwarden)
Mr Patrick Brooks (Deanery Synod & StJW GPC Treasurer), Mrs Margaret Ide,
Mrs Maureen Jackman.

All Saints

Mrs Margaret Carter, Mrs Vivien Duval-Steer, Dr Roger Kain, Mrs Karen Minty,
Mrs Lynne Pearcey (Deputy Churchwarden), Mr Keith Wadlan (AS GPC Treasurer).

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The total membership of the Electoral Roll in 2023 was 269 made up as follows:-

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist	89
All Saints'	55
St John in the Wilderness	125

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 in that it has due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. (This means positive consideration is given to safer recruitment practice and the possibility that activities within the church community may have safeguarding implications).

Achievements

The work of the Parish has continued to flourish and it has been a busy year both in faith and within our social and fundraising activities. It has been wonderful to see the expansion of the "Open the Book" outreach program in our local primary schools and in time this should support further growth of our congregations.

Fr Robert has worked tirelessly for our Parish and church families. We want to thank him for all he has done throughout 2024. As in previous years, Fr Robert has been well supported by our retired clergy to ensure a varied and regular pattern of worship is available across the Parish. We are blessed to have the help of a wide team of retired clergy: Fr David Arnott, Fr Ian Blyde, Fr Robert Charles, Rev Judy Day, and Fr John Sweatman. Thank you for all you have done.

1st August marked an important milestone with the licensing of Rev Kara Maylor as Interim Team Vicar and the whole Parish welcomed her and her family with the Bishop of Crediton leading the service. We look forward to Kara being fully integrated into the Parish as she makes the Vicarage in Diane Close her home.

The Parish continues to work with the Coastal Churches Mission Community seeking areas of collaboration and cooperation within the local community. Excitingly, a programme of integrated working with local primary schools is being developed in 2025.

As we continue to emerge from the shadow of the Covid pandemic and the negative impact of inflation, we rely on a number of people who make sure the Parish works as well as possible. Thank you to all those who serve on various committees, organise the many events, and ensure effective communication across the Parish.

Penny Stranack, Paul Walker & Alan Whipps – Churchwardens

Churchyard Report

The Churchyard has again been well maintained by our Sexton, Allan Pring and also with some help from the Community Payback Team. They have assisted in rebuilding walls, clearing away shrubbery, uncovering flat headstones and much more. This much appreciated work will hopefully continue into 2025 as there is still some substantial work to do, which Allan would have found hard on his own.

Fees were unfortunately down this year by just over £2,000 but cash received through the Gate box was up by £23 and we were able to sell logs from our felled Ash Trees for £220. We also received a £52,000 donation left in a will to be used in maintaining the churchyard and a grant of £2,389 from East Devon District Council. Our Common Fund request was paid in full.

In December a full survey of the trees was carried out as some of the Yews appeared to be dying. We have been advised they need to be coppiced which will make quite a dramatic change to the churchyard, but they will hopefully then re-grow. We will aim to get this work carried out in the Spring.

Jane Harvey - Churchyard Administrator

Aylesbeare Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met three times in 2024. At its first meeting on 21 February in Exton Village Hall, our guest speaker was Neil Williams, Diocesan Director of Finance. He had been invited to respond to some of the issues on Church of England finances raised by the guest speaker at the previous synod from the national organisation Save the Parish, (Sir James Burnell-Nugent). As ever, Neil was informative, cheerful, and courteous in answering questions. He said he would look into adding an extra line to the Deanery accounts to show how much each parish paid to the Diocese in fees for weddings, funerals and churchyards. One new and welcome addition to the Synod agenda was a sharing of 'good news' from the Deanery. As Patrick Brooks commented in *Contact*, 'it made a joyful and refreshing change to talk about positive things'. From our parish we shared that we were delighted to have made an appointment for our half time post (though we were not able to name Kara at the time) as well as that our 'Open the Book' group is going from strength to strength. Other parishes had news about successful children's activities, appointment of children's workers and similar projects.

Synod held its open Deanery Eucharist on the evening of Tuesday 18 June 2024, this year combined with the annual Visitation by the Archdeacon of Exeter. In addition to the usual admission of Churchwardens to their office, we had the licensing of Steve Jones as Rural Dean. It was good to see so many people present on such a joyful occasion.

