

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST MARGARET'S LEIGH-ON-SEA
UNAUDITED
PCC MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE PCC, ITS PCC MEMBERS AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

PCC members

Fr. David Wylie, Chairman
Mr Michael Bridge
Mrs Kate Baynes
Mrs Carol Dowsett (resigned 26th May 2024)
Mr Peter Fisher
Mr Donald Fraser
Mrs Lorna Green
Mr John May
Mrs Tracey Miller (previously Searle)
Mr James St John Marfell Smith
Mr Peter Maddox
Mr David Stowe
Mrs Lucia Curthoys
Mr John Lamb (appointed 26th May 2024)

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S LEIGH-ON-SEA

PCC MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The PCC members present their annual report together with the financial statements of the The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Margaret's, Leigh on Sea for the 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

St Margaret's Church is situated in Leigh-on-Sea Essex, in the Deanery of Hadleigh in the Episcopal Area of Bradwell in the Diocese of Chelmsford. The correspondence address is St Margaret's Vicarage, 1465 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 2SB. The parish website is at www.saintmargaretsleigh.org.

The PCC also operates under the name of The Parochial Church Council of St Margaret's, Leigh on Sea.

St Margaret's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the mission of the church in its pastoral, liturgical and evangelistic dimensions. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church, church hall and other properties of St Margaret's, Leigh-on-Sea.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship both within the church and through the parish. The PCC has a cooperative overview of worship and how our liturgical and wider mission may involve the many groups that live and work within our parish. Our worship has a sacramental and scriptural focus and encourages faith in personal prayer and action.

When planning our activities for the year we considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

b. Strategies and activities for achieving objectives

We strive to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

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

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Margaret and the Church Hall.

c. Volunteers

We would like to thank those who have felt able to continue to volunteer this year in various ways to keep our parish going for the sake of others and the wider community.

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PCC MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the PCC

Worship and prayer

Worship is central to the life of St Margaret's. The pattern of worship both within the church at home and across our schools has largely reverted to pre-pandemic times although the church layout has been kept in a more spacious layout. The pattern of daily worship prayer and regular celebration of the Eucharist has continued, maintaining the aesthetic importance of our liturgy, including music and serving.

The church was used for baptisms, weddings and funerals during the year.

As at 31 December 2024 there were 93 persons on the church electoral roll, 43 of whom were resident outside of the parish, 45 live in the parish and there are 5 of Good Standing.

Deanery Synod

St Margaret's has two lay representatives on the Hadleigh Deanery Synod. By reason of holding these positions, they are ex-officio members of the PCC. They provide an important link between the parish and other parishes in the deanery.

The Church Hall

The church hall serves a dual purpose. Firstly, it is used for church activities and by groups associated with the church and generates income from lettings. The church hall is part of our outreach to the wider community.

Pastoral care

Some of our people are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. We established a buddy system to ensure all members of the church community were contacted regularly. We try to ensure that all members of the church who are housebound are visited on a regular basis. When members of the congregation are hospitalised, we arrange for them to be visited by the Hospital Chaplain.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of faith. As a church we regularly support the Ukraine Appeal, Christian Aid, The Children's Society, The Royal British Legion, Water Aid, HARP and Serving the Homeless. We also support the Additional Curates Society

Some of the services held during the year are normally structured to attract those members of the community who were not regular members of our congregation; for example, Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, the Carol Service and Crib Service.

We publish a quarterly bulletin for our congregation and the wider community We see this as being part of the outreach of St Margaret's.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Safeguarding

The PCC has a legal requirement to report on Safeguarding progress and include a statement as to whether or not they have complied with their duty and have 'due regard' to the 'House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidelines.

Our Parish is committed to the 5 standards of Culture, Leadership & Capacity, Prevention, Recognising, Assessing & Managing Risk, Victims & Survivors and Learning, finally Supervision and Support. In 2023 The Church of England approved these Standards stating its intention to achieve them in its Safeguarding work.

PCC members have been DBS checked in accordance with guidelines which state that these are now undertaken every 3 years. In May 2024 there was a Safeguarding training session at St .Margaret's for members of our PCC. and members of our congregation. The expectation by the Diocese that all such training is undertaken 'online' has been recognised as being unrealistic.

There have been no Safeguarding concerns recorded during the past year. We have adopted and implemented the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church.'

