



Growing Disciples Who Make Disciples

ST. DAVID'S MORETON-IN-MARSH WITH ST. MARY'S, BATSFORD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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STATUTORY INFORMATION

Full Name:	Parochial Church Council of St David's Moreton-in-Marsh with St Mary's Batsford
Church Location:	St David's – Church Street, Moreton in Marsh St Mary's – Adjacent to Batsford Park, Batsford
Correspondence Address:	St David's Church Office, Church Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0LT
Charity Number:	1131097
Members of PCC:	
During the year the following served as members of the PCC:	
Incumbent:	The Rev Henry Curran
Curate with Oversight	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 8 April 2024)
Associate Minister:	The Rev Ian Bentley
Churchwardens:	Mr Max Nicholls Mrs Sarah Rowland
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mr Gareth Williams Mrs Margo Stansbury The Rev Canon Andrew Dow Mr Mike Payne (Vice Chair of PCC to 28 April 2024) Mrs Ruth Whitworth Mr Peter Hopkins (from 28 April 2024)
Diocesan Synod Representatives:	The Rev Canon Andrew Dow Mrs Caroline Faircliff Mr Peter Hopkins (from 17 October 2024)
Elected Members:	Mrs Ruth Bentley (to 28 April 2024) Dr Elizabeth Royle (to 28 April 2024) Mrs Clare Peaston (to 28 April 2024) Mr Steve Adeyemo Philips (to 28 April 2024) Mr Richard Cutting Mrs Caroline Faircliff Mr Charles Monroe Mrs Valerie Warner(vice chair from 28 April 2024) Mr Jamie Avis Mrs Helen Evans (from 28 April 2024) Mr Peter Smith (co-opted from 28 April 2024) Mr Peter Snodgrass (from 28 April 2024) Mr Alan Hartridge (from 28 April 2024)
Treasurer:	Mr John Woodall (to 28 April 2024) Mr James Shand (from 28 April 2024)

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Appointments:	Mrs Wendy Webber	Electoral Roll Officer
Employees:	Mrs Margo Stansbury Mrs Jean Drummond	Church Administrator Assistant Treasurer (to 30 September 2024)
	Mrs Suzy Elliott Miss Sharon Squires	Children's Worker IT and Communications Worker Assistant Treasurer (from 30 September 2024)
	Mr Peter Smith Mrs Lorna Didcot	Lay Parish Minister (from 22 April 2024) Centre Cleaner
Ministers with permission to officiate:	The Ven Fred Trethewey The Rev Canon Andrew Dow The Rev Canon Tim Sedgley	
Readers:	Mr Rod Lee Mr Robin Whitworth Mrs Ruth Whitworth	
Status:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St David's Moreton-in-Marsh with St Mary's Batsford (PCC) was registered in the Register of Charities with the Charity Commission on 12 th August 2009 with the Registered Number 1131097	
Independent Examiner:	Mr Daniel Colwell FCCA CTA ATT The Old Bull Pens Sezincote Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 9AW	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank High Street Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 0AY	
Investment Managers:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd Church of England Funds Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4ET	

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Membership of Committees

Standing Committee

Incumbent	The Rev Henry Curran	Chair
	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 13 May 2024)	
Churchwardens	Mr Max Nicholls	Vice-Chair
	Mrs Sarah Rowland	
Treasurer	Mr John Woodall (to 13 May 2024)	
	Mr James Shand (from 13 May 2024)	
Member	Mr Gareth Williams	
	Mrs Valerie Warner (from 13 May 2024)	

Finance and Human Resources Group

Incumbent	The Rev Henry Curran	Chair
	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 13 May 2024)	
Churchwarden	Mr Max Nicholls	
Treasurer	Mr John Woodall (to 13 May 2024)	
	Mr James Shand (from 13 May 2024)	
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs Jean Drummond (to 30 September 2024)	Secretary
	Miss Sharon Squires (from 30 September 2024)	
Members	Mr Mike Payne (to 13 May 2024)	Vice-Chair
	Mrs Valerie Warner (from 13 May 2024)	
	Mrs Ruth Bentley (to 13 May 2024)	

St David's Centre Management Committee

	Mr Ramon Gater (to 30 September 2024)	Chair
Centre Manager	Mrs Margo Stansbury	
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs Jean Drummond (to 30 September 2024)	
	Miss Sharon Squires (from 30 September 2024)	
	Mr Max Nicholls	
	Mr Ralph Squires (from 30 September 2024)	

Mission Committee

Members	The Rev Henry Curran	Chair
	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 28 April 2024)	
	Mrs Shonagh Avis	
	Mrs Nicola Payne (to 28 April 2024)	
	Dr Jacquie Williams	
	Mrs Claire Lee	
	Mr Andrew Evans	Vice-Chair
	Mr Kyle McFarlane	
	Charles Monroe (from 9th December 2024)	

