

Parochial Church Council of St Augustine's of Hippo, Hedon

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

31st December 2024

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Charity Information

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Bankers

All banking of Church Accounts is held with:

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Hull HU1 3JX

Insurers

All insurance policies are held with:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc
Beaufort House
Brunswick Road
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GL1 1JZ

Parochial Church Council of St. Augustine of Hippo, Hedon

Registered Charity

Report of the Trustees

for the year ended 31st December 2024

St. Augustine's Church is situated in the town of Hedon in the East Riding of Yorkshire. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England

Objectives and Public Benefit

The promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC aims to promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the Parish.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, especially, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community and to facilitate this it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. Augustine's Church. We also see it as part of our mission that the whole community is able to enjoy and appreciate its beauty and its core role in representing the heritage both religious and secular, of the town and region.

Mission Statement

To witness the love of God through worship, fellowship and service and improve the lives of the wider community.

Safeguarding

The Parochial Church Council has adopted and is implementing The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

Benefice

St. Augustine's Church is one of four Churches forming the Benefice of Hedon, Paull, Sproatley and Preston in South Holderness. A trial began in 2023 with the churches in the villages coming under one umbrella under the care of the Deanery with a rota of clergy performing services. St Augustine's Church, Hedon and St Mathew's Church Withernsea (the two largest parishes in South Holderness) both have incumbent clergy who will concentrate on serving their respective parishes.

Responsible Body

Responsible Body is the Parochial Church Council of St. Augustine's Church, Church Lane, Hedon HU12 8JG.
Charity Registration No. 1130525.

Principal Offices

Sheena Baylis, 10 Cedar Court, Farrand Road, Hedon, HU12 8XL – PCC Secretary

Parochial Church Trustees

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Any named person on the Church Electoral Roll is eligible for nomination and election as a Church Trustee.

Parochial Church Council of St. Augustine of Hippo, Hedon Registered Charity

Report of the Trustees (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2024

PCC Membership 1st January 2024 to 14th April 2024

Ex Officio

Rev Dr Susan H Pulko – Vicar
Shirley Grayson – Church Warden
Dorothy Winter – Diocesan Synod Representative
Brenda Goldspink – Deanery Synod Representative

Elected Members

Colin Billany
Ian Brown
Paul Franzen
Jennifer Jones

PCC Membership – 14th April 2024 to 31st December 2024

Ex Officio

Rev Dr Susan H. Pulko – Vicar
Jennifer Jones – Churchwarden
Shirley Grayson – Churchwarden
Dorothy Winter – Diocesan Synod Representative

Elected Members

Colin Billany
Paul Franzen
Adam Wainwright

Co-opted Members

None

Remuneration/expenses

The Vicar's Stipend is paid directly by the Diocese who also provides the living accommodation and attendant costs. No remuneration is paid to any other Trustee or Officer other than repayment of direct expenses where appropriate.

PCC Standing Committee

PCC Standing Committee comprising Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Vice Chairman. One Standing Committee meetings was held during 2024.

PCC Committee

Our planned application to the Heritage Lottery fund has been high on PCC's list of priorities during 2024. The PCC made it clear that "The PCC want to continue with the priorities as indicated in the QI, a and b, and in the submission of the Expression of Interest. The PCC is concerned that the delays caused by the side issues are putting the project at risk". The archdeacon chaired a meeting to move the project forward and made it clear that the project should follow the intention which had been set out in the Expression of Interest and accepted by the Heritage Lottery Fund and that the scope of the project was for PCC to determine, although expert advice would be sought. Following this meeting the project was back on track but, sadly, the associated delay meant that our Expression of Interest expired before we could

submit a Development Phase Proposal. This in turn means that a new Expression of Interest is necessary, reflecting the HLF's new Investment Principles. Work continues on this.

In June the submission of the 2023 annual report to the Charity Commission drew attention to some gaps in our governance documents which needed to be addressed before the annual report for 2024 is submitted. The Charity Commission also asked for more financial information including gifts in kind donations and donated services and facilities. Whilst the supporting information stated that "values within the 4 fields may not necessarily represent the gross income of the charity" the software did not allow us to add any figures into the fields that did not add up to the final income balance in the financial report. We were therefore unable to submit any information regarding gifts in kind etc., to the Charity Commission.

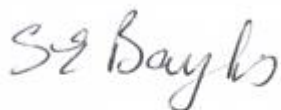
Our service pattern has continued with a Sunday eucharist except on the third Sunday of each month when we have Morning Prayer, a Wednesday Celtic eucharist, Evening Prayer on Friday, and a monthly Taize-style service. Attendance levels are relatively static, aside from a modest increase in attendance on Friday evenings. We have started an informal Sing-along-in-Spirit service each month, and this is attracting a congregation of between 6 and 12 people. The number of funerals seems to have recovered following a drop at the end of 2023 (possibly due to the opening of Lelley Fields Crematorium). The number of weddings is just one down on last year, but there have been almost twice as many baptisms as in 2023, and the level is now almost as high as it was 10 years ago, standing at 24.

We have continued to host local schools and nurseries for services at major festivals, and the two primary schools have both visited on several occasions during the year as part of their curricular activities. Rev Sue and Tony Hay have visited Inman's Primary School alongside this activity to talk about festivals and have collaborated with the museum in introducing the children to the fascinating history of Hedon. Our foodbank has continued to provide support to the community. We have benefited this year from a couple to larger donations, one in kind (goods) and one in cash on top of the regular donations of food we received from individual members of the community, other churches, organisations and local businesses; we highly value this support without which we would be unable to continue. We have also joined East Riding Food Poverty Action (ERFPA) and have benefited from two small grants from them. We estimate that, during 2024, we supplied food to the value of over £31 000 based on a weekly rate of £25 per client. Apart from food the Pantry also offers fellowship to our clients with each other and ourselves over a hot drink and cake. Despite the cold temperatures many stay to chat and help each other through difficult times.

