

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Newcastle St Giles with Butterton

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1130602

The Parochial Church Council of Newcastle St Giles with Butterton Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Newcastle St Giles with Butterton (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Joshua Penduck, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Newcastle Under Lyme with Butterton. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Newcastle St Giles with Butterton, it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and Performance

RECTORS REPORT 2024

Objectives

The primary objective of the PCC is to promote the Mission of God (Missio Dei), evangelistically, pastorally, socially and ecologically, in collaboration with every member of the two congregations. Our Mission Statement is that we are seeking to be 'a friendly church community, rooted in and serving the communities of central Newcastle-under-Lyme and Butterson and offering good quality worship, ministry and leadership. We are seeking to be a welcoming worshipping community of all ages.' In the context of St Giles with St Thomas this is done through regular public worship, catechism, pastoral care both individually and through occasional offices, engagement and/or collaboration with community organisations, groups and visiting individuals, and through environmentally sound care of our churchyards.

The secondary objectives of the PCC during 2024 were to:

1. Communication:

- Design and implement a new church website
- Developing social media presence
- Using print media for flyers and invitations
- Utilising banners outside church

2. Finance:

- Addressing Common Fund/ Budget deficit
- Addressing finances around St Thomas

3. Closing the gap between seeker and disciple:

- Development of current events serving not-yet members of the church
- Running regular enquirers courses and inviting folks along to them
- Encouraging prayer as a discipline of discipleship (including praying for growth)
- Developing the St Giles Community Project

4. Development of worship:

- Developing a mixed offering of worship at different times and in different styles
- Developing excellence in welcome, being aware of and attentive to newcomers and intentionally building relationships with those we don't know in church
- Utilising invitations to invite people to attend worship and events

5. 'The Next Generation' (Psalm 78.1-7)

- Developing mission and ministry to children, young people and families
- Developing church-school links

Activities

St Giles with St Thomas have been able to meet our primary objectives during 2024:

- St Giles and St Thomas remained open for worship throughout 2024.
- St Giles continued to have a regular 10.30am service (All Age Worship once a month, a sung Eucharist all the other Sundays), a monthly BCP Communion on Sundays at 8am, and a weekday Communion on Wednesday lunchtimes.
- St Thomas continued to have a monthly service, with extra services for Festival Days (Christmas, Easter etc).
- A Lent course was provided on the theme of 'What is Holy Communion?'
- Occasional offices have continued
- The church has been used by community groups, including uniformed organisations and the Newcastle under Lyme Burgesses. Connection have been maintained with the church school, St Giles and St George's Academy; Sue Taylor of St Giles Church became the Chair of Governors at St Giles and St George's Academy

As can be seen below, many of our secondary objectives have been met, with others still in development:

- Communication:
 - We have been in conversations to develop a new website.

- Our social media presence has continued through the work of our parish administrator, Mrs. Penny Richards
- We developed several hundred flyers and invitations for the St Giles Community Project, and the Christianity and Hope Explored courses
- We developed banners outside the Church for Christmas events and permanent sign fixtures for the St Giles Community Project
- Finance
 - As can be seen from the Financial Report, St Giles has financially struggled during 2024.
 - St Thomas finances have maintained the downward trajectory from 2023, though now at a slower pace. This is due to the following reasons:
 - shrinking congregation numbers
 - problematic facilities (such as a lack of wheelchair ramp, quality toilets, distance from housing), meaning little interest from community groups in hiring the building
 - a lack of sustained community interest in keeping the church financially viable combined with a small social demographic surrounding the church

A group of people from both the church and village have created several social and worship events to involve the community in. Though this has increased the church's profile in the local community, most of the funds raised continue to be eaten up by repairs and the contribution to the Common Fund. This continues to leave many disheartened.
 - We have planned for a giving campaign in 2025.
- Closing the gap between seeker and disciple
 - The development of the Friday St Giles Community Project has gone from strength to strength, now providing free lunches and many interesting and varied workshops, connecting with the local community. We have received outside funding for this to help make a bigger impact. Many thanks to Chris Taylor, Gillian Elks, and Penny Richards for organizing this.
 - Through the Community Project, we have had further connections with St Giles and St George's Academy, and Keele University, and have developed a Holiday Club in the summer holidays for primary school children.
 - Two enquirers and discipleship courses were held. Hope Explored, a three-week course for enquirers, was held in February and October 2024, with three attendees across both. Another online Christianity Explored courses was held from April to May, with one attendee.
 - The Lent Course 'What is Holy Communion?' was held during Lent.
 - Two confirmation services were held, in February and in November, with adult and child baptisms at both.
 - We have yet to encourage prayer as a discipline of discipleship.
 - The Bible Study has continued throughout 2024, looking at Genesis.
- Development of Worship
 - Currently St Giles and St Thomas emphasise various traditional forms of worship. These include:
 - 10.30am Sung eucharist at St Giles (with children's church, or 'Shine', running in parallel) (3 or 4 times a month)
 - 8am Spoken BCP communion at St Giles (twice a month)
 - 1.10am midweek lunchtime communion at St Giles (weekly)
 - 10.30am communion at St Thomas (once a month)

We currently have four non-traditional forms of worship:

 - A monthly All-Age Worship at St Giles
 - A monthly service at several sheltered accommodation complexes or residential homes (Hempstalls Hall, Rowan Court, Mill Rise)
 - A quarterly Messy Church

The PCC will explore ways in which this diversity can be developed.
 - Services continue to be held at Rowan Court Care Home, Hempstalls Hall Care Home, and Mill Rise Sheltered Accommodation. Many thanks to Revd Ann Taylor for ensuring these vital services continue. Mill Rise services are shared with St Mary's Knutton.
 - We are glad that Revd Clare Watson, our curate, has been able to join the Ministry Team at St Giles
- The Next Generation
 - We currently employ a Children and Families Worker, Jean Buckley, for 5 hours a week.
 - Shine, our Sunday club, has grown and is now an established part of our ministry at St Giles. So also has Messy Church developed. Many thanks to Jean Buckley and all the volunteers who have helped make this happen.
 - I regularly lead worship in St Giles and St George's School. The children also come to St Giles once a month for GLOW. More work needs to be done on how to develop these links.
 - I am invited to assemblies at Blackfriars Academy and St John's School Keele on occasions

Review of 2024

Special events at St Giles with St Thomas have included the following:

