

# **St Mary's, Kings Worthy Annual Report 2024**



# Rector's Report

One of the lesser publicised diagrams we have about what we are about is this one. It was one that I produced well before Covid and put on our noticeboards and displayed in various ways.

It describes as best I know what we are aiming to be – a simple, generous and compassionate church. One that does a wide variety of things, does them well, and in doing so, engages with a wide cross-section of our community



As I look at St Mary's and consider the summaries you'll find within this annual report, I am proud and honoured to be the Rector and to be part of all that we are here. I am just one part of the collective whole where each one of us has the opportunity to play a role - great or small - whereby we share the love of Jesus with those living here in Kings Worthy.

Within this report you'll find a selection of written reports that detail the major activities and interests that we give our time, treasure and talents to.

Please take the time to read what has been written; please give thanks for the faithfulness of those who lead and serve within these various aspects of church life, and come on May 4th to our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to hear more and to have any of your questions answered. We are an open and transparent



church, and the churchwardens, the PCC and I are more than willing to do our best to answer your questions or if we can't immediately, we'll seek the answers and come back to you subsequently.

For the past two years we have gathered around a programme called Cherish. I often think of it as a lens through which we look and consider what we do and how it best represents some of the core values that we hold.

To date we've had three projects under the Cherish programme – a building (Reordering) project; a children & youth initiative and a specific worship and music change.

### **Cherish Building Project (CBP)**

By far and away this project comprises the majority effort of the whole Cherish programme. As such, I've asked Joy Carter, who has led this project team to write a specific report on the activities and achievements made by the team since the last APCM. You'll find her report on page 30.

Joy, along with the project team, will present some of the results at the APCM and will be available to answer questions about what has happened and what we can look forward to in the coming year.

I want to acknowledge the huge effort that has gone into the CBP, all by volunteers giving their time on our behalf to move our thinking forward to terms of what St Mary's church building could potentially become. It has been difficult at times, especially as we needed to recruit a new architect in April 2024 having been poorly let down by one firm that lacked the capacity and ability to take us forward.

Having appointed new architects, I deliberately withdrew from the project as I needed to devote my time and effort to the roofing project at St Swithun's, which mushroomed beyond anything we first thought we needed. I did so, confident that I could leave the project within the hands of the team.

### **Cherish Youth Initiative**

Despite what we might believe based on our own rose-tinted view of the past, the challenges that face children and young people today have never been greater. The rise of social media, mobile phones and the constant torrent of information impacts mental health and physical well-being with devastating, tragic and long-lasting results. This brings a deep sense of hopelessness and a questioning about life, purpose and meaning. The uncertainties we see in the global world ranging from climate change, armed conflict and economic uncertainty only serve to compound anxiety – *'there must be more to life than this?'*

Whilst we can't solve these societal issues, I believe the church has a role to play in helping where it can and providing 'safe spaces' where young people can perhaps start to discover deeper meaning and purpose. For now, St Mary's is doing what it can in Kings Worthy through a simple initiative.

Beginning in September 2023, working with Wildfire Youth Ministries, we have offered a 'Youth Drop-In' at the Chapel each Thursday afternoon during term time. The Drop-In started slowly and it has taken time to win trust and street credibility, but is now progressing with an average of 15 - 20 young people attending and enjoying a range of activities that are on offer.

The current need is for more adult volunteers to help behind the scenes. You may feel you have nothing to offer a young person and might even be afraid of interacting with them – but it may well be that you have wisdom and experience that might just help them where they are. It's not overtly Christian, but there's something Christ-like about it and we should pray for this venture. It is a good thing.



### **Cherish Worship & Music**

We have so many lovely aspects to our worshipping life – but one that is special and precious is our music and the worship that is led by Debbie Emmott-Dart and the group of musicians she leads.

In early 2024 we made a decision to purchase a grand piano, using some gifts we received from parishioners and the proceeds from a concert we had staged, with the balance being drawn from the Chisslands gift that the PCC had received in 2021 from the Chisslands trust.



I think it has made a huge difference to our worship and brought a richness and depth that we hadn't had before. The array of talented musicians we have is unique – trumpets, violins, saxophone, Djembe (drum) and voices. We are so very fortunate that we enjoy such talents as the foundation of our musical worship. I want to thank Debbie and all who support this ministry for giving their gifts so generously – we have learnt new songs as well as enjoying ones from the past that we have re-discovered, 'How shall I sing that majesty' being an old hymn that we used to sing and now do so again.

I, and the Ministry Team, seek to provide a rich, joyful and varied range of worship opportunities. I'm constantly pondering what we do and how we do it and asking whether we're stuck in a rut of one sort or another. I don't for one minute think that is the case – I love being part of the worshipping experience at St Mary's, as I hope you do too.

## **Thank You**

Inevitably the annual report is the place where I acknowledge the help and support across the congregation.

I am deeply grateful to **Rob Brown** and **Joanne Meharg**, our churchwardens for their steadfast support and pastoral care to me as the Rector. I value the times we spend together, the opportunities to pray and the wisdom they bring to our shared conversation. We particularly thank God for Rob's faithful service as he steps away from the role of churchwarden – he has served well and we will always be grateful for his contribution in ways seen and unseen.

**Geraldine Brown** and **Sheila Wooding**, as executive officers of the PCC, treasurer and secretary respectively, have supported us well and faithfully, handling a wide array and great amount of detailed information that is part and parcel of a modern day Anglican church.

I want to highlight and express our thanks to **Lis Mayell** and **Sally Johnson** for their oversight and management of the safeguarding responsibilities we have. There have been many changes in church life since I started to train for the ministry; none greater than safeguarding which has multiplied to be a huge responsibility. Lis and Sally are supported by Karen Briggs and I'm pleased to say that the safeguarding 'dashboard' that we must report on regularly, shows us in a strong and compliant position. Lis and Sally also oversee the safeguarding for St Swithun's.

The staff team, **Catherine Saunders, Karen Briggs, Debbie Emmott-Dart and Stephen Golding**, are a joy to work alongside and we value our weekly meetings to discuss, plan and implement a range of initiatives. Stephen, as my closest clergy colleague, has been a great source of help and support since he joined the staff team in a volunteer capacity.

Of course, we are organised by functions (the hubs) and the decision-making is centred upon the PCC – all of whom give up their time to serve and lead for which I am grateful and I hope you are too. There are spaces on the PCC which need to be filled, so I would invite anyone who is on the Electoral Roll and who has worshipped faithfully with us for over 6 months, to put themselves forward for election to the PCC. I'd like to see the PCC grow so that we get a wide cross-section of views.

But there are so many people who contribute that naming them runs the risk that I will miss someone out, so I won't try and do that. Thank you all, in the name of the Lord Jesus, for all that you do and how you faithfully serve – it is truly a team effort and we are blessed to receive your gift of time and skill.



## Where are we heading?

In God's purposes, the future is always bright, always wonderful and always better than we have ever known it. It may not feel like that at times, but it's not about feelings, but the truth of where humanity is going within the arc of God's salvation plan.

Of course, there will be a sense of 'carrying on' and that is no bad thing in itself. Living with a diet of constant change isn't healthy for anyone! So continuity is important and at present I feel that we are enjoying a lovely season of being God's family here in Kings Worthy. It is encouraging to see new people join with us and we pray that more may do so.



However, we're living in a much more chaotic and uncertain world – one that may bring very different and unexpected challenges to us to navigate in the years to come. We see some of that already in terms of global superpower instability, economic turmoil and underlying challenges from climate change and the challenges to address all this.

I have been pondering what kind of church we need to be for Kings Worthy given all these challenges, many of which we can do nothing about. I want to offer you the following as what I want to give my time to by way of shaping St Mary's to face future headwinds. Here goes:

**We must be a church where everyone is welcomed and can belong.**

The longer I live as a Christian, the more convinced I become that belonging is a fundamental part of what Jesus came to bring. Of course labels of inclusive and exclusive have been hijacked and at times don't help or can be misinterpreted, but I long for us to be a safe place where all are welcomed and all can belong. As scripture tells us, *'He has brought us to his banqueting table and his banner over us is love'*. Again and again, the best description of what living faith looks like is through generosity, hospitality and joyful welcome.

**We need to be a church that focuses on enduring value.**

Time and again we read in scripture of those who waste their money on things that don't satisfy. Isaiah 55 says, *'Why do you spend money for that which doesn't satisfy?'* or again in the New Testament we have the parable of the Prodigal Son who squanders his money on wasteful living which leaves him wretched and empty.

My sense is that we need to invest in things of great and long-lasting value – how we might grow in our faith, share it with others, see it as precious but also give it away. We don't want to waste our time or money on things which don't really count or won't last. I guess I'm saying we need to discern carefully what these things might be.

**Relationships are at the very core of who we are**

Trusting and being with one another is a hallmark of who we are and how we live. Of course, there are examples from scripture and church history where this doesn't work out and we embrace a model less than what God intended or wants for us. But truthfully, trusting one another, seeking the best for them has to be a foundational element of our shared life together. I invite you to commit yourself again to a God who loves you unconditionally and who in turn invites us to do the same with others within our worshipping community. *By this all will know that you are my disciples – that you have love one for another.*

## **We become a place where others want to join**

Marketing executives have this notion of 'stickiness' or attractiveness that is hard to get away from. I believe we will be a place where folk want to try when they are welcomed, can truly belong, know we have deep values that last and that we trust one another. So many other parts of our world can be shallow; the church has, when it follows the teaching of Jesus seriously, the opportunity to be a very best place for anyone to find a 'home' that will nurture, strengthen and be secure.

'from glory to glory'

## **We're a church that's honest and vulnerable, not perfect.**

One of the greatest criticisms levelled against the church is that it is hypocritical – and at times that has been true. We have made many mistakes over many centuries and I dare say that we will make more (but hopefully fewer) in the future.

We're not perfect and we won't be – but we do have the opportunity to be changed '*from glory to glory*' as we give ourselves to the life-transforming love of Jesus and invite the Holy Spirit to be at work in and through us. I believe St Mary's is a safe place for the hurting, weak, vulnerable and needy, because in truth, we're all a bit like that. And yet, as the Apostle Paul says, '*we have this treasure in jars of clay*' so that in and through the brokenness of our lives, the beauty of Christ can spill out and be seen

I don't know how this will be worked out – and maybe there will be no specific programme or initiative, but something we just embrace and work out in our own way. These things, however, are going to be increasingly important to model and project in the world in which we are living. We need to ready ourselves for greater uncertainty and perhaps even a degree of hardship that we thought might never be the case. I'm seeking to be your Rector who encourages and leads you into these things and that they might sustain us, and grow us, whatever comes.



## Closing Remarks

2025 represents my 10th year with you as Rector. Personally, it has been the greatest joy and privilege to lead here in the Worthys. Our time here inevitably draws to a close, but not just yet – there are a few more years before I hang up my cassock! I'm encouraged by what I see. I know there are challenges but many of these are not unique to St Mary's, rather they are common in churches up and down the country. I'm confident that if we place ourselves alongside one another, under God, seeking his best for one another and our village we will be '*salt and light*' in the place where God has put us.

Finally, my thanks goes to Helen whose ministry alongside my own makes us what we are. Her unfailing support has been invaluable and her encouragement a gift more than I could ever repay.

God bless you – enjoy reading the report and please come and attend the APCM.

*Revd Paul Bradish, Rector*

## Electoral Roll

The Parish of St Mary's Church Kings Worthy Electoral Roll 2024

This year the preparation of a NEW church electoral roll took place. This means that everyone was removed from the roll and was then invited to re-apply, with a closing date of April 13th.

Having taken reasonable steps to inform every person whose name was on the previous roll of St Mary's that a new roll was being prepared, and that if the person wished to have his or her name entered on the new roll, the person must apply for enrolment, the results are as follows –

Electoral Roll as at 6th April 2024: 147

Electoral Roll as at 13th April 2025: 103

*Dave Dale, Electoral Roll Officer*

# Parochial Church Council

The PCC is the main decision maker of its parish. Its members are the clergy, churchwardens and others elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the parish. This PCC works with the Rector to promote the whole mission of the church within the parish of Kings Worthy. Its legal responsibilities include the finances of the church. It also has ultimate responsibility for the care and maintenance of the church buildings and their contents and has a voice in the forms of service used by the church.

The Rector, who is also Rector of Headbourne Worthy, lives at 4 Campion Way, Kings Worthy.

The principal officers of the PCC are the churchwardens, who are officers of the bishop. They are elected to the APCM, when all adult members of the parish as well as members of the Church Electoral roll may vote. Other ex-officio members of a PCC are the Associate Minister, Curates, Licensed Lay Ministers, and any members of the Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod. The APCM elects the other members of the PCC, and representatives for the Deanery Synod, all who serve for a 3 year term and are eligible for re-election.