The final meeting of the year was on Wednesday 6th November. Our guest speaker, Rev. Canon Professor Morwenna Ludlow spoke on the workings of General Synod and discussed the processes around, and future possibilities of, Living in Love and Faith. One outcome is a collection of prayers for those who seek a blessing on same-sex relationships.

At each of the February and November meetings Synod received a financial report from the Deanery Treasurer, Mr Vivian Eddy, and on Diocesan Synod matters from Paul Stock, Deanery Lay Chair.

Roger Kain – (with acknowledgement to Withycombe Raleigh newsletter, *Contact*)

Promoting a Safe and Healthy Church Culture - Safeguarding Report

The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to comply with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). This means positive consideration is given to safer recruitment practice and the possibility that activities within the church community may have safeguarding implications).

In the course of 2024, after many years of sterling work in the important and wide-ranging work of Safeguarding Representative for the Parish, Mandy Longbottom stepped down from this demanding role.

Following discussions, Fr Robert and the Churchwardens identified three different areas of responsibility within the Safeguarding role which could be undertaken by different people, with the Parish Safeguarding Representative having overall responsibility.

These Roles are:

1] The DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Verifier, Evidence checker, enables the DBS checking of volunteers as part of the safer recruitment process. Nikki Sweatman agreed to take on this role.

2] The Training Coordinator keeps volunteers up to date with safeguarding training and maintains records of training completed and that which is due for renewal. Margaret Ide has agreed to take on this role.

3] The Safer Recruitment Coordinator leads the safer recruitment policy and ensures the safe storage of all relevant data and records. Margaret Carter has agreed to take on this role.

The Parish Safeguarding Group is now made up of these three, together with Fr Robert Sellers and Parish Safeguarding Representative, Penny Stranack, plus a representative from each Church: All Saints, Lynne Pearcey; St John the Evangelist, Mary Latham; St John in the Wilderness, Robert Gale-Hasleham.

The Group looked at the Parish Safeguarding Policies that the PCC is required to review and will be bringing these to the new PCC for discussion and updating where necessary. The Group also reviewed the training modules that are required for different roles and responsibilities and those who needed to update their training have been reminded of the necessity and importance of completing this training. 10 more people successfully completed their modules. There have also been 14 DBS checks completed, of these 11 were renewals, 3 new ones, with one more in progress. 3 new volunteers have been helped through the Safer Recruitment process.

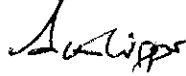
We are ever mindful of the need to keep safeguarding high on our agenda for the PCC and the Parish as a whole. If anyone ever has concerns for themselves or for others please do not hesitate to talk to one of the team.
Penny Stranack

Approved by the PCC on the 10th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Penny Stranack
Churchwarden

Paul Walker
Churchwarden

Alan Whipps
Churchwarden



Volunteer Statement

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant communities they are. We want to mention our churchwardens Mrs Penny Stranack, Mr Paul Walker and Mr Alan Whipps who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf.

Financial Review

Total funds across all bank, share, and investment accounts were £390,797, made up of unrestricted funds of £245,403, designated funds of £95,009; and endowment funds of £50,385. Investment accounts (share, endowment, and deposit) are held with the Diocesan Central Board of Finance (CBF) Church of England Funds, and deposit accounts are also held with HSBC and The Cambridge & Counties Bank. The PCC is also a custodian for £384 in Santander shares.

£162,979 was received in Voluntary Income, which included £15,307 from Gift Aid and three legacies totaling £64,847 (£2,500 to St John in the Wilderness, £52,347 to The Churchyard and £10,000 to All Saints').

Planned giving fell by 0.2%. Although a small decline, it is a very positive outcome considering that the cost-of-living crisis continues to hit pockets hard. We persist in encouraging donors to move to regular standing orders as this provides a steadier flow of income that allows us to better plan and budget cash flow and reduce the need for cash handling. The introduction of card machines into our churches has seen very positive results.

Activities for generating funds such as Church Hall lettings was £31,306, representing a slight fall on the previous year, Fundraising was £15,999 (£12,732 in 2023). Each of the three churches had full social and fundraising programmes that included various events for all ages, with coffee mornings remaining the bedrock fundraiser. Activity workshops held in Lent and Advent are very popular with children and are well attended.

The Churchyard generated income of £28,785 and fees of £16,311. Income reflects the fall in burials and a rise in interment of ashes. The grant from East Devon District Council (EDDC) for the upkeep of the Churchyard was £2,389 (£4,218 in 2023). The justification for this reduction is currently being investigated with EDDC.

