

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**

**CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1129036**

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**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Charity Name:</b>	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Aughton, Lancashire
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1129036 (Registered 7th April 2009)
<b>Governing Instrument</b>	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is established under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended) and is a body corporate with perpetual succession.
<b>Church Information:</b>	Christ Church is situated in Aughton. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England.
<b>Incumbent:</b>	Revd. S O'Donoghue (Up to 03/11/2024) Christ Church Vicarage 22 Long Lane Aughton L39 5AT
<b>Bankers:</b>	Royal Bank of Scotland Customer Service Centre Drummond House 1 Redheughs Avenue Edinburgh EH12 9JN
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Mr P J Collins F.C.A. Collins & Co. Chartered Accountants Suite 13 Hattersley House 1 Hattersley Court Ormskirk Lancashire L39 2AY.
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**Aims & Objectives of the PCC**

Christ Church Aughton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for the maintenance of the Church, the Ministry Centre and the curate's house in Peet Avenue. Christ Church Aughton is a broad and welcoming church that seeks to provide a spiritual home for all who seek God in Jesus Christ.

We proclaim the Gospel of Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of churches. We worship the one true God, enjoy and share the fellowship of all our members and friends and aim to share Jesus with everyone beginning in our community

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Christ Church. Our key task is to 'share Jesus with everyone beginning in our community'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Growing and nurturing leaders
- Resourcing other churches

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of Christ Church and the Ministry Centre.

**Structure, governance and management**

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure. The PCC is registered as a charity with the charity commission under number 1129036.

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) has an important role in the governance and management of the church and its elected members are the representatives of the congregation.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Christ Church the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

PCC meetings are normally chaired by the Vicar. The Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Deanery Synod Representatives are ex-officio members. PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The maintenance, repair, insurance of the church buildings and contents, and the church grounds, are the responsibility of the PCC. Financial decisions are made jointly by the PCC and the Vicar. The PCC agreed a process for authorisation of expenditure for the Stewardship, Finance committees, Wardens and Vicar.

The full PCC normally meets every 2 months, with Sub Committee meetings alternate months. The Standing Committee meets before the PCC. The PCC receives regular reports from its Committees, Deanery Synod representatives, Ministry Team, Pastoral Care Team. Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda.

The full PCC met six times during the year with extraordinary meetings throughout the year. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each focussing on a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include, mission and outreach, fabric, finance, Ministry Centre are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Christ Church have 8 paid members of staff and have set up a PAYE payroll and have an Auto Enrolment Pension scheme.

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

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: Rev'd Sarah O'Donoghue (Chair) (Left 03/11/2024)

Curate: Jackie Davies (Left May 2024)

Associate Vicar: Rev'd Graham Rutter (from 03/11/2024)

Wardens to 08/04/24: Mrs Patricia Slater, Mr John Critchely (Deanery Synod rep)

Deputy Wardens to 08/04/24 then appointed Wardens: Mr Dennis Koogje, Mrs Carole Rankin.

Deputy Wardens from 08/04/24: Mr John Critchely (Deanery Synod rep), Mr David Sharples

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**Elected members**

Mr Jonathan Burke (PCC Secretary, Deanery Synod Rep) (2022-2025)

Mr David Cobbold (2022-2025)

Mr Jonathan Lock (Reader, Deanery Synod Rep) (2022-2025)

Mr Mark Patterson (Treasurer) (2019-2025)

Mr Peter Stewart (Deanery Synod Rep) (2022-2025)

Miss Jessica Harrison (2022 - 2025)

Mr Joe Johnson (co-opted annually)

Mrs Louise Kelly (2021-2024)

Mrs Jodie Taylor (2022 - 2025)

Mr Laurence Abernethy (2024 - 2027)

Day to day management and control of the church is exercised by the Incumbent and Wardens: The Rev Sarah O'Donoghue (to Nov 2024) , Wardens Mr John Critchley and Mrs Patricia Slater, are contactable via the Ministry Centre Office on 01695 424530.

**Sub-committees of the PCC**

The PCC operates through four sub-committees, which meet as required between full meetings of the PCC. Each sub-committee includes one or more co-opted members who serves by invitation of the relevant sub-committee chair (who must be an elected member of the PCC), in consultation with the vicar.

The principle of three year memberships also applies to co-opted members. PCC members receive regular instruction and advice on their roles as Trustees, on health and safety issues, risk assessment and management, and on child and vulnerable adult protection procedures, from the relevant PCC officers.

**Standing Committee**

Required by law, it transacts the business of the PCC between it's meetings, subject to any directions given by the full Council. Membership of the Standing Committee is the Vicar, the Churchwardens, Deputy Church Wardens, the Treasurer and the PCC Secretary.

**Stewardship Committee**

To assist the treasurer in all areas involving finance, including compliance with procedures, gift aid, administration, financial planning, budgeting, charitable giving and special appeals. The stewardship committee is also responsible for the personnel of paid employees and volunteers. Membership in 2024 was Mark Patterson (Chair), Jenny Ray (Secretary), Jane Archbold (co-opted), Dennis Koogje, John Appleton (co-opted), Stephen Marsh (co-opted), Sarah O'Donoghue (to Nov 24).

