

# **St Michael's Church, Myland, Colchester**

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

**for the year ended 31st December 2024**



### **Incumbent:**

In vacancy from  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Bankers:**

Santander plc  
Bootle  
Liverpool

### **Treasurer:**

Vacancy – temporarily  
Sarah King  
Church Administrator

### **Independent Examiner:**

John Mehen  
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## **St. Michael's Church, Myland, Colchester**

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

#### **Aims and Purposes**

St Michael's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Raymond Gibbs, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. From April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 St. Michael's entered vacancy.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church and halls complex of St. Michael, Mile End Road, Mile End, Colchester and for part of the year, The Community Room at Paprika House, Apprentice Drive, New Braiswick Park, Colchester.

#### **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 St. Michael. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve the many groups that live within the parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and especially the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and our community facilities.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

We continue to owe a huge debt of gratitude to Lesley and Sue as Churchwardens and to Sarah in the church office for all that has been achieved in the past year. The Easter and Christmas seasons saw pleasing numbers, given that Christmas Eve was a working day. There have been definite signs of growth in general church numbers, with new members joining across the age spectrum. This is something to celebrate and we rejoice that giving has remained high and that many continue to make a significant contribution to keeping St Michael's running, especially during the vacancy.

#### **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC remains keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling, and such services include traditional Holy Communion, quiet morning prayer, wholeness and healing, family worship, and celebrations or commemorations of significant dates and events.

#### **Regular Services**

Our pattern of services has remained consistent for the year. We continue to use the Church all year round for Sunday worship, and requested funerals, memorials and weddings. Since April 2024 we have also offered Morning Prayer on Friday and are grateful to Lesley and Kevin and to Sue and Roger for

holding this as often as they are able. The prayer diary, which had been running for nearly four years, is now printed in the monthly newsletter and contains a suggested daily Bible Reading and psalm with prayers for people to worship daily in their own home.

All are welcome to attend our services, which remain of a high quality, and preaching has often been inspired. The demand for baptisms remains high in comparison to other churches, and there has been a recovery in our weddings with a number being booked in for 2025.

### **Church Electoral Roll**

Preparation of a new electoral roll has been completed in 2025 and the number on the new roll stands at 65. There are 47 people that reside in the Parish and 18 non-residents.

In 2024 the number on the Electoral Roll was 65.

### **Milestone and Special Services**

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life, funeral services/burial of ashes/ memorials have carried on throughout 2024, and the demand for our services remains high. Both the Harvest Festival service and the Service of Remembrance were well attended, and we were delighted to welcome representatives of our uniformed organisations, who also read during the Remembrance service. The satellite Foodbank based in the hall foyer is now established every Friday morning and we are grateful to all who volunteer to provide this valuable service to our community.

### **Music**

We are indebted to Joe and John who play so well for us, as they provide excellent leadership in worship, as well as supporting funerals and weddings as they are able. We continue to be grateful to Barbara Cutter, who covers music as and when necessary. It was good to hear the choir again at Christmas.

### **Deanery Synod / Diocesan Synod / General Synod**

We have recently re-elected a member of the PCC to Deanery Synod and to receive reports of what happens at both Diocesan and General Synod. The General Synod has passed legislation and published draft prayers for the blessing of same sex couples in church, this is a big step for those in favour and against such a move, and is now being debated at a Diocesan level, eventually this will come down to individual priests and parishes to decide upon.

### **St. Michael's Church and Myland Parish Halls**

We have had some ongoing issues with the heating in the church and although it is an old system; Churchwardens and partners have worked tirelessly to keep it going and to ensure repairs are carried out efficiently. Especially during vacancy, we have been unable to prioritise any work on the church building, but work has been carried out to maintain and improve the church halls, including the installation of new cameras on the church and bringing the church system over to the halls for ease of use

### **Pastoral Care**

In 2024 we have continued to do our best to care for each other in the church community. Though our numbers are increasing, a small group continues to offer pastoral support to those in our congregation who are struggling. I believe that we do a good job of looking after each other, as we also nurture and befriend those joining us who are new to the faith. It has been a joy to baptise two adults during 2024, who have recently come to faith.