The Common Fund Request 2024 was £108,899. This was paid in full by the end of December 2024 using income generated in the year. No drawdown from reserves was needed to meet this payment. This has sent a strong message of a return to financial stability since lockdown. It is always going to be a hard challenge to balance the books and be financially sustainable and we know that we cannot be complacent. In working towards sustainability, the PCC actively promotes accountability, responsible stewardship, openness, and adherence to biblical financial teachings.

Global gas and electricity price volatility continue to significantly impact utility bills. All three churches are currently locked into tariffs that offered the best value at the time of signing up.

Maintenance costs across the three churches and two church halls were £12,948. (£35,654 in 2023). The PCC is very aware that our buildings require maintenance on an ongoing basis and the Trustees are very mindful that they need to be prepared for frequent, possibly sizable bills in the future.

Finally, we would like to thank our treasurers and administrators who look after every aspect of the finances for our churches, halls, and the Churchyard. Their help and expertise in promoting good stewardship and best practice in finance administration have been invaluable.

Diana Gale-Hasleham

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH

I report to the trustees on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Withycombe Raleigh for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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(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 Commission 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 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 project 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 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.

J E D Rippon FCCA
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted Income Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	3.						
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary Income		162502		-	-	162502	109165
Activities for generating funds		49705	4077	-	-	53782	50739
Investment income		8971	1576	-	-	10547	7497
Income resources from charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income resources		<u>82821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82821</u>	<u>94181</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>£303999</u>	<u>£5653</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£309652</u>	<u>£261582</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED	4.						
Costs of generating funds							
Costs of generating voluntary income		233032	-	-	-	233032	240282
Fundraising trading costs		16970	-	-	-	16970	22302
Investment Management Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		2459	-	-	-	2459	1273
Governance costs		2940	-	-	-	2940	2910
Other Resources Expended		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>£255401</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£255401</u>	<u>£266767</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		48598	5653	-	-	54251	(5185)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(44311)</u>	<u>45970</u>	-	<u>(1659)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		4287	51623	-	(1659)	54251	(5185)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		57612	-	-	-	57612	187016
Gains and losses on investment assets		<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2726</u>	<u>2768</u>	<u>8329</u>
Net movement in funds		61941	51623	-	1067	114631	190160
Total funds brought forward		<u>1902853</u>	<u>43387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49318</u>	<u>1995558</u>	<u>1805398</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>£1964794</u>	<u>£95010</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£50385</u>	<u>£2110189</u>	<u>£1995558</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted Income Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible Assets	7.	1720818				1720818	1663206
Investments	8.	<u>195922</u>	<u>95010</u>		<u>50385</u>	<u>341317</u>	<u>270955</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>£1916740</u>	<u>£95010</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£50385</u>	<u>£2062135</u>	<u>£1934161</u>
CURRENT ASSETS							
Stock and work in progress		-	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	9.	1483				1483	2003
Short Term Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>49481</u>	-	-	-	<u>49481</u>	<u>62274</u>
Total current assets		<u>50964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50964</u>	<u>64277</u>
CREDITORS							
Amounts falling due within one year	10.	<u>2910</u>				<u>2910</u>	<u>2880</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>48054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48054</u>	<u>61397</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		1964794	95010	-	50385	2110189	1995558
CREDITORS							
Amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		<u>£1964794</u>	<u>£95010</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£50385</u>	<u>£2110189</u>	<u>£1995558</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY							
Unrestricted Funds		1964794				1964794	1902852
Designated income funds			95010	-		95010	43388
Endowment funds					<u>50385</u>	<u>50385</u>	<u>49318</u>
Total Funds		<u>£1964794</u>	<u>£95010</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£50385</u>	<u>£2110189</u>	<u>£1995558</u>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all of the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 FR. ROBERT SEWELL

Date

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WITHEYCOMBE RALEIGH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Basis of Preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic costs (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- * Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- * and with Accounting Standards;
- * and with Charities Act 1993.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years

2. Accounting Policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

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Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specific service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

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3. Analysis of incoming resources