- A confirmation service was held on 4th February, with three adult confirmations (one also baptised), one child confirmed, and one child baptised
- A Messy Church service was held on 14th February
- A Shrove Tuesday Beetle-Drive was held on 14th February, followed by our Ash Wednesday service on 15th
- Members of the Community Project and Keele University students joined with a Medical Project at St Giles and St George's Academy on 28th February
- 1st March, a quiz was held at St Giles in fundraising for St Thomas
- During Holy Week, we had a Palm Sunday service (with outside procession), a Maundy Thursday service with a Garden of Repose, and a Good Friday Messy Church, Ecumenical Service, and Reflections at the Cross. On Easter Day, I was invited to preach at the ecumenical sunrise service; we also had an 8am Communion, a 10.30am family communion at St Giles, and a 10.30am traditional communion at St Thomas
- 21st April we held the St George's service for the Newcastle under Lyme Scouts, which was very well received
- 9th May, we held our Ascension Day service
- Our APCM was held on 21st May
- 6th June, the Town's D-Day commemoration service was held at St Giles, followed by the lighting of a commemorative beacon outside Queen's Gardens
- 7th June, the Rector represented St Giles at the RAFA D-Day commemorative meal
- 9th June, a D-Day celebration garden party was held at the Rectory
- 16th June, the Mayor of Newcastle, Cllr Barry Panter, was inducted at St Giles
- 28th June, the Rector was invited to host the election hustings at Newcastle Baptist Church
- 29th June, St Giles led the Armed Forces Day service in the town centre
- 29th June, the new curate, Revd Clare Watson was ordained at Lichfield Cathedral
- 30th June, St Giles welcomed Revd Clare Watson and her family, including a party
- 3rd July, the Rector was invited to judge a 'Cake Competition' at St Giles and St George's Academy
- 4th July, the Rector led the talk for the Society for the Welfare of the Blind meeting
- 7th July, Revd Clare Watson was welcomed at a service at St Thomas Butterson
- 9th July, St Giles hosted the Newcastle Deanery Chapter meeting
- 14th July, St Giles was represented at St Andrews Church event for the closing of their church hall (which St Giles had helped build in the 30s)
- 21st July, St Giles was represented for the leaving service of the local Methodist minister
- 22nd-25th July, a Holiday Club was held at St Giles, through the work of the St Giles Community Project
- 24th July, Messy Church was held at St Giles
- 24th July, a community 'clean-up the church drive' event was held at St Thomas Butterson
- 27th July, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church held their national St Gabreal celebrations at St Giles, with hundreds in attendance.
- 15th August, a meeting was held with Ven Megan Smith, Archdeacon, regarding the future of St Thomas' Butterson
- 25th August, a Strawberries and Cream event was held at the Rectory Garden
- 29th August, St Giles was represented for the arrival of the new Methodist minister
- 1st August, a celebration was held for the retirement of Revd Dr David Kirk Beedon and Julie Beedon
- 7th September, a Heritage Day was held at St Giles church
- 15th September, the Battle of Britain Commemorative service was held at St Giles
- 22nd September, the Society for Historic Churches in North Staffordshire visited St Giles and St Thomas
- 6th October, a Beer and Pimms and Hymns Harvest Service was held at St Thomas
- 8th and 10th October, 'Climate Change and Faith' mornings were held at St Giles for children from St Giles and St George's Academy
- 12th October, the Harvest Supper was held at St Giles
- 3rd November, a Fashion Show was held at St Giles
- St Giles led the town Remembrance Day service on November 10th and held the Remembrance Day service on 11th November
- 11th November, Edenhurst School held a Remembrance Service at St Giles
- 16th November, the Christmas Fayre was held at St Giles
- 24th November, a confirmation service was held at St Giles with five adults confirmed (two baptised), one child confirmed, and two children baptized.
- 4th December, the Wednesday Fellowship Advent Party was held
- 8th December we held our Christingle and Nativity Service at St Giles

- 13th December, the Dalian Singers held their concert at St Giles
- 15th December, an outdoor Carol Service was held at St Thomas
- 19th December, the Ministry and Management Team held their Christmas meal
- 22nd December, St Giles held its Civic Carol Service
- On 24th December, 'One More Sleep' was held at St Giles.

Other important things to note are the following:

- Throughout 2024, we have had 31 baptisms, 1 wedding, and 34 funerals/committals of ashes at St Giles, St Thomas and local crematoriums.

Thanks

Many thanks go to our Wardens, Gillian Elks, Dennis Brammer, and Joanne Bentley for their persistent and tireless work in maintaining our buildings at St Giles and St Thomas. Thanks also go to our Deputy Wardens Ian Taylor, Sheila Gurney, Melvyn Rider, and Ian Bentley; and to our Treasurer, Jane McKeever for her sterling work in helping balance the books. Many thanks to Hilary Jones for stepping in as a temporary PCC Secretary between January and June 2024.

Many thanks to the ministry team – which includes Revd Clare Watson, Revd Peter Nisbeck, Revd Ann Taylor, and honorary associate priests Revd Dr David Kirk Beedon and Revd Pat Smith. It has been a delight to welcome Revd Clare Watson, our curate, who has been warmly received by both churches.

Many thanks to our staff – Penny Richards and Jean Buckley – for their work in maintaining the life and worship of St Giles. Thanks to Penny for maintaining order despite having to work with a dyspraxic Rector! Thanks go to our Financial Advisor, Kim Benton, for her work in helping St Giles with St Thomas maintain a healthy financial stability. Many thanks to Peter Revd Peter Nisbeck for his continued leadership of the choir.

A church is nothing without its great body of volunteers who help keep it going. Although I could not thank everyone by name, I would especially like to thank our PCC members, Laurie Bailey and the Green Team, Chris Taylor, Gillian Elks, and Penny Richards for their work with the St Giles Community Project, Pat Lovatt and the Friday Morning Team, Sue Taylor and the team at St Thomas' for their sterling work with the Saturday Coffee Morning, Michael Pitstow for the Magazine, Wendy Burke and the Wednesday Fellowship, the choir and all other musicians, the St Thomas Sub-committee, the Finance Sub-Committee, the Churchyard Sub-committee, those on our cleaning, coffee and market stall rotas, those on our reading and intercessions rotas, the flower arrangers, the bellringers, and so many others.

Staffing

In 2024, the PCC employed three members of staff:

- Jean Buckley, Children and Families Worker
- Penny Richards, Parish Administrator
- Revd Peter Nisbeck, Director of Music

Rector's Work outside the parish

I have been involved in several organisations outside St Giles with St Thomas during 2021:

- I am a Director of St Giles and St George's Academy, with involvement with the SIAMS link
- I retired as Chair of Fulcrum and from the Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) in January 2024
- I am a member of the Diocesan Deliverance Ministry
- I have written on several occasions for the Church of England Newspaper

Future Plans

The PCC will continue to implement and develop our Action Plan formulated in October 2022.

Revd Joshua Penduck

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2024

Resignations:

Amy Morgan resigned from the PCC in August 2024.

Standing Committee meetings and PCC meetings:

- Between January 2024 and December 2024 there were six PCC meetings, four Standing Committee meetings (all Standing Committee meetings were held online), and three Extra-Ordinary PCC Meetings.
- All meetings were well attended and there was lively and well-informed debate about several important issues.

Issues:

- The Rector has changed the format and structure of the PCC to include more subcommittees, enabling a deeper focus at PCC Meetings
- The PCC were happy to continue to employ our Children and Families Worker, particularly due to generous donations. A new contract will be drawn up in January 2025.
- Strong links with the St Giles and St George Academy continue.
- We continued to struggle appointing a new PCC Secretary. Many thanks to Hilary Jones being a temporary PCC Secretary, and those who have minuted in the meantime.

New appointments:

- We extended a warm welcome to Joanne Bentley, Ian Bentley, Amy Morgan, Jill Griffin, and Michael Pitstow, as newly elected PCC members in May 2024. We welcomed Revd Clare Watson as an ex-officio member in July 2024.

