

The Parish of Norbury St Thomas Hazel Grove

Registered Charity Number 1130910

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Diocese of Chester

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VICAR'S REPORT

written by Rev'd Joshua Askwith

Introduction

"Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" (John 20:29)

Five years ago, on the 27th of November 2019, the Archdeacon stood in our church and preached on the passage of Doubting Thomas as I was licensed as your Vicar. That moment marked the beginning of our shared journey—a journey of faith, resilience, and hope. Today, as I write my final APCM report, I am deeply grateful for all we have experienced together, the challenges we have faced, and the ways in which we have seen God at work in Norbury Parish Church.

Our vision has been to be a church drawn together by love, hope, wholeness, and peace, and 2024 has been a year where we have sought to embody that vision in practical and spiritual ways.

Love: Welcoming

This year, we took a significant step in affirming our commitment to being an inclusive church, becoming a registered Inclusive Church and voting to support the Church of England's Prayers of Love and Faith. This reflects our desire to be a place where all people know they are valued and loved by God.

At the same time, we said some difficult goodbyes. Alan Brown, our Reader, Julie Elkington, our Administrator, and Hugh Griffiths, our Associate Minister, all concluded their ministries with us. Each of them has left a lasting mark on this church, and we send them on with gratitude and prayer for the next season of their journeys.

Yet, as we said farewell to some, we also had the joy of welcoming new members into our ministry team. We were delighted to welcome Heidi as she took up her role as part-time Curate, alongside her husband Nick, who joined us as a Reader. Their ministry, along with their family's presence among us, has been a blessing, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to work through them in the life of our church.

Hope: Overcoming Challenges Together

The past few years have tested our resilience, and 2024 was no exception. The long-standing heating problems saw both progress and continued hurdles. We encapsulated the asbestos boiler, making the space safer, and installed a new heating system, though some challenges remain. This project has been a reminder that hope is not found in quick fixes but in perseverance and shared effort.

Alongside this, we invested in the long-term sustainability of our ministry, introducing new computer software for the staff team to improve communication and administration. These behind-the-scenes changes may not be as visible as a new coat of paint, but they are vital to ensuring that our church remains a place of welcome and mission.

Wholeness: Worship and Renewal

Holy Week and Easter were particularly busy this year, with well-attended services that provided space for deep reflection on Christ's passion and resurrection. The seasons of Advent and Christmas also saw us gathering together in the church building, a significant milestone given the disruptions of previous years. Being physically present in worship during these seasons was a powerful reminder of the incarnation—God with us in the midst of our lives.

The church building itself has undergone renewal too, with much-needed decorating helping to restore the space we hold sacred. These physical changes mirror the spiritual renewal we seek as a community—allowing God to shape us into a people of wholeness.

Peace: Looking to the Future

As I prepare to move on from Norbury, I do so with deep appreciation for all we have built together. Being your Vicar has been an immense privilege, and I will carry with me the memories of our shared laughter, challenges, prayers, and hopes. Norbury Church is a place of deep faith, and I have no doubt that God will continue to lead you into new and exciting chapters of mission and ministry.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." This passage, which marked the beginning of my time here, now becomes a prayer for the future. May you continue to step forward in faith, trusting that Christ is among you, even in the uncertainties of transition.

Thank you for the love, support, and shared ministry of these past five years. You remain in my prayers as you continue to be drawn together by love, hope, wholeness, and peace.

With every blessing,
Rev. Josh Askwith

PCC REPORT **written by Revd Joshua Askwith**

Introduction and Administrative Information

This Annual Report is made by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Thomas, Norbury (Norbury Church). It sets out the governance structure of the church, lists council members and administrative officers and reports on the activities of the reporting year. It also presents statutory financial statements and notes. We have pleasure in presenting this information to the wider public.

Structures, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission as 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Thomas Norbury (Diocese of Chester)' and has the charity registration number 1130910.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All regular attendees at Norbury Church are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and are able to vote and to stand for election to the PCC.

