

Wallingford Parochial Church Council

Annual Report & Financial Statements 2024

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1. Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary-le-More's (St Mary's) and St Leonard's has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As a parish, we aim to become a living and loving example of Jesus Christ in our community, to be **open to God, open to all**.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church and St Leonard's Church.

2. Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches (in-person or online) and to become part of our parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament whilst our outreach activities strive to look beyond ourselves to share the love of Christ as we serve and connect with the community.

When planning our activities and priorities for the coming years in 2017, we identified three main priorities, which we have continued to progress:

- Development of our provision of worship, taking into account people's busy lives and their requirements for alternative forms of worship
- Development of ways to encourage local residents to be part of our church, whilst nurturing our current congregation.
- Development of the role of a Children and Families Worker to further attract, support and encourage young people to be lifelong Christians.

To deliver these priorities, the PCC has a number of Vision Groups and sub-groups, which meet independently and report back to the PCC when the council meets. These groups are expanded upon in the following sections.

An additional focus since 2019 involves '**Cherishing God's Earth**' and inspires us to think about expressing our care for God's world in our lives and worship.

Activities offered include a robed choir (both adults and juniors), a music group, Emmaus and Bible Study groups and bellringing. We offer a range of children's activities, such as Children's Church (called JAM, or Jesus and Me), Tiny Toes Toddlers' group and Baby Singing. We also host a Carers' Group, social groups such as The Fellowship, and coffee mornings twice a week.

St Mary's is in the heart of Wallingford and we aim to keep the church open daily for both parishioners and visitors. It is a space open to anyone who wants to find peace at the heart of bustling, everyday life or spend time in quiet contemplation or prayer. Being open every day also enables understanding of the church and its rich history.

Our two buildings are spaces where life events such as weddings and baptisms are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. They allow us to hold funerals with respect and compassion, offering an opportunity to give thanks for the loved one, time to reflect and think, and to entrust them into

God's care.

In 2024 there were 153 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. We celebrated 8 baptisms and 2 weddings. Nineteen funerals were held in our two churches during the year; in addition, our parish clergy officiated at a further 1 funeral at a crematorium.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. (See section 5 for a report from our Parish Safeguarding Officer).

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and works to provide a welcoming atmosphere and suitable facilities for all people. St Mary's, in particular, is available for wider community use and during the year is normally used by several groups unconnected with the church; further details of activities for the public benefit are given throughout this report.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Summary

In 2024 we lived within our means again as a church, with income very slightly ahead of expenditure. A significant amount of money was spent on the church roof lead replacement project, but much of this was funded by grants and donations from individuals and organisations (including The Friends of St Mary's & St Leonard's) for which we are very grateful. However, regular giving - through standing orders, envelopes, and plate collections - although a little higher than in 2023 is still lower than in 2022.

Looking forward, we have to complete the rest of the lead replacement, but also to start the process of replacing the boiler at St Mary's: it is increasingly unreliable and has been very expensive to keep working over the last few years. We therefore need to address the slow decline in planned giving.

I am very grateful for the support I receive from Jenny Harden and Judith Pengilly: without their help and encouragement it would not be possible for me to look after our church finances.

3.2 Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Wallingford PCC to maintain as a reserve approximately three months of general running costs (amounting to £30,000) plus a further amount as contingency for quinquennial and other works arising. The target level for this contingency is £90,000 giving a total target for reserves of £120,000.

3.3 Grant making policy

The total of donations made by the PCC, plus collections taken at special services (including Christmas, Easter, Harvest), should approach 10% of the PCC's unrestricted income. The

management of this giving is delegated to the Social Responsibility Group. The current practice is to support at least one UK charity and one overseas charity. One of the charities must be Christian based. Collections for emergency disaster appeals and one-off charities are agreed by the PCC.

In 2024 we achieved approx. 7%, primarily due to the fact that we encourage people who wish to gift aid their donation to do so online as the charities do not provide gift aid envelopes anymore.

3.4 Stewardship

There was no stewardship campaign during the year.

Stephen Harrison
PCC Treasurer

4. Rector's Report

This year has been a whirlwind of firsts and a steep learning curve, but with a real sense that God is with us. I can't thank you enough for your support and encouragement since my licensing on 6th March. Whatever your role in the church community – and you all have one – your enthusiasm, willingness to 'go with the flow' when I've changed things around and a great deal of work done quietly in the background means we are fulfilling our vision of being 'Open to God, open to all'. Thank you for being direct with your feedback when I have got things wrong, it's been valuable. I have spent a great deal of time listening and learning this year, being the gentle shepherd you asked for while looking forwards in our Christian mission here.

We are blessed with a wonderful team of ministers, both ordained and lay, meaning we can offer a very full range of worship and ministry in church, at home and in the wider community. Also, an amazing team of volunteers whose reports offer highlights on the following pages. You built strong foundations during the interregnum from which we can now grow, with Christ as our guide and with prayer at the heart.

I spent a good deal of time in the summer and autumn building on previous work developing a Deanery bid for National Church funding for Children, Young People and Families work. We were not successful, but the work is not wasted and will be carried forward as a Team project in the coming months.

Alongside my role as Team Rector, I am a Foundation Governor at St Nicholas' School, a Trustee of the Wallingford Municipal Charities, Mayor's Chaplain and Street Pastor, taking our contribution beyond the faith community. As I don't live there, The Rectory continues to be under the management of the diocese and is let on a six-monthly contract basis.

Revd Sarah Nesbitt
Team Rector

5. Report from Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Our Safeguarding Culture

Safeguarding is a standing item on PCC agendas, with an updated Action Plan at each meeting. Our Parish Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and is in line with [Promoting a Safer Church](#). The PCC complies with its safeguarding duties following guidance from the Church of England and Diocese of Oxford. Most recently, in response to the findings of the Makin report, we have been asked to ensure a good understanding of the guidance on [Responding Well to Victims and Survivors](#), and to consider the strengths and weaknesses of our parish culture around safeguarding. I am grateful to the PCC for their ongoing engagement; we are particularly fortunate to have General Synod member Helen King's wisdom and wider perspective on this crucial area of parish life.

Safer Recruitment and People Management

We continue to monitor training undertaken by volunteers; all PCC members complete basic and foundation level training, as do those working closely with children or vulnerable adults. Online training is accessible to anyone via the [Church of England Safeguarding Training Portal](#). We regularly review risk assessments and ensure that those supervising activities are adhering to the [Code of Safer Working Practice](#). We are using the Parish Safeguarding Hub to keep records in a consistent, accessible format. Thank you to Jean Simmons, our DBS Administrator, for her attention to detail.