**Fabric Committee**

The fabric committee is responsible for the maintenance of the Church building, Ministry Centre and the Curates House. Membership for 2024 was Josh Johnson (Chair), Liz Mawdsley (Secretary), John Critchley, Jonathan Burke, John Shaw (co-opted) , Sarah O'Donoghue (to Nov 24)

**Ministry Team**

This committee includes members of the PCC and Ministry team. This committee is responsible for overseeing services, leading, preaching, young people and pastoral care. Membership for 2024 was Sarah O'Donoghue (Chair to Nov 24), Angela Mellor, Geoff Fallows, Graham Rutter, Jonathan Lock, Jane Lake, Jeff Shaw, Paul Livesley, Janet Roberts, Jackie Davies (to June 24).

**Ministry Centre Operations Committee**

To assist the Ministry Centre Administrator in the management of all the Ministry Centre activities including Café Vista and it's maintenance. Membership in 2024 was John Shaw (Chair), Gail Usher (to Oct 24), Lesley Birchall, Kath Elliott, Carole Rankin, Wendy Arthur, Sarah O'Donoghue (to Nov 24).

**The Electoral Roll**

At present there are 254 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 189 are resident in the parish, 65 are not resident within the parish, 91 male and 163 female.

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**Financial review**

Firstly, we'd like to emphasise that Mark couldn't fulfil the duties of the treasurer role without the help and support of a number of people including Jane Archbold (Finance Officer), Jen Ray (gift aid and GASDS), John and Janice Appleton (grant applications / giving envelopes), Stephen Marsh (Missions and Charities Officer), Edward McCarthy (Grant Specialist), Dennis Koogje, Chris Matthews and Paul Collins and Beth Stratford (Accountants), for which we are very grateful.

As with 2023, this year has been difficult financially with an average monthly deficit of around £1,500 requiring a few difficult decisions needing to be made. This deficit has been brought about by a continued high mortgage rate, high utility bills. This is against the backdrop of un-expected bill for the replacement of a new set of boilers in the church.

Although we have funds in our accounts, e.g. for the Youth Worker, these are legally Restricted and can only be spent on the areas for which they were given. This is to protect your giving and ensure that it is spent appropriately.

To mitigate the monthly shortfall in our finances, we were able to secure a Parish Share reduction of £1,500 per month for a six-month period whilst we sought to identify further costs reductions across the board. These included:

- Negotiating a reduction in our interest rate on the loan repayments for the Ministry Centre (We still have an outstanding loan of £162,000 which we are aiming to pay off over the next nine years).
- Reducing our utility bills through an independent broker.
- The installation of solar panels on the Ministry Centre, paid for by donations and a grant.
- The installation of radiant heating chandeliers in the church through a grant from Veolia Environmental
- Obtaining grants for the repair of stonework in the vestry and Church Tower.

Having implemented the above, we have started to repay our Parish Share Deficit and will continue to do so in 2025 when the Church's financial position improves.

**Achievements and performance**

This has been another eventful year in the life of Christ Church. We have much to thank God for. We continue to be active in many ways, both in our church buildings and in the community. We are fortunate to have lots of faithful volunteers who give their time, expertise, talents and money in the service of Christ. We need to say a big thank you to all of them for all they have done and continue to do.

In the last year some of our well-beloved members have gone to heaven, Rikki Abernethy, Doreen Horrocks, Jenny Rawcliffe, Mary Jones, Jeff Roberts, Eileen Arnold, Elsie Swift, Hazel Collier, Jean Brownlee and Betty Schofield to name just a few.

We have also said goodbye to our curate Jackie Davies, our administrator Gail Usher and our Vicar Sarah O'Donoghue, as well as losing Fiona and Jaime Craig and Louise Kelly, youth leaders, to other churches. The work, worship and witness of the church continues.

We are hopeful that in the coming year we will be able to appoint a full-time Youth Worker and a new Vicar. We have already appointed a new Administrator for the Ministry Centre.

We took a decision not to enter the Diocesan programme Fit for Mission, instead opting to work with other local churches in the Deanery who are of the same mind, using LYCIG as a tool to help us grow. Our church is doing well.

**Sunday Services and prayer**

We have continued with our regular pattern of services throughout the year.

9.00am: Holy Communion with a regular and growing congregation.

10.45am: Family service with slightly reduced numbers.

Special services for the great occasions.

All these services are made possible because we have a great number of people involved in cleaning, opening up the building, welcoming, leading, preaching, reading, intercessions, music and technology.

Our fellowship is loving, welcoming, generous and caring.

**Leadership team and Wardens**

The church was led by the Vicar Sarah O'Donoghue along with the PCC, the wardens, the ministry team and numerous group leaders for the various activities until her departure in November.

After Sarah's departure a few people have taken on extra responsibility to keep things running smoothly.

Peter Stewart has stepped in as chair of the PCC, Reverends Graham Rutter and Janet Roberts have managed more of the day-to-day ministry.

The wardens this year Dennis Koogje and Carole Rankin have taken on many of the legal responsibilities.

In general church members have just stepped up in their desire to help and cover all the many things that are needed in a large church like ours.

