

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF  
ST MARY'S LONGFLEET PCC, POOLE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity Number 1130469  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH  
OF LONGFLEET (ST MARY'S), POOLE**

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**Objective and Activities**

St Mary's Longfleet PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd Canon Andrew Perry, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the Church Centre, Kingston Road, Poole.

**Governing document**

The PCC is a registered Charity (Number 1130469), and is governed by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and Church Representation Rules.

**Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC. On appointment, each new PCC member is given a clear briefing of the responsibility they carry as a trustee and of the primary purpose of the PCC to work with the incumbent, Revd Canon Andrew Perry, in the whole mission of the church.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC -

<b><i>Incumbent:</i></b>	Revd Canon Andrew Perry	Chair
<b><i>Associate Vicar:</i></b>	Revd Mark Hay Revd Jordan Betts	(until end of Jan 2024) (from Dec 2024)
<b><i>Wardens:</i></b>	Mrs Alison Cox Dr Pete Naylor	
<b><i>Elected Members:</i></b>	Mr Mike Bilson Mr John Brackstone Mr Simon Burnham-Slipper Mrs Sue Cobb Mrs Anne Goodrich Mr Mark Heavyside Mr Neale Molyneux Mrs Alison Pringle Mr Samuel Smith Mrs Claire Stonier Miss Jess Wheadon	(from April 2024) (until April 2024)
<b><i>Deanery Synod Representatives:</i></b>	Mr Colin Chalkly-Maber Mrs Emma Jackson Miss Sue Ockendon Mr John Rolleston Mr Mike Turner Miss Angie Wheeler Mrs Wendy Tarpley-Naylor	Treasurer

***Electoral Roll Secretary***

Mrs Kym Powell

***PCC Secretary***

Mrs Gillian Rutherford

## **Statement of Parochial Church Council's Responsibilities**

Charity law requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue.

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

## ***Committees and Subgroups***

The four key principles behind these structures being that they should be –

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| <b>Purposeful</b> | - To fulfil our overall vision and purposes  |
| <b>Adaptable</b>  | - Able to respond to continuing growth   |
| <b>Flexible</b>   | - Within an age of rapid change  |
| <b>Simple</b>     | - To function naturally and allow St Mary's Longfleet to grow healthily as a living organism rather than a bureaucratic organisation and avoid unnecessary meetings. |

The structures are designed to express trust and accountability. From January 2010 – A new Leadership Structure was developed which clarifies the respective roles of the PCC and the Staff Team.

## ***Finance Team (also Standing Committee of PCC)***

Prepares the 'Annual Budget' and monitors spending. It holds responsibility for reviewing staff salaries and expenses. It carries a mandate to be proactive in encouraging financial giving in the church, and to support the Hon. Treasurer.

## **Reserves Policy:**

As the PCC has employed 14 full or part time staff during the year, it is the policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments (excluding Share payments to the diocese), to cover emergency

situations which may arise from time to time. In addition, a balance equal to approximately three months' Share payments is maintained whenever possible. The current level of unrestricted cash reserves does not meet this target but does cover approximately 4 months of such payments. At the year end the Church held £219,352 of unrestricted funds and £2,358,976 of restricted funds.

### **Risk Management:**

The principal risk is that the PCC would not be able to meet its financial commitments in any given year. This is currently seen as medium likelihood but high impact and is managed by a careful budgeting process, performance against which is regularly monitored by the PCC and the Finance sub-committee as well as communication with all members of the congregation when necessary. By comparison with this risk all the other identified risks have a low residual impact and may be outlined as:

High impact/medium likelihood – fire in the building – contingency plan – use of local school premises.

High impact/low likelihood - no one coming forward to act as volunteer members of teams and committees – contingency plan – continued communication with the congregation together with a database of skills. Responsibility for this shared by Vicar and Finance Team.

Medium impact/medium likelihood – something goes missing or is stolen from the church safe or other office area – contingency plan – continued monitoring of security measures making improvements as necessary.

### ***Fabric Team (sub group of PCC)***

Maintains the church property and equipment. Identifies and prioritises work needed, including quinquennial requirements. It works closely with the SML Facilities Team.