A range of concerns and queries have been raised to the PSO and Team Rector, with advice and support sought from the Diocese and other agencies as required. Where a safeguarding concern is raised, it is expected that advice will be sought directly from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and it is for them to discern whether further action is needed. Our area safeguarding adviser is Erica Hegg who can be contacted directly on 01865 208295.

Safeguarding Roles

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Linda Hull safeguardingwallingford@gmail.com

DBS Recruiter and Verifier: Jean Simmons

Our focus in the coming months will be:

- Developing our shared understanding of responding well to victims and survivors of abuse.
- Considering the strengths and weaknesses of our culture of safeguarding.

*Linda Hull
Parish Safeguarding Officer*

6. PCC Vision Groups & Sub Committees

6.1 Worship & Spirituality Group

The Worship & Spirituality PCC subgroup met on four occasions in 2024, quietly planning and delivering a variety of services and activities to support our individual and corporate needs.

Key highlights from this year include:

- a full programme of worship through Lent and Holy Week with some special reflective services of word and music on Good Friday
- regular Care Home Communion services at Rush Court and Westgate House, alongside Home Communion for those unable to get to church
- participation in the ecumenical Good Friday service in Wallingford Market Place
- a particular emphasis on the church seasons and festivals, with specific liturgy and orders of service reflecting a variety of spirituality and worship.
- our Family Services: the 'Heroes of Faith' theme continued until July; in August we held a 'Love your Church' service to bless and say thank you for everyone who helps in any way with our church: worship, outreach, nurture, buildings, flowers, cleaning, hospitality, bellringing, welcoming and more.
- the learnings from the BunkFest prayer space in the sanctuary, with a beautifully restored votive candle stand alongside the other prayer activities
- the 'blessing of the bags' for the return to school and work following the summer holiday season. September also saw the reintroduction of our All-Age Communion, beginning with our Harvest Festival.
- the introduction of prayers and anointing for Wholeness and Healing during the Team service at the end of September.
- the season for the online 'Prayer with the Heart' came to an end during the summer, but Morning Prayer in St Mary's at 8.30am was reintroduced
- the Advent Group gathering to study 'Forgiving and Forgetting' by Nick Fawcett
- the prayer tree has not been particularly well used this year, but is important for those who do take the time to write their prayers, so will be reviewed

The following table explains our service provision:

St Leonard's	Every Sunday	08:00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	Every Sunday	18:30	Sung or Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)
St Mary's	Mondays – Thursdays	08:30	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)
	1 st and 3 rd Sundays	10:15	Parish Communion (Common Worship) with Children's Church JAM (Jesus & Me)
	2 nd Sunday	10:15	Family Service, preceded by crafts at 09:45
	2 nd Sunday	11:30	Said Communion (Common Worship)

	4 th Sunday	10.00	All Age Communion (Common Worship)
	5 th Sunday	10:00	Team Communion (Common Worship) rotating around the three parishes
	Every Thursday	11:00	Holy Communion (Common Worship)

*Revd Sarah Nesbitt
Team Rector*

6.2 Outreach & Nurture Group

6.2.1 Outreach & Nurture Group – General

At the start of 2024, the group organised several events in St Mary's to help foster a sense of community. This included a pancake breakfast at the Family Service before Lent, and an Easter Egg hunt for children on Easter morning. The Collation Service for Sarah's licensing in March involved a wide range of groups and individuals, including the Outreach and Nurture group.

As the days became warmer and longer, we could start to organise outdoor events. This year this included:

- A team picnic in Liz's beautiful riverside garden, followed by Evensong
- Hymns and Pimm's in the churchyard at St Leonard's.

The Outreach and Nurture group helped facilitate links between our churches and our community, by supporting events such as:

- Hustings in St Mary's, ahead of the July General Election.
- Activities for children in St Mary's, as part of the town's Curfew Bell event.

To support the choir's singing in St Alban's Cathedral (see 6.6 below) we organised a parish coach trip to St Alban's. Feedback from the bring-and-share Harvest Lunch we organised, suggested that it may have worked better as a sit-down meal, with revised timing.

Christmas and Advent allowed us to bring back some popular features such as the Tree of Remembering at St Mary's, along with sharing mulled wine after selected services. A highlight this year was the lantern making workshop and parade we ran for children, as part of the town's Christmas Event at the start of December, which was incredibly popular.

I would like to record my thanks to the other members of the group and also thanks to those beyond the group who support this vital aspect of our church life.

*Charlie Brampton
On behalf of the Outreach & Nurture Group*

6.2.2 Children, Young People and Families

Our children, young people and families are an important part of our church community. Since the departure of our Children's Worker in September 2023, the activities for young people have continued through a team of wonderful volunteers with some hugely creative sessions. Key highlights include:

- JAM (Jesus and Me), where children spend time engaging with bible stories on three Sunday mornings a month, reducing to two when the All-Age Communion was reintroduced on the fourth Sunday of the month from September. There is occasionally JAM on fifth Sundays if the Team service is at St Mary's.
- Family Service on the second Sunday of each month, preceded by crafts relating to the topic which are enthusiastically received.
- Baby Singing and Tiny Toes on Wednesday mornings in term-time continue to be well supported.
- Collective Worship (CW): we offer CW at St Nicholas' School every two weeks and led CW at Fir Tree School on three seasonal occasions in the autumn term. St John's School enjoyed a whole-school Carol Service in church and discussions have been initiated at Wallingford School to improve engagement.
- We have enjoyed 8 baptisms with home visits for baptism preparation.
- The Brownies came into church to make bouquets for Mothering Sunday and will be joining our flower arranging rota in the New Year.
- Confirmation preparation sessions began in December.
- Two Christmas Eve Nativity services were beautifully chaotic and well-attended

A huge thank you to the team of very capable and enthusiastic volunteers who encourage our young people to explore faith through scripture, craft and song.

*Revd Sarah Nesbitt
Team Rector*

6.3 Social Responsibility Group

The Social Responsibility Group aims to raise awareness of social and justice concerns and to balance our church giving between international emergency appeals and other national and local charities, particularly those known to us here in Wallingford. We welcome any suggestions or recommendations from members of the congregation.

This year the church has donated £9,636.25. The PCC increased its donations to our two nominated charities (Sue Ryder Hospice Care and the Sharp Memorial School for the Blind in India) to £2,000 each.

We also supported two Red Cross Appeals for the war in the Middle East and for Gaza, MSF (Doctors without Borders) and the UNHCR (World Refugee Week). Nationally we supported Cruse Bereavement Care and Crisis at Christmas. Locally we helped PACT (Parents and Children Together), Wigod Way Family Centre, Style Acre and Open the Book.

