

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY,  
BIDEFORD**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1129064**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2024**

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY,  
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**TRUSTEES**

<b>Team Rector</b>	Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore	<b>Elected Members</b>	Chris Beechey David Bertie
<b>Team Vicar</b>	Rev'd Marisa Cockfield (to February)		Justine Duhig (from April) Michael Elliott Richard Holwill
<b>Other Ministers</b>	Rev'd Chris Hutchins (to March) Rev'd Robin Pirrie		Pam Howlett Richard James (to April) Robert Marnham (to April) Pattie Morris (from April)
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Ben Duhig (to April) Mark Porthouse (from April) Sally Strutt		Bill Owen (from April to July) Nadine Pearce (to April) Rachel Porthouse (from April) David Rendle (to April)
<b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>	Ro Day Lorna Dorrington (to April) Maggie Murray Lorna Thomas (from April to September)		David Sparkes

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR (Also PCC SECRETARY to June)**

Debbie Crawford

**PCC SECRETARY**

Sue Marnham (from June)

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St Mary's Church, Bideford  
St Mary with St Peter, Bideford

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M. J. Fishleigh F.C.A.  
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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the requirements of The Charities (Financial Statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 and section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011.

## **OBJECTIVES AND AREA OF BENEFIT**

The church has the motto that we should 'Seek First the Kingdom of God' and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Team clergy in promoting, within the ecclesiastical parish in this town and surrounding area, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can reach out and welcome all who live in our parish. We aim for our worship and prayer to put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The PCC met seven times during the year with an average attendance of 74%.

We have continued with the pattern of services established last year; our Sunday morning programme comprising the more traditional 9.30am service and the new-style 11.15am Encounter service, together with a fortnightly 8.00am said communion service.

We have also maintained our activities for the community:

- the Friday Diner and Holy Grounds - for those who might eat alone, the homeless and the vulnerable;
- the Open the Book programme - for St. Mary's, East the Water and Kingsley Preparatory Schools;
- Music Makers, Messy Church, Junior Church and Stay and Play (during the Holidays) - for families;
- Reflections - for the bereaved; and
- Occasional Music Concerts – for the whole community.

Early in the year we said farewell to two of our stipendiary clergy – Marisa (Team Vicar) who has entered a well-earned retirement and Chris (Curate) who is undertaking the necessary training to become a Naval Chaplain. The PCC wishes to express its gratitude to both of them for all that they did for the parish during their time here and to wish them well in their new roles. The process of appointing a new Team Vicar is well advanced and we hope to make an appointment in the near future.

In April we appointed Emily Scibilia as our part-time Children and Families Worker. In addition to engaging with our other work with children she has been instrumental in starting The Crypt Youth, which meets on Thursday evenings for two sessions for 7–11-year-olds and 11–16-year-olds. She has also been largely responsible for transforming the crypt into a suitable venue.

We continue to review our Mission Action Plan, particularly in the context of the Diocese's Next Steps Initiative which sets out its vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy. The PCC has also discussed Prayers for Living in Love and Faith which considers the church's position in relation to same-sex partnerships.

We submitted a faculty application to the Diocese for permission to instal a new gas-fired heating system but this is currently still under review. Until this issue is resolved we are unable to make any further substantive progress with Project Mustard Seed (our plan to remove the pews and relocate the kitchen).

The PCC has also dealt with a range of other fabric issues including the restoration of the clock to full working order, repairs to the bell clappers and the provision of external CCTV cameras.

The PCC wishes to record formally its grateful thanks to all those volunteers who contribute to our ministry in so many ways.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

There were 165 parishioners on the Electoral Roll in April 2024; the Roll is due to be fully revised before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May. The average total attendance for Sunday morning services is in the order of some 110-120.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Our income on unrestricted funds amounted to just over £164,000 as detailed in the financial statements. We spent just under £170,000 to provide Christian Ministry from St Mary's Church, including the contribution to the common fund (which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy). This expenditure includes about £15,000 of non-recurring items in relation to repairs to the clock and bells and architect's fees for Project Mustard Seed (this is in addition to expenditure on these items funded from restricted funds). The net result is a deficit of expenditure over income of about £6,000 for the year. But for the non-recurring items this would have been a surplus of around £9,000.

**RESERVES POLICY**

It is the PCC policy to utilise restricted funds wherever possible and to maintain unrestricted funds at a minimum level of £50,000. The balance of £167,720 at the end of this year is considerably in excess of this figure so the PCC has no immediate concerns about the financial stability of the parish.