Revd Joshua Penduck

WARDENS REPORT ST. THOMAS BUTTERTON

During the previous 12 months the usual housekeeping has been done. The oil was ordered and delivered, the fire extinguishers serviced with one having to be replaced and the boiler serviced. The header tank has been monitored, and thanks go to Mr David Elks for checking on the heating's timer control. Smoke bombs were lit in the church to remove insects. Recently there has been evidence of rodents in the church and steps are being taken to tackle the problem with traps. A portable sound system has been purchased jointly with St Giles and has been used successfully particularly at the outdoor services. Thanks go to the Sub Committee for organising 2 working parties to keep the driveway clear of encroaching vegetation. Some work was also done on The Garden of Remembrance.

A number of very successful and enjoyable fund-raising events were organised by the Sub Committee throughout last year and the Saturday coffee mornings continued during the warmer months.

Sadly, the future of the church looks increasingly uncertain, the process to consider its closure has begun.

Dennis Brammer and Joanne Bentley

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT 2024

2024 has been a busy year with further adaptations and changes made to get things running smoothly.

We held 18 services for Baptisms and 2 with Confirmation, at which 27 children and young adults and 3 adult received baptism and / or confirmation, at St Giles, and one baptism of a child at St Thomas. Another wonderful act of mission and potential growth.

Disappointingly there was only 1 wedding service in 2024.

26 funeral and memorial services were held at St Giles' and 8 committal of ashes services were officiated by members of our ministry team at crematoria or cemeteries.

We have also facilitated St Mary's Knutton funeral services, as their church is under repair following storms in the summer.

Our regular hirers of the church hall continued to make use of the facilities throughout the year, with Monday and Tuesday evenings occupied properly by the Guiding groups, and alternate Fridays by the Bell ringers in the tower (who are not paying hirers).

We have created advertising for the hire of our facilities and had quite a number of enquiries but no regular up take as yet.

Friday Coffee Shop and Community Mornings are a well-established weekly event, with fortnightly Mini Markets thriving once again and occasional workshops and talks proving popular. Christmas lunch on 6th and 13th December were popular once again, and a slightly less serious challenge for the amazing volunteers who set up served and cleared up on both days. We have many apple pies residing in freezers for use in the new year at Friday lunch times!!

2 New Kitchen helpers joined us in 2024 for both Coffee Shop and lunch time although more are still desperately needed to help the small teams: we seek volunteers from the wider community and need to spread the word.

The APCM was held in May 2024.

Parish News and Memo are still published online and in hardcopy, reaching out to the wider local community. More hard copies are now being printed due to its popularity at Coffee Shop!

Our thanks to Michael continuing to tirelessly produce amazing magazines each month. Parish News continues to receive high praise from far beyond Newcastle!

Card Payments continue to be a useful source of income for giving, car parking, special events and some coffee shop clients who are used to being cashless shoppers as well as guests at Life Services and Messy Church who have been grateful to have the facility available.

The role learning curve still has its steep parts as Rev'd Josh, the ministry team and I continue to discover what is needed from me and what the parish will need as we continue to adjust to changes from diocese, the Church of England, government and from within the church and parish.

I appreciate the support and guidance from all of you in helping our churches and parish function well.

Penny Richards – Parish Administrator

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2024

Deanery meetings for the period February 2024 until February 2025 are as follows:

23rd May 2024 All Saints Church, Madeley.

Guest speaker Revd Tim Watson

Theme "Pioneering Ministry "

At the meeting we received information about the forthcoming Dioceses Strategic Framework meeting scheduled for 6th July 2024.

Tim presented his experiences in pursuing a Pioneering Ministry. He encouraged the idea of reaching out, going into local communities where possible. He talked about his experience of cafe style meetings away from the church. Looking at new opportunities, ie new housing estates, to look to different settings etc. Going into schools, turning a local library into a prayer space. He talked about various events he had undertaken relating to both Madeley and Betley churches particularly involving local schools. He had witnessed growth in both churches. I believe such an approach is at a pioneering stage, but it was encouraging to hear Tim's bold and innovative approach.

There is a Diocese link "Pioneering Parishes "

11th June 2024.

Husting meeting for Stoke North.

Chaired by Joshua Penduck.

We heard a brief narrative from each of the local political candidates prior to voting day.

This included a brief questions and answers session for each candidate

6th July 2024

The Diocese Strategic Framework, shaping for mission

Presented by Bishop Matthew.

Four basic principles were outlined:

- 1) be purposeful about evangelism with an aim for growth
- 2) to engage with local communities.
- 3) to be more diverse at every level and in every way
- 4) to grow younger .

He referenced 9 goals as a means to achieve progress.

There had been a huge loss in church attendance, particularly since covid.

Dioceses aim is to achieved 34,000 disciples within the next 6 years.

The framework is offered as a vision to help churches to grow.

25/26th September 2024

Diocese 24 hour day of prayer

Each church was asked to participate .

26th October 2024 Holy Trinity, Chesterton

Theme "Growing Faith"

speaker Laura Edward's (Diocesan Evangelist Enabler)

Presentation centred around church schools working together.

Once again this felt very pioneering with little practical evidence.

Four key principles were offered

- 1) voices - sharing of stories.
- 2) relationship - developing inter-relationships.
- 3) rhythms of faith.
- 4) purpose - the opportunity to do faith.

References to prayer spaces in schools, homework club - going in to support children with their homework.

15th January 2025 a zoom meeting

Theme "gambling"

presented by retired Bishop Alan Smith.

Meeting took place on "zoom"

Brief introduction to gambling and its various forms. Referenced a couple who came to see him when he was in ministry about their son who took his life due to a gambling problem. This led him into being involved in a select committee - House of Lords - which produced a 180 page report relating to gambling. Statistical data was presented to support the problems that gambling presents to many families. Over 400 suicides per year are related to gambling in UK. Male dominated contingent. Teenager boys being the most vulnerable. Football was highlighted as a particular source of concern.

Local perception of gambling may be influenced by the influence of Bet365 ?

Please note support is available - NHS Midlands Gambling Harms Clinic

tel. 0300123996

[Adam.org.uk/MPFTgam](https://adam.org.uk/MPFTgam)

St Giles was very well represented at all of the above meetings by various ministers , representatives and church members

Paul Daley February 2025

St Giles Churchyard Management Plan, Green Team Report for 2024

St Giles Churchyard is managed jointly by the Church and Newcastle Borough Council. The St Giles Green Team volunteers tend the flower beds and borders, remove litter, and provide environmental opportunities for various groups. The Borough Council mows the lawns and maintains the drive and pathways. They also generously provide daffodil bulbs under the Council's 'Planting Assistance Scheme'. St Giles project teams are also developing schemes to fence off the meter house and an external lighting scheme, both for health and safety reasons.

2024 was a busy and successful year and St Giles was delighted to be awarded a Green Flag by 'Keep Britain Tidy' the sponsors of the Green Flag competition and also a Silver Award in the 'Community Gardens' category of the Newcastle in Bloom Competition. The Green Team continued to tend the flower beds during the year yielding colourful results and material for our Church flower arrangers. Spring produced an attractive display of daffodils and further bulb planting followed in the autumn by the west door and southern boundary wall during a Messy Church event and by the Mayer Tomb in December. External help was engaged to cut the hedges and mulch several flower beds. The Churchyard was put to good use for many activities including those of uniformed groups, Messy Church, and the Heritage Day. The Green Team worked hand in hand with the Friday Community project in delivering, gardening stalls, planting sessions, fundraising and worked with the Rector to deliver two 'Faith and Climate Change' talks to St Giles' and St Georges' Academy pupils.