Ray continued to visit Woodland View and to hold a weekly communion service there until his retirement in April 2024. We are sorry that this work has not been able to be carried forward into vacancy, though we would very much hope that this could be resumed once a new incumbent is appointed. The Clergy and churchwardens remain contactable at all times, with email addresses and telephone numbers readily available, including on the website and in newsletters.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

Our Parish Mission Statement continues to be: "Following Jesus' Great Commission, we will continue the ministry of Jesus and live the message of Jesus in the manner of Jesus". This mission takes us out into the community; a community that is diverse, dynamic and an ever-growing in population. Our mission to the schools in the parish continues and we were able to deliver Posadas to groups at Myland and Queen Boudicca schools. Both of these schools used the church for their school Christmas concerts, which was wonderful. The highlight being children from Queen Boudicca school singing Away in a Manger by candlelight. We are grateful to local minister, Lynsey Heslegrave, for taking Christingle services at Queen Boudicca, where she also exercises ministry. We would hope to make further connections with the school on New Braiswick Park again and to forge some links with Camulus school as we are able. The annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, although smaller in number, happened, as did the Lent lunches and the Children's Society box appeal, which continues to be encouraging.

The church is a 'hub' to which many people are drawn for a variety of reasons, but we hope and pray for new opportunities to arise for us to develop new ways to encourage parish newcomers, as well as more longstanding residents to be aware of our presence, our mission and the fellowship we offer.

## ***New Braiswick Park Mission***

The under lease for the Community Room was surrendered on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. However, it took a few months to cancel the contract with the energy supplier. This has now happened and on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 all remaining funds were returned to St. Michael's.

## **Ecumenical Relationships**

The church is a member of Churches Together in Myland (CTIM), and re-committed itself to working in unity in 2023. We have joined together on Palm Sunday for the blessing of the Palms for all our churches and for a service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January. Although a planned BBQ didn't go ahead in the summer, plans are sure to be discussed again for a Churches Together picnic and an opportunity for us to enjoy getting to know each other better.

## **Financial Review (*Important - Please read it*)**

The financial review is provided within the attached Treasurer's Report on Page 8.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is our policy to invest our current funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, and longer term monies with the CCLA Central Board Investment Fund.

## **Further Information**

We are thankful for all those who continued to support our mission and ministry here in Myland, especially since we went into vacancy. We are grateful to all those who have stepped up and will continue to step up to keep the church running smoothly. We hope to encourage greater stewardship so that we may build on our work here, expand our activities across needs and age groups, and enable St. Michael's Church to continue to serve the parish of Myland in the future.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2022. At St Michael's, the membership of the PCC consists of ex-officio positions, namely our clergy team, churchwardens, and Deanery Synod representatives as well as members elected by those of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. Other members are co-opted if and when appropriate. 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.

During 2024, the PCC held seven meetings. The average attendance was 77.57%.

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022 Rule M5 (3), the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

### **Administrative Information**

St Michael's Church is situated in Mile End, Colchester. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Myland Parish Church Office, Myland Parish Halls, Mile End Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5DY.

The PCC is a body corporate (Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1130020.

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

Incumbent (Priest-in-Charge):	Reverend Raymond Gibbs (Chair) Until 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Associate Priest:	Reverend Hazel Greenland – Chair from 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

Churchwarden:	Mrs Lesley Hindle
	Mrs Susan Smith from 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

Representative - Deanery Synod:	Mrs June Chandler until 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Mr Andrew Ayton from 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **Elected Members**

Treasurer:	Chelmsford Diocesan Support until 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 – Role Vacant
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PCC Secretary:	Vacancy (Acting: Mrs Sarah King)
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Other Members:	Mrs Jillian Bollen
	Mr Roger Smith
	Mrs Susan Smith until 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Mr Joe Richardson
	Mr Andrew Ayton until 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Mrs Jenny Spence from 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 - 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
	Mrs Sheila Wilson from 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Mr John Barratt from 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

**THIS REPORT WAS APPROVED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON \*\*\*\*\* 2025 AND  
SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THE CHAIR, THE REVEREND HAZEL GREENLAND**