Charlie Hughes organized Christian Aid week collections and spoke about its work at a Parish Communion service at St Mary's. We also welcomed Kelsey Proctor, Manager of the Wigod Way Family Centre to tell us about the work of the Centre at Parish Communion in November.

We held two cake sales in St Mary's, to mark Refugee Week and Harvest Festival. Many thanks for everyone who contributed delicious homemade goodies!

Elizabeth Gordon
On behalf of the Social Responsibility Group

6.4 Fabric, Buildings and Churchyards

Phase 1 leadwork replacement project involving St Mary's and St Leonard's churches was completed in March by our appointed contractor Warren and Neale. This project, which stemmed from the 2021 Quinquennial Inspection (QI), involved lead replacement to the south roof and the tower roof at St Mary's, alongside the tower abutment at St Leonard's. It included remedial plaster work in the south aisle at St Mary's due to the plaster failure in 2023 caused by historical water ingress.

St Mary's chancel movement 'live-with-it' option completed – This required a purlin condition inspection by a structural engineer to progress the 'live-with-it' option. The inspection took place on 19 March 2024 by Matt Groves of Seabrook Groves. Faculty approval was gained and the work involving the installation of a steel sleeve and remedial plaster work took place on 9 April 2024 by Warren and Neale through the Phase 1 leadwork replacement project. This situation now needs to be monitored.

The Standing Committee and the Fabric Committee organised an interim QI meeting with Henry Sanders, quinquennial architect, in June. There were two aims: 1) To gain direction from Henry Sanders on which actions we should prioritise; 2) To gather information on the likely significant repairs needed in the next 5-20 years to develop a long-term strategy for both churches and to support the work of the Friends of St Mary's and St Leonard's.

Phase 2 leadwork progression at St Mary's – There is outstanding lead replacement work required to the north aisle at St Mary's. We have obtained grants of £20,750 and fundraised £6,215. We opened discussions with the architect in October 2024 to enable progression of the work in 2025.

St Mary's boiler replacement project – following approval by the PCC and agreement by the Diocese on the approved replacement of the gas boiler by air source heat pumps, we have progressed the project by employing a structural engineer and acoustics expert to carry out further preparatory work.

St Leonard's structural assessment of the apse and tower – There is a quotation in place for Matt Groves (structural engineer) to inspect the Apse and Tower at St Leonard's – this is linked to a QI action and required due to the visible crack in the Apse. Step one is a CCTV survey of the drains..

St Mary's East End Window condition assessment – Chapel Studio stained glass specialists were due to re-assess the condition of the East End window in December. This was cancelled due to personal reasons and is planned for January 2025.

St Mary's security enhancements – We have improved the security of the building through the installation of several mortice locks following the break-ins in 2024.

Buildings, fabric and churchyards Committee (formally known as the Fabric Committee) has delivered a number of activities required by the QI alongside reactive activities. This includes responding to the many issues with St Mary's boiler some of which were caused by flooding linked to a problem with a nearby downpipe. It also includes the remedial works to the south aisle wall in St Mary's following an incident on Ash Wednesday. The committee has developed a monitoring and maintenance programme for both churches.

Monitoring and maintenance of church buildings – This includes service of the boiler, annual fire extinguishers inspections, PAT testing and 6-monthly maintenance of fire alarm and emergency lighting, routine health and safety inspections.

Churchyards – SODC completed minor remedial works to the paving in the front churchyard at St Mary's to reduce the risk of slips, trips and falls. They also carried out tree maintenance in St Leonard's which required faculty permission. We had to provide evidence of not being able to find any living relatives for graves in St Mary's and All Hallows to progress remedial works to gravestones.

I am indebted to the many people who have given their time and talents, and help and support to enable this work to be achieved in 2024. Since 2021, we have had a very significant church building workload due to the urgent and important issues that were identified through the Quinquennial Inspections alongside the many unknown problems that have arisen on the way.

Emma Cross

On behalf of the Fabric, Buildings and Churchyards Ctee.

6.5 Communication Group

The website <http://www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk>, covers all three parishes in the Team (Wallingford, Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell). It continues to meet the needs of locals, visitors and newcomers by promoting upcoming services and events as well as providing information about what we offer.

The distribution list for the Weekly News email continues to grow, and Weekly News is now sent to over 300 email addresses every week. This email details the services and events for the coming week and beyond. A handful of paper copies are made available at both churches for those who do not have access to the internet.

The livestreamed Sunday morning service at St Mary's still attracts a number of regular viewers and is a vital link to the church for these members of our parish and beyond who cannot attend the service in person. The monthly Zoom sessions for TWHAS (The Wallingford Historical and

Archaeological Society) continue, thus allowing people at home to join the presentation being held in St Mary's.

Posters, flyers and invitations were produced throughout the year promoting special services and events, and articles were published in local magazines when appropriate.

We continue to use Facebook to communicate news and promote special services and events; and the TV screen near the door in St Mary's provides visitors and congregation a glimpse of our diverse services and activities.

*Wendy L Muggeridge
On behalf of the Communications Group*

6.6 Choir

Extra services this year included Sarah's Collation service in March and a beautiful 1928 prayer book wedding in April. There was more collaboration between juniors and seniors: joint rehearsals and the All-age Communion services.

The choir enjoyed three cathedral visits:

- Two days in Salisbury in May, where we were accompanied by Andrew Prior, and which involved a large number of juniors;
- A weekend in St Alban's in August, where we were accompanied by Mathias Herbst, and welcomed some former choir members back to sing;
- Evensong at Christ Church, Oxford at the beginning of August, joined by a few members of Christ Church Cathedral Singers and Dorchester Abbey Choir.

There was a Good Friday evening performance of choruses and arias from Handel's Messiah, accompanied by Gaby Clements.

Remembrance Sunday included a performance of Walford Davies's Requiem in D, written in 1915. With a liturgy from a 1913 draft of a revised Book of Common Prayer, it was paired with the Communion Service in C minor by Wood and accompanied by Sue Huntingford-Ledger.

Christmas was very busy, as ever, but we enjoyed some particularly successful carol-singing evenings, thanks to excellent turnout from the choir and welcome additions from the congregation.

The choir committee continues to support Judith and has embarked on a review of the music library to rationalise our resources and make space for new music.

