

# **Parochial Church Council of All Saints Rotherham**



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## **Rotherham Minster**

and

## **The Chapel of Our Lady on the Bridge, Rotherham**

## **Annual Reports**

**For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**2024 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of  
Rotherham All Saints (Rotherham Minster)**

## **Aims and purposes**

The Parish of Rotherham Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, Pastoral, Evangelical, Social and Ecumenical. It has the responsibility for the fabric of the Minster Church of Rotherham All Saints and the Chapel of Our Lady on Rotherham Bridge.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Rotherham Minster. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups who live within our parish. Our services, and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament alongside our community engagement.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Rotherham Minster and The chapel of our lady on the bridge Rotherham.

## **Rotherham Minster Review of the year 2024**

What follows is an overview of the life of our church during 2024. Naturally this will be unable to cover everything, however the additional reports will offer further insights into our development.

The small group life of the church has continued to grow and develop. Over the course of the year we have completed a Bible Society course, focussed on Prayer throughout Lent and as the year closed our Advent theme was 'Another world is possible'. The groups meet across the Mission Area in both daytime and evenings.

Bishop Pete joined us for the Easter weekend attending services at both Rotherham Minster and St Paul's as well as the Churches together walk of witness where 140 people from across the town joined together. Highlights included multiple Baptisms and a renewal of Baptism vows at the Saturday Gathering on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, some of whom went on to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Our Easter Day services were well attended and appropriately joyful.

Rev Ali Middleton left at Easter to take up her new rôle as a Pioneer Oversight Minister in the Cornerstone Mission Area. In keeping with our development as a Resourcing Church we will continue to support Ali in this new rôle and we are really grateful for all that she contributed to our Church life. Over the summer Revd Sue Armstrong completed her Curacy and was subsequently appointed as an Associate Vicar and Rev Lizzie Ilsley began her Curacy with us.

As part of our fundraising for the redevelopment of Rotherham Minster we held a major launch event in April where Bishop Pete, Rev Phil Batchford, the Earl of Scarborough and



others absceiled into the church from the bell tower. The event resulted in exceptional media coverage thanks to a whole team approach. We are particularly grateful for the work of Rotherham Minster Development Trust who continue to support us.

We hosted the first Deanery Pentecost Pilgrimage and Praise held on the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday in the Minster Garden which was really well attended. There were representatives from many Churches, some of whom chose to walk into the town centre from their own Churches.

In July, in partnership with the Friends of the Chapel on the Bridge, we celebrated the centenary of the re-consecration of the Chapel. The Saturday open day was really well attended and the Chapel was full for the celebration service on the Sunday afternoon at which Rotherham Minster Choristers sang.

We also continued to serve the town through our Civic services. These included the Mayor's annual service, Armed Forces Day and conducting the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial in Clifton Park. In addition we increased our commitment to interfaith work in the town in part owing to the unfortunate events at Manvers over the summer.

Rotherham Minster held a Fun Day in August. The Fun Day was a real success with lots of people coming along throughout the day. In addition, over £300 was raised towards the redevelopment and work of the Rotherham Minster Development Trust.

The plans for the reordering of Rotherham Minster were supported in principle by the DAC, although there is still further work to be done as we continue to work with Thomas Ford Architects.

Our Harvest services were a real delight and the Harvest Supper and barn dance proved to be one of the highlights of the year. The year ended with the usual Christmas services and events all of which showed further growth.

Finally, following a positive evaluation of our growth and development over the last few years conducted by Church Army, the Diocese of Sheffield is submitting a fresh bid to the National Church for continued funding for us.

**Revd Canon Phil Batchford**

## **Music and Worship**

2024 was a year of contrasts with great highlights and some ongoing challenges. Throughout, our regular worshipping life with its integral choral music continued to develop, alongside our choral outreach work. Our worship, music and choral outreach work are intertwined and although this report is in several sections there is considerable overlap.

### **Music in Worship**

It is a privilege to be able to provide a variety of styles of music in worship across the mission area. Monthly choral evensong is a particular joy, made possible by commitment from the choir and high quality singing and we continue to strive to enable as many people as possible to experience all the various choral elements of this beautiful service. Main Sunday

morning services included hymns mostly accompanied on the organ, a congregational service setting and an anthem sung by the Minster Choir as well a concluding organ voluntary. Saturday Gathering and Heart of Worship services included worship songs and choruses with piano/ guitar accompaniment. Taize services included Chants led by a small group of musicians from the Minster and St Paul's.

### **Minster Choir**

One of the year's highlights involved the Minster adult choir singing a special Choral Evensong with Sheffield Cathedral Choir at the cathedral on Pentecost Sunday in May, conducted by our senior musical director. This was a great opportunity to learn from and to celebrate with other singers in a different context.

The Minster Choir comprises two sections: the choristers and the adult choir who rehearsed separately and weekly, with rehearsal content and structure tailored differently for each.

Chorister rehearsals, on Thursday afternoons in term time, were followed by a very well-attended faith exploration group session led by members of the clergy who encouraged exploration of the bible, prayer and liturgy in various different ways. The choristers joined the adult singers for a number of special services, including the Mayor's Service and Carols by Candlelight services, as well as the all age morning service which was moved from the first Sunday to the third Sunday to accommodate school holidays.

Chorister highlights included attending the first RSCM Young Voices Festival in York, where young singers from northern choirs gathered for a singing workshop led by the Director of Music of Ripon Cathedral, followed by a service for parents and carers. Train travel for choristers and one parent each was funded to enable them to take part. In July, the choristers sang at a service in the Chapel on the Bridge to mark the 100th anniversary of the reconsecration of the chapel and October saw one probationer receive their surplice.

The choir and chorister parents enjoyed a party with games and food in the Minster in July to mark the end of the academic year and to thank everyone for their commitment.

### **Music Outreach**

#### **Choral Outreach**

The Senior Musical Director, assisted by freelance music specialist Sarah Carroll, worked with approximately 430 children in 6 local primary schools in 2024, delivering singing lessons to groups of children. During each term the children developed their singing skills by learning songs related to a theme: Life: Let's Celebrate (*Spring*); One Body, One Voice (*Summer*); Journey on (*Autumn*), which included a title song written by our senior musical director. Each set of sessions ran over 7 weeks and culminated in a concert in the Minster by pupils and the Minster Choristers, for parents and carers. The Spring term concert was not well attended but we were able to make some changes so that the very uplifting Summer term concert drew much larger numbers and was attended the Bishop of Sheffield.



## **Tuesday Singers**

Tuesday singers, under the umbrella of Rotherham Minster connections, met weekly and attracted a number of regular and occasional singers with a wide age range (20s to 90s). Each term, the songs centred on a theme, for example, folk songs of the British Isles or Sounds of the 70s. There were opportunities for singers to perform, including at the reordering project funding appeal launch in April.

## **Worship**

Our regular service pattern is listed at the end of this section. With the exception of prayers each weekday morning in the Minster and the Sunday 9 a.m. Eucharist at the Chapel on the Bridge, all services involved music in some form. Our online morning prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays was moved to 9am in the Jesus Chapel so that it could be attended both online and in person. Together with the regular prayers run by Rotherham Minster Connections, and Monday prayers for staff, it's been good to know that regular and accessible prayer is a central part of our worshipping life. We continued to produce a weekly service sheet for Rotherham Minster, and whilst this has an environmental, financial and time implications, it gives increased flexibility in terms of liturgy, choice of hymns and accessibility. A Heart of Worship service, comprising prayer, scripture readings, time for reflection and worship songs was trialled over a few months.

Bishop Pete chose to spend the end of Holy Week and Easter at Rotherham Minster and St Paul's, blessing us with his presence, sermons and a confirmation service at the Easter Vigil. Other special services during the year included:

- Ash Wednesday Eucharist and a joyful St Paul's patronal festival evensong both at St Paul's with combined choirs from both churches.
- The Advent Carol Service and the two Carols by Candlelight services, which built on the success of previous years attracting a large congregation of people from across the town.
- Services involving partnership with other organisations including the annual Mayor's Service and a service for St John Ambulance, attended by the Lord Lieutenant.

The regular service pattern for most of the year was:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9:00 a.m. morning prayer in the Jesus chapel - streamed live. Saturday 1:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday of the month - Saturday Gathering meal. 4th Sunday in the Month: an informal service with refreshment, activities for all ages, a Bible story, talk, prayers and songs.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Eucharist; All age on one Sunday per Month (alternating Eucharist & non-Eucharist services)

Sunday 4:30 p.m. 1st Sunday in the month: Choral Evensong

Sunday 4:30 p.m. at St Paul's 4th Sunday of the month Taizé style worship

Quarterly Healing Services. At Rotherham Minster, normally at 4:30 pm on the third Sunday of the month.