The APCM covering the year 2024/25 will be held on Sunday 4th May 2025

**During 2024/25, the following served as members of the PCC of St Mary's, Kings Worthy:**

Ex-officio

Rector (Chairperson of the PCC) **Revd Paul Bradish**

Churchwardens **Rob Brown, Joanne Meharg**

Permission to Officiate **Revd Jemima Lewis**

Licensed Lay Minister **John Sweeting**

Licensed Lay Worker **Matthew Briggs**

Deanery Synod Rep **Carol Dale**

Treasurer **Geraldine Brown**

Secretary **Sheila Wooding**

**The current elected members of this PCC as of the end of 2024/25 are as follows:**

Stephen Golding, Julie Young, Andy Blaxland, Debbie Emmott-Dart, Paul Young.  
There are 5 vacant positions.





*PCC of Kings Worthy*

The PCC has met 9 times since the last APCM (May 2023) on the following dates:

28th April 2024	9th September 2024	20th January 2025
20th May 2024	21st October 2024	24th February 2025
1st July 2024	25th November 2024	7th April 2025

The PCC representation over the course of the year was as follows (ie number of meetings attended since April 2024).

Note - John Sweeting's role at St Swithun's means he makes attendance at their PCC his key priority and as such attends this PCC less frequently. Jen and Dane Inglis resigned from the PCC in September 2024 prior to their move to the USA. Laura Stevenson resigned from the PCC and Standing Committee in February 2025 prior to her move out of the area. Catherine Gardiner resigned from the PCC in February 2025 due to work and family commitments.

Revd Paul Bradish	7	Geraldine Brown	9	Jen Inglis	1
Jemima Lewis	7	Sheila Wooding	9	Dave Inglis	1
John Sweeting	1	Stephen Golding	9	Debbie Emmott-Dart	9
Matthew Briggs	8	Julie Young	8	Paul Young	8
Rob Brown	9	Andy Blaxland	9	Catherine Gardiner	6
Joanne Meharg	9	Laura Stephenson	7	Carol Dale	5

Jaqualyn Moore was co-opted onto the PCC in January 2025 (attended 2 meetings)

Lis Mayell and Sally Johnson each attended once as guest contributors and Joy Carter twice.

**Standing Committee** This committee is required by law and is empowered to carry out the functions of the PCC between time-tabled meetings, subject to the expenditure limit of £1000 per item. It must include the Rector, churchwardens and at least 2 other members of the PCC. The members in 2024/25 Paul Bradish (Chair), Jemima Lewis, Rob Brown, Joanne Meharg, Geraldine Brown, Sheila Wooding, Stephen Golding, Andy Blaxland and Julie Young, Laura Stevenson.

The standing committee met in person on 29th August 2024, 17th October 2024, 4th March 2025, 6th April and at other times as and when required, by email.



The CHERISH initiative continues its work through the hubs as listed below. The reports of their activities and projects follow later in this annual report.

C = Congregation and Community

H = History and Heritage

E = Evangelism and Environment

R = Re-Imagining

I = Inclusivity

S = Service (serving God, the church family and community)

H = Home

**Hub Structure:** The following sections each exist to oversee, lead, encourage and take forward as follows:-

**Physical Resources:** the work of the property committee, but also to include strategy and oversight for all buildings (church, chapel, church rooms and verger's cottage), building maintenance thereon, quinquennial inspections, building facilities and the strategy, policy and practical hiring out of church premises.

**Children, youth and families:** that sees us reach out to the spiritual (and where possible practical) needs of our children, young people and families in the church family and where appropriate in the local community.



**Eco church and Environment:** that means we become eco responsible, carbon neutral and that we care for all aspects of creation and the environment to the extent possible within the overall strategy and plans; to oversee and manage the churchyard as a special part of 'God's Acre'.

**Engagement and Pastoral Support:** to ensure that anyone can find a home and safe place within the worshipping community of St Mary's; where all gifts can be valued and deployed and that needs are met through friendship, kindness and generosity in groups large and small; where we offer a genuine and authentic welcome to anyone who visits or journeys with us, and to set up the church to facilitate such a welcome.

**Blessing Others:** to make sure that we do not hoard time, talents, and treasure to ourselves but adopt a flexible, generous system of giving away to others in hardship and need (or by way of support) be that locally, nationally, and globally; be that temporary or for longer periods of time.

**Mission and Ministry:** to ensure that we offer a high quality, creative, engaging and anointed experience of worship to God in all that we do, in whatever format we can – this hub specifically covers: Worship & Music (to include A/V); Preaching and Proclamation, Teaching, Learning and Discipleship study; Prayer; Growing vocations; digital/Online; Vestry and Sunday set-up; Safeguarding; Mission and Evangelism (Sharing good News).

**Individual Responsibilities:** Health and Safety officer (Paul Young), Safeguarding Officer (Lis Mayell), Young People's Representative (Jemima Lewis), Electoral roll Officer (Dave Dale), Gift Aid Secretary (Brigitte Drabble), Treasurer (Geraldine Brown) and PCC Secretary (Sheila Wooding).

*Sheila Wooding, PCC Secretary*

# Safeguarding

## Policies and Practice

The clergy and PCC continue to meet the requirement to have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding continues to be a standing item on every agenda of the PCC meeting.

All safeguarding policies were updated and approved by the PCC in 2024. They are all in line with the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance and meet statutory requirements.

## Safer Recruitment of Volunteers

- All current PCC Members have up to date DBS Certificates.
- All volunteers who need a DBS either have an up-to-date DBS or are in the process of obtaining one. 16 DBS applications and 16 CDF applications were completed from 1/1/24 to 1/1/25
- DBS vetting is a 3-step process now: Confidential Declaration Form; Identity verification; submission of the application. The CDF is new from 2024. It asks applicants to state any convictions and to supply the names of two referees.
- Church of England safeguarding training is mandatory for volunteers. All PCC members and volunteers have completed their training or are in the process of completing their training.

Thank you to everyone for their willingness to go through this process, your cooperation has been much appreciated.

## The Safeguarding Dashboard

- We continue to use the Parish safeguarding dashboard. This tool helps us to keep track of safeguarding governance in our parish.
- Activity Risk assessments have been completed for all group activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Role descriptions have been completed for Leaders and helpers of group activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## Safeguarding Concerns and Incidents

There have been no safeguarding incidents.

*Lis Mayell & Sally Johnson  
Parish Safeguarding Officers*

# Treasurer's Financial Summary

For detailed analysis of the 2024 accounts, please see the financial statement which is incorporated into this report by reference and is available separately as a printed document on request from the church office.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds came to £92,987 of which £75,828 was unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £17,159 from Gift Aid tax recovered. Restricted donations of £474 were also received and detailed in the Financial Statement.

Income from Charitable and Trading Activities - hire of the Church Rooms and Chapel, wedding and funeral fees, fundraising initiatives and a surplus on Parish Magazine sales and advertising revenue raised £38,914

We received a grant from the Listed Places of Worship for the recovery of VAT £2,477 on eligible projects during the year.

Verger's Cottage valued at £475,000 in October 22; rent received totalled £12,703 £10,053 interest retained in the CBF deposit account, which is a marked increase from 2023 (£7,195).

The valuation of the four Endowment Funds increased by £762

£208,603 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide Church ministry costs, salaries, charitable activities, maintenance of St Mary's Church and Chapel and to pay the Common Mission Fund (Parish Share) of £66,963. The CMF provides central Diocesan costs of supporting Parish Life, including stipend, housing, insurance, pension and training.

£5,250 was distributed by the Blessing Others Hub to local charities.

£6,191 was used from the Fabric Fund and £5,313 from the Kiddle Legacy towards the costs of the fire doors at the Chapel.

£10,225 was used from the Kiddle Legacy and £7,955 from the Cooke legacy towards the costs of the refurbishment of the toilets in the church rooms.

## The Chisslands Trust Fund

The remaining funds from the Chisslands Grant were spent this year mostly on CHERISH Building Project, with Design Engine and Consultants plans from Riba Stage 0 to Riba Stage 2, Admin Support including grant funding, Let me In, (the students from Treloar's College came to audit our access and inclusivity). However £14,180 was spent on the Grand Piano.

## The Youth Fund

In July 2024, a request was made to the Chisslands Trust by the PCC to convert part of a grant made by the Trust in 2022 of £75,000 for youth and children's provision across both parishes. The request was that £36,000 of the remaining grant might be diverted to support the Cherish Building Project and their design efforts as it related to provision of facilities for youth and children. This was agreed and that the PCC would make arrangements to bolster the original fund by repaying £6,000 each year, for 6 years. Only £26,000 was withdrawn in 2024.

In summary we closed 2024 with reserves of £682,633 (2023 £747,763) made up of £109,759 (2023 £137,335) held in unrestricted and designated funds, £44,928 (2023 £83,244) in restricted funds, £32,946 (2023 £32,184) Endowment Investments and £495,000 (2023 £495,000) valuation of tangible fixed assets.

## Reserves & Risk Management

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019). Trustees are asked to report on their reserves (the policy, the level and the justification) and, where applicable, their investment and grant making policies, and the effectiveness of their fundraising activities. They should also provide a statement confirming that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. The identification of risk will determine the level of reserves held.

The reserves policy is to hold unrestricted reserves that will cover 3 months' payment of Parish Share, 3 months' utilities costs and 3 months' pay to employees.

At the end of 2023 this Reserve was above the minimum limit required by the PCC.

Total unrestricted funds 2024	Total unrestricted funds 2023
£604,759	£632,335
Total unrestricted expenditure 2024	Total unrestricted expenditure 2023
£208,683	£173,280
Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves 2024	Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves 2023
£109,759	£137,335



## Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves at 31 December 2024 and 2025 Costs

	Chapel	Church & Rooms	Per month
<b>Parish Share</b>			£ 5,800
<b>Utilities</b>			
Gas	£ 95	£226	
Electric	£ 44	£169	
Insurance	£ 31	£179	
Water	£ 24	£ 60	
Tel/Internet	£ 20	£ 37	
	£ 214	£671	£ 885
<b>Employees</b>			
Cleaner	£ 419		
P.A.'s	£1,914		
DOM	£ 157		
			£ 2,490
Total cost per month			£ 9,175
3 months' worth of costs			£ 27,525
Unrestricted General Fund			£109,759
Excess of Reserves over cost			£ 82,234

On behalf of the Rector and the PCC, I would like to thank you all for the financial support you have given in 2024, from both St Mary's Church and Chapel which is very much appreciated.

My personal thanks go to the Rector, the PCC, Karen Briggs and Catherine Saunders for all their support this year and to Brigitte Drabble for her valuable and steadfast work as Gift Aid Secretary.

*Geraldine Brown, Treasurer*

# Churchwarden's Report

2024 was another busy year with lots of ways to engage with one another on our faith journeys. Small groups continue to be a key feature of our life together as well as our Sunday morning services. Learning4Life has remained an excellent space for learning and curiosity. The screening of The Chosen TV series during the Lent was very popular and season two was shown in the early summer. In the autumn, while the extensive work was carried out on the roof at St Swithun's, St Mary's extended a warm welcome, and many from the St Swithun congregation joined us for Sunday worship. It has been a joy and a privilege to bless our sister congregation in this way and many relationships have been formed or strengthened during this time.

The community at St Mary's continues to actively engage with our individual and corporate responsibility of creation care. This has taken many forms including the ongoing work of the Eco Hub, Breakfast Kitchen guest Sarah Sullivan, a sustainable fashion consultant, and creation-focused services during Creation Tide with the challenge to change 'Just one thing'.

Launched in 2023, CHERISH (Community, History & Heritage, Evangelism & Eco, Reimagine, Inclusion, Service and Home) continues to shape the activities within the church, Open Worship being an example, offering a monthly opportunity to gather for sung worship and prayer. Also, our ongoing partnership with Wildfire Youth Project to provide a Thursday after school drop-in at the Chapel and Sunday morning session twice a month of teenagers in the congregation.

CHERISH continues to frame and focus the PCC as we seek to ensure St Mary's is a thriving building for living faith in generations to come. After a selection process the PCC appointed Design Engine as Architects for the Cherish Building Project. Design Engine have been working with the Cherish Building Project Team on a lot of vital, though often unexciting and not always visible, elements to bring us to the end of RIBAS Stage 2. The Wardens are thankful that we have such a dedicated and conscientious team working on this project.

Both St Mary's church room and the Chapel provide spaces which are used by the wider community for School wrap around care, uniformed youth organisations, exercise classes, etc. and general hire.

At St Mary's, we have a core value of being a caring community welcome to all. In this context we continue, to develop our Safeguarding strategies and the PCC takes seriously their responsibility to oversee this. We continue to be grateful to Lis Mayell and Sally Johnson in their role in administering this on a day today basis.

