

St James Church, Anston

Annual Report and Financial Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2024

ST JAMES CHURCH, ANSTON (Charity No: 1129033)

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council For the year ended 31st December 2024

Administrative information

St. James Church is situated in South Anston. We are part of the Diocese of Sheffield. The correspondence address is 17 Lindale Close, North Anston, Sheffield, S25 4FD.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity which is registered with the Charity Commission.

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

Incumbent: We are currently in interregnum but look forward to the arrival of Kirsty Massey in the summer to be our oversight minister for this parish and those of Woodsetts, Letwell and Firbeck.

Assistant Priest: Revd Barbara Cushing

Wardens: Pat Bradey
Ron Cushing (appointed 17 April 2024)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod
Pat Bradey
Mira Robinson (appointed 17 April 2024)

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod
Pat Bradey

Elected members:
Peter Howard - Hon. Treasurer
Sue Harpham – Hon. Secretary
Hazel Coates (resigned 17 April 2024)
David Little
Bill Lowe (appointed 17 April 2024)
Kathy Nunnington (resigned 17 April 2024)
Phil Kirkwood (appointed 17 April 2024)
Mira Robinson
Kerry Sweet
Julie Tedder
Anne Wildgoose

Ex-officio members: Chris Hall

Structure, governance and management

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

Objectives and activities

St James' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent/assistant priest in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church itself in South Anston and the Church Hall in North Anston.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

There are 92 parishioners on the electoral roll as at the date of this report. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 45.

Review of the year 2024

The full PCC met on 7 occasions during the period.

We have rich and varied services from traditional Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion through to Family Holy Communion Services and evening services. In addition, there is a monthly Brunch service which is very informal and is ideal for those who have little or no experience of church. We also hold a popular Memorial service, a busy Remembrance Day service for our uniformed groups and have occasional extra Prayer and Praise services. Baptism services take place after our Sunday services and we had several weddings during the year. We are continuing the distribution of a regular newsletter, which goes out to members of the congregation, either by email or hand delivery. The church is also open on occasions for people to drop off items for the foodbank. A major event during the year was St James Patronal Festival, celebrating the Church's 850 anniversary.

We are currently in interregnum but are much looking forward to welcoming Kirsty Massey in the summer to be our oversight minister to lead this parish, together with those of Woodsetts, Letwell and Firbeck. Our Ministry Team has a breadth of experience and includes a part time SSM licensed Assistant Priest and two Lay Readers. We also have two Pastoral Workers who exercise varied roles. In addition, we have three trained and licensed Worship Leaders, two Godly Play Practitioners, and Tracey Winfrow, our Children and Young Families Worker who runs a Wednesday morning Toddler group at the Church Hall. We are committed to supporting those who wish to train and to enabling all of our congregation to grow and exercise their gifts.

The Natter Cafe is normally held every week in The Church Hall and is an integral part of our outreach to the community, attracting the recently bereaved and the elderly, alongside church members. It serves simple drinks and food in relaxed surroundings supported by a team of volunteers. As the community has grown together, Advent and Lent courses have been run which has been very popular with lots of people staying after the Café. Alongside the Café, a group of men, typically husbands of Café attendees have been meeting to do jobs around the church hall. This has even developed into a termly social men's dinner where these men and others from the church gather for a meal.

We are continuing to build our links with our neighbouring parishes so we can work together to grow mission across our deanery via our "Mission Partnership". We have quarterly joint services as a Mission Partnership and we hope to develop these links, particularly with those churches we will combine with as part of our team ministry group.

Further afield, we offer ongoing support to several Charities: Bluebell Wood Hospice, Rothacs and Charis; we value the work of Mel Welch and Mandy Hunter in Mozambique and Ethiopia, supporting them both financially and prayerfully. We also contribute to The Dinnington Food Bank, organized by The Salvation Army and we collected for them at our Harvest service.

There is much to give thanks for in the life of our church, though we need to keep praying. As we move forward we have opportunities to find out where God is at work and join in, and we are reminded we are called as the Body of Christ to work together, entrusting our church to God for a new and exciting future.

Financial Review

Income has fallen by £10,000 as our investments have realised a lower surplus and Parochial fees were lower. Last year we received a couple of Diocesan grants towards higher energy costs but this has effectively been replaced by a legacy receipt this year. Congregational income has also been slightly lower.

Expenditure has been consistent with last year. Fabric costs have risen, mainly made up of Stonework and Handrail repairs. However, Tracey's Children's work costs have fallen following the decision to reduce her hours.