### ***Mission Support Team***

Encourages and assists all at SML to reach out imaginatively into the world, in obedience to Jesus' call to evangelism and social care - "Go and make disciples of all Nations" - Matthew 28: 19. It makes proposals to the PCC about the allocation of the tithe.

### ***SML Eco Group***

To encourage the SML church community to be good stewards of God's creation and align ourselves to the Anglican Communion's fifth mark of mission. This is a very active, passionate sub-group, under the leadership of Lois Partridge.

### ***Church Attendance***

On an average Sunday, our total worshipping numbers were about 730. Online, live-stream services attract a sizeable number of additional viewers. The Electoral Roll number for 2024 was 545.

## **Pension Builder Scheme**

St Mary's Longfleet PCC participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

1. the Defined Benefits Scheme
2. the Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
  - a. a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
  - b. a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

## **Pension Builder Scheme**

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

**Pension Builder 2014** is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable **(2024: £9,750, 2023: £7,875)**.

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2025.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, St Mary's Longfleet PCC could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities

## **Public benefit, objectives and activities**

The PCC have given due regard to public benefit when planning the church's activities, in accordance with section G2 and G3 of the Charity Commission's General guidance on Public Benefit (January 2008). The paragraphs above and below set out the PCCs activities, achievements and performance during the year, which are directly related to the objects and purposes for which the church exists.

The church achieves its principal objects and purposes through:

- high quality public worship, both traditional and contemporary

- pastoral care and support of those in need
- promotion of Christian aid, mission agencies and other charitable causes.

These benefits are directly related to the aims of the church and are fully compliant with Principles 1 and 2 of the Charity Commission Principles on Public Benefit.

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Across the world, 2024 has been a year marked by global political change and volatility, and, within our nation, 'uncertainty and flux' are probably the most pertinent descriptors of the prevailing mood. Our country has had a General Election and a new government formed. The Church of England has been rocked by inadequate handling of safeguarding issues leading to the unprecedented resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and a distrust of senior leadership. This has created a wider backcloth that impinges upon us all.

In the midst of all of this, the Lord Jesus Christ is still Sovereign, He is building and refining His Church, and we need to try to discern what He is saying in these times.

During 2024, the full PCC met in-person for six business meetings. Central to our focus for the year was our refreshed SML Vision, which was shared at the APCM Monday 22nd April.

*'Our vision is to grow adventurous disciples who take joy in making Jesus known in our communities and beyond'*

Within this, we identified three key priority areas as described below. Naturally, many other strands of ministry will continue and be developed, and across all these areas has been a focus on aiming to offer 'healthy' ministry across the breadth of our ministry and mission activities.





## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

### **RISE UP**

Overall, it has been notable and so encouraging to sense the spiritual temperature of our **church services** and gatherings rising with a greater sense of expectancy and engagement. A deep, authentic sense that the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst, and a growing thirst in people's hearts and souls to go deeper with the LORD. It's exciting to see numbers growing at our 10.45am & 6.30pm services, and we are conscious of the need for prayerfully-considered increased investment to develop our 8.45am service.

We are thankful that our services over **Christmas 2024** – including a dynamic 'Nativity' and a larger contingent of young people in our 'Christmas Choir'- welcomed a huge number of visitors and appeared to minister in a profound way.

Our regular monthly **Worship Nights**, initiated by our Worship Pastor, have been an exciting creative development this year. They seem also to offer a place of refreshment for a number of people from other churches.

**Live-stream** continues to be offered, and is valued by a sizeable number, particularly those who are housebound or travelling but also for many others with links with SML across the country and beyond. As a result of a generous legacy gift and other contributions, we have been able to upgrade our cameras and some of our sound equipment, this has improved the quality of our online provision.

Our **Sea Baptisms**, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October were remarkable occasions and a powerful witness to others on the beach.

Once again, we were delighted to be committed to the Archbishops' **Your Kingdom Come** prayer initiative leading up to Pentecost. Our commitment to our monthly prayer and worship gathering **RISE** has increased during 2024, so we now hold both a lunchtime and evening gathering on the second Monday of each month.

**Core Discipleship Practices** – have remained central to our life together and our equipping of members of SML to grow as passionate, whole-life disciples. To *Belong*- within a life group, Prayer Triplet and/or Volunteer Team; *Feed* – on God's word through daily disciplined personal Bible reading; *Pray* – contributing to a life of nourishing and sustaining prayer; *Serve* – on a volunteer team; *Give* – through committed personal financial giving to the mission and ministry of SML.