Much of church life is made possible by the commitment and generosity of volunteers in various roles, particularly through the work of the Hubs. Each week we are blessed by the ministry team; who apart from Paul are all volunteers and give their time and service to God and the community. We are aware of the depth and breadth of gifts and talents of this group and give thanks for them.

St Mary's continues to be a vibrant, caring, intergenerational community which seeks to encourage and support one another through the ups and downs of life anchored in faith in Jesus Christ. We continue to be grateful for the freedom we have to explore and grow in that faith and to be a blessing to the community in which we worship and serve.

In Christ,

*Rob Brown & Joanne Meharg, Churchwardens*

## Deanery Synod

The Winchester Deanery Synod meets three times a year and comprises representatives from all the local Anglican churches.

Last year the churches in the Deanery Synod held a Deanery Ideas Fayre (DiF) where each church shared one idea/resource of what works well for them. The DiF was held at St Paul's Church, SO22 5AB from 2pm - 4pm on Saturday 13th April. Each church was assigned a table and had an opportunity to speak to the attendees. Our contribution about what works well at St Mary's was Forest Church and to that end Charlotte and Sheila compiled the resources, Sheila shared how it works with those assembled and Sheila and I manned the table for enquiries. We were also able to get an idea of what works well for other churches e.g. lunch clubs for older folks, bereavement courses etc.

At subsequent meetings we held a consultation on the diocesan finances document produced by Colin Harbidge (Diocesan Secretary) and how we can look at our buildings sustainably, amongst other ideas. We also discussed the 'Walking the Wessex Way' YouTube videos that Bishop Philip and his team have produced as a vision for the Diocese of Winchester. Good news stories are also shared.

Last summer Revd Ed Dines retired as Area Dean and Revd Liz Stuart has replaced him with Revd Marianne Foster as Vice Area Dean.

As I retire from being a rep for Deanery Synod I'm led to reflect that it is an excellent way of networking and has helped me realise we are a part of God's wider church and a 'community of saints'.

*Carol Dale, Deanery Synod Representative*

# Engagement and Pastoral Support Hub

**Hub Leaders:** Helen Bradish, Marion Golding, Jill Mapes

**Ministry Team Support:** Joanne Meharg

**Purpose of the Hub:** The hub aims to ensure that pastoral support is offered to all, helping everyone find a home and safe place within the worshipping community of St Mary's, where all gifts can be valued and deployed.



ENGAGEMENT &  
PASTORAL SUPPORT

## Overview

The hub continued to meet frequently to offer pastoral support to all with kindness, friendship and generosity. Most of this support was offered through the many small groups which meet regularly to undertake a variety of activities and to encourage each other and pray. Many of those in need of support who are not already part of a small group have been made 'virtual' members of home groups to ensure they are being cared for. Where possible, home communion is being shared with those who are no longer able to attend church services.

The Anna Chaplain team, supported by an outreach team, continued to reach out to offer pastoral care to those in the church family and local community. In August, four of the Anna Chaplain team undertook an intensive training program, 'The Spiritual Care Course', led by Professor John Swinton. This proved to be an enriching and stimulating experience, further helping inform current practice. Supervision sessions provide the forum for sharing the principles from the course.

St Mary's longest running home group, formally led by Andrew Maundrell and Gill Froude, stopped meeting together in July after many years of encouraging each other in their faith journeys. After being part of each others lives for 30 years, the group celebrated with thankfulness all that their fellowship had provided.

In April a new home group was started by Dave and Carol Dale, meeting fortnightly on Tuesday nights.

Home groups were hosted on a variety of days and times, usually fortnightly, including on Monday afternoons, Tuesday evenings, Wednesday mornings and two on Wednesday evenings.

The number of people attending home groups increased in 2024; these still remain the primary source of pastoral care within St Mary's. As part of the broader offering of pastoral care, prayer after services, support for the newly bereaved and, of



course, mutual, spontaneous support in a variety of settings. For further information about these groups see the church website: [worthychurches.org.uk](http://worthychurches.org.uk)

In October a team from the hub gave a warm welcome to the many people from the church family and community who attended the Forget Me Not Remembrance Service, with a wide range of delicious home made refreshments being served.

The After School Drop-In (a St Mary's and Wildfire Project) at the Chapel on Fraser Road, provides a place for young people in years 7 – 11 to chill, chat with friends, play games and buy snacks. This ran on Thursdays in term time with friendly leaders providing a safe, informal and neutral meeting space.

Giving everyone a warm and genuine welcome has always been a high priority at St Mary's and the welcome team again demonstrated this with love and enthusiasm over the past year. Each member of this self-supporting team continued to offer a helpful greeting, with visitors and newcomers affirming their appreciation of this.

Those from within the church family and wider community who attended the showing of the second series of The Chosen were served welcome refreshments by team.

St Mary's continued to offer special interest groups including In Stitches, a walking group, bell ringing, Romeos, Open Book Open Mind, @thebreakfastkitchen, flower arranging, the men's 'ministry' (curry nights) and games evenings which offered social opportunities for church members and local community alike.

Social gatherings have been held to acknowledge, appreciate and encourage the dedication and service carried out by the many different teams within the church.

## **2025 Objectives**

- Review the way newcomers are incorporated into St Mary's, possibly with regular newcomers events being held after a Sunday morning service. The aim would be to share the church's vision, introduce those with various responsibilities, and to highlight the many opportunities for involvement, fellowship, and service. Ongoing.
- Encourage people to become hub prayer partners. Ongoing.
- Recruit more people to join the hub to support the pastoral oversight of the church. Ongoing.

*Jill Mapes*

# Physical Resources Hub

The Physical Resources Hub has the privilege of looking after our beautiful church, the church rooms, St Mary's Chapel and the Vergers Cottage. We see ourselves as custodians of the buildings that we share for worship with a responsibility to promote church heritage and serve our local community.

We are committed to maintaining our buildings to the highest standard possible so that we can truly embrace our surroundings and ensure they are welcoming spaces that offer a safe environment to support our church mission. The Physical Resources Hub enjoys a close working relationship with the Eco and Environment Hub. Three of our team members are also members of the Cherish Building Project Team and on the PCC.



During 2024 we continued to undertake some large refurbishment projects across our buildings as well as general maintenance to keep things ticking over. We are mindful that the Cherish Building Project will present an ideal opportunity for some long overdue maintenance of the fabric inside the church, which is useful for the purposes of planning and budgeting.

The upgrade of the chapel facilities, as recommended within the fire risk assessment, was completed, bar a few snagging issues. New fire doors were installed, and the redundant ones repurposed where possible. A new kitchen hatch was also installed. The fire strategy and evacuation procedure was reviewed accordingly and tested in a planned and unplanned manner! The chapel has also recently been insulated as part of the Eco Hub carbon reduction strategy.

The toilets within the church rooms were reconfigured and refurbished to ensure full accessibility for all. We now have toilets that provide adequate space and equipment for wheelchair users, as well as retaining baby change and toddler facilities. Both toilets are gender neutral. The redundant 'gents' toilet' was fully gutted and has provided much needed storage space.



Both the chapel fire door upgrade and toilet refurbishment were challenging projects for a variety of reasons, and I would like to express my thanks to the team for their persistence and commitment to get these done.

We were pleased to be able to offer several first aid and defibrillator training sessions delivered by our local first responders. They were well attended and ensure that our first aid capabilities are acceptable and confident.

In September we welcomed a new team of helpers for Toast and Tea. It can be difficult sharing our space with others, but we have a close working relationship with Amber and Amy and communicate regularly to work through any issues that arise. Offering our 'spaces' for community activities is a big part of our pastoral and outreach mission.

A vast amount of work undertaken by the hub happens behind the scenes and may not always be obvious. During the year we reviewed and updated the health and safety policy and started to draft a lone working policy. We organised spring and autumn church cleaning, fixed leaking taps, repaired a projector, erected new fencing at the Vergers Cottage, steam cleaned the Audsley Room chairs, replaced external light sensors, and upgraded our broadband. The list is endless and most of the work is personally done by the team.

During 2025 we will continue to explore the possibility of installing solar panels on the church roof. This is a lengthy and robust process involving the local authority conservation officer, Historic England, the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and our own heritage/conservation architects. Whilst a lot of work has already been done it will be some time before we know whether this is likely to happen.

*Julie Young*

# Eco Church & Environment Hub

The Eco Church and Environment Hub has continued to co-ordinate St Mary's work to become more eco responsible in 2024. The hub has been meeting and working together to identify actions we can take both within St Mary's and within our wider community, taking into account national church and governmental policy in this area. St Mary's is on a journey towards reducing its carbon emissions, and to actively and appropriately care for and appreciate all aspects of God's creation and the environment in our church locality and the wider world.



**ECO CHURCH  
& ENVIRONMENT**

2024 has been a busier year for the hub, with its work focusing on two key areas:

- caring for and maintaining St Mary's churchyard and the grounds at St Mary's Chapel; and
- co-ordinating action across the church focusing towards achieving an Eco Church Award

For the churchyard and Chapel grounds the hub is very grateful for the volunteers who work so hard to maintain them in good order, promoting biodiversity, and using them to help inform and educate through Forest Church. The small team of volunteers works very hard through the year, and if there are any other members of the congregation who could offer some of their time to help with this they would be made very welcome.

In relation to the A Rocha UK Eco Church Awards, St Mary's last completed an audit of its performance against the Eco Church assessment criteria during 2023, when it achieved a Bronze Eco Church Award. During 2024 the hub has commenced the work to review and renew the assessment for the Eco Church Award against the new set of criteria that A Rocha UK introduced in 2024. This work is continuing into 2025 and we will update the PCC and congregation on progress in due course.





As part of the hub's work we have audited our current energy/carbon/water use or footprint, and continue to explore ways in which we could improve our environmental performance. Discussions with Winchester City Council's conservation officer have taken place about the potential to place solar panels on the hidden part of the roof of St Mary's as part of the Cherish Project.



*Some of the recent eco tips from the eco hub*

The hub has also been considering ways in which it can encourage others to look for opportunities to promote sustainable choices, including reducing, re-using and recycling within our church community and our homes. This has led to the monthly 'Eco Tips' ideas which are now being shared with our congregations. Alongside this, we are exploring with the other hubs how we can promote sustainable (and consistent) purchasing of cleaning and other products, and to promote healthy and sustainable choices for food and consumables at church events.

If you would like more information, or to help and support the work of the Eco Church and Environment Hub, please contact one of us at church or by emailing [ecohub.stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:ecohub.stmarys@gmail.com) or phone through the church office

*Andy Blaxland, Edward Chase, Charlotte and Jonathan Smith, Joy Carter, Tim Selwood, Rob Brown and Diana Gower*

# Mission & Ministry Hub

St Mary's continues to be blessed with a strong and talented Ministry Team which I have the privilege of leading. We meet regularly to consider issues, align plans and rotas and to prayerfully discern a way forward in terms of the spiritual food we seek to offer.



John Sweeting ably oversees the service pattern rotas which are normally created 3 - 6 months in advance. We seek to give all hub members the opportunity to preach, lead or preside in the different contexts we have. The Ministry Team provides all the ministerial resources to St Swithun's and I'm pleased that we have the capacity and capability to 'look after ourselves'; rather than having to rely on the diminished clerical registry. John also takes the 'lead' at St Swithun's, especially the 10.00am services and we are grateful to him for his thoughtful leadership and sermons.

Stephen Golding and Matthew Briggs oversee the termly, but now bi-annually Learning for Life Sundays where we dispense with our normal service pattern and embrace the opportunity to learn together exploring a theological issue or an ethical question. A considerable amount of effort goes into these mornings which, again, I warmly commend to you.

Dave Mapes has offered to assist me with occasional offices (weddings and funerals), especially at those times when we seem to be inundated with funerals. His pastoral ministry with bereaved families is exemplary and it is reassuring to me that this load can be shared, when needed and is in safe hands.

Lis Chase continues to support services by presiding and also leads a communion service at the Dower House once a month. We, and they, are grateful for her ministry.

Jemima Lewis, Stephen Golding and Matthew Briggs have taken the major load of preaching at St Mary's, especially as we have enjoyed this recent sermon series on Romans. We are blessed to have such excellent preachers who handle the Scriptures sensitively whilst providing practical application of what this means.

Joanne Meharg leads and preaches and is a great help when we deliver our popular and creative Breakfast Church series. These services, out of any that we provide, are perhaps the most challenging. Catering for the needs of pre-school children to those of much riper years is a delicate and challenging task. Sometimes we don't get it quite right, but we do seek to provide something for everyone at these services. They are the best entry point for anyone seeking to try a service at St Mary's for the first time and give anyone doing so a good flavour of who we are, what we value and how we go about it.

Debbie Emmott-Dart is also part of the Ministry Team and I have mentioned her significant contribution in my main report. We benefit from her leadership of a talented and varied music group, something that augments our worship.