In accordance with the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956, Norbury Church's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church -- evangelistic, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It undertakes religious activities for the benefit of the general public by making grants to organisations, by providing service and by providing buildings, facilities and open space. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church premises of Norbury Church which are registered as a Grade II* listed building.

Related Trusts and Companies

The Norbury Church Parish Trust (No. 1105111) is an associated registered charity that manages the sports field land. The managing trustee is the Parochial Church Council. This trust has neither income nor expenditure and does not produce accounts. Any expenses are included in these PCC accounts.

Administrative Details

Public Address

Norbury Parish Church,
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Quinquennial Inspecting Architect

Graham Holland Associates

Independent Examiner

Bankers

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1 Bridge Street, Stockport, SK1 1XU

Solicitors

Ecclesiastical Information

Insurers

Ecclesiastical Insurance Ltd.

Church of England, Diocese of Chester,
Stockport Deanery, Parish No. 1812

Trustees (Parochial Church Council Membership)

During the year 2024, the following served as members of the PCC:

Ex-Officio Members

Incumbent:	Rev'd Joshua Christian Askwith	
Assistant Minister(s):	Rev'd Hugh Griffiths	until October 2024
Curate	Rev'd Heidi Munn	from July 2024
Church Wardens:	Mr Nicholas Bennett	until December 2024
Deanery Synod: Representatives	Mr Richard Crocker Mrs Claire Ratcliffe Miss Hannah Wilson	

Elected Members

To 13th of May

Mr Joshua Pickford
Ms Maureen Hughes until January 2024
Mrs Pam Southcombe
Ms Jo Tillotson
Mr Cliff Walker
Mrs Ellen Walker
Mrs Christine Williams
Mrs Margaret Zuppinger

From 13th of May

Mrs Emma Bennett until January 2025
Mrs Anne Bryant
Mr Anton Bryant
Mr Joshua Pickford
Mrs Pam Southcombe
Ms Jo Tillotson
Mr Trevor Tinson
Mrs Ellen Walker
Mr Cliff Walker
Mrs Chris Williams
Mrs Margaret Zuppinger until November 2024

Officers / Roles

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Gillian Kendrick

Treasurer

Mr Cliff Walker

PCC Secretary

Mrs Pamela Southcombe until February 2025

The full PCC met 9 times during the calendar year with an average attendance of 73% of the members. Committees met between meetings and, where necessary, matters were referred to the full PCC for discussion.

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

With the creation of a new electoral roll, there are 121 names on the roll.

PREMISES & FABRIC REPORT written by Trevor Tinson

2024 was a testing year for the church. After 12 months with no heating in church which led to a buildup of mold on the walls, the church was finally cleaned and fully decorated in the second half of the year. During this period, the presence of high level scaffolding meant no services in church were possible. The end result was much welcomed, as was the completion of the refurbishment of the side windows with protective polycarbonate sheets on the outside.

New far infrared heaters were installed in both the church and extension rooms which enabled services to return to the main church. However, the heaters overloaded the electricity supply so constraints on how many heaters can be used at any one time remain in force until the situation is resolved.

Owing to concerns over the long term safety of the drop down projection screen, a number of TV/AV screens were placed in church which have aided visibility for hymn numbers, pictures and text. Temporary measures were put in place to address health & safety problems until final solutions are implemented.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

written by Hannah Wilson

Over the past year we have worked hard as a church to ensure that our safeguarding policies and procedures are in line with the Church of England requirements. We are committed to making Norbury a safe space for all. Our volunteers have engaged well with completing the online Church of England safeguarding training and we are moving to ensure all volunteers are safely recruited in line with Church of England policy. On Safeguarding Sunday we had 2 themed services which provided an opportunity for reflection on the importance of safeguarding. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) has attended Parish Safeguarding Network meetings organised by the Diocesan Team in order to meet other PSOs and to learn how to use the Parish Dashboard and Parish Hub online software.