More initiatives are percolating as we pursue our Vision priority of **Inspiring Prayer and Creativity**, which we will look to develop in 2025.

### **THRIVE IN**

**Welcome** – once again, we have been thrilled to welcome a significant number of newcomers to SML over the past year. Our termly **Welcome Meal** is a key opportunity on the pathway for newcomers to be introduced to the wider ministry of SML and begin to find a place of belonging and, in time, serving.

**Emerging Generations** – have continued to flourish throughout 2024! The **children** valued their overseas trip to the Isle of Wight in May, and the links with Longfleet School are being strengthened again.

Numbers across our **Youth Ministry** have continued to grow, almost exponentially (!), and, alongside this, there is a discernible deepening for many of them in their walk with Jesus. Our Youth Pastor, Youth Ministry Assistant and ever-expanding team of volunteer leaders are doing a remarkable job! For the second year in a row, two Youth Weekends Away were organised at St George's House in North Devon during the year.

**RESOUND** – a wider Dorset youth gathering, supported strongly by SML with YFC, continues to gain further momentum.

**Life Groups** – equipping our Life Groups is part of one of our key vision priorities. An oversight group of five people has been formed to help shape this ministry area and provide more dynamic and efficient pathways and support. Updates were provided to the PCC during the autumn, and it's encouraging to see this development.

It continues to be a thrill to see the re-energising of **SML Men's Ministry**, under an enlarged core leadership team. Again, two sizeable gatherings took place at the RMYC. There have also been curry evenings, BBQs, and an Away Weekend in September. New 'Prayer triplets' have formed, mostly organically.

**SML Women's Ministry** – continues to flourish and offers many opportunities for women to meet together in a variety of ways – cycling groups, paddle-boarding, Women's breakfasts, inspiring stories, Taste of Christmas - and encourage each other in discipleship and outreach. Kate Patterson's inspirational breakfast talk on 'The Gift of Blessing' ministered to so many, and the **Weekend at Lee Abbey 1-3 March 2024** was an unforgettable highlight!

**Staff Transitions** - at the end of January, after a memorable 'thank you and farewell weekend' Mark Hay, our long-standing Associate Vicar, left to take up his new appointment as the next



Rector of St Clement's Oxford. We were delighted to appoint Jordan Betts as his successor, and Jordan began his ministry here on Advent Sunday. In October, our Children's pastor Eden Elkins moved on from her post and we are currently in a time of recruiting for her replacement. Hugely grateful for the blessing our outgoing staff have been.

Discussions around the Church of England's **Living in Love and Faith (LLF)** deliberations and the proposed **Prayers of Love and Faith (PLF)** have continued throughout 2024. The General Synod has still to discuss and make definitive decisions about several contentious issues related to this. LLF and PLF have been agenda items at each PCC meeting throughout this year. We recognise navigating these issues and discussions is deeply sensitive and SML's heart is that everyone should feel welcomed, loved and honoured. With this in mind, the PCC is also clear that PLF will not be offered at SML, for two primary reasons – first, national guidance is clear that PLF should not be used when to do so would cause division in a church or parish, which undoubtedly would be the case here. Secondly, as incumbent, Andy has continued to make it clear that he holds an orthodox view of marriage and sexuality – in alignment with the Church's historic teaching – and, therefore, could not sanction the usage of PLF at SML. We pray that as a church community, and indeed as a wider church, we can travel together healthily, our eyes focused on Jesus, with as much unity as possible on this journey.

The fact that the **finances of SML** have finished 2024 in a healthy position is due both the sacrificial generosity of our SML church family and the vigilant monitoring of our **Finance Team**. Once again, we are indebted to the hard work of members of the Finance Team who have committed countless hours to ensure our income and expenditure are carefully aligned and, in particular, to prepare for October's Gift Day. The Finance Team also presented a realistic, yet faith-filled, 2025 budget to the PCC in November.