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PCC MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the PCC members have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

It is our policy to invest short term investment fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. 20% of our property income is transferred to a "Property Mission Fund".

c. Summary

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were up by around 5% of 2023. Collections increased by around 50%, whilst income from the envelope scheme decreased to 31% of the 2023 figure. Income from hall lettings increased by 3% and Property Income increased. Interest received remained significant due to higher interest rates.

Due mainly to the dedicated efforts of Julia Fenton, we were again able to run a Summer and Christmas Fair. As always, the outreach to the local community was at the heart of the ventures.

A further £12K needed to be spent on Eaton Road. The net result for the year was a small surplus after £8K was transferred to our "Property Mission Fund".

£138K was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Margaret's church. This includes a contribution of £60,557 to the Diocesan Parish Share which was 62% of the requested amount of £98K. We matched our Share to the Share requested to our 'equivalent' parish of St James the Great, Leigh-on-Sea.

The Diocesan Parish Share largely provides the stipends, pensions and housing for the clergy as well as general running costs of the Diocese. The total Diocesan Parish Share requirement is shared out between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on the congregation headcount and perceived ability to pay (a.k.a. "Deprivation factor")

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PCC MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the 1956 Parochial Church Council Measure. The PCC is a Registered/Excepted Charity (Charity No. 1130679)

b. Methods of appointment or election of PCC members

The PCC consists of our parish priest (Father David), the churchwardens, our Deanery Synod representatives and a number of representatives of the laity. All suitably qualified members of the congregation are encouraged to apply for inclusion on the electoral roll and to stand for election to the PCC. Churchwardens are elected in accordance with the provisions of the Churchwardens Measure 2001. Deanery Synod representatives and representatives of the laity are elected in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2006 as subsequently amended

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio members:

Incumbent: Fr. David Wylie - Chairman

Church Wardens:

Mr Michael Bridge (to June 2024)
Mr John Lamb (from June 2024)
Mr Peter Maddox

Elected representatives that have served during the year:

Mrs Kate Baynes - Deanery Synod representative
Mr Michael Bridge - (from June 2024)
Mrs Carol Dowsett - Secretary (resigned 26 May 2024)
Mr Peter Fisher - Deanery Synod representative
Mr Donald Fraser - Treasurer
Mr John Lamb - (appointed 26 May 2024, resigned June 2024 once Church Warden)
Mr John May
Mrs Tracey Miller - (previously Searle)
Mr David Stowe
Mrs Lorna Green
Mrs Lucia Curthoys
Mr James St John Marfell Smith

Secretary

Mr Robert Southward

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the church are to be spent.

The full PCC met 5 times during the year with an average level of attendance of approximately 69%. Business which is of an urgent nature was dealt with by the Standing Committee.

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PCC MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Financial risk management

The PCC members have assessed the major risks to which the PCC is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the PCC, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Members' liability

The Members of the PCC guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the PCC in the event of winding up.

Statement of PCC members' responsibilities

The PCC members are responsible for preparing the PCC members' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the PCC members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in business.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the PCC's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the The Church of England. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of PCC members and signed on their behalf by:



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Fr. David Wylie

Chairman

Date:

6th June 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Independent examiner's report to the PCC members of The Parochial Church Council of St Margaret's Leigh-on-Sea ('the PCC')

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the PCC 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 PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the PCC has prepared the accounts 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

This report is made solely to the members, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC members those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC members as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Stuart Rowson

Venthams

Chartered Accountants,

Millhouse, 32- 38 East Street, Rochford, Essex SS4 1DB

Dated:

FCA

6 June 2025.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S LEIGH-ON-SEA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Voluntary income	3	54,711	15,743	70,454	59,011
Church activities	4	47,330	10	47,340	45,169
Activities for generating funds	5	3,248	-	3,248	3,209
Investments	6	46,423	-	46,423	34,009
Total income		151,712	15,753	167,465	141,398
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	160	-	160	549
Church activities	9	138,053	1,984	140,037	128,839
Total expenditure		138,213	1,984	140,197	129,388
Net income		13,499	13,769	27,268	12,010
Transfers between funds	18	(633)	633	-	-
Net movement in funds		12,866	14,402	27,268	12,010
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		533,755	13,203	546,958	534,948
Net movement in funds		12,866	14,402	27,268	12,010
Total funds carried forward		546,621	27,605	574,226	546,958