FINANCIAL REPORT

written by Ellen & Cliff Walker

The key issue to be drawn from the accounts is that the church still continues to spend more than it receives. The 2024 deficit was £77,776 compared to the 2023 deficit of £53,643. If we also took out the £71,000 received in legacies during 2024, the deficit would be £148,776 and we are therefore necessarily using our capital reserves. Much of this deficit was the result of spending £128,000 on capital projects, including heating and redecoration.

Our regular income, excluding legacies and VAT recovered, declined from £180,456 in 2023 to £167,319 in 2024. The number of monthly standing order donations has gone down from 90 to 80 over the year and we are very grateful to all those who continue to support us financially, whether by Standing Order, envelope giving, cheques or through our loose plate collections, in these difficult financial times. We are aware of the sacrifices that some donors make in their giving to our church and we always bear this in mind when we recommend any spending to the PCC.

Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (GA) donations amounted to £22,705. GA can be claimed on all donations made by anyone who pays income tax and refunds to the church the tax already paid by the donor. We also receive additional refunds (GASDS) of tax paid on up to £8,000 of anonymous donations. We encourage anyone who regularly gives to the church, and who is liable to income tax, to complete a Gift Aid form, available in the Narthex. VAT recovered on capital projects from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme only amounted to £762 in 2024 because the almost £20,000 we received from the scheme for 2024 expenditure only arrived in our account in January 2025. This scheme ceases in March 2026. Capital expenditure after that will cost us, in effect, 20% more.

2024 was the first time that we were asked to distinguish the Revenue Budget from the overall budget, including capital expenditure, for the purposes of separating day-to-day relatively predictable costs from less frequent items such as buying a new organ and other capital expenditure. We worked with Nick Bennett to produce a budget which projected a surplus of £4,726. In reality, by the end of 2024, we had a deficit. Our overall revenue deficit

i.e. **actual** income (not including legacies) minus **actual** expenditure (excluding capital projects) was £28,165. We spent £32,891 **more than we budgeted for on** everyday costs. By far the two largest items in our day-to-day expenditure are the £80,346 we paid to the Diocese and the £64,775 we spent on staffing which together constitute 81% of our day-to-day expenditure. Consequently, it is difficult to see how the deficit on day-to-day spending could be eliminated by reducing expenditure without substantially increasing our income. We estimate a deficit of at least £20,000 for 2025.

Total fees for occasional offices (weddings, baptisms, funerals and burials) totaled £18,741: a substantial drop from £26,423 in 2023. Total income from room hire charges was £8,501, slightly up from £8,315 in 2023, including one-off lettings for such as birthday parties.

A CBF Church of England deposit account is used to hold both the reserves and cash in excess of that required as a working balance. The interest rate averaged 4.7% for the year. At the end of 2024, we had £48,815 in the Barclays current account and £328,001 in the CCLA Deposit Account. Further projects, such as re-roofing the church hall, installing solar panels, purchasing a new safety ladder to access the church tower, new intruder and fire alarm systems and new toilets will greatly deplete our reserves but are necessary to bring the church buildings up to standard and to meet current health and safety requirements.

The accounts detailed below were checked by the External Examiner, Ian Scott-Dunn, former Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, and presented to the Diocese of Chester as our official return for 2024.

MINISTRIES REPORTS **written by Jo Tillotson**

Gazebo Ministry

Having raised the question in 2023 about how best to approach Mother's Day for those members of our church family for whom Mother's Day is difficult, the Ministry Team considered several suggestions. The most popular suggestion was to use the day as an opportunity for outreach to our community through the graveyard. Recognising that many people come to the graveyard on Mother's Day and Father's Day to visit the graves of loved ones to lay flowers, we decided to offer hot drinks and biscuits, an opportunity for conversation or prayer, and space to remember their loved ones by writing their name on a heart and tying it to a tree.