Compliance with statutory **Policies** is an official responsibility of the PCC and it helps to create a context in which people can *thrive in a healthy, love-filled community*. Each meeting involves an update on a rota basis. The TORs (terms of reference) of most of our reporting groups have been reviewed over the past year. Understandably, **Safeguarding** is the most prominent. Given the size of our growing **Emerging Generations' Ministries** vigilance and constant updating of policies is essential. A 'Safeguarding Report' from our safeguarding team is received and discussed at every meeting, and the PCC is immensely grateful for the professionalism and skill of our **SML Safeguarding Team**. It is important to note, the PCC received a summary of both the Scolding Report and Makin Review, from the Chair of our Safeguarding Team, at our November meeting.

## **REACH OUT**

**Ukrainian Alpha Courses** led by Nadia and a team, have continued to run in 2024 and have been a wonderful way of reaching out to other Ukrainians in our wider community with the love of the Gospel and a tangible offer of support. And it's thrilling to see a huge number sign up both our **Alpha and Youth Alpha** courses starting January 2025.

**Sunshines** our parent and toddler group, initially overseen by our Children's Pastor, meets two mornings a week in our church centre. This is a significant outreach activity and often quite a lifeline for the parents' that attend.

Our Armed Forces **Veteran Friendly Group**, under the leadership of Retired Major Homfray Vines and a committed team, offer a monthly 'drop in' at the church centre. This ministry offers a safe place for veterans to gather and share experiences, and it has grown both in

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numbers and depth during the year. It was a privilege to welcome **Major-General Roddy Porter (MMI)** as our Remembrance Sunday preacher in November.

As part of **our call to be a sending church** – an Antioch – we continue to send people into new contexts, and encourage each church member to discern their vocation in each season including those currently exploring ordination.

SML's practical support of and engagement with Poole Missional Communities (**PMC**) including **Reconnect**, continues to develop. This is reflective of a wider commitment of churches across Poole fostering fresh missional expressions and of working together more extensively on shared ventures. **Canon Paul Bradbury** the long-standing leader of PMC stepped down from that position at the end of December, so that ministry is in a season of seeking to discern the LORD's guidance for PMC's future direction.

It is an ongoing joy to see the development and growth of the ministry of our **Church Graft** in the Parish of Hamworthy. Andy meets with the **Revd Tessa Nisbet**, Rector of Hamworthy, on a regular basis to offer support. It has been thrilling to see the tasteful reordering of the church building this year.

The fifth Anglican 'Mark of Mission' is *'To strive to safeguard the integrity of Creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'*. As part of our engagement with this, the **SML Eco Group**, continues to be creative and provides the PCC with regular updates. New initiatives are being planned for 2025.

Our **REACH ministries (Vision 2020 – Reach)** are naturally grouped into 3 areas - **'Food, Relationships & Refugees'**, primarily in the form of Cafe@SML, The Community Lunch, Routes to Roots, and Supporting Refugees, although there are many other additional initiatives. We remain joyfully committed to these, and it is such a joy to have welcomed a sizeable group of **Ukrainians** within our church family.

As mentioned earlier in this report, our refreshed SML Vision is to *'Grow Adventurous Disciples of Jesus'* which, with our three key priorities is providing a clear direction of travel for us as a growing church community. Our vision aligns itself to both the national Church of England's vision to become *Christ-centred and Jesus-Shaped – a Church that is younger and more diverse, a Church of Missionary Disciples, A Church where Mixed Ecology is the norm – Humbler, Simpler and Bolder*, and our Salisbury diocesan vision *'Making Jesus Known'*. Alongside this, we recognise too that the Spirit of God will be working in unique ways in each locality and want to be open to His adventurous promptings for us a church family as we step into 2025.