## **Staffing**

The music and worship team remained without a choral outreach worker for the whole 12 months. Steps were taken to appoint a part time centenary project worker who would have worked with chorister families but despite advertising twice this process was not fruitful. We were delighted that freelance singing teacher Sarah Carroll was able to provide lessons in school for two terms and the senior musical director's hours remained increased so that the work with schools could be planned, overseen and delivered. Towards the end of the year we began to think about the appointment of a choral director to work alongside the senior musical director instead of a CPW. Planned surgery and unexpected illness in the Autumn term meant that we were grateful for cover provided by a visiting organist and for support from other team members so that outreach and regular musical worshipping life could continue. Throughout the year, the assistant Musical Director for the Mission Area, Felicity Atkinson, supported at choral evensongs and special services in the Minster with accompaniment and conducting and we were encouraged when our Senior Musical Director was invited to be a speaker in a panel discussion at the RSCM Festival of Faith and Music on how music can be used to involve young people in the life of the church, highlighting the significance of our choral outreach work. Thanks go once again to all volunteers; choir members, choristers, their families, stewards, servers, readers, intercessors and all who make music and worship at Rotherham Minster possible.

## **Conclusion**

Both our music and worship have at their heart an intention to support the aims that Rotherham Minster has outlined in its mission statement: as a church, we are 'responding to God's love' by offering praise and thanksgiving through the music in our acts of worship; we are 'learning to become more like Jesus' in the ways we relate to each other and to the wider community of Rotherham during our musical activities; and, through our music outreach and links with the people and groups in the local community, we are 'working with others to see Rotherham flourish'.

**Ian Wilcock, Senior Musical Director**

**Revd Justine Smith, Associate Vicar with responsibility for Music and Worship.**

## **Churchwardens Report 2024**

This year has seen continued growth in the activities and life of Rotherham Minster with an ever increasing number of people being involved in organisational and supporting roles. We have welcomed Rev Lizzie Ilsley onto our clergy team and greatly appreciate her enthusiasm within that team. During the year Rev Ali Middleton left the clergy team to take up a new appointment in Kimberworth and we all wish her well in her new calling. The Social Supermarket has continued to flourish and has continued to support and enhance the lives of people with their outreach efforts. It has been pleasing to see so many different people engaged and continuing to support this initiative As a Civic Church, the Minster has once



again played host to the Mayor-making Service. The Christmas Carols by Candlelight Concerts were a huge success and the Choir and its Musical Director were thanked for their efforts in making it a resounding success. Rotherham Minster faces many challenges, especially financial ones, and thanks are due on our behalf to our Treasurer and Church Administrator ..... Looking to the future the vision is to make the church multi-functional for both worship and a variety of events. We acknowledge the hard work of the Management team, Consulting Architects and Development Trust for their work in design and fund raising to help this become a reality.

**Malcolm Turner**  
**Churchwarden**

## **Churchwardens' Report 2024**

As Bishop Pete Wilcox has said, *"A good Churchwarden needs prayer, courage and loyalty"*

The role and responsibilities of Churchwarden at the Minster is constantly evolving to meet the diverse needs of the people who use it. We wish to help it grow as a space to explore life, and to discover more about Christian faith and the privilege of Worship. Also we hope to provide opportunity for people to meet and grow in awareness of the value of Community Life.

### **Courses and Conferences**

The Diocese of Sheffield held a New Churchwarden Conference in June 2024 at Church House, followed by a course/conference in Nov. 2024 at the Holiday Inn Rotherham. The Mission Area Support Team held a Volunteer Recruitment Workshop in June 2024 at Doncaster. All three offered valuable support and information, giving opportunities to be with other churchwardens to share ideas and to meet with the Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham, Malcolm Chamberlain and the Archdeacon of Doncaster, Javaid Iqbal.

### **Team Efforts**

As the clergy, staff and volunteers work as a team I have been indebted to Chris Deeley, Operations Manager who has dealt with all the necessary administration, legislation, insurance, grants and other customary practices which are an undefined broad responsibility of a church warden. Furthermore, I have valued assistance from the clergy on many occasions.

I have also very much valued the help, encouragement and expertise of previous church wardens, Anne Asher and Jayne Rogan who have supported me in many ways throughout my stay. This has been particularly evident in the very necessary administrative task of counting weekly offerings, recording and banking. It is thanks to Anne Asher that we now have a rota of very capable volunteers, willing to give up their time on a regular basis to ensure good practice in this area of duty. My sincere thanks go to a very strong team of volunteers. It would be pertinent here to mention that the Inventory and Terrier is now available on-line, having been set up by Richard Crow and Luke Hanson. This has made access to it far easier, it having been duly updated this year by my fellow churchwarden Malcolm Turner.

### **Licensing of Sue Armstrong**

One major highlight of the year was the licensing of Sue Armstrong as our new Associate Vicar, which was such a joyful occasion. Thank you to all who supported the evening as we marked the end of Sue's curacy and a start of a new chapter in her ministry among us.

### **Rotas**

Whilst organising rotas for Intercessors, readers and stewards with Rev. Justine, I have been made even more aware of how reliant the church is on the kindness and goodwill of volunteers in all areas who give up their time on a regular basis, week in week out and can always be relied upon. Their commitment and generosity of time does not go unnoticed, being greatly valued and appreciated. We are all Christ's disciples and thus I hope this commitment can be continued as we strive to foster open and strong relationships to meet the changing needs of the people who use the Minster

### **Welcoming**

Last and by no means least comes the topic of Welcoming. Welcoming Visitors, Long-standing members or comparative New-comers is an essential part of Evangelism. It is a vital part of our Service to the Lord that we do our best to offer a very warm welcome to all who come to the Minster. We want them to know that God loves them all, so it is our responsibility to show that love to them. It is also essential for the churchwardens, as far as possible, to know each member of the congregation, however transient some of them might be. I think people decide very quickly whether to come back to a church for a second time. This is a role I have particularly enjoyed as I have tried to offer a warm welcome, either on Sunday mornings, or at Evensong or at Weddings or at Concerts etc. We would certainly like more volunteers to share in this welcoming, so if you feel a call to this act of Service, please speak to one of the clergy. We do need to work together as a team, so you will have plenty of opportunity to find out how we can best fulfil our calling.

Thanks to you all,

**Patricia Naylor**  
**Churchwarden**

## **Fabric Report 2024**

2024 has really seen little change within or externally to the building. Externally the displaced Merlon found along the south aisle parapet has been replaced and the area pointed with suitable lime mortar. Likewise on the north transept, two loose Merlons have been pinned and jointed back into place, thus preventing downward movement of rainwater through neighbouring joints. During March investigations were made as to the suitability of our roof structure to install PV panels on the roofs of the nave and south side aisle. In order to produce more flexible space, the pews, once found in the south side aisle have been removed and are now in dry, safe and secure storage on the property of the Earl of Scarborough. Our churchyard has become a very popular meeting place in the evening. Sadly occasional damage has occurred mainly to low level windows on the south side, thankfully cost effective repairs have taken place. Externally, on the downside, the ground level floodlighting does not work and during the year several of the large lights were stolen. There is also a fault within the pinnacle and clock face lighting circuits. At present a cost effective solution for replacement of the whole system has not yet been found. Considerable consultations have taken place with various amenity societies to keep them updated on the reordering proposals. The main focus is now on the interior of the building. This will hopefully include a near-level floor from the west to the tower crossing, screening the north and south chapel areas and options for heating the building. Thanks are due to Thomas Ford & Partners (our consulting



architects) for all their hard work. As required, servicing has taken place to our lighting, heating, security and fire prevention systems. With regards to the heating a 'Hive' control has been installed to give us greater control of its settings and run times. Hopefully this may reduce one of our large energy bills. Finally thanks are due once again to our Operations Manager and our consulting architects for all their efforts put in during the year in trying to make our church even more sustainable.

#### **Chapel of Our Lady of Lady, Rotherham Bridge**

New lighting has been installed in the crypt and some of the existing lantern style fittings have been refurbished.

**Malcolm S Turner**

**Fabric Officer**

### **Tower and Ringing Report 2024**

Once again 2024 has seen the magnificent bells of Rotherham being heard regularly throughout the year. Sunday Service ringing is always high on the agenda with very few being missed, generally we have always managed to ring at least five bells and more often than not, eight or more. Special ringing took place for all the major festivals, where 10 bells were rung each time. With the church full, and in silence waiting for the Services to begin, the bells became very atmospheric and added to each occasion. Ringers took part in the Bell Sunday Service and for the Christmas festivities a decorated bell wheel was hung above the Lectern. Rotherham is very much a teaching tower with several of the band able to teach bell handling and method ringing. For the first time in a long while we have a new young recruit leaning for the skills section of her D of E award. Our two recruits from 2023 are also progressing well. Rotherham ringers and friends are very much an integral part of church bell ringing within the Sheffield Branch of the Yorkshire Association, regularly supporting other local practice nights and a variety of Branch events. Once again we entered a band in the Sunday Service striking competition and retained the trophy awarded to change ringing bands. On the social side, Rotherham ringers and friends went to Noshy's lounge for an evening buffet style meal in January; a full day cycle outing into Lincolnshire and a late summer BBQ in the garden of one of the ringers. In December the Branch returned to Rotherham for their monthly meeting and Christmas Social afterwards again at Noshy's. During the year 14 full peals were attempted of which only 7 were successfully completed. The number of quarter peals attempted was 21, here 15 were successful. Several of these attempts took place after Morning Worship so the congregation were able to hear bells ringing before and after service. The bells also rang out before and after 4 weddings. We have continued to welcome everyone who wants to come and enjoy our bells. May they continue to ring out to proclaim to the people of Rotherham the presence of an active worshipping church.