The ministry was developed through the purchase of a new gazebo, which is easier to put up and down and more resilient to high winds. The ministry was very well received, and the team had many conversations with visitors about their loved ones and about the church and its outpouring of love and comfort. We invited several people to the Monday Café and to our church services, and we have seen some people take up that invitation. We look forward to continuing this ministry in 2025.

Pastoral Care Mission Action Group

The Pastoral Care Mission Action Group met regularly in 2024 to continue discussions about how to develop pastoral care for our whole church family. Members of the Group contacted everyone on the parish electoral roll who hadn't been to church since the COVID pandemic, and we discussed how best to arrange and log visits and phone calls to church members who are unable to attend in person. We held a dementia awareness training for staff, volunteers and interested members; and one member of the Group attended a healing and wholeness training with a view to organising training on that subject in the parish at a later date. We discussed how to welcome newcomers well and how to help them to feel part of the church family. We reviewed how prayer requests are received and managed effectively. The year ended with the Group supporting the Longest Night Memorial Service in December.

Retreat Ministry

We launched the retreat ministry in Advent 2023, and we were pleased to continue it through 2024. We looked at the rhythm of the year and the opportunities for encounter with God, and we settled on a pattern of twice-yearly retreats – one in the summer and one to start the season of Advent. The retreats have grown into a space welcomed by members from all of our congregations; using a varying combination of music, teaching, Bible study, prayer, and creative activities to make space to talk to – and hear from – God. We had an average attendance of 25 people in 2024, and the two retreats were led by four members of the church family.

Our first summer retreat was on the theme of 'Thomas' Journey and Ours: Calling, Questioning and Responding'; and enabled us to consider our own discipleship journey through learning about Thomas, Jesus' disciple. Our 2024 Advent retreat asked, 'Who Saw the Star?' and allowed us to look at the Christmas story and the good news of Jesus through the eyes of Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wise Men. We are looking forward to our next retreat in summer 2025.

FLOWER ARRANGERS REPORT **written by Ann Tinson**

Our small team of dedicated arrangers come to church on a rota basis, every other week to arrange fresh displays in the Narthex. They will also check and water the pedestals the following week.

As our team are advanced in years and are concerned about the altar steps, we have decided to have artificial flowers in the altar vases, which will only be changed each season.

The flower shop no longer provide us with free flowers, but will give a discount if we use them. Our team will either order from the shop (it will then invoice our treasurer each month) or buy the flowers from the supermarket and get reimbursed by the church treasurer on supply of a receipt.

There are only 9 of us working in pairs. If you would like to join our team, you don't need to be an expert, (none of us are) then please ring me on 0161 292 2397 or e-mail ann.tinson@btinternet.com

NORBURY WALKERS REPORT

written by Kathleen Pierson

In our Norbury Walkers' Scrapbook for 2024, the photos with the bluest skies were taken on 18th. January, from our lunch spot above New Mills. This was one of about 100 walks organised during the year. Most Thursdays, we have 2 walks, one of 7-9 miles, usually with some climbing, the other of 2-4 miles, more of a stroll. In 29 years, we have always welcomed everyone to join our walks. We cover areas as far afield as Mirlees Fields & Torkington Park, to Werneth Low, Castleton, Styal, Eyam and Buxton, to name a few. Hayfield Well Dressings gave us a splendid day out with refreshments at their local Methodist Church. Our short walks sometimes meet at our Baptist Church Cafe in Hazel Grove.

Our pub lunches, cafes & picnics are popular & we have also met for meals at the Blue Nile, (Leap Day), the Aviator, (our Anniversary), and the Vinery, (Christmas Lunch). Sadly two of our walkers passed away during the year. Many of us attended the funeral at St. Peter's Church, of Kay Glazier. John Fernie died near Nottingham where he and Ann had moved to live near their daughter, Sarah.