**On behalf of the PCC**  
**Revd Canon Andrew Perry**

**30 January 2025**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES (See Note 2)						
Donations and legacies	557,159	19,287	576,446	496,414	42,704	539,118
Other Voluntary Income	21,468	7,414	28,882	987	7,064	8,051
Income from Investments	12,511	7,114	19,625	7,469	6,631	14,100
Income from Church Activities	18,581	76,630	95,211	21,685	90,309	111,994
Other income	-	-	-	934	-	934
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<b>609,719</b>	<b>110,445</b>	<b>720,164</b>	<b>527,489</b>	<b>146,708</b>	<b>674,197</b>
RESOURCES USED (See Note 3)						
Church Activities	597,475	107,909	705,384	504,123	116,122	620,245
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<b>597,475</b>	<b>107,909</b>	<b>705,384</b>	<b>504,123</b>	<b>116,122</b>	<b>620,245</b>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<b>12,244</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>14,780</b>	<b>23,366</b>	<b>30,586</b>	<b>53,952</b>
Change in value of investments	-	<b>5,089</b>	<b>5,089</b>	-	<b>19,138</b>	<b>19,138</b>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<b>12,244</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>19,869</b>	<b>23,366</b>	<b>49,724</b>	<b>73,090</b>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2024 (2023)	<u>207,108</u>	<u>2,351,351</u>	<u>2,558,459</u>	<u>183,742</u>	<u>2,301,627</u>	<u>2,485,369</u>
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (2023)	<b><u>219,352</u></b>	<b><u>2,358,976</u></b>	<b><u>2,578,328</u></b>	<b><u>207,108</u></b>	<b><u>2,351,351</u></b>	<b><u>2,558,459</u></b>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**at 31 December 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible fixed assets (Note 5)	2,030,688	2,019,620
Trust Investments - Salisbury DBF (Note 8)	229,556	223,248
	<u>2,260,244</u>	<u>2,242,868</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock	254	307
Debtors (Note 6)	7,231	13,547
Short Term Deposits - CBF Investments	254,289	241,314
Cash at Bank and In Hand	85,219	93,809
	<u>346,993</u>	<u>348,977</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
<b>AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Creditors (Note 7)	8,190	11,448
Interest Free Loan (Note 7)	1,219	1,218
	<u>9,409</u>	<u>12,666</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>337,584</u>	<u>336,311</u>
<b>AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>		
Interest Free Loan (Note 7)	19,500	20,720
	<u>19,500</u>	<u>20,720</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>2,578,328</b></u>	<u><b>2,558,459</b></u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>		
Charitable Reserves at beginning of year	2,558,459	2,485,369
Change in value of investments	5,089	19,138
Net movement in funds for the year	14,780	53,952
Charitable Reserves at end of year	<u><u>2,578,328</u></u>	<u><u>2,558,459</u></u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted	213,633	199,894
Designated	5,719	7,214
Restricted	2,358,976	2,351,351
	<u><u>2,578,328</u></u>	<u><u>2,558,459</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Canon A. Perry (Chairman)

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these accounts.

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**Cashflow Statement for the year ended**  
**31 December 2024**

		<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>
Net cash from operating activities		3,438		40,358
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase /Disposal of fixed assets	(17,459)		-	
(Purchase)/Disposal of investments	(1,219)		(1,219)	
Dividends and interest	19,625		14,100	
Purchase of fixed assets	-	947	-	12,881
Change in cash equity in reporting period		4,385		53,239
Cash as at 1 January 2024		335,123		281,884
		<u>339,508</u>		<u>335,123</u>
Net income (expense)		14,780		53,952
Depreciation charge		6,391		2,024
Dividends and interest		(19,625)		(14,100)
Decrease/(increase) in stock		53		287
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		6,316		(7,339)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors		(4477)		5,534
		<u>3,438</u>		<u>40,358</u>
Analysis of cash				
Cash in hand		85,219		93,809
Short term deposits		254,289		241,314
		<u>339,508</u>		<u>335,123</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ending 31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS 102)2019): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

These accounts have been prepared on a Going Concern basis as there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue.

The accounts are shown in Pounds Sterling

**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. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

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

**Incoming Resources**

***Voluntary income and capital sources***

Collections are recognised when made.

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when claimed. This in effect means that tax recoverable on donations made up to 5 April 2023 has been claimed and received and included in these Accounts. Tax due on donations made to the Church from 6 April 2023 to 31 December 2024 will not be claimed until 2024 and therefore has not been included as income in these Accounts. This will be shown as income in the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.

Funds raised from events and activities are accounted for gross before expenditure.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

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**Incoming Resources continued**

*Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when invoiced.

Parochial fees due to the PCC for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

*Income from investment*

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due.

*Donated goods, facilities and services*

Are accounted for when received

**Application of Resources**

*Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

*Costs directly related to the work of the church*

The Parish share is accounted for when payable and any share unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

**Fixed Assets**

*Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. The cost of improvements to the Church spire is being depreciated over 40 years. All other expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement is written off.