*Judith Ward
Director of Music*

6.7 Bellringers

We have had another good year with a loyal band maintaining all the ringing required for services, as well as continuing our regular Thursday practices. We number 14 paid-up members of the Diocesan Guild. We can ring on 8 bells fairly regularly and sometimes on 10 if numbers permit. The

band continues to make good progress, with individual members progressing well. One of our number (Millie Gall) rang her first full peal during the year, less than a year after starting to learn. We currently have one further member starting to learn. There have been five quarter peals during the year, but no full peals (just one failed attempt!)

We had an enjoyable outing last summer to towers in Buckinghamshire. Repairs have been required: we needed 3 new ropes and the other 7 “tail ends” were replaced at the same time. Also, one clapper sheared off in the middle just before Christmas. We are grateful to the PCC for funding all the work required for this.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our practices, and also will be most interested to hear of anyone wishing to learn to ring. Ringing is an activity open to all in the age range 8 to 88+!

*Chris Tuckett
Tower Captain*

7. Cherishing God’s Earth

This continues to be a key part of our mission and we are very proud of the fact that we have been a Silver rated [Eco Church](#) since September 2020. Despite some lack of resource this year, we have accomplished the following:

- achieved RHS Thames & Chilterns in Bloom awards for the two churchyards;
- celebrated the season of Creationtide in September through worship and prayer;
- continued to use Fair Trade coffee, tea and sugar;
- progressed the project to replace the gas boiler at St Mary’s with a more environmentally friendly option;
- worshipped outside in the summer, when we held Evensong in a private garden (see 6.2.1. above)

*Wendy Muggeridge
PCC Secretary*

8. Plans for the Future

Our main aims for 2025 and beyond include the following:

- Planning for the Team Vicar vacancy
- Developing our work with Children, Young People and Families
- Developing our provision of Christian ministry appropriately in a growing community
- Developing the Personal Discipleship programme
- Reviewing previous research and progressing our vision ‘Enabling people to be the best they can be in God’
- Holding a Confirmation service for adults and young people in February 2025
- Extending the confirmation preparation into a youth group meeting regularly
- Building resilience, resources and knowledge to maintain and care for church buildings
- Delivering Phase 2 leadwork project for the north aisle at St Mary’s

- Completing the CCTV survey and structural assessment at St Leonard's
- Completing the planning for St Mary's boiler replacement project
- Endeavoring to find somebody to become our Cherishing God's Earth Champion
- Working with the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, the Oxford Diocese and local conservation groups to create a strategic plan for the two Churchyards for them to become havens for wildlife, heritage, and people.

9. Structure, Governance & Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the Wallingford PCC currently consists of the Team Rector, two Churchwardens, one General Synod representative, Deanery Synod representatives, one Licensed Lay Minister plus lay members elected by those who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Election to the PCC is for a three-year term, although immediate re-election is possible. We are permitted 12 lay members on the PCC, governed by the number of people on the Electoral Roll.

Churchwardens are elected annually and serve for a maximum of six consecutive years. Re-election is possible after at least one year's break.

A Standing Committee is required by law; its purpose is to transact the PCC's business between meetings of the PCC. Our current Standing Committee consists of the Team Rector, two Churchwardens and two other members of the PCC, appointed by the PCC, these are currently the PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer.

Deanery Synod representatives are elected every three years, according to a schedule set by the Diocese of Oxford and governed by the number of people on the electoral roll in the year preceding the elections. The next date for elections will be at the APCM in 2026. Based on the number of people on our electoral roll in 2022, we are currently entitled to 4 representatives.

General Synod Representatives are elected by lay members of the Deanery Synod every five years, according to a schedule set by the Church of England.

The members of Wallingford PCC are Trustees of the charity and, as such, are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish as well as managing the parish's finances.

The PCC met four times during 2024. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has a number of committees and groups, detailed earlier in this report, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees and groups are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with recommendations of their decisions when appropriate, for approval by the PCC.

10. Administrative Information

The Parish of St Mary-le-More and St Leonard is situated in Wallingford, Oxfordshire. The churches are, together with those in Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, part of the benefice of Wallingford, which is within the Wallingford Deanery in the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. Wallingford PCC registered as a charity on 21 April 2009. The details are:

<u>Charity Name</u> :	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary-le-more and All Hallows with St Leonard & St Peter, Wallingford
<u>Noted Working Name:</u>	Wallingford Parochial Church Council
<u>Registered Charity No.:</u>	1129240
<u>Charity Address:</u>	112 The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 8EJ
<u>Bankers:</u>	Lloyds plc., Market Place, Didcot, OX11 7LQ
<u>Independent Examiner:</u>	Caroline Webster. UHY Ross Brooke, Suite I, Windrush Court, Abingdon Business Park. OX14 1SY

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

Name	Office	Elected
Revd Sarah Nesbitt	Team Rector	<i>ex officio</i>
Emma Cross	Churchwarden & Deanery Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Jacquie Hughes	Churchwarden (Chair until 06/03/24) due to interregnum	<i>ex officio</i>
Gavin Wood	Licensed Lay Minister	<i>ex officio</i>
Charlie Brampton	Deanery Synod representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Wendy Muggeridge	Deanery Synod representative & PCC Secretary	<i>ex officio</i>
Luke Whitcomb	Deanery Synod representative (resigned 16/12/2024)	<i>ex officio</i>
Prof Helen King	General Synod Representative	<i>ex officio</i>
Jane Anderson		2022
Milli Eaton		2024
Oliver Garland		2022
Stephen Harrison	PCC Treasurer	2023
Peter Howarth		2023 for 2 years
Charlie Hughes		2022

Amanda Simons		2023
Helen Swan		2023

11. Wallingford Team Ministry



The Parish of Wallingford is part of the Wallingford Team Ministry, along with the parishes of Crowmarsh Gifford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell.

Membership of the Team Council in 2024:

Name	Parish	Role / status
Revd Sarah Nesbitt		Team Rector
Revd Kevin Beer		Team Vicar
Emma Cross	Wallingford	<i>Parish representative</i>
Jacque Hughes	Wallingford	<i>Parish representative</i>
Amanda Simons	Wallingford	<i>Parish representative</i>
Helen Swan	Wallingford	<i>Parish representative</i>
Michael Drury	Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	<i>Parish representative</i>
Andy Lewis	Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	<i>Parish representative</i>
Anna Gordon	Crowmarsh	<i>Parish representative</i>
Linda Parker	Crowmarsh	<i>Parish representative</i>
Stephen Harrison	Wallingford	<i>Treasurer. Co-opted</i>
John Dowling	Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	<i>Treasurer. Co-opted</i>
Frank Sadler	Crowmarsh	<i>Treasurer. Co-opted</i>

The Parish representatives are lay members of their PCC's and are elected at the first PCC meeting following the annual parochial church meeting. Licensed lay ministers are also entitled to be members of the Team Council.