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

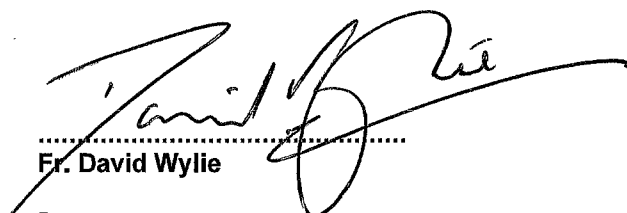
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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	269,837	269,837
		<u>269,837</u>	<u>269,837</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	400	400
Debtors	15	9,867	3,163
Cash at bank and in hand		306,474	277,831
		<u>316,741</u>	<u>281,394</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(12,352)	(4,273)
Net current assets		<u>304,389</u>	<u>277,121</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>574,226</u>	<u>546,958</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>574,226</u>	<u>546,958</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>574,226</u></u>	<u><u>546,958</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	18	27,605	13,203
Unrestricted funds	18	546,621	533,755
Total funds		<u><u>574,226</u></u>	<u><u>546,958</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the PCC members and signed on their behalf by:


Fr. David Wylie

Date:

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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

1. General information

St Margaret's Church is situated in Leigh-on-Sea Essex, in the Deanery of Hadleigh in the Episcopal Area of Bradwell in the Diocese of Chelmsford. The correspondence address is St Margaret's Vicarage, 1465 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 2SB. The parish website is at www.saintmargaretsleigh.org.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Parochial Church Council of St Margaret's Leigh-on-Sea meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the PCC has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the PCC has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the PCC, can be reliably measured.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the PCC which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the PCC to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the PCC's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the PCC; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property	-	Nil
Equipment and Stairlift	-	20% Straight line basis

2.6 Consecrated and benefice property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Moveable church furnishings

These are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient information is available. In this case the items are not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

2.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.12 Financial instruments

The PCC only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC members in furtherance of the general objectives of the PCC and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	54,711	14,743	69,454
Legacies	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>54,711</u>	<u>15,743</u>	<u>70,454</u>
	<u><u>54,711</u></u>	<u><u>15,743</u></u>	<u><u>70,454</u></u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	49,483	4,528	54,011
Legacies	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>49,483</u>	<u>9,528</u>	<u>59,011</u>
	<u><u>49,483</u></u>	<u><u>9,528</u></u>	<u><u>59,011</u></u>

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from charitable activities - Church activities	47,330	10	47,340

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from charitable activities - Church activities	45,169	45,169

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other Fundraising activities	3,248	3,248

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Other Fundraising Activities	3,209	3,209

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rent received	33,860	33,860
Bank Interest receivable	12,563	12,563
	<u>46,423</u>	<u>46,423</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rent received	23,495	23,495
Bank interest receivable	10,514	10,514
	<u>34,009</u>	<u>34,009</u>

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other Fundraising activities	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Other fundraising activities	549	549

8. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants, Church activities	1,884	1,884

	<i>Grants to Institutions 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Grants, Church activities	4,425	4,425

9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Church activities	138,053	1,984	140,037

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Church activities	124,037	4,802	128,839

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</i>	<i>Grant funding of activities 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Church activities	138,153	1,884	140,037

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</i>	<i>Grant funding of activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Church activities	124,414	4,425	128,839

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Church activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Ministry costs: Diocesan Parish Share	60,031	60,031
Ministry costs: Other ministry costs	3,291	3,291
Church running and maintenance	32,734	32,734
Church exterior and yard costs	668	668
Church Hall running and maintenance	26,976	26,976
Sanctuary expenses	772	772
Music and organ running costs	(3,325)	(3,325)
Printer and stationery	193	193
Photocopier rental	972	972
Other expenses	658	658
Independent examiner's remuneration	800	800
Rental property costs	14,383	14,383
	<hr/> 138,153 <hr/>	<hr/> 138,153 <hr/>

	<i>Church activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Ministry costs: Diocesan Parish Share	60,354	60,354
Ministry costs: Other ministry costs	3,122	3,122
Church running and maintenance	23,741	23,741
Church exterior & yard costs	631	631
Church Hall running and maintenance	13,278	13,278
Sanctuary expenses	1,613	1,613
Music and organ running costs	1,374	1,374
Printer and stationery	1,614	1,614
Photocopier rental	4,738	4,738
Other expenses	705	705
Independent examiner's remuneration	800	800
Rental property costs	12,444	12,444
	<hr/> 124,414 <hr/>	<hr/> 124,414 <hr/>

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11. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the PCC's independent examiner for the independent examination of the PCC's annual accounts	800	800

12. PCC members' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no PCC members received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, expenses totalling £3,561 were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 PCC members (2023 - £3,453 to 5 PCC members).