*Other land and buildings*

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is valued at market value. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure or improvement is written off as incurred.

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**Fixed Assets continued**

*Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off in the period in which the asset is acquired.

Material donated assets are accounted for when received. They are valued at fair value on date of receipt.

*Investments*

Investments are shown at market value at 31 December.

*Current assets*

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

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the Central Board of Finance or at the bank.

Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

**Loans**

Funds have been released from the Investment known as "Garland Road" as an interest free loan, repayable over 40 years, towards the repair of Tower and Spire. This is to the value of £48,750 of which £29,250 has been repaid to date (£28,030 last year).



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**2. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)						
Planned Giving						
Gift Aided Giving	275,558	-	275,558	248,803	-	248,803
Tax Recovered on Gift Aided						
Giving	76,496	-	76,496	79,092	-	79,092
Non Gift Aid	92,257	8,030	100,287	92,811	6,100	98,911
Collections at All Services	8,711	-	8,711	8,488	-	8,488
Gift Days	59,675	-	59,675	53,560	-	53,560
Sundry Donations	44,462	11,257	55,719	13,660	36,604	50,264
	<b>557,159</b>	<b>19,287</b>	<b>576,446</b>	<b>496,414</b>	<b>42,704</b>	<b>539,118</b>
Other Voluntary Income						
Donations, Appeals etc.	-	7,414	7,414	-	7,064	7,064
Legacies	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-
Grants / VAT relief	1,468	-	1,468	987	-	987
	<b>21,468</b>	<b>7,414</b>	<b>28,882</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>7,064</b>	<b>8,051</b>
Income from Church Activities						
Bookstall	-	251	251	-	340	340
Centre Lettings etc	-	54,375	54,375	-	71,124	71,124
Wedding and Funeral Fees	311	-	311	1,205	-	1,205
Youth & Children's Work	18,270	1,039	19,309	20,480	2,254	22,734
Men's / Women's Groups		20,965	20,965	-	16,591	16,591
	<b>18,581</b>	<b>76,630</b>	<b>95,211</b>	<b>21,685</b>	<b>90,309</b>	<b>111,994</b>
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	934	-	934
Income from Investment						
U.K. Dividends and Interest						
(including Tax reclaimed)	12,511	7,114	19,625	7,469	6,631	14,100
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>609,719</b>	<b>110,445</b>	<b>720,164</b>	<b>527,489</b>	<b>146,708</b>	<b>674,197</b>

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**2 . INCOMING RESOURCES continued**

Note:

The movement on Trust Valuation is the shift in investment valuation from the CBF during the year for the following Investment Funds

	Garland Road	Riddell	Longfleet Churchyard
Opening Value	124,078	95,937	3,233
Additions	1,219	-	-
Change in Value	<u>2,820</u>	<u>2,196</u>	<u>74</u>
Closing Value	<u>128,117</u>	<u>98,133</u>	<u>3,307</u>

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**3. RESOURCES USED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Church Activities						
Grants						
Missionary and charitable giving:						
Church overseas:						
missionary societies	10,305	-	10,305	11,050	-	11,050
relief and development						
agencies	2,000	563	2,563	3,341	2,230	5,571
Home missions/other						
Church Societies	17,226	1,674	18,900	14,000	1,875	15,875
Pastoral Support						
Fund	-	6,585	6,585		6,730	6,730
	<b>29,531</b>	<b>8,822</b>	<b>38,353</b>	<b>28,391</b>	<b>10,835</b>	<b>39,226</b>
Support Costs						
Youth and Children's						
Work	37,343	491	37,834	33,376	890	34,266
Men's / Women's						
Group	-	25,634	25,634	-	12,264	12,264
Alpha & Evangelism	1,445		1,445	6,562		6,562
	<b>38,788</b>	<b>26,125</b>	<b>64,913</b>	<b>39,938</b>	<b>13,154</b>	<b>53,092</b>
Directly Relating to the Work of the Church						
Ministry: Parish						
Share	141,769	-	141,769	131,267	-	131,267
Clergy Expenses	18,357	2,052	20,409	7,937	3,419	11,356
Other Clergy Costs	1,697	-	1,697	1,067	-	1,067
Church - Running						
Expenses	48,099	-	48,099	37,017	-	37,017
Church Maintenance	25,312	4,157	29,469	17,762	2,500	20,262
Expenditure on						
Bookstall	-	283	283	-	477	477
Centre Running Costs	-	41,007	41,007	-	36,518	36,518
Professional Fees	-	-	-	240	-	240
Pastoral	1,311	-	1,311	1,221	-	1,221
Salaries	263,919	24,244	288,163	218,109	48,000	266,109
	<b>500,464</b>	<b>71,743</b>	<b>572,207</b>	<b>414,620</b>	<b>90,914</b>	<b>505,534</b>
Church Management and Administration						
Administration:	21,720		21,720	18,569		18,569
Depreciation	5,172	1,219	6,391	805	1,219	2,024
	<b>26,892</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>28,111</b>	<b>19,374</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>20,593</b>
Total Church Activities Costs	<b>595,675</b>	<b>107,909</b>	<b>703,584</b>	<b>502,323</b>	<b>116,122</b>	<b>618,445</b>