Two Team Council meetings were held in 2024:

a) 30 May 2024

Last year there was no Parish Share discussion but, because of the Interregnum, they had remained the same as 2023. The 3% deduction applied because of the Interregnum was distributed equally across the 3 parishes. There had been no request for financial support for Crowmarsh. There was discussion concerning the Deprivation level for the 3 parishes; Experian Data makes Crowmarsh wealthier than Brightwell, which is patently wrong. We are told that the Benefice figure we currently pay is for two Clergy Members, if we don't pay, we lose a Vicar.

- Frank reported that, since Covid, fundraising had been negligible, but giving through the Parish Share Giving Scheme (PGS) has increased along with inflation. His forecast is that by the end of this financial year the bank balance could be as low as £800.00 with no reserves, other than ring fenced reserves.
- Mike reported that Brightwell was OK, with Reserve Funds in place. Everything is generally the same as last year with no more contributions – the Spring Fair had realised much the same figure as last year.
- Stephen commented that Wallingford had not so far adopted the PGS, so that means no automatic increases in giving, however he does support regular Stewardship Campaigns.

Mike asked how/when do we resolve to help Crowmarsh and how does it affect us getting another Team Vicar. Sarah said there would be a 'House for Duty', cover for Sundays plus two days. After further discussion it was agreed that Wallingford and Brightwell would go to their respective PCC's and request £2,000 (Wallingford) and £1,000 (Brightwell) be made available to Crowmarsh. Kevin noted that 75% of Crowmarsh income went to pay their Parish Share.

There was some discussion over the House Groups during Lent, with each Group doing their own thing. There was a mixed response to the material used, with some finding the Leadership material difficult.

The Team Council Scheme 2003 lays out Membership as follows: In the first meeting following 1st May: Rector; Vicar; six Members. Jacquie Hughes was appointed Lay Chair appointment (Proposed by Sarah and seconded by Kevin). Margaret Foster was appointed Secretary. There followed a review of dates for Team Services and events until December.

The meeting found the Oxford Deanery proposal about children woolly and non-specific, but there is money to help with youth work if we can access it. Rebecca (Cholsey) and Sarah are sharing ideas across boundaries and Sarah sees us working with Benson and Ipsden too. In September there will be a Deanery presentation; Diocese is putting in time and money; Wallingford was well represented at the last workshop. We need common aims with our youth work: Cholsey predominately focuses on pre-teens but that's less the case in Wallingford. Sarah noted that we have catchment for Wallingford School but we're not strong on resources and we don't have a Team Youth Group. Cholsey is well placed with Volunteer helpers. It'd be good to build more with Wallingford Academy Youth – the Head might be amenable. A bigger 'Open the Book' team would be able to reach more Schools, or we could persuade the current volunteers to become leaders of more groups.

b) 21 November 2024

As expected, the Parish Share increased again this year, and the Deanery Formula assumed Crowmarsh would pay more than Brightwell. Stephen advised the meeting that Wallingford had already accepted their increase, so it was decided that the figures for Brightwell and Crowmarsh should be reversed: the sums for 2025 will therefore be:

Crowmarsh	£32,373.00
Brightwell	£33,350.00
Wallingford	£70,034.00
 Total	 £135,756.00

- Andy voiced a general concern over the loss of our Team Vicar and how we prepare for the Interregnum. He then gave a summary of this year's events.
- Linda gave an account of Crowmarsh activities, the most important being that a Faculty for the long awaited Toilet and Served had at last been granted; and Open the Book was going from strength to strength.
- Jacquie spoke about plans for December, the Junior Choir and the six Candidates for Confirmation this year. The Collection from the Christmas Carol Service will be donated to 'Open the Book'.

Kevin will be making some arrangements for cover during the Interregnum following his retirement, which leaves us to put together a list of jobs which need covering.

Sarah advised that a new Parish Development Advisor (PDA) will be starting in January. She asked the meeting to consider the idea of employing a Parish Admin Officer, who could cover all three Parishes, and be a point of contact during an Interregnum. Such an appointment will need careful consideration and clarity about which tasks would need to be covered.

Sarah proposed that we have a Benefice Away Day sooner rather than later, however we cannot set a date before we get our PDA. There followed a review of services and events up to Easter.

There followed a discussion of how things were going concerning Children's Ministry. The situation was broadly similar to the last meeting and we had not been successful in gaining money from the Development Fund. There are currently no Children worshipping in Crowmarsh and 4-5 children in Brightwell. Sarah will start to work on our children and youth ministry.

Margaret Foster, Minutes Secretary

12. Wallingford Deanery Synod

The Deanery includes parishes in Blewbury, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Chilton, Cholsey, Crowmarsh Gifford, Didcot, Great Western Park, Hagbourne, Harwell, Moulsoford, the Moretons, the Astons, Upton and Wallingford. The Deanery Synod provides PCCs with an important link between parishes and the wider structures of the church. Meetings are jointly chaired by the Area Dean (Revd Dr Andy Lord) and Lay Chair (Vaughn Lawfull).

Two Deanery Synod meetings and two Standing Committees were held in 2024. The Synods both related to the question of how we perceive 'church' in the modern world:

a) February Deanery Synod meeting

We heard from Revd Pete Wheeler from St Peter's Aylesbury (who is on the Diocesan New Congregations Board), speaking about his ministry on a rather deprived estate.

Before Pete's revitalisation work, St Peter's was run by a few elderly folk and much of the focus was on fundraising. Pete introduced a 'breakfast church', which introduces health/well-being and to inspires families to choose things for themselves. On the first Sunday an 11-year-old turned up, on

the second he brought his brother, on the third they brought their mother. 4-5 years later they now welcome around 80-90 each Sunday, of whom 80-90% are unchurched. All activities are intergenerational, and attendees are welcome to bring their own food. They also bring problems of addiction, abuse, alcoholism, but God is at work breaking chains.

Pete shared several principles for creating a healthy church:

- Mission is not a separate department, rather it runs through all our activities. His church has no intention of inviting people in – they need to want that for themselves.
- Church is usually an attractional model (we expect others to come to us) but we need it to be an incarnational model (people expect us to go to them)
- ‘Appreciative Enquiry’ is the principle that everything we need to grow and thrive is already in the room/in our hands. We need to think about Asset Based Community Development (the ABCD concept). We should ask our PCCs about what we already have and how we can use it.
- We need to consider what our Mission Statement is/should be

b) November Deanery Synod meeting

We heard from Revd Canon Helen Kendrick who had been asked to comment on ‘The Church in Mission’ from her experience in the Damascus parish.