Carol and Dave Dale, along with Dave and Jill Mapes and myself, offer prayer ministry at the end of each service. Again, sometimes we commend this strongly; other times we simply make ourselves available to any who wish to receive prayer because of where they find themselves or what the future week will bring. I am grateful to them for their willingness to pray for and with the church family, and their belief that it makes a difference.

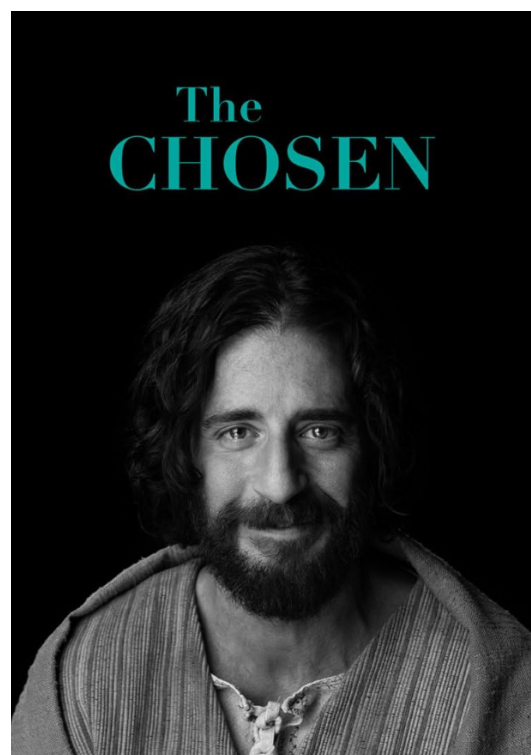
The Ministry Team will, in time, need refreshing and we will be praying that God calls and raises us individuals who can be trained by the diocese to lead and preach within our specific setting.

I count it a privilege to lead the Ministry Team – we are all very different, but work well together and respect each other's different views. Please pray for us as we meet and discern spiritual direction for the church family – we seek to lead you into green pastures, with still waters, whilst being challenged to grow and develop into mature Christians.

Finally, I word about mission. We haven't run an Alpha course for a few years now – and perhaps there are good reasons for that. We have, however, shown The Chosen films which I consider to be one of the best presentations of the life and story of Jesus Christ in my lifetime that respects the viewer and invites them to consider the truth of what we believe. We'll hope to continue with showing these films again as new series are released.

I always welcome feedback and conversations about our mission and ministry efforts. Of course, it is not just about myself and the individuals within this hub. Mission and ministry involves all of us, in whatever place God has placed us. Our role is to encourage and equip you to share in this task of 'going to make disciples'.

*Revd Paul Bradish*





# Blessing Others Hub

## Members of the Hub:

Colin Arnett, Diana Brooks, Geraldine Brown, Charlene Cable, Michelle Gale, and Kathryn Hodnett.

At the end of the year, we said goodbye to Diana Brooks, one of our founder members of the hub. We are thankful for Diana's experience, compassion, and valuable contribution in decision making. She will be missed by us all and we wish her well in all that she does.



Once again, the Hub has been privileged to be able to share God's love on your behalf. We have received and assessed grant applications against our thoughtfully considered criteria that aim to ensure our gifting makes a real difference to those who receive it. Some of the successful applicants are listed below and represent different needs in our local and wider communities.

- The Community Unit 12 Food Pantry, Clothing Unit, community fridge, community outreach, community garden and prom dress loan service
- The Home Start Project - Tubs Tummies in Kings Worthy
- The Winchester Street and School Pastors
- The Wildfire Youth Project in Winchester
- Winchester Samaritans

Our recipients have shared how much our support means to the sustainability of their work. It's often the smallest kindness, warm welcome or thoughtful word that makes the biggest difference in the lives of those who attend and benefit from these important charities.

Please see the link to the Tuesday Home Start group we support.

<https://home-start-winchester.org.uk/groups/>

It's a great testimonial to how our funding is making a real difference.

Thank you to everyone at St Mary's who has been generous with their giving. We are thankful that as a church we can give to others and in total we have granted £5,250 during 2024.

Finally we would like to thank our prayer partners and those who pray with us as a hub and invite anyone who may like to discuss joining us as a new member or a prayer partner to have a chat.

*Geraldine Brown*

# Children, Youth & Families Hub



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

The children and youth work at St Mary's has had another consistent year, continuing to serve the young people in the parish and community with commitment and regularity. There is an offering for young people in Sunday services every single week - with Little Fishes/Lighthouse delivered on two Sundays a month, Forest Church on the second Sunday, and the all-age Breakfast Church on the final week. The relationship with Lighthouse has continued to work well, with a new youth worker Chloe Lafore getting involved alongside Ellie Payne, with additional valued support from volunteer parents Ben and Anna Gillings. The Lighthouse team have also persevered with the Thursday After School drop in at the Chapel which is attracting quite a few year 8 and 9 boys who the team are getting to know. Little Fishes and the weekly toddler group Bubbles are both run by Jill Prince who continues to devote much time and energy to our littlest folk. Forest Church has covered some lovely topics this year, including 'Muddy Lent', 'Beauty in Brokenness', and 'Lilies of the Field', with committed leadership from Charlotte and Jonathan Smith, Sheila Wooding and Lorna Selwood. It has also been wonderful to see some of our young people join the welcome team at church. Plans for next year include potentially developing a youth midweek home group for our older youth and considering how our offering for upper primary children can be distinguished from those at secondary school who have differing needs.

*Jemima Lewis*

# Cherish (Building Project)

The Cherish Building Project seeks to make the church more inclusive, more welcoming, and versatile. As chair of the Project Group, I am incredibly grateful to all the group members for their hard work, good humour, and tireless optimism. I would also like to thank the congregation, the Rector and the PCC for their continued encouragement and support.

During the last calendar year a lot has been achieved. Firstly, St Anne's Gate Architects chose to withdraw from working with us after we raised issues about their capacity, competence, and confidence to support us in the long term. After receiving bid submissions and holding interviews we appointed Design Engine in May. They were able to start immediately, building on what had already been achieved.

The Cherish Building Project Team and Design Engine Architects have worked closely together to ensure that our brief and vision for the space is fully understood and reflected in their designs. Our conservation and inspecting architects, Pritchard Architecture, have provided essential advice on the significance of the building, the fabric and artefacts. We are now better placed to make decisions that align with the history of St Marys and ensure that the story of the past is enhanced and not lost. The Heritage Impact Assessment completed by Pritchard Architecture is a hugely significant document that will underpin future recommendations and proposals.

Together with the architects, we appointed a number of other consultants: Ridge to provide recommendations on heating, lighting, and costs and TecFire to provide essential input on fire safety. Design Engine Architects have responsibility for managing these consultants.

Members of the Cherish Project Building Team have attended regular consultant design meetings throughout the year and been kept fully updated on progress as the consultants have submitted advice and recommendations within their area of expertise. Ultimately the project deliverables are driven by St Mary's in our capacity as "the client." We are happy that all parties are working to our brief to deliver a design that is sympathetic to our building and need.

An inclusion report has been commissioned and received and the congregation consulted on the changes that are being considered. The Rector, churchwardens and PCC have been kept fully informed of progress and the Standing Committee has adopted a governance role to guide the project team accordingly. The Project Group have met monthly or more frequently across the year.

All this work has led to a costed Concept Design which marks the end of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA ) Stage 2. The project team will now move into a phase of reflection so that we can review the design, associated costs and engagement with the congregation to gather feedback. It is not anticipated that the PCC, Standing Committee, or congregation will be asked to make decisions on the details of any changes before late 2025 at the earliest, allowing work to begin (subject to approval and funding) in 2027.

In addition, work continues to explore the possibility of installing PV solar panels on the church roof. We are grateful to Anna Gillings and her team in supporting this work and guiding us through a pre-planning application process involving the WCC conservation officer, Historic England, and the Diocese Advisory Committee. It is important that any future PV installation has a minimal visual impact on our building and the conservation area in which it sits.

The total spend for the Cherish Building Project in 2024 was £41,784. Most of the costs are attributed to professional fees.

*Joy Carter*  
*Chair of Cherish Building Project Group*

DESIGNENGINE  
ARCHITECTS





# Tuesdays Place

2024 was another very good year for Tuesdays Place. We enjoyed a wide range of fun activities together including an armchair dancing workshop led by Amanda from Move Momentum and an excellent ukulele band which had us singing and toe-tapping! We listened to speakers including Stephen Golding who shared some of his story, especially his time as a School Chaplain in boarding schools. We all agreed that teenagers are interesting and a great blessing to us!

June's gathering took place at Furzey Gardens in the New Forest. Tim Selwood and his team were wonderful hosts and we basked in the sunshine on one of the warmest days of the year, refreshed by delicious tea and cakes made by the Furzey team.

Our annual end of year party to celebrate Christmas was attended by over 60 friends and the carol singing and fun brought lots of laughter.

Tuesdays Place welcomes anyone and everyone from our local community. Some come with friends, others on their own, but all are greeted and welcomed warmly at the door by our hospitality team. We have a light touch spiritual encouragement each month where a verse from the Bible, as a notecard, helps us to remember that God is always with us and for us through the seasons of life.

Sometimes our Tuesdays Place friends find they are no longer able to attend for various reasons. We have an outreach team who are all DBS checked and trained who can visit them in their home or care home, which maintains the friendship and lets them know they are not forgotten.

Tuesdays Place maintains numbers which approach the capacity of the Chapel. This is an expression of how much it is appreciated – and it is thanks to the large team of people who are committed to serving our community in this important way. My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who makes this happen in such a fun and safe way each month. We look forward to an exciting 2025 together.

*Helen Bradish, Tuesdays Place Team Leader*



*Trip to Furzey Gardens*

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
ST MARY'S, KINGS WORTHY  
CHARITY NUMBER 1130588**

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Treasurer's Financial Summary 2024**

For detailed analysis of the 2024 accounts, please see the detailed financial statement later in this report.

Donation receipts on unrestricted funds came to £92,987 of which £75,828 was unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £17,159 from Gift Aid tax recovered. Restricted donations of £474 were also received and detailed in the Financial Statement.

Unrestricted income from Charitable and Trading Activities - hire of the Church Rooms and Chapel, wedding and funeral fees, fundraising initiatives and a surplus on Parish Magazine sales and advertising revenue raised £38,914

We received a grant from the Listed Places of Worship for the recovery of VAT £2,477 on eligible projects during the year.

Verger's Cottage valued at £475,000 in October 22; rent received totalled £12,703

Included within interest received, £10,053 interest retained in the CBF deposit account, which is a marked increase from 2023 (£7,195).

The valuation of the four Endowment Funds increased by £762

£208,683 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide Church ministry costs, salaries, charitable activities, maintenance of St Mary's Church and Chapel and to pay the Common Mission Fund (Parish Share) of £66,963. The CMF provides central Diocesan costs of supporting Parish Life, including stipend, housing, insurance, pension and training.

£5,250 was distributed by the Blessing Others Hub to local charities.

£6,191 was used from the Fabric Fund and £5,313 from the Kiddle Legacy towards the costs of the fire doors at the Chapel.

£10,225 was used from the Kiddle Legacy and £7,955 from the Cooke legacy towards the costs of the refurbishment of the toilets in the church rooms.

**The Chisslands Trust Fund**

The remaining funds from the Chisslands Grant were spent this year mostly on CHERISH Building Project, with Design Engine and Consultants plans from Riba Stage 0 to Riba Stage 2, Admin Support including grant funding, Let me In, (the students from Treloar's College came to audit our access and inclusivity). However £14,180 was spent on the Grand Piano.

**The Youth Fund**

In July 2024, a request was made to the Chisslands Trust by the PCC to convert part of a grant made by the Trust in 2022 of £75,000 for youth and children's provision across both parishes. The request was that £36,000 of the remaining grant might be diverted to support the Cherish Building Project and their design efforts as it related to provision of facilities for youth and children. This was agreed and that the PCC would make arrangements to bolster the original fund by repaying £6,000 each year, for 6 years. Only £26,000 was withdrawn in 2024.

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In summary we closed 2024 with reserves of £682,633 (2023 £747,763) made up of £109,759 (2023 £137,335) held in unrestricted and designated funds, £44,928 (2023 £83,244) in restricted funds, £32,946 (2023 £32,184) Endowment Investments and £495,000 (2023 £495,000) valuation of tangible fixed assets.

**Reserves & Risk Management**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019). Trustees are asked to report on their reserves (the policy, the level and the justification) and, where applicable, their investment and grant making policies, and the effectiveness of their fundraising activities. They should also provide a statement confirming that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. The identification of Risk will determine the level of Reserves held.

The Reserves policy is to hold unrestricted reserves that will cover 3 months' payment of Parish Share, 3 months' utilities costs and 3 months' pay to employees.  
At the end of 2024 this Reserve was above the minimum limit required by the PCC.