**Malcolm S Turner Ringing Master & Tower Captain**  
**The Minster Church of All Saints, Rotherham**

## Electoral Roll Report 2024

In every parish, an electoral roll must be in place. The names of the lay persons are entered onto the electoral roll of a parish. In a religious context a layperson is a member of the laity, meaning someone who is not a member of the clergy. The Electoral Roll must be kept and revised – by the PCC, or by the electoral roll officer under the direction of the PCC.

The revision takes place annually prior to the APCM. All Parishes are required to renew their Electoral roll every six years. The last revision was done in 2019.

This means that everyone who is eligible for the Electoral roll is required to complete a new form in 2025. The Electoral Roll is published it includes every name entered on the roll. The published document does not include any other personal data.

As a person named on the Electoral roll you are able to stand for election onto the PCC and take an active part at the APCM.

Although an annual revision/renewal (every 6<sup>th</sup> yr) takes place an application to the electoral roll can be made at any time.

The following is an extract taken from the Church Representation Rules

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-services/church-representation-rules/part-1>

This information is also available on the application form

*“A lay person is entitled to have his or her name on the roll of a parish if he or she is baptised, is aged 16 or over, has made one of the following three declarations, and has duly applied for enrolment. The first declaration is a declaration that the person – is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.*

*The second declaration is a declaration that the person – is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months,*

*The third declaration is a declaration that the person – is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, is also a member of the Church of England, and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.*

*A person who is entitled under this Rule to have his or her name on the roll of more than one parish is entitled to have his or her name on the roll of each of those parishes; but the following provisions specify purposes for which the person is required to choose one of those parishes “*

**Anne Asher**

**Electoral Roll Officer**



## **Social Committee report 2024**

The Social Committee exists to provide hospitality during events in the Minster, to raise funds for the both the Minster and the Rotherham Minster Development Trust and to organise social evenings and bring-and-shares etc. for the Congregation.

2024 has been quite a busy year for us, both stewarding and providing refreshments and in some cases a licensed bar for concerts eg visiting orchestras and bands

We were also involved in supporting the provision of enhanced refreshments for Heritage open days and Development Trust events. The Social Committee is becoming more and more involved with fund-raising events for the Development Trust.

Our main events during 2024 were a trial run for a "Supper Club " which comprised a hot supper followed by live entertainment; something we would like to develop further; and at Harvest time, a Barn Dance and pie and pea supper was held at St Cuthbert's church hall. Both evenings were very much enjoyed and both were well attended. Following that we all enjoyed a bring-and-share lunch to celebrate our Patronal Festival after the 10.30 service on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The year concluded with a very successful and well attended Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Anne Hicks**

## **Deanery Synod report for 2024**

In February 2024 our first Deanery synod meeting of the year was held at Holy Trinity Church, Thorpe Hesley. For the main item we split into discussion groups of 4 or 5 people representing different churches. Groups were allocated twenty minutes to discuss their good news stories. The groups gave feedback on the discussions from the deanery parishes these included Very well attended Christingle services compared with previous years, New community events held by parishes are well attended, All parishes had commented on an increase in attendance at Christmas services compared to the year before, Community needs are being met the Social Supermarket was given as an example of this in our parish, two churches in the deanery reported an increase in ethnic minorities attending, Contact with local schools within the parishes is growing/improving with more children's services and school services taking place, Bible and fellowship groups are taking place, A sense of community is growing for parishes and Church is seen as a welcoming place. It was agreed that people are now returning after covid across our areas however this is not the case in all places or dioceses. Partnerships with other people/groups/institutions has enabled some activities to take place examples given was carol singing with The Salvation Army, Museum of the Moon in the Minster. Building on these relationships is vital to enable us to continue to do more in the future.

June's Deanery meeting was a joint meeting with Laughton Deanery. We met at St Francis Church Bramley. Sally Myers, the director of focal ministry for Sheffield Diocese gave us insight from the last 6 years and how we have arrived at our current position. The Diocese realised in 2018 that something major needed to change, smaller numbers attending church, fewer people coming forward for ordination as stipendiary ministers. Following a consultation a model was chosen. A mission area would have an oversight minister who would raise up local focal ministers in each church. The spiritual & sacramental ministry still being led by the oversight minister. The Diocese was given funding from the Church of England this paid for several posts within the diocese including Sally 's position. A pilot



project took place. Which went well and was rolled out to other mission areas in the Diocese. The number of Focal Ministers varied depending on each church. In 2023 a definition of a Focal Minister was developed as follows, A public face in the parish, assist with the development & delivery of mission across the parish, a single Focal Minister will often take over responsibility for one particular of church life for example pastoral care, preaching, etc, encourage the vocations and gifts of others. There are now 105 Focal Ministers in 21 mission areas (& 44 parishes) across the Diocese. These include Focal Ministers in all types of church, they are nominated by their PCC who can & do ask people to consider this ministry. The authorisations are for 3 years and resources are available for the Focal Ministers including quiet days, learning days, peer support groups, online resources and people at Church House including Sally herself. The lay ministry in our Diocese is diverse with the nationally recognised Readers plus others like Focal Ministers, Evangelists, Spiritual Accompaniers, Pastoral Workers, etc

The Main Item in November 2024 meeting was Diocesan Strategy Update, this meeting was an open meeting hosted by St Francis, Bramley It was also Joint meeting with Laughton Deanery Alex Shilkoff, Strategic Programme Director (SDF), attended to update both deaneries on the proposed ongoing strategies for the Diocese after consultations earlier this year with all the deaneries. Alex updated us on how the Diocesan strategies have done over the last 5 years and the results are encouraging in all 3 branches. The prayer community has 1500 members now and the Diocesan Vision prayer is said regularly, there are now 110 Focal Ministers and there are 37 new congregations in the Diocese, of which 11 are in schools. One specific aim of the consultation re ongoing strategies was to consult with children & young people and with the churches with the lowest incomes to ensure their voices are heard. Social justice seemed to be a strong theme heard from the whole Diocese. The strategy from 2025 to 2031 can be summed up as follows:- Renewed as people of prayer – Encourage & support dependence on the Holy Spirit to envision & equip the Church through more focused prayer. Renewed as Followers of Christ – Growing confident Christians who know they are lights for Christ.

Released through ministry development – all mission areas & congregations to have designated leaders & opportunities for leader development in each place. Rejuvenated to transform our society & God's world – Commitment to social justice & community transformation.

Rejuvenated to be younger & more diverse – a flourishing children & young people's ministry in reach of all young people, for example expansion of Centenary Project.

Rejuvenated to witness & grow. Growing stronger networks to share expertise & support revitalisation across our Diocese, planting & grafting churches.

The Diocese is seeking funding for the next stage from the national church which will enable us to meet the aims going forward. Alex also commented on how good it is to see how we have improved over the last 6 years. We are getting more confident to try new things and this is working. There is also a lot of support available for curates,

For us here in Rotherham this means, Access to all Mission Area Support help including grants for new congregations & lay worker roles. Opportunities to be a Hub Church & share expertise with others, Deanery level admin support for funerals & baptisms, 1 potential Centenary Project worker location, 3 potential sending grafts, Rotherham Minster Phase 2. A Deanery quiet day was held in February. The Bishops visit to our Deanery this year took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. He was treated to a full program of activities across the deanery experiencing the varied activities that are taking place.

**Anne Asher**

**Deanery Synod Representative**



## **Rotherham Minster Connections**

### **Social Supermarket**

164 households accessed the social supermarket in 2024 with 64 completing their 3-month memberships (40%) and graduating. Since we started 4 years ago we have given membership to 489 households. Feedback from our graduates indicates that they are eating better and more healthily, experiencing better mental health, enjoying the social side of their membership and are feel welcomed and cared for by the volunteers. There are at least 3 in depth conversations with them during their membership which enable us to tailor support to suit the individual. Support given has included budgeting & energy advice sessions from Rotherfed, face to face contact with Citizens Advice, help towards work from Working Win, health advice from Health Watch, and regular savings with Laser Credit Union. About one third of our volunteers have been members at one time.

### **Partners**

We couldn't do what we do without our partnerships with: **Rotherfed** (energy and budgeting), **Citizens Advice** ( more than just food project), **Laser Credit Union** (savings scheme), **Working Win** (employment support), **Fareshare** (weekly food deliveries), **Tesco**, **Aldi**, **M&S** and **Morrisons** (weekly food collections), **Families First & Baby Basics** (clothes, baby items) **Pet food bank**, **Liberty Church** and **Hygiene bank** (Toiletries). Voluntary Action Rotherham coordinate the Rotherham Food in Crisis network, which keeps us connected to other food support set-ups. Additionally, we have set up a termly meeting for the 4 Rotherham social supermarkets to share experience and learning.

### **Catch up Café**

A team of 6-8 dedicated volunteers, overseen by Rev Sue Armstrong, continues to run the Catch-up café each Tuesday between 10 and 12. In April we enlarged the café area by temporarily removing some more pews in the South aisle, a much-needed enlargement for our guests. Each week this area is buzzing with a range of folk, many regulars, who appreciate the time to talk and socialise. The Samaritans visit once a month. Links with Rotherham College and Thomas Rotherham College have enabled us to offer work placements to students. This team has offered regular support with refreshments at other Minster community events such as the 'Otherham' light Festival and community carols.