We have benefited from the work of approximately 50 volunteers during 2024.

Our programme of events continued, with Heritage Open Days extended to a full week in September being particularly busy. Some of the events held during that week were disappointing in terms of donations, especially when compared to the performances taking place at other times. During the year there were 6 church tours by groups and 2 churchyard tours. Summer tower tours and bikers meets also continued, and it was particularly encouraging to be able to hold our monthly craft markets on 11 occasions, missing only January. Following the success of an exhibition of artwork by primary school children in 2023, we hosted two exhibitions this year: one by a professional artist as part of the town's Hedfest celebrations, and a second as part of the D-day Commemoration event. Our Christmas Fair was also encouraging and it seems that holding it on the evening of the town's Christmas light switch-on increases attendance quite dramatically. Our annual beer festival in collaboration with Aitchison's took place, but attendance was down on previous years, and it is our intention to remove the entrance fee (which currently included one drink, the brochure and a commemorative mug) for next year to improve attendance: all drinks will then be paid for, a deposit made for the mug, and a simple list of ales given as people arrive. Feedback collected at events shows that they are well received and our facilities are, with the exception of heating, perceived as at the very least adequate. The lack of effective, sustainable heating

continues to be a barrier to expanding the services we can offer with most of our fundraising efforts restricted to the summer months, and it is particularly sad to have to pause our weekly coffee mornings during the winter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Baylis".

Sheena Baylis – PCC Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colin Shepperdson".

Colin Shepperdson – Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the attached pages 8-11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 at 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 examiner's report

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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 following statement.

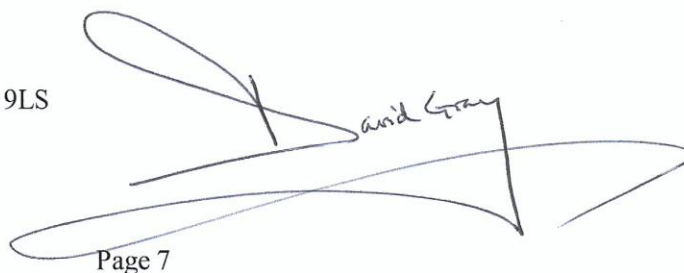
Independent examiner's statement

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
 - a. keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 1011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, 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.

David Gray, NLFCA
Main Road, Thorngumbald, HU12 9LS

31st March 2025



David Gray

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts		7695	5903	13598	27187
Activities for generating funds:					
Services and activities		32952	15689	48641	40978
Other income:					
Gift Aid and VAT refund		0	0	0	7415
Other income		455	0	455	0
Total incoming resources	2	41102	21592	62694	75580
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3	43791	15770	59561	58864
Net Incoming resources		(2689)	5822	3133	16716
Transfer between funds					
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2024		35874	40018	75892	59176
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2024		33185	45840	79025	75892

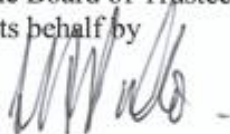
The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these financial statements

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand:			
– General account		33185	35874
– Ann Watson account		239	239
– Occasional account		0	0
– Restoration account		<u>45601</u>	<u>39779</u>
Total Cash assets		<u>79025</u>	<u>75892</u>
 The funds of the Parochial church Council of St. Augustine of Hippo, Hedon			
Unrestricted funds		33185	35874
Restricted funds		<u>45840</u>	<u>40018</u>
		<u>79025</u>	<u>75892</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on its behalf by



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis.

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

Fund Accounting

Incoming resources that may be applied for the Church's general purposes are treated as 'unrestricted' incoming resources and are credited to the 'unrestricted funds'. Where a donation or grant is required to be used for a specific purpose, the amount concerned is treated as a 'restricted' incoming resource and is credited to the appropriate 'restricted fund'.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Regular giving	9441		9441	10094
Collection plate and Boxes	9718		9718	5309
Donations, Legacies and Grants	7695	2338	10033	24470
Events	5718	3565	9283	9292
Coffee Mornings	1125		1125	996
Gift Aid tax claimed	0		0	7415
Weddings/Funerals	6950	15689	22639	18000
Other Income	455		455	0
Total Incoming Resources	41102	21592	62694	75580

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

3. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Freewill offering	15000		15000	14175
Insurance	9620		9620	8990
Light and Heat	7758		7758	4429
Water	0		0	304
Vicar's Expenses	120		120	185
Repairs	3664		3664	13565
Office and Telephone	779		779	1221
Sundry	340		340	188
Bank Charges	154	81	235	454
Ann Watson Trust Expenses			0	0
Weddings and Funerals		15689	15689	13180
Organ and Piano Tuning/Repairs	770		770	740
Licence Expenses	289		289	359
Cleaning Gutters	3822		3822	588
Church Expenses	1475		1475	486
Total Resources Expended	43791	15770	59561	58864

4. Restricted Funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Ann Watson Account	239				239
Occasional Account	0	15689	15689		0
Restoration Account	39779	5903	81		45601
	40018	21592	15770		45840

- 5.** Food Bank money is held in The General Fund bank account, but not included in these Financial Statements.