	Note	General £	Unrestricted Designated £	Restricted Income Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Voluntary income							
Planned Giving and Tax Recoverable		76682	-	-	-	76682	76795
Collections at Services		11209	-	-	-	11209	15015
Gift Days and Sundry Donations		9644	-	-	-	9644	9822
Grants		-	-	-	-	-	6830
Legacies		64847	-	-	-	64847	500
Other		<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>203</u>
		<u>£162502</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£162502</u>	<u>£109165</u>
Activities for generating funds							
Church Hall lettings		31306				31306	33098
Fundraising		15999				15999	12732
Other		<u>2400</u>	<u>4077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6477</u>	<u>4909</u>
		<u>£49705</u>	<u>£4077</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£53782</u>	<u>£50739</u>
Investment income							
Dividends and interest		<u>£8971</u>	<u>£1576</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£10547</u>	<u>£7497</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities							
Charity Fayre		<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Other incoming resources							
Parish Magazine		3074	-	-	-	3074	3621
Fees		27482	-	-	-	27482	33472
Churchyard		28785	-	-	-	28785	31192
Parochial		16311	-	-	-	16311	15651
Youth Club Income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Worker Grant		-	-	-	-	-	-
All Saints Institute		4000	-	-	-	4000	6000
East Devon District Council Grant		2389	-	-	-	2389	4218
Other		<u>780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>27</u>
		<u>£82821</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£82821</u>	<u>£94181</u>

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4. Analysis of resources expended

	Note	General £	Unrestricted Designated £	Restricted Income Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Costs of generating voluntary income							
Magazine costs		3270	-	-	-	3270	2959
Diocesan common fund		108899	-	-	-	108899	92500
Clergy expenses		3514	-	-	-	3514	2822
Retired Clergy Honoraria		-	-	-	-	-	600
Church running and maintenance		55375	-	-	-	55375	82069
Upkeep of services		3746	-	-	-	3746	5674
Upkeep of churchyard		32600	-	-	-	32600	33581
Wages, salaries and honoraria		11252	-	-	-	11252	10622
Youth Worker's Salary		-	-	-	-	-	-
Christian Agencies		614	-	-	-	614	927
Assets purchased		-	-	-	-	-	1257
New Building work		-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Repairs		1925	-	-	-	1925	-
Support Costs		3277	-	-	-	3277	1763
Administration		6120	-	-	-	6120	4063
Lottery Expenses		2440	-	-	-	2440	1445
		<u>£233032</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£233032</u>	<u>£240282</u>
Fund raising trading							
Church hall running and maintenance		16689	-	-	-	16689	21987
Fund raising costs		281	-	-	-	281	315
		<u>£16970</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£16970</u>	<u>£22302</u>
Charitable activities							
Donations		<u>£2459</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£2459</u>	<u>£1273</u>
Governance costs							
Independent Examiners fee		<u>£2940</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£2940</u>	<u>£2910</u>

5. Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Trustee expenses

Number of trustees who were paid expenses None None

5.2 Fees for examination or audit of accounts £2940 £2910

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6. Paid Employees	2024	2023
6.1 Staff Costs	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	-	-
Employer's national insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

Charitable activities	-	-
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7. Tangible Fixed Assets

7.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures fittings and equipment £	Total £
Balance brought forward	1555305	107901	1663206
Additions	-	-	-
Revaluation	50242	7370	57612
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>£1605547</u>	<u>£115271</u>	<u>£1720818</u>

7.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Balance brought forward	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

7.3 Net book value

Brought forward	<u>£1555305</u>	<u>£107901</u>	<u>£1663206</u>
Carried forward	<u>£1605547</u>	<u>£115271</u>	<u>£1720818</u>

7.4 Revaluation

Fixed assets have been revalued in accordance with a valuation provided by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

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8. Investment Assets

8.1 Fixed assets investments

£

Carrying value at beginning of year	270955
Add: additions to investments at cost	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-
Add: profit/(loss) on revaluation	<u>70362</u>
Carrying value at end of year	<u>£341317</u>