A project to record the Headstones and Memorials, both in the Church and Churchyard, was put on hold due to a lack of resources. Expenditure on the upkeep of the Churchyard in 2024 is shown in the Treasurer's report as £1241.99. Volunteer hours were not recorded. The five-year Management Plan period (2019-2023) funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund has now ended. However, residual funds have been ring fenced to continue with Churchyard work. It is proposed that St Giles will continue to actively manage the Churchyard using the Green Flag criteria and enter the Green Flag and Newcastle in Bloom competitions in 2025. Grateful thanks are due to our dedicated Green Team Members, the Rector, Clergy and Wardens for their support and to Newcastle Borough Council and to the Heritage Lottery Fund for originally funding this project.

Laurie Bailey – 04 February 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER REPORT
MARCH 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025

REGULAR SUNDAYS

SHINE numbers have continued to increase this year. And we are blessed with a very lively and buoyant Junior Church!

On 18 occasions we had between 10 - 19 children in attendance. Very often 15, 16 and 17 children.

Only on 2 occasions were the numbers down to 5.

New families have joined us but sadly one of our lovely families who came most weeks moved to Ireland.

Happily, Nancy, who is a very mature Christian for her age, was confirmed in October. Two other children were baptized at the same time along with their parents, who also got confirmed.

YOUTH GROUP

James, and Rosie, when she was home from university, ran the youth group in the first half of the year for 11 - 18 year olds every first and third Sunday of the month. At one session they had 6 people in attendance. But, mostly just one person would be present. Unfortunately, Primrose, who would often bring her younger brother left in the summer. She did not respond to my attempts to contact her.

Although James would prepare for the group, there would usually be just one person there of the right age and they preferred to join the younger children for company. If we could just get 2 teenagers to regularly attend I think they would not be as shy and it would grow.

I still believe that maybe a social evening or outing at some point might be good to bond them and bring them together at the same time. Our oatcake breakfasts did draw in some extra people. And we need to be aware that there will be others soon who will be nearing high school age.

MINI-MESSY CHURCH

We ran a Mini-Messy Pentecost party in June. Unfortunately, the school forgot to advertise it but we had 10 children attend which were our regular families. After discussions with Rev Josh, we decided that we could not run a second because of the holidays, civic services and other activities. However, the next Mini-Messy event is planned for 2 March to be a Pancake Party.

RECENT NUMBERS -MESSY CHURCH

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Children Adults</u>		<u>Total</u>
Ash Wednesday	57	60	117
Good Friday	54	59	113
Abrahams Journey	74	51	125
Light	54	49	103

Our numbers for Messy Church are in good shape and have recovered after the pandemic. We had less businesses who were able to help us with food donations last year but there was a little help and the congregation were very generous with both money and food supplies.

ALL AGE WORSHIP

We can usually rely on the under 16's numbers being in double figures. Sometimes 16, 17 and 18.

The Nativity/Christingle attracted 60 children and 56 adults.

One More Sleep attracted 41 children and 49 adults

Two services which are normally very well attended and have grown over the years are Palm Sunday and Valentine's Day.

Unfortunately, they did not fall at the right time to celebrate in All Age Worship in 2024. But, we did have Mothering Sunday and Harvest which are great outreach occasions.

THANK YOU!

As usual, a big "Thank You!" to those kind folks who funded my post, and donate time, money and effort towards our children's work. God bless you.

Choir Report 2024/25

*Be filled with the Spirit as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
Eph 5:18 -20*

From the earliest days of the church St Paul gives us a glimpse of the worship that was shared and, as this passage indicates, it included communal singing. Music has always been at the heart of Christian worship and I like to think that we continue this tradition at St Giles.

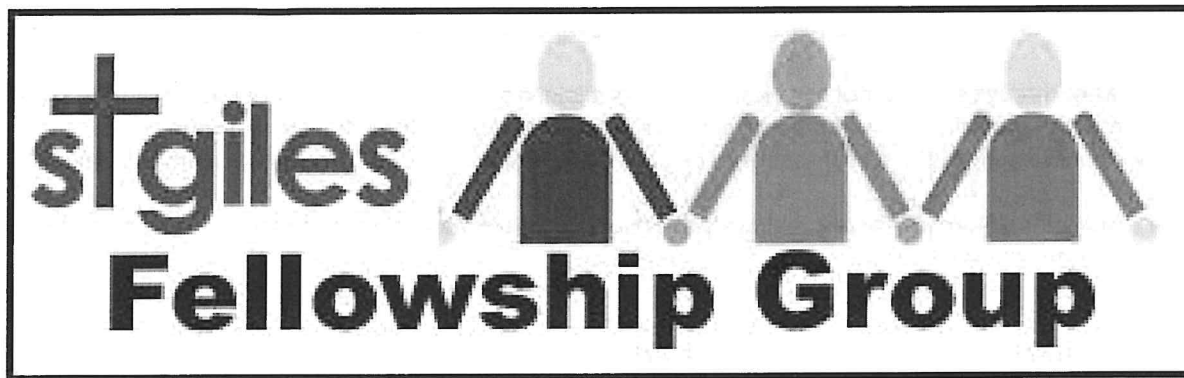
The music we make and lead is, I believe, of a high quality and is due in no short measure to the dedication of those who use their musical talents to enhance the worship of the community. I am extremely grateful to all the members of the choir who commit themselves to weekly practice and Sunday worship sometimes in the face of personal difficulties.

As well as giving strong leadership in the singing week by week the choir also performs music for special occasions. The choir, enhanced by friends, take a lead in the annual Service of Lessons and Carols and the music performed for Good Friday was particularly moving and poignant and appreciated by many.

I rejoice that the choir and congregation are so open to all types of music and week by week we aim to strike a balance between traditional music and contemporary songs so that, we pray, there is something for everyone. We also aim to reflect the festivals and seasons of the Church's year. The guiding principle is always to provide music of good quality as a worthy offering to God which, we believe, enhances the worship of the whole community. As always we appreciate feedback both positive and helpful from members of the congregation.

I am very grateful for the assistance of Caroline Walton and Philip Riddle who both help with playing the organ and keyboard and taking choir practice when I am not available. This also enables me to fulfil my priestly ministry particularly by presiding at the Eucharist.

I have covered the role of Director of Music in this period but have to admit that there are times when I feel that having two roles (Priest and music leader) is too much for me and that I will soon have to make decisions as to which I continue



St Giles Fellowship Group

2024 was a very good year. Our attendance continues to increase.