The net result has been a net increase across all the fund categories of £5,000.

Moving forward, the PCC decided to retain our Common Fund contribution for 2025 at £29,000.

Despite a reasonable surplus on all our funds, we continue to face tough times financially as a church, especially as we have numerous capital projects in the pipeline but God has been generous to us, for which we have to be very thankful. However, we must ensure that we keep a tight rein on all finances.

Reserves policy

It is our policy to retain in the General Fund reserve, contained within Unrestricted Funds, a sum to provide some cover in the event of a sudden loss of income or costly repair. With accumulated interest, the balance in this fund currently stands at £12,271.

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

Revd Barbara Cushing (Assistant Priest)



Mr Peter Howard (Hon. Treasurer)



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ending 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
						2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2(a)	37,858	2,145	4,483	0	44,486	44,784
Income from investments	2(b)	1,096	1,673	365	850	3,984	7,060
Church activities	2(c)	7,674	7,426	0	0	15,100	20,183
Other incoming resources	2(d)	1,017	757	0	0	1,774	3,129
TOTAL INCOME		47,645	12,001	4,848	850	65,344	75,156
EXPENDITURE							
Church activities	3(a)	42,746	8,346	8,633	0	59,725	58,226
Raising funds	3(b)	99	0	0	0	99	99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		42,845	8,346	8,633	0	59,824	58,325
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		4,800	3,655	(3,785)	850	5,520	16,831
Transfers between funds	4	-800	800	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4,000	4,455	(3,785)	850	5,520	16,831
Funds brought forward 1st January 2024	7-10	23,571	35,938	6,716	16,662	82,887	66,056
Funds carried forward 31st December 2024	7-10	27,571	40,393	2,931	17,512	88,407	82,887

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

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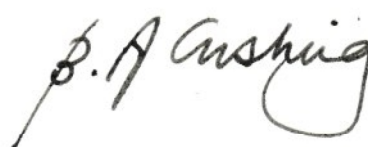
BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	2,244	1,872
Short term deposits		75,152	64,363
Cash at bank and in hand		13,648	17,177
		<u>91,044</u>	<u>83,412</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	2,637	525
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>88,407</u>	<u>82,887</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	7	27,571	23,571
Designated	8	40,393	35,938
Restricted	9	2,931	6,716
Endowment	10	17,512	16,662
		<u>88,407</u>	<u>82,887</u>

Mr Peter G Howard (Hon. Treasurer)



Rev'd Barbara Cushing (Assistant Priest)



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31st December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

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

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained, only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average basis.

Unrestricted Funds

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

Designated Funds

Designated funds are sums set aside out of general funds for specific designated purposes. They can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when due. Accounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the incumbent and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. All such assets are separately disclosed on the Balance Sheet.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2024 £	2023 £
2(a) Voluntary income						
Planned giving: Gift aid donations	22,118	315	785		23,218	24,517
Other	6,519				6,519	5,200
Collections	1,440				1,440	2,110
Gift Aid recoverable	7,009	75	188		7,272	8,062
Grants					0	4,450
Legacies		1,755	3,510		5,265	0
Donations, appeals etc.	772				772	445
	37,858	2,145	4,483	0	44,486	44,784
2(b) Income from investments						
Interest received and Investment fund income	1,096	1,673	365	850	3,984	7,060
2(c) Church activities						
Church Hall lettings		7,426			7,426	7,410
Parochial fees	7,674				7,674	12,773
	7,674	7,426	0	0	15,100	20,183
2(d) Other incoming resources						
Fund raising	497	485			982	1,332
Toddler receipts	520				520	715
Café income		272			272	846
Sundry other receipts					0	236
	1,017	757	0	0	1,774	3,129
Total income	47,645	12,001	4,848	850	65,344	75,156