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**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**Leadership teams and wardens**

I personally want to thank all members of the PCC and Ministry team for their commitment and hard work in supporting the practical and spiritual life of Christ Church. Special thanks go to Graham, Jackie and Janet and members of the Ministry Team: Geoff Fallows, Jane Lake, Jonathan Lock, Paul Livesley, Angela Mellor and Jeff Shaw.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Helen Livesley and Karen Roberts for their roles in safeguarding our children, young people and vulnerable adults.

I would also like to thank our finance team for their hard work. In particular our PCC treasurer Mark Patterson for helping us all to understand the church accounts and ensuring that we save money on operational costs. Jane Archbold for her hard work along with Milly Casey and Jenny Ray. Special thanks also go to Stephen Marsh who took over from Steve Hilton as our Missions and Charities Officer.

Finally, I want to thank our churchwardens Patricia Slater and John Critchley and deputy wardens Carole Rankin and Dennis Koogje. They are a great support to me and work tirelessly to fulfil their roles as wardens and deputy wardens, often at unsociable hours and sacrificing family time. As Tricia and John step down as wardens I want to personally thank them for all their hard work and dedication to faithfully serving the Lord in this role.

**Deanery Synod**

Christchurch Aughton is part of the Ormskirk Deanery. The Ormskirk Deanery Synod met three times in 2024

**February 2024**

Acknowledge and affirm different Mission directions arising from the Fit for Mission Debate.

'Together Liverpool' and a project to map the social action work of our churches across the whole of Liverpool Diocese

**July 2024**

'Surf stage' Summer Christian festival – Parbold

'School pastors' – street safety for children at our high schools

**December 2024**

Approve Bishop's request to reduce the number of Arch deaconries

LYCIG sharing and update

'Faiths4Change' – progressing to a Net Zero church – we are registered.

Whilst previously representing Christ Church, Bill Casey was elected Deanery Secretary. He continues in that role as well as, now again, being one of our representatives.

**The Ministry Centre**

A big thank you to Gail and Diane and all the volunteer staff, who keep the Ministry Centre office going.

A special thank you to Leslie and all Café Vista gang for doing an excellent job every day and attracting new people to the Ministry Centre and to our two new caretakers, Martin and Garry who have been invaluable in helping in keep everything running smoothly.

Also, a big thank you all church members who take part in giving the Church and the Ministry Centre a thorough spring clean every year and our day cleaners who do an outstanding job every week.

**Reports from Church Groups and Activities**

**School links and partnerships**

A recent SIAMS report quote:

Leaders ensure that links between school and church are exceptionally strong.

The children visit church as part of the major festivals, an Easter experience, a harvest service, Christmas Carol concert and as part of the RE curriculum. They also hold their Y6 leavers service in church. The vicar leads one assembly a week.

Rev'd Sarah O'Donoghue continued to be a School Governor along with Mrs Tess Jutla (Foundation Governor) and Mr Neil Heyes (Chair of Governors).

**Bumps and Babes**

Over the past year Bumps and Babes has had 26 members who have attended weekly for the most part. We continue to meet every Monday apart from bank holidays and some of the summer weeks when older children may be off school. As parents have returned to work or their babies have attained the ripe old age of 1 year some have left the group and others 'graduated' to Toddlers (8 over the year). We continue to stay in touch through our WhatsApp group in order to maintain the link with church and with each other.

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Bumps and Babes (continued)

Bumps and Babes continues to have the aim of sharing Jesus through love and support for the youngest members of our community, and their carers. The WhatsApp group still has 28 members who talk with each other and are offered advice from each other. As group facilitator I let members know of church events and continue to pray for each child and parent, particularly when they have been facing difficulties and illness. We invite parents to bring their children for baptism or thanksgiving and the Hope Explored course. Some came to the Light Night in October and others to the Christmas Eve live nativity.

We welcome all, following Jesus' directive ~ Mark 9:37 Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me: and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.

Toddlers

Volunteers meet on a Monday afternoon to set up the Children's Play areas, with toys, dressing up clothes, craft items etc. We then meet each Tuesday morning during term time. A group of 12 volunteers run the group and approximately 40 children attend each week with their 15 parents, grandparents or carers. During the morning play we provide refreshments for everyone. After the main activity we have a short time of singing nursery/children's rhymes and Christian choruses and then notices of forthcoming Church events.

Diddy Disciples

Diddy Disciples meets each Sunday during the 10.45am service in the choir vestry.

In the group we have children aged roughly 0-4 years and children move on to Xplore when they feel ready. We have had quite low numbers over the last year. If there is just one child attending, we tend to join with the Xplore children in the Ministry Centre and this seems to work well.

We either use the 'Diddy Disciples' program written by Sharon Moughtin Mumby which involves simple easy to catch songs with Bible storytelling or 'Roots on the Web' which follows the church lectionary. This seems to work better when there are fewer children or families who attend less regularly.

The sessions have been led alternate weeks by Debs Raynor and Charlotte Chappell.