Our 12th. Macmillan Coffee Morning broke all records raising £1011.60, including Gift Aid. Now we are celebrating our 30th year. Kathleen Pierson would love to hear from you, if you would like to join us. (07949 831 090).

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH REPORT

written by Cath Downs

Childrens work at Norbury covers those from birth - starting secondary school. At the start of 2024, the following groups were running:- Sunday morning groups during the 9.30am service and two thriving weekly toddler groups, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Monthly, on a Monday after school we had Messy Church, Messy Church Goes Wild / Messy Science, Brick Church and Who Let The Dads Out on a Saturday morning. All being very popular, those who attended on a Monday came each Monday to the varying groups, and those who attended the dads group were a great core group, who attended most months.

The Monday groups were each based on a Bible story or theme, where we explored it through crafts, activities, building, stories and discussion. Toddler groups and Who Let The Dads Out, were outreach groups, to the community, where we could invite people into church to meet us, meet others and have a safe space to relax, enjoy hospitality and spend time with their children. Through all of these groups I was in touch with over 100 families a week, they were invited to church events, services and the other groups. Many ask me why these attendees do not attend church, my answer is that they do attend church, they attend their own church. The groups are their church, they see it as coming to church. This is a reply that I have heard at conferences and training.

In January 2024 I started the Growing Faith Strategic Leadership Programme. It is a national programme run by the Church of England, and I was in the third cohort of this training. Those in my cohort were from a wide range of roles within the Church of England, ranging from Archdeacon, to Diocesan Advisors of various areas, to Vicars and Children & Youth Workers. This was great as I got to speak to such a wide range of people, hear their views

and experiences, therefore widening my oversight of all I was learning. The areas we looked at were :-

Counter Culture - Casting the vision, What is culture - shaping leadership practices and Sustaining the vision for everyone

Leading Me Leading Others - What sort of leader am I?, Conflict and reconciliation and Change

Making and impact - Whats the plan, Collaboration and Communication

The course involved a launch in London, a weekend residential, regional meet ups, a celebration in London in December. I learnt a lot from the course, and am still learning as I am now part of the Alumni, which means I am invited to attend regular zoom meets ups, listen to regular speakers from around the world via zoom and more. The course has been a fantastic learning and engagement experience for me.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

written by Richard Crocker

The synod met twice during the year plus one away day in June.

At the April meeting Jon Pocock, the Strategic Programme Director, talked to us about his vision for the future, of brining Christ to the community. As Jon would say “pray looking out of the window” There are currently about 1.5 million people in Chester diocese that do not know Jesus.

In the November meeting Simon Chesters told us of his work of dealing with parish vacancies and clergy wellbeing. To replace retiring ministers requires 600 new ordinands a year. Currently only 300 are ordained each year.

Work is currently underway to encourage lay people to attend the Foundations for Ministry course and to develop lay people to lead worship.

The theme for the quiet day was “Finding God in Silence” There was a talk by Pat Higgins from the World Community for Christian Meditation.

At the end of March Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall retired as rural Dean and Peter Hall retired as lay chair, so new appointments will be announced in due course.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP REPORT

written by Margaret Gibb

There have been a number of changes in the past year in our music and worship at Norbury Church.

A big development, and reason to celebrate, is the return to the sanctuary, and we are all adapting and readapting to worshipping back in that setting. We are part way through a process of finding the best way to use the spaces available for our current range of worship needs. We also have a completely new set of equipment including new musical instruments, sound system, sound and computer desk and screens for words. We are grateful for help from so many friends to improve and settle the best and most practical lineup for everything we need. It is good to take this process step by step until we get it right.

We have also had some changes in personnel, with some moving on from involvement in church music, others joining, and a number who have been unwell. We thank God for all that has been contributed to get us to where we are today. It's been good to see a warm welcome being extended to new members and pastoral care offered to those who need it.