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2024	311,926	28,607	340,533
At 31 December 2024	311,926	28,607	340,533
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	42,089	28,607	70,696
At 31 December 2024	42,089	28,607	70,696
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	269,837	-	269,837
At 31 December 2023	269,837	-	269,837

14. Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Consumables	400	400

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15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	9,867	3,163
	<u>9,867</u>	<u>3,163</u>

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	9	9
Other creditors	887	337
Accruals and deferred income	11,456	3,927
	<u>12,352</u>	<u>4,273</u>

17. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	306,474	277,831

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Maintenance Fund	11,229	-	-	-	11,229
Legacy Fund	257,636	-	-	-	257,636
Vestments	401	-	-	-	401
Youth Work	500	-	-	280	780
Property Mission Fund	21,469	-	-	7,840	29,309
	<u>291,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,120</u>	<u>299,355</u>
General funds					
General Fund	242,520	151,712	(138,213)	(8,753)	247,266
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>533,755</u>	<u>151,712</u>	<u>(138,213)</u>	<u>(633)</u>	<u>546,621</u>
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund - Lift	4,086	-	-	-	4,086
Restricted Fund- Church Exterior	2,387	-	-	363	2,750
Restricted Fund- Charitable Giving Overseas	(22)	-	-	-	(22)
Restricted Fund- Flowers and Fauna	1,588	120	(100)	-	1,608
Restricted Fund- Legacy	5,000	1,000	-	-	6,000
Restricted Fund- Charitable Giving- Home	164	2,003	(1,884)	-	283
Restricted Fund- Stained Glass Window	-	12,630	-	270	12,900
	<u>13,203</u>	<u>15,753</u>	<u>(1,984)</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>27,605</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>546,958</u></u>	<u><u>167,465</u></u>	<u><u>(140,197)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>574,226</u></u>

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Maintenance Fund	11,229	-	-	-	11,229
Legacy Fund	257,636	-	-	-	257,636
Vestments	401	-	-	-	401
Youth Work	500	-	-	-	500
Property Mission Fund	13,369	-	-	8,100	21,469
	<u>283,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,100</u>	<u>291,235</u>
General funds					
General Fund	243,336	131,870	(124,586)	(8,100)	242,520
	<u>243,336</u>	<u>131,870</u>	<u>(124,586)</u>	<u>(8,100)</u>	<u>242,520</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>526,471</u>	<u>131,870</u>	<u>(124,586)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>533,755</u>
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund - Lift	4,086	-	-	-	4,086
Restricted Fund- Church Exterior	2,688	-	(301)	-	2,387
Restricted Fund- Charitable Giving Overseas	(22)	834	(834)	-	(22)
Restricted Fund- Flowers and Fauna	1,665	-	(77)	-	1,588
Restricted Fund- Legacy	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Restricted Fund- Charitable Giving- Home	60	3,694	(3,590)	-	164
	<u>8,477</u>	<u>9,528</u>	<u>(4,802)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,203</u>
Total of funds	<u>534,948</u>	<u>141,398</u>	<u>(129,388)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546,958</u>

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19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds	291,235	-	-	8,120	299,355
General funds	242,520	151,712	(138,213)	(8,753)	247,266
Restricted funds	13,203	15,753	(1,984)	633	27,605
	<u>546,958</u>	<u>167,465</u>	<u>(140,197)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>574,226</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2023 £</i>
Designated funds	283,135	-	-	8,100	291,235
General funds	243,336	131,870	(124,586)	(8,100)	242,520
Restricted funds	8,477	9,528	(4,802)	-	13,203
	<u>534,948</u>	<u>141,398</u>	<u>(129,388)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546,958</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2024 the PCC had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<u>2,635</u>	<u>5,021</u>