Xplore

Our primary school children (5-11 years) meet every Sunday during the 10.45 service (except for the first Sunday which is now an all age creative worship service). We are a small group (usually up to 10 at the most) but we always have lots of fun together. We use the Roots on the Web resources and start with a game and a news section so we can hear all about the children's adventures through the week. We use our children's bibles to focus on the Bible passage and then do some activities to help us to remember how we can demonstrate those teachings in our lives. We do lots of drama which the children really enjoy, crafts and Kahoot quizzes and recently started using an AI tool to create a new song about the bible story we have been reading – Deep Deep Roots (Psalm 1) and Love your enemy ( Luke 6 27-38) are two in the style of pop country and rock and roll (find me and I will play you our creations). We have two leaders and five helpers and we all thank God that we have this opportunity to share God's life changing love with them – a love that He offers to us all.

Youth 4

This group ceased at the end of the school year because Louise Kelly's job changed and she moved to another church.

It was enjoyed by all the children who came. A useful contact with children from school and good for relationships with our school.

A small thought for the day hopefully sowed a few seeds of faith for the children who came.

Perhaps in the future we may be able to do something like this again

Luncheon Club

Luncheon club provides a three course meal for approximately 55 people.

We gather every two weeks and on the 4th week we celebrate Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre. All members are cared for pastorally and thoroughly enjoy their time together.

Bell Ringers

We have managed to ring the bells most Sunday mornings, normally having 6 of the 8 bells pealing. The ringing is normally assisted by external ringers, without them we couldn't ring. I have talked to both early and 10.45 congregations appealing for new ringers (as well as many other outlets etc) though not had much luck yet. The bells frame and fitting are still in need of major overhaul (as detailed in several reports previously submitted to church). Continuation of ringing at Christ Church is on a knife edge.

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Knit and Natter

Just over 10 years ago we started this group, meeting just once a month in Café Vista. The ladies so enjoy meeting together that 18 months ago it was decided that we would meet twice in the month: the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

Over the years we have raised several thousand pounds for various charities, focussing mostly on local hospitals, Food banks, hospices, Age UK and children's charities. We also have links with an orphanage abroad and send clothes and bedding to them from time to time. We enjoy making a variety of items including hats for premature babies, hats for seamen, quilts and blankets, prayer squares and prayer shawls/blankets. These are regularly distributed by our clergy and ministry team.

Each year we hold coffee mornings, afternoon teas and occasionally lunches, raising money for charity. At Easter and Christmas, we make novelty items to sell.

The group has become a safe and happy haven for those who are lonely and sometimes it offers a safe place to discuss problems. Great friendships have been established over the years. We're open to all even if knitting is not your skill. Sharing and nattering are always available.

Café Vista

Our mission is to serve quality tea, coffee and food, encouraging meaningful connections in a faithfilled

Café Vista is more than just a coffee shop, it's a community hub where people can connect, reflect and recharge. Café Vista is run by a team of volunteers. We hope to provide a warm place for all whether you're seeking a quiet time, deep conversation or a friendly face.

Café Vista Saturday Breakfast

Over the past year there has been a steady increase in the number of people coming to Saturday Breakfast. It is often full with people waiting for tables. Half of the people are not (yet) members of Christ Church and the same goes for the many helpers.

It's great to be able to meet people that just want to eat and talk and who feel comfortable being inside a church building. For many it is the first step towards a close relationship with God.

Nell and Eddie Marshman are usually there setting up and cleaning down every Saturday. Nell arranges the rotas of the servers and waiters who give up their time to serve one Saturday a month. Tony and Graham do most of the cooking helped by Bill, David and John.

We are truly blessed to have so many people helping with this ministry. We thank God for giving us a building which includes the wonderful Café Vista.

GNI (Girlie Night In)

GNI meets every 3rd Friday of each month in the Ministry Centre and has been going strong for a good number of years. No one is required to book so we do not know how many we will get but broadly we have approximately 60 ladies each month and lots of new faces which is wonderful. We do not charge for the evenings but we do have a donation opportunity each week to support a charity that is connected with the speaker or an organisation that could do with support.

Changes at church have meant that our GNI Team has changed recently with some very long standing members leaving us and new ones joining. We were sorry to see them go but we are very grateful for the time and energy they have given to GNI over the years and it is always good to have new people joining with fresh ideas.

We aim to provide an interesting and informative evening with knowledgeable speakers from all walks of life or an opportunity to get dancing (a GNI favourite). This year we have heard from a beekeeper, a professional artist and danced to a local band plus considered our finances and whether mindfulness will make a positive difference to our lives.

We had lots of contributions from the church community to our very popular Christmas craft evening and Christmas itself was celebrated with the amazing Rock Choir – the latter two being repeated later this year by popular demand. Our ladies bring their friend's and their snacks and we bring some soft drinks and some excellent additions for the tables thought up by our team.

We are indebted to the wonderful Bill Evans for producing our flyers each month and we are trying to get our email list back on line so we can send out email invitations directly - watch this space. We are always looking for interesting options for our GNI evenings so if you think of anything we might want to pursue please email the Christ church email address or speak to one of the team

Cave

Cave is a men's group that has been running for almost three years and has a regular attendance of between 20 and 30. We meet weekly in the Ministry Centre on a Friday morning from 10 until noon and enjoy games, conversation and refreshments.



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FACT - Feeling alone Come Together

FACT, 'Friendship and a cup of tea' started in July 2018 for people on their own, or feeling lonely and not getting out etc.

We meet each Friday 11am to 12 noon and now quite a few people stay for lunch in Café Vista extending the meeting to 1.00pm for those who choose to stay on.