Total unrestricted funds 2024	Total unrestricted funds 2023
£604,759	£632,335
Total unrestricted expenditure 2024	Total unrestricted expenditure 2023
£208,683	£173,280
Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves 2024	Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves 2023
£109,759	£137,335

**Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves at 31 December 2024 and 2025 Costs**

	Chapel	Church & Rooms	Per month
<b>Parish Share</b>			<b>£ 5,800</b>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Gas	£ 95	£226	
Electric	£ 44	£169	
Insurance	£ 31	£179	
Water	£ 24	£ 60	
Tel/Internet	£ 20	£ 37	
	£ 214	£671	<b>£ 885</b>
<b>Employees</b>			
Cleaner	£ 419		
P.A.'s	£1,914		
DOM	£ 157		<b>£ 2,490</b>
<b>Total cost per month</b>			<b>£ 9,175</b>
<b>3 months' worth of costs</b>			<b>£ 27,525</b>
Unrestricted General Fund			£109,759
Excess of Reserves over cost			£82,234



**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

On behalf of the Rector and the PCC, I would like to thank you all for the financial support you have given in 2024, from both St Mary's Church and Chapel which is very much appreciated.

My personal thanks go to the Rector, the PCC, Karen Briggs and Catherine Saunders for all their support this year and to Brigitte Drabble for her valuable and steadfast work as Gift Aid Secretary.

*G Brown 8th April 2025*

Geraldine Brown

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 18.

## **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the trustees' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



**CJ GOODHEAD FCA**  
Knight Goodhead Limited  
Chartered Accountants

17 April 2025

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# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income</b>						
Donations and Legacies	2	92,987	474	-	93,461	107,441
Other Trading Activities	2	13,082	-	-	13,082	12,691
Investments	2	23,256	368	-	23,624	19,655
Charitable Activities	2	25,832	440	-	26,272	17,193
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>155,157</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,439</b>	<b>156,980</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Fund Raising Trading costs	3	1,055	-	-	1,055	1,886
Charitable Activities	3	207,628	13,648	-	221,276	176,252
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>208,683</b>	<b>13,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>222,331</b>	<b>178,138</b>
Investment gains and losses	7	-	-	762	762	2,790
<b>Net (deficit)/Surplus before transfers</b>		<b>(53,526)</b>	<b>(12,366)</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>(65,130)</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>
Transfers between funds		25,950	(25,950)	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(27,576)</b>	<b>(38,316)</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>(65,130)</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>
Fund Balances at 1 January 2024	10	632,335	83,244	32,184	747,763	766,131
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>604,759</b>	<b>44,928</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>682,633</b>	<b>747,763</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income</b>						
Donations and Legacies		105,313	2,128	-	107,441	101,345
Other Trading Activities		12,691	-	-	12,691	15,293
Investments		19,292	363	-	19,655	14,912
Charitable Activities		17,193	-	-	17,193	18,465
Other Income		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>154,489</b>	<b>2,491</b>		<b>156,980</b>	<b>150,015</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Fund Raising Trading costs		1,886	-	-	1,886	2,556
Charitable Activities		171,394	4,858	-	176,252	143,382
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>173,280</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,138</b>	<b>145,938</b>
Investment gains and losses		-	-	2,790	2,790	121,104
<b>Net (deficit)/Surplus before transfers</b>		<b>(18,791)</b>	<b>(2,367)</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>	<b>125,181</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(18,791)</b>	<b>(2,367)</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>	<b>125,181</b>
Fund Balances at 1 January 2023	10	651,126	85,611	29,394	766,131	640,950
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>632,335</b>	<b>83,244</b>	<b>32,184</b>	<b>747,763</b>	<b>766,131</b>



# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Land and property	6	495,000		495,000	
Equipment	6	13,744		2,118	
Investments	7	<u>32,946</u>		<u>32,184</u>	
			541,690		529,302
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	8	3,132		3,738	
Short Term Deposits		130,504		215,451	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,199</u>		<u>12,399</u>	
			148,835		231,588
<b>Current Creditors</b>					
Liabilities due within one year	9		(7,892)		(13,127)
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>682,633</b></u>		<u><b>747,763</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Endowment funds	10		32,946		32,184
Restricted funds	10		44,928		83,244
Unrestricted funds	10		604,759		632,335
<b>Total Funds</b>	10		<u><b>682,633</b></u>		<u><b>747,763</b></u>

Signed on Behalf of the PCC by



Trustee

Date: 8th April, 2025

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019). The statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of the investment assets, which are shown at market value, and the Verger's Cottage, which is shown at an independent valuation.

The financial statements include all 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 gatherings of church members.

#### (b) Funds

A description of the specific Funds is given in note 8 to the financial statements.

The Unrestricted Funds are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

The Restricted funds comprise funds where money has been given for a particular purpose and where the whole of the money, capital and income, may be applied only for that purpose.

The Endowment funds are funds where only the income may be applied: income from the Northbrook Trust may be applied for any of the purposes of the church, while income from the Churchyard Fund has to be applied for maintenance of the churchyard. Both funds are permanent endowment, i.e. the capital cannot be spent.

#### (c) Income

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Planned giving receivable under covenant or otherwise, Collections, Gift Aid donations, Grants and Legacies, are accounted for when received.

Funds raised by events (e.g. annual fete) are accounted for gross, with costs stated separately;

Income from parish magazine sales and advertisements is stated gross, with costs reported separately.

Rental income from the letting of church premises are accounted for when the rental is due.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

#### (d) Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are accounted for when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

#### (e) Expenditure

##### Grants for charitable purposes

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

##### Charitable activities

The Parish Share is accounted for when payable. Maintenance expenditure, whether accounted for through the Fabric Fund or otherwise, is treated as extraordinary only when major and the subject of a special appeal for funds; funds used for such purposes are treated as extraordinary income.

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

2	INCOME	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	<b><i>Donations and Legacies</i></b>					
	Planned giving "Gift Aid"	63,434	-	-	63,434	62,850
	"Gift Aid" Tax reclaimed	17,159	-	-	17,159	16,805
	Planned giving not "Gift Aid"	-	-	-	-	110
	Donations	8,304	174	-	8,478	7,438
	Other Giving	4,090	-	-	4,090	2,640
	Tuesday's Place	-	300	-	300	798
	Grant	-	-	-	-	1,800
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	15,000
	<b>Total Donations and Legacies</b>	<b>92,987</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,461</b>	<b>107,441</b>
	<b><i>Trading Activities</i></b>					
	Parish Magazine adverts	2,122	-	-	2,122	2,910
	Chapel Rental	6,804	-	-	6,804	5,728
	Fund Raising events	4,156	-	-	4,156	4,053
	<b>Total Trading Activities</b>	<b>13,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,082</b>	<b>12,691</b>
	<b><i>Investments</i></b>					
	Dividends and Interest	10,553	368	-	10,921	8,051
	Verger's Cottage	12,703	-	-	12,703	11,604
	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>23,256</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,624</b>	<b>19,655</b>
	<b><i>Charitable Activities</i></b>					
	Parish Magazine Sales	3,819	-	-	3,819	3,488
	Church Rooms Rental	11,987	-	-	11,987	11,414
	Flower Fund Donation	-	440	-	440	-
	Bubbles	293	-	-	293	-
	VAT recoverable	2,477	-	-	2,477	-
	Wedding/Funeral Fees	7,256	-	-	7,256	2,291
	<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>25,832</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,272</b>	<b>17,193</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>155,157</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,439</b>	<b>156,980</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 3 Expenditure

#### Grants for charitable purposes

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

#### Charitable activities

The Parish Share is accounted for when payable. Maintenance expenditure, whether accounted for through the Fabric Fund or otherwise, is treated as extraordinary only when major and the subject of a special appeal for funds; funds used for such purposes are treated as extraordinary income.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><i>Raising Funds</i></b>					
Fund Raising Costs	1,055	-	-	1,055	1,886
Total Raising Funds	<b>1,055</b>	-	-	<b>1,055</b>	<b>1,886</b>
<b><i>Charitable Activities</i></b>					
Charitable Giving	5,400	174	-	5,574	5,797
Parish Share	66,963	-	-	66,963	72,107
Clergy Expenditure inc Admin	17,347	23	-	17,370	16,909
Honorariums	-	-	-	-	4,800
Caretaker and Cleaner	5,009	-	-	5,009	4,605
Upkeep of Services	5,018	-	-	5,018	3,456
Churchyard	136	2,974	-	3,110	7,823
Magazine costs	4,666	-	-	4,666	5,322
Chapel costs	16,138	-	-	16,138	9,652
Church and Rooms costs	29,425	-	-	29,425	14,325
Verger's Cottage costs	928	-	-	928	370
Administration	9,378	438	-	9,816	4,861
Administration Outreach	-	885	-	885	1,035
Cherish project	45,369	-	-	45,369	21,330
Support (Youth)	-	8,982	-	8,982	2,660
Flowers	51	172	-	223	
Independent Examination	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,200
Total Charitable Activities	<b>207,628</b>	<b>13,648</b>	-	<b>221,276</b>	<b>176,252</b>
Total Expenditure	<b>208,683</b>	<b>13,648</b>	-	<b>222,331</b>	<b>178,138</b>



# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

4 Staff Costs		2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Charitable activity</b>	<b>Wages and Salaries</b>		
Clergy Expenses	2 Administrators (average 25hrs/week)	13,589	12,206
Upkeep of Services	Minister of Music	1,874	1,814
Upkeep of Services	Caretaker and Cleaner	5,008	4,605
Assistant staff	Youth Worker	8,698	1,918
		<b>29,169</b>	<b>20,543</b>

Wages and Salaries

Pension payments commenced November 2016.

Tax and National Insurance contributions have been deducted where applicable.

The average number of staff employed during the year was four. No employee earned over £60,000.

No members of key management personnel were paid on an employed basis during this, or the prior, year. The role of Rector is not paid directly by the church, and the Church Warden is an unpaid post.

### 5 Related Party Transactions

During the year 5 (2023: 5) members of the PCC, excluding the Rector, received reimbursement for expenditure made on behalf of the PCC during 2024, mainly for consumable administration, outreach supplies, and works for the Chapel, Church Rooms and building, for a total of £5,579 (2023: £2,271).

During the year £10,620 (2023:£8,957) of payroll costs and £11,034 (2023: £164) of consumable administration costs were recharged to St Swithun's Church, a charity related through common trustees. These costs are not included in these accounts.

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings.

Consecrated and beneficed property (i.e. the Church and the Rectory) is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers them to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and equipment

Items of equipment with a purchase price of under £1,000 are written off when acquired. Equipment purchased for £1,000 or over for church purposes will be capitalised and written off over 4 or 5 years on a straight-line basis.

St Mary's Chapel/Church Hall building

Is held on a 99 year lease from 1972, is not being depreciated. The cost of the Church Rooms has been expensed and, as a building integrated with the Church, nothing is being set aside for depreciation. Built in 1973, at a cost of approximately £10,000, and extended in 1984, at a cost of £10,200, with finance provided by a bequest from Reginald Nelson, at that time the Hon. Treasurer of the PCC. It is built on land owned by Winchester City Council.

Verger's Cottage

Is a freehold semi-detached cottage in Church Lane, Kings Worthy. It was bequeathed to the Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's Church by the Will of Mrs Mary Elizabeth Curry, who died on 12th August 1946. In a Codicil to her Will she expressed the wish, but without creating any binding obligation, that the Cottage should be retained for the use of the Verger. On 24th February 1950 the Cottage was vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands and on 6th June 1950 approval for retention of the property was given by the Charity Commission. The cottage was valued by Andrew Mathys, a qualified valuer and Associate Director of Goadsby & Harding (Residential) Ltd, in November 2022 at £475,000. Mr Mathys is not a Trustee or a member of the Charity's staff.