Restricted funds have reduced from £21,746 to £17,912 during the year. The balances primarily relate to the Fabric Fund and the Youth and Children Fund; the movements in Restricted Funds are shown in Note 8 to these financial statements.

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishop's guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

A church has been present on its site in Bideford since Saxon times. The Bideford Parochial Church Council (Bideford PCC) was established under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1921 and became a Charity registered with the Charity Commission with effect from 8 April 2009.

The names of the Trustees who served during the year are shown on page 1 of these financial statements. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation rules. All who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

**Standing Committee**

This committee has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. This is the only committee required by law.

**Mission Committee**

This committee oversees relations with external mission and relief agencies and recommends allocations of grants to the PCC.

**Pastoral Care Committee**

This committee takes responsibility for the organisation of pastoral care within the Parish.

**TAXATION STATUS**

As a Registered Charity, utilising all of its net income for charitable purposes, the PCC is exempt from income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which properly present the charity's Income and Expenditure for the year together with its assets and liabilities at the end of the year, and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

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 applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the requirements of 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 or other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 10 March 2025.

Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore  
Chairman

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY,  
BIDEFORD**

I report on the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary, Bideford for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

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

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 to comply with accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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27 April 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<b>Voluntary income</b>						
<b>Giving</b>						
Planned giving		99,632	-	-	99,632	99,580
Collections, and other giving		8,417	-	1,327	9,744	10,670
Collections for good causes	(6)	-	-	1,690	1,690	3,455
		<u>108,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,017</u>	<u>111,066</u>	<u>113,705</u>
<b>Other voluntary income</b>						
Grants		-	-	13,845	13,845	2,939
Donations and appeals, etc.		9,015	-	14,518	23,533	7,076
Legacies		1,000	-	-	1,000	83,113
Gift Aid recovered		26,510	-	502	27,012	26,700
<b>Total voluntary income</b>		<u>144,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,882</u>	<u>176,456</u>	<u>233,533</u>
<b>Events and Fund-Raising Activities</b>	(3(a))	<u>2,860</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>1,081</u>	<u>4,131</u>	<u>3,928</u>
<b>Income from Church activities</b>						
Fees		6,409	-	-	6,409	7,365
Receipts from use of church and house		2,340	-	-	2,340	1,457
		<u>8,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,749</u>	<u>8,822</u>
<b>Investment income</b>						
Interest		7,942	-	-	7,942	4,157
		<u>164,125</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>32,963</u>	<u>197,278</u>	<u>250,440</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<b>Church activities</b>	(5)	168,984	-	36,677	205,661	163,324
<b>Cost of fund-raising activities</b>	(3(b))	952	-	120	1,072	919
		<u>169,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,797</u>	<u>206,733</u>	<u>164,243</u>
<b>NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		(5,811)	190	(3,834)	(9,455)	86,197
<b>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<u>173,531</u>	<u>3,218</u>	<u>21,746</u>	<u>198,495</u>	<u>112,298</u>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>£167,720</u>	<u>£3,408</u>	<u>£17,912</u>	<u>£189,040</u>	<u>£198,495</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET  
at 31 December 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	(1(c))		
St Mary's House, Church Walk, Bideford		<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	(7)	8,128	9,350
CCLA – The Church of England Deposit Fund		155,545	128,261
National Westminster Bank Plc - Deposit		26,313	55,000
National Westminster Bank Plc - Current		4,593	8,266
Cash in hand		381	3,236
		<u>194,960</u>	<u>204,113</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year		5,920	5,618
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>189,040</u>	<u>198,495</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>£259,040</u></u>	<u><u>£268,495</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	(1(e))		
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund		<u>167,720</u>	<u>173,531</u>
<b>Designated Funds</b>			
Friends of St Mary's Fund		<u>3,408</u>	<u>3,218</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	(8)		
Bells and Clock Funds		-	2,495
Choir and Music Funds		10	22
Equipping St Mary's for the 21st Century Fund		-	6,197
Fabric Fund		7,776	12,200
St Mary's Diner and Ucan Fund		264	118
Youth and Children's Work Fund		9,862	714
		<u>17,912</u>	<u>21,746</u>
<b>Permanent Endowment Fund</b>			
St Mary's House Fund		70,000	70,000
		<u><u>£259,040</u></u>	<u><u>£268,495</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on 10 March 2025.

Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore  
**Chairman**



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
at 31 December 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, applicable accounting standards under FRS102 (2016) and with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)), with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual Accounts of PCCs, and with those Regulations' "true and fair" provisions. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and using the accruals and going concern bases.

a) **Recognition of income**

Incoming resources are recognised when they are receivable or when the PCC's right to the income becomes legally enforceable, when the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty and when it is more likely that the PCC will benefit from the resource. Grants and donations are included when any pre-conditions preventing their use by the PCC have been met, and Gift Aid claims are included at the same time as the donations to which they relate. Rental income is recognised when the rental is due, and investment income is included when receivable.

c) **Fixed assets**

i) Consecrated land and buildings are not included in these Accounts by virtue of Section 10(2) Charities Act 2011 as the property is effectively dedicated to God and set aside solely for sacred purposes. Costs of maintenance or improvement relating to consecrated assets are written off in the year they are incurred.

ii) Moveable church furnishings are not capitalised as insufficient cost information is available, but they are included in the Church's inventory.

iii) No depreciation is provided on St Mary's House as the estimated residual value of the property is not less than its carrying value and its estimated remaining useful life is not less than 50 years. Any depreciation charge would therefore be immaterial.

iv) Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost more than £10,000. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of such assets, less their estimated residual value, over their estimated useful life. The Audio-Visual System cost £22,955 and was fully written off over 5 years.

d) **Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation, settlement is probable and the settlement value is reasonably quantifiable.

e) **Funds accounting**

(i) **Unrestricted Funds** are monies held by the Trustees and expendable at their discretion on any purpose they deem fit in furtherance of the work of the Church.

(ii) **Designated Fund** The sub-committee managing the Friends of St Mary's Fund has the discretion to allocate the sums held in their Designated Fund to support the care and maintenance of the church, fabric and contents, and to encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the church. The monies held by the sub-committee may be used to make direct payments for a specific purpose or transferred to reimburse expenditure paid from Unrestricted Funds if they decide that is appropriate.

(iii) **Restricted Funds** represent income which may only be expended on a restricted object or purpose and details of the funds held and restrictions are given in Note 8 of these financial statements.

(iv) **Permanent Endowment Funds** are funds that must be retained as trust capital permanently. In this case the freehold property of St Mary's House was acquired using money given in response to a specific appeal for the purchase of that property, with no suggestion that in the event of failure of the appeal the funds raised might be used for other purposes, together with money held from the prior disposal of other freehold property which was also a permanent endowment.

f) **Pension contributions**

The PCC makes employer contributions at defined rates into the NEST pension scheme for its full-time employee. The NEST pension scheme is a defined contribution plan and the liability of the PCC is limited to the contributions paid.

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**2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Mr C Beechey, who is a member of the PCC, received £6,330 (2023 - £5,843) in fees for his work as the parish organist and choirmaster during the year.

Clergy expenses are disclosed in Note 5 to these financial statements.

No remuneration, benefits, travelling expenses or out-of-pocket expenses were paid to any other PCC member during the year. Occasionally PCC members act as agents for the PCC and make approved purchases on its behalf, and are reimbursed for this expenditure. Such reimbursed expenditure is not personal to the Trustee concerned and does not represent goods or services provided by the Trustee.

The PCC received approximately £21,528 (2023 - £22,430) during the year in donations from Trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the PCC to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

**3. EVENTS AND FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>(a) Income</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
Barbeque	-	-	-	-	175
Card sales	97	-	-	97	-
Concerts	563	-	757	1,320	1,102
Craft Fair	-	-	147	147	-
Holy Grounds cafe	340	-	177	517	-
Rent of car parking space	800	-	-	800	700
Sale of clavinoval	-	-	-	-	100
Sponsored bike ride - DHCT	22	-	-	22	-
Strawberry tea	-	-	-	-	105
Teas, coffees, etc.	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,086
<b>Designated</b>					
Friends events	-	190	-	190	285
Friends subscriptions	-	-	-	-	375
	<u>£2,860</u>	<u>£190</u>	<u>£1,081</u>	<u>£4,131</u>	<u>£3,928</u>
<b>(b) Expenditure</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
Barbeque	-	-	-	-	116
Concerts	-	-	120	120	280
Teas, coffees, etc.	952	-	-	952	523
	<u>£952</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£120</u>	<u>£1,072</u>	<u>£919</u>

**4. STAFF COSTS**

The PCC directly employed the Parish Administrator and the Organist/Choirmaster (who also receives fees) throughout both the 2023 and 2024 years. In 2024 a part-time Assistant Administrator and a Children and Families Worker (whose costs have been funded by donations and a grant from the Diocese) also commenced employment with the PCC. Details of the amounts paid to staff, including pension contributions, are shown in Note 5 to these financial statements.