The group has grown from eight regular members to 18 members at the moment.

FACT is open to everyone in the community. Our reputation has spread, and we have several newly bereaved members have arrived 'cold' not knowing anyone and become good friends. Also, the NHS referral team are sending people in need.

A morning of good conversation and much laughter with the volunteers in Cafe Vista looking after us throughout the morning

Pastoral Support

Pastoral support, at the heart of our service to all at Christ Church has continued to flourish and develop during the past year. There are now 37 team members supporting many people, both within the church community and further afield in Aughton. Individual support is provided with regular phone calls and visits, according to need. We also support several local nursing homes through regular services of Holy Communion and visits to individuals. Within the team, there are 5 smaller groups, each with a coordinator, and they report to Angela Mellor and her deputy Joan Maisie regularly and through that to the PCC meetings.

This year we have further developed the pastoral support in church itself and through the many groups that meet each day in the Ministry Centre. Through this we aim to support more people and to encourage them in turn, to seek support through the friends they meet and interact within these groups.

**Discipleship**

Leading Your Church in Growth

Four lay members have attended a LYCIG conference Leading Your Evangelism into Growth, and a number of lay members have attended a LYCIG conference entitled Leading Your Church Into Growth. Most recently a group of some 20 people, clergy and lay, from the Aughton cluster of churches have attended the LYCIG conference, and as a result they meet once a month to discuss progress in applying LYCIG methods in their own churches and also plan to explain these methods by interactive sessions with their PCCs

Hope Explored

The LYCIG methods have been applied most often by inviting people to a three-week course called Hope Explored. This course describes Christian hope as a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past which changes everything for the present. This course invites people to come to talk about any issues that concern them relating to the Christian faith. Having attended this course a number of people have come to faith in Jesus Christ and started to attend church regularly.

Living Your Faith Everyday

There are a number of LYFE groups, (Living Your Faith Every day), which meet weekly for fellowship and to deepen their faith by studying the Scriptures together.

Alpha

The number of Alpha courses have been conducted on Zoom, most recently in conjunction with St James Westhead. These are in general been well attended with some 20 people attending over three courses.

Alpha

Three groups of about eight people in each group, have completed the Sanctuary Course, which looks, over an eight week period, at various types of mental health issues from a Christian perspective; how they may be recognised and how people may be counselled.

**Churches Together Ormskirk**

Churches Together Ormskirk, CTO, is a group of church leaders and church representatives from each church in Ormskirk. This is a wonderful ecumenical group to be part of, full of people who truly want to share the good news of Christ in an inspiring and relevant way to all the people of Aughton and Ormskirk. At these meetings we discuss all that is going on in our churches and around Ormskirk. It is wonderful to hear how God is working through the people and the places in this community.

In 2024 CTO organised the Annual Good Friday Service at the Clock Tower and a short service at the switching on of the Christmas lights in the town centre. As for 2025/26, so far, the Good Friday service has been planned to take place again at the Clock Tower. Other events are being planned, though at the present time it seems that the Park Praise event may not happen this year due to lack of volunteers.

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**Ormskirk and Skelmersdale and District Foodbanks**

We are involved in Ormskirk Food Bank and Skelmersdale and district Food Bank, both working under the auspices of The Trussell Trust. We supply a number of Trustees and volunteers to both Food Banks and act as a collection centre for donations from several Schools, and from our church. We hold several events during the year to highlight the work of these foodbanks and to raise money and further donations.

**Plans for the future**

Following the Fit for Mission Vote in November the Standing Committees from St Michael's Aughton, Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe, St James Westhead and St Mark's Scarisbrick met and agreed to work more closely together as a cluster. The clergy from all the churches meet regularly for prayer and support as well as working on joint ventures.

**Risk Management**

The trustees periodically carry out a formal review of the charity's activities which include identifying the major opportunities available to the charity and the risks to which it is exposed. Systems established to mitigate risks are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

**Grant Making Policy**

The PCC, via the Church General Fund, gives 10% of donations received by standing order, collection plate, give-as-you-earn and other donations gross of income tax recoverable per annum, to the Mission and Charities Committee to be distributed to suitable charitable organisations.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the long term intention of the Trustees to build up the unrestricted reserves so that they represent the equivalent of three months Parish Share (currently approximately £30,000). The charity had no "free reserves" at 31/12/24 (2023: £6,951).

**Public Interest Statement**

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC, gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

**Compliance with Law and Regulation**

A health and safety review is now due and will be carried out by a suitably experienced Church member. Specific procedures for recording accidents have been put in place. Churchwardens and sidespeople will be trained in fire safety and procedures.

**Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities**

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity for that year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. State whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
**CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 19 is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

**Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and Examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ICAEW.