We started the year in February with a talk from James Dowler, a Burgess of Newcastle. This was followed in March by the wonderful David Oakden and the April talk as given by Anita. We learned all about Singapore, past and present from Julie Beedon in May followed in June by Joy Blank's talk – the funny side of golf! Our afternoon tea party in July was a triumph with Andy King – a Christian comedian. September saw Laurie Bailey – water matters! We learnt what an extremely clever man Laurie is! This was followed by Ian Taylor in October, again a very clever man – his talk was wonderful. Rev'd Josh gave the talk in November and as usual, the Advent Carol party was a success. Fellowship members also continue to help to make the posies for Mothering Sunday and the Christingles for the nativity service. We have a full programme for 2025 and are looking forward to it.

January 2025

Wendy Burke Fellowship Group Leader

St Giles Mini-Market

I am pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report from the Mini-Market Stalls.

Once again alongside the Free Lunchtime Meals, the Stalls have continued to thrive, playing an important part in encouraging lots of new and regular visitors into the Church. We have raised over £2000 in the last 12 months for the Church funds which helps towards the essential upkeep of the Church organ.

Our fortnightly Mini-market includes Pat's craft and hand knitted haberdashery, a wide range of books and jigsaws/games, jewellery as well as our main tables which frequently display just about 'anything and everything'. The only items we cannot accept are electrical goods and what would be classed as 'dangerous items'.

Our regular church goers as well as members of the general public generously continue to donate items throughout the year, at times coming in 'thick and fast'! For those of us who volunteer for the Mini market this involves a lot of work behind the scenes organising, planning, storing and pricing up goods before they even reach the tables for display. This is even more essential, leading up to specific events such as the Xmas fair which appears to be attracting more and more visitors to the stalls each year. The extra storage space 'upstairs' is sometimes overloaded; and being conscious of Health & Safety and Fire risk; we do try and keep things moving on!

A big thank you must go to everyone who has been involved in supporting our Mini market and laying the tables up as well as all those who generously continue to donate items to be sold.

It is hoped the Mini market will continue to thrive and be supported going forward into the future. Anyone who is interested in joining us, even if this is only occasionally or for certain events, would be very welcome. Thanks must go to the ladies who man the Stalls regularly: Joanne, Margaret Howell, Big Pat and myself Little Pat.

Pat Lovatt

St Giles' and St George's C of E Academy report to St Giles' PCC

During 2024, the school went through a number of logistical changes as it joined the Three Spires Trust (A multi-Academy trust within the Lichfield Diocese) but the daily running of the school has continued as normal. The school mission and vision underpins everything we do; everyone in the school aspires to be the very best they can be and support each other to flourish.

"As God's children we aspire, believe and achieve to be the very best we can be.

Our community is inspired by our Christian values to enable all to flourish in mind, body, heart and spirit.

HE SET MY FEET ON A ROCK AND GAVE ME A FIRM PLACE TO STAND (PSALM 40 V. 2)

As a school, we are well-supported by the parishes of St Giles' and St George's and we are incredibly proud of the links we have with the whole parish community. The support we receive is wide-ranging including Rev Josh and Rev Claire coming into school to lead worship, classes visiting the church, with their parents, for GLOW services, children being involved in Sunday worship and members of the parish coming into school as volunteer readers and to support with trips and events. We have also been lucky recently, to appoint a number of new academy committee members from within the parish community; these link champions play an active role in ensuring the continuing improvement of provision with school.



We have worked hard over the last twelve months, with the support of the church, to explore our mission and vision and its links to the bible quote through a 'Vision' day where each year group completed different activities to help embed the message in the minds of the whole community. We have also worked hard to develop our spirituality curriculum across school and Rev Josh has been kind enough to come into school and answer some tricky questions the children had about faith.

We would like to thank the parish community for all of their support and look forward to strengthened our links even further over the next year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total Net Assets: £178,782 [£196,298 2023]

Deficit: (£18,745) [Excess: £2,982 2023] – Unrestricted Deficit: (£9,021), Designated Deficit (£8,769), Restricted Deficit: (£956)

Overall income has reduced from £111,201 2023 to £97,281 2024. Most notable differences being reductions in 0101 Gift Aid collections, 0301 Loose plate collections, 0550 donations, 1230 Hall hire and 0901 Other funds generated. There have been increases in 0201 Non gift aid collections, 08A1 Non-recurring grants and 1225 Car Park permits.

Expenditure has increased from £108,218 2023 to £116,026 2024. The most notable differences being 2320 Organ/piano tuning, 2330 Church maintenance and 2350 Upkeep of Churchyard.

St Thomas is now using Lloyds for its banking and intend to close the Nat West accounts. All of St Thomas and St Giles is posted under one licence. St Thomas income and expenditure is shown under Butterton designated fund.

The paperwork continues to be sent weekly which improves efficiency and the online banking is also helping with efficiencies.

Thanks go to Penny for her continued support and hard work throughout the year.

Kim Benton

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £22,892 2024 [£22,650 2023]. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year-end was £51,229 2024 [£59,797 2023] which is considerably higher than this target. In the uncertain economic climate, it is felt to have a healthy reserve is a good foundation for the future and will allow the charity to explore different outreach if identified and also be secure having sufficient reserves if called upon in any unforeseen circumstances.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London.

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all of the 55 volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC met 7 times in 2024. Given its responsibilities, the PCC has a Finance subcommittee which reports back to the PCC with the minutes of their meetings.

Related Parties

Apart from Penny Richards no other PCC members or any related parties work for the PCC or have received any contracts to carry out work on behalf of the PCC

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from 8 related parties [PCC Members] during the year totalled £3,706 2024 [£5,135 2023]. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

One of the trustees has been paid remuneration from employment with the charity but has received no other benefits.

Penelope Richards is employed as the Parish Administrator. The post was advertised and two applicants interviewed. Penny was felt to be the best applicant based upon experience. The PCC of the Parish of Newcastle St Giles with Butterton discussed Penny remaining as a Trustee [without Penny present.] It was felt that her many years of serving the Church gave her suitable experience to continue as a Trustee.

Penny Richards was paid £6,495 2024 [£5,986 2023].

No pension contributions were paid for Penny by the PCC and no other benefits paid.

Expenses paid to Trustees

One Trustee received £266 2024 [£122 2023] for Travel during the year.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Newcastle Under Lyme – St Giles with St Thomas Butterson.

Other names the charity is known by: N/A

Registered Charity Number: 1130602

Charity's principal address: The Parish Church of St Giles Church Street Newcastle-Under-Lyme ST5 1QS

Correspondence address: The Rectory Seabridge Road Newcastle-Under-Lyme ST5 2HS

Website address: <http://www.stgilesnewcastle.org.uk/>

PCC Members: Who Served from May 2024 to the date this report was approved

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
Ex-Officio		
Revd. Joshua Penduck	Chairperson	
Revd. Peter Nisbeck	SSM	
Revd. Clare Watson	Curate	
Dennis Brammer	Church Warden	
Joanne Bentley	Church Warden	
Elected Members		
Lawrence Bailey		
Ian Bentley	Vice Chair	Elected 21/05/2024
Paul Daley	Synod Representative	
Glynn Edwards		
Anita Gibson	Electoral role officer	
Jill Griffin		
Enid King		Elected 21/05/2024
Jane McKeever	Treasurer	
Amy Morgan	Secretary	21/05/2024 to 30/09/2024
Michael Pitstow		Elected 21/05/2024
Susan Taylor		
Co-opted Members		
** Penny Richards	SGO Synod Representative	


**** employed by the PCC**

Bank Lloyds Bank PLC High Street Newcastle-Under-Lyme ST5 1QY

**Investment
Managers** CCLA
1 Angel Ln London EC4R 3AB

**Independent
Examiner** Jonathan Hill
Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Approved by the PCC on 13.04.2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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Rev Joshua Penduck

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of The Parish of Newcastle St Giles with Butterton

Registered charity number: 1130602

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

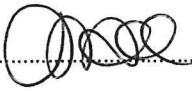
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:  Date: 18th July 2025

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The Parish of Newcastle St Giles with Butterson

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The Financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. 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 nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There is no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

An explanation of purpose of each Designated fund are as follows.