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Planned giving	34,386	—	175	—	34,561	34,555
Collections and other giving	4,043	—	—	—	4,043	2,528
Other voluntary receipts	25,841	—	640	—	26,481	17,772
Gift Aid recovered	10,438	—	—	—	10,438	9,088
Other receipts	—	908	—	—	908	60
Activities for generating funds	2,576	77	—	—	2,652	4,520
Investment Income	515	516	25	—	1,056	667
Receipts from church activities	5,752	39,203	—	—	44,955	39,087
<b>Total income</b>	<b>83,552</b>	<b>40,704</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>125,096</b>	<b>108,276</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Cost of generating funds	483	—	—	—	483	613
Missionary and Charitable Giving	43	—	—	—	43	612
Parish Share	51,975	—	—	—	51,975	46,932
Clergy and Staffing costs	8,343	—	—	—	8,343	9,904
Church Running Expenses	17,560	—	166	—	17,726	12,981
Hall Running Costs	—	37,362	369	—	37,730	37,308
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>78,405</b>	<b>37,362</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>116,301</b>	<b>108,350</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	109	109	408
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>5,147</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>8,904</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Transfers</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	1,433	—	1,433	43
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(1,433)	—	—	(1,433)	(43)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>5,147</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>8,904</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>10,151</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>28,172</b>	<b>27,837</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>15,298</b>	<b>12,971</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>37,076</b>	<b>28,172</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
Unrestricted						
General fund	15,298	—	—	—	15,298	10,151
Designated						
Fabric/Restoration Fund	—	7,068	—	—	7,068	6,804
Halls Fund	—	5,903	—	—	5,903	4,257
Restricted						
Friends of St Michael's Church	—	—	3,010	—	3,010	2,810
Youth Group initiative 2023	—	—	942	—	942	468
Endowment						
Canon Bolsin Fund	—	—	—	4,854	4,854	4,745

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown.

## Statement of assets and liabilities

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Investments</b>						
6450 : CBIFS 6B3022485-01 Bolsin	—	—	—	4,854	4,854	4,745
<b>Total</b>	—	—	—	4,854	4,854	4,745
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
6501 : Santander Current Account	2,424	420	1,342	—	4,187	7,411
6501 : Santander Current Account	—	—	—	—	—	(1,064)
6510 : CCLA CB3022484-01	12,874	12,551	3,010	—	28,435	17,380
<b>Total</b>	15,298	12,971	4,352	—	32,622	23,727
<b>Liabilities - Agency accounts</b>						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	400	—	400	300
<b>Total</b>	—	—	400	—	400	300
<b>Net total assets</b>	15,298	12,971	3,952	4,854	37,076	28,172
<b>Represented by</b>						
Unrestricted - General	15,298	—	—	—	15,298	10,151
Designated - Fabric	—	7,068	—	—	7,068	6,804
Designated - Halls	—	5,903	—	—	5,903	4,257
Restricted - Friends	—	—	3,010	—	3,010	2,810
Restricted - Youth	—	—	942	—	942	468
Restricted - NBPM	—	—	—	—	—	(1,064)
Endowment - Bolsin	—	—	—	4,854	4,854	4,745
<b>Total</b>	15,298	12,971	3,952	4,854	37,076	28,172

### Notes

- Liabilities – Agency totals comprises of four £100 deposits for Weddings in 2025 and 2026.