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 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 PCC 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 statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mr P. J. Collins (F.C.A)**  
**Collins & Co.**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Suite 13 Hattersley House**  
**1 Hattersley Court**  
**Ormskirk**  
**Lancashire L39 2AY.**

**13th May 2025**

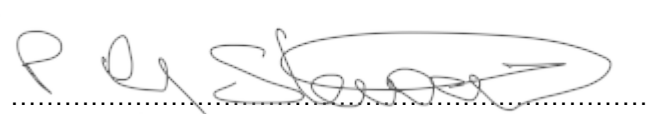
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
**CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

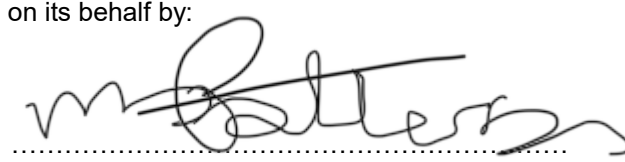
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	197,969	68,360	266,329	183,893
Charitable activities.	3	42,544	0	42,544	35,130
Other trading activities	4	69,225	0	69,225	64,922
Investments	5	1,948	0	1,948	2,042
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>311,686</u>	<u>68,360</u>	<u>380,046</u>	<u>285,987</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising Funds	6	36,313	0	36,313	34,290
Charitable Activities	7	281,127	4,126	285,253	277,121
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>317,440</u>	<u>4,126</u>	<u>321,566</u>	<u>311,411</u>
		<u>(5,754)</u>	<u>64,234</u>	<u>58,480</u>	<u>(25,424)</u>
<b>GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME</b>		<u>(5,754)</u>	<u>64,234</u>	<u>58,480</u>	<u>(25,424)</u>
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	9	<u>23,086</u>	<u>(23,086)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>17,332</u>	<u>41,148</u>	<u>58,480</u>	<u>(25,424)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1ST JANUARY, 2024		1,458,711	76,087	1,534,798	1,560,222
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2024</b>		<u>1,476,043</u>	<u>117,235</u>	<u>1,593,278</u>	<u>1,534,798</u>

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
**CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON**  
**BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	1,491,655	1,471,035
Total fixed assets		<u>1,491,655</u>	<u>1,471,035</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	10	48,214	53,214
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	51,746	8,842
Cash at Bank and in Hand		168,070	210,068
Total current assets		<u>219,816</u>	<u>218,910</u>
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	12	19,719	47,331
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>200,097</u>	<u>171,579</u>
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	13	146,688	161,030
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>1,593,278</u></u>	<u><u>1,534,798</u></u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>	14		
Unrestricted funds		1,476,043	1,458,711
Restricted funds		117,235	76,087
Total charity funds		<u><u>1,593,278</u></u>	<u><u>1,534,798</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Mr P Stewart

  
 Mr M Patterson

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF**  
**CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

## **1 Accounting Policies**

### **Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015 FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of certain fixed assets.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is held responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **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 or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the 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 balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

### **Income from:**

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 notified of its legal entitlement to the amount due.

Dividends and all other income is accounted for when receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

For investment purposes any surplus funds are of a short term nature and are kept in interest bearing accounts. Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments.

### **Expenditure on:**

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 Parish Share is accounted for when payable. Any share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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**Fixed Assets**

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Freehold land and property is not being depreciated, as in the view of the PCC, they are maintained to a sufficiently high standard which ensures that the market value of the properties is not less than the carrying value shown in the accounts.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

Equipment used by the church is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual assets with a purchase price of £10,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Any investments held are valued at market value at 31st December. Investment property is valued at its 'fair value' at the year end.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Reserves

It is the intention of the trustees to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet the current level of running expenses of the organisation.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £
<b>2 <u>Donations and legacies</u></b>						
Planned Giving:						
Gift Aid donations	126,146	0	126,146	123,248	1,800	125,048
Other planned giving	7,666	0	7,666	5,983	0	5,983
Collections (open plate) at all Services	760	0	760	718	0	718
Donations	25,274	68,360	93,634	6,064	9,995	16,059
Income Tax Recoverable	33,548	0	33,548	30,395	240	30,635
Grants	1,575	0	1,575	5,450	0	5,450
Legacies	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0
	<u>197,969</u>	<u>68,360</u>	<u>266,329</u>	<u>171,858</u>	<u>12,035</u>	<u>183,893</u>
<b>3 <u>Charitable activities.</u></b>						
Rent from Church Hall/Church Property	12,638	0	12,638	11,875	0	11,875
Wedding and Funeral Fees	12,083	0	12,083	8,351	0	8,351
Events & Activities	14,841	0	14,841	14,904	0	14,904
Rent of Curate's House	2,982	0	2,982	0	0	0
	<u>42,544</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42,544</u>	<u>35,130</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,130</u>
<b>4 <u>Other trading activities</u></b>						
Fetes and fundraising events	0	0	0	536	0	536
Bookstall	764	0	764	1,048	0	1,048
Café Income	68,461	0	68,461	63,338	0	63,338
	<u>69,225</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>69,225</u>	<u>64,922</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,922</u>
<b>5 <u>Investments</u></b>						
Dividends and Interest (including any reclaimed tax)	1,948	0	1,948	2,042	0	2,042
	<u>1,948</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,948</u>	<u>2,042</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,042</u>
<b>6 <u>Raising Funds</u></b>						
Fundraising costs	1,720	0	1,720	0	0	0
Bookstall costs	1,040	0	1,040	1,402	0	1,402
Café expenses	33,553	0	33,553	32,888	0	32,888
	<u>36,313</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,313</u>	<u>34,290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,290</u>