### **Volunteers**

Around 50 people have volunteered in some area of Rotherham Minster Connections this year from a variety of backgrounds and nationalities, including Ukraine, Nigeria and Albania. We are immensely grateful for their time, energy, positivity and generosity. For many, volunteering gives confidence, purpose and a sense of community that cannot be underestimated. We are committed to enabling as many people as possible to volunteer and to support them in making a success of it. There are occasional bumps in the road, but having a common goal and purpose means this is minimal.

2 first aid training sessions have taken place, a basic emergency first aid morning for volunteers in March was followed in November by a group of 10 staff and volunteers

receiving accredited first aid training, which gets put into use more often than we would wish!

Student volunteers from Rotherham College and Rotherham Opportunities College have had work placements in Catch up Café and our admin offices.

### **Staff**

Christine Batchford continues to oversee the project. Our social supermarket project worker, Rosie Rawden, went on maternity leave in February 2024 and Becky Middleton was appointed to cover her maternity leave. When Rosie decided not to return to work in November, Becky was employed on a permanent basis. Rev Ali Middleton moved to a new post at Easter, supporting the cornerstone group of churches in reaching out. Her care, fun and spiritual input are much missed. Rev Louise Castle and Rev Sue Armstrong are an integral part of the leadership team as self supporting ministers.

### **Oversight and Vision**

In a volunteer training day, we identified our core values and have them displayed in the church. We have tried to foster a sense of ownership and leadership amongst the volunteers. They usually have the best ideas and are passionate about our mission. Several time slots for planning and development meetings have been tried to enable a cross section of volunteers to attend. This development group has taken a lead in some fund raising and deciding on volunteer social and training priorities. We hope to develop this group in 2025.

### **Funding**

We are into the second year of the *Reaching Communities* lottery funding, which covers the project worker salary, shop overheads, volunteer travel expenses, volunteer training, and some equipment. We also plan to use some of these funds to purchase new café tables for the minster. The funding runs until the end of September 2025. Funding for the project lead post is provided by the SDF funding and it is hoped that the diocese will secure further funding to enable this post to continue.

Christmas Hampers. The government's household support fund was made available through RMBC and VAR for Christmas hampers. We were given a grant of £5,000 and, with the help of NHS volunteers and our own teams, delivered 50 hampers to our social supermarket members

**Fundraising** The planning and development group decided to run a tombola at Rotherham show and raised £200+. A number from our community joined in with the Minster building development summer fundraising initiative, making and selling crafts.

**Renew Wellbeing** Rev Louise Castle has led on developing Rotherham Minster Connections as a Renew Wellbeing Hub. We are now part of a network of churches that offer prayer, hospitality and have a focus on mental wellbeing. <https://www.renewwellbeing.org.uk/>. Louise has started recruiting and offering training to some of our current volunteers. Rotherham Minster Connections is already running on very similar principles to Renew wellbeing, so it should be easy to formally become a renew wellbeing space. It also ties in with Rev Louise's diocesan role as bishop's advisor in healing and wholeness and she is



encouraging other churches to also join this initiative. Diocesan wide training has been offered in the Minster.

**Christ at the Centre** RMX sessions have prayer woven into them; volunteer briefings include a short prayer and all are given the option of joining in with prayer in the Jesus chapel at various points during the day. Members of our community from all faiths and none seem to appreciate that we have Christ's welcome at our heart. Some of the worship activities include:

**Encounter** Christian meditation every Wednesday at 11.30 in the Jesus chapel with up to 10 people attending.

**Thursday group** Rev Ali Middleton ran the bible study/faith discussion group on Thursday mornings. Rev Louise took this on after Easter. The group regularly has 8 or more people attending with increasing participation and leadership by members of the group. There is laughter, love and deep sharing amongst this eclectic group.

**Saturday gathering** continues to thrive, with one service and one shared meal each month. We had a joyful baptism in March, with adults and children being baptised in a paddling pool. Over the summer we enjoyed some picnics in Clifton Park. Following Rev Ali's departure, leadership was shared across the clergy team. This led to a decrease in leadership from the congregation - previously Thursday group had helped lead services. In 2025 it is planned that a smaller core leadership team will get us back to 'every member ministry'.

#### **Craft group**

each Wednesday and Thursday is an opportunity for relationships and creativity. Rev Louise and volunteer Linda Wooley devise projects, which may link with church seasons and prayer stations for the Jesus chapel. A dozen or so people attend and we often run out of space for new people to join in. Christmas flower arranging sessions were led by one of our members. Kevan Kadman from ROAR, a lino-cut artist, spent 3 months working on his art using the Minster space as a studio. <https://groovewarcart.com/> A TV screen enabled all to see him at work and he was eager to chat to those visiting the Minster on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, becoming almost a member of the family. He taught the craft group some lino cut skills and they created art work and make cards for use in the Jesus chapel. A detailed lino-cut of the Minster was his parting gift to us.

#### **Tuesday Singers**

Ian Wilcock runs Tuesday Singers, which follows on from Catch up Café and is a good link between community and music areas of church life. The Tuesday singers led the singing at the lunchtime community carol service, attended by 100 people.

#### **Men's coffee morning**

David McMillan and Ray Walker run an informal men's coffee morning each Wednesday 10-11.30. Between 5 and 12 men attend, and it links in well with other Wednesday activities

**Little Minstrels**, our informal toddler group ran successfully, each Thursday for the first half of the year with Ashley Allman taking a lead role. It included a sponsored pram push to raise money for the development of the building. The group disbanded in the Autumn due to dwindling numbers and reduced volunteer availability, but may re-start next year.

**Allotment** the allotment at Clifton Learning partnership is now exclusively overseen by that project, although several of our volunteers are integral to its flourishing, particularly Malcolm Davies.

**Pilates** runs each Wednesday at 5pm and keeps the staff in good health and injury free!  
**Bridlington Trip** A very successful summer day trip to the seaside was offered at a reasonable cost, thanks to a generous discount from Globe holidays. It was a good way to build relationships across different groups.  
All in all, a very successful year. Thanks be to God!

**Christine Batchford**  
**Rotherham Minster Connections Project Manager**

### **Safeguarding Report 2024**

This has been a year of transition as Jayne Rogan stepped down as Parish Support Officer (PSO) at the APCM. We are incredibly grateful for Jayne's work in this role and for her ongoing support throughout the year as we have sought to recruit a new Parish Safeguarding Officer. We are really pleased that two people have offered to fulfil this crucial role but there have been challenges in the recruitment process as the PCC have sought to clarify the level of DBS check that PSO's are required to have.

We have continued to implement our safer recruiting processes, as we seek to ensure that all of our volunteers are safely recruited and undertake safeguarding training. This remains an essential component of our church life, sadly not least in the light of the headlines about the Church of England that emerged towards the end of the year.

**Revd Canon Phil Batchford**  
**(De-Facto Parish Safeguarding Officer)**



## **Financial Review for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**The Income and Expenditure** for the year ending 31 December 2024 highlights are detailed below

### **Unrestricted Income**

Regular giving amounted to £49,401 (2023 £49,828). This is reflective of the economic climate.

Rotherham Minster received LED lighting Grant and a Net Zero grant from Diocese of Sheffield.

The total unrestricted income for the year was £228,901 (2023 £220,254).

In 2024 the PCC sold their property on Westgate. The PCC agreed to purchase shares in the CBF Investment income fund with the majority of this income.

### **Unrestricted Expenditure**

The total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £260,932 (2023 £272,700).

Contributions of £50,000 (£44,500 in 2023) to the Diocesan Common Fund, which completed our pledge for 2024.

### **Restricted and Endowment Funds**

The Social Supermarket, is a restricted fund.

The income in 2024 was £23,021 and expenditure £39,568. This figure includes expenses provided from the National Lottery fund which was granted to them in 2023. In 2024 the Social Supermarket received grants from RMBC.

**Minster Re-Ordering Project** – PCC Continue to support planning processes for this project. During 2024 the Minster received grants from The Minster Development Trust and the Sheffield board of finance.

### **Gains/Losses on Investments**

Unrealised gains on the value of Investments during the year amounted to £19,466 (£41,928 in 2023).

### **Balances at 31 December 2024**

The Unrestricted Funds were £903,292. The Restricted Funds were £88,849. Endowment Funds were £264,237. The Total of Funds at 31 December 2024 were £1,256,378 (2023 £1,242,475).

The audited accounts are provided as a separate document

**Anne Asher**  
**Treasurer**

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At Rotherham Minster the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent (our vicar, all Licensed Clergy, 1 Churchwarden to May 26<sup>th</sup> and 2 after 26<sup>th</sup> May, the Treasurer, the Fabric Officer, the Deanery Synod Representatives and members elected by those members of the Congregation who are on the Electoral Roll of the Church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The PCC meets monthly and the Standing Committee only when required. There are also sub-groups for Finance and Fabric.

The full PCC met 9 times during the year. There were no Standing Committee meeting and 1 PCC E-mail vote.

The Chapel of Our Lady on the Bridge has a Friends Group which helps to raise funds and opens the Chapel to the public.

### **Administrative information**

Rotherham Minster is situated in the centre of Rotherham Borough at Church Street, Rotherham, S60 1PD . The Chapel of Our Lady on the Bridge is situated on the Chantry Bridge, Bridge Street, Rotherham, S60 1RB. Together they are part of the Diocese of Sheffield in the Church of England.