## Analysis of income & expenditure

### INCOME

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b><i>Planned giving</i></b>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	29,590	—	175	—	29,765	28,107
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	3,871	—	—	—	3,871	5,139
0201 - Other planned giving	925	—	—	—	925	1,309
<b><i>Planned giving Totals</i></b>	<b>34,386</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>34,561</b>	<b>34,555</b>
<b><i>Collections and other giving</i></b>						
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,820	—	—	—	2,820	2,528
0302 - Contactless donations	1,223	—	—	—	1,223	—
<b><i>Collections and other giving Totals</i></b>	<b>4,043</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,043</b>	<b>2,528</b>
<b><i>Other voluntary receipts</i></b>						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	—	—	—	—	—	93
0550 - Donations appeals etc	25,209	—	640	—	25,849	16,164
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	632	—	—	—	632	1,515
<b><i>Other voluntary receipts Totals</i></b>	<b>25,841</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26,481</b>	<b>17,772</b>
<b><i>Gift Aid recovered</i></b>						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,438	—	—	—	10,438	9,088
<b><i>Gift Aid recovered Totals</i></b>	<b>10,438</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10,438</b>	<b>9,088</b>
<b><i>Other receipts</i></b>						
0901 - Other funds generated	—	—	—	—	—	60
1310 - Insurance claims	—	908	—	—	908	—
<b><i>Other receipts Totals</i></b>	<b>—</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>60</b>
<b><i>Activities for generating funds</i></b>						
0910 - General Fundraising	2,576	—	—	—	2,576	4,520
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	77	—	—	77	—
<b><i>Activities for generating funds Totals</i></b>	<b>2,576</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>4,520</b>
<b><i>Investment Income</i></b>						
1001 - Dividends	132	—	—	—	132	130
1020 - Bank and building society interest	383	516	25	—	924	537
<b><i>Investment Income Totals</i></b>	<b>515</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>667</b>
<b><i>Receipts from church activities</i></b>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	5,752	—	—	—	5,752	4,731
1230 - Church hall lettings	—	39,203	—	—	39,203	34,355
<b><i>Receipts from church activities Totals</i></b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>39,203</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>44,955</b>	<b>39,087</b>
<b>Receipts Grand totals</b>	<b>83,552</b>	<b>40,704</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>125,096</b>	<b>108,276</b>

# EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	483	—	—	—	483	613
<b>Cost of generating funds Totals</b>	483	—	—	—	483	613
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving</b>						
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	—	—	—	—	—	612
1850 - Home mission	43	—	—	—	43	—
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals</b>	43	—	—	—	43	612
<b>Parish Share</b>						
1901 - Parish Share	51,975	—	—	—	51,975	46,932
<b>Parish Share Totals</b>	51,975	—	—	—	51,975	46,932
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs</b>						
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	8,343	—	—	—	8,343	9,904
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs Totals</b>	8,343	—	—	—	8,343	9,904
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>						
2201 - Parish training and mission	100	—	—	—	100	408
2203 - Youth Work Expenditure	—	—	166	—	166	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	2,129	—	—	—	2,129	2,039
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	175	—	—	—	175	340
2330 - Church maintenance	3,676	—	—	—	3,676	923
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,220	—	—	—	2,220	1,725
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	200	—	—	—	200	350
2351 - Cremated remains area	250	—	—	—	250	81
2360 - Administration	4,142	—	—	—	4,142	3,123
2401 - Church running - electric	4,523	—	—	—	4,523	3,848
2420 - Church running - water	144	—	—	—	144	144
<b>Church Running Expenses Totals</b>	17,560	—	166	—	17,726	12,981
<b>Hall Running Costs</b>						
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	3,791	215	—	4,005	3,766
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	3,194	154	—	3,348	6,351
2550 - Hall running - insurance	—	1,703	—	—	1,703	562
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	5,235	—	—	5,235	3,390
2561 - Halls Cleaning	—	12,327	—	—	12,327	12,813
2562 - Halls Booking Clerk	—	8,343	—	—	8,343	8,243
2563 - Halls Consumables	—	622	—	—	622	122
2570 - Hall running - telephone	—	1,392	—	—	1,392	1,200
2580 - Hall running - water	—	754	—	—	754	861
<b>Hall Running Costs Totals</b>	—	37,362	369	—	37,730	37,308
<b>Payments Grand totals</b>	78,405	37,362	534	—	116,301	108,350
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,147</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,795</b>	<b>(74)</b>

## Fund movement by type

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
<b>Unrestricted</b>							
General - General fund	10,151	83,552	78,405	—	—	—	15,298
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>10,151</b>	<b>83,552</b>	<b>78,405</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,298</b>
<b>Designated</b>							
Fabric - Fabric/Restoration Fund	6,804	264	—	—	—	—	7,068
Halls - Halls Fund	4,257	40,440	37,362	(1,433)	—	—	5,903
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>40,704</b>	<b>37,362</b>	<b>(1,433)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12,971</b>
<b>Restricted</b>							
Friends - Friends of St Michael's Church	2,810	200	—	—	—	—	3,010
Youth - Youth Group initiative 2023	468	640	166	—	—	—	942
NBPM - New Braiswick Park Mission	(1,064)	—	369	1,433	—	—	—
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,952</b>
<b>Endowment</b>							
Bolsin - Canon Bolsin Fund	4,745	—	—	—	109	—	4,854
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,854</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,172</b>	<b>125,096</b>	<b>116,301</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>37,076</b>

### Notes

- The Community Room underlease is no longer held by St. Michael's and a balance transfer of £1433 was made from Halls funds to close the account.