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3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2024 £	2023 £
3(a) Church activities						
Missionary and charitable giving						
Overseas						
Charis Ministries - Mel & Mandy	600				600	600
Home						
CARE					0	0
ROTHACS	450				450	450
Bluebell Wood Hospice	450				450	450
Yorkshire Bellringers	3				3	3
	1,503	0	0	0	1,503	1,503
Ministry: Diocesan Common Fund contribution	29,000				29,000	29,000
Other ministry costs					0	222
Light, heat, insurance and water rates	7,023				7,023	6,266
Altar and service materials	1,036		283		1,319	831
Cleaning expenses	1,081				1,081	1,074
Boiler replacement					0	3,600
Boiler and heating repairs					0	555
Fire extinguisher service					0	42
Electrical repairs	210				210	0
Sound system repairs	250				250	105
Stonework repairs			5,893		5,893	0
Handrail repairs			1,800		1,800	0
Other maintenance costs	169				169	49
Architect's fees			627		627	0
Training , books and housegroup materials	50				50	378
Children and young peoples' ministry		1,664			1,664	4,024
Church Hall running costs		6,682			6,682	5,415
Church Hall roofing repairs					0	3,050
Printing, stationery and photocopying	940		30		970	968
Christian Copyright licence	645				645	613
Hardship payments					0	0
Sumup donation giving machines	357				357	155
Vacuum cleaner replacement	252				252	0
Independent examiner gift	160				160	155
Other miscellaneous expenses	70				70	221
	42,746	8,346	8,633	0	59,725	58,226
3(b) Raising funds						
Costs of gift envelopes	99				99	99
	99	0	0	0	99	99
Total expenditure	42,845	8,346	8,633	0	59,824	58,325

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4. Transfers between Funds

The following transfers have been made between funds:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £
General Fund to Childrens' and Families Worker Fund To fund Tracey Winfrow's work.	-800	800

5. Debtors

	2024	2023
Gift aid tax recoverable	1,561	1,668
Church Hall rent debtors	150	204
VAT refund receivable	533	0
	2,244	1,872

6. Liabilities

Amounts falling due within one year		
Diocesan Common Fund contribution	0	0
Accrual - electric and gas	693	415
Accrual - donation to independent examiner	160	155
Accrual - handrail repairs	1,800	0
Payments in advance	-16	-45
	2,637	525

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7. Funds (Unrestricted)

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
General fund	11,815	47,130	(42,845)	(800)	15,300
General reserve fund	11,756	515			12,271
	<u>23,571</u>	<u>47,645</u>	<u>(42,845)</u>	<u>(800)</u>	<u>27,571</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
General fund	7,715	52,499	(45,699)	(2,700)	11,815
General reserve fund	10,777	979			11,756
	<u>18,492</u>	<u>53,478</u>	<u>(45,699)</u>	<u>(2,700)</u>	<u>23,571</u>

Note

The General fund reserve was set up some years ago as a buffer against a sudden loss of income or unexpected expenditure.

8. Funds (Designated)

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
Church Hall fund	2,500	9,623	(6,682)		5,441
Fabric fund (Designated)	28,642	1,293			29,935
Outreach fund	2,527	111			2,638
Childrens' and Families Worker fund	21	875	(1,664)	800	32
Light and heat fund	2,248	99			2,347
	<u>35,938</u>	<u>12,001</u>	<u>(8,346)</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>40,393</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
Church Hall fund	1,865	9,100	(8,465)		2,500
Fabric fund (Designated)	25,343	3299			28,642
Outreach fund	2,317	210			2,527
Childrens' and Families Worker fund	87	1,258	(4,024)	2,700	21
Light and heat fund		2,248			2,248
	<u>29,612</u>	<u>16,115</u>	<u>(12,489)</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>35,938</u>

Notes

The Childrens' and Families Worker fund is being used to finance Tracey Winfrow's Children and Families work.

The Light and heat fund consists of a couple of grants received from the Diocese towards higher utility bills following the recent energy crisis.

Owing to fixed contract prices, we have not yet had to draw on these funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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9. Funds (Restricted)

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
Hardship fund	2,012	88			2,100
Fabric fund (Restricted)	3,894	4,731	(8,320)		305
Wrights Bellringers fund	447	20			467
Brunch Service fund	363	9	(313)		59
	<u>6,716</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>(8,633)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,931</u>

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
Hardship fund	1,839	173			2,012
Fabric fund (Restricted)	900	2,994			3,894
Wrights Bellringers fund	410	37			447
Brunch Service fund		500	(137)		363
	<u>3,149</u>	<u>3,704</u>	<u>(137)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,716</u>

Note

The Hardship Fund was created to provide assistance to needy families at the discretion of the vicar/PCC.

10. Funds (Endowment)

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
CBF re Church Hall	16,662	850			17,512
	<u>16,662</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,512</u>

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
CBF re Church Hall	14,803	1,859			16,662
	<u>14,803</u>	<u>1,859</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,662</u>

Note

This fund originates from the sale of the caretaker's cottage at the Church Hall many years ago.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

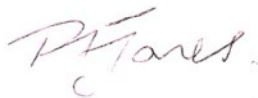
As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosure 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.

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 Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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)



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20 February 2025