	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Total Equipment £
<b>COST</b>				
At beginning of year	495,000	2,760	6,183	8,943
Additions	-	17,152	-	17,152
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At end of year	<u>495,000</u>	<u>19,912</u>	<u>6,183</u>	<u>26,095</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At beginning of year	-	1,189	5,635	6,824
Charge for the year	-	4,979	548	5,527
On disposals	-	-	-	-
At end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>6,168</u>	<u>6,183</u>	<u>12,351</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At end of year	<u>495,000</u>	<u>13,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,744</u>
At beginning of year	<u>495,000</u>	<u>1,570</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>2,118</u>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 7 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Units	Value £	Gain/(Loss) £	2024 £	2023 £
CCLA Northbrook Trust	796	23.12	412	18,406	17,994
CCLA Sir William Kay	41	23.13	46	944	898
CCLA Mary Ward	264	23.12	137	6,104	5,968
CCLA Mr Cundell Blake	324	23.12	168	7,492	7,324
			<b>762</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>32,184</b>

### 8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income Tax Recoverable	1,399	-	-	1,399	1,836
Church Rooms and Chapel Bookings	1,733	-	-	1,733	1,902
	<b>3,132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>3,738</b>

### 9 CREDITORS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Cherish project	3,435	-	-	3,435	8,020
Independent Examination	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,200
Tea & Toast	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,188
Parish Magazine Printing and HWPCC share	157	-	-	157	888
Church/Chapel Gas Supply	1,145	-	-	1,145	460
Church/Chapel Electric Supply	289	-	-	289	252
Staff costs pension	75	-	-	75	-
Church and Rooms Water	169	-	-	169	475
Church Maintenance	-	-	-	-	60
Service costs Church and Hall	-	-	-	-	311
Youth Worker	-	-	-	-	247
Bank charges	42	-	-	42	27
	<b>7,892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>13,127</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

10	FUNDS	At 1 January 2024	Income and Gains	Expenditure and Losses	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	<i>Restricted funds</i>					
	Chapel Trust	424	-	-	-	424
	Restricted Giving	-	174	(174)	-	-
	Tuesday's Place	1,395	300	(1,233)	550	1,012
	Childrens' Lunch Club	550	-	-	(550)	-
	Churchyard Maintenance	6,449	368	(2,974)	-	3,843
	Community Sanctuary Chest	543	-	-	-	543
	Flower Fund		440	(172)	50	318
	Warm Welcome	646		(90)	-	556
	Youth Education	73,237	-	(9,005)	(26,000)	38,232
	<b>Total Restricted funds</b>	<b>83,244</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>(13,648)</b>	<b>(25,950)</b>	<b>44,928</b>
	<i>Endowment funds</i>					
	Northbrook Trust	17,994	457	-	-	18,451
	Churchyard	14,190	305	-	-	14,495
	<b>Total Endowment funds</b>	<b>32,184</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,946</b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
	General Fund	42,997	151,640	(125,717)	7,832	76,752
	<i>Designated funds</i>					
	Charitable Giving	5,688		(5,250)	6,298	6,736
	Music	1,126	997	-		2,123
	Fabric	6,190	-	(6,190)	-	-
	Alpha and Missions	-	-			-
	Community Outreach Chest	205	-	-	-	205
	Rector's Discretionary	1,128	200	(458)	-	870
	Kiddle Legacy	34,414	-	(15,538)	-	18,876
	Cooke Legacy	7,955		(7,955)	-	-
	Chisslands Charity Gift	35,832	2,320	(23,972)	(14,180)	-
	Chisslands Admin Grant	1,800		(122)	-	1,678
	Cherish Building Project RIBA			(23,481)	26,000	2,519
	Vergers Cottage	475,000	-	-	-	475,000
	Chapel	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>632,335</b>	<b>155,157</b>	<b>(208,683)</b>	<b>25,950</b>	<b>604,759</b>
	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>747,763</b>	<b>157,201</b>	<b>(222,331)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>682,633</b>

### Restricted and endowment funds

Restricted and endowment funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and the details of the funds held and restrictions are as below.

### Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are those funds that may be spent for any purpose however the charity has chosen to designate some of the funds for specific purposes. Details of the designated funds held are as below.

# **The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

### **The restricted funds comprise:**

#### *Churchyard Maintenance:*

A gift of £8000 received in November 2019 from Mrs Dorothy Gravett in memory of her son Barry Walters for keeping the Churchyard in good order. Dividends received from the Churchyard Endowment Funds are paid into this Fund. A Legacy of £1000 received in July 2022 from the Estate of the late Hannah Livesey with a request it is used for the upkeep of the graves and churchyard.

#### *Chapel Trust:*

The Chapel Trust was set up in 2012 for the purpose of funding improvements and refurbishment of the Chapel/Church Hall. Part of the vision is that the Chapel becomes a focal point for the local area and is open to the community in general when not in use for services, clubs and other hirers.

#### *Tuesday's Place*

A community afternoon club. Tuesday's Place received a gift of £670 in 2016 to be used for the benefit of members at their meetings in the Chapel. Topped up in 2022 by the transfer of balances from designated funds, Anna Chaplaincy and Pantry. In 2024 the fund was topped up by £550 from the transfer of the balance from The Children's Lunch Club.

#### *Children's Lunch Club*

Launched in 2016 and funded by grants from Kings Worthy Parish Council, Winchester & District Welfare Trust and the Church & Village Fete. During the year with agreement from the donor's and the PCC the final balance of £550 was transferred to Tuesday's Place.

#### *Restricted Giving:*

Giving by parishioners for specific nominated purposes, the balance is always zero as the funds are passed on to the nominees in the period.

#### *Youth Education Worker fund:*

In July 2024, a request was made to the Chisslands Trust by the PCC to convert part of the grant made by the Trust in 2022 of £75,000 for youth and children's provision across both parishes. The request was that £36,000 of the remaining grant might be diverted to support the Cherish Build Project and their design efforts as it related to the provision of facilities for youth and children. This was agreed and that the PCC would make arrangements to bolster the original fund by repaying the loan of £6,000 each year, for 6 years. £26,000 was withdrawn in 2024.

#### *Community Sanctuary Chest:*

Fund set up to help Ukrainian refugees in need of accommodation and necessities, available for people in similar crisis situations in the community.

#### *Warm Welcome*

A Warm Welcome facility introduced during November 2022 in the Chapel, offering refreshments and sociability to the community initially twice a week however during 2024 the group did not meet as often. This was financed by two gifts of £500 each and subsequent gifts of £100 and £300.

#### *Flower Fund*

In 2024 the flower fund was set up to manage the account within the church finances. The flower team continue to apply their expertise on a weekly basis to enhance the beauty of church for which we are extremely grateful.

### **The endowment funds comprise:**

#### *Northbrook Trust:*

The Trust was established on 2nd April 1956 by the Fifth Lord Northbrook from the proceeds of selling a schoolhouse and land in the parish. One-third of the income is to be applied for the maintenance of St Mary's Church; the balance is to be applied for general purposes, i.e. for the Church or Church Hall. One-third of the capital was permitted to be used, with the consent of the Bishop of Winchester; it was withdrawn in April 1973 for financing the new Church Hall. The remaining capital is invested in 796 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund and held in trust by the Diocese.

#### *Sir William Algernon Kay:*

For the benefit of the poor in the parish. The capital originally consisted of £100 in War Loan, which was reinvested in April 1985 in 21.98 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund with reinvestment of dividends.



## The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

#### The endowment funds (continued):

##### *Mrs Mary Ward:*

For keeping the structure and grounds of the Church in good order, with a request (but not a legal obligation) to keep the gravestones of her husband and herself in good order and repair. The capital was invested at that time in 264 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund.

##### *Mr Cundell Blake:*

In 1989 gave £1,000 to the Church which was invested in 324 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund.

The interest and dividends received from the investments are used towards the cost of keeping the grass of the churchyard mown and other maintenance expenditure. Dividends reinvested in the Kay fund are left to accumulate. Dividends reinvested in the Kay fund are left to accumulate.

#### The designated funds comprise:

##### *Charitable Giving:*

7% of the General Fund Total Offerings was appropriated to the Blessing Others Hub.

##### *Chisslands Charity:*

Any unspent money at the end of 4th year to be returned to the Chisslands Trust.

##### *Music:*

The fund is to support resources to enhance music within our worship.

##### *Fabric:*

Expenditure in the Fabric Fund is usually associated with Quinquennial requirements and major building repairs.

##### *Alpha and Missions:*

Set up to accommodate donations and expenditure in connection with the Alpha Course and to support further Missions.

##### *Community Outreach Chest*

Fund set up during Covid 19 and to help those in need of sanctuary in the Parish.

##### *Rector's Discretionary:*

Donations received with a specification to be used at the Rector's discretion.

##### *Kiddle Legacy:*

The late Dr Josephine Kiddle left St Mary's Church a 10% residual share of her estate amounting to £57,776.93, to be put towards the upkeep and work of the Church with no conditions applied. In 2022 the fund financed new blocked paving installation in the Churchyard. In 2024 the fund part financed costs of the refurbishment of toilets £10,225 in church rooms and £5,319 was used towards the cost of the Chapel fire doors.

##### *Cooke Legacy*

Andrew Cooke bequeathed St Mary's Church a legacy of £15,000. In 2023 the fund financed an extension of the new blocked paving path in the churchyard to the value of £7,045. In 2024 £7,955 was used from the fund towards the costs of refurbishment of the toilets in the church rooms.

##### *Vergers Cottage:*

Per valuation

##### *Chapel:*

Per build cost.

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

11	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
	<i>For the year ended 31 December 2024</i>				
	Fixed Assets	508,744	-	32,946	541,690
	Current Assets	103,907	44,928	-	148,835
	Creditors: falling due within one year	(7,892)	-	-	(7,892)
	Net assets at 31 December 2024	<b>604,759</b>	<b>44,928</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>682,633</b>
	<i>For the year ended 31 December 2023</i>				
	Fixed Assets	497,118	-	32,184	529,302
	Current Assets	148,344	83,244	-	231,588
	Creditors: falling due within one year	(13,127)	-	-	(13,127)
	Net assets at 31 December 2023	<b>632,336</b>	<b>83,244</b>	<b>32,184</b>	<b>747,763</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

12	Fund Movements Prior Year Comparative	At 1 January 2023	Income and Gains	Expenditure and Losses	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
	<i>Restricted funds</i>					
	Chapel Trust	424	-	-	-	424
	Restricted Giving	-	930	(930)	-	-
	Tuesday's Place	597	798	-	-	1,395
	Childrens' Lunch Club	550	-	-	-	550
	Churchyard Maintenance	6,835	363	(749)	-	6,449
	Community Sanctuary Chest	553	-	(10)	-	543
	Warm Welcome	763	400	(517)	-	646
	Youth Education	75,889	-	(2,652)	-	73,237
	<b>Total Restricted funds</b>	<b>85,611</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>(4,858)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,244</b>
	<i>Endowment funds</i>					
	Northbrook Trust	16,447	1,547	-	-	17,994
	Churchyard	12,947	1,243	-	-	14,190
	<b>Total Endowment funds</b>	<b>29,394</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,184</b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
	General Fund	40,984	137,343	(129,336)	(5,994)	42,997
	Charitable Giving	4,106	-	(4,400)	5,982	5,688
	Music	1,126	-	-	-	1,126
	Fabric	6,190	-	-	-	6,190
	Anna Chaplaincy	129	-	(141)	12	-
	Alpha and Missions	205	-	-	-	205
	Community Outreach Chest	1,472	346	(690)	-	1,128
	Pantry	34,414	-	-	-	34,414
	Rector's Discretionary	-	15,000	(7,045)	-	7,955
	Kiddle Legacy	67,500	-	(31,668)	-	35,832
	Chisslands Charity Gift	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
	Vergers Cottage	475,000	-	-	-	475,000
	Chapel	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>651,126</b>	<b>154,489</b>	<b>(173,280)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>632,335</b>
	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>766,131</b>	<b>159,770</b>	<b>(178,138)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>747,763</b>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
ST MARY'S, KINGS WORTHY  
CHARITY NUMBER 1130588**

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Treasurer's Financial Summary 2024**

For detailed analysis of the 2024 accounts, please see the detailed financial statement later in this report.

Donation receipts on unrestricted funds came to £92,987 of which £75,828 was unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £17,159 from Gift Aid tax recovered. Restricted donations of £474 were also received and detailed in the Financial Statement.

Unrestricted income from Charitable and Trading Activities - hire of the Church Rooms and Chapel, wedding and funeral fees, fundraising initiatives and a surplus on Parish Magazine sales and advertising revenue raised £38,914

We received a grant from the Listed Places of Worship for the recovery of VAT £2,477 on eligible projects during the year.

Verger's Cottage valued at £475,000 in October 22; rent received totalled £12,703

Included within interest received, £10,053 interest retained in the CBF deposit account, which is a marked increase from 2023 (£7,195).

The valuation of the four Endowment Funds increased by £762

£208,683 was spent from the unrestricted funds to provide Church ministry costs, salaries, charitable activities, maintenance of St Mary's Church and Chapel and to pay the Common Mission Fund (Parish Share) of £66,963. The CMF provides central Diocesan costs of supporting Parish Life, including stipend, housing, insurance, pension and training.

£5,250 was distributed by the Blessing Others Hub to local charities.

£6,191 was used from the Fabric Fund and £5,313 from the Kiddle Legacy towards the costs of the fire doors at the Chapel.

£10,225 was used from the Kiddle Legacy and £7,955 from the Cooke legacy towards the costs of the refurbishment of the toilets in the church rooms.

**The Chisslands Trust Fund**

The remaining funds from the Chisslands Grant were spent this year mostly on CHERISH Building Project, with Design Engine and Consultants plans from Riba Stage 0 to Riba Stage 2, Admin Support including grant funding, Let me In, (the students from Treloar's College came to audit our access and inclusivity). However £14,180 was spent on the Grand Piano.