- Childrens' Work – Funds set aside for work with Children and Youth workers salary.
- Butterson – To identify St Thomas funds within the accounts.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

An explanation of purpose of each Restricted fund are as follows:

- Bibles – Specific funds for the Repair and renew of The Bibles in church
- Brittain Curate – Historic funds for the Curates expenses
- Brittain Mission – Historic funds for Domestic and Other Mission work
- Butterson – General fund restricted to St Thomas Butterson.
- Church Hall – Specific funds for the Repair and maintenance of the Church Hall
- Decoration – Funds for the decoration of the Vicarage held with LDBF
- Fabric – To Ensure the Fabric of The Church remains in good repair
- Microphones – Specific donations for the Microphones
- Mound Churchyard – Grant for the management of the Churchyard
- Mound HLF – Grant for the renovation and improvement of the Churchyard in conjunction with HLF
- Organ – For the upkeep of the organ at St Giles
- Organ – For the upkeep of the organ at St Thomas
- Project – Grant for the Community project to extend the Friday Coffee Shop

- Training – Training Members of the Ministry Team

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

An explanation of purpose of each Endowment fund are as follows:

The PCC of Newcastle St Giles does not hold any Endowments

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

No depreciation is provided on buildings as the currently estimated residual value of the properties is not less than their carrying value and the remaining useful life of these assets exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Other tangible fixed assets are valued at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are 50% per annum.

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Current Assets

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured as cash expected to be received

The Parish of Newcastle St Giles with Butterson St Thomas year ending 2024


Receipts and Payments Account 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024	2023
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	60,310	4,187	8,288	-	72,785	88,551
Income from charitable activities	19,597	64	-	-	19,661	13,022
Other trading activities	965	-	2,162	-	3,128	3,069
Investments	1,673	-	32	-	1,705	1,665
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	4,894
Total income	82,546	4,251	10,483	-	97,281	111,201
Payments						
Raising funds	465	192	359	-	1,016	1,123
Expenditure on charitable activities	91,101	12,827	11,080	-	115,009	107,095
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	91,566	13,019	11,439	-	116,026	108,218
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(9,021)	(8,769)	(956)	-	(18,745)	2,982
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	370	124	19	-	514	621
Gross transfers between funds - out	(145)	-	(371)	-	(515)	(622)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	226	-	1,003	-	1,229	4,600
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(8,568)	(8,644)	(304)	-	(17,516)	7,583
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	59,797	13,245	123,254	-	196,298	188,714
Total funds carried forward	51,229	4,601	122,951	-	178,782	196,298

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2024

Class and nominal code	General Designated Restricted Endowment 2024				2023	
Fixed Asset - Investments						
CB3027876: CCLA - Newcastle St Giles Rector & Churchwardens - Fabric Account	-	-	27,053	-	27,053	26,448
CO3049861: CCLA - Fabric Account Bagot	-	-	18,020	-	18,020	17,622
CO3049863: CCLA - Maria Turner Charity	10,248	-	-	-	10,248	10,021
Total	10,248	-	45,074	-	55,322	54,092
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
00187211: Current A/C St Giles	37,170	1,923	54,709	-	93,803	114,524
00380801: Community Project Account	-	-	6,981	-	6,981	2,707
01173308: St Thomas Reserve A/C	-	-	2,267	-	2,267	2,235
01617694: St Thomas Church Butterson	-	2,678	(319)	-	2,359	6,059
01773106: Organ Current Account	-	-	3,956	-	3,956	3,956
03712001: St Thomas C/A	-	-	100	-	100	100
07210359: PCC St Giles Church - Church Hall A/C	3,612	-	11,242	-	14,854	13,187
34517368: BB Inst Online - Mound Account	198	-	312	-	510	504
IDNEWC021: IDS Decoration Account	-	-	627	-	627	627
Total	40,981	4,601	79,878	-	125,461	143,902
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	1,696
Total	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	1,696
Net total assets	51,229	4,601	122,951	-	178,782	196,298

Approved by the PCC on 13.04.2025 and signed on its behalf by:



 Rev Joshua Penduck

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2023	2022
Fixed Asset - Investments						
CB3027876: CCLA - Newcastle St Giles Rector & Churchwardens - Fabric Account	-	-	26,448	-	26,448	24,174
CO3049861: CCLA - Fabric Account Bagot	-	-	17,622	-	17,622	16,139
CO3049863: CCLA - Maria Turner Charity	10,022	-	-	-	10,022	9,178
Total	10,022	-	44,071	-	54,092	49,491
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
00187211: Current A/C St Giles	47,639	6,845	60,041	-	114,524	117,353
00380801: Community Project Account	-	-	2,708	-	2,708	-
01173308: St Thomas Reserve	-	-	2,235	-	2,235	6,349
01617694: St Thomas Church Butterson	-	6,400	(341)	-	6,060	-
01773106: Organ Current Account	-	-	3,956	-	3,956	3,956
03712001: St Thomas C/A	-	-	100	-	100	(586)
07210359: PCC St Giles Church - Church Hall A/C	1,945	-	11,242	-	13,187	11,597
34517368: BB Inst Online - Mound Account	192	-	313	-	505	500
IDNEWC021: IDS Decoration Account	-	-	628	-	628	628
Total	49,775	13,245	80,881	-	143,903	139,798
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,697	-	1,697	575
Total	-	-	1,697	-	1,697	575

Analysis of receipts and payments 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Collections	24,900	1,400	-	-	26,300	36,009
0110 - Regular Giving - Envelopes - Inactive	-	-	-	-	-	770
0201 - Non Gift Aid Collections	8,625	520	-	-	9,145	6,738
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,770	375	-	-	4,145	6,064
0302 - Special Services Loose Plate collections	1,551	129	-	-	1,680	2,051
0303 - Contactless	1,103	-	-	-	1,103	1,763
0410 - Giving through church boxes	32	-	-	-	32	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	5,917	386	1,309	-	7,612	11,920
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,943	-	-	-	9,943	7,939
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	4,925	-	4,925	3,461
0901 - Other funds generated- Promotions and Fund raising	4,466	1,377	2,054	-	7,897	11,831
Donations and legacies Totals	60,310	4,187	8,288	-	72,785	88,551
Income from charitable activities (Newcastle S Giles & St Thomas Butterson, Butterson S Thomas -To Be closed)						
0902 - Heating Weddings&Funerals	2,622	-	-	-	2,622	-
0903 - Sale of refreshments	5,434	14	-	-	5,448	5,653
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	3,158	-	-	-	3,158	3,198
1225 - Car Park Permits	5,164	50	-	-	5,214	-
1230 - Church hall hire	3,218	-	-	-	3,218	4,170
Income from charitable activities Totals	19,597	64	-	-	19,661	13,022
Other trading activities (Newcastle S Giles & St Thomas Butterson, Butterson S Thomas -To Be closed)						
0910 - Mini Market	-	-	2,162	-	2,162	2,214
1260 - Parish magazine sales	965	-	-	-	965	855
Other trading activities Totals	965	-	2,162	-	3,128	3,069
Investments (Newcastle S Giles & St Thomas Butterson, Butterson S Thomas -To Be closed)						
1001 - Dividends	1,503	-	-	-	1,503	1,481
1020 - Bank and building society interest	169	-	32	-	202	183
Investments Totals	1,673	-	32	-	1,705	1,665
Other income (Newcastle S Giles & St Thomas Butterson, Butterson S Thomas -To Be closed)						
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	4,894
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	4,894
Receipts Grand totals	82,546	4,251	10,483	-	97,281	111,201