The Damascus parish covers five villages, which border Didcot and Abingdon. Helen has been there for 21 years, in which time the congregations have halved. In 2017 a radical decision was made to become a single parish. This was not an easy process (there were 26 different bank accounts!) but activities such as sorting out paperwork and joining the Parish Giving Scheme has helped stewardship. Numbers are now growing, and the parish has a financial surplus.

There is basically one PCC with churchwardens plus local church committees with co-wardens, and one general fund. Pastorally, there is a key person in each church who calls in members of the clergy when required – they are building up lay teams to become the central contacts. Technology is being enabled in new ways, with increasing use of co-operative Google programs. Practically, church worship moves around between the villages, but each church is unique.

The group’s Mission Statement is ‘nurturing faith, bringing hope, sharing love’. From a PCC Away Day came the idea of ‘5 doors’: using all of the five main church buildings. There are: home groups, lay-led services, the use of ‘Open the Book’ in the primary schools, an assembly in each school weekly. Warm Spaces, emergency food supplies, toddler groups and family engagement afternoons. They encourage regular giving of talents as well as money. Helen reminded us that if everything else seems impossible, just keep praying!

There was time for discussion in small groups and a chance to ask questions. These clarified some of the missional and structural issues faced by parishes and Benefices in the Wallingford Deanery. There was plenty to think and reflect further on!

c) Ongoing Deanery Synod work

At both synods there were discussions about (and commitments to) Parish Share Payments. At the end of 2024 the Deanery had raised the significant sum of £468,341 towards the Share allocated to it.

Gordon Gill stood down as Lay Chair at the beginning of the year and was gratefully thanked for all he had contributed during his years in office. Vaughn Lawfull was voted in as his successor in that role in November. Due to the continued lack of a Deanery Treasurer, the Standing Committee has covered this role again this year.

The Deanery Secretary ran the Diocesan Election process in the Deanery during the Area Dean's Sabbatical (and during the vacancy for Lay Chair). Revd Jason St John Nicolle was elected to one of the two Clergy vacancies; but one Clergy and two Lay places were not filled.

Each Synod heard a report from Prof Helen King in her role as a General Synod Representative, particularly in relation to the Living in Love & Faith process, and to the many aspects of Safeguarding which had featured in the national news during the year.

Inspections took place in several parishes during 2025 particularly in the Churn Benefice. More will take place in 2025, lessening the backlog after the hiatus of the pandemic.

Much work took place around the Deanery on projects related to Children & Youth, ahead of a plan being put together in 2025 alongside the diocesan bid for national funding. It was encouraging to hear stories of the many varied activities taking place each month across the Deanery.

Ali Adams, Deanery Synod Secretary

13. Annual Financial Statements

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024 total funds	2023 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from: (Note 2)					
Donations and legacies	135,253.80	31,406.59		166,660.39	115,492.40
Charitable activities	19,063.13	-		19,063.13	18,946.11
Other trading activities	20,440.32	-	-	20,440.32	21,809.13
Investments	11,110.00	-		11,110.00	8,174.73
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	185,867.25	31,406.59	-	217,273.84	164,422.37
Expenditure on: (Note 3)					
Raising funds	2,602.59	-		2,602.59	2,155.68
Charitable activities	200,359.72	10,444.59		210,804.31	156,771.59
Total expenditure	202,962.31	10,444.59	-	213,406.90	158,927.27
Net incoming / outgoing resources before transfer	- 17,095.06	20,962.00	-	3,866.94	5,495.10
Transfers (Note 12)					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-		-	75,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-		-	- 75,000.00
Net incoming/outgoing before other gains/losses	- 17,095.06	20,962.00	-	3,866.94	5,495.10
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on investment assets (Note 14)	933.24		4,694.43	5,627.67	17,895.94
Net movement in funds	- 16,161.82	20,962.00	4,694.43	9,494.61	23,391.04
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	293,281.42	1,883.92	177,187.12	472,352.46	448,961.42
Total funds carried forward	277,119.60	22,845.92	181,881.55	481,847.07	472,352.46

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

Statement of Financial Position

	2024 total funds	2023 total funds
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Investments (Notes 7 and 14)	201,095.57	195,467.90
	201,095.57	195,467.90
Current assets		
Debtors (Note 8)	11,327.07	10,448.23
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	279,500.51	272,073.46
	290,827.58	282,521.69
Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year (Note 10)	10,076.08	5,637.13
Net current assets less current liabilities	280,751.50	276,884.56
Total assets less current liabilities	481,847.07	472,352.46
Represented by (Note 12)		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	86,677.44	113,580.63
Designated		
Designated - Choir fund	9,328.94	8,279.43
Designated - Reserve fund	108,915.54	104,881.14
Designated - Rector's discretionary fund	4,106.15	4,106.15
Designated - Jordan legacy	20,456.53	19,523.29
Designated - Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	11,996.68	10,530.32
Designated - Bell ringers' fund	4,808.24	5,119.70
Designated - Youth and children work fund	19,011.25	15,441.93
Restricted		
Restricted - St Mary's tower fund	2,657.35	2,657.35
Restricted - Restricted fund	32,007.40	11,045.40
Endowment		
Endowment - Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	22,452.14	21,949.75
Endowment - St Leonard's Church endowment funds	159,429.41	155,237.37
Funds of the church	481,847.07	472,352.46

Approved by the Parochial Church Council in general meeting on 4 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by Stephen Harrison (PCC Treasurer).



The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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Note 1 - Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective 1 January 2019 the "SORP (FRS102)"). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. Financial statements are based on historical costs, except for investments which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Collections and appeals for nominated beneficiaries have not entered the accounts as they were collected on behalf of third parties.

The financial statements do not contain the accounts of informal groups of church members or of other groups which owe their main affiliation to another body.

Funds

The general fund of the PCC is an unrestricted fund. Some of the general fund has been earmarked by the PCC for particular purposes and these are referred to as Designated funds.

Endowment funds are included where the Trustees are the Rector and Church Wardens. These funds are small and their purposes are identified in the accompanying note 12.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income

Collections are recognised when received by the PCC.

Planned giving under gift aid declaration is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aided donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by appeals, garden parties, social, and other events are accounted for gross. Any associated costs are disclosed under expenditure - raising funds.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments and other fixed assets

Realised gains or losses on investments are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are calculated as the difference between opening market value (or purchase price if later) and market value on the 31 December each year.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations, are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. Other resources expended are accounted for when the liability arises on an accruals basis.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2)(a) of the 2011 Charities Act.