**The Youth Fund**

In July 2024, a request was made to the Chisslands Trust by the PCC to convert part of a grant made by the Trust in 2022 of £75,000 for youth and children's provision across both parishes. The request was that £36,000 of the remaining grant might be diverted to support the Cherish Building Project and their design efforts as it related to provision of facilities for youth and children. This was agreed and that the PCC would make arrangements to bolster the original fund by repaying £6,000 each year, for 6 years. Only £26,000 was withdrawn in 2024.



**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

In summary we closed 2024 with reserves of £682,633 (2023 £747,763) made up of £109,759 (2023 £137,335) held in unrestricted and designated funds, £44,928 (2023 £83,244) in restricted funds, £32,946 (2023 £32,184) Endowment Investments and £495,000 (2023 £495,000) valuation of tangible fixed assets.

**Reserves & Risk Management**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019). Trustees are asked to report on their reserves (the policy, the level and the justification) and, where applicable, their investment and grant making policies, and the effectiveness of their fundraising activities. They should also provide a statement confirming that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate those risks. The identification of Risk will determine the level of Reserves held.

The Reserves policy is to hold unrestricted reserves that will cover 3 months' payment of Parish Share, 3 months' utilities costs and 3 months' pay to employees.  
At the end of 2024 this Reserve was above the minimum limit required by the PCC.

Total unrestricted funds 2024	Total unrestricted funds 2023
£604,759	£632,335
Total unrestricted expenditure 2024	Total unrestricted expenditure 2023
£208,683	£173,280
Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves 2024	Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves 2023
£109,759	£137,335

**Unrestricted 'liquid' reserves at 31 December 2024 and 2025 Costs**

	Chapel	Church & Rooms	Per month
<b>Parish Share</b>			<b>£ 5,800</b>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Gas	£ 95	£226	
Electric	£ 44	£169	
Insurance	£ 31	£179	
Water	£ 24	£ 60	
Tel/Internet	£ 20	£ 37	
	£ 214	£671	<b>£ 885</b>
<b>Employees</b>			
Cleaner	£ 419		
P.A.'s	£1,914		
DOM	£ 157		<b>£ 2,490</b>
<b>Total cost per month</b>			<b>£ 9,175</b>
<b>3 months' worth of costs</b>			<b>£ 27,525</b>
Unrestricted General Fund			£109,759
Excess of Reserves over cost			£82,234

**The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

On behalf of the Rector and the PCC, I would like to thank you all for the financial support you have given in 2024, from both St Mary's Church and Chapel which is very much appreciated.

My personal thanks go to the Rector, the PCC, Karen Briggs and Catherine Saunders for all their support this year and to Brigitte Drabble for her valuable and steadfast work as Gift Aid Secretary.

*G Brown 8th April 2025*

Geraldine Brown

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 18.

## **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the trustees' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



**CJ GOODHEAD FCA**  
Knight Goodhead Limited  
Chartered Accountants

17 April 2025

7 Bournemouth Road  
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# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income</b>						
Donations and Legacies	2	92,987	474	-	93,461	107,441
Other Trading Activities	2	13,082	-	-	13,082	12,691
Investments	2	23,256	368	-	23,624	19,655
Charitable Activities	2	25,832	440	-	26,272	17,193
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>155,157</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,439</b>	<b>156,980</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Fund Raising Trading costs	3	1,055	-	-	1,055	1,886
Charitable Activities	3	207,628	13,648	-	221,276	176,252
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>208,683</b>	<b>13,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>222,331</b>	<b>178,138</b>
Investment gains and losses	7	-	-	762	762	2,790
<b>Net (deficit)/Surplus before transfers</b>		<b>(53,526)</b>	<b>(12,366)</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>(65,130)</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>
Transfers between funds		25,950	(25,950)	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(27,576)</b>	<b>(38,316)</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>(65,130)</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>
Fund Balances at 1 January 2024	10	632,335	83,244	32,184	747,763	766,131
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>604,759</b>	<b>44,928</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>682,633</b>	<b>747,763</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income</b>						
Donations and Legacies		105,313	2,128	-	107,441	101,345
Other Trading Activities		12,691	-	-	12,691	15,293
Investments		19,292	363	-	19,655	14,912
Charitable Activities		17,193	-	-	17,193	18,465
Other Income		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>154,489</b>	<b>2,491</b>		<b>156,980</b>	<b>150,015</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Fund Raising Trading costs		1,886	-	-	1,886	2,556
Charitable Activities		171,394	4,858	-	176,252	143,382
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>173,280</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,138</b>	<b>145,938</b>
Investment gains and losses		-	-	2,790	2,790	121,104
<b>Net (deficit)/Surplus before transfers</b>		<b>(18,791)</b>	<b>(2,367)</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>	<b>125,181</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(18,791)</b>	<b>(2,367)</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>(18,368)</b>	<b>125,181</b>
Fund Balances at 1 January 2023	10	651,126	85,611	29,394	766,131	640,950
<b>Fund Balances at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>632,335</b>	<b>83,244</b>	<b>32,184</b>	<b>747,763</b>	<b>766,131</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Land and property	6	495,000		495,000	
Equipment	6	13,744		2,118	
Investments	7	<u>32,946</u>		<u>32,184</u>	
			541,690		529,302
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	8	3,132		3,738	
Short Term Deposits		130,504		215,451	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,199</u>		<u>12,399</u>	
			148,835		231,588
<b>Current Creditors</b>					
Liabilities due within one year	9		(7,892)		(13,127)
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>682,633</b></u>		<u><b>747,763</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Endowment funds	10		32,946		32,184
Restricted funds	10		44,928		83,244
Unrestricted funds	10		604,759		632,335
<b>Total Funds</b>	10		<u><b>682,633</b></u>		<u><b>747,763</b></u>

Signed on Behalf of the PCC by



Trustee

Date: 8th April, 2025



# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective January 2019). The statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of the investment assets, which are shown at market value, and the Verger's Cottage, which is shown at an independent valuation.

The financial statements include all 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 gatherings of church members.

#### (b) Funds

A description of the specific Funds is given in note 8 to the financial statements.

The Unrestricted Funds are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

The Restricted funds comprise funds where money has been given for a particular purpose and where the whole of the money, capital and income, may be applied only for that purpose.

The Endowment funds are funds where only the income may be applied: income from the Northbrook Trust may be applied for any of the purposes of the church, while income from the Churchyard Fund has to be applied for maintenance of the churchyard. Both funds are permanent endowment, i.e. the capital cannot be spent.

#### (c) Income

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Planned giving receivable under covenant or otherwise, Collections, Gift Aid donations, Grants and Legacies, are accounted for when received.

Funds raised by events (e.g. annual fete) are accounted for gross, with costs stated separately;

Income from parish magazine sales and advertisements is stated gross, with costs reported separately.

Rental income from the letting of church premises are accounted for when the rental is due.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

#### (d) Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are accounted for when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

#### (e) Expenditure

##### Grants for charitable purposes

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

##### Charitable activities

The Parish Share is accounted for when payable. Maintenance expenditure, whether accounted for through the Fabric Fund or otherwise, is treated as extraordinary only when major and the subject of a special appeal for funds; funds used for such purposes are treated as extraordinary income.

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

2	INCOME	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	<b><i>Donations and Legacies</i></b>					
	Planned giving "Gift Aid"	63,434	-	-	63,434	62,850
	"Gift Aid" Tax reclaimed	17,159	-	-	17,159	16,805
	Planned giving not "Gift Aid"	-	-	-	-	110
	Donations	8,304	174	-	8,478	7,438
	Other Giving	4,090	-	-	4,090	2,640
	Tuesday's Place	-	300	-	300	798
	Grant	-	-	-	-	1,800
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	15,000
	Total Donations and Legacies	<b>92,987</b>	<b>474</b>	-	<b>93,461</b>	<b>107,441</b>
	<b><i>Trading Activities</i></b>					
	Parish Magazine adverts	2,122	-	-	2,122	2,910
	Chapel Rental	6,804	-	-	6,804	5,728
	Fund Raising events	4,156	-	-	4,156	4,053
	Total Trading Activities	<b>13,082</b>	-	-	<b>13,082</b>	<b>12,691</b>
	<b><i>Investments</i></b>					
	Dividends and Interest	10,553	368	-	10,921	8,051
	Verger's Cottage	12,703	-	-	12,703	11,604
	Total Investments	<b>23,256</b>	<b>368</b>	-	<b>23,624</b>	<b>19,655</b>
	<b><i>Charitable Activities</i></b>					
	Parish Magazine Sales	3,819	-	-	3,819	3,488
	Church Rooms Rental	11,987	-	-	11,987	11,414
	Flower Fund Donation	-	440	-	440	-
	Bubbles	293	-	-	293	-
	VAT recoverable	2,477	-	-	2,477	-
	Wedding/Funeral Fees	7,256	-	-	7,256	2,291
	Charitable Activities	<b>25,832</b>	<b>440</b>	-	<b>26,272</b>	<b>17,193</b>
	Total Income	<b>155,157</b>	<b>1,282</b>	-	<b>156,439</b>	<b>156,980</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 3 Expenditure

#### Grants for charitable purposes

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

#### Charitable activities

The Parish Share is accounted for when payable. Maintenance expenditure, whether accounted for through the Fabric Fund or otherwise, is treated as extraordinary only when major and the subject of a special appeal for funds; funds used for such purposes are treated as extraordinary income.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><i>Raising Funds</i></b>					
Fund Raising Costs	1,055	-	-	1,055	1,886
Total Raising Funds	<b>1,055</b>	-	-	<b>1,055</b>	<b>1,886</b>
<b><i>Charitable Activities</i></b>					
Charitable Giving	5,400	174	-	5,574	5,797
Parish Share	66,963	-	-	66,963	72,107
Clergy Expenditure inc Admin	17,347	23	-	17,370	16,909
Honorariums	-	-	-	-	4,800
Caretaker and Cleaner	5,009	-	-	5,009	4,605
Upkeep of Services	5,018	-	-	5,018	3,456
Churchyard	136	2,974	-	3,110	7,823
Magazine costs	4,666	-	-	4,666	5,322
Chapel costs	16,138	-	-	16,138	9,652
Church and Rooms costs	29,425	-	-	29,425	14,325
Verger's Cottage costs	928	-	-	928	370
Administration	9,378	438	-	9,816	4,861
Administration Outreach	-	885	-	885	1,035
Cherish project	45,369	-	-	45,369	21,330
Support (Youth)	-	8,982	-	8,982	2,660
Flowers	51	172	-	223	
Independent Examination	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,200
Total Charitable Activities	<b>207,628</b>	<b>13,648</b>	-	<b>221,276</b>	<b>176,252</b>
Total Expenditure	<b>208,683</b>	<b>13,648</b>	-	<b>222,331</b>	<b>178,138</b>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

4 Staff Costs		2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Charitable activity</b>	<b>Wages and Salaries</b>		
Clergy Expenses	2 Administrators (average 25hrs/week)	13,589	12,206
Upkeep of Services	Minister of Music	1,874	1,814
Upkeep of Services	Caretaker and Cleaner	5,008	4,605
Assistant staff	Youth Worker	8,698	1,918
		<b>29,169</b>	<b>20,543</b>

Wages and Salaries

Pension payments commenced November 2016.

Tax and National Insurance contributions have been deducted where applicable.

The average number of staff employed during the year was four. No employee earned over £60,000.

No members of key management personnel were paid on an employed basis during this, or the prior, year. The role of Rector is not paid directly by the church, and the Church Warden is an unpaid post.

### 5 Related Party Transactions

During the year 5 (2023: 5) members of the PCC, excluding the Rector, received reimbursement for expenditure made on behalf of the PCC during 2024, mainly for consumable administration, outreach supplies, and works for the Chapel, Church Rooms and building, for a total of £5,579 (2023: £2,271).

During the year £10,620 (2023:£8,957) of payroll costs and £11,034 (2023: £164) of consumable administration costs were recharged to St Swithun's Church, a charity related through common trustees. These costs are not included in these accounts.

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings.

Consecrated and beneficed property (i.e. the Church and the Rectory) is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers them to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and equipment

Items of equipment with a purchase price of under £1,000 are written off when acquired. Equipment purchased for £1,000 or over for church purposes will be capitalised and written off over 4 or 5 years on a straight-line basis.

St Mary's Chapel/Church Hall building

Is held on a 99 year lease from 1972, is not being depreciated. The cost of the Church Rooms has been expensed and, as a building integrated with the Church, nothing is being set aside for depreciation. Built in 1973, at a cost of approximately £10,000, and extended in 1984, at a cost of £10,200, with finance provided by a bequest from Reginald Nelson, at that time the Hon. Treasurer of the PCC. It is built on land owned by Winchester City Council.