PAYMENTS

Raising funds

1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	157	-	-	-	157	156
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	308	192	359	-	859	967
Raising funds Totals	465	192	359	-	1,016	1,123

Expenditure on charitable activities

 (Newcastle S Giles & St Thomas Butterson, Butterson S Thomas -To Be closed)

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	66	-	-	-	66	87
1910 - Common Fund	49,218	2,640	-	-	51,858	50,841
2002 - Salary - Youth Worker	-	3,939	-	-	3,939	2,661
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	6,366	-	166	-	6,532	5,986
2060 - Music Staff payments	1,450	-	-	-	1,450	1,425
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	194	-	87	-	281	61
2102 - Mileage Expenses Other	-	788	-	-	788	460
2150 - Vicar's telephone	142	-	28	-	170	161
2170 - Education	-	12	-	-	12	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	1,520	90	2,287	-	3,898	3,635
2301 - Church running - insurance	8,486	2,995	-	-	11,482	10,778
2310 - Church office - telephone	615	-	-	-	615	688
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	-	357	1,707	-	2,065	1,461
2330 - Church maintenance	2,391	215	3,082	-	5,690	4,750
2331 - Cleaning	1,214	-	-	-	1,214	594

2340 - Upkeep of services	554	274	17	-	847	1,028
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	-	1,241	-	1,241	724
2360 - Administration	7,061	90	246	-	7,398	5,124
2401 - Church running - electric	-	-	-	-	-	4,142
2410 - Church running - gas	-	-	-	-	-	6,699
2420 - Church running - water	207	115	-	-	322	252
2430 - Church running - oil	-	-	-	-	-	601
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	11,561	1,306	-	-	12,867	-
2510 - Bookstall costs	48	-	-	-	48	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	2	-	2,214	-	2,216	71
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	4,854
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	91,101	12,827	11,080	-	115,009	107,095
Payments Grand totals	91,566	13,019	11,439	-	116,026	108,218

Fund movement by type 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bibles							
Restricted	1,273	-	269	-	-	-	1,003
Sub-totals	1,273	-	269	-	-	-	1,003
BrittainCurate							
Restricted	5,684	-	340	-	-	-	5,343
Sub-totals	5,684	-	340	-	-	-	5,343
BrittainMission							
Restricted	1,421	-	-	-	-	-	1,421
Sub-totals	1,421	-	-	-	-	-	1,421
Butterton							
Restricted	(67)	32	-	-	-	-	(35)
Sub-totals	(67)	32	-	-	-	-	(35)
Butterton							
Designated	6,385	4,251	8,097	124	-	-	2,663
Sub-totals	6,385	4,251	8,097	124	-	-	2,663
Childrens Work							
Designated	6,860	-	4,921	-	-	-	1,938
Sub-totals	6,860	-	4,921	-	-	-	1,938
Church Hall							
Restricted	9,731	-	2,350	-	-	-	7,381
Sub-totals	9,731	-	2,350	-	-	-	7,381
Churchyard Maintenance HLF Fund							
Restricted	18,494	10	711	-	-	-	17,793
Sub-totals	18,494	10	711	-	-	-	17,793
Churchyard Project HLF Fund							
Restricted	25,272	9	600	-	-	-	24,681
Sub-totals	25,272	9	600	-	-	-	24,681
Decoration							
Restricted	627	-	-	-	-	-	627
Sub-totals	627	-	-	-	-	-	627
Fabric							
Restricted	53,424	-	2,877	-	1,003	-	51,550
Sub-totals	53,424	-	2,877	-	1,003	-	51,550
Microphones							
Restricted	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
Sub-totals	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
Organ							
Restricted	3,441	3,058	1,707	-	-	-	4,792
Sub-totals	3,441	3,058	1,707	-	-	-	4,792
Project							
Restricted	2,499	7,373	2,539	(351)	-	-	6,981
Sub-totals	2,499	7,373	2,539	(351)	-	-	6,981
Training							

Restricted	1,202	-	42	-	-	-	1,160
Sub-totals	1,202	-	42	-	-	-	1,160
General							
Unrestricted	59,797	82,546	91,566	226	226	-	51,229
Sub-totals	59,797	82,546	91,566	226	226	-	51,229
Totals	196,298	97,281	116,026	-	1,229	(47,542)	178,782

Fund movement by type 2023

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bibles							
Restricted	1,273	-	-	-	-	-	1,273
Sub-totals	1,273	-	-	-	-	-	1,273
BrittainCurate							
Restricted	5,684	-	-	-	-	-	5,684
Sub-totals	5,684	-	-	-	-	-	5,684
BrittainMission							
Restricted	1,421	-	-	-	-	-	1,421
Sub-totals	1,421	-	-	-	-	-	1,421
Butterton							
Restricted	3,362	7,316	10,744	-	-	-	(67)
Sub-totals	3,362	7,316	10,744	-	-	-	(67)
Butterton							
Designated	-	4,538	(1,847)	-	-	-	6,385
Sub-totals	-	4,538	(1,847)	-	-	-	6,385
Childrens Work							
Designated	5,678	5,000	3,818	-	-	-	6,860
Sub-totals	5,678	5,000	3,818	-	-	-	6,860
Church Hall							
Restricted	9,702	29	-	-	-	-	9,731
Sub-totals	9,702	29	-	-	-	-	9,731
Churchyard Maintenance HLF Fund							
Restricted	19,178	22	705	-	-	-	18,495
Sub-totals	19,178	22	705	-	-	-	18,495
Churchyard Project HLF Fund							
Restricted	25,373	-	101	-	-	-	25,272
Sub-totals	25,373	-	101	-	-	-	25,272
Decoration							
Restricted	628	-	-	-	-	-	628
Sub-totals	628	-	-	-	-	-	628
Fabric							
Restricted	49,772	1,154	1,259	-	3,757	-	53,424
Sub-totals	49,772	1,154	1,259	-	3,757	-	53,424
Microphones							
Restricted	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
Sub-totals	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
Organ							
Restricted	-	2,501	1,462	-	-	-	1,040
Sub-totals	-	2,501	1,462	-	-	-	1,040
Organ							
Restricted	2,402	-	-	-	-	-	2,402
Sub-totals	2,402	-	-	-	-	-	2,402
Project							
Restricted	2,596	3,807	3,345	(559)	-	-	2,499
Sub-totals	2,596	3,807	3,345	(559)	-	-	2,499
Training							