The administrative office for both buildings is housed in the All Saints Centre at Vicarage Lane, Rotherham, S65 1AA this being the address for correspondence.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

**Registered Charity**

1129752



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

<b>Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Canon Phil Batchford</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Ali Middleton (to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Louise Castle (SSOM)</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Justine Smith</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Sue Armstrong (SSOM)</b>
<b>Associate Curate</b>	<b>Revd Lizzie Hsley (from July 2024)</b>
<b>Church Wardens</b>	<b>Luke Hanson (to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024)</b> <b>Malcolm Turner (from May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Pat Naylor (From 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024)</b>
<b>Deanery Synod Representative</b>	<b>Anne Asher</b>
<b>Elected Members</b>	<b>Mark Middleton (to May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Doreen Clifford</b> <b>Anne Hicks</b> <b>Shirley Jones</b> <b>Edward Roddis</b> <b>Debbie Stephenson</b> <b>Malcolm Turner (to May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>David Castle</b> <b>Pat Naylor (to May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Chris Bennett (from May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Jayne Rogan</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Marjorie Russell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Anne Asher</b>

**Approved by the PCC on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on their behalf by**

**Revd Canon Phil Batchford (PCC chairman)**

**Parochial Church Council  
of All Saints Rotherham**

**Rotherham Minster  
and  
The Chapel on the Bridge**

**Annual Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**



## Background

The Parish of Rotherham Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent or, during an interregnum, with the Wardens in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It has the responsibility for the fabric of the Minster Church of Rotherham All Saints' and the Chapel of our Lady on Chantry Bridge.

## Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex.officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

<b>Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Canon Phil Batchford</b>
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<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Anne Asher</b>

The PCC meets monthly. It has a Standing Committee which meets when required and also has sub-groups for Fabric and for Finance and Property.

<b>Registered Charity</b>	<b>1129752</b>
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	<b>LT Professional Services Limited</b>

**Report of the Independent Examiner  
To the Members of the Parochial Church Council  
Of All Saints Rotherham (the Trust)  
On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiners's statement**

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

- The accounts did 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.

L Tsang FCCS Independent Examiner  
For and on behalf of LT Professional Services Limited  
101 Bradfield Way  
Waverly  
Rotherham  
S60 8DL



**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with revised Statement of Recommended Practice relating to s145 of the Charities Act 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at the bid market value.

**Related Party Transactions.**

There were no related Party Transactions in the year.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

The purpose of any restricted and endowment funds are noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gathering of church members.

**Incoming Resources**

*Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Amounts receivable under Gift Aid are recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised only when received. Grants and bequests to the PCC are accounted for upon receipt. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross, as are sales of books and magazines.

Regular giving by both Standing Order, the Parish Giving Scheme and Envelopes have continued.

*Other ordinary income*

Income is recognized from the hire of church premises when events take place.

Fees due to the PCC for wedding, funerals and baptisms are recognized in the accounts per event basis and the transactions are shown in the appropriate sections of the accounts.

*Income from investments*

Dividends and interests are accounted for when received.

*Investment gains and losses.*

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation on investments at 31 December.

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Resources Used**

*Grants*

Grants are accounted for when paid.

*Activities directly relating to the work of the church.*

The Common Fund and Ministry Contributions to the Diocese are accounted for when payable.

**Fixed Assets.**

***Freehold Land and Buildings.***

These consist of a house at 3 Reneville Road, Rotherham, purchased on 28 September 1984. The property was revalued in 2021 and valued at £200,000. Routine repairs have taken place during the year.

A commercial property at 69 Westgate, Rotherham has been leased from 20 September 2012 for twenty years as a Chinese Take-away. This property was sold in 2024.

***Consecrated land and buildings.***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts under the provisions of s10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church Inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are now valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis. All expenditure incurred in the year on individual items under £1,000 or on the repair on movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

***Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment.***

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

***Investments***

During the year some shares were sold

Unrestricted – 1,791.46 shares realising £40,000 a gain of £497

Unrestricted – 2597.75 shares were purchased at a cost of £60,000

On 31 December 2024 the holding of CBF Investment Income Shares was 40,093.13 (39,286.85 31.12.2023, with a bid price of £23.1227 (£22.6053 on 31.12.2023) and value of £927,060 (£888,091 on 31.12.2023) as advised by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.



**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Current assets**

Provision may be made for any amounts that are deemed by the PCC to be uncollectable. Deposit accounts include cash held in deposit accounts at the bank or with the Central Board of Finance.

**Unrestricted Funds** which are held in the General Fund account are distributed by or on behalf of the PCC for the general benefit and upkeep of the Parish. In 2024 proceeds from the sale of 69 Westgate was received and included in the general fund. Shares in the CBF Investment Income Fund were purchased with the majority of the income from the sale.

**Unrestricted Designated Funds.** Are funds earmarked by the PCC for a purpose. The PCC may close the Designated Account and return any funds to the General Fund. Examples include bequests that have no conditions attached other than that they are to be used for the benefit of the Parish at the discretion of the PCC.

The **Dorothy Simpson Sunday School Fund** was established in 1982 and augmented in 2003 by the absorption of the Sunday School Fund, for the purpose of meeting the costs of Sunday school expenses. **The Choir and Sunday School Funds** are also Designated Funds

**Restricted Funds** have been provided by an organisation or individual for a specific purpose and both the capital and income must be used for that purpose unless there are codicils to the restrictions.

A **Social Supermarket Fund** was created in October 2020 as a Designated Fund to assist the deprived and needy in receiving wholesome and nourishing food. Substantial donations were received from both a donor and grants from Voluntary Action Rotherham and Rotherham MBC to start the fund. It has been successful, and it moved from the Minster into shop premises in the autumn of 2021. PCC re-classified the Social Supermarket as a Restricted Fund.

The **Probert Fund** for Music and Services was founded in 1994 from a legacy under the will of Miss Phyllis Fellows for the purpose of maintaining the religious services and music of All Saints' Parish church. The capital as well as the income may be expended.

The **Fair Linen Fund** was established with a legacy under the will of Mrs Elmhirst for the purchase of altar cloths and similar.

**Endowment Funds**

The **Fabric Fund** was established under Trust Deed in 1912 for the "maintenance, repair, upkeep and insurance of the fabric or building of Rotherham Parish Church". Recent additions to this fund have come from legacies under the wills of Eva Allot (1974), Mr F A Beaumont (1974), Miss M Arnold (1980) and Helena Bennett (2002).

The **Aizlewood Memorial Fund** was founded in 1954 using a legacy under the will of Mr A Percy Aizlewood, for the continued maintenance of the War Memorial at All Saints'. The income from the fund is to be "devoted to such maintenance and to the placing of flowers on the memorial at stated anniversaries and at church festivals". The Trust also allows for income "in excess of £200" to be used for church fabric purposes should the Trustees so decide.

The **Brookes Fund** was established in 1900 using a legacy under the will of Mr Richard Brookes for the purpose of "the repair and maintenance of the parish church, and in particular in insuring, cleaning and preserving the West Window" and also the maintenance of the grave of the late Mrs Brookes in Moorgate Cemetery.

The **Stoddart Fund** was founded in 1913 using a legacy of £2,000 under the will of Sir Charles Stoddart, the one quarter of the income to be put "towards maintaining the services in the Chapel on the Bridge" and three quarters of the income to be spent at the discretion of the incumbent clergy. In recent years successive incumbents

**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ending 31 December 2024**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary receipts	1.1	49,401			49,401	49,828
Other voluntary receipts	1.2	6,561	514		7,075	10,549
Income from Church activities	1.3	5,010			5,010	4,752
Grant Income	1.4	115,524	40,401		155,925	142,223
Income from Other Activities	1.5	13,452	23,021		36,473	75,180
Income from Investments	1.6	19,540	369	6,981	26,890	26,424
Other Incoming Resources	1.7	19,413			19,413	27,068
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>228,901</b>	<b>64,305</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>300,187</b>	<b>336,024</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Management, Administration & Governance	2.1	6,442	300		6,742	5,166
Capital Works	2.2	6,381	29,453		35,834	79,650
Church Running Expenses	2.3	74,231			74,231	68,968
Church Activities	2.4	173,878	39,568		213,446	223,077
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>260,932</b>	<b>69,321</b>		<b>330,253</b>	<b>376,861</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)</b>						
		<b>(32,031)</b>	<b>(5,016)</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>(30,066)</b>	<b>(40,837)</b>
Gain on sale of Investment Property		25,000			25,000	
Realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments		(497)			(497)	833
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments		13,408	304	5,754	19,466	76,978
		<b>5,880</b>	<b>(4,712)</b>	<b>12,735</b>	<b>13,903</b>	<b>36,974</b>
Transfers between funds						
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>5,880</b>	<b>(4,712)</b>	<b>12,735</b>	<b>13,903</b>	<b>36,974</b>
Balance at 1 January		897,412	93,561	251,502	1,242,475	1,205,501
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>		<b>903,292</b>	<b>88,849</b>	<b>264,237</b>	<b>1,256,378</b>	<b>1,242,475</b>