8.2 Analysis of investments

Market value
at year end
£

Income for
the year
£

Parish Church		
CBF Deposit Account - Organ Fund	63	2
CBF Deposit Account - Fabric Fund	57	2
CBF Deposit Account - Choir Fund	465	18
CBF Deposit Account - Vestments Fund	151	6
CBF Deposit Account - 150 th Year Fund	-	-
100 Group Santander shares	384	42
Parish Church Hall		
Deposit Account	14545	190
All Saints Church		
CBF Deposit Account - General Fund	170	8
CBF Deposit Account - Sheppard Bequest	5136	342
14684 CBF Income Shares	-	-
CBF Fabric Fund	9647	241
Cambridge & Counties Bank	2	-
Cambridge & Counties Bank - 1 Year FRB	-	-
St John in the Wilderness Church	258	9
CBF Deposit Account - General Fund	8818	332
CBF Deposit Account - Capital Projects Fund	12151	458
CBF Deposit Account - Organ Fund	23680	892
CBF Deposit Account - Maintenance Contingency Fund	5036	190
CBF Growth Fund	2238	84
CBF Training Fund	276	10
Cambridge & Counties Bank	59646	2576
Lottery Account	893	-
Churchyard		
Churchyard Fund	12528	110
1512 CBF Investment fund units	16928	430
CBF Deposit Account	4984	-
CBF Deposit Account	10655	1716
1474 M&G Charifund income units	28473	637
Withycombe Raleigh PCC		
CBF Income Shares	74133	1659
General Management		
Deposit Account	50000	-
	<u>£341317</u>	<u>£9954</u>

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9. Debtors and Prepayments
Analysis of Debtors

	This Year £	Amounts falling due within one year Last Year £
Other Debtors	<u>£1483</u>	<u>£2003</u>

10. Creditors and Accruals
Analysis of Creditors

	This Year £	Amounts falling due within one year Last Year £
Other Creditors	<u>£2910</u>	<u>£2880</u>

11. Endowment and Restricted Funds

11.1 Funds Held

Fund Name	Type	Purpose and Restriction
Parish Church		
Organ Fund	Restricted	To provide for the upkeep of the Church Organ
Fabric Fund	Restricted	To provide for the upkeep of the Church Fabric
Choir Fund	Restricted	To provide for the benefit of the Church Choir
Vestments Fund	Restricted	To provide for the upkeep of the Church Vestments
150 th Year Fund	Restricted	To provide for celebrations to mark the 150 th anniversary of the Church
All Saints Church		
Miss E Hays Legacy	Permanent Endowment	For the general benefit of the Church
Miss M F Ramsden-Wood Legacy	Permanent Endowment	For the general benefit of the Church
Miss S F Pollard Legacy	Permanent Endowment	For the general benefit of the Church
PCC Monies	Permanent Endowment	For the general benefit of the Church
St John in the Wilderness		
Capital Projects Fund	Restricted	To provide for future capital projects
Organ Fund	Restricted	To provide for the upkeep of the Church Organ
Maintenance Contingency Fund	Restricted	To provide for future maintenance
Churchyard		
Daisy Louisa Pook Bequest	Permanent Endowment	For the upkeep of the Churchyard

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11.2 Movement of Major Funds

Fund Names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and Losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Parish Church						
Organ Fund	61	-	-	-	2	63
Fabric Fund	55	-	-	-	2	57
Choir Fund	447	-	-	-	18	465
Vestments Fund	145	-	-	-	6	151
150 th Year Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churchyard Fund	7418	-	-	5000	110	12528
St John in the Wilderness						
Capital Projects Fund	11694	-	-	-	458	12152
Organ Fund	22788	-	-	-	892	23680
Maintenance Contingency Fund	4846	-	-	-	190	5036
Churchyard						
Daisy Louisa Pook Bequest	49318	-	-	-	1067	50385
Withycombe Raleigh PCC						
CBF Income Shares	<u>72473</u>	-	-	-	<u>1659</u>	<u>74132</u>
	<u>£169245</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£5000</u>	<u>£4404</u>	<u>£178649</u>

12. Other Information

During the year the Charity administered the collection and payment of £9,346 of EDBF fees. This is not reflected in the accounts as the funds never belonged to the Charity.

13. Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that the accounts allow for the agreed Reserves Policy of £75,000. It is considered that such reserves would allow for the financial stability and the continuance of our principal activities and responsibilities as a charity.

The reserve is held to ensure that during the accounting period, in the case of any unforeseen occurrences across the Parish, at least three months operating costs will be available to provide financial support to any of our Parish churches (St John the Evangelist, All Saints and St John in the Wilderness); the Churchyard and our two church halls located at St John the Evangelist Church and All Saints' Church.

Fr Robert Sellers, Rector, and the Parish Treasurer will keep this level of funds under annual review on behalf of the Parochial Church Council.