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**3. RESOURCES USED Continued**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Total Church Activities Costs Carried Forward	<b>595,675</b>	<b>107,909</b>	<b>703,584</b>	<b>502,323</b>	<b>116,122</b>	<b>618,445</b>
Governance Costs						
Audit Fee	<b>1,800</b>	-	1,800	1,800	-	1,800
Total Governance Costs	<b>1,800</b>	-	1,800	<b>1,800</b>	-	<b>1,800</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</b>	<b>597,475</b>	<b>107,909</b>	<b>705,384</b>	<b>504,123</b>	<b>116,122</b>	<b>620,245</b>

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**4. STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Children & Youth	74,625	67,724
Office & Admin	99,442	66,050
Pastoral & Worship	43,449	79,036
Verger & Cleaning	33,984	19,002
Centre	36,663	34,586
	<u>288,163</u>	<u>266,398</u>
Gross Salaries	253,852	193,131
Employers NI	15,056	9,329
Employers Pension Contribution	8,667	7,875
Paid to DBF	<u>10,588</u>	<u>56,063</u>
	<u>288,163</u>	<u>266,398</u>

Average number of full time employees during the year was 4 (2023: 4) and part time was 10 (2023: 10) (Average full time equivalent: 8 (2023:8))

No employees received employee benefits of £60,000 or more in either year.

**5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**

	Freehold Land / Centre £	Building Improvements £	Furniture & Equipment £	TOTAL £
GROSS BOOK VALUE at 1 January 2024	1,976,080	69,432	247,555	2,293,067
ADDITIONS	-	-	17,459	17,459
at 31 December 2024	<u>1,976,080</u>	<u>69,432</u>	<u>265,014</u>	<u>2,310,526</u>
DEPRECIATION at 1 January 2024	-	26,698	246,749	273,447
Charge for the Year	-	1,219	5,172	6,391
at 31 December 2024	-	<u>27,917</u>	<u>251,921</u>	<u>279,838</u>
NET BOOK VALUE at 31 December 2024	<u>1,976,080</u>	<u>41,515</u>	<u>13,093</u>	<u>2,030,688</u>
at 31 December 2023	<u>1,976,080</u>	<u>42,734</u>	<u>806</u>	<u>2,019,620</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprises the Church Centre located at Kingston Road, Poole. The Registered Owners are Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance as Custodian Trustees for the Parochial Church Council of Longfleet who are Management Trustees. Building improvements includes the cost of improvements to the Church Spire. This is being depreciated over 40 years.

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**6. CURRENT ASSETS**

**Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,231	13,547

**7. LIABILITIES:**

**AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	8,190	11,448
Interest Free Loan	1,218	1,218
	<u>9,408</u>	<u>12,666</u>

**AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest Free Loan (repayable over 40 years)	19,500	20,720
	<u>19,500</u>	<u>20,720</u>

**8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

Trust Investments held in the name of Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance for the benefit of the Parish of St Mary Longfleet are as follows:

Garland Road  
Riddell  
Longfleet Churchyard

CBF Investments are held as follows:

Riddell - 50% for the vicar's expenses, 50% to support the vicar's ministry  
Accounts designated as per Title:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening market value	223,248	202,891
Additions	1,219	1,219
Change in market value	<u>5,089</u>	<u>19,138</u>
Closing market value	<u>229,556</u>	<u>223,248</u>

The market value is calculated by CBF Investments

**9. CONTINGENT ASSET**

As at 31 December 2024 a tax rebate in respect of covenants and donations made under Gift Aid totalling £52,721 is due to the P.C.C. (2023: £43,332) This claim will be submitted during 2025 and accounted for in the next Accounts.