**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2024**

	Note	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible	3	200,000	270,000
Investments	4	927,060	888,091
		<u>1,127,060</u>	<u>1,158,091</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors		2,012	328
Cash at Bank and in Hand	5	139,788	101,215
		<u>141,800</u>	<u>101,543</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>	6	<u>12,482</u>	<u>17,159</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,256,378</u>	<u>1,242,475</u>
<b>FUNDS AND RESERVES</b>			
Unrestricted funds		903,292	897,412
Restricted funds		88,849	93,561
Endowment funds		264,237	251,502
		<u>1,256,378</u>	<u>1,242,475</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15th April 2025  
and signed on its behalf by:



Revd P Batchford  
Chairperson

**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Notes on Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>1 Incoming resources</b>					
<b>1.1 Voluntary receipts</b>					
Planned Giving Bank Gift Aid	13,216			13,216	15,277
Planned Giving Bank Non Gift Aid	1,800			1,800	2,611
Planned Giving Envelopes Gift Aid	2,555			2,555	2,795
Planned Giving Envelopes Non Gift Aid	2,980			2,980	2,434
Planned Giving - PGS	11,518			11,518	10,084
Cash Collection - tax efficient	6,481			6,481	7,644
HMRC Rebate - Tax Recovered via GA	9,351			9,351	8,983
Legacies	1,500			1,500	
	<b>49,401</b>			<b>49,401</b>	<b>49,828</b>
<b>1.2 Other voluntary receipts</b>					
Alms Box	1,433			1,433	2,774
Votive Candles	881			881	876
Collectin + Sum up (Electronic)	1,085			1,085	1,370
Special Collections				0	429
Donation - General Gift Aid	26			26	19
Donation - Bell Tower	807			807	1,219
Donation Lighting (Reguilding) CoB	1,390			1,390	2,530
Donation - Capital Fundraising		514		514	
Donation Sundry	806			806	1,018
Donation - Coffee	133			133	314
	<b>6,561</b>	<b>514</b>		<b>7,075</b>	<b>10,549</b>
<b>1.3. Income from Church Activities</b>					
Civic & Diocesan Services	1,028			1,028	822
Fees from Funeral Retained by PCC	60			60	1,379
Fees from Weddings Retained by PCC	3,922			3,922	2,551
	<b>5,010</b>			<b>5,010</b>	<b>4,752</b>
<b>1.4 Grant Income</b>					
Grant - Energy	1,700			1,700	3,800
Grant - SDF	1,400			1,400	450
General & Clergy Development Grant				0	915
Grant - SDF Salaries	112,424			112,424	97,369
National Lottery Grant		26,236		26,236	12,734
Grant - Church Reordering		14,165		14,165	26,955
	<b>115,524</b>	<b>40,401</b>		<b>155,925</b>	<b>142,223</b>



**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Notes on Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>1.5 Income from other activities</b>					
Events	2,287			2,287	1,556
Hire of All Saints Centre	1,745			1,745	1,140
Hire of Rotherham Minster	6,020			6,020	3,752
Contribution from Soc Supermarket	3,400			3,400	2,200
Social Supermarket		23,021		23,021	66,532
	<b>13,452</b>	<b>23,021</b>		<b>36,473</b>	<b>75,180</b>
<b>1.6. Income from Investments</b>					
CBF Dividends	16,870	369	6,981	24,220	24,607
CBF Deposit Interest	2,064			2,064	1,503
Bank Interest	606			606	314
	<b>19,540</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>26,890</b>	<b>26,424</b>
<b>1.7 Other incoming resources</b>					
Insurance claims	2,200			2,200	3,175
Refund - Legal & Professional fees	1,320			1,320	40
Refund - Insurance	412			412	
Refund - Utilities bill	3,082			3,082	
Rent from Properties	10,791			10,791	17,612
VAT Refund Historic Churches	1,608			1,608	4,392
VAT Refund - West Window Project				0	1,849
	<b>19,413</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>19,413</b>	<b>27,068</b>

**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Notes on Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>2 Resources Expended</b>					
<b>2.1 Management Administration &amp; Governance</b>					
Bank Charges	576			576	566
Special Collections paid on behalf of third Party	0			0	429
Minster refreshments & flowers	769			769	676
Capital fundraising costs		300		300	
Raising Funds Expenditure	1,647			1,647	912
Quinquennial Report	1,200			1,200	1,200
Independent Examiners Fees	900			900	800
SDF Grant Costs	1,350			1,350	583
	<b>6,442</b>	<b>300</b>		<b>6,742</b>	<b>5,166</b>
<b>2.2 Capital Works Fabric</b>					
Church Reordering Project		25,303		25,303	34,615
Church Reordering Project VAT on invoices		4,150		4,150	7,217
Church Minor Works	4,713			4,713	24,194
Chapel on the Bridge - Regilding	1,668			1,668	2,530
Fabric Projects				0	11,094
	<b>6,381</b>	<b>29,453</b>		<b>35,834</b>	<b>79,650</b>
<b>2.3 Church Running expenses</b>					
Electric C o B	1,512			1,512	642
Electric Minster	9,994			9,994	5,868
Gas Minster	20,965			20,965	18,992
Water Minster	281			281	207
Telecoms Minster	922			922	871
Insurance CoB	1,364			1,364	1,204
Insurance Minster	17,577			17,577	15,519
ASC Gas & Electric	167			167	272
ASC Costs	4,031			4,031	6,223
Church Maintenance	5,702			5,702	4,197
Church Maintenance Contracts	6,421			6,421	7,242
Westgate Property Insurance	0			0	1,094
Westgate Property Legal & Professional fees	0			0	1,320
Westgate Maintenance & Commission	233			233	1,882
Rencville Maintenance, Ins. & Commission	4,517			4,517	1,854
Subscriptions	545			545	1,061
Training	0			0	520
	<b>74,231</b>			<b>74,231</b>	<b>68,968</b>



**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Notes on Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>2.4 Church Activities</b>					
Diocesan Common Fund	50,000			50,000	44,500
Minster Staff Wages	2,182			2,182	15,228
SDF Staff Wages	113,765			113,765	119,250
Clergy Expenses & Accommodation	2,754			2,754	2,699
The National Lottery Community Fund		25,613		25,613	5,645
Social Supermarket		13,955		13,955	28,745
Music	850			850	1,316
Worship	3,495			3,495	3,338
Children, Families & Youth Budget	0			0	365
Bell Tower Fees & Equipment & Expenses	832			832	1,992
	<b>173,878</b>	<b>39,568</b>		<b>213,446</b>	<b>223,078</b>

**3. FIXED ASSETS**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023
<b>Freehold Land and buildings</b>		
Property at Renevill Road	200,000	200,000
Property at Westgate		70,000
	<b>200,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>

Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham  
Notes on Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2024.

4 CBF Investments

The Investments are held in the CBF Investment Income and the value is the Bid value on the data shown. The revaluation is the change in value related to the Bid price between the

Fund Name	B/Fwd at 01.01.2024		Sale of Shares		Buying of Shares		Unrealised Gain/(Loss)		C/Fwd at 31.12.2024		Gain / (Loss) on sale of shares	
	No. Shares	£	No. Shares	£	No. Shares	£	£	£	No. Shares	£	Proceeds	Carrying Amount Gain / (Loss)
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>												
Haywood Bequest	27,354.75	618,363	1,751.46	40,497.00	2,597.75	60,000.00	13,294		28,161.03	651,159	40,000	40,497   497)
		<u>618,363</u>					<u>13,294</u>			<u>651,159</u>		
<b>UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED</b>												
Choir	53.00	1,158					28		53.00	1,226		
Simpson Sunday School	66.90	1,512					35		66.90	1,547		
Sunday School	98.00	2,215					51		98.00	2,266		
		<u>4,925</u>					<u>114</u>			<u>5,039</u>		
<b>RESTRICTED</b>												
Fair Linen	164.00	3,707					85		164.00	3,792		
Organ IR1104	93.00	2,102					48		93.00	2,150		
Organ	59.00	1,334					30		59.00	1,364		
Probert Music	263.97	5,957					137		263.97	6,104		
Parish Room Fund	8.45	191					4		8.45	195		
		<u>13,301</u>					<u>304</u>			<u>13,605</u>		
<b>ENDOWMENT</b>												
Church Fabric Fund ...255	702.00	15,869					363		702.00	16,232		
Chancel Fabric Fund ...275	1,494.00	33,772					773		1,494.00	34,545		
Church Fabric Fund ...285	6,545.78	147,969					3,387		6,545.78	151,356		
Tithe Chancel Repair ...625	226.00	5,109					117		226.00	5,226		
Aislewood	1,411.00	31,897					728		1,411.00	32,626		
Brookes Legacy	239.00	5,403					123		239.00	5,526		
Stoddart Bequest	508.00	11,483					263		508.00	11,746		
		<u>251,502</u>					<u>5,754</u>			<u>257,257</u>		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<u>888,091</u>					<u>19,466</u>			<u>927,060</u>		



**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Notes on Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2024.**

	2024	2023
<b>5 Cash at Bank, in Hand and Deposit</b>		
RBS Current Account	14,005	9,628
RBS Savings Account	11,825	15,152
RBS Social Supermarket Account	62,435	49,327
CBF Deposit - SDF Wages	24,891	26,635
CBF Deposit -West Window Retention	26,345	213
Petty Cash - Operations	190	168
Petty Cash - Social Supermarket	97	92
	<u>139,788</u>	<u>101,215</u>
 <b>6. Creditors</b>		
Supplier accounts payable	2,968	14,245
Payroll liabilities	3,037	2,914
Other Creditors	6,477	
	<u>12,482</u>	<u>17,159</u>

**Parochial Church Council  
of All Saints Rotherham**

**Rotherham Minster  
and  
The Chapel on the Bridge**

**Annual Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**



## Background

The Parish of Rotherham Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent or, during an interregnum, with the Wardens in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It has the responsibility for the fabric of the Minster Church of Rotherham All Saints' and the Chapel of our Lady on Chantry Bridge.