# Independent examiner's report to The PCC of St Michael's Myland, Colchester on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

## **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of Independent Examiners Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**


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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

(2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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## **Parochial Church Council of St. Michael's Myland**

### **Treasurer's Report for the year 2024**

St Michaels Myland operated 7 different funds in 2024, held within 3 physical accounts and the following report, together with the Financial Statements, are prepared from a software package specifically designed for use within the Church of England.

#### **Church General Fund**

This important Fund (Unrestricted) reflects the cost of Christian ministry at St. Michael's Church, including the contribution made to the Diocesan Parish Share, which largely provides the stipend, pension and housing for the clergy. This remains the case even though we are in vacancy. We pride ourselves that even during vacancy we were able to pay £51,975 of the £57,273 2024 Parish Share.

Planned giving/Service collections income was up from £36,958 to £38,429. We also received a large donation and bequest which also boosted our Gift Aid collections. Parochial fees (weddings and funerals) were also up from £ 4,731 to £ 5752.

This means our total income was up from £71,611 in 2023 to £83,577 in 2024.

Costs are being kept under control, as far as we are able.

General Fund expenditure has been managed as well as possible. There was an increase in expenditure during the year up from £70,038 to £78,404. However, work was carried out to replace CCTV cameras and move the system over to the halls. Administration costs appear higher; however, the cost has now been split equally with the halls.

The Church received a grant of £632 for a new PC.

In 2024, we had an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £5,172.

#### **Myland Parish Halls**

The Halls had a much better year with lettings income up from £34,355 to £39,203.

Total receipts for the year were £40,414 and expenditure was £37,362.

Within the total costs figure, Repair and Maintenance costs rose from £3,390 in 2023 to £5,235 in 2024. Amongst the increase, work was carried out to fix the main hall door and replace glass panes in some of the small hall windows.

Cleaning costs were down slightly from £12,813 to £12,327. This does change throughout the year; in 2024 there were less party hires therefore less cleans required. We are grateful to our hall cleaners who have not increased their costs in recent years.

The net position was considerably better than in 2023, turning net expenditure of £1,086 last year to a net income of £3,053 in 2024. However, £1,433 was transferred from the halls fund to close the New Braiswick Park Fund.

This results in a total balance of £5,878 as at 31 December 2024 (up from £4,257 last year).

#### **New Braiswick Park Mission Fund**

The Community was continuing to make a loss each year, which was usually cleared by transferring funds from Myland Parish Halls Account.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the underlease was surrendered and the keys returned. It took several months after this to end the contract with the electricity supplier Corona. During this time, bills were still having to be paid. Once closed down all funds were returned to us, backdated to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

The account was in deficit £1,433 which was cleared with funds from the halls account. This fund has now been closed and deactivated.

### **Canon Bolsin Endowment Fund**

The capital sum of £5,000 in this fund was donated many years ago, and is held in a share account; therefore, the value can regularly go up or down. We are currently permitted to utilise income from the Fund, but not the capital. The balance is currently £4,854 as at 31 December 2024, with an increase in value during the year of £109.

### **Fabric Fund**

This fund receives gifts given specifically for the fabric of the Parish Church. During the year there was no expenditure taken for maintaining the Church. The balance is £7,068 on the 31 December 2024 which includes interest of £264.

### **Friends Fund**

Although only a small fund yearly standing orders are received from people registered for donations, and this year we received £175 in standing orders and £25 in interest. The amount held as at 31 December 2024 is £3010.

### **Conclusion**

The PCC say a *huge 'thank you'* for all that our members have given, continue to give, and fund raise, because it is through the regular giving of committed church members and others who value the on-going work and mission of this church that we are in the marvellous position we are, considering we are in vacancy.

Let us encourage each other to look again at what God is asking of us, as individuals and as a worshipping community, so that Gods name can be glorified in St. Michael's.

It is up to each one of us to respond to God's prompting through the work of the Holy Spirit. May we all be richly blessed by refocusing on what it is God is calling us to do in the parish of Myland.

Sarah King of behalf of the PCC