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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £
<b>7 Charitable Activities</b>						
Missionary Giving						
Age UK	1,500	0	1,500	0	0	0
Aughton C of E Primary School	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
Bible Society	500	0	500	300	0	300
Foodbanks	0	1,261	1,261	1,898	322	2,220
Hope Street	0	0	0	400	0	400
Leading Your Church in Growth	1,145	0	1,145	865	0	865
Mercy Ships	500	0	500	300	0	300
Mission Direct	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
Owen McVeigh Foundation	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0
Pearl of Africa	1,000	0	1,000	500	0	500
Prison Fellowship	0	0	0	500	0	500
Queenscourt Hospice	500	0	500	0	0	0
Reach Merseyside	500	0	500	1,000	0	1,000
Safe Families	0	0	0	500	0	500
Sefton Womens & Childrens Aid	500	0	500	0	0	0
24/7 Prayer	500	0	500	300	0	300
Uganda	330	0	330	1,504	0	1,504
Wearwhopest	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
Sundry Donations < £500	1,285	865	2,150	1,004	1,210	2,214
	<u>11,260</u>	<u>2,126</u>	<u>13,386</u>	<u>11,071</u>	<u>1,532</u>	<u>12,603</u>
Ministry:						
Parish Share	108,247	0	108,247	115,678	0	115,678
Minister - Housing	4,146	0	4,146	4,252	0	4,252
Curate - Housing	2,210	0	2,210	3,256	0	3,256
Lay Workers - Salary and Fees	29,864	0	29,864	22,957	0	22,957
Youth Workers expenses	160	0	160	552	0	552
Church Heat, Light and Water	5,964	0	5,964	12,200	0	12,200
Insurances	7,024	0	7,024	6,911	0	6,911
Repairs & Renewals	870	0	870	351	500	851
Major Repairs	19,120	2,000	21,120	0	0	0
Depreciation AV System/Solar Panels	13,340	0	13,340	5,761	1,100	6,861
Postage, printing & stationery	3,303	0	3,303	3,343	0	3,343
Sundry expenses	1,486	0	1,486	2,522	0	2,522
Grounds and Churchyard Maintenance	4,823	0	4,823	1,550	1,950	3,500
Upkeep of services	3,092	0	3,092	2,552	0	2,552
Ministry Centre - Running Costs	31,236	0	31,236	47,870	0	47,870
Loan Interest and Charges	13,194	0	13,194	11,830	2,040	13,870
Events & activities	3,727	0	3,727	8,365	0	8,365
Legal & Professional fees	10,240	0	10,240	1,351	900	2,251
Accountancy & Independent						
Examiner's Fees	7,821	0	7,821	6,727	0	6,727
	<u>281,127</u>	<u>4,126</u>	<u>285,253</u>	<u>269,099</u>	<u>8,022</u>	<u>277,121</u>

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<b>7    <u>Staff Costs</u></b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	29,778	22,907
Social Security Costs	0	0
Pension Costs	86	50
	<u>29,864</u>	<u>22,957</u>

The wages paid relate to the parish administrator, cleaners and parish workers. No employees (2023: None) received more than £60,000 remuneration during the year.

The charity participates in a NEST pension scheme which is a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged in the SOFA in the year are the contributions payable as set out above.

**8    Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Freehold Property £</b>	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1st January, 2024	1,450,453	27,442	1,477,895
Additions	0	33,960	33,960
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31st December, 2024	<u>1,450,453</u>	<u>61,402</u>	<u>1,511,855</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st January, 2024	0	6,860	6,860
Charge for the year	0	13,340	13,340
Depreciation on disposals	0	0	0
At 31st December, 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>20,200</u>	<u>20,200</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31st December, 2024	<u>1,450,453</u>	<u>41,202</u>	<u>1,491,655</u>
At 31st December, 2023	<u>1,450,453</u>	<u>20,582</u>	<u>1,471,035</u>

Freehold Property represents the costs expended in relation to the new Ministry Centre, in Long Lane, Aughton, £1,255,453 and the Curates House at 25 Peet Avenue, Ormskirk, which was valued by the trustees at £195,000 on 31st December 2018. Other fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

**9    Transfer of Funds**

The transfer between funds of £23,086 relates to funds received towards the purchase and installation of the solar panels which was actioned in the year and hence all the restrictions relating to these funds have now ceased.

**10    Long Term Loan Debtor**

This relates to the land on which the Cottage Lane Mission stands, which was sold for £100,000 in 2015 to a trust in return for a payment of £5,000 per year for 20 years until 2037. This property is to be used for a mission room connected with the Church of England in this parish.

We have discounted the future, interest free, loan repayments of £5,000 per annum to the year end date by £11,786.