## Membership of the PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex.officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

<b>Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Canon Phil Batchford</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Ali Middleton (to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Louise Castle (SSOM)</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Justine Smith</b>
<b>Associate Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Sue Armstrong (SSOM)</b>
<b>Associate Curate</b>	<b>Revd Lizzie Ilsley (from July 2024)</b>
<b>Church Wardens</b>	<b>Luke Hanson (to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024)</b> <b>Malcolm Turner (from May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Pat Naylor (From 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024)</b>
<b>Deanery Synod Representative</b>	<b>Anne Asher</b>
<b>Elected Members</b>	<b>Mark Middleton (to May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Doreen Clifford</b> <b>Anne Hicks</b> <b>Shirley Jones</b> <b>Edward Roddis</b> <b>Debbie Stephenson</b> <b>Malcolm Turner (to May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>David Castle</b> <b>Pat Naylor (to May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Chris Bennett (from May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)</b> <b>Jayne Rogan</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Marjorie Russell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Anne Asher</b>

The PCC meets monthly. It has a Standing Committee which meets when required and also has sub-groups for Fabric and for Finance and Property.

<b>Registered Charity</b>	<b>1129752</b>
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	<b>LT Professional Services Limited</b>

**Report of the Independent Examiner  
To the Members of the Parochial Church Council  
Of All Saints Rotherham (the Trust)  
On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Direction given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiners's statement**

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

- The accounts did 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.

L Tsang FCCS Independent Examiner  
For and on behalf of LT Professional Services Limited  
101 Bradfield Way  
Waverly  
Rotherham  
S60 8DL



**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with revised Statement of Recommended Practice relating to s145 of the Charities Act 2011, and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at the bid market value.

**Related Party Transactions.**

There were no related Party Transactions in the year.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

The purpose of any restricted and endowment funds are noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gathering of church members.

**Incoming Resources**

*Voluntary income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Amounts receivable under Gift Aid are recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised only when received. Grants and bequests to the PCC are accounted for upon receipt. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross, as are sales of books and magazines.

Regular giving by both Standing Order, the Parish Giving Scheme and Envelopes have continued.

*Other ordinary income*

Income is recognized from the hire of church premises when events take place.

Fees due to the PCC for wedding, funerals and baptisms are recognized in the accounts per event basis and the transactions are shown in the appropriate sections of the accounts.

*Income from investments*

Dividends and interests are accounted for when received.

*Investment gains and losses.*

Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation on investments at 31 December.

Realised gains and losses are recognised when investments are sold.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Resources Used**

*Grants*

Grants are accounted for when paid.

*Activities directly relating to the work of the church.*

The Common Fund and Ministry Contributions to the Diocese are accounted for when payable.

**Fixed Assets.**

***Freehold Land and Buildings.***

These consist of a house at 3 Reneville Road, Rotherham, purchased on 28 September 1984. The property was revalued in 2021 and valued at £200,000. Routine repairs have taken place during the year.

A commercial property at 69 Westgate, Rotherham has been leased from 20 September 2012 for twenty years as a Chinese Take-away. This property was sold in 2024.

***Consecrated land and buildings.***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts under the provisions of s10 of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church Inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are now valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis. All expenditure incurred in the year on individual items under £1,000 or on the repair on movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

***Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment.***

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

***Investments***

During the year some shares were sold

Unrestricted – 1,791.46 shares realising £40,000 a gain of £497

Unrestricted – 2597.75 shares were purchased at a cost of £60,000

On 31 December 2024 the holding of CBF Investment Income Shares was 40,093.13 (39,286.85 31.12.2023, with a bid price of £23.1227 (£22.6053 on 31.12.2023) and value of £927,060 (£888,091 on 31.12.2023) as advised by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.



**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Current assets**

Provision may be made for any amounts that are deemed by the PCC to be uncollectable. Deposit accounts include cash held in deposit accounts at the bank or with the Central Board of Finance.

**Unrestricted Funds** which are held in the General Fund account are distributed by or on behalf of the PCC for the general benefit and upkeep of the Parish. In 2024 proceeds from the sale of 69 Westgate was received and included in the general fund. Shares in the CBF Investment Income Fund were purchased with the majority of the income from the sale.

**Unrestricted Designated Funds.** Are funds earmarked by the PCC for a purpose. The PCC may close the Designated Account and return any funds to the General Fund. Examples include bequests that have no conditions attached other than that they are to be used for the benefit of the Parish at the discretion of the PCC.

The **Dorothy Simpson Sunday School Fund** was established in 1982 and augmented in 2003 by the absorption of the Sunday School Fund, for the purpose of meeting the costs of Sunday school expenses. **The Choir and Sunday School Funds** are also Designated Funds

**Restricted Funds** have been provided by an organisation or individual for a specific purpose and both the capital and income must be used for that purpose unless there are codicils to the restrictions.

A **Social Supermarket Fund** was created in October 2020 as a Designated Fund to assist the deprived and needy in receiving wholesome and nourishing food. Substantial donations were received from both a donor and grants from Voluntary Action Rotherham and Rotherham MBC to start the fund. It has been successful, and it moved from the Minster into shop premises in the autumn of 2021. PCC re-classified the Social Supermarket as a Restricted Fund.

The **Probert Fund** for Music and Services was founded in 1994 from a legacy under the will of Miss Phyllis Fellows for the purpose of maintaining the religious services and music of All Saints' Parish church. The capital as well as the income may be expended.

The **Fair Linen Fund** was established with a legacy under the will of Mrs Elmhirst for the purchase of altar cloths and similar.

**Endowment Funds**

The **Fabric Fund** was established under Trust Deed in 1912 for the "maintenance, repair, upkeep and insurance of the fabric or building of Rotherham Parish Church". Recent additions to this fund have come from legacies under the wills of Eva Allot (1974), Mr F A Beaumont (1974), Miss M Arnold (1980) and Helena Bennett (2002).

The **Aizlewood Memorial Fund** was founded in 1954 using a legacy under the will of Mr A Percy Aizlewood, for the continued maintenance of the War Memorial at All Saints'. The income from the fund is to be "devoted to such maintenance and to the placing of flowers on the memorial at stated anniversaries and at church festivals". The Trust also allows for income "in excess of £200" to be used for church fabric purposes should the Trustees so decide.

The **Brookes Fund** was established in 1900 using a legacy under the will of Mr Richard Brookes for the purpose of "the repair and maintenance of the parish church, and in particular in insuring, cleaning and preserving the West Window" and also the maintenance of the grave of the late Mrs Brookes in Moorgate Cemetery.

The **Stoddart Fund** was founded in 1913 using a legacy of £2,000 under the will of Sir Charles Stoddart, the one quarter of the income to be put "towards maintaining the services in the Chapel on the Bridge" and three quarters of the income to be spent at the discretion of the incumbent clergy. In recent years successive incumbents

**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ending 31 December 2024**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Voluntary receipts	1.1	49,401			49,401	49,828
Other voluntary receipts	1.2	6,561	514		7,075	10,549
Income from Church activities	1.3	5,010			5,010	4,752
Grant Income	1.4	115,524	40,401		155,925	142,223
Income from Other Activities	1.5	13,452	23,021		36,473	75,180
Income from Investments	1.6	19,540	369	6,981	26,890	26,424
Other Incoming Resources	1.7	19,413			19,413	27,068
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>228,901</b>	<b>64,305</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>300,187</b>	<b>336,024</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Management, Administration & Governance	2.1	6,442	300		6,742	5,166
Capital Works	2.2	6,381	29,453		35,834	79,650
Church Running Expenses	2.3	74,231			74,231	68,968
Church Activities	2.4	173,878	39,568		213,446	223,077
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>260,932</b>	<b>69,321</b>		<b>330,253</b>	<b>376,861</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)</b>						
		<b>(32,031)</b>	<b>(5,016)</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>(30,066)</b>	<b>(40,837)</b>
Gain on sale of Investment Property		25,000			25,000	
Realised gain/(loss) on sale of investments		(497)			(497)	833
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments		13,408	304	5,754	19,466	76,978
		<b>5,880</b>	<b>(4,712)</b>	<b>12,735</b>	<b>13,903</b>	<b>36,974</b>
Transfers between funds						
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>5,880</b>	<b>(4,712)</b>	<b>12,735</b>	<b>13,903</b>	<b>36,974</b>
Balance at 1 January		897,412	93,561	251,502	1,242,475	1,205,501
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>		<b>903,292</b>	<b>88,849</b>	<b>264,237</b>	<b>1,256,378</b>	<b>1,242,475</b>



**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2024**

	Note	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible	3	200,000	270,000
Investments	4	927,060	888,091
		<u>1,127,060</u>	<u>1,158,091</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors		2,012	328
Cash at Bank and in Hand	5	139,788	101,215
		<u>141,800</u>	<u>101,543</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>	6	<u>12,482</u>	<u>17,159</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,256,378</u>	<u>1,242,475</u>
<b>FUNDS AND RESERVES</b>			
Unrestricted funds		903,292	897,412
Restricted funds		88,849	93,561
Endowment funds		264,237	251,502
		<u>1,256,378</u>	<u>1,242,475</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15th April 2025  
and signed on its behalf by:



Revd P Batchford  
Chairperson

**Parochial Council of All Saints Rotherham**  
**Notes on Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>1 Incoming resources</b>					
<b>1.1 Voluntary receipts</b>					
Planned Giving Bank Gift Aid	13,216			13,216	15,277
Planned Giving Bank Non Gift Aid	1,800			1,800	2,611
Planned Giving Envelopes Gift Aid	2,555			2,555	2,795
Planned Giving Envelopes Non Gift Aid	2,980			2,980	2,434
Planned Giving - PGS	11,518			11,518	10,084
Cash Collection - tax efficient	6,481			6,481	7,644
HMRC Rebate - Tax Recovered via GA	9,351			9,351	8,983
Legacies	1,500			1,500	
	<b>49,401</b>			<b>49,401</b>	<b>49,828</b>
<b>1.2 Other voluntary receipts</b>					
Alms Box	1,433			1,433	2,774
Votive Candles	881			881	876
Collectin + Sum up (Electronic)	1,085			1,085	1,370
Special Collections				0	429
Donation - General Gift Aid	26			26	19
Donation - Bell Tower	807			807	1,219
Donation Lighting (Reguilding) CoB	1,390			1,390	2,530
Donation - Capital Fundraising		514		514	
Donation Sundry	806			806	1,018
Donation - Coffee	133			133	314
	<b>6,561</b>	<b>514</b>		<b>7,075</b>	<b>10,549</b>
<b>1.3. Income from Church Activities</b>					
Civic & Diocesan Services	1,028			1,028	822
Fees from Funeral Retained by PCC	60			60	1,379
Fees from Weddings Retained by PCC	3,922			3,922	2,551
	<b>5,010</b>			<b>5,010</b>	<b>4,752</b>
<b>1.4 Grant Income</b>					
Grant - Energy	1,700			1,700	3,800
Grant - SDF	1,400			1,400	450
General & Clergy Development Grant				0	915
Grant - SDF Salaries	112,424			112,424	97,369
National Lottery Grant		26,236		26,236	12,734
Grant - Church Reordering		14,165		14,165	26,955
	<b>115,524</b>	<b>40,401</b>		<b>155,925</b>	<b>142,223</b>



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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>1.5 Income from other activities</b>					
Events	2,287			2,287	1,556
Hire of All Saints Centre	1,745			1,745	1,140
Hire of Rotherham Minster	6,020			6,020	3,752
Contribution from Soc Supermarket	3,400			3,400	2,200
Social Supermarket		23,021		23,021	66,532
	<b>13,452</b>	<b>23,021</b>		<b>36,473</b>	<b>75,180</b>
<b>1.6. Income from Investments</b>					
CBF Dividends	16,870	369	6,981	24,220	24,607
CBF Deposit Interest	2,064			2,064	1,503
Bank Interest	606			606	314
	<b>19,540</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>26,890</b>	<b>26,424</b>
<b>1.7 Other incoming resources</b>					
Insurance claims	2,200			2,200	3,175
Refund - Legal & Professional fees	1,320			1,320	40
Refund - Insurance	412			412	
Refund - Utilities bill	3,082			3,082	
Rent from Properties	10,791			10,791	17,612
VAT Refund Historic Churches	1,608			1,608	4,392
VAT Refund - West Window Project				0	1,849
	<b>19,413</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>19,413</b>	<b>27,068</b>

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>2 Resources Expended</b>					
<b>2.1 Management Administration &amp; Governance</b>					
Bank Charges	576			576	566
Special Collections paid on behalf of third Party	0			0	429
Minster refreshments & flowers	769			769	676
Capital fundraising costs		300		300	
Raising Funds Expenditure	1,647			1,647	912
Quinquennial Report	1,200			1,200	1,200
Independent Examiners Fees	900			900	800
SDF Grant Costs	1,350			1,350	583
	<b>6,442</b>	<b>300</b>		<b>6,742</b>	<b>5,166</b>
<b>2.2 Capital Works Fabric</b>					
Church Reordering Project		25,303		25,303	34,615
Church Reordering Project VAT on invoices		4,150		4,150	7,217
Church Minor Works	4,713			4,713	24,194
Chapel on the Bridge - Regilding	1,668			1,668	2,530
Fabric Projects				0	11,094
	<b>6,381</b>	<b>29,453</b>		<b>35,834</b>	<b>79,650</b>
<b>2.3 Church Running expenses</b>					
Electric C o B	1,512			1,512	642
Electric Minster	9,994			9,994	5,868
Gas Minster	20,965			20,965	18,992
Water Minster	281			281	207
Telecoms Minster	922			922	871
Insurance CoB	1,364			1,364	1,204
Insurance Minster	17,577			17,577	15,519
ASC Gas & Electric	167			167	272
ASC Costs	4,031			4,031	6,223
Church Maintenance	5,702			5,702	4,197
Church Maintenance Contracts	6,421			6,421	7,242
Westgate Property Insurance	0			0	1,094
Westgate Property Legal & Professional fees	0			0	1,320
Westgate Maintenance & Commission	233			233	1,882
Rencville Maintenance, Ins. & Commission	4,517			4,517	1,854
Subscriptions	545			545	1,061
Training	0			0	520
	<b>74,231</b>			<b>74,231</b>	<b>68,968</b>



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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>2.4 Church Activities</b>					
Diocesan Common Fund	50,000			50,000	44,500
Minster Staff Wages	2,182			2,182	15,228
SDF Staff Wages	113,765			113,765	119,250
Clergy Expenses & Accommodation	2,754			2,754	2,699
The National Lottery Community Fund		25,613		25,613	5,645
Social Supermarket		13,955		13,955	28,745
Music	850			850	1,316
Worship	3,495			3,495	3,338
Children, Families & Youth Budget	0			0	365
Bell Tower Fees & Equipment & Expenses	832			832	1,992
	<b>173,878</b>	<b>39,568</b>		<b>213,446</b>	<b>223,078</b>

**3. FIXED ASSETS**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023
<b>Freehold Land and buildings</b>		
Property at Renevill Road	200,000	200,000
Property at Westgate		70,000
	<b>200,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>

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4 CBF Investments

The Investments are held in the CBF Investment Income and the value is the Bid value on the data shown. The revaluation is the change in value related to the Bid price between the

Fund Name	B/Fwd at 01.01.2024		Sale of Shares		Buying of Shares		Unrealised Gain/(Loss)		C/Fwd at 31.12.2024		Gain / (Loss) on sale of shares	
	No. Shares	£	No. Shares	£	No. Shares	£	£	£	No. Shares	£	Proceeds	Carrying Amount Gain / (Loss)
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>												
Haywood Bequest	27,354.75	618,363	1,751.46	40,497.00	2,597.75	60,000.00	13,294		28,161.03	651,159	40,000	40,497   497)
		<u>618,363</u>					<u>13,294</u>			<u>651,159</u>		
<b>UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED</b>												
Choir	53.00	1,158					28		53.00	1,226		
Simpson Sunday School	66.90	1,512					35		66.90	1,547		
Sunday School	98.00	2,215					51		98.00	2,266		
		<u>4,925</u>					<u>114</u>			<u>5,039</u>		
<b>RESTRICTED</b>												
Fair Linen	164.00	3,707					85		164.00	3,792		
Organ IR1104	93.00	2,102					48		93.00	2,150		
Organ	59.00	1,334					30		59.00	1,364		
Probert Music	263.97	5,957					137		263.97	6,104		
Parish Room Fund	8.45	191					4		8.45	195		
		<u>13,301</u>					<u>304</u>			<u>13,605</u>		
<b>ENDOWMENT</b>												
Church Fabric Fund ...255	702.00	15,869					363		702.00	16,232		
Chancel Fabric Fund ...275	1,494.00	33,772					773		1,494.00	34,545		
Church Fabric Fund ...285	6,545.78	147,969					3,387		6,545.78	151,356		
Tithe Chancel Repair ...625	226.00	5,109					117		226.00	5,226		
Aislewood	1,411.00	31,897					728		1,411.00	32,626		
Brookes Legacy	239.00	5,403					123		239.00	5,526		
Stoddart Bequest	508.00	11,483					263		508.00	11,746		
		<u>251,502</u>					<u>5,754</u>			<u>257,257</u>		
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>		<u>888,091</u>					<u>19,466</u>			<u>927,060</u>		



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	2024	2023
<b>5 Cash at Bank, in Hand and Deposit</b>		
RBS Current Account	14,005	9,628
RBS Savings Account	11,825	15,152
RBS Social Supermarket Account	62,435	49,327
CBF Deposit - SDF Wages	24,891	26,635
CBF Deposit -West Window Retention	26,345	213
Petty Cash - Operations	190	168
Petty Cash - Social Supermarket	97	92
	<u>139,788</u>	<u>101,215</u>
 <b>6. Creditors</b>		
Supplier accounts payable	2,968	14,245
Payroll liabilities	3,037	2,914
Other Creditors	6,477	
	<u>12,482</u>	<u>17,159</u>