During the year musicians and singers across our services formulated a statement for the mission and vision for the worship at Norbury, which is available to read. There are plenty of opportunities to continue to develop the musical worship at NPC and we look forward to seeing what the next year brings.

WARM SPACES – PLACE OF WELCOME REPORT

written by Chris Williams

The Monday Café continues to flourish with new friends joining us each week. We celebrated our second birthday by playing bingo and enjoying cake.

Christmas was magical when 70 people were entertained by our Music Group who sung Christmas songs and carols.

We look forward to another year of welcoming our friends from Church and the wider community to the café on Monday mornings between 10am and 12 noon.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST THOMAS, NORBURY,
LONDON ROAD, HAZEL GROVE, SK7 4RL
Registered Charity No. 1130910 Year ended 31 December 2024**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements for each financial year which properly present the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, 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 charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the PCC

Revd Joshua C. Askwith

Return of Parish Finance January To December 2024

Parish ref:
Parish :
Norbury: St Thomas

If this form is NOT completed on behalf
of the entire parish, please list below
the churches included.
Norbury: St Thomas

Deanery:
STOCKPORT
Diocese:
Chester

INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
Voluntary income/receipts	(nearest £)	(nearest £)
01 Regular giving	68938	-
03 Collections at services	13016	-
All other giving and voluntary		
04 receipts, including special	582	-
appeals (recurring and one-off)		
06 Gift Aid recovered	22705	-
07 Legacies received (capital value)	71000	-
08 Grants (include recurring and	2000	-
one-off)		
TOTAL Voluntary income	178241	-
Activities for generating funds		
09 Gross income from fundraising	-	-
activities		
Income from investments		
10 Dividends, interest, income from	30936	-
property etc		
Church activities		
11 Statutory fees retained by the PCC	20642	-
(weddings, funerals etc)		
12 Gross income from trading (e.g. hall	8501	-
lettings, magazine, bookstall)		
Other incoming resources		
13 Other incoming resources / receipts not	762	-
already listed		
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (from Financial Statements)		
A Unrestricted	239081	
B Restricted	-	
C TOTAL	239081	
Planned givers and legacies		
14 Number of regular givers	80	
16 Number of new legacies received	4	

RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
Costs of generating income	(nearest £)	(nearest £)
17 Fund-raising activities (costs and	2362	-
payments)		
Church activities		
18 Mission giving and donations	3120	-
19 Diocesan parish share contribution	80346	-
20 Salaries, wages and honoraria	59812	-
21 Clergy and staff expenses	5475	-
Church expenses		
22 Church expenses: Mission and	1589	-
evangelism costs		
23 Church running expenses	21704	-
24 Church utility bills	9890	-
25 Costs of trading	-	-
Major capital expenditure		
27 Major repairs to the church building	132445	-
28 Major repairs to the church hall or other	-	-
PCC property, including redecoration		
New building work to the church, church		
29 hall, clergy housing or any other PCC	-	-
property		
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities &	316743	-
expenses		
99 Other outgoing resources / payments	(1148)	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (from Financial Statements)		
D Unrestricted	315595	
E Restricted	-	
F TOTAL	315595	
Cash and investment balances		
31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31st	376746	-
December		
32 Investments as at 31st December	-	-
Account basis: On which basis are your accounts prepared?		
(indicate ONE)		

30 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ☒ Y ACCRUALS ☐

Your diocese can supply notes to explain what each section is. These are consistent with the guidance provided in PCC accountability, 2013.

Date 03 Jan 2025
Name Clifford Ainsley WALKER
Position Co-Treasurer
Contact (Phone or E-mail) treasurer@norburychurch.com
07845741688 07745462160

Looking back across 2024, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box.

Independent Examiner's Report

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Thomas Norbury

Annual Accounts for the 12 Months ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 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:

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

Signed:



Date: 25th February 2025

Name: Ian N Scott-Dunn JP, FCMA, FIMC

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body :

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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