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2024

1 Governance

- 1.1 St. David's, Moreton-in-Marsh with St. Mary's, Batsford Parochial Church Council ('the PCC') works with the incumbent and staff team to promote the whole mission of the Church within the parish. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the Church buildings of St David's Moreton in Marsh, St Mary's Batsford and the St David's Centre.
- 1.2 The PCC seeks to fulfil a vision for its work focused around the areas of prayer, evangelism, service, mission, teaching, worship, fellowship, pastoral care, children and young people. The PCC works to ensure that all the activities of the church are building towards its aims in each of these areas.
- 1.3 The PCC meets monthly and calls additional special meetings when required. Attendance at the 13 PCC meetings in 2024 was consistently good. The PCC appoints members to the Standing Committee, which is required by the church representation rules and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. It also appoints members to three other committees which meet on a regular basis and report back to or make recommendations to it:
- Finance and Human Resources Group: This oversees PCC finances by monitoring income and expenditure, drawing up budgets and maintaining appropriate financial controls. It has responsibility for employee contracts and terms and conditions of service.
 - St. David's Centre Management Committee: This supports the Centre Manager in the day-to-day running of the Centre including negotiating with users, preparing a budget and managing costs.
 - Mission Committee: This oversees our missionary commitment, organises special events and makes grants to support our missionary activity.
- 1.4 Statutory information, including details of PCC members and employees who serve during the year and members of committees is given on pages 3 – 5. At the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in April 2024, 218 members were registered on the electoral roll (227 at APCM 2023).
- 1.5 The staff team currently comprises the incumbent, associate minister, vice-chair of PCC, churchwardens, church administrator, children's worker and IT worker. The team meets on a regular basis, normally weekly, to plan future church activities and consider matters to be presented to PCC.

Staffing

2. In the absence of the Rev Henry Curran, the Rev Ian Bentley, our Associate Minister, continued to lead the church throughout 2024. We are extremely grateful to Ian for his unstinting and faithful commitment to both our churches and the wider benefice. In early April we welcomed Rev Gareth Griffith who joined the staff team as Curate with oversight, and in late April Peter Smith joined the staff team as Lay Parish Minister. We wish to record our gratitude to our other retired clergy, Fred Trethewey and Andrew Dow, who have led our worship and preached regularly, to our Readers for their invaluable ministry, to members of the worship teams who take part in leading our Sunday services and to Paul Webber and Richard Cutting and their teams of musicians and singers.

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- 2.2 We are also grateful to Margo Stansbury, our church administrator, for her committed work in the church office, and to Sharon Squires for our livestreaming and the technical areas of our services.
- 2.3 Many other people continue to give willingly and generously of their time and gifts to support the different areas of church activity by welcoming visitors and newcomers, providing refreshments before or after the services, cleaning the church, working with our children and young people or operating the sound desk. We owe a great deal to all those who take on these and many more roles, often unseen, to enable the church to fulfil its vision.
- 2.4 Suzy Elliott has continued her work with the children and Chris Dyer with the youth work, both on a part time basis.

3 Prayer

- 3.1 In the area of prayer, our desire is for St David's and St Mary's to live out, publicly and privately, our conviction that prayer should be the central foundation on which all church activity is based.
- 3.2 The monthly Fellowship Evening continues to take place to enable both fellowship and prayer for the church and wider world. It meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month. Attendance this year has been around 30 and we join once a quarter with members of other churches in the North Cotswold Gospel Partnership.
- 3.3 There is a weekly time of prayer on a Friday morning to commit the work of the church and the parish, into God's hands. Our monthly prayer diary covers areas of our town, our church activities and our mission partners with specific people, events or places to pray for each day. Prayer ministry continues to be offered every Sunday morning after the 10:30 am service. This is well received by those who come for prayer. There is currently a team of 12 people.

4 Evangelism

- 4.1 In the area of evangelism, we aim for the church to be at the centre of the Moreton and Batsford community with no part of the community untouched and everyone given the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 4.2 The church was fully involved with the Moreton Christmas market during the planning stages, but sadly the market was postponed due to weather and switch-on of the Christmas lights went ahead without a service. Invitation cards to our Christmas services were distributed to homes across Moreton.
- 4.3 Our men's group continues to meet, either for breakfast, with a visiting speaker or for an outing. The breakfast meetings have been well attended, with members of the church bringing friends and neighbours to hear the Christian message from the speaker; in February Rev. Gary Birch, in October Rev. Gareth Griffith. whilst in April the men visited Hook Norton Brewery.

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- 4.4 Regular women's outreach events started in December 2023 and have continued roughly every quarter, with four events in 2024. The topics, timing and format are varied, as we try to cater for the interests and availability of different sectors in our church and community. We try to keep the content topical and accessible, the aim being to convey that 'God is good, and Christians are ok!' We are encouraged by the enthusiasm of women at church to attend and invite their friends and by the positive feedback about all the speakers so far: Jacquie Williams (Flying Doctor), Gareth Griffith (Life as an English professor), Suzy Elliott (Taste the difference – Christmas address) and personal testimonies from Helen Evans, Francine Smith and Kat Vaughan (at a card-making afternoon led by Fiona Loomes).
- 4.5 At the end of October, a Light Party was held in the church, organized by Suzy Elliott and a very able team, offering children an alternative to engaging with Halloween. It was well attended with a good number of families not otherwise connected to the church joining us. Instead of our annual open-air carol service in the grounds of St. David's school, we arranged an evening of caroling, with a short talk in each location, in mid-December as an act of witness to residents of Moreton. Our carol service was reimagined and featured a telling of the Christmas message through narration, and music, both performance and carols. On Christmas Eve we held a Crib Service for younger children.

5 Service and Mission

- 5.1 In the area of service, we aim to enable everyone at St David's and St Mary's to play their part in service to the churches and wider community.
- 5.2 Several members of the church continue to be involved with the Foodbank at the Congregational Hall, and this has proved a great help for many struggling with increasing financial hardship. At the start of December 2022, the church opened a "Warm Space" in the Centre over a Tuesday lunchtime, now re-named Food and Friendship. This aims to provide soup and a roll for those who are cold and hungry.
- 5.3 The church seeks to support partners in mission both in the UK and beyond. Financially it has been our practice in recent years to give away approximately 10% of our General Fund gift income to support missionary and church societies and relief and development agencies.
- 5.4 In the autumn of 2021, Ben Thompson, our former Pioneer Minister, moved with his family to teach at the Evangelical Theological College of Asia (ETC Asia) in Singapore, which trains and prepares men and women for gospel ministry in Singapore, South-East Asia and beyond. The church continues to support him through regular contact and by receiving and paying over donations to support the teaching ministry of ETC Asia.
- 5.5 David and Georgina Gray work with Wycliffe Bible Translators whose mission is to communicate the Word of God to people who are still waiting to hear the gospel message in their own language. As well as translation work into Central Asian languages, they are involved in teaching and training, literacy work and community engagement.
- 5.6 Steve and Flor Taylor live in Thailand where Steve is Dean of Bangkok Bible Seminary. The vision of this theological college is to provide Biblically based ministry training for Thai Christians as well as to prepare and equip those called to expository teaching and preaching.
- 5.7 M, H and their four children live in a small market town in North Africa. They seek to share God's love and blessing by working with people living in remote villages and encouraging believers in Jesus. A group from the church visited them in April 2023.

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- 5.8 Sandy and Kirsten Russell serve among Kurdish people in northern Iraq, especially working on Bible projects. The Bible has recently been translated into Sorani Kurdish and work is ongoing to make the scriptures, and supporting materials, widely available and to engage more deeply with Kurdish people.
- 5.9 From time to time, the church gives to other mission organisations such as Open Doors, CORD Global and Compassion UK. Funds given to Compassion UK are for sponsorship of a boy called Edward in Tanzania who is supported by Adventurers (Sunday morning children's ministry).
- 5.10 In 2024 Tom and Sarah Rymer and their four children worshipped with us at St David's for about 8 months. They have served for many years with Operation Mobilisation in various mission contexts. In September they moved to Cairo, where their heart for mission is to serve the Yemeni community and church planting amongst the Yemeni diaspora. They are also supporting other families who are home schooling their children and Tom will be teaching English while studying for a masters qualification. They are not formally adopted as mission partners but various people in the church keep in contact with them and support them.
- 5.11 There was a World Mission Sunday in September. The aim of this special service was to raise awareness of world mission in general, with a focus on the suffering church, and to give information and updates about each of the mission partners. Link people arranged stands for church members to visit to find out more and to have conversations about the mission work we support. The children also got involved by doing a quiz as they visited the stands and Bridge joined in the mission-focused evening service.

6 Teaching and Worship

- 6.1 In the area of teaching, we intend that the Bible will continue to be central to all that we do at St David's and St Mary's, that Christ will be known, loved and taught so that everyone – young and old – will have the opportunity to learn and will be inspired to grow in their faith.
- 6.2 With the ongoing absence of our incumbent we have continued to hold a single Sunday morning 10.30 service. Sermon subjects this year have included the gospel of Luke, an autumn Giving in Grace series and an advent series inspired by famous lines from carols. We are grateful to a number of visiting preachers who have been part of our services during the year. Our morning service continues to be livestreamed, which is welcomed by those who are unable to attend in person.
- 6.3 We continued to hold our 6.00pm service throughout 2024 but with a summer break. Attendance has been good, and the more informal structure offers the opportunity for personal testimony. An 8.00am Communion service is held at St David's twice a month. At St Mary's Batsford, services are held twice a month, alternating between Communion and Morning Worship. During the autumn an evening was held to provide teaching and present questions related to the Church of England 'Prayers of Love and Faith' which was welcomed by the church and considered to be very helpful.
- 6.4 We have continued with the service leading teams established in 2022, meaning that leading and preaching at services is shared by a group. Most of our worship music is now live, including the use of the organ, piano, keyboard and both solo instruments and our orchestral group.

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7 Fellowship and Pastoral Care

- 7.1 In the area of Fellowship, our aim is for everyone at St David's and St Mary's to feel that they belong to an extended Christian family within which they can make friends and find support.
- 7.2 Home groups have continued to provide fellowship, teaching and support for church members. Groups are provided with recommended study materials to complement the morning sermon series, although leaders have a considerable degree of autonomy in how they operate. Our home groups aim to be places where the members are able to connect with God, through Bible study and prayer, with each other through fellowship and practical support, and with the world around us, by being encouraged in prayer and personal evangelism.
- 7.3 Friday Club continues on a twice a month basis to provide a welcome event for many of the retired folk in the community. Whilst attendance is still below pre-Covid levels, the team continues to maintain contact with as many members as possible to provide friendship.
- 7.4 Our local branch of the Mothers Union continues to meet, and we were pleased to enroll three new members during the year. Our Women's Bible Study Group meets weekly in term-time, giving participants an opportunity to share and discuss the scriptures together in an informal environment.
- 7.5 Moreton Tots on a Wednesday morning thrives, with a steady stream of parents and carers filling the hall, demonstrating an enormous demand for this type of activity and continuing to provide an opportunity for outreach.

8 Children and Young People

- 8.1 We know that children and young people are the future church and to this end we wish to engage with as many young families as possible, looking for opportunities for new groups and developments.
- 8.2 For younger children, Sunday Club continues to offer the opportunity to hear and learn about Jesus as the coming King and on a regular and planned basis to have some big topics to discuss. Children attend the first part of our morning service, which often includes a short children's talk and song, leaving then for their separate activities.
- 8.3 The years 9-13 youth group, 'Bridge', meets on Sunday evenings during term time to enjoy food together, open the Bible and discuss current topics, often finishing with games. In the autumn, it was decided that we should discontinue the "Connect" community youth club for years 7-9, which had been re-established in 2023, as the numbers were not increasing.
- 8.4 St David's Church has an excellent relationship with St David's School. We have been able to continue our contact with the school by leading assemblies for their act of collective worship, working with a group of 11 children on a regular basis who help to lead assemblies. We have continued our "Open the Book" (OTB) work with the school and are extremely appreciative of the members of the OTB team who visit on a weekly basis. We welcomed several of the children into church for a harvest service, a Christmas service and an end of year service.

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9 St David's Centre

- 9.1 The Centre continues to be a resource much valued by our church members whilst also providing outreach to the wider community, enabling links with a range of external organisations to be created and maintained. Church activities include our children's and youth groups, Friday club and our monthly prayer groups. We wish to record our thanks to the Management Committee for their continued faithful stewardship of the Centre.

10 Safeguarding

- 10.1 The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church' safeguarding policy statement, and our child protection and vulnerable adults' policies are available at the back of St David's Church and on the church website for review by any member of the church. The following substantive measures are included in these policies.
- Everyone involved in work with children and young people and vulnerable adults at St David's is made aware of the PCC's child protection and vulnerable adult policies.
 - Details of all persons regularly involved in work with children and young people at St David's are checked for DBS clearance.
 - The PCC are to be informed of the names of those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults at St David's, and are notified of any changes.
 - The PCC ensures all those involved in work with children, young people and vulnerable adults completed necessary safeguarding training and this is monitored by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
 - Sharon Squires as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, is the person to whom all cases of suspected or alleged abuse are reported.

The Children's and Youth Worker have been responsible to the PCC for implementing and monitoring St David's Child Protection Policy. No cases of suspected or alleged abuse were reported during the year. The PCC has recently reviewed its arrangements and satisfied itself that the St David's Church Child Protection Policy, and Vulnerable Adults Policy are appropriate and operating effectively. Safeguarding is on the agenda of every PCC to ensure we are doing all we need to do. All members of the PCC have completed the online training from the diocese entitled 'Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse'.

- 10.2 The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, being a duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

11 Financial Review

11.1 General Fund

We are pleased to report that the general fund ended the year with a surplus of £6,329 (2023 £6,364). This is a very sound position and remains due to the continued generous level of both regular giving and donations from the congregation despite the difficult economic situation. Around 75% of regular giving is through the Parish Giving Scheme, which continues to simplify our Gift Aid arrangements. Overall income to the general fund amounted to £188,282 (2023 £211,541). Regular giving dropped from £182,836 in 2023 to £156,905 with a major donor moving away mid-year. Regular giving increased towards the year end, particularly after the Giving in Grace sermon series.

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Total expenditure amounted to £181,918 (2023 £199,738). Within this, staff costs and expenses charged to the general fund amounted to £56,333 (2023 £73,645). These were offset by the transfer of £27,078 (2023 £15,156) from restricted reserves in respect of members of the Staff Team and our Youth and Children's Work. The PCC paid Parish Share of £99,576 (2023 £99,580). Three transfers were made out of the general fund, £4,000 to the Centre trading to address the trading shortfall, £4,000 to the building fund to ring fence funds required in response to the 2024 Quinquennial report and £2,000 to the evangelism fund in anticipation of a future mission.

Given the decrease in regular giving, the PCC took the decision to not recruit a full time Youth and Children's worker, instead appointing a part time worker, this prudent decision helped the General fund remain in surplus despite the lower regular giving. The increase in regular giving following the Giving in Grace sermon series means that a full-time position, possibly a Youth and Children's worker, could be appointed later in 2025.

11.2 Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the PCC has set aside for a particular purpose. Designated funds remain unrestricted and can be moved to other general funds if the PCC so decides. These relate to the Church Centre, Bookstall and General Reserve (see Note 9 to the financial statements).

For St David's Centre, lettings income of £22,233 was above the previous year figure of £19,123, however the previous year benefited from a generous donation, so overall designated income was at a similar level as 2023, at £24,403. Expenditure before depreciation was £28,105 (2023 £21,108), with higher utilities and maintenance costs (lights in main hall) in 2024. There was an overall loss of £3,702 before depreciation of £4,612, compared to a surplus of £3,092 in 2023.

The total balance on the Designated Funds stood at £429,303 as at 31 December 2024 (2023 £433,617). Of this total, £366,402 (2023 £371,012) relates to the net book value of land, buildings, furniture, fittings and equipment at St David's Church Centre (Note 6).

11.3 Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves are funds restricted by the donor for a particular purpose and cannot be used by the PCC for any other purpose, unless determined by the Courts or the Charity Commission or with the approval of the donor. They cannot be used to meet other expenses of the Church.

Other giving in 2024 was down, however this was due to a very generous donation of £80,000 in 2023 to fund the Parish Minister role.

The Restricted Reserves have been grouped into funds relating to the different areas of our ministry (see Notes 1.2 and 10). The total balance on the Restricted Reserves stood at £199,824 as at 31 December 2024 (2023 £196,682). The main increase in Restricted Funds was the St Davids fabric fund, which benefited from a £4,000 transfer from the General fund, in advance of anticipated repairs required by the quinquennial inspection. Other restricted funds were broadly similar year on year, with income matching expenditure. The regular giving into the ETC Asia reserve supports the work of the Evangelical Theological College of Asia in Singapore to which Ben Thompson, our former Pioneer Minister, moved with his family in 2021.

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11.4 Reserves Policy


As at 31 December 2023, the total of General Fund and Designated reserves (excluding the reserve for the Centre land and buildings) amounted to £133,855 (2023 £128,900). With General Fund expenditure of £181,918 in 2024, (on average £15,159 per month), the reserves amounted to 8.8 months' liquidity, marginally better than the policy of the PCC (Note 1, paragraph 1.7).

12 Adherence to Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. Examples of this public benefit can be found in other parts of this report. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Adopted by PCC on...4th May 2025

Signed by



Vice Chair of PCC

J.S. WARNER.

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STATEMENT OF PCC RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 require the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the PCC for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP – FRS 102). 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.



Vice Chair of PCC

Date 4th May 2025

V. S. WARNER.

Churchwarden

Date


4/5/2025

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Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St David's Moreton-in-Marsh with St Mary's Batsford

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 16 to 28, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Our report is made solely to the members of the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Regulations and the Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of the PCC those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent possible by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and its members, as a body, for our work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is our responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

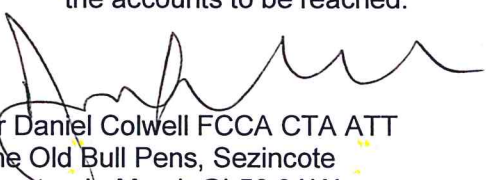
Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect.
 - a. the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and regulations have not been met.
2. To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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08-05-2025

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (INCLUDING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income					
Regular Giving					
Regular Gift Aided Giving		113,751	-	20,241	133,992
Tax Recoverable		28,438	-	5,060	33,499
Regular Non Gift Aided Giving		14,716	-	15,898	30,614
Total Regular Giving		156,905	-	41,199	198,105
Other Giving					
Ad Hoc Donations		6,490	300	25,519	32,309
Collections		4,943	-	-	4,943
Special collections		-	-	-	-
Income Tax Recoverable on other giving		2,795	-	1,311	4,106
Grants Received	2	-	547	11,186	11,733
Income from Charitable Activities					
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral Fees		6,283	-	-	6,283
Church lettings		260	-	-	260
Centre lettings		-	22,233	-	22,233
Events charges		438	-	3,483	3,921
Subscriptions		-	-	1,773	1,773
Investment Income					
Bank Interest		8,939	1,323	-	10,262
Dividend income		-	-	260	260
Other Incoming Resources					
Miscellaneous Income		1,229	-	3,885	5,114
Total Incoming Resources		188,282	24,403	88,616	301,301
Total Resources Expended		181,918	32,717	81,681	296,316
Net gains/losses on Investments		-	-	171	171
Net movement for the year before transfers		6,364	(8,314)	7,106	5,156
Transfers between funds					
From General Fund to Designated Funds		(4,000)	4,000	-	-
From General Fund to Restricted Missions Fund		(17,113)	-	17,113	-
From General Fund to other restricted Funds		(6,000)	-	6,000	-
From Restricted Funds to General Fund		27,078	-	(27,078)	-
Net movement for the year		6,329	(4,314)	3,141	5,157
Balances brought forward		71,337	433,617	196,682	701,636
Balances carried forward		77,667	429,303	199,824	701,636

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RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	£	£	£
Charitable Activities						
Missionary and Charitable Giving						
Overseas Missionary Societies	4.1	-	-	65,403	65,403	40,740
Home Missions and Church Societies	4.2	-	-	250	250	13,875
Relief and Development Agencies	4.3	-	-	2,350	2,350	1,216
Other Charities	4.4	45	-	20	65	270
Ministry Salaries, Benefits and Expenses						
Diocesan Parish Share		99,576	-	-	99,576	99,580
Staff Salaries, Pensions, Expenses & Benefits	14	56,333	9,631	-	65,964	83,724
Running Expenses						
Church and Centre Utilities		2,780	8,583	-	11,362	6,971
Church and Centre Insurance		5,878	2,090	-	7,968	7,587
Church and Centre Maintenance		1,807	4,902	1,621	8,330	7,201
Upkeep of Services		2,607	-	-	2,607	3,128
Other Activities						
Fees payable to the Diocese		2,010	-	-	2,010	1,562
Church Groups		-	-	5,370	5,370	1,978
Church Events/Courses		381	-	1,334	1,714	594
Training		873	-	-	873	-
Miscellaneous Expenses		2,004	1,012	3,970	6,985	17,066
Capital Expenditure						
New /Replacement Furniture & Equipment		-	897	-	897	1,391
Depreciation		2,122	4,612	286	7,019	7,038
Costs of Generating Funds						
Planned Giving Envelopes		-	-	-	-	-
Governance and Support						
Independent Examiner's Fees		840	840	-	1,680	1,600
Communications/Marketing		2,230	151	-	2,381	1,403
Administration		2,433	-	1,078	3,511	4,324
Total Resources Expended		181,918	32,717	81,681	296,316	301,208

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Fixed Assets	6	2,692	366,402	276	369,370	375,811
Investments						
COIFMIM1 CAP		-	-	1,989	1,989	1,945
COIFMIM2 CAP		-	-	5,365	5,365	5,246
COIFTB CAP		-	-	382	382	373
Total Fixed Assets		2,692	366,402	8,012	377,105	383,375
Current Assets						
Debtors						
Sundry Debtors	7	3,563	2,806	2,343	8,712	5,977
Short term deposits						
CBF Deposit Account - Church		37,216	-	140,000	177,216	168,284
CBF Deposit Account - Centre		-	26,251	-	26,251	24,928
Cash at Bank and in Hand						
Lloyds – Church		36,823	2,751	18,675	58,249	66,772
Lloyds – Centre		-	35,261	38,216	73,477	63,518
Cash in Hand		90	-	-	90	139
Total Current Assets		77,692	67,069	199,234	343,995	329,618
Current Liabilities						
Creditors						
Sundry Creditors	8	(2,718)	(3,392)	(7,421)	(13,531)	(10,848)
VAT Payable		-	(777)	-	(777)	(509)
Total Current Liabilities		(2,718)	(4,169)	(7,421)	(14,307)	(11,357)
Net Current Assets		74,974	62,900	191,813	329,688	318,261
Total Assets		77,667	429,303	199,824	706,793	701,636
Financed by:						
Current Year Net Movements		6,329	(4,314)	3,141	5,157	113,271
Balances brought forward 01.01.24		71,337	433,617	196,682	701,636	588,265
Balances carried forward 31.12.24		77,667	429,303	199,824	706,793	701,636

Vice Chair of PCC

Date 4th May 2025

V.S. WARNER

Churchwarden

Date

4/5/2025

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Notes to the Financial Statements – Year ended 31 December 2024

1. Basis of Accounting

1.1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

1.2 Funds

a. General Funds

General Funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the PCC. Unless specified otherwise all money received by the PCC is put into the General Fund.

b. Designated Funds

The PCC may decide to put some of the General Fund money aside in other funds for use in the future. This money is “designated” for these particular purposes. The money is “designated” for administrative purposes only. Designated funds are still unrestricted and can be moved to other general funds (re-designated or un-designated) if the PCC so decides. The purposes of the Designated funds are:

Centre Trading	This fund shows the net book value of the St David's Centre (land, property, furniture and equipment) together with income and expenditure incurred in respect of running the Centre.
Bookstall	This fund shows income and expenditure incurred in respect of the Bookstall.
Centre Reserve	For major repairs, emergency repairs, excess of expenditure above budget when approved by the PCC and to cover year-end deficits
General Reserve	For major repairs, emergency repairs, excess of expenditure above budget when approved by the PCC and to cover year-end deficits.

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c. Restricted Funds

The PCC also receives money which has been given for a particular purpose. These are sums restricted by the donor for a particular purpose and cannot and must not be used by the PCC for any other purpose unless determined by the Courts or the Charity Commission or with the approval of the donor. The purposes of the Restricted funds are:

Ministry

Ministry Team	For the salary, benefits, expenses and training of the Ministry Team.
Youth and Children's Worker	For the salary, benefits, expenses and training of the Youth and Children's Worker.

Buildings

St David's Fabric	For the maintenance of the fabric of St David's Church and particularly for the work required to implement the recommendations of the five-yearly architectural inspection and report.
St Mary's Fabric	For the maintenance of the fabric of St Mary's Church and particularly for the work required to implement the recommendations of the five-yearly architectural inspection and report.
Bell Tower	For repairs and maintenance of the bell tower at St David's Church.

Mission

For Missions	For the overseas and home missions and relief and development agencies supported by the PCC.
North Cotswolds Gospel Partnership	For expenses on future activities and talks to reach out and bless the Cotswold community, with any balances carried forward from one event to the next similar one.
Evangelism	For expenses associated with running local evangelistic missions including Christianity Explored.
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	For the future setting up of a debt counselling service.
Evangelical Theological College of Asia	For support of the teaching ministry of the College.

Children and Youth

Children	For equipment, resources and funding of events for children such as Sunday Club and Mums and Tots.
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Youth	For equipment, resources and funding of events for young people such as Rooted and Bridge
Seniors	For equipment, resources and funding of events for people of retirement age including Friday Club.
Retreat Weekend	For resources and funding of events to support discipleship of the Church family including the weekend away.
<u>Other restricted funds</u>	
For others	Funds temporarily held by the PCC such as funeral fees and expenses.
Rector's discretion	For use as the Rector considers appropriate

1.3 Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011. Moveable Church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church inventories which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

Land and Buildings

On 28 March 2002, the PCC purchased the St David's Centre for £144,000 plus fees and expenses from Gloucestershire County Council. The purchase was registered in the name of The Gloucester Diocesan Trust as Custodian Trustee. The Council has registered a fixed charge amount of £36,000 for 25 years should the PCC dispose of the property or should it no longer be available for the sole purpose of delivering recreational facilities to Moreton in Marsh and the district.

A major project to re-instate the Centre after the floods of 2007, and to further develop it, was undertaken in the period 2007-2009. The costs of redevelopment in the period (£317,000) have been added to the cost of the building and depreciation has been charged on the total at 1% per annum. The total redevelopment cost is thus written off over 100 years (see Note 6).

Other furniture, fixtures and equipment

Equipment used within the Church and Centre premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

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1.4 Investments

The money held for future work with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is invested in 3 COIF Charities Investment Fund Accounts which relate to funds taken over by the PCC from two redundant charities.

The PCC operates a deposit account with the Church of England Central Board of Finance, managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd, which for the amounts available pays interest at a more competitive rate than those rates available from banks, building societies or the Charities Aid Foundation.

Interest and dividends are accounted for when received.

1.5 Current Assets

Current Assets comprise:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents, prepayments or other income. These are shown as debtors (Note 7).
- Short-term deposits including cash held on deposit with the Church of England Central Board of Finance.

1.6 Income and Expenditure Recognition

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income for Charitable Activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises and for St David's Centre is recognised when the rental is due. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross as are sales of books and cards.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Parish Share

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for in the period to which it relates.

1.7 Reserves Policy

The PCC has a policy relating to the General Fund Reserve and the Designated Centre and General Reserves under which an amount equivalent to approximately 6 month's expenditure is to be retained as a General Reserve, to be used for major repairs, emergency repairs, excess of expenditure above budget (when approved by the PCC) and to cover year-end deficits. When depleted, this Reserve is to be topped up from year-end surpluses not required for other purposes or by a specific amount included in the budget.

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2. Grants

Grants cover external grants received from trusts and other funding bodies either for the PCC General Fund or for a restricted purpose. The following grants were received in 2024:

Grant Making Body	Purpose	2024 £	2023 £
Edith Mann	Children & Youth	-	455
Listed Places of Worship	Batsford	198	-
Friends of St Mary's	Batsford	988	-
Groves Trust	Youth Worker	10,000	-
Dulverton Trust	Youth	-	5,000
Gloucester Diocese Energy Grant	General	-	2,096
Gloucester Rural Warm Space	Evangelism	-	650
Moreton in Marsh Charity	Centre	547	-
		11,733	8,201

3. Bookstall

Although there was no bookstall trading income, £477 of costs relating to printed outreach were incurred in the year, so the year-end balance was £1,718.

4. Missionary and Charitable Giving

Gifts were made as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
4.1 Overseas Missionary Societies		
Church Mission Society	6,000	7,000
Operation Mobilisation	2,000	-
Open Doors	2,000	1,000
Taylors in Thailand	2,500	2,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	2,500	2,000
Middle East Christian Outreach	2,500	2,000
Evangelical Theological College of Asia	47,903	26,700
	65,403	40,700
4.2 Home Missions and Church Societies		
Church Army	-	1,000
Kingham Hill Trust – Oak Hill College	-	12,875
Church Society	250	-
	250	13,875

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	2024 £	2023 £
4.3 Relief and Development Agencies		
Cord	2,000	1,000
Global Care (Sunday Club)	126	216
Compassion	224	-
	<u>2,350</u>	<u>1,216</u>
4.4 Other Charities		
Gloucestershire Bellringers	20	20
Deanery Synod	20	-
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	25	-
Church Society	-	250
	<u>65</u>	<u>270</u>

5. Insurance

On 31 December 2024, St David's Church, St Mary's Church and St David's Centre were insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group as follows:

	St David's Church £	St Mary's Church £	St David's Centre £
Building and Contents	15,290,000	9,980,000	2,130,853
Consequential Loss	100,000	100,000	100,000
Public Liability	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Employers Liability	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000

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6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Centre Freehold Land & Buildings £	Centre Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	St David's Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	St Mary's Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	Bell Tower Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	Total £
Cost						
At 01/01/24	461,166	69,471	70,881	3,714	2,682	607,914
Additions	-	-	579	-	-	579
At 31/12/24	461,166	69,471	71,460	3,714	2,682	608,493
Depreciation						
At 01/01/24	90,154	69,471	66,645	3,714	2,120	232,104
Charge for the year	4,612	-	2,122	-	286	7,019
At 31/12/24	94,766	69,471	68,767	3,714	2,406	239,123
Net Book Value						
At 31/12/24	366,400	-	2,693	-	276	369,370
At 31/12/23	371,012	-	5,057	-	562	375,811

7. Sundry Debtors

Sundry debtors totalled £8,712 at 31 December 2024 (2023 £5,977) broken down as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aided claims to HMRC	4,334	3,115
Prepayments and other debtors	4,378	2,862
	<u>8,712</u>	<u>5,977</u>

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8. Sundry Creditors

Sundry creditors totalled £13,531 at 31 December 2024 (2023 £10,848) broken down as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued expenses	2,860	2,698
Prepayments of income and other creditors	10,670	8,150
	<u>13,531</u>	<u>10,848</u>

9. Designated Funds

	Balance at 1/1/24	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Funds Transfers	Balance at 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£	£
Centre Trading	376,054	24,403	(31,343)	4,000	373,114
Bookstall	2,195	-	(478)	-	1,717
Centre Reserve	15,368	-	(897)	-	14,471
General Reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Total Designated Funds	433,617	24,403	(32,717)	4,000	429,303

10. Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/1/24	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Funds Transfers	Balance at 31/12/24
	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry Team	83,165	5,385	-	(18,500)	70,049
Youth & Children's Worker	18,756	24,087	-	(8,578)	34,265
Total Ministry	101,921	29,472	-	(27,078)	104,315
St David's Fabric	26,290	-	158	4,000	30,133
St Mary's Fabric	58	1,186	1,186	-	58
Bell Tower	2,301	644	583	-	2,361
Total Buildings	28,649	1,829	1,927	4,000	32,552
For Missions	17,728	-	21,974	17,113	12,867
N C Gospel Partnership	918	200	-	200	1,318
Evangelism	6,953	1,436	2,628	1,800	7,561
ETC Asia	-	45,902	45,902	-	-
Christians against Poverty	11,478	1,631	-	-	13,109
Total Mission	37,076	49,169	70,504	19,113	34,855

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Children & Youth	7,982	1,773	2,059	-	7,696
Total Children and Youth	7,982	1,773	2,059	-	7,696
Groups					
Seniors	5,686	2,609	3,257	-	5,038
Retreat Weekend	6,556	-	-	-	6,556
Total Groups	12,242	2,609	3,257	-	11,594
Others					
For Others	-	3,935	3,935	-	-
Rector's Discretion	8,812	-	-	-	8,812
Total Others	8,812	3,935	3,935	-	8,812
Total Restricted Funds	196,682	88,787	81,681	(3,965)	199,824

11. Capital Commitments

At the year-end there were no capital commitments.

12. Contingent Liabilities

There is a Contingent Liability of £36,000 for 25 years from 27 March 2002 payable to Gloucestershire County Council, from whom the Centre was purchased (see note 1.3 and 6).

13. PCC Members and other related parties

No payments were made to other related parties.

14. Staff costs and employee benefits:

The average number of staff employed by the PCC in 2024 was 6 (2023: 6). No employee received benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

Total employee costs in 2024 amounted to £65,964 (2023: £83,724).

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries - Church	54,240	65,172
Wages and salaries – Centre	9,251	9,183
Employers Pension – Church	1,226	3,040
Employers Pension – Centre	172	193
Other benefits	226	5,456
Payroll fees	851	679
	65,964	83,724

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15. Disclosure of trustees' remuneration and benefits

During the year, one employee was a member of the PCC by virtue of their appointment by the Annual General Meeting of the church to membership of the North Cotswold Deanery Synod. For this individual, the date of their employment preceded the date of their appointment to the North Cotswold Deanery Synod. Their remuneration does not cover any work done in their capacity as members of the PCC.

There were no payments made to PCC members (or to entities controlled by PCC members) apart from direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.