All expenditure during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings is included in the Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA).

Listings of such expenditure are given in the notes to the accounts.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment

Fixtures, furnishings and equipment used within church premises are written off linearly over four years unless a longer period is appropriate to reflect the useful life of certain assets. Individual items with a purchase price of less than £3,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Short term deposits and cash

Short term deposits includes cash held on deposit either with Church of England Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund or at the bank.

Cash includes monies held in bank current accounts.

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Note 2 - Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024 total funds	2023 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies					
Standing order donations	79,564.00			79,564.00	79,195.00
Envelope donations	2,786.00			2,786.00	2,685.00
Loose plate collections	6,085.19			6,085.19	2,639.62
Giving through church boxes	206.00			206.00	128.43
One-off donations	7,742.40	12,156.59		19,898.99	7,595.31
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	22,649.55	2,500.00		25,149.55	21,162.76
Legacies				-	1,000.00
Non-recurring one-off grants	11,922.13	16,750.00		28,672.13	172.00
Other funds generated	4,298.53			4,298.53	914.28
Donations and legacies income subtotals	135,253.80	31,406.59	-	166,660.39	115,492.40
Charitable activities					
Coffee sales	8,613.08			8,613.08	6,810.51
Fees for weddings and funerals	4,835.80			4,835.80	5,133.00
Verger, organ, bells, and choir fees	5,441.00			5,441.00	7,002.60
Toddler group	173.25			173.25	
Charitable activities subtotals	19,063.13	-	-	19,063.13	18,946.11
Other trading activities					
Church lettings and sales - fund raising	20,440.32			20,440.32	21,809.13
Activities for generating funds subtotals	20,440.32	-	-	20,440.32	21,809.13
Investment income					
Dividends	9,814.40			9,814.40	4,829.46
Bank and building society interest	1,295.60			1,295.60	3,345.27
Investment income subtotals	11,110.00	-	-	11,110.00	8,174.73
Income from generated funds totals	185,867.25	31,406.59	-	217,273.84	164,422.37
Other incoming resources					
Other incoming resources subtotals	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources grand totals	185,867.25	31,406.59	-	217,273.84	164,422.37

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Note 3 - Resources Expended

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024 total funds	2023 total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Costs of fund raising and events	2,602.59			2,602.59	2,155.68
Raising funds expenditure subtotals	2,602.59	-	-	2,602.59	2,155.68
Charitable activities					
Giving - relief and development (Note 6)	2,266.63			2,266.63	1,500.00
Giving - home mission (Note 6)	174.00			174.00	65.00
Secular charities (Note 6)	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,500.00
Parish share	67,371.78			67,371.78	64,512.18
Ministry and mission	6,164.01			6,164.01	6,566.72
Assistant staff costs				-	9,263.00
Rector's working expenses	1,217.71			1,217.71	-
Recoverables vergers, organ, choir, bells	4,925.00			4,925.00	5,977.80
Costs of organists and choir	10,949.89			10,949.89	9,779.79
Insurance	8,778.28			8,778.28	8,696.68
Organ and piano tuning	1,215.28			1,215.28	1,157.36
Church maintenance and sundries	12,031.65	156.59		12,188.24	6,597.72
Administration	640.00			640.00	819.00
Bank charges	406.30			406.30	348.42
Thefts				-	190.00
Utilities	14,512.14			14,512.14	21,178.46
Payment card charges	217.07			217.07	203.11
Repairs	66,853.98	10,288.00		77,141.98	13,215.78
Independent examination	636.00			636.00	600.00
Depreciation (Note 7)				-	4,600.57
Charitable activities sub-totals	200,359.72	10,444.59	-	210,804.31	156,771.59
Resources expended grand totals	202,962.31	10,444.59	-	213,406.90	158,927.27

Coffee is purchased both for fellowship (coffee after services) and fund raising (selling coffee in church). As it is not possible to separate these costs, they are all included in "Ministry and Mission".

Costs of "organists and choir" includes expenditure on choir tours.

Note 4 - Statement of Staff Costs

Fees from weddings and funerals due to the Director of Music and to the Verger are paid directly to them by the PCC.

Fees due to the choir and ringers are paid to the choir and ringers.

The organist was paid monthly: the total for the year was £8,210.40 (2023: £7,694).

Since September 2017, the PCC has employed one family worker part-time as part of its mission to families.

The family worker left for a new job at the beginning of September 2023 and has not yet been replaced.

There were therefore no payments made to the family worker in 2024 (2023: £6861).

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Note 5 - Details of Certain Items of Expenditure

Trustees Fees

No trustees were paid in their capacity as trustees nor did they receive any expenses. No trustee received fees for any other services provided to the charity.

The total donations from trustees during the year were £44,065.

Independent Examination

Fees of £530 were paid for the independent examination of the accounts: no other fees were paid to the independent examiner for other services.

Note 6 - Grants to Missions and Charities and Disposal of Special Collections

	2024 total £
Giving - relief and development	
PCC donation to Bartimaeus Chritable Trust (Sharp school for the blind)	2,000.00
PCC donation to British Ukrainian Aid	266.63
Total	2,266.63
Home mission	
Donation to Christ Church Cathedral	15.00
Church Towers	109.00
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust	50.00
Total	174.00
Secular charities	
Donation to Sue Ryder Care	2,000.00
Total	2,000.00
Total giving by the PCC	4,440.63
Disposal of special collections	
Collections and appeals for nominated beneficiaries have not entered the accounts as they were collected on behalf of third parties.	
Bishope of Oxford Outreach Fund - collections at Sarah Nesbitt's collation service	579.42
Christian Aid - collections and donations	713.76
Churches Conservation Trust - St Peter's Evensong	123.50
Crisis - 9 lessons collections	612.11
CRUSE - All Souls collections	238.87
Friends of St Mary and St Leonard fundraising events	327.99
Medecins sans Frontieres - Remembrance Sunday collections	369.94
Open the Book - Crib service collection	150.00
PACT - Easter collections	375.93
Red Cross - Good Friday and Christmas collections	1,429.54
Style Acre - Advent carol service collections	318.92
Sue Ryder Care - half proceeds of Wallingford Winter Recitals	3,049.94
The Children's Society - J Pengilly collection boxes	496.10
UNHCR - 23 June collections and cake sale	295.15
Wigod Way Family Centre - Harvesy collections, Crib service collection, and cake sale	588.28
Total for special collections	9,669.45

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Note 7 - Fixed assets

	2024 total £
Tangible fixed assets	
Cost	
Balance brought forward	122,069.62
Additions	
Balance carried forward	122,069.62
Accumulated depreciation	
Balance brought forward	122,069.62
Depreciation charge for year	-
Balance carried forward	122,069.62
Net book value	
Brought forward	-
Carried forward	-

All Tangible Fixed Assets had been depreciated to zero by the end of 2023.