Verger's Cottage

Is a freehold semi-detached cottage in Church Lane, Kings Worthy. It was bequeathed to the Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's Church by the Will of Mrs Mary Elizabeth Curry, who died on 12th August 1946. In a Codicil to her Will she expressed the wish, but without creating any binding obligation, that the Cottage should be retained for the use of the Verger. On 24th February 1950 the Cottage was vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands and on 6th June 1950 approval for retention of the property was given by the Charity Commission. The cottage was valued by Andrew Mathys, a qualified valuer and Associate Director of Goadsby & Harding (Residential) Ltd, in November 2022 at £475,000. Mr Mathys is not a Trustee or a member of the Charity's staff.

	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Total Equipment £
<b>COST</b>				
At beginning of year	495,000	2,760	6,183	8,943
Additions	-	17,152	-	17,152
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At end of year	<u>495,000</u>	<u>19,912</u>	<u>6,183</u>	<u>26,095</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At beginning of year	-	1,189	5,635	6,824
Charge for the year	-	4,979	548	5,527
On disposals	-	-	-	-
At end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>6,168</u>	<u>6,183</u>	<u>12,351</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At end of year	<u>495,000</u>	<u>13,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,744</u>
At beginning of year	<u>495,000</u>	<u>1,570</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>2,118</u>

# The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Kings Worthy

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 7 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Units	Value £	Gain/(Loss) £	2024 £	2023 £
CCLA Northbrook Trust	796	23.12	412	18,406	17,994
CCLA Sir William Kay	41	23.13	46	944	898
CCLA Mary Ward	264	23.12	137	6,104	5,968
CCLA Mr Cundell Blake	324	23.12	168	7,492	7,324
			<b>762</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>32,184</b>

### 8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income Tax Recoverable	1,399	-	-	1,399	1,836
Church Rooms and Chapel Bookings	1,733	-	-	1,733	1,902
	<b>3,132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>3,738</b>

### 9 CREDITORS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Cherish project	3,435	-	-	3,435	8,020
Independent Examination	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,200
Tea & Toast	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,188
Parish Magazine Printing and HWPCC share	157	-	-	157	888
Church/Chapel Gas Supply	1,145	-	-	1,145	460
Church/Chapel Electric Supply	289	-	-	289	252
Staff costs pension	75	-	-	75	-
Church and Rooms Water	169	-	-	169	475
Church Maintenance	-	-	-	-	60
Service costs Church and Hall	-	-	-	-	311
Youth Worker	-	-	-	-	247
Bank charges	42	-	-	42	27
	<b>7,892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>13,127</b>



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10	FUNDS	At 1 January 2024	Income and Gains	Expenditure and Losses	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	<i>Restricted funds</i>					
	Chapel Trust	424	-	-	-	424
	Restricted Giving	-	174	(174)	-	-
	Tuesday's Place	1,395	300	(1,233)	550	1,012
	Childrens' Lunch Club	550	-	-	(550)	-
	Churchyard Maintenance	6,449	368	(2,974)	-	3,843
	Community Sanctuary Chest	543	-	-	-	543
	Flower Fund		440	(172)	50	318
	Warm Welcome	646		(90)	-	556
	Youth Education	73,237	-	(9,005)	(26,000)	38,232
	<b>Total Restricted funds</b>	<b>83,244</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>(13,648)</b>	<b>(25,950)</b>	<b>44,928</b>
	<i>Endowment funds</i>					
	Northbrook Trust	17,994	457	-	-	18,451
	Churchyard	14,190	305	-	-	14,495
	<b>Total Endowment funds</b>	<b>32,184</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,946</b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
	General Fund	42,997	151,640	(125,717)	7,832	76,752
	<i>Designated funds</i>					
	Charitable Giving	5,688		(5,250)	6,298	6,736
	Music	1,126	997	-		2,123
	Fabric	6,190	-	(6,190)	-	-
	Alpha and Missions	-	-			-
	Community Outreach Chest	205	-	-	-	205
	Rector's Discretionary	1,128	200	(458)	-	870
	Kiddle Legacy	34,414	-	(15,538)	-	18,876
	Cooke Legacy	7,955		(7,955)	-	-
	Chisslands Charity Gift	35,832	2,320	(23,972)	(14,180)	-
	Chisslands Admin Grant	1,800		(122)	-	1,678
	Cherish Building Project RIBA			(23,481)	26,000	2,519
	Vergers Cottage	475,000	-	-	-	475,000
	Chapel	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>632,335</b>	<b>155,157</b>	<b>(208,683)</b>	<b>25,950</b>	<b>604,759</b>
	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>747,763</b>	<b>157,201</b>	<b>(222,331)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>682,633</b>

### Restricted and endowment funds

Restricted and endowment funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and the details of the funds held and restrictions are as below.

### Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are those funds that may be spent for any purpose however the charity has chosen to designate some of the funds for specific purposes. Details of the designated funds held are as below.

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### **The restricted funds comprise:**

#### *Churchyard Maintenance:*

A gift of £8000 received in November 2019 from Mrs Dorothy Gravett in memory of her son Barry Walters for keeping the Churchyard in good order. Dividends received from the Churchyard Endowment Funds are paid into this Fund. A Legacy of £1000 received in July 2022 from the Estate of the late Hannah Livesey with a request it is used for the upkeep of the graves and churchyard.

#### *Chapel Trust:*

The Chapel Trust was set up in 2012 for the purpose of funding improvements and refurbishment of the Chapel/Church Hall. Part of the vision is that the Chapel becomes a focal point for the local area and is open to the community in general when not in use for services, clubs and other hirers.

#### *Tuesday's Place*

A community afternoon club. Tuesday's Place received a gift of £670 in 2016 to be used for the benefit of members at their meetings in the Chapel. Topped up in 2022 by the transfer of balances from designated funds, Anna Chaplaincy and Pantry. In 2024 the fund was topped up by £550 from the transfer of the balance from The Children's Lunch Club.

#### *Children's Lunch Club*

Launched in 2016 and funded by grants from Kings Worthy Parish Council, Winchester & District Welfare Trust and the Church & Village Fete. During the year with agreement from the donor's and the PCC the final balance of £550 was transferred to Tuesday's Place.

#### *Restricted Giving:*

Giving by parishioners for specific nominated purposes, the balance is always zero as the funds are passed on to the nominees in the period.

#### *Youth Education Worker fund:*

In July 2024, a request was made to the Chisslands Trust by the PCC to convert part of the grant made by the Trust in 2022 of £75,000 for youth and children's provision across both parishes. The request was that £36,000 of the remaining grant might be diverted to support the Cherish Build Project and their design efforts as it related to the provision of facilities for youth and children. This was agreed and that the PCC would make arrangements to bolster the original fund by repaying the loan of £6,000 each year, for 6 years. £26,000 was withdrawn in 2024.

#### *Community Sanctuary Chest:*

Fund set up to help Ukrainian refugees in need of accommodation and necessities, available for people in similar crisis situations in the community.

#### *Warm Welcome*

A Warm Welcome facility introduced during November 2022 in the Chapel, offering refreshments and sociability to the community initially twice a week however during 2024 the group did not meet as often. This was financed by two gifts of £500 each and subsequent gifts of £100 and £300.

#### *Flower Fund*

In 2024 the flower fund was set up to manage the account within the church finances. The flower team continue to apply their expertise on a weekly basis to enhance the beauty of church for which we are extremely grateful.

### **The endowment funds comprise:**

#### *Northbrook Trust:*

The Trust was established on 2nd April 1956 by the Fifth Lord Northbrook from the proceeds of selling a schoolhouse and land in the parish. One-third of the income is to be applied for the maintenance of St Mary's Church; the balance is to be applied for general purposes, i.e. for the Church or Church Hall. One-third of the capital was permitted to be used, with the consent of the Bishop of Winchester; it was withdrawn in April 1973 for financing the new Church Hall. The remaining capital is invested in 796 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund and held in trust by the Diocese.

#### *Sir William Algernon Kay:*

For the benefit of the poor in the parish. The capital originally consisted of £100 in War Loan, which was reinvested in April 1985 in 21.98 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund with reinvestment of dividends.

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#### The endowment funds (continued):

##### *Mrs Mary Ward:*

For keeping the structure and grounds of the Church in good order, with a request (but not a legal obligation) to keep the gravestones of her husband and herself in good order and repair. The capital was invested at that time in 264 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund.

##### *Mr Cundell Blake:*

In 1989 gave £1,000 to the Church which was invested in 324 shares in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund.

The interest and dividends received from the investments are used towards the cost of keeping the grass of the churchyard mown and other maintenance expenditure. Dividends reinvested in the Kay fund are left to accumulate. Dividends reinvested in the Kay fund are left to accumulate.

#### The designated funds comprise:

##### *Charitable Giving:*

7% of the General Fund Total Offerings was appropriated to the Blessing Others Hub.

##### *Chisslands Charity:*

Any unspent money at the end of 4th year to be returned to the Chisslands Trust.

##### *Music:*

The fund is to support resources to enhance music within our worship.

##### *Fabric:*

Expenditure in the Fabric Fund is usually associated with Quinquennial requirements and major building repairs.

##### *Alpha and Missions:*

Set up to accommodate donations and expenditure in connection with the Alpha Course and to support further Missions.

##### *Community Outreach Chest*

Fund set up during Covid 19 and to help those in need of sanctuary in the Parish.

##### *Rector's Discretionary:*

Donations received with a specification to be used at the Rector's discretion.

##### *Kiddle Legacy:*

The late Dr Josephine Kiddle left St Mary's Church a 10% residual share of her estate amounting to £57,776.93, to be put towards the upkeep and work of the Church with no conditions applied. In 2022 the fund financed new blocked paving installation in the Churchyard. In 2024 the fund part financed costs of the refurbishment of toilets £10,225 in church rooms and £5,319 was used towards the cost of the Chapel fire doors.

##### *Cooke Legacy*

Andrew Cooke bequeathed St Mary's Church a legacy of £15,000. In 2023 the fund financed an extension of the new blocked paving path in the churchyard to the value of £7,045. In 2024 £7,955 was used from the fund towards the costs of refurbishment of the toilets in the church rooms.

##### *Vergers Cottage:*

Per valuation

##### *Chapel:*

Per build cost.

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11	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
	<i>For the year ended 31 December 2024</i>				
	Fixed Assets	508,744	-	32,946	541,690
	Current Assets	103,907	44,928	-	148,835
	Creditors: falling due within one year	(7,892)	-	-	(7,892)
	Net assets at 31 December 2024	<b>604,759</b>	<b>44,928</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>682,633</b>
	<i>For the year ended 31 December 2023</i>				
	Fixed Assets	497,118	-	32,184	529,302
	Current Assets	148,344	83,244	-	231,588
	Creditors: falling due within one year	(13,127)	-	-	(13,127)
	Net assets at 31 December 2023	<b>632,336</b>	<b>83,244</b>	<b>32,184</b>	<b>747,763</b>

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12	Fund Movements Prior Year Comparative	At 1 January 2023	Income and Gains	Expenditure and Losses	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
	<i>Restricted funds</i>					
	Chapel Trust	424	-	-	-	424
	Restricted Giving	-	930	(930)	-	-
	Tuesday's Place	597	798	-	-	1,395
	Childrens' Lunch Club	550	-	-	-	550
	Churchyard Maintenance	6,835	363	(749)	-	6,449
	Community Sanctuary Chest	553	-	(10)	-	543
	Warm Welcome	763	400	(517)	-	646
	Youth Education	75,889	-	(2,652)	-	73,237
	<b>Total Restricted funds</b>	<b>85,611</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>(4,858)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,244</b>
	<i>Endowment funds</i>					
	Northbrook Trust	16,447	1,547	-	-	17,994
	Churchyard	12,947	1,243	-	-	14,190
	<b>Total Endowment funds</b>	<b>29,394</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,184</b>
	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
	General Fund	40,984	137,343	(129,336)	(5,994)	42,997
	Charitable Giving	4,106	-	(4,400)	5,982	5,688
	Music	1,126	-	-	-	1,126
	Fabric	6,190	-	-	-	6,190
	Anna Chaplaincy	129	-	(141)	12	-
	Alpha and Missions	205	-	-	-	205
	Community Outreach Chest	1,472	346	(690)	-	1,128
	Pantry	34,414	-	-	-	34,414
	Rector's Discretionary	-	15,000	(7,045)	-	7,955
	Kiddle Legacy	67,500	-	(31,668)	-	35,832
	Chisslands Charity Gift	-	1,800	-	-	1,800
	Vergers Cottage	475,000	-	-	-	475,000
	Chapel	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>651,126</b>	<b>154,489</b>	<b>(173,280)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>632,335</b>
	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>766,131</b>	<b>159,770</b>	<b>(178,138)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>747,763</b>