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<b>11</b>	<b><u>Debtors</u></b>					<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
						£	£
	Income Tax recoverable					1,236	636
	Loans Repayable					5,000	5,000
	Prepayments					42,567	0
	Other Debtors					2,943	3,206
						<u>51,746</u>	<u>8,842</u>
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</u></b>					<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
						£	£
	Accruals and Deferred Income					2,427	3,600
	Creditors for Goods and Services					2,839	30,444
	Loans					14,453	13,287
						<u>19,719</u>	<u>47,331</u>
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Liabilities: Amounts falling due after one year</u></b>					<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
						£	£
	Loan repayments due between 2 and 5 years					69,400	64,135
	Loans repayments due after 5 years					77,288	96,895
						<u>146,688</u>	<u>161,030</u>
<b>14</b>	<b><u>Analysis of Net Assets by Fund</u></b>						
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>				<b>Total</b>
		<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>				<b>£</b>
		£	£				
	Fixed and Long Term Assets	1,539,869	0				1,539,869
	Current Assets	102,581	117,235				219,816
	Current Liabilities	(19,719)	0				(19,719)
	Long Term Liabilities	(146,688)	0				(146,688)
	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u>1,476,043</u>	<u>117,235</u>				<u>1,593,278</u>
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Unrestricted Funds</u></b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Investments/ Transfers</b>	<b>2024</b>	
		£	£	£	£	£	
	Disabled Access & Toilets Fund	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	
	Luncheon Club Fund	2,000	7,984	1,582	(6,402)	2,000	
	Mission & Charity Fund	46,069	11,509	11,260	0	46,318	
	Ministry Centre Operating Fund	3,759	33,380	31,236	0	5,903	
	AV System Asset Fund	20,582	0	6,860	0	13,722	
	Solar Panels Asset Fund	0	0	6,480	25,920	19,440	
	Curate's House Asset Fund	195,000	0	0	0	195,000	
	Ministry Centre Asset Fund	1,081,136	0	0	13,176	1,094,312	
	Long Term Loan Fund	53,214	0	0		53,214	
	General Funds	6,951	258,813	260,022	(9,608)	(3,866)	
		<u>1,458,711</u>	<u>311,686</u>	<u>317,440</u>	<u>23,086</u>	<u>1,476,043</u>	

The movement on Unrestricted Funds was as above:

Disabled Access & Toilets Fund : Funds designated towards the work to be undertaken at the back of church  
Luncheon Club Fund : Funds designated towards the lunch club  
Mission & Charity Fund : Funds designated for donations to other charities and mission  
Ministry Centre Operating Fund : Funds designated to fund the operating of the Ministry Centre  
AV System Asset Fund : Funds tied up in the AV System (an asset) used in the church.  
Solar Panels Asset Fund : Funds tied up in the Solar Panels (an asset) used by the church.  
Curate's House Asset Fund : Funds tied up in the property used by the Curate.  
Ministry Centre Asset Fund : Funds tied up in the building used by the church and the community.  
Long Term Loan Fund : Funds due after one year which are not freely accessible to the charity.  
General Funds : General funds of the charity not designated for any specific purpose

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<b>16</b>	<b><u>Restricted Funds</u></b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Ministry Centre Fund (See note 17)	0	2,040	2,040	0	0
	Church Restructuring	9,517	0	0	0	9,517
	Memorial Garden	10,417	0	0	0	10,417
	Youth & Children's Workers	55,643	908	0	0	56,551
	Solar Panels Fund	0	23,086	0	(23,086)	0
	Boiler Fund	0	2,000	2,000	0	0
	Heating Chandeliers Fund	0	15,000	0	0	15,000
	Charitable Donations Fund	0	2,524	2,524	0	0
	Church Stonework Fund	0	25,750	0	0	25,750
		<u>75,577</u>	<u>71,308</u>	<u>6,564</u>	<u>(23,086)</u>	<u>117,235</u>

The movement on Restricted Funds was as above:

Church Restructuring	: Funds restricted for the restructuring of the church.
Memorial Garden	: Funds restricted for the creation of a memorial garden.
Youth & Children's Workers	: Funds restricted towards the costs relating to the curate.
Solar Panels Fund	: Funds restricted towards the installation of solar panels.
Boiler Fund	: Funds restricted towards the costs relating the new boilers.
Heating Chandeliers Fund	: Funds restricted towards the costs relating the heating chandeliers.
Charitable Donations Fund	: Funds collected for distribution to other charities.
Church Stonework Fund	: Funds received towards the upkeep of the church stonework.

**17** **Ministry Centre Fund**

The building of the Ministry Centre for the benefit of the Church and the local community in pursuance of our key task of sharing Jesus with everyone in the parish was completed in June 2010.

In order to complete the work the charity negotiated a loan of £325,000 from the Charity Bank.

This loan is secured by a legal charge over the Ministry Centre building for the period of the loan.

The loan is repayable in instalments and was moved from a fixed rate of interest to a variable rate of interest during last year.

The balance on this loan at 31/12/2024 was £161,141 (2023 £174,317).

The repayments on the loan are to be funded from the additional future income from the facilities offered by the Centre and future giving by members of the congregation.

Following completion of the Ministry Centre the charity has now fulfilled the conditions attached to the receipt of the monies from donors. Since then monies received towards the fund are used to pay the repayments on the Charity Bank loan and to contribute to the running costs of the centre

**18** **Capital Commitments**

The PCC had Capital Commitments of £42,567 at the accounting date (2023 £Nil).

**19** **Contingent Liabilities**

At 31st December 2024, the PCC had received £15,000 in the year towards the heating chandeliers and there is a 3 year restriction on the sale/disposal of the property without the donor's permission. Some of the monies received may need to be repaid if that happens (2023 £ Nil):