Fixed asset investments (see also Note 14)	
Market value at beginning of year	195,467.90
Gain on revaluation	5,627.67
Market value at end of year	201,095.57

Note 8 - Debtors

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 total £	2023 total £
Debtors				
Gift aid	11,327.07		11,327.07	10,448.23
Debtors total	11,327.07	-	11,327.07	10,448.23

Note 9 - Cash at Bank

	2024 total £	2023 total £
Cash at Bank		
Lloyds current account	130,171.11	129,540.42
Lloyds 32 day interest bearing account	51,794.74	50,499.14
CBF1003 (Reserve)	80,042.83	76,008.43
CBF1005 (Ruth memorial)	17,491.83	16,025.47
Current assets total	279,500.51	272,073.46

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Note 10 - Creditors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 total	2023 total
	£	£	£	£
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year				
Due to organists			251.00	
Wedding fees taken in advance			325.00	525.00
EEP boiler replacement project			2,400.00	
Acoustics study for boiler replacement project			2,340.00	
Owing for kitchen consumables			171.98	
Agency collections			150.00	518.51
Connect catering (for printing)				155.52
Retention on tower works (Harri-Stone)			3,838.10	3,838.10
Independent examination			600.00	600.00
Creditors total	-	-	10,076.08	5,637.13

Note 11 - Commitments

The PCC recognised no further financial commitments at the end of 2024 other than those disclosed in creditors.

Note 12 Funds

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted - General Fund	113,580.63		26,903.19			86,677.44
Designated - Choir Fund	8,279.43	1,049.51				9,328.94
Designated - Reserve Fund	104,881.14	4,034.40				108,915.54
Designated - Rector's Discretionary Fund	4,106.15					4,106.15
Designated - Jordan Legacy	19,523.29				933.24	20,456.53
Designated - Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund	10,530.32	1,466.36				11,996.68
Designated - Bell ringers' fund	5,119.70		311.46			4,808.24
Designated - Youth and children work fund	15,441.93	3,569.32				19,011.25
Restricted - St Mary's Tower Fund	2,657.35					2,657.35
Restricted - Restricted Funds	11,045.40	20,962.00				32,007.40
Endowment - Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund	21,949.75				502.39	22,452.14
Endowment - St Leonard's Church Endowment Funds	155,237.37				4,192.04	159,429.41
	472,352.46	31,081.59	27,214.65	-	5,627.67	481,847.07

General Fund - general income and operating expenses.

Choir Fund - for fund raising and expenditure of the choir apart from funds provided by the PCC.

Reserve Fund - to cover cash shortfalls in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as emergency repairs.

Rector's Discretionary Fund - a sum of money donated by a parishioner for use at the Rector's discretion.

Jordan Legacy - shares remaining after the original legacy was fully spent. Now generating income for the PCC.

Ruth Chamberlain Memorial Trust Fund - endowment provides for the designated fund for costs first for altar, then cassocks, surplices, and choir hymnals and psalters.

St Mary's Tower Fund - money collected for the repair and restoration of St Mary's church tower.

Restricted Fund - set up in 2012 for Restricted payments from various sources including the Friends of St Mary and St Leonard.

The current balance of £32,007.40 consists of £30,250 reserved for fabric works at St Mary's,

£1,000 reserved for fabric works at St Leonard's, £337 reserved for organ repairs,

with the balance for costs of electronic collection plates.

St Leonard's Church Endowment Funds - investment income for the PCC General Fund.

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Note 13 - Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

Current year	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	19,214.02	-	181,881.55	201,095.57
Net current assets	86,677.44	159,409.31	34,664.75	-	280,751.50
Total	86,677.44	178,623.33	34,664.75	181,881.55	481,847.07

Previous year	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	18,280.78	-	177,187.12	195,467.90
Net current assets	113,580.63	149,601.18	13,702.75	-	276,884.56
Total	113,580.63	167,881.96	13,702.75	177,187.12	472,352.46

Note 14 - Details of Investments

			2024 total £	2023 total £
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's House	St Leonard's Church endowment funds	Endowment	87,213.27	85,261.77
<i>Custodian Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. St Leonard's House; Income to Rector and Churchwardens for yearly expenses of Parish Church. Interest and dividends paid to PCC.</i>				
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's Cottage	St Leonard's Church endowment funds	Endowment	66,527.96	64,414.70
<i>Custodian Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. St Leonard's Cottage; Perpetual trust with object as for St Leonard's House. Recoupment scheme for loan of £4,047 made to Parish in 1974 concluded during 1998 and capital repaid. New recoupment scheme 1999 Charity Commission agreed release of £16,000 to PCC for repairs at St Leonard's or St Mary's. Outstanding loan at 31 December 2023 £640.00. From 2005, accumulated interest and dividends paid to PCC. Recoupment payment £640.00 per year. Loan fully paid off</i>				
CCLA Shares - St Leonard's Lands	St Leonard's Church	Endowment	5,688.18	5,560.90
<i>St Leonard's Church Lands: general expenses of the Church. Rector and Churchwarden trustees. Perpetual trust with opening capital, represented by 246 CBF Investment units; income paid to PCC.</i>				
CCLA Shares - Jordan Legacy	Jordan Legacy	Designated	19,214.02	18,280.78
<i>306.14 Central Board of Finance Accumulation Investment Fund units purchased 9 December 1997 at 979.94p.</i>				
CCLA Shares - Ruth Chamberlain Trust	Ruth Chamberlain memorial trust fund	Endowment	22,452.14	21,949.75
<i>Wallingford St Mary's Ruth Chamberlain Trust; first for altar, then cassocks, surplices and choir hymnals psalters. Perpetual trust with opening capital of £1,000 represented by CBF Investment units; income paid to PCC.</i>				
Investments subtotal			201,095.57	195,467.90
The realised and unrealised gains on investments in the year are			5,627.67	17,895.94

14. Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wallingford Parochial Church Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 21 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC who are also the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

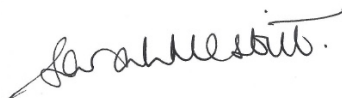
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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21 March 2025

Wallingford PCC Annual Report 2024 approved by the PCC on 4 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Sarah Nesbitt (PCC Chair)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Nesbitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Revd. Sarah Nesbitt, Chair Wallingford PCC