Restricted	1,202	-	-	-	-	-	1,202
Sub-totals	1,202	-	-	-	-	-	1,202
General							
Unrestricted	60,193	86,834	88,632	559	843	-	59,797
Sub-totals	60,193	86,834	88,632	559	843	-	59,797
Totals	188,714	111,201	108,218	-	4,601	(50,841)	196,298

Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	£10,435	£8,648
Social Security	£ 37	£ 0
Average number of Employees	2	2

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator and a Youth Worker [both part-time] some of the payments were large enough to attract social security costs. One resigned in April and a new cleaner started in June 2024.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC uses the National Employment Savings Trust [Nest] via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments. However, no pension payments are being made now.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

Penny Richards, a trustee of the PCC, was paid £6,495 2024 [£5,986 2023] by the PCC during the year for her role as Parish Administrator. No pension contributions were made by the PCC in connection with this employment.

One Trustee received £266 2024 [£122 2023] for Travel during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties.

Donations from 8 related parties [PCC members] totalled £3,706 2024 [£5,135 2023]

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's fees	150	150
Other fees - Bookkeeping	900	800
Total	1,050	950

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2024

Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
145.88	-	Tfr 00380801 to 00187211 - P Richards admin Jan & Feb 24 £104.20 Mar £41.68	General	Unr
-	19.66	Tfr from General to Project £20 sumup less charge paid on 22.07.24	General	Unr
224.52	-	Tfr from 00380801 to 00187211 - P Richards admin fee sent to payroll	General	Unr
-	124.5	Tfr from 00187211 to 01617694	General	Unr
-	145.88	Tfr 00380801 to 00187211 - P Richards admin Jan & Feb 24 £104.20 Mar £41.68	Project	Res
19.66	-	Tfr from General to Project £20 sumup less charge paid on 22.07.24	Project	Res
-	224.52	Tfr from 00380801 to 00187211 - P Richards admin fee sent to payroll	Project	Res
124.5	-	Tfr from 00187211 to 01617694	Butterton	Des

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2023

Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
-	540	Contribution to electricity and heating costs during the use of St Giles Church hall January to June 2023 26 weeks @ £20.77	Project	Res
540	-	Contribution to electricity and heating costs during the use of St Giles Church hall January to June 2023 26 weeks @ £20.77	General	Unr
-	50	Tfr from project to General contribution to photocopying	Project	Res
50	-	Tfr from project to General contribution to photocopying	General	Unr
-	31.33	Tfr from 00187211 to 0030801	General	Unr
31.33	-	Tfr from 00187211 to 0030801	Project	Res

Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets – The PCC does not hold any Tangible Fixed Assets

b) Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1 Jan £	Addition s £	Disposal s £	Transfer s £	Change in Market Value £	At 31 Dec £
Unrestricted funds						
Investments	10,022	0.00	0.00	0.00	226	10,248
Restricted Funds						
Investments	44,070	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,003	45,073
Total	54,092	0.00	0.00	0.00		55,322

CCLA – CO3049861 – Fabric Account [Restricted] - £18,020 2024 [£17,622 2023]

CCLA – CO3049863 – Maria Turner Charity [Unrestricted] - £10,248 2024 [£10,021 2023]

CCLA – CB3027876 – Fabric Account [Restricted] - £27,053 2024 [£26,448 2023]

Summary of Assets by Fund 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Restricted - Bibles	-	-	1,003	-	1,003	1,273
Restricted - BrittainCurate	-	-	5,343	-	5,343	5,684
Restricted - BrittainMission	-	-	1,421	-	1,421	1,421
Designated - Butterson	-	2,663	-	-	2,663	6,385
Restricted - Butterson	-	-	(35)	-	(35)	(67)
Designated - Childrens Work	-	1,938	-	-	1,938	6,860
Restricted - Church Hall	-	-	7,381	-	7,381	9,731
Restricted - Churchyard Maintenance HLF Fund	-	-	17,793	-	17,793	18,494
Restricted - Churchyard Project HLF Fund	-	-	24,681	-	24,681	25,272
Restricted - Decoration	-	-	627	-	627	627
Restricted - Fabric	-	-	51,550	-	51,550	53,424
Unrestricted - General	51,229	-	-	-	51,229	59,797
Restricted - Microphones	-	-	250	-	250	250
Restricted - Organ	-	-	4,792	-	4,792	3,441
Restricted - Project	-	-	6,981	-	6,981	2,499
Restricted - Training	-	-	1,160	-	1,160	1,202
Total	51,229	4,601	122,951	-	178,782	196,298

Summary of Assets by Fund 2023

Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022		
General (Unrestricted)			59,798	-	-	59,798
Designated - Butterson	-	6,385	-	6,385	-	-
Designated - Childrens Work	-	6,860	-	6,860	-	5,678
Restricted - Bibles	-	-	1,273	1,273	1,273	1,273
Restricted - BrittainCurate	-	-	5,684	5,684	5,684	5,684
Restricted - BrittainMission	-	-	1,421	1,421	1,421	1,421
Restricted - Butterson	-	-	(67)	(67)	(67)	3,362
Restricted - Church Hall	-	-	9,731	9,731	9,731	9,702
Restricted - Churchyard Maintenance HLF Fund	-	-	18,495	18,495	18,495	19,178
Restricted - Churchyard Project HLF Fund	-	-	25,272	25,272	25,272	25,373
Restricted - Decoration	-	-	628	628	628	628
Restricted - Fabric	-	-	53,424	53,424	53,424	49,772
Restricted - Microphones	-	-	250	250	250	250
Restricted - Organ	-	-	2,402	2,402	2,402	2,402
Restricted - Organ	-	-	1,040	1,040	1,040	-
Restricted - Project	-	-	2,499	2,499	2,499	2,596
Restricted - Training	-	-	1,202	1,202	1,202	1,202
Total	59,798	13,246	123,255	196,298	196,298	188,714

**Receipts and Payments Account 2023 – Comparative
Previous Year 2023**

Receipts and Payments Account 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2023	2022
Receipts:					
Donations and legacies	82,087	6,465	-	88,552	76,096
Income from charitable activities	13,022	-	-	13,022	15,570
Other trading activities	855	2,284	-	3,070	2,551
Investments	410	1,255	-	1,665	1,481
Other income	-	4,894	-	4,894	24,234
Total receipts	96,372	14,828	-	111,203	119,932
Payments:					
Raising funds	755	369	-	1,124	2,620
Expenditure on charitable activities	89,848	17,247	-	107,095	132,656
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	90,603	17,616	-	108,219	135,276
Net receipts / (payments) resources before transfer	5,769	(2,786)	-	2,983	(15,345)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	590	31	-	621	45
Gross transfers between funds - out	(31)	(590)	-	(621)	(45)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	843	3,757	-	4,601	(6,557)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	629
Net movement in funds	7,172	412	-	7,584	(21,273)
Total funds brought forward	65,872	122,843	-	188,714	209,987
Total funds carried forward	73,043	123,255	-	196,298	188,714