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**10. FUND DETAILS**

Summary of restricted fund movements.

	Balance 1/1/2024 £	Income £	Expenses and changes in investment £	Balance 31/12/2024 £
St Mary's Longfleet	50,766	92,508	(85,850)	57,424
Original Centre Building	500,000	-	-	500,000
Centre Building Improvements	1,171,708	-	-	1,171,708
Centre Fixtures and Fittings	11,528	-	-	11,528
Garland Road	134,724	4,004	(3,433)	135,295
Riddell	105,864	3,016	(3,995)	104,885
Churchyard	3,756	90	(360)	3,486
Church Centre	353,934	-	-	353,934
Pastoral Support Fund	6,422	8,030	(6,585)	7,867
Sound	12,649	1,758	(1,558)	12,849
Sudan/Varna – Ukraine	-	-	-	-
Sunshines	-	1,039	(1,039)	-
	<u>2,351,351</u>	<u>110,445</u>	<u>(102,820)</u>	<u>2,358,976</u>

*Prior Year summary of restricted  
fund movements*

	Balance 1/1/2023 £	Income £	Expenses and changes in investment £	Balance 31/12/2023 £
St Mary's Longfleet	62,005	53,730	(70,969)	50,766
Original Centre Building	500,000	-	-	500,000
Centre Building Improvements	1,171,708	-	-	1,171,708
Centre Fixtures and Fittings	11,528	-	-	11,528
Garland Road	120,417	3,697	10,610	134,724
Riddell	94,722	2,842	8,250	105,864
Churchyard	3,668	88	-	3,756
Church Centre	319,328	71,124	(36,518)	353,934
Pastoral Support Fund	7,052	6,100	(6,730)	6,422
Sound	11,149	1,500	-	12,649
Sunshines	-	1,149	(1,149)	-
Sudan/Varna - Ukraine	-	478	(478)	-
	<u>2,301,627</u>	<u>146,708</u>	<u>(96,984)</u>	<u>2,351,351</u>

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Details of restricted funds:

Original Centre Building : for the use for the centre building

Centre Building Improvement : for use on the improvements to the church centre

Centre Fixtures and Fittings : for use on the maintenance and replacement of centre fixtures and fittings

Garland Road : to be used for repairs and maintenance of the church

Riddell : 50% for the vicars expenses or 50% to support the vicars ministry

Churchyard : for ongoing maintenance and repairs of the churchyard

Church Centre : for ongoing costs in running the centre

Pastoral Support Fund : for the collection and payments of pastoral donations and expenses

Sound : for sound system expenses

Sudan/Varna - Ukraine : for the collection and payments of Ukraine donations

Sunshines : for the collection and payment of Sushine donations.

**Designated Funds**

Included in un-restricted funds are £5,719 (2023: £7,124) designated to Mission Support

**Summary of assets by funds**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	13,093	2,017,595	2,030,688
Trust Investments	-	229,556	229,556
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock	-	254	254
Debtors	-	7,231	7,231
Short Term Deposits	238,826	15,463	254,289
Cash at Bank and in Hand	(10,048)	95,267	85,219
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Creditors</b>	(1,800)	(6,390)	(8,190)
<b>Loan</b>	(20,719)	-	(20,719)
	<u>219,352</u>	<u>2,358,976</u>	<u>2,578,328</u>

**11. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year for serving as a trustee of the charity (2023: Nil).



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**12. CONTROL**

The Church is controlled by the trustees

**13. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REMUNERATION**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Examination fee	1,800	1,800

**14. RELATED PARTY**

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023: nil)

**15. GOING CONCERN**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**16. DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES**

There were no material donated goods or services in the year (2023: : nil)

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**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longfleet (St Mary's) Poole**

I report on the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longfleet (St Mary's) Poole for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 25.

Respective responsibilities :

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 27 March 2025



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