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**5. EXPENDITURE ON CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving</b>					
Donations (Note 6)	12,789	-	1,690	14,479	10,455
<b>Maintenance of the Ministry</b>					
Common Fund	80,130	-	-	80,130	78,374
Clergy expenses	2,053	-	-	2,053	2,658
Recruitment advertisement	462	-	-	462	-
Children and Families Worker salary	-	-	7,652	7,652	-
Employer's pension contributions	-	-	239	239	-
Crypt refurbishment and youth club expenses	-	-	2,156	2,156	-
Children's Worker fees	-	-	1,690	1,690	1,715
	<u>82,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,737</u>	<u>94,382</u>	<u>82,747</u>
<b>Church Running Costs</b>					
Insurance	10,139	-	-	10,139	9,620
Church					
Lighting and heating	7,528	-	-	7,528	7,086
Water rates	723	-	-	723	332
Repairs and cleaning	14,096	-	13,965	28,061	7,539
St Mary's House					
Council tax and water rates	1,059	-	-	1,059	1,344
Heat and light	1,474	-	-	1,474	1,469
Repairs and cleaning	687	-	-	687	3,121
Rectory garden work	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,354
	<u>36,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,965</u>	<u>50,711</u>	<u>31,865</u>
<b>Service Costs</b>					
Communion wafers, etc.	1,657	-	-	1,657	1,637
Choirmaster and organist fees	5,359	-	971	6,330	5,843
Music and Choir	143	-	300	443	361
Licences and subscriptions	573	-	-	573	531
	<u>7,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,271</u>	<u>9,003</u>	<u>8,372</u>
<b>Administration</b>					
Administrator and assistant salaries	19,710	-	-	19,710	16,113
Employer's pension contributions	533	-	-	533	489
Equipment hire and leasing costs	692	-	-	692	1,058
Printing, stationery, postages, etc.	1,180	-	-	1,180	1,231
Social media costs	118	-	-	118	522
Telephone and internet charges	1,018	-	-	1,018	736
Bank charges	193	-	-	193	196
	<u>23,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,444</u>	<u>20,345</u>
<b>Diner costs</b>	-	-	1,817	1,817	2,109
<b>Architects, consultants and faculty fees</b>	5,168	-	6,197	11,365	6,330
<b>Sundries (2023 including First Aid course)</b>	460	-	-	460	1,101
	<u>£168,984</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£36,677</u>	<u>£205,661</u>	<u>£163,324</u>

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**6. MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Church Overseas					
Missionary Societies	1,750	-	-	1,750	3,175
Relief and Development Agencies	3,800	-	1,231	5,031	2,879
Home Missions and other Church Societies	3,239	-	459	3,698	1,426
Secular charities	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,975
Internal transfers (Note 8)	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
	<u>£12,789</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,690</u>	<u>£14,479</u>	<u>£10,455</u>

**7. DEBTORS**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Fees receivable	114	981
Gift Aid recoverable	3,319	3,647
Parish Gift Scheme regular giving	4,556	4,673
Others	139	49
	<u>£8,128</u>	<u>£9,350</u>

**8. MOVEMENTS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>Bells &amp; Clock Fund £</b>	<b>Choir &amp; Music Fund £</b>	<b>Equipping St Mary's for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund £</b>	<b>Repairs &amp; Fabric Fund £</b>	<b>St Mary's Diner Fund £</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Children's Fund £</b>
<b>Opening balance</b>	<u>2,495</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>6,197</u>	<u>12,200</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>714</u>
<b>Receipts</b>						
Collections	-	-	-	-	-	1,327
Fundraising events	757	-	-	-	83	241
Grants received	3,049	-	-	615	-	10,181
Donations received	195	40	-	2,050	880	10,103
Gift Aid recovered	-	2	-	500	-	-
Mission Giving (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	1,000	250
	<u>4,001</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,165</u>	<u>1,963</u>	<u>22,102</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Architects fees	-	-	6,197	-	-	-
Fundraising events	120	-	-	-	-	-
Music and choir	-	54	-	-	-	-
Diner costs	-	-	-	-	1,817	-
Children's Worker	-	-	-	-	-	1,690
Children/Families Worker	-	-	-	-	-	7,891
Treblemakers	-	-	-	-	-	1,217
Repairs and sundries	6,376	-	-	7,589	-	2,156
	<u>6,496</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>6,197</u>	<u>7,589</u>	<u>1,817</u>	<u>12,954</u>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£10</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£7,776</u>	<u>£264</u>	<u>£9,862</u>

**Note** – Amounts collected for good causes, including School Bibles in the 2023 year, amounted to £1,690 (2023 - £3,455) and these were all paid over during the